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## U. OF P.'S NEW PROVOST

Edgar F. Smith Chosen to Succeed C. C. Harrison.

Edgar Fahs Smith is to be the next provost of the University of Pennsylvania. He was chosen at a meeting of the trustees in Philadelphia, at which Provost Charles C. Harrison and fourteen members of the board were present.

Dr. Smith is the present vice provost and head of the department of chemistry. As Provost Harrison's resignation takes effect on Dec. 31, Dr. Smith will take up the work as head of the university on the first of the new year.

## BERRY MUST PAY \$15,000

Court Gives Judgment Against Him on Guffey Note.

Judge Joseph M. Swearingin, sitting in the common pleas court at Pittsburgh, Pa., gave the Farmers' Deposit National bank judgment against William H. Berry in the matter of a note for \$15,000 given to James M. Guffey, who discounted it at the bank. The court in making its decision said there was insufficient affidavit of defense.

## Foss' Election Bill \$37,000.

The successful campaign of Eugene N. Foss, Democratic candidate for governor of Massachusetts at last week's election, cost him \$37,000, according to his sworn return at Boston. This is \$20,000 more than was expended by Governor Eben S. Draper, who was defeated. Mr. Foss paid \$31,000 to the Democratic state committee, while the balance went to the Democratic city committee of Boston.

## Maine's Population Larger.

The population of Maine is 742,371, according to the thirteenth census statistics. This is an increase of 47,905 or 6.9 per cent over 694,466 in 1900. The increase from 1890 to 1900 was 33,350 or 5 per cent.

## May Succeed Wilson at Princeton.

It was rumored at Utica, N. Y., that President M. W. Stryker, of Hamilton college, may be called to the president's chair of Princeton university, recently vacated by Governor-elect Wilson, of New Jersey.

## Died in Room Where He Was Born.

John Beatty died in Latrobe, Pa., in the room in which he was born eighty-four years ago. He was a grandson of Benjamin Beatty, who crossed the Delaware with George Washington.

## Finds \$200 Pearl in Oyster.

E. C. Pencil, of Stonington, near Shamokin, Pa., purchased a basketful of oysters at Shamokin and took them home. He started opening them, when he found a pearl valued at \$200.

## Memphis Banker Ends Life.

F. F. M. Schas, president of the Continental Savings bank, of Memphis, Tenn., and a widely known financier, committed suicide. He shot himself in the head.

## Noise Burst His Ear Drum.

While he was out hunting near the Buckhorn, west of Altoona, Pa., Grocer Charles J. Barr scared up a rabbit. He let go with both barrels of his gun, and the sound destroyed the hearing of his right ear.

## Michael Cudahy Seriously Ill.

Michael Cudahy, the packer, a multimillionaire, is seriously ill at his apartments in the Blackstone hotel in Chicago. The patient's son, John Cudahy, of Kansas City, was requested by telegraph to hurry to his father's side.

## Arrest Doctor as Bank Looter.

Dr. F. L. Moyer, of Williamsport, Pa., was arrested in that city for implication with Arthur A. Dunphy for larceny of \$15,000 from the Anglo-South American bank, 69 Wall street.

## THOMAS H. CARTER.

Democrat Will Succeed Him In United States Senate.



THOMAS CARTER DEFEATED

Democrat Will Succeed United States Senator From Montana.

Senator Thomas H. Carter, Republican, of Montana, will be succeeded in the next federal senate by a Democrat, the official canvasses having resulted in a net Democratic gain of two members, one each in the house and senate. Heretofore these had been claimed by the Republicans on unofficial returns.

There are three candidates for the senate as Carter's successor, T. J. Walsh, a wealthy lawyer; W. C. Conrad, a millionaire banker and mining man of Helena, and it is supposed W. A. Clark, the Butte mining magnate. The legislature now stands 52 Democrats and 50 Republicans.

## Bankrupt After He is Elected.

Benjamin K. Focht, of Union county, congressman-elect, filed a bankruptcy petition at Scranton, Pa. His liabilities are \$275,000 and assets \$175,000.

Congressman Benjamin K. Focht is the Republican representative from the Seventeenth district, comprising Franklin, Fulton, Huntingdon, Mifflin, Juniata, Perry, Snyder and Union counties. It is the largest congressional district in the state.

Congressman Focht is a native son of Lewisburg, where he still resides. He was born in 1863, and was educated at Bucknell college, Pennsylvania State college and Susquehanna university.

For many years he has been editor and proprietor of a Lewisburg weekly newspaper. During his nearly thirty years of public life he has served for three terms in the state legislature and four years in the state senate. He is the father of the ballot law now in use in this state.

## Feudist Kills Jailer.

Wesley Turner, jailer of Breathitt county, was shot and killed on a street near the jail at Jackson, Ky., by "Bad Jake" Noble, a noted feudist and a prominent figure in the Hargis and Cockrill feuds. No cause for the killing is known. Turner and Noble had been close friends.

## Bade Wife Farewell; Drank Poison.

Edward Walraven, thirty years old, a Camden, Del., paperhanger, committed suicide by drinking a phial of carbolic acid. Walraven leaves wife and a daughter, whom he bade farewell before going to his bedroom to commit the crime.

## NEW EXPLOSIVE WRECKS WARSHIP

Monitor Nearly Sunk in Experiment to Test Claim.

## ARMOR PLATE CRACKED

Cat and Chickens Were Placed in a Turret Where Gunners Stand and Escape Uninjured.

In an experiment to test the effect of an unconfined explosion of high explosive nitroglycerine, the monitor Puritan was badly damaged in Hampton Roads, off Fortress Monroe, Va., after two charges of 200 pounds each had been exploded against her after turret and side. In a sinking condition the vessel was rushed to the Norfolk navy yard.

In the first test the armor of the aft turret was badly cracked. In the second explosion, which was against the side of the ship aft, the armor plate was badly stove and bad leaks developed below the water line, flooding at least one big compartment of the ship.

The rear end of the monitor, which was anchored in water only a foot deeper than her draft, immediately sank. Water began pouring over the after deck from the flooded compartment below. Rush orders were sent to the Norfolk navy yard to have the monitor taken there and placed in the dry dock.

Captain Austin M. Knight, president of the special board of naval ordnance, from the berth deck of the Puritan forward, manipulated the electric current which caused the two explosions by means of wires running to the big cylindrical nitroglycerine-gelatine charges. On board the Puritan with Captain Knight were several sailors. In this test a cat and two chickens were placed in the turret at points where the gunners would stand. The concussion from the shock outside acted largely outward. The cat and chickens were found alive after the terrific explosion.

Each test was with 200 pounds of the high explosive. Willard P. Isham, inventor of the explosive, was on the monitor Tallahassee, which was anchored nearby. Rear Admiral N. E. Mason, chief of the bureau of ordnance of the navy; Chief Constructor R. M. Watt, of the navy; Brigadier General Arthur Murray, chief of the coast artillery; Major Edward P. O'Hern, of the ordnance department of the army, and several powder experts were present.

Inventor Isham declared that high explosive with great outside concussion are more dangerous than inside explosives. Captain Knight, Rear Admiral Mason and some of the others who witnessed the experiment acknowledged that much more damage was done than they had anticipated. Captain Knight said the second explosion was very severe.

Immediately after the second test the pumps of the Tallahassee and a tug were put to work pumping out the Puritan. The explosion alongside the ship bent the armor plates and burst holes in the hull below the water line.

## \$4,000,000,000 in Savings Banks.

If the prosperity of the nation can be reflected in deposits in savings banks, the year which ended on June 30 must have been a banner one for the American people.

The high cost of living does not appear to have hurt savings, according to figures compiled in the treasury department.

Deposits in savings banks during the year ended on June 30 were more than \$4,000,000,000. The average depositor's savings was \$145.22, just

\$24.77 above the average of the year before. There were more savings bank depositors than there were a year ago and the total of the deposits has swelled \$357,000,000 during the year.

The statistics compiled in the treasury department for the second time in the history of American banking include also the reports from 7145 national banks and 5,948 state and private banks. State banking superintendents co-operate with the national bank system to make what is practically a uniform report of banking conditions in the country.

Banking capital employed in the United States increased \$80,000,000 during the year. Individual deposits in all the banks increased more than \$1,240,000,000 and the aggregate assets increased \$1,335,000,000.

The banks, however, are holding about \$31,000,000 less in cash than they did in 1909.

## FLIES FROM SHIP OVER SEA TO LAND

Ely Makes Spectacular Flight From Naval Vessel.

## WEATHER CONDITIONS BAD

Daring Aviator Covered About Five Miles in Little More Than Five Minutes—Biplane Touched Water at the Start.

Eugene B. Ely, the aviator, made the first successful flight from the deck of a naval vessel when his Curtis biplane was started from a temporary launching platform upon the forward deck of the scout cruiser Birmingham, which was anchored in Hampton Roads, off Old Point Comfort, Va. It was the most spectacular flight ever seen in this country.

After many hours of preparation Ely finally climbed into his machine. He had been delayed for several hours by furies of hail and rain. He was anxious, however, to start in spite of the adverse weather conditions. Finally his aeroplane was started down the platform, which was inclined at an angle of about five degrees. His machine gathered momentum rapidly, Ely making a slight miscalculation in controlling the levers, which made his machine dart down toward the water.

The wheels to the tip of his propeller just barely touched the water. He succeeded in righting the machine and by skillful maneuvering of the control levers it darted upward like a seagull. Ely rose to a height of about 100 feet and flew about five miles toward Willoughby Spit, just opposite Old Point Comfort, where he landed safely. During the flight a biting wind and rain prevailed, which prevented the aviator from identifying the landmarks.

## Machine Touched Water.

It was Ely's original intention to fly from the deck of the Birmingham to the Norfolk navy yard, a much greater distance, but he was prevented by the adverse weather conditions.

As his machine touched the water the spray flew into his goggles, almost blinding him, which prevented him from continuing the flight to the navy yard. His propeller blade was also slightly chipped by contact with the water, but not sufficiently, however, to interfere with the flight.

Every spectator on the naval vessels and the other craft which were gathered in the roads breathed hard for a moment when it looked as if the machine would be unable to rise from the surface of the water. Ely had no difficulty, however, in managing the machine, and sent it upward by suddenly tilting the elevating planes. They responded instantly and the machine traveled swiftly upward in almost a straight line to Willoughby Spit.

He saw the land directly ahead of Willoughby Spit and descended there without difficulty. He covered about five miles in a little more than five minutes. His machine traveled at the rate of about fifty miles an hour. A launch from the scout cruiser picked Ely up and placed him on board the destroyer Roe, on which he returned to the Norfolk navy yard.

## Was Slave to Gypsy King.

Stranger than fiction, and almost unbelievable, is the remarkable deathbed statement of Miss Jessie Habersham, daughter of H. G. Habersham, a prominent banking broker of Baltimore, Md., who died at the Seton hospital in Cincinnati, O., a few hours after giving birth to a baby girl.

According to the girl's statement she was stolen from her home in Baltimore five years ago by a band of gypsies, sold to one of the tribe for \$900, and then, under hypnotic influence, compelled to be the slave and wife of the king of the gypsies.

The long search of the past five years in every niche and corner of the United States, it is said, has ruined the girl's father's health, so that the sister superior, who notified him of his daughter's death by telegram, received a telegram stating that he was too sick to come to Cincinnati at the present time to prosecute the abductors. The shock of the girl's abduction, it was further said, was too great for her mother, who died several months afterward.

Miss Habersham was twenty-five years old. Her large brown eyes and perfect features showed that she had been very pretty, but her years of suffering had emaciated her face. She said that she had been enticed away from home by an old gypsy woman, who belonged to a tribe that was staying near the Habersham home. She was then sold by this woman to her nephew for \$900 and compelled by him to work hard and to endure more than the hardships of the ordinary gypsies.

## AVIATOR AND WIFE.

Eugene B. Ely Made Daring Flight Over Sea.



Photo by American Press Association.

## Girl Offers Herself as Lottery Prize.

Miss Lavone Livingston, twenty years of age, lately from Petroskey, Mich., born in Virginia, offered herself as a capital prize in a lottery which she requests one of the Tacoma, Wash., newspapers or some society to conduct. She says the law doesn't prevent lottery prizes offering themselves.

Getting her ideas from the play of "The Lottery Man," Miss Livingston proposes to sell her 10,000 tickets at \$1 each. The man getting the lucky number will be entitled to her and half of the money. If the winner be unwilling to marry her he forfeits his half; if she be unwilling to marry him she forfeits her half. If both are unwilling they divide the money. She wants foreigners and certain kinds of men barred. Should a married man win she will be released from marrying the winner. The girl declares she is in earnest, her motive being "I need the money."

## U. S. Senator Clay Dies.

United States Senator Alexander Stephen Clay died suddenly at the Atlanta, Ga., sanitarium, to which he was taken ten days ago for special treatment.

Senator Clay had been desperately ill for a long time, but death wasn't expected so suddenly. He was chatting with Mrs. Clay and his son when he gasped and in a moment was dead. Dilatation of the heart is given as the cause of death, but it is generally understood that Senator Clay was afflicted with cancer of the stomach.

Senator Clay was in his fifty-seventh year and had been in the United States since 1896, having been chosen to succeed General John B. Gordon.

## Value of Jersey Railroads.

The New Jersey board of assessors filed with the state comptroller at Trenton a statement showing that the property of railroad and canal companies in this state has been assessed for the year at \$296,921,520.

The tax which the corporations will be obliged to pay amounts to \$5,542,611. Of this amount \$4,103,630 will be devoted to state uses and \$1,468,980 will be returned to the local taxing districts.

## Girl of Eight Saves Brother.

Stripping of her coat like a "grown up," eight-year-old Martha Stauffer, of Ensworth, a suburb of Pittsburgh, Pa., jumped into a pond and rescued from drowning her three-year-old brother, who had fallen into it while throwing stones.

The child swam to the bank in four feet of water, supporting her little charge.

## PAYS FORTUNE FOR PAIR OF HORSES

Blue Ribbon Roadsters Sell For \$25,000.

Walter Winans, the American multimillionaire, who never saw the United States until two years ago, and E. T. Stotesbury, of Philadelphia, furnished the biggest show horse dealing sensation at the Madison Square Garden, in New York, that has perhaps ever set society a-gossiping, when Mr. Stotesbury sold to Mr. Winans his blue ribbon roadsters, Lugano and Como, for a sum said to be the greatest ever paid for show animals.

While the actual price paid for the pair that beat Mr. Winans' crack English roadsters was not officially announced, gossip has it that Winans wrote a check for \$25,000 and handed it to Mr. Stotesbury, completing the deal.

The transaction was made immediately after the judging of class 43, for roadsters in harness. In this event Mr. Winans had entered his famous Bonnie View and Rip, and it was not even accorded the V. H. C., or very highly commended. Mr. Stotesbury's pair, however, carried the blue ribbon out of the tan bark oval in dashing style.

Winans proved himself a good loser and as good a sportsman when he ventured to ask Mr. Stotesbury at what price he valued Lugano and Como. Stotesbury's answer, it is said, was \$25,000, and the men then departed arm in arm from the oval. They concluded the transaction in front of the stable of Mr. Stotesbury. Winans was seen to hand Mr. Stotesbury a check and then tacked his name over the doors leading to the stalls of the prize winners.

Lugano is a mare, 15 hands 2 inches tall, and is six years old. Como is a bay gelding of the same height and age. The horses are entered in other classes during the remainder of the week.

Sold Her Sister to Chinaman. When a Chinese merchant of New York city made an offer of \$250 for a white girl under sixteen years of age, Irene Stuber, American wife of Tom Lee, a Chinaman, lured her thirteen-year-old sister to New York from Scranton, Pa., to sell her, according to the story told in court by the girl's mother. A missionary rescued the girl from a Chinese resort. Tom Lee was sentenced to the penitentiary and Irene Stuber was sent to the reformatory.

Fell Forty Feet to Death. Stepping upon a rotten board while he was repairing the roof of the engine house at the Lock Ridge furnace of the Thomas Iron company, at Allentown, Pa., Henry Ritter, boss carpenter, fell forty feet. He landed head foremost on a sand pile and died of a broken neck.

Princess Killed by Burglars. Princess Ziganova, a descendant of the ancient dynasty of the czars of Georgia, was murdered by burglars in her country home near Tiflis, Russia.

Everybody 13 Cents Richer. If each person in the United States were to have his proportion of the money in circulation he would be 13 cents richer this month than he was last. The circulation per capita is now \$35.01, six cents better than at the same time last year.

Wife Murderer Convicted. Guylia Toth, who killed his wife at Bernardsville on Sept. 6, was convicted of murder in the first degree in the Somerset court at Somerville, N. J. Toth is twenty-three years old and his wife was twenty-one.

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