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New York is protesting against a new danger in the reckless driving of automobiles by boys and girls through the streets, and legal means are to be sought to prevent the lives of citizens being put in danger by children.

Now it is discovered that the famous pirate, Captain Kidd, who, according to the old song, "much wickedness he did as he sailed," was really no pirate at all, but an honest and good-tempered old sailor.

Another rich American girl is to marry an English nobleman. The next generation of the British peerage will be as much American as English, if these international marriages keep on, and with such an infusion of Americanism, even the famous British conservatism and love of tradition may give way to a startling extent.

A dreadnaught is a formidable object, but it affords a shining mark for a little aeroplane flitting hither and yon among the clouds. In a few years, perhaps, somebody will build an aeroplane destroyer.

From Honey Creek, Ia., comes the story that a bolt of lightning dug a well and found water after a farmer had tried in vain for years. Evidently Honey Creek is trying to compete with Winsted, Conn.

A Pennsylvania pastor, getting \$30 a month salary, has been ordered to pay his wife \$8 monthly alimony. How true it is that "to him that hath shall be given, and from him that hath shall not even that which he hath shall be taken away."

One railroad is to teach politeness to its employes. It will be great to get the soft answer which turneth away wrath when one has just missed the 7:19 train.

FAST TRAIN LEAPS INTO THE RIVER

Twenty-Five Dead and Sixty Are Injured.

G. A. R. MEN IN CRASH.

Train of Fourteen Coaches and Two Locomotives Jumps the Track While Approaching Bridge on the Lehigh Valley Road.

Manchester, N. Y.—Speeding eastward behind time, Lehigh Valley passenger train No. 4 ran into a broken rail on a trestle near here Friday and two day coaches from the mid-section of the train plunged downward 40 feet, striking the east embankment like a pair of projectiles.

In the awful plunge and crash at least 25 persons were killed and nearly 60 injured. The injuries of several are so serious that it is feared they will die.

The wreck was the worst in the history of the Lehigh Valley in this State and one of the most disastrous ever recorded on the system.

Was G. A. R. Train. Crowded with passengers, many of whom were war veterans and excursionists from the Grand Army of the Republic encampment at Rochester, the train, made up of 14 cars, drawn by two big mogul engines, was 40 minutes late when it reached Rochester Junction and from there sped eastward to make up time before reaching Geneva.

The engines and two day coaches had just passed the center of a 40-foot trestle over Canandaigua Outlet, 150 yards east of the station at Manchester, at 12:35 o'clock, when the Pullman car Austin, the third of a long train, left the rails.

It dragged the dining car with it and two day coaches and two Pullmans, in this order, followed.

Ran on ties. All bumped over the ties a short distance when the coupling between day coach No. 237 and the rear end of the diner broke.

The forward end of the train dragged the derailed Pullman Austin and the diner over safely, after which both plunged down the south embankment and rolled over.

The free end of an ill-fated Lehigh Valley day coach, in which most of the victims were riding, showed out over the gulf and, followed by a Grand Trunk day coach, stripped the rear guard of the south side of the trestle and plunged to the shallow river bed, more than 40 feet below.

The end of the first day coach that went over struck the east embankment of solid masonry and, with the other 50-foot car behind it, both shot against the wall with terrific force.

Passengers Buried. Both cars were filled with passengers. In a few moments the cars lay, a mass of crumpled wood, metal and glass, under which a hundred men, women and children, many of whom were killed instantly, were buried.

The greatest destruction occurred in the day coach No. 237 and a dozen persons were taken later, dead, from the second day coach, which, after following the first over the trestle, snapped its rear coupling and thus saved the rest of the train from being dragged along.

The second day coach struck on the bottom and stood end up, the rear end projecting a few feet above the top of the trestle.

All of the passengers in this car were piled in a tangled mass of broken seats at the bottom of the car.

Help Long Comine. Indescribable pandemonium followed. The Pullman car Evelyn, which remained on the bridge with one end projecting over the gulch, and several cars behind it derailed and in immediate danger of going over on the mass of wreckage below, were soon emptied of all their passengers, who, aided by gangs of railroad employes from the big freight yards at Manchester, rushed to aid.

It was several minutes, however, before anybody reached the cars at the bottom to help the victims.

The cars did not catch fire. Axes were secured and body after body was removed and carried by the rescuers, knee deep in the creek bed, to the bank on the west side of the trestle.

There the dead and injured were laid out on the ground while planks and timber were requisitioned and a field hospital established.

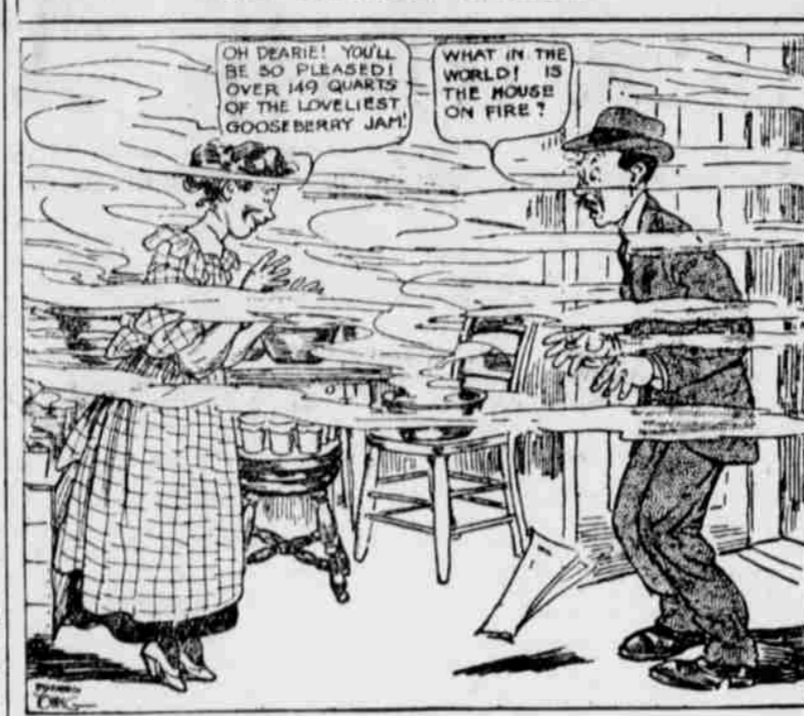
Trains Bring Doctors. It was more than an hour before many of the injured could be removed and special trains from both

Y. M. C. A. Membership. New York.—More than half a million young men are now members of the Young Men's Christian Association—536,037 to be exact, a gain of 100,000 from the association's year book of 1910.

Of these 157,850 are industrial workers and more than half take physical training in 648 gymnasia. The net property gain for the year was \$7,162,000, bringing the grand total up to \$67,539,000. Throughout the continent the association employs 3,851 officers.

Quiet Now in Haiti. Washington.—The protection of American interests in Haiti is now in the hands of the lone gunboat Marietta at Port au Prince. Because of the improved conditions in the little republic the Navy Department withdrew the three other warships, which for several weeks had been guarding foreign life and property. The scout cruiser Salem sailed for Hampton Roads, while the cruiser Des Moines and the gunboat Peoria were ordered to Guantanamo, Cuba.

THE CANNING SEASON



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Geneva and Rochester brought physicians, nurses and medical supplies. Hundreds awaited treatment, and the railroad station at Manchester, a cider mill and an icehouse were used to give temporary shelter and treatment to the sufferers.

It was necessary to chop through the sides and bottom of the day coach at the bottom and the work of removing the victims moved with painful slowness.

Death had come swiftly to many, a large number of the dead having had their skulls crushed in when they were thrown against the car seats and projections.

The mortality was high among the older passengers, most of whom were veterans of the Civil War and their wives.

Twenty-Three in Morue. The dead removed from the wreck and brought to a morgue at Shortsville, near here, numbered 23. Two other persons died in Rochester from their injuries. Several other persons with probably mortal injuries are lying in the hospitals at Rochester, Geneva and Clifton Springs.

HARRY K. THAW NOT INSANE. So He Declares in Answer to His Wife's Petition.

Pittsburgh, Pa.—An answer was filed here by Harry K. Thaw through his attorney, former Governor William A. Stone, to the petition of his wife, Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, in which Judge L. L. Davis was asked to appoint a lunacy commission to take charge of the income of Thaw in this State and provide for the support of the wife. Thaw's income is said to be \$60,000 a year.

Thaw claims that the verdict of the jury in New York State was not a finding that he was insane and that the decree confining him in Matteawan was a statutory only and not a proceeding as to the lunacy of Thaw. He claims that the fact that he is still confined in the Matteawan Hospital, under the order of court, does not judicially or in any way establish his present insanity. The answer alleges that the petition asks the court to do what it has no authority to do.

In the second part of the answer Thaw states: "Your affiant is not at present insane. He is quite capable of attending to his own affairs, and does attend to his own affairs. If there was ever any derangement mentally the affiant has entirely recovered from it, and is now in possession of all his mental faculties."

JOKE ENDS IN TRAGEDY. Boy Tied to Cow By Playmates is Dragged to Death.

Utica, N. Y.—Falling from a cow to which he had been tied by his playmates, Lewis Burns, the 7-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Burns, was dragged by the frightened animal around a field until he was dead, according to word just received here from Pulaski. Lewis, with his two sisters, 8 and 11 years old, went out to the pasture to take turns riding a cow that long has been a pet of the family. It was a sport the youngsters had enjoyed frequently during the summer vacation. The cow was gentle and had never tried to throw or harm the children while they were driving it around the field. Laughing merrily, Lewis started off on the ride. He had not gone far when the rope began to slip. The boy tried to cling to the cow's back, but his hands slipped over its hide and he fell. This frightened the cow. It dashed off on a wild circuit of the pasture, dragging the boy along the ground. His skull was fractured, right arm and jaw broken and nearly all his clothing torn off. He was dead when picked up.

Miss Cleveland Engaged. Tamsworth, N. H.—It is understood that the marriage of Miss Esther Cleveland, oldest daughter of the late ex-President, whose engagement to Randolph D. West, of New York, was announced Wednesday, will take place in October. The family say nothing about the affair. Miss Cleveland is devoted to athletics, being an enthusiastic tennis player and motorist. Mr. West is the son of a Princeton professor and has been attentive to Miss Cleveland for some time.

Wraps Himself in Flag. Kingston, Jam.—More Haytien exiles, some of them unfriendly to President Leconte, are arriving here. One of them, an adherent of former President Simon, was obliged to wrap himself in a Spanish flag to escape the violence of a mob that threatened him as he was about to leave Hayti.

The Peruvian salt output for 1910 was valued at \$453,166 United States gold.

Emery Wheel Kills Cuban. Easton, Pa.—A bursting emery wheel killed Edward Blasecadero, a young Cuban sent to the United States to learn the machinist trade and mechanical engineering in the plant of the Treadwell Engineering Company near here. He was operating the wheel when it burst, and a fragment fractured his skull. Blasecadero came from a prominent and wealthy family at Chaparra, Cuba. He was 21 years of age.

Trimble Elected Commander. Rochester, N. Y.—Judge Harvey Trimble, of Princeton, Ill., was unanimously elected commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic at the meeting of the National Encampment. Colonel John McElroy, of Washington, the only other contestant for the place, withdrew from the race.

The Colonial Oil Company will erect a refinery on the site recently acquired at Zarate, Argentine.

Price of Beef Soars. New York.—The wholesale prices of beef soared to a new high level in New York Tuesday. As announced at various local wholesale centers the price of ribs and loins in the best grade of beef is now 16 1/2 cents a pound, as compared with 12 cents on January 1. It is an advance of 1 1/2 cents since last week. Best rounds of beef are advanced to 11 1/2 cents as compared with 9 cents at the first of the year, and a proportional increase is made in second and third grade beef.

\$400,000 in Old Postage. Chicago.—Three hundred members of the American Philatelic Society opened their twenty-fifth annual convention here. The private stamp collection of the members are said to be valued at \$3,000,000. The largest individual collection is that of George H. Worthington, of Cleveland, O., valued at \$500,000. An exhibit of canceled stamps valued at \$400,000 is displayed at the Art Institute. F. N. Cornwall, of St. Louis, was chosen president of the society at the annual election of officers.

Will Exchange Land. Washington.—The State of Idaho and the United States government have agreed to exchange about 400,000 acres of land in that state, so that each may have its lands in a more compact body than at present. Acting Secretary of Agriculture Hays signed a co-operative agreement with the state.

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Gen. Madero Issues Notices at Jojutla—Guilty Will Be Punished.

Cuautla, Morelos, Mexico.—That Francis I. Madero's method of restoring peace in not lacking in energy was indicated Wednesday when, as a result of his visit to Jojutla notices were posted stating that looters would be given just one day to return stolen property; that failure to do so would result in summary court martial and probable death sentence.

In Jojutla Madero investigated the work of the mobs whose members are said to have been bandits rather than Zapatistas. Most of the larger stores have been looted. Madero assured the citizens that the guilty ones would be severely punished. General Hernandez, a former revolutionary officer, is in command of the local garrison. After conferring with Madero Hernandez announced that drastic measures would be instituted. One looter caught in the act was shot. A number are imprisoned.

At Ixtla Madero conferred with General Ambrosio Figueroa, who departed in pursuit of the bandits.

MADERO VERSUS REYES. Former Mexican War Minister Accused of Treachery.

El Paso.—It is to be war to the finish between Francisco I. Madero and Gen. Bernardo Reyes, according to friends of Madero. They declare he gave Reyes a chance to return to Mexico and become a useful citizen, and that Reyes has been a traitor. Friends of Reyes declare that Madero is only jealous of the popularity of the former war minister. Madero has thrown the challenge to the General and accuses him of treachery and of planning to have him shot in battle, to assure the success of Reyes in the presidential election.

Returning from his trip of pacification in Morelos, where he went to urge the Zapatistas to lay down their arms, Madero says that while he cannot produce the evidence asked by President De La Barra of the treachery of Reyes, he has enough proof to satisfy himself. In the capital the people are saying that if Madero is elected President Reyes will have to leave the country again, as was the case when he became too popular for President Diaz or head a revolution against Madero for self-preservation.

MINERS HAULED THROUGH FIRE. Seven Killed and Three Mortally Hurt in Disaster.

Ely, Nev.—Of 10 men who were working at the 1,400-foot level of the new five-compartment shaft of the Giroux Consolidated Mines, when it caught fire Wednesday night, seven are dead and three lie at the point of death after passing through the flames to reach the surface.

The men on the 1,400-foot level heard a noise which they thought was caused by an explosion. They looked up and saw the shaft in flames. They at once boarded the cage and started for the surface, but encountered the flames at the 1,200-foot level and stopped.

Five men left the cage and started to walk through the 1,200-foot level to the old Alpha shaft, 700 feet away, through which they hoped to climb out of the mine.

The five remaining in the cage gave the signal to hoist and were pulled through the blazing shaft. One was dead when the top was reached and the four others were badly burned.

Rescue of the men remaining in the mine was then attempted through the Alpha shaft. At the 400-foot level one was found dead; another body was recovered at the 600-foot level; a third may lay dead at the bulkhead, but two men were not found and are still in the burning mine.

This is the same mine in which three and a half years ago two men were killed and four others entombed for 48 days on the 1,000-foot level of the Alpha shaft.

DYING FROM BLOW. Schoolboy Received Blow Last Month in Abdomen.

Edwardsville, Ill.—Gilbert Jenkins, a 15-year-old schoolboy, who fought for the entertainment of a dozen women and several hundred men on the steamer Keystone State last month is lying in his home here of injuries received in the bout. His life is despaired of by two physicians who are attending him. Young Jenkins went on with Bobbie Brendle in a curtain-raiser. He was knocked down in the second round with a blow on the left side of the abdomen. He fell limp to the floor, and while unconscious, was unable to regain his feet.

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FIGHT TO GAIN THE STREET.

Narrow Stairway a Horrible Death Trap—Pie of Writching Bodies—The Little Ones Are Trampled on and Suffocated.

Canonsburg, Pa.—Twenty-five persons were killed and more than 60 injured Saturday night when a moving picture film exploded in the Canonsburg Opera House.

Immediately following the flash of the film some persons shouted "Fire!" There was a rush for the exit and in a moment there was a writhing, screaming mass of humanity, 10 feet high, in the narrow stairway leading to the entrance of the theatre.

Most of the dead were smothered. A majority of the audience was composed of women and children. In the fierce rush for the exit they were thrown from their feet and trampled by men fighting their way to the streets. Others were thrown upon them, and those at the bottom of the human pile were suffocated.

When two volunteer fire departments reached the theatre the sight staggered them. Those of the audience who had escaped from the building and other spectators drawn to the scene were rushing about the front of the building. No person, it seemed, was making any effort to aid the struggling mass within the theatre.

The firemen pushed into the building and practically three persons into the street.

As they regained their feet they ran shrieking into the streets in terror.

The fireman neared the bottom of the pile and began to bring out the unconscious forms of the injured and later came the dead.

The dead were laid tenderly in a row along the sidewalk. Relatives struggled to break past the guards and reach the victims.

Within a few moments after the film flashed and the panic started the fire whistles were blown. Practically the entire population of the town responded and packed in narrow Pike street, from which the fatal theatre entrance led. All of them were apparently terror-stricken and could give little aid. The only cool persons were the firemen and the several members of the police force.

John McCullough, operator of the moving picture machine, had just thrown the subject of the next series of pictures on the screen entitled "A Little Girl Shall Lead Them," when the film exploded and the asbestos cabinet was filled with flames. For several moments the audience, numbering upwards of 1,500 persons, was totally unaware of the accident, and the operator heroically fought down the flames and succeeded in extinguishing them.

Then, his hands burned and almost suffocated, he opened the door of the little box and staggered out. With the opening of the door a dense cloud of smoke poured into the auditorium.

At this moment some person yelled "Fire!" The spectators turned in their seats, saw the smoke, jumped to their feet and then started the awful rush for the lone doorway leading to the narrow, eight-foot stairway.

At the stairway they collided and jammed into probably 200 other persons who were awaiting the end of the performance to take the places of those who had seen the show.

Immediately the narrow stairway was packed and jammed 10 feet high with the dead and dying, the shrieking injured and the screaming unhurt, while the crowds of townspeople rushed to the scene and added confusion to the din.

The list of dead probably would have been greater but for the heroism of Miss Mary Craig, pianist at the theatre. When the cries of "fire" sounded and the rush to safety started Miss Craig began playing a slow march. Over and over she played the selection, never faltering, and many in the crowd caught the swing of the music and assisted in holding back the crowd. When the audience had swept from the building Miss Craig left uninjured.

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Hazleton.—H. M. Heller and Miss Grace Sikes, of Fern Glen, enjoyed the distinction of having been married before the largest crowd ever assembled in Luzerne county for the purpose of witnessing a nuptial ceremony.

Fifteen thousand persons paid admission to the Board of Trade outing to witness it. The bridegroom is twenty-six years of age, and a miner, while the bride, a miner's daughter, is 22 years old. Rev. S. E. Stofflet, pastor of Emmanuel's Reformed Church, performed the ceremony, while Judges George R. Ferris and Benjamin Jones, of Luzerne county, and a score of aspirants for judgeships and offices of the coming primaries, stood in the vast audience. Hundreds of dollars' worth of presents were showered upon the couple.

Tamaqua.—The annual convention of Sub-District No. 1, of District 7, United Mine Workers of America, was held at Lansford, the body going on record as being opposed to a renewal of the present agreement unless the officers of the union have the right to defend the men and take up grievances with the operators direct. Other resolutions adopted were: Checkoff system, eight-hour work day; increase of wages—30 cent per foot over side and 20 cent per foot inside men. The officers elected are as follows: President, C. C. Bonner, Tamaqua; vice-president, Mike Sedlik, Lansford; secretary-treasurer, Ned Evans, of Lansford. This district is one of the best organized in the hard coal fields.

Allentown.—Joseph R. Kistler, of Allentown, a sink digging contractor, sixty-six years of age, was killed at Emaus. With his helper, Francis Kromer, he was digging a sink. They had gone down thirty-five feet and started walling up. As Kromer was about to let down the bucket of bricks the rope broke and the heavy bucket fell on Kistler's head, instantly crushing out his life. M. P. Reinhard was lowered by means of the windless and tied a rope around the body to bring it to the top. Kromer three weeks ago told Kistler the rope had a weak spot, but after examining it Kistler said it would be serviceable for some time.

Pittsburg.—Friends of R. M. Gulick, owner of the Lyceum Theatre here, have taken steps to have his body exhumed, in order that they may know the cause of his death. Gulick, who was one of the most prominent theatrical managers in country, died here August 12 and was buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn, N. Y. It was announced that death was caused by Bright's disease. It has been discovered that Gulick left a will other than the one in which he gave his son, James Gulick, \$100, and the remainder of his \$200,000 estate to his housekeeper, Mrs. Flo Housewright.

Two of whom are believed to be members of the gang which held up the Philadelphia and Erie express at Five Mile Curve, near Erie, the night of June 30, robbed H. L. Steadman, of Buffalo; Charles Shriver, of Cleveland, and Ben Gottlieb and Joseph Malthawk, of this city, in the yards of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad here. Steadman attempted to escape and was seriously wounded. The highwaymen, after taking all the money their victims had, compelled them to exchange clothes with them.

South Bethlehem.—Miss May Brennan, a member of Allentown's younger society set, and Roque G. Munoz, of Teaguepa, Honduras, a graduate of Lehigh University, were married in the church of the Holy Infancy here, by Rev. J. C. Phelan. After a wedding trip to Southern points, the couple will leave for Mr. Munoz's home, where he will follow his calling of civil engineer.

Reading.—At a missionary service in the followers of Christ Church, Rev. M. R. Lengel scored hobble skirts and merry widow hats. He said: "I am not a preacher to stand here and criticize your clothing for I don't care what you wear. If you feel disposed to wear hobble skirts and merry widow hats, that is your business, but I am afraid that those of you who wear them are not very churchy."

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