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## WOMEN DROWN WHILE BATHING

Vacation Trip Ends in a Double Tragedy.

### SISTER ESCAPES DEATH

Mrs. Benjamin Ziff and Her Cousin, Miss Sarah Max, of Philadelphia, Lose Their Lives in River Near Weissport, Pa.

Two young women, one of them a resident of Philadelphia, and the other, a cousin, a former resident of that city, were drowned in the Lehigh river at Weissport, a small manufacturing town about four miles southeast of Mauch Chunk, Pa. A third young woman almost lost her life at the same time.

The women were Miss Sarah Max who was on a visit here, and Mrs. Benjamin Ziff, aged twenty-four years, the wife of a scrap iron dealer, who formerly lived in Philadelphia, but moved here with her husband about a year ago.

Last week upon her invitation her two cousins, Miss Sarah Max, aged eighteen years, and Miss Beulah Max, aged twenty years, came on to spend a fortnight's vacation with Mrs. Ziff.

Great preparations were made by Mr. and Mrs. Ziff to entertain their guests. These included the purchase of a rowboat for excursions on the river, the Lehigh at this season being an attractive place. The Misses Max brought along bathing suits for themselves and also one for Mrs. Ziff.

While Mrs. Ziff was busy with her work the three young women walked down the tow path to a spot below the station of the Central Railroad of New Jersey, where they entered the water to bathe.

At this point the river and the canal merge. The young women evidently miscalculated the depth of the water, which was very clear. After taking only a few steps in the river they got to a spot where the bottom dipped abruptly, and they sank beyond their depth.

None of the three could swim and no help was near. According to the account of Miss Beulah Max, the survivor, they struggled and screamed with all their might. After an almost superhuman effort, although she was unable to swim, Miss Beulah reached shore.

She was so exhausted she could not move to help them when she saw her sister and cousin drown. In the clear water she could see where they went down and where their bodies lay.

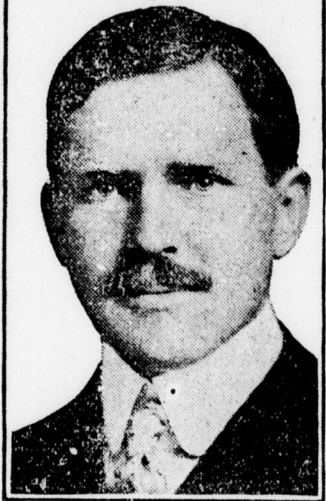
Hoping against hope that if the bodies were taken out at once there might be a chance for resuscitation, Miss Max half staggered and half crawled to the nearest house, 600 feet away. When she arrived there she was so exhausted that for a time she could not talk. Her condition and the signs she made, however, told plainly of the accident that had happened.

She was carried back to the river bank. Between gasps for her breath, she told of the drowning, and as she pointed into the water the bodies of the drowned women were seen.

William Reed and William Emery dived and brought the dead women to shore. Dr. Reber was summoned, and he, with the aid of the rescuers and others, worked nearly an hour until all hope of reviving the women was given up. Then the bodies were carried to the home of Mr. Ziff.

The bereaved husband fainted and the rescued girl is in a precarious condition from her experience.

**JAMES R. GARFIELD.**  
Leader of Insurgent Republicans  
In Ohio.



## AVIATOR'S BIPLANE TURNS SOMERSAULT

Machine Smashed, But Russell Wasn't Even Scratched.

Turning a complete somersault in the air in a twenty-five miles an hour breeze on the aviation grounds east of Garden City, N. Y., George Russell, who was flying in a Curtiss biplane, landed on the ground without so much as a scratch to show after his remarkable escape. The biplane landed on the ground with the engine in the air and the machine partly wrecked.

Russell had made one very fast round of the course at an average height of about thirty feet. He maintained excellent control of his machine, regardless of the force of the wind, that repeatedly swung the after part of his biplane about in a most dangerous fashion. After one lap of the course Russell came down and ran along the ground near what is known as the "graveyard" for 300 feet at a forty-mile clip. When about to rise the soft ground of the "graveyard" caused the tail of his biplane to swerve just as his elevating planes were raised.

In an instant the machine had turned a most complete somersault in the air and landed on its back. Russell was thrown free from the wreckage.

**Died Confessing Crime.**  
Harry F. Johnson, a negro, who murdered and robbed John H. Hartman, a liveryman, on Dec. 8, was hanged at Harrisburg, Pa. He was cool to the last. Leaving his cell, Johnson admitted "no injustice is being done."

**Leaps Into Niagara.**  
Miss Clerber, a young dressmaker, formerly of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., committed suicide by jumping into the Niagara from the Second Sister island bridge.

**Murderer Dies at Stake.**  
Henry Gentry, colored, who attempted to enter the room of a white woman at Belton, Tex., and who later killed Constable James Mitchell who tried to arrest him, was burned at the stake by a mob.

**Rhode Island Growing Some.**  
The census returns of Rhode Island show a population of 542,674, an increase of 26.6 per cent, as compared with 428,556 in 1900.

## 11 KILLED AT FORT MONROE

Gun Explodes, Scattering Death Among Soldiers.

### WAS BOMBARDING ENEMY

Wives and Children See Artillerymen Killed in Awful Disaster at Target Practice.

Eleven enlisted men were killed outright, three were fatally and three others less seriously injured, and one commissioned officer was hurt in the blowing out of the breech-block of a twelve-inch gun at Fort Monroe, Norfolk, Va.

The explosion occurred during an attempt to stop an imaginary fleet from passing the fort and thus reaching Washington.

Second Lieutenant George L. Van Deusen, of the Sixty-ninth company of coast artillery, had his leg broken.

#### The Dead.

Sergeant Harry G. Hess, of Phoebus, Va., gun commander.  
Corporal Charles C. Adkins, address unknown.

Corporal Albert Bradford, Dorothy, W. Va.

Private A. J. Sullivan, Perkins, Ky.

Private Ray Duffy, Kenova, W. Va.

Private H. Adey, Brandonville, W. Va.

Private C. W. King, Dayton, O.

Private John W. Chadwick, Tazewell, Tenn.

Private Alfred W. Smith, New York.

Private Judd E. Hogan, Geyer, O.

Private James H. Turner, Ripley, Tenn.

The accident was due to the premature explosion of a full service charge of powder, but what caused it is unknown and probably never will be. All who were in sight of the gun when it occurred were killed.

Colonel Townsley has designated a board of officers to make an investigation. Some of the men who were killed were literally blown to pieces. The gun was a twelve-incher on a disappearing carriage, and, while it has been in service for several years, had not been fired in practice before the explosion.

Most of the dead lost their lives by being struck by burnt powder, which, before consumption, is in large grains and heavy. All the killed and wounded belonged to the Sixty-ninth company of coast artillery.

Five batteries were engaged in the practice when the explosion occurred. The heavy guns were being fired rapidly at two targets, being drawn by a tug four miles down the bay. About fifty shots in all were fired. One of the targets was completely destroyed and the other hit several times.

Many prominent officers of the army and navy who went to Hampton Roads to witness what was expected to be the greatest target practice of this character that had been attempted anywhere, saw the accident.

It was the more horrible for the reason that wives and children of several of the men killed, no danger having been expected, were permitted to see the target practice. A number of them witnessed the accident.

The explosion was probably due to the premature ignition of a powder charge in which the breech block of a twelve-inch gun and powder were blown to the rear.

#### Theft May Reach \$600,000.

A general alarm has been sent to the police throughout the United States and Canada for the arrest of Erwin Wider, cashier of the Russo-Chinese bank in New York.

Wider is charged by the bank's officers with having taken \$70,000 in bonds from a safe deposit box.

Counsel for Wider admitted that the young man's defalcation amounted approximately to \$600,000, the greater part of which was lost in stock speculation.

Wider has not been seen for a week. The bank, it is said, believes he has hidden some of the securities.

#### Woman's Sensational Suicide.

In full view of the clerks in her husband's place of business at Waverly, Va., and before they could interfere, Mrs. Warner Grammer, wife of Councilman Grammer, took a .38 caliber revolver from his desk, placed it in her mouth and fired a shot into her brain. Death was instantaneous. Long continued ill health is assigned as the reason for the act.

#### Rear Admiral Hawke Dies.

Rear Admiral James Albert Hawke, retired, of Bristol, Pa., formerly medical director of the navy, died at the naval medical school hospital in Washington. He was aged sixty-nine years. His last active duty was at the naval hospital at Mare Island, Cal.

## FIND BLUE PEARL, LOST IT AGAIN

Story of \$100,000 Gem Reads Like "The Moonstone."

### DISAPPEARED IN BOSTON

Was Stolen From the Eye of Indian Idol and Traced All Over the World. Found in New York Pawn Shop.

A blue pearl worth \$100,000, stolen from the eye of a statue of Buddha in India, sought for five years all over the world and recovered in New York a few days ago, was stolen or lost again in Boston.

Such is the strange narrative that Harris MacAdams, of London, tells. MacAdams has the idea that some one, perhaps an East Indian devotee, a Buddhist priest, perhaps, followed him first to New York and then to Boston, awaiting his chance to steal the pearl, to him priceless because of its sanctity.

Of course Wilkie Collins told very much the same story, infinitely better, in "The Moonstone."

MacAdams says that as the temporary possessor of the blue pearl he was only an agent, a messenger. He was acting for Major Pirie, of the Seventeenth Lancers of his majesty's army. Major Pirie, in turn, is acting for a firm of English solicitors, who represent the Rajah Rana. In the possession of this Indian potentate stands the temple whose statue of Buddha, despite ceaseless watch and guard, was despoiled of the blue pearl and other sacred gems that adorned it.

After ceaseless search for years, says MacAdams, the blue pearl was located in New York in the hands of a certain pawnbroker. At Major Pirie's urging MacAdams hurried from London to New York. There he paid \$38,000 to the pawnbroker, who thereupon handed over to him the blue pearl and ten pawn tickets for other gems that once adorned the inscrutable Buddha. MacAdams says that the New York pawnbroker never saw these other gems, but bought the tickets from the person who pawned the blue pearl.

MacAdams says he engaged passage of the Zealand, due to sail from here Tuesday. In New York he was full of the idea that some one with designs on the pearl was following him. So he bought a small pigskin case, designed to be worn on the wrist, like the watch of a golfer or an automobilist. In the case he put the blue pearl and the ten pawn tickets and wore the case strapped to his right wrist day and night.

Taking train in New York, Mr. MacAdams arrived in the South station here. He wished to get some small change from his trousers pocket and found difficulty in thrusting his hand in his pocket; the pigskin case was in the way.

He unstrapped the case and later, he thought, after getting the change from his pocket, he strapped the case to his wrist again. But he is not certain of this. He took a taxicab from the station to the Hotel Touraine, congratulating himself that the blue pearl had progressed safely so far back to Buddha's orbit.

MacAdams arrived at the hotel. The blue pearl, recovered with infinite pains and at enormous expense, was gone; the pawn tickets were gone; the pigskin case was gone. Never was a cleverer trick done by East Indian juggler—or by a New York crook.

MacAdams said that he has put the case in the hands of detectives here. They will continue the search for the \$100,000 pearl.

So, it will be seen, the strange story which MacAdams tells does not end like "The Moonstone." The blue pearl will not shed its soft luster as Buddha's eye—for some time, at least.

#### Was Pawned by Actress.

A blue pearl figured in New York last summer. The pearl was said to be a perfect oval, weighed 12½ grains and was worth \$140,000. It, too, had been stolen from the eye of an idol in a monastery in Lahore in 1879. This pearl was sought by His Highness Jagagjit Singh, rajah of Razahs, of Kapurthala. The sacred gem had been traced all over the world and finally into the hands of the late King Leopold, of Belgium. That gallant king, the tale ran, gave the pearl to Cleo de Merode, who, needing money, as always, pawned it.

#### Share For Mrs. Longworth.

An inventory of the estate of George Cabot Lee, of Newton, Mass., who died March 21, shows it to be valued at \$1,662,821, of which \$1,569,821 is personal and \$93,000 real. Mrs. Alice Roosevelt Longworth, who is a granddaughter of Mr. Lee, receives one-twelfth of the property.

**HUNTINGTON WILSON.**  
Assistant Secretary of State Will  
Protect U. S. Trade.



#### U. S. Takes Issue With Norway.

Crossing diplomatic swords with Norway, the state department at Washington declared Bluefields, Nicaragua, to be an open port.

This action was taken by Huntington Wilson, acting secretary of state, in replying to protests from New Orleans commercial interests against Norwegian recognition of the Bluefields, Nicaragua, blockade.

Norway, it was said, was misinformed of conditions there. The blockade was declared by Madrid, who is the defacto president only in the western part of Nicaragua.

Norway's "misunderstanding" was laid by the state department to Michael J. Clancy, consular representative of Norway at Bluefields, and until Thursday vice consul of the United States at the same port. Acting Secretary Wilson announced that Clancy's resignation as vice consul had been accepted, his service in the dual capacity being against the law.

In connection with the statement that Norway was mistaken about Bluefields being blockaded, the state department, in its reply to the New Orleans interests, quoted at length from various instructions given weeks ago to American naval officers in Nicaragua to the effect that Madrid was to be prevented by force of arms from interfering with legitimate American trade entering Bluefields.

#### Four Children Burned to Death.

Four children were burned to death in a fire that consumed the barn of John Adams, a prosperous farmer at Rasselas, near Ridgeway, Pa.

The dead are: John Adams, aged twelve; Mike Adams, aged nine; Joseph Adams, aged five, sons of John Adams, owner of the barn, and Michael Bosik, aged nine, a nephew of Mr. Adams.

The children had been helping to make hay and had preceded a load to the barn. George Adams, an older son, was driving the wagon and had taken the team into the barn, when he heard the cry of fire. The big load of hay completely blocked the entrance and there was no way of escape, George managing to get out over the hay.

#### Pay Fines to Get Help.

To save the wheat crop of Scott county, a number of farmers appeared before the county judge at Georgetown, Ky., and paid the fines of ten prisoners in the jail to get harvest help. Fines ran as high as \$30. The prisoners went willingly.

#### 426 Cans of Frozen Eggs Seized.

United States Marshal Henkel, on an order made in the federal court, seized 426 cans of frozen eggs at a cold storage warehouse in New York. The order alleges that the eggs are unfit for human consumption.

## SHOT TO DEATH IN A CLOSET

Bitter Feeling Between Rivals Ends in Murder.

In a quarrel over a woman at Nasawadox, near Cape Charles, Va., Nathan Wyatt, twenty-five years old, shot and killed Almer Satchell, thirty-five years old.

Bad feeling had existed between the two men for some time. The men met on a road, when Satchell drew his gun and fired upon Wyatt, the ball entering his arm. Satchell then ran to the home of a brother of Wyatt's and concealed himself in a closet.

Wyatt, after procuring a revolver, followed Satchell to the house, and, breaking down the door of the closet where he was concealed, shot him over the heart, killing him instantly. After the shooting Wyatt surrendered to the authorities.

#### RECORD BREAKERS

##### Coast Artillery Company Makes 11 Hits in 11 Seconds at 2150 Yards.

All of the previous records for service practice with 3-inch guns were broken at Sandy Hook on Tuesday by the gunners of the One Hundred and Thirty-fifth company, Coast Artillery Corps, commanded by Captain Carroll Power, stationed at Fort Totten. This company held the record for last year's practice and has bettered it, making 11 hits in 11 seconds, attaining a figure of merit of 150. This was nearly twice that of last year.

The practice was held at Battery Morris, Fort Hancock, N. J., at a target towed by a steamer at the rate of five miles an hour. The size of the target is 16 feet by 24 feet, and the range was 2150 yards.

#### STEEL EARNINGS INCREASE

##### Total Net For June Quarter \$40,170,960, Against \$29,340,491 Year Ago.

The board of directors of the United States Steel corporation declared the regular quarterly dividends of 1¼ on the common and 1¼ on the preferred. Reports for the quarter ending June 30 showed net earnings of \$40,170,960. The earnings in the quarter ending June 30, 1909, were \$29,320,491.

The directors report that unfilled orders on hand June 30 were 4,267,791 tons, against 5,402,514 in the March quarter and 4,057,939 in the June quarter of 1909.

#### DEATH RIDE FROM FUNERAL

##### Lancaster Girl Thrown Out and Killed in Runaway.

Mabel Buch, seventeen years old, was thrown from her carriage when her horse ran away while she was returning from a funeral near her home at Hahnstown, near Lancaster, Pa., and was instantly killed. Bertha Miller and Martha Martin, who were with her, jumped and escaped injury.

#### 111 at Salina, Kan.

The records of the government weather bureau at Salina, Kan., were broken Tuesday, when the thermometer reached the 111 mark. This was the third consecutive day that the temperature has been up to and above 109 degrees.

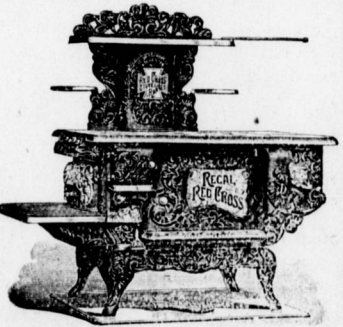
#### Death in Ice Cold Drink.

Alfred Young, 4 Weatherly, employed on the farm of Hiram Schuler, in Evergreen Valley, near Hazleton, Pa., dropped over dead in the field after drinking a glass of ice cold lemonade.

#### Twenty-five Perish in Hungarian Flood.

Twenty-five persons perished in a flood that followed a cloudburst at the town of Dees, in Hungary. The damage to property and crops was heavy.

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