

THE BOY AND THE GUN.

Each season brings its own sport of pastimes, game or fad for the boys. The autumn and winter are the seasons when many boys hunt or shoot a great deal, says the Omaha Bee. This should be the time, then, for the reiteration of that old warning about the "I didn't know it was loaded" accident. Boys should be careful with their shooting irons, and never fail to know whether they are loaded or not. Two boys were out shooting a few days ago and one, thinking his gun was empty, aimed it at the other and pulled the trigger. The other dropped dead. "I didn't know it was loaded," wailed the one who killed him, echoing the wall of scores of others who had at some time been as criminally negligent as himself. No boy or man has a right to aim a firearm at another person, and when he does it, whether harm comes of it or not, he should be made to feel that he has done something he should not. Parents can well afford to deny guns and pistols to their boys until they have reached such ages as will make them capable of realizing their dangers. If they must have guns, they should be cautioned against careless use of them. It sometimes seems trite to speak of warning boys against such things, but if they were warned often enough such distressing accidents would be fewer.

Pittsburg is growing at a fairly rapid rate, but wants to increase still more swiftly. That smoky town has an ambition to reach the 1,000,000 mark in population, and is bending every effort in that direction. For one thing, Pittsburg is pushing the project for a ship canal from that city to Lake Erie, by which it is hoped to increase still further the already great industrial activity of that district. Other schemes include a big rapid-transit system, with subway attachments, bringing various points into easier reach; educational and other expansion, and numerous improvements designed to increase the attractiveness and convenience of the city and its environs. And Pittsburg seems to have sufficient public spirit to carry out the great work suggested.

The census figures continue to give interesting results. Mention has been made of the fact that there are now in the United States 50 cities with a population of 100,000 or more, a notable gain in ten years, as there were but 28 such cities in 1900. Now the census bureau, having compiled the returns, announces that there are in this country 19 cities with a population reaching or exceeding 250,000. In 1900 there were 15 towns included in that class. From this it appears that, while there has been marked gain in many cities, large and small, the proportion has been greatest among municipalities of moderate size.

Also they do some things better in Germany. A reckless chauffeur who killed an American woman when he ran into a crowd of theatergoers has been sent to the penitentiary for 15 months.

It is said that one of the prominent female colleges is going to insist on proficiency in spelling and writing in the students. This looks as if the higher education were meditating a return to the simple life.

Some New York undertakers are said to be in league with preachers and sextons. It might be worse, as there is no evidence offered that undertakers are in league with doctors.

It is reported that there has been a revival of poetry in England. If the poets can manage to get through this winter there may be a chance for some of them, after all.

A New York boy is to have a legacy of \$15,000 provided he does not enter the ministry. Isn't that an awful prospect for the average small boy to contemplate?

The Massachusetts man who saws wood daily at the age of 100 finds that he doesn't need any gymnasium exercise.

That Chicago philosopher who advocates the eating of four meals a day provides a long-awaited antidote to Brother Fletcher.

A man in Maryland wants a divorce because he is afraid of his wife. Apparently he considers his condition unique.

A Frenchman, having taken the world's altitude record away from America, that nation is entitled to the honor of being the flied.

Poverty does nearly everything to a man except to take away his appetite.

A boy running to work in Philadelphia dropped dead. Infrequent cases of precipitancy in that town are usually fatal.

A French army aviator flew 100 miles in 70 minutes. There can be no question of the possible value of such speed and range to an army scout.

Many a brave man never gets a chance to prove it, but is just as well satisfied.

HURRIES TROOPS TO MEXICAN LINE

Will Prevent Insurrectos From Crossing Border.

TO ENFORCE STRICT NEUTRALITY.

President Diaz May Ask the United States for Permission to Send Mexican Federal Troops Over American Territory—1,500 U. S. Cavalrymen Will Now Patrol the Border of Texas and California—Juarez Is Deserted by Nearly All Its Citizens.

Washington, D. C.—The acute revolutionary situation along the northern border of Mexico Friday moved the American government to rush twelve additional troops of cavalry to the frontier to preserve the neutrality of the United States. The American military forces will prevent not only the movement of revolutionary bands from this country into Mexico, but also will prohibit defeated rebels with arms from seeking refuge on the territory of the United States.

This action was based upon strong representations from the Mexican government to the effect that armed bands of revolutionaries have been entering Mexico at isolated places along the southern boundary of the United States. Furthermore, it was declared, the revolutionists have crossed the Rio Grande from Mexico, entering the United States for the purpose of making their way undisturbed through American territory and then re-entering Mexico for the purpose of operating against a strategic point. In reply to the protests of Mexico, the United States government has assured that country that every measure will be adopted with a view to preventing any violation of a neutral attitude on the part of America.

To Patrol Border.

Orders for the dispatch of the reinforcements to the border line were issued by the War Department Friday. Of the twelve companies of cavalry, consisting of about 750 men, four will be sent from the Presidio, Cal., six from Fort Meade, S. D., and two from Fort Wingate, N. M. This will make the total military representation of the United States along the frontier 22 troops of cavalry, or about 1,500 men.

It is understood that the Mexican government is contemplating asking the United States for permission to bring Mexican troops from Sonora, Mex., over American territory into Ciudad Juarez. The request has not yet taken definite form, but if it is made it is believed that the theory will be advanced by Mexico that the neutrality of the United States will not be violated by favorable action on the proposition in view of the fact that the belligerency of the revolution has not been recognized by this government.

MEDALS FOR HEROIC DOGS.

To Reward Canines That Save Lives or Rout Burglars.

New York.—Canine heroism will no longer pass unrewarded. The small animals committee of the New York Woman's League for Animals, of which Mrs. James Speyer is president, announced that dogs who save human lives, drive off burglars, catch thieves or perform other acts of heroism will hereafter receive official recognition of their bravery through the league, and their owners will be presented with medals.

COURT IN UPROAR.

Charles Smith Discovers a New Crime in Maryland.

New York.—Charles Smith was up before Judge Fawcett to plead to an indictment for a minor offense. "Smith," the judge addressed him, "were you ever convicted of any crime before?"

Coffee Trust Alleged.

Washington, D. C.—The existence of an alleged coffee trust has been called to the attention of the Department of Justice. It is charged that the marketing of Brazilian coffee is entirely in the hands of a committee which controls the market and is now planning an advance of four cents a pound. The statement made to the department declares that the committee is preparing to market 75,000,000 pounds of beans at an additional profit of \$3,000,000.

To Have American Advisers.

Teheran, Persia.—Parliament voted to engage five American financial advisers.

Popular Vote on Suffrage.

Sacramento, Cal.—The Constitutional amendment providing for the submission of the question of woman suffrage to a popular vote was passed by the Assembly, 65 to 6. The amendment already has passed the Senate.

Tablet Voted for Greeley.

Concord, N. H.—By vote of the Legislature, the birthplace of Horace Greeley, in Amherst, will be marked by a tablet.

Produce Men for Reciprocity.

New York.—The Board of Managers of the New York Produce Exchange endorsed the reciprocal agreement with Canada as proposed by President Taft and recommended its ratification by Congress.

Flies With Seven Passengers.

Pau, France.—M. Lemartin, the French aviator, broke the world's passenger carrying record, piloting a monoplane he carried up 7 passengers for a 5-minute flight.

DEAD NUMBER SIX HUNDRED

Victims of the Eruption and Tidal Wave.

THREE INVESTIGATIONS ARE ON.

Manila.—Revised estimates places the number of those killed by the eruptions of Mount Taal, and drowned in the tidal waves, at 600. These include many in the two hamlets which are being excavated on the north shore of Taal Island. Sixty-two bodies were buried in a trench Thursday.

Washington.—To meet conditions of suffering in the Philippines incident to the eruption of the Mount Taal volcano, the American National Red Cross Society in Washington has cabled \$1,000 to Governor General Forbes of the Islands. Governor Forbes is president of the Philippine branch of the Red Cross which already has taken active measures for relief.

The Governor reports, however, that unless adequate means are adopted there will be much suffering, as mud and lava have destroyed the crops of thousands of families.

Col. William C. Rives, of the army and assistant chief of the Philippine constabulary, has been placed in charge of all relief work. He has divided the affected territory into districts. Additional detachments of the constabulary are being rushed to the scene to aid in the work.

CANCELS LONG TRIP SOUTH.

President Clears Decks For Extra Session if Necessary.

Washington.—President Taft's announcement that the Southern tour which he had planned to take the early part of next month would be canceled, with the exception of the visit to Atlanta on March 19, has started political tongues wagging with rumors to the effect that his purpose was to prepare for a possible extra session of Congress in case the reciprocity agreement between the United States and Canada.

Pressure of business and the fact that numerous invitations to visit many places in the South were making the tour assume too large proportions are the reasons assigned at the White House for the cancellation of the trip. It is believed in many quarters, however, that Mr. Taft is clearing the decks of all but absolutely necessary engagements so that, in case he should find it impossible to get his reciprocity measure through this session, he can be prepared for an extra session.

FIRE SHOT FROM MUFF.

Wife, Objecting to Divorce, Wounds Husband and Herself.

South Bend, Ind. (Special).—Driven half mad by the thought of being divorced by her husband, Mrs. Alice E. Baker, wife of William M. Baker, a wealthy building contractor, attempted to kill him in a crowded downtown street. She then turned the smoking revolver on herself and tried to commit suicide. Baker will live, but the woman, who is in the hospital with bullet wounds in her head and body, will die.

Robbers Loot Bank.

Galesburg, Ill. (Special).—After exploding six charges of nitroglycerin and awakening the entire town, a band of bank robbers escaped in an automobile with \$2,400 from the Bank of Swan Creek, near here. The robbers cut all wires so that no communication could be had. A posse is in pursuit.

Lynch is Found Guilty.

Newark, O.—William McKinley, a shopkeeper, was found guilty of manslaughter by a jury which heard evidence against him in connection with the lynching here last July of Carl Thornington, a detective for the "dry" element of the community. McKinley is the second of the mob leaders to be convicted.

Clark for President.

Montgomery, Mo. (Special).—Claude H. Ball, who was recently Champ Clark's opponent for Congress, has just returned from a tour through 10 states and declared there is an uprising in 1/2 West for Champ Clark for President.

"Penny" Orders 1000 Cars.

Altoona, Pa.—The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has given the local car shops an order for 1000 open gondola cars. The order will keep the car shopmen busy for several months.

Thirty Killed in Wreck.

Barcelona, Spain.—The derailing of the passenger train at Valencia was caused by a washout of the roadbed. Thirty persons were killed.

Banker Ends Life.

Aurora, Ill.—Robert M. Newton, 45 years old, banker and prominent horseman, committed suicide at Ottawa, Ill., by leaping into the Illinois River from a bridge. Loss of \$75,000 in the failure of a bank at Billings, Mont., recently, and despondency over the fact that some of his relatives whom he had induced to put money in the bank, lost all they had, are believed to have been the causes of his suicide.

Stabbed by School Principal.

Gallie, Miss.—Hugh McNair, 18 years old, who was stabbed several days ago by Prof. Cleve Edwards, principal of the public school here, died Thursday. Edwards surrendered to the authorities. The trouble grew out of an alleged attack by McNair and two companions on Edwards upon his return from a visit to a young woman, for whose affections all four participants were rivals.

FROZEN DYNAMITE SAVED NEW YORK

Army Ordnance Bureau Experts Render An Opinion.

THREE INVESTIGATIONS ARE ON.

Metropolis Saved From Far Worse Disaster Because Twenty Tons of Dynamite Were Frozen and Was Free From Danger of Concussion—Dead and Missing Number Thirty-three—The Destroyed Lighter Not Licensed to Carry Explosives.

Seventy thousand pounds of dynamite exploded from some unknown cause on a Jersey City pier.

Two tugs alongside, much of the pier and about 30 men working near by were blown to atoms.

The blast jarred Manhattan Island and the Jersey shore as far as Long Branch, 45 miles distant.

Estimates of the dead reach 50 or more, and the wounded number hundreds, many of them fatally hurt.

Skyscrapers in New York rocked, ferriesboats were almost blown over, thousands of windows smashed, and panic seized the crowds in many places.

Many believed an earthquake had occurred.

The property damaged is estimated at millions.

New York.—Agents of the Du Pont de Nemours Powder Company, the prosecutor of Hudson county, N. J., and inspectors of the Bureau of Explosives of the Ordnance Bureau of the War Department started separate investigations in the frightful explosion of dynamite at the Communipaw piers of the Central Railroad of New Jersey.

No arrests have been made, no cause for the explosion had been fixed, and no additional bodies were found. The list of dead and missing still stands at about 33 and the property damage ranges close to \$1,000,000.

The interesting opinion was expressed by the Army Ordnance Bureau experts after their examination of the scene of the disaster that the city had been saved from a far worse disaster through the fact that from 12 to 20 tons of dynamite on the spot was frozen and, therefore, largely free from the danger of explosion by concussion.

They further declared their opinion that no dynamite exploded except that already stored on the Katherine W. It was their belief that a boiler explosion on the vessel set off some dynamite that had been stored near the boiler room and partially thawed out.

Will Never Know Cause.

"We have gone far enough now," said Vice-President W. C. Beeler, of the Jersey Central. "To be certain we nor the authorities will ever know just what caused the explosion. We do know that the railroad cannot be held responsible. As common carriers the law requires us to accept explosives at the published rates, and under the supervision and regulations of the Ordnance Bureau of the War Department, with which we complied. Once we had delivered a car at the terminal and the consignee had come with his waybill to take possession and had broken the seal of the car, as had been done in this case, it was out of our control and our responsibility had ceased."

Was Not Licensed.

James Healing, owner of the destroyed lighter, Katherine W., admitted without hesitancy that he had no license to carry explosives and added that all the city authorities knew it, too. When he first went into the business of transporting explosives four years ago, he said, he had inquired about a license and never could find that one was required. "Four of my men," he said, "qualified handlers of explosives—had to take out licenses, and they did, from the United States Bureau of Combustibles. I never knew, and nobody else handling explosives in this harbor ever knew, that any other license was required."

A resolution providing for an investigation of the explosion was introduced at a meeting of the New York Chamber of Commerce by Jacob H. Schiff. The resolution calls upon the committee on harbor and shipping to submit to the chamber suggestions for regulations to prevent a repetition of the explosion.

Bronze Bust of Rockefeller.

Chicago.—A life-size bronze bust of John D. Rockefeller has been placed on the mantle over the fireplace in the south wall of Hutchinson Hall, at the University of Chicago. The design is the work of William Couper, of New York.

Chicago's Budget.

Chicago.—Chicago's budget for 1911, as prepared by the Council Committee on Finance, amounts to \$49,440,000. Of this amount, \$13,500,000 will go to the Board of Education.

Carrie Nation Is Recovering.

Leavenworth, Kan. (Special).—The condition of Carrie Nation, who is in a sanitarium for a nervous breakdown, is much improved. The attending physician says that his patient would be able to leave the sanitarium in less than a month.

Mauled by a Lion.

London (Special).—George Gray, brother of the British foreign minister, was severely mauled by a lion Sunday near the Athi River, East Africa. He was stalking lion with Sir Alfred Pease and others, when one of the beasts chased and seized him and worried him as a cat does a mouse. He was rescued with the greatest difficulty and is recovering from his injuries. The accident is ascribed to Mr. Gray's rashness.

Woman Shoots Ex-Legislator.

Roanoke, Va.—(Special).—Because they insisted on turning a pair of oxen into a field rented by her husband, Mrs. Van Edwards, at Independence, Grayson county, fired at J. G. Davis and Cleve Troy with a double-barrel shotgun. Fifteen shot took effect in Davis' arm. Mrs. Edwards was arrested, but later released on bail. Davis is an ex-member of the House of Delegates and member of the State Democratic Executive Committee.

Carnegie Enriches Birthplace.

London (Special).—A gift of \$1,250,000 from Andrew Carnegie to the town of Dumfermline, in Scotland, was announced Tuesday. Dumfermline is Carnegie's birthplace.

JOHN MITCHELL FORCED OUT

He Calls Union's Action a Cruel Injustice.

SHOT HIMSELF IN TRAIN WRECK

Passenger Pinned in Flames Commits Suicide.

FIVE KILLED IN COLLISION.

Five Men Killed and a Number Injured in a Head-on Collision on a Branch of the Grand Trunk Railroad Near Paris, Ontario—Fire Adds to the Sufferers' Agony—Orders Were Disobeyed.

Paris, Ont.—Five lives were lost, one man is missing and was probably burned to ashes and four others were injured in a head-on collision late Saturday night on the Buffalo-Goderich branch of the Grand Trunk when train No. 26, running from Buffalo to Goderich, met a light engine running east three miles northwest of Paris. The victims were all members of the crew of the passenger train. The wreckage caught fire and was consumed.

The second car of the train was a combination baggage and smoking car. It was badly shattered and immediately after the crash it caught fire from overturned kerosene lamps. John Whitelaw, the express messenger, was pinned under the wreckage. He was badly injured, but still conscious. The train crew heard his calls for help and aided by passengers they worked hard to effect his rescue. The flames drove them back "if you can't help me soon, I'll end it all," he was heard to say.

It was impossible to check the flames, which were rapidly nearing Whitelaw. There was the sound of a revolver shot, after which the injured man's voice was heard no more. He undoubtedly ended his agony with the revolver which he always carried in his belt.

Mistaken or forgotten orders are given as the cause of the accident.

BOER GENERAL DEAD.

Piet Cronje Who Bravely Fought English Army.

Klerksdorp, Transvaal.—Gen. Piet A. Cronje, the noted Boer general, died Saturday.

General Cronje commanded the Western army of the South African republics in the recent war. After numerous reverses the British Government sent out Field Marshal Lord Roberts and General Lord Kitchener, with thousands of fresh troops to put down the Boers. All their arrangements were completed by the early part of February, 1900. General Cronje and his Boer forces were too greatly outnumbered to withstand the avalanche which fell upon them.

Cronje was instrumental in frustrating the Jameson raid at Krugersdorp in 1895-96. He was a member of the Executive Council of the Transvaal republic and chief native commissioner. He was born about 1835.

WILL ARRANGE ARMISTICE.

United States as Mediator in Honduras.

Washington, D. C.—After an interview with General Bonilla at Ceiba, Honduras, Commander Davis, of the gunboat Tacoma, telegraphed to the Navy Department that he had been given to understand the revolutionary commander would agree to an armistice within a few days. With the acceptance of mediation the United States will formally undertake the task of attempting to bring the factions together. It is assumed that this government will suggest a neutral spot, possibly an American warship, on which representatives of President Davilla and General Bonilla can meet and endeavor to arrange a truce with ultimate peace in view. General Christmas and his forces have occupied Puerto Cortez.

GORILLA VS. BULLDOG.

A Fierce But Short Combat Watched by Town's Population.

New Iberia, La.—A battle to the death between a gorilla and an English bulldog, in which the gorilla was victorious, was fought here Saturday with almost the entire male population of New Iberia as spectators. Much money was wagered.

The dog and gorilla were placed in the pen at midnight; at 12:02:30 A. M. the dog was dead.

The dog leaped at the gorilla immediately after being placed in the pen. The gorilla caught the dog just as a man does a baseball, then hit quickly through the dog's skull into the brain, broke its back and tore it to pieces.

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Refuse to Move Capital.

Carson, Nev.—By a tie vote, 13 to 20, the lower house of the Nevada legislature defeated a resolution to remove the capital from Carson to Winnemucca.

EXONERATE OIL CO.

PUBLISHER OF HAMPTON'S MAGAZINE RETRACTS ACCUSATION AGAINST STANDARD.

ARTICLE CAUSED LIBEL SUIT

Hampton's and Moffett Declare Upon Investigation Oil Company Is Not Connected With Sale of Impure Candles.

New York.—In the matter of the libel suits brought by the Standard Oil company for \$250,000 damages against Hampton's Magazine and for \$100,000 damages against Cleveland Moffett, the former the publisher, and the latter the writer, of an article in the February issue of that magazine which defamed the company in connection with the sale of glucose and candy in Philadelphia, the following retractions have been signed in the office of Shearman & Sterling, the Standard Oil company's lawyers in the case, and have been issued from the company's offices at No. 26 Broadway:

"Hampton's Magazine, 66 West Thirty-fifth St., New York, Jan. 31, 1911.

"Standard Oil Company, 26 Broadway, New York.

"Dear Sirs: In the February issue of Hampton's Magazine there was published an article written by me, entitled, 'Cassidy and the Food Poisoners.' In that article I referred to the investigation of Mr. Cassidy, with respect to the manufacture and sale of impure candles in Philadelphia, and made the statement that your company manufactured and sold impure material which went into these candles and that, when the various dealers were arrested and fined, at the instance of Mr. Cassidy, your company paid the fines.

"Upon investigation, I have ascertained that your company was in no way concerned with the transactions referred to and I hasten to retract in the fullest manner all charges made against your company and to express my sincere regret that I should have fallen into this serious error. Yours truly, Cleveland Moffett."

"Jan. 31, 1911.

"Standard Oil Company, New York City.

"Dear Sirs: Referring to foregoing letter of Mr. Cleveland Moffett to you, we beg to state that we are convinced that Mr. Moffett was in error in his statements with reference to your company. We greatly regret that these errors should have been made. It is the desire of Hampton's Magazine to be accurate and fair in all things. In our March number we will publish this letter and the foregoing letter of Mr. Moffett. Yours truly, Benj. B. Hampton, President, Broadway Magazine, Inc."

MUST TELL GRAFT STORY

Danville Judge Orders Prosecutor to Answer All Questions Put by Jury in Bribe Quiz.

Danville, Ill.—Judge Kimbrough in the circuit court handed down a decision in the case of City Attorney Jones, who declined to answer certain questions regarding vote selling and buying which the grand jury put to him.

The court instructed Jones to answer all questions. The opinion stated that, according to a decision of the Supreme court of the United States, a witness before the grand jury is immune from indictment. The court also held that the city election law is unconstitutional, which means that Jones cannot be questioned about happenings more than eighteen months ago.

This means that the investigation will continue until all the witnesses now summoned are examined. It is said that many indictments have been voted, but whether they are for vote selling is not known.

VOLCANO'S TOLL IS 700

Five Thousand Families in Philippines Have Been Wholly Ruined by Disaster.

Washington.—The eruption of Taal volcano and the accompanying disturbances in the Philippines killed 700 people in the town of Talibay, according to the report of the governor of Batangas province, which was cabled to the war department by Governor General Forbes of the Philippine Islands.

The earthquake shocks continue, the governor general added. Five thousand families have been ruined by the disaster.

The Philippine authorities are fast to face with the absolute necessity of adopting relief measures in order to avoid suffering, as the falling mud and lava destroyed the crops within a considerable radius of the volcano.

DECIES HONEYMOON IN EGYPT

Vivien Gould, After Wedding to English Lord, Will Take Trip to Africa.

New York.—It is announced that Lord and Lady Decies, the latter now Miss Vivien Gould, who are to be married February 7, will spend their honeymoon in Egypt. They will leave America February 18 by the Cunard liner Carmania. In Egypt they will spend a few days in Cairo and then visit notable points in upper Egypt.

Says Hornet Was Unarmed.

New Orleans.—That the gunboat Hornet, seized recently by the United States from Honduras revolutionists, has never been mounted with guns, is the statement made here by Otto Ahlhorn, former chief engineer of the Hornet.

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