

Republican News Item

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NEWS STORIES IN MINIATURE

Minor Mention of a Week's
Important Events.

A HISTORY OF SEVEN DAYS

Paragraphs Which Briefly Chronicle
the Events of Interest as Bulle-
tined by Wire, Wireless and
Cable — Foreign News.

Washington

Naval officials are making extra-ordinary efforts to detect spies of foreign powers in the United States Navy.

Investigation of treasury payments disclosed that Platt Andrew, Assistant Treasury Secretary, draws two big pay envelopes of Uncle Sam, which is contrary to law. He is on the Aldrich Monetary Commission at \$3,000 a year in addition to his treasury pay of \$5,000.

Personal

General Samuel C. Lawrence, formerly a director of various large corporations, lieutenant grand commander of the Supreme Council, Scottish Rite Masons, and commander of the Fifth Massachusetts Infantry in the Civil War, died at Medford, Mass.

It became known that Mrs. William B. Leeds, after rejecting offers of marriage from Prince Murat and other titled men abroad, is returning to live here that she may bring up her son as an American.

Sporting

President Lynch of the National League has decided against the Cincinnati club as to the protested game with Chicago played on September 8.

The Dixie IV., world's champion motor boat, while racing at Riverside Park, Buffalo, leaped ashore, mortally injuring two boys.

A wild rumor is in circulation that President Farrell may secure Connie Mack to manage the New York Americans next year at a salary of \$25,000. Friends of racing were confident of the passage of the Gittins bill and already were talking of an October meeting on one of the New York tracks.

General

Officials of the Tobacco Trust announced that no plan for dissolution yet offered was satisfactory to them.

Booker T. Washington will evade the Jim Crow restrictions in Texas by traveling in a special Pullman.

The Tenth Infantry has been ordered to Panama. This is the first detachment of a brigade which will be assigned to the canal zone.

Fire destroyed almost an entire block at Rockaway Beach, N. Y., in the Seaside Park section, imperilled several lives and severely burned two firemen.

Concussion from the big 14-inch guns at Fortress Monroe broke windows of the steamer Corsair of Norfolk, while the vessel was passing en route to Norfolk.

It was said in Washington that the Federal suit to compel the dissolution of the United States Steel Corporation was ready to be filed on word from the Attorney General.

Four thousand persons heard Governor Hiram Johnson, of California, attack President Taft in a speech at Long Beach, L. I., for rejecting the Arizona constitution providing for the recall of judges.

While Pastor Russells' New Jersey admirers were defending "miracle" wheat, it was made known that the United States Department of Agriculture had found the grain did not merit the extravagant claims.

Determined to check the rioting which has marked the strike of the street car conductors and motormen, Governor Cole Blease, of South Carolina, ordered three companies of State troops to proceed to Spartanburg to aid in the operations of the trolley cars.

Dr. Flexner, of the Carnegie Foundation, in an address declared that twenty undesirable medical schools had been driven out of business in the last year and blamed such institutions for the inefficiency and lack of education among physicians and surgeons in hospitals.

Car shopmen on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway throughout the entire system struck because the company refused to grant a joint conference regarding working conditions. Fifteen hundred are out.

After being fatally shot by Mayor J. H. Johnson, of Oakhurst, Ga., P. W. Zuber, a grocer, killed the mayor with a scantling and then fell dying.

"If the public needs education as to the advantages of reciprocity with Canada, I am not going to the public's schoolmaster," said James J. Hill angrily in St. Paul.

Battalion Chief Devlin, of the New York Fire Department, died from injuries received while fighting a fire in Broome street several days ago.

A thorough test will be made at the Sandy Hook proving grounds of Maxim's gun "silencer." It is possible that the United States army may adopt the invention.

Thirteen persons were killed, three were fatally hurt and five dangerously wounded when a train hit a hay-rack loaded with thirty-two merry-makers near Neenah, Wis.

At the request of the Interchurch Federation of Trenton, Governor Wilson ordered moving picture exhibitions of the Jeffries-Johnson fight at the New Jersey State fair stopped.

Relatives learned that Prof. Mark W. Harrington, once head of the Weather Bureau and an astronomer of note, has relapsed into forgetfulness of his personality and that there is no prospect of his release from the New Jersey State Hospital for the Insane.

Massachusetts State Police are investigating charges made by John D. Sheehan, a labor leader, at the convention of the State branch of the American Federation of Labor, that women are employed as moulders and are scantily clad in a steam pump works in East Cambridge.

High heels and hobble skirts are responsible for a large number of injuries to women while getting on and off trains and mounting and descending stairways in stations, according to the Pennsylvania Railroad after an investigation of three months covering 73 cases.

The second part of the report of the Bureau of Corporations on the Tobacco Trust was sent to the President. It gives details of overcapitalization, profits in one branch of 55 per cent., and says by manipulating its securities much of its great earnings go to a group of insiders.

Foreign

A cloudburst inundated Chihuahua, Mexico. It swept away about twenty houses.

Edison told German friends that if we should adopt the "made-in-Germany" policy half the shops in Berlin would close.

A Danish aviator announced that he would attempt to fly across the Atlantic from Copenhagen to New York in a biplane.

The strike in Spain proved a failure, an order by union leaders for men to quit work receiving only small response; Madrid was quiet.

Vienna was under martial law on account of the recent riots in that city, more than six thousand troops being stationed in the disturbed district.

The German rejoinder to France's reply to the German counter proposals was handed to the French ambassador in Berlin.

The lava emitted from Mount Etna was reported to be slightly less in initial speed but equal in quantity to that of the first few days of the eruption.

One hundred and eight persons who took part in riots in Sydney, N. S. W., were fined from a guinea to four guineas each, and the leader was sentenced to two months at hard labor.

Premier Stolypin, of Russia, died of the wound inflicted on him on Thursday last at Kiel; Jews, fearing a popular outbreak against them, left the city in large numbers.

It was officially reported that the epidemic of cholera in Italy was decreasing, although the disease had made its appearance in Sardinia, hitherto wholly free from the plague.

Reciprocity was rejected and the government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier defeated at the election in Canada; the Conservative majority in the next Parliament will probably be fifty.

Advices from Cheng-Tu were to the effect that all foreigners in the city were unmolested and that food was coming to the city; several Canadian missionaries reached Chung-King.

The Holland-America liner Noordam, which went aground off the Dutch coast, was refloated without damage and proceeded on her voyage to Boulogne and New York.

It was anticipated in Paris that the coolness existing between France and Spain may render difficult a final adjustment with Germany on the subject of Morocco.

The chief of the Turcomens has telegraphed from Gunesch Tapeh, Persia, that he has captured Mohammed Ali and asks for instructions as to his disposal.

The Amalgamated Society for Railway Servants is bitterly disappointed at the lack of response in Ireland to its order for a general strike.

Thomas A. Edison is being besieged by German inventors with all kinds of marvelous electrical contrivances. "They treat me as if I were a kind of trade mark," said Mr. Edison.

The Colonial Bank of Canada, whose operations are largely confined to the West Indies, has been absorbed by the Royal Bank of Canada.

Peru is still without a cabinet, it having been found impossible to form a satisfactory combination.

In view of the increased cost of food the French government has induced the railroads to increase the 20-pound limit of the agricultural parcels post to 80 pounds, for perishable foods.

Official cholera statistics were given out in Rome. They show that for the week ended September 3 in all Italy, there had been 1,468 new cases and 648 deaths. Totals from June 26 to September 3, were 10,634 cases and 4,086 deaths.

THE LIBERTE IS BLOWN UP

Great French Battleship De-
stroyed in Toulon Harbor.

OVER 400 MAY BE DEAD

Victims of Other Ships — Many
Drowned in Boats Sent to Res-
cue Which Sank After Ex-
plosion—Men Extricated Alive.

Toulon, France. — The battleship *Liberte* was torn apart and totally destroyed by an explosion of her magazines. Between 350 and 400 officers and men are dead or missing. The battleship *Republique* was badly damaged, and the battleships *Democrat* and *Verite* also suffered severely from the masses of twisted iron and armor plate that were hurled upon their decks. Other vessels in the harbor also were damaged, and the loss of life was so great that only estimates of the number of dead could be obtained.

This is the greatest disaster that has ever fallen on the French navy, and in magnitude it almost without precedent in the annals of the world's fighting ships. The grief which prostrates the fleet and nation is made more intense by the memory of the recent review here, a notable display of France's naval greatness, in which the doomed ship was one of the finest figures.

The explosion, which wiped out one of France's newest and most powerful battleships, occurred at 5:53 o'clock in the morning. It was the result of an outbreak of fire. The flames spread rapidly despite all efforts to master them and reached the magazines before there was time to flood them. The magazines exploded with tremendous violence, scattering death and destruction. While the naval authorities estimate the killed at between 350 and 400, it is feared the figure will be larger. It will be necessary to go through the ship's muster rolls, a task of several days, before a full list of the victims can be prepared. Several men were extricated alive from the torn and twisted mass of wreckage which was once the *Liberte*.

Exactly from what cause or when the fire broke out has not been established, but it is believed it had smoldered for several hours. Of the vessel's full complement of 742 men Captain Jaures, brother of the Socialist leader, and the second officer in command were both ashore on leave, as well as 140 officers and men. The command of the ship devolved on the senior lieutenant, who perished. The bugler who sounded an alarm to all the men on the *Liberte* to save themselves, was blown to the deck of the *Republique* and hurt badly.

The crew rushed to quarters and fought desperately the spreading flames, but it was soon evident that the fire had obtained a firm hold.

CANADA CONSERVATIVES GAIN.

With Deferred Elections Majority in
Next House Is Forty-seven.

Ottawa.—Gaspé's deferred election furnished the biggest surprise of them all, returns showing that Hon. Rudolphe Lemieux is defeated, his opponent, Cauthier, Conservative, beating him by a majority of 558. Girard, the Liberal candidate in Chicomouti, was elected by 1,200 majority. The result of the deferred elections was exactly the opposite of what was expected.

With the Liberals and Conservatives dividing honors at the deferred elections, the Conservatives and Nationals, of whom there are twelve, will have 13 seats and the Liberals 87, resulting in a majority for the Borden government in the next House of 47.

RECALL VOTE WINS IN KANSAS.

Mayor and Commissioner Lose Their
Places in Special Election.

Wichita, Kan.—Mayor J. H. Graham and Commissioner E. M. Leach were recalled by the voters of Wichita at a special election. Commissioner R. B. Campbell, against whom the recall was also directed, was re-elected by a majority of 38 votes. Dr. W. W. Minick was the successful candidate for Mayor, polling 1,885 more than Graham, while J. H. Harts defeated Commissioner Leach by 1,300.

One of the charges on which the recall was based was the policy of the administration in contemplating the purchase of privately owned water works plant for Wichita, instead of establishing a new system.

TRUSTS TO HAVE TIME.

No Indiscriminate Attack on Corpora-
tions, Says Attorney General.

New York.—The alarming reports circulated within the last few days as to impending prosecution of the Steel Trust and other large corporations popularly classified in the trust category, were met with a emphatic statement on the part of George W. Wickersham, Attorney General, that the Department of Justice did not contemplate a campaign against the business interests of the country.

For the Hostess

Choosing Partners.

To choose partners for a card party or a cotillion have small cakes baked in what are called "patty" cake tins and ice with pink for the unmarried girls, with yellow for the men in the same state of single blessedness; with white for the married women and green for the married men. In these cakes put such tiny favors as thimbles, duplicate mottoes, hooks and eyes, keys, rings, etc. Then the man who gets a key finds the person having a ring and they are mated, the girl with a hook finds the man with an eye, etc. This is great fun and is adaptable to any game where a choice of partners is necessary.

Another pretty way to find one's mate is to provide a Japanese cap and mask of paper for each one. Divide the company until all are disguised, giving each a sheet or covering of some kind, then as two persons recognize each other they remove the masks.

A Good Musical Contest.

There seems to be no end to musical games. Perhaps our young readers do not remember this one as it was printed many years ago. On cards write the following questions:

1. Where is the earth?
2. An old man's friend?
3. What do the weary need?
4. A useful article to a cook?
5. Found plentifully in most rivers?
6. Part of a fish?
7. An important part of a letter?
8. What title is coveted by military men?
9. What do all public speakers do sometime?
10. Not served in barrooms?
11. The most popular style of music with debutantes?
12. What locks the stable when the horse is gone?
13. The one who guesses the most answers?

ANSWERS.

1. In space.
2. Staff.
3. Rest.
4. Measure.
5. Bars.
6. Scale.
7. Signature.
8. Major.
9. Repeat.
10. Minors.
11. Hymns.
12. Key.
13. Beats.

A Knickerbocker Party.

A mother who was about to put her small son into his first trousers conceived the clever idea of holding a party in his honor on the eventful day. On her card she wrote: "Come to meet our little man Jack at three on Saturday, September 10."

The first game is for the amusement of the children and is called "menagerie." A picture of an animal is pinned on the coat or dress of each as they pass in line. The leader should be a ten-year-old boy, who will be able to manage better than a

younger child. He says he wishes to catch a menagerie to go with a circus, and then the children scatter over the house and grounds, making the noise of the animal they are supposed to represent. All the animals must be caught, and if they are especially wary the hunter may employ those already caught to help get the others. When all are caged (placed in a corner designated) he forms them in line, two by two, and they march around to the owner of the circus, who removes the animals.

This is a lively game, keenly enjoyed by all children. For favors have little clowns and serve pink lemonade, ice cream in shape of animals and animal cookies; of course have the snapping motto caps which all children love.

A Novel Shower.

A girl who was to marry and go to Maine to live was the recipient of this pretty and novel shower. She was invited to luncheon at the home of her best girl friend and found a most exquisite table ornamented by a circle of small pine trees, each in a white jardiniere. Alternating with the trees were glass candlesticks holding green candles capped by white shades. Inside this circle was a huge wedding cake, on top of which were a miniature bride and bridegroom. All went merry as the proverbial marriage bell, tongues flew and the bride-to-be told of her new home. When the ices were served the honored guest was asked to cut the cake—and behold, her knife went right through into white tissue paper and she found a shower of dainty and useful articles concealed within the fake cake, which in reality was a cheese box topped with tissue paper and thin cardboard, which had been cleverlyiced over.

MADAME MERRIL.

IN VOGUE

Much pink linen in coarse weave is seen.

Uncurled feathers of every description appear on hats.

Wool embroidery is used in either long stitches or in simply crocheted flowers on velvet girdles or on summer fabrics.

Broderie anglaise or English eyelet embroidery has returned to fashion after a short rest and is a greater favorite than ever.

Simple Dresses



THE costume at the left has the bodice made of broderie Anglaise, cut Magyar, and with a wide right front that is taken over to the left and slopes to basque, which has rounded corners; tucked lawn forms the yoke and under-sleeves. The skirt has the upper part made in zephyr with a band of broderie Anglaise at the foot. A ribbon to match zephyr is taken round the waist.

Materials required: Three yards broderie 27 inches wide, three yards zephyr 28 inches wide. For the second there are any number of pretty striped cottons that might be used; in the panel front and back the stripes run perpendicularly, and the sides extending to meet panels at lower part, but are separated from them by a narrow piece in which

stripes run horizontally; buttons form trimming on lower part of sides.

The sides and sleeves of the bodice are cut together, the front and back being panels to match skirt; the horizontal stripes are carried up between panels and side.

The yoke is of tucked spotted net; lace falls over shoulder like a collar. The sleeves are trimmed with bands of horizontal stripes, the under-sleeves being of lace.

Hat of black and white crinoline, trimmed with ostrich feathers. The ribbon waist-band is passed through rings each side, both back and front.

Materials required: Six yards 40 inches wide, 32 buttons, five-eighths yard net 18 inches wide, one yard piece lace 18 inches wide.



Cement Talk No. 7

Newspapers print nearly every day the story of some fire disaster involving the complete destruction of great property values and sometimes the loss of human lives. The annual fire losses of the United States are measured by the millions; in fact, it is stated that over two hundred and fifty million dollars worth of property was wiped out by fire in the United States last year. While it is true that the precautions to prevent fire and fire fighting systems are often inadequate, the main trouble lies in flimsy, non-fireproof building construction. Experience has proved that fireproof construction is both practical and economical. In some industries fireproofing is compelled by law. Reinforced concrete has come to the front as the most important agent in building against fire. The use of cement in building is becoming more and more common, due to its fireproofness, durability and economy. When building anything from the back porch steps to an office building, concrete construction may be safely adopted. The use of Universal Portland Cement in the concrete will insure cement of the best quality possible to manufacture. Universal is handled everywhere by the best dealers.

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NATURAL HISTORY.



"Do giraffes catch cold when they wet their feet, papa?"
"Of course, my son—but not until the next month!"—Heitere Welt.

Buying Legislators in Joblots.
One day, writes Sloane Gordon in Success Magazine, a former member of the Ohio house displayed, inadvertently, a large roll of bills in the Nell house lobby. A fellow member gazed in awe at the show of wealth.

"I just sold a drove of hogs," explained the former member rather hastily and confusedly.

The observing one was thoughtful. He did not reply for the half-minute usually essential to the full-measured beat of his mental processes. And then—

"Yaas," he drawled, "and I'll bet I'm one o' them haws."

Roman Gossip.
Munny (the village banker)—What do you suppose the young fellows in ancient Rome did to pass the time?

Phunny (the village philosopher)—Oh, I don't know. I suppose they used to hang around and talk about what a punk town Rome was.—Puck.

Few of us can do more than one thing well. Many a man who has no difficulty in making money is a dismal failure as a spender.

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