

Corn has decided to do without the respect and admiration of the people. The promise of the crop at the period following early seeding was unexcelled, and every eater of meat and eggs in the land could congratulate himself that this promise was equal to the realization of last year.

Among the other interesting pieces of news set afloat this summer is one coming from the shoemakers of Boston to the effect that women's feet are growing larger.

Last year there died in the United States of pulmonary tuberculosis about 150,000 people! Multiply this number by three and a fraction—the ratio of India's population to our own—and you will find that these terrible figures covering the loss of life from the plague in India, when analyzed, show that out of a thousand men, women and children in the United States, practically as many die of consumption in the ordinary year as died of the plague in India during the past six months of epidemic.

A practical joker at Atlantic City wanted to scare the crowd with an imitation of a drowning man. It took an hour to restore him after the scare had become a real one.

The highest paid woman in government service is announced, though somewhat needlessly, to be engaged in the occupation of making money.

A rich woman from New York angrily declined to become a patron of a Los Angeles hotel when she was informed that her doggie would not be permitted to receive massage treatments in the barber shop.

After she had jabbed her hatpin into a man's eye a San Francisco woman scolded her victim for having his eye where it interfered with her hatpin.

The chicken, as well as the dog, has had its day. A St. Louis hen bumped into a motor car and wrecked it.

A New York woman says she hangs her head in shame because America is not producing more great poets.

A Pennsylvania minister has quit his pulpit to become a carpenter.

One of the biggest elephants in captivity is said to have broken its leg.

Society women who take up aviation will get a comprehensive view of the new styles in hats.

Any French aviator who has not flown across the English channel is considered too unprogressive to take high rank in his art.

Soul analysis is the latest cure for nervousness. Its efficacy is likely to depend somewhat on the findings of the analyst.

Shoemakers say that either women's feet are becoming larger, or else they are wearing shoes that fit.

DEATH CHAIR FOR HENRY C. BEATTIE

Verdict of Murder Returned Against Wife-Slayer.

TO DIE IN CHAIR NOV. 24

The Defense Will File Petition For Writ Of Error To Supreme Court Of Appeals—Receives Verdict Unmoved.

Chesterfield Courthouse, Va.—Twelve Virginia farmers knelt at dusk Friday night in the obscurity of the small jury-room of Chesterfield Courthouse, praying fervently that they might pass judgment aright on Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., indicted for the murder of his wife.

Pausing in solemn contemplation for 58 minutes, weighing carefully the meaning of their decision and once more on bended knees beseeching Divine assistance that they might not err, they filed into the hushed stillness of a crowded courtroom, and with startling suddenness 12 voices, instead of the usual one of the foreman, spoke the single word "guilty."

The spectre of death, which stalked Middlethian turnpike on July 18 last, when the life of Mrs. Louise Owens Beattie was taken away with the single report of a shotgun, stared hard at the young husband ready to claim his victim by electrocution on Friday, November 24, next.

To Court of Appeals. The Court of Appeals, to be sure, will be asked to grant a writ of error and a new trial. Young Beattie, cognizant of the legal weapons yet at his disposal, did not surrender.

Unusual as has been the tragedy and the gruesome stage where it occurred, the 12 jurors did not hesitate to admit to their friends that they stood in judgment not only over the cold-blooded murder but upon his marital infidelity as well.

It perhaps was the dramatic climax of Virginia justice which in the last half century has swiftly sent to death such famous murderers as Cluverius, Phillips and McCue.

At the close of a powerful address by L. O. Wendenburg, the voluntary assistant of the Commonwealth in the case, the suspense was felt not alone in the courtroom, but in Richmond, where thousands of people awaited the outcome.

BOY TRIES TO ROB BANK Cashier's Shots Save Cash of Laurel, (Md.) Institution.

Laurel, Md.—John R. Morgan, 17 years old, of Fincastle, Va., made a bold attempt Friday morning to rob the Citizens' National Bank of Laurel.

The attempt failed and the would-be bandit was captured hiding in the town about an hour and a half later. When first arrested he gave the name of Henry Jackson and said he was from Arizona.

That Morgan did not succeed in getting the bank's cash was not due to any lack of nerve, but rather to the crudeness of his methods. Those were only worthy a boy of his years.

Morgan had been seen loitering near the bank before its doors opened. He had on a long linen duster, such as is used by automobilists, and a blue cap. He stood on a corner apparently reading a paper, with a bundle wrapped in newspapers under his arm.

Still Has Money To Give Chicago.—Dr. D. K. Pearsons, the aged philanthropist, who a month ago, it was announced, had given away his entire fortune, "dug up" another \$50,000 Friday.

Gems Stolen in Dining Car Cleveland.—Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad detectives reported that a woman giving her name as Mrs. A. A. McCormick, of Chicago, was robbed of a handbag containing \$2,200 worth of jewels in the dining car of a Lake Shore and Michigan Southern passenger train somewhere between Toledo and Cleveland.

Lays Two Eggs Daily Athol, Mass.—Townspiece challenged the statement of Albert Ellis, a prominent citizen, that Mary Hooker, his prize buff Orpington, laid two eggs every day.

Human Kissing Bug.—Trenton, N. J.—Charles Tully, a youth who recently served 10 days in jail for causing excitement in a department store by rushing in and kissing and hugging at least a dozen girls, has been arrested again for playing a return engagement on the Delaware and Karitan Canal bank here.

Asks Indictment. Kittanning, Pa.—For the first time in the history of the local courts, a lawyer has petitioned for a bill of indictment against his own client.

Family Mourned Wrong Man. San Francisco.—Mrs. Geo. Weber, of Port Richmond, Cal., called up the coroner here. "We made a mistake in holding that funeral," she said. "My husband has just come home." Services were held a month ago over a body found in the bay and identified by Mrs. Weber as that of her husband.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF GOVERNORS



State Executives All Headed for Spring Lake, N. J.

NAVAL AVIATOR MAKES A RECORD

Trip From Annapolis to Washington.

VOLAPLANED TO THE MALL

Lieut. John Rogers Unannounced Started on the First Ambitious Flight Made by an Army or Navy Aviator.

Washington.—Lieut. John Rogers, of the Navy, son of Rear Admiral Rogers, retired, of Havre de Grace, Md., flew in a Wright aeroplane from Annapolis, Md., to Washington, paid his respects to naval officials here and sailed to the Army aviation field at College Park, Md., where he housed his machine for the night.

The flight was the most successful cross-country effort yet made by an officer of the Navy or Army.

Between Annapolis and College Park, while sailing along at 3,000 feet in the air, his barograph showed he struck a severe windstorm, and the frail air craft was buffeted about by the winds for 20 minutes.

As it was, the machine at times stood at an angle of nearly 60 degrees, and farmers who witnessed the performance marveled. When the wind ceased the machine righted itself from what might have been called the trough of the air and then sped onward.

The trip to Washington was made in one hour and twenty minutes and Lieutenant Rogers arrived over the city when the streets were crowded with shoppers and government clerks, just released from their offices.

Throughout the trip Burgess was favored by a calm sea, but a strong tide was running, and a severe strain was put on the swimmer to get past the Goodwin Sands. Twice he was attacked by sickness and several times was only held to his task by the strongest will power and the encouraging words of the men in the boat.

ENVOY WEDS BY PROXY

Dr. Porras in Washington, Bride in Costa Rica—Groom Could Not Get Home.

Washington.—Dr. Belisario Porras, minister from Panama to Washington, was married in San Jose, Costa Rica, last week. Dr. Porras was not present at the ceremony, being now in Washington.

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Wreck of the Chilean Steamer Tucapel Near Quilca.

Lima, Peru.—A telegram received here from the purser of the Chilean steamer Tucapel, which was wrecked near Quilca, says that the total number of persons drowned was 32.

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Burgess Finally Swims the English Channel.

BATTLE WITH THE TIDE

It Was His Sixteenth Attempt and He Won Out Only After a Desperate Effort—Was Twenty-two Hours in the Water.

Deal, England.—After a lapse of 36 years Capt. Matthew Webb's feat of swimming the English channel has been duplicated by Wm. T. Burgess, a Yorkshire man by birth and a naturalized Frenchman.

Burgess started from South Foreland, Dover, at 11.15 o'clock Tuesday morning. He landed at Le Chatelet, a little village two miles east of Cape Gris Nez, at 9.50 o'clock Wednesday morning, accomplishing the passage in 22 hours and 35 minutes.

It is our duty, so far as is now possible, so far as human nature in the present day world will permit, to try to provide peaceful substitutes for war as a method for the settlement of international disputes.

Only by acting on these principles, only by following in the footsteps of these great Americans in the past, can we of the present generation work for and secure the peace of righteousness.

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COLONEL ASTOR WEDDED

United to Young Girl at His Summer Home.

Newport, R. I.—Col. John Jacob Astor and Miss Madeline Talmadge Force were married Saturday at Beechwood, the Astor home here.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. Joseph Lambert, a Congregational minister of Providence.

William Force, the bride's father, gave her away.

Just before leaving Beechwood Colonel Astor gave out the following statement: "Now that we are happily married, I do not care how difficult divorce and re-marriage laws are made. I sympathize heartily with the most straight laced people in most of the world, but believe re-marriage should be made possible, as marriage is the happiest condition for the individual and the community."

40 HURT IN CAR CRASH

Slipping Trolley Cause of the Accident.

Washington.—More than 40 persons, all excursionists returning from a Saturday afternoon outing at Chesapeake Beach, Md., were injured in a rear-end collision of electric cars of the Columbia Street Railway Company, near Chesapeake Junction.

The cars wrecked were the first two of a string of about seven long pay-as-you-enter coaches which left Chesapeake Junction, the District terminus of the Chesapeake Beach Railway, shortly after the arrival of the 7.15 train.

Car 327 was at the head of this line of cars, all filled with passengers and traveling in close order when they left the junction for the city.

At the Sixty-first street crossing, about a quarter of a mile east of the junction, the trolley pole of the lead car flew off the wire as the car was rounding a curve. This darkened the interior, into which were jammed about 100 passengers, and car 256, traveling at lively speed, crashed into the rear of the other with terrific impact, knocking it off the tracks into a field.

Unwell Gorschuch Shift

Christiana, Pa.—Upon the spot where, 10 years before the first battle of Bull Run, occurred a riot that hastened the outbreak of the Civil War, a monument was unveiled here Saturday to the victim of that riot, Edward Gorschuch, of Glencoe, Baltimore county, Md., and North and South clasped hands to signify that past enmity is dead, and that the United States holds now but one people.

Miss Rebecca Mitchell, of Glencoe, great-granddaughter of Edward Gorschuch, released the flag.

Killed By Jealous Husband

Kansas City, Mo.—Henry C. Gumbel, Jr., a wealthy speculator in hay, with headquarters in Wichita, Kan., and a son of Henry C. Gumbel, a Kansas City capitalist, was shot and probably mortally wounded by Robert F. Curtiss, a cigar salesman.

On September 1 Curtiss brought suit for divorce against his wife, Lucie B. Curtiss, and Gumbel was mentioned as one of the men friendly with Mrs. Curtiss. Several years ago Curtiss killed a man in Austin, Texas. Jealousy was the motive.

STATE NEWS.

Stroudsburg.—The finding of a diamond ring, valued at \$1,000, by Roy Mann, a hotel bell boy, wrapped in tissue paper, is "part and parcel" of an interesting story behind a prosaic replevin suit entered in the court here.

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