

Professor F. E. Clements, the state botanist of Minnesota, has attracted attention by his estimate in a recent bulletin that the annual waste of mushrooms in the United States equals in value the entire agricultural product of the country...

Basing calculations on the estimate that the number of American tourists in Europe in a season is 300,000 and that the average individual expenditure by these tourists is \$750...

An appeal for American-made rubber tires is made by the United States consuls in Germany, who say that a rich market is being overlooked by the people at home.

An anguished New Jersey farmer dressed up his scarecrows in hobbie skirts and basket hats, and declares that the crows are too panicky to come near his fields.

A Chicago teamster has been sentenced to one year in the penitentiary for stabbing a horse to death because the animal would not stand quietly beside a hitching post.

Since the means of identification by finger and thumb marks, New Jersey burglars are wearing gloves. It is a pity more commendable ambitions are not equally quick to take up-to-date advantage of all the resources of the age.

A Connecticut woman has been cured by a surgical operation of her mania for playing the piano. Demands for similar operations will probably now come pouring in from all parts of the United States.

Blue paint, we are told, will drive away flies. If red paint would do the same a good many of our citizens would be willing to give up their sleep and make the town immune.

Fifteen Philadelphia bakers have been arrested for dyeing their pies. Yet anyone who has tried to eat a Philadelphia pie will realize the necessity for disguising them.

It is never too late to learn. The papers tell us that a New Yorker, ninety-five years old, has just learned to smoke.

The man who cut off his nose to spite his face is outclassed by the Brooklynite who killed himself to cure a toothache.

All dogs that walk abroad in the hot months should be adorned with a moustache.

FATALLY HURT AS AIRSHIP FALLS

Audience in a Panic, but Aviator Keeps His Nerve.

STRUGGLE FOR FIVE MINUTES

Birdman Tossed About by Treacherous Currents in Air and Loss of Control of His Red Devil.

Erie, Pa.—Bud Mars, the plucky aviator, was perhaps fatally hurt at 3:30 o'clock Friday afternoon when his famous "Red Devil" biplane fell 100 feet outside the aviation field in upper Peach street...

When the crowds saw that Mars was losing control of his biplane when he struck the air, all jumped to their feet and ran across the field and shouted words of encouragement to the daring little birdman.

Despite the desperate battle he was having 100 feet above, Mars recognized that the crowd below was panic-stricken. He waved his hand as if beckoning to the people to keep cool.

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Dr. Broughton issued a statement from the hospital to the effect that the aviator's chest was badly injured, that he had sustained concussion of the brain and suffered internal injuries.

Judge and Constable Killed. Burnside, Ky.—Constable W. A. Heath and Justice A. J. Beatty were shot to death in the courthouse here.

Hid Men in Stable. New York.—Hiding for nearly a month in a hay loft, her only food being horse fodder, Vera Trevor, a heat-crazed Austrian girl, was discovered by the police nearly dead from starvation.

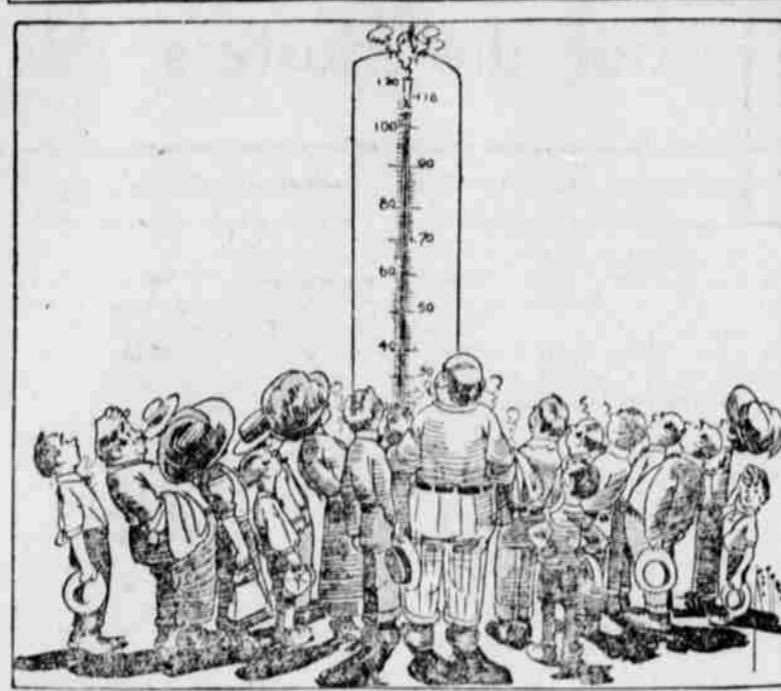
Four Boys Lost on Lake Huron. Black River, Mich.—During the high wind Tuesday four little boys were carried out into Lake Huron in an old boat and were lost.

Sticks Pin into Dynamite Cap. Lynchburg, Va.—A young son of Mrs. Virginia Brooks, who lives in South Lynchburg, finding a dynamite cartridge, ran to his mother, asking what it was.

Hansen Post Gives \$100,000. Indianapolis, Ind.—James Whitcomb Riley, the Hoosier poet, it was announced recently gave real estate valued at \$100,000 to the Board of Commissioners as a site for a public library and administration building for the public schools of this city.

Killed Playing Indians. New York.—Playing Indian caused the death of Arthur Zwart, aged seven years. His brother Alfred, aged nine, was the cowboy, chasing the Indian with father's revolver.

"GOING UP"



"DRY" NATION JULY 4, 1920

Christian Endeavorers Entire Membership in Fight Against Saloon.

By Champ Clark. The Christian Endeavorers are doing a good work, as an institution halfway between the Sunday School and the Church.

By D. J. Floyd Tomkins. The convention has been a blessing to all who attended. First, by bringing them nearer together as Christians.

Washington.—Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, the famous chief of the Bureau of Chemistry, who has been battling against tremendous odds for the fearless and impartial enforcement of the Pure Food law, is again under fire.

Atlantic City.—"A Saloonless Nation" by the Fourth of July, 1920, the 300th year from the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth, is to be the slogan of the Christian Endeavorers of the world, and of all sects and all organizations interested in the United States.

This resolution, sweeping and stringent as it is, however, is only one of a number of unanimously adopted resolutions, which express the whole spirit and trend of Christian Endeavor.

The comprehensive liquor resolution declares that Christian Endeavor is an uncompromising foe of saloon endeavor and insists upon the abolition of the liquor traffic, in every one of its phases, local, State, National and international.

As a grand climax to the nine years country-wide liquor campaign, it is proposed to work for the amendment of the Constitution of the United States, to the end, that results of the campaign may be made irrevocable.

CASTRO THE MYSTERIOUS

Venezuelan Plotter Seems to Have Again Disappeared.

Washington.—The Castro mystery has deepened. Apparently the earth has opened and again swallowed up the world's most "undesirable citizen."

Taft to Open in Bay State. Boston, Mass.—President Taft will deliver his first political speech in Massachusetts when he becomes the guest of the Essex County Club at its outing to be held on August 25 at the home of Congressman A. P. Gardner at Hamilton.

Will Colonize Drunkards. New York.—From now on a card index will be kept of the records of all male persons arrested in New York for intoxication, an investigation made of what persons are dependent for support upon the offenders, and a hospital and industrial colony will be established for the care and treatment of such cases as are deemed "habitual drunkards."

Fire Wipes Out Maine Town. Biddeford, Maine.—Fire practically wiped out the village of South Waterboro. The hotel, railroad station, all of the stores in the village and more than two-score dwellings are in ruins.

Opposition to Gomez Spreading. Washington.—Dispatches received by the State Department from Havana say that the opposition to President Gomez's administration is growing, and there is much discontent with the alleged graft revelations.

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MANY DEAD IN FOREST FIRES

Entrapped Miners, Cut Off From Escape—Big Property Loss.

Toronto.—The loss of life in Porcupine district from Thursday's fires is known to be several hundred, and the property loss will reach several millions of dollars.

Only three of the 84 employees of the West Dome Mine have been accounted for and 200 miners, muckers, etc., in the Dome mine have been suffocated. The mines burned include the Dome, North Dome, Preston, East Dome, Vipond, Foley O'Brien, Philadelphia, United Porcupine, Eldorado, Porcupine, Standard Imperial, West Dome and Success.

The Philadelphia Mine's loss is about \$50,000, United Porcupine loss \$20,000; Eldorado Porcupine all buildings destroyed; Standard, about \$40,000; Imperial, about \$35,000; Success, probably destroyed; West Mines about \$75,000.

Two Towns Destroyed. In four short hours, commencing at 12:30 noon, the fire swept from the Standard Mines through the shores of Porcupine Lake, where it ate up the towns of South Porcupine, Pottsville and part of Golden City, as well as many small buildings along the lake front.

While some loss of life occurred in the vicinity of Porcupine Lake, the greatest havoc was wrought around the main mines, notably West Dome and Big Dome. There the entrapped miners, cut off from escape, were forced to take to the shafts for safety and, penned in by flames, perished.

The streets of South Porcupine were strewn with dead persons, horses, dogs and cattle. Along the mine roads are the charred bodies of those overcome trying to escape.

WILEY CONFIDENT FACING CHARGES

Wickersham Recommends Pure Food Man's Resignation.

Taft Gives Defense Chance

Will Not Act Until He Has Heard the Other Side—Like Balinger—Pinchot Controversy.

Washington.—Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, the famous chief of the Bureau of Chemistry, who has been battling against tremendous odds for the fearless and impartial enforcement of the Pure Food law, is again under fire.

His resignation has been recommended to the President on the basis of a report formulated by inveterate enemies within the Department of Agriculture, who charge him with evasion of the law and irregularity.

Attorney-General Wickersham has endorsed the recommendation for the resignation of Dr. Wiley, the dismissal of Dr. Rusby, and the reduction of Dr. Lyman F. Kebler, chief of the Division of Drugs.

In advising President Taft to oust Dr. Wiley, Mr. Wickersham holds that "condign punishment" should be meted out to Dr. Wiley for the salary arrangement under which Dr. Rusby was employed.

It is charged against Dr. Wiley that he permitted an arrangement to be made with Dr. H. H. Rusby, a recognized pharmacognosist of Columbia University, New York, for compensation in excess of that allowed by law.

The record in the case was before President Taft for action, but he recognized the incompleteness of the case and the papers are now all before Dr. Wiley, who is preparing his defense against the charges which were filed against him by an assistant who was running the Bureau of Chemistry during the famous chemist's absence.

These charges and insinuations of irregularity and evasion of the law were never submitted to Dr. Wiley. He was merely called before the Committee on Personnel in the Department of Agriculture, asked about the fixing of the salary of Dr. Rusby without any intimation that "a case" was being made against him, and on this record furnished Attorney-General Wickersham with the excuse to recommend the official decapitation of Dr. Wiley.

"Worse than the inquisition or anything in the third degree," is how the friends of Dr. Wiley, familiar with every stage of the fight against him, within and outside the department, characterize this attempt to "get his scalp."

Last \$1,000,000 Speculating. Chicago.—By speculating on tips Jacob Henry Leshner has lost \$1,000,000 in the last four years. He has also lost his wife and must pay her alimony.

Germany Protests. Havana.—Germany, through her minister here, has officially protested to the Cuban State Department against "the growing insecurity of the government and its failure to protect foreign lives and property."

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TWENTY-ONE DEAD IN MINE FLASH

Little Damage by Explosion; Deadly After-Damp Kills.

ALL IN MINE ARE KILLED.

Eleven Victims in One Heading Found With Dinner Pails—All Foreigners Except Three.

Dubois, Pa.—Twenty-one miners were killed in an explosion in the shaft of the Cascade Coal and Coke Company's mine at Sykesville, nine miles from here Saturday night.

The explosion occurred at 9:30, but it was after midnight before the extent of the disaster was known. All of the dead but three were foreigners.

The explosion was slight, as evidenced by the small damage done in the mine, but the deadly after damp is responsible for most of the deaths. Three sets of brothers and a father and son are numbered among the dead.

The first intimation of the explosion at the surface was when the safety door on the fan blew open and the machinery began to run. It is surmised there was trouble below, but it was almost midnight when rescuers could enter the mine.

All but four of the bodies were brought to the foot of the shaft early Sunday, but were kept there until all were recovered. Four bodies were buried beneath a cave-in in a heading.

The State police from Punxsunawey were called to police the vicinity of the shaft, and when the bodies were brought out there was little distress or excitement.

Neither mine officials nor mine inspectors are able to assign a cause for the explosion, as there are no survivors from which to gain an explanation, but it is the general belief that some of the men drilled into a pocket of gas.

The shaft is known as a nongaseous one, and Fire Boss John Brown reports he was through the heading where the explosion occurred but an hour before and found no trace of gas.

Six men working in another heading of the mine at the time of the accident knew nothing of the explosion until the compressed air stopped their drills, and one man was knocked from his rock drill. They realized something had happened, but did not know the nature of it until they met a party of rescuers coming for them.

THE HORSE STILL POPULAR

Improvement of Pure Blood Animals Not Hurt by Autos.

Washington.—The popularity of the automobile has by no means put a stop to improvement of the American horse. Animals of pure blood constantly are being brought from foreign countries for breeding purposes.

Fell 150 Feet. Tarrytown, N. Y.—Joseph Kinward, an employe of the Maxwell Brake Motor Company had a miraculous escape from death. He was on a swing painting the water tower when the rope gave way.

Boyertown.—This town will have another industry, a glove factory, which will start with thirty employes in the former canning factory building.

Harrisburg.—Matthew Lindsay, one of the wealthiest farmers of Cumberland County, was killed by a wagon which backed out of a barn and rolled over him.

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West Chester.—Several weeks ago while Carroll Taylor, aged 11 years, of Toughkenamon, and Barton Deltz, aged 6 years, with other youngsters, were playing "Wild West," Taylor, who was armed with a revolver, shot the Deltz lad in the back, the bullet entering his spine.

Stouchburg.—The late Miss Sabina Yeagley had no faith in banks and used every nook and corner as a hiding place for hundreds of dollars in her home. This was revealed to her neighbors when she fell downstairs, causing her death.

Berwick.—Awakened to see a masked burglar standing over her a revolver pointed at her head, and hearing him exclaim "If you cry, I'll kill you!" Miss Sarah McAfee, residing with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Crisman, of Berwick, fainted, while the burglar fled.

Shenandoah.—Two men were killed and another man so badly hurt that he may die from his injuries at the mines. Joseph Godbar, 33 years old, was crushed to death under mine timber he was unloading from a railroad car at Gilberton Colliery.

Mahanoy City.—Two huge boilers of a nest of six blew up at McTurk's washery, just outside of Girardville, fatally injuring two workmen and reducing the boiler house and several smaller adjoining buildings to splinter.

Pottsville.—The charters of eight new electric light and power companies, with a total capital of \$80,000, were recorded here, and the companies will go into business at once.

Gettysburg.—A macadam highway from Gettysburg, to Washington, built by Pennsylvania, Maryland and the District of Columbia, is planned by State Highway Commissioner Bigelow.

Joanna.—Lightning played some queer pranks at the large barn of Christian W. Stoltz, tearing three large holes into the roof, shattering six rafters, then tore a board from the side of the barn, carrying the same across the street through a second-story window of a house, depositing the splinters on a bed in the room.

Carlisle.—Action to recover \$10,000 damages for the loss of his son was brought by Henry M. Nisgel against Charles W. Strayer, a well known contractor, who on June 19 struck and killed Nisgel's son, Earl, who crossed the road in front of Strayer's automobile.

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