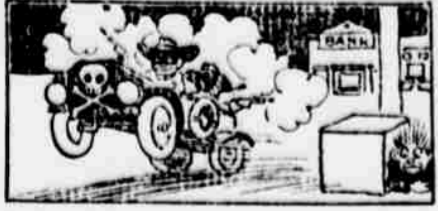


HAPPENINGS IN THE CITIES

Yeggmen Terror of Small Town Banks



LINCOLN, NEB.—Since last fall no less than a hundred country banks in Nebraska, Oklahoma and Nebraska have been robbed. In each instance from \$1,000 to \$7,000 was taken, and practically the same procedure was followed in each case.

In the three states named are approximately 2,500 banks, 2,000 of them in little towns and villages with practically no police protection. This is the usual program in the cases reported.

Soon after midnight the residents are aroused by two or three explosions. Those daring enough to venture on the streets see an automobile standing in front of the bank and two men with guns giving orders to stand back. Inside are their companions, filling sacks with money from the safe. Having gathered all the cash possible the burglars enter the machine, fire a few intimidating shots and go racing out of town.

Then come the gathering of a posse, the cranking up of cars and a desperate attempt to follow and capture the robbers. In no instance has there been a capture, and despite offers of

rich rewards for the robbers, dead or alive, the robberies continue. The automobile is blamed for much of the crime.

"Before the coming of the motor car we could overhaul this class of criminals," said a police officer who was discussing the crime. "They went on horseback and there was little difficulty in covering the country by telephone and heading them off."

"Now the country is alive with parties making cross-state runs and no more attention is paid to a strange car than to a freight train. With a high powered car it is easy on the prairie roads to cover 100 miles in three hours. Then with a change of outer clothing to give the appearance of tourists the robbers can motor leisurely through the most populous cities and put up at the first class hotels without arousing suspicion."

"It is practically impossible for the pursuers to follow them because the route taken is unknown and the rapid progress of the robbers puts them out of reach."

"While the country bank does not keep large sums on hand in currency it always has a few thousand dollars, and the robbers are evidently not looking so much for a large haul as they are for a safe getaway. In this they have been so successful for the last two years that they have grown bold and seem to think they have a system for making money easily that cannot be defeated."

Hoosier Eggs Must Now be Guaranteed

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—The large egg dealers and shippers of the state now buy eggs "loss off," and will compel the farmer to sell good eggs or none at all. This decision was reached at a meeting here some time ago of the Indiana Association of Car Lot Shippers, which meeting was attended by nearly 40 of the 100 or more members. Resolutions were adopted asserting that the dealers would buy eggs only on the plan of "loss off."

This decision was in line with the amendment which the last legislature added to the pure food law, making it a violation of the law to offer a bad egg for sale. This law applies to the farmer, the grocer, the huckster, the dealer, the shipper, or to anybody else who sells eggs. H. E. Barnard, state food and drug commissioner, attended the meeting and made an address, in which he told the members his department would do everything in its power to enforce the new law. Up to this time it has been the common practice for the farmer to sell all his eggs in a lot, regardless of whether the eggs were good, bad or otherwise, and he received a flat price for them. The result was that the consumer had to take his chances on getting good eggs when he bought eggs at a grocery.

"It is a crime for any person to offer a bad egg for sale," said Mr.



Barnard, "and the fact that a person had a bad egg in his possession is proof he intends to sell it. What we propose to do under the new law is to prevent the sale of bad eggs. We propose to protect the consumer."

"When a consumer goes to a grocery and buys a dozen eggs he must get good eggs. Frequently, heretofore, when a man bought a dozen eggs he got two or three bad ones. This practice must be stopped. The consumer must get what he pays for. Not only will we insist on the shipper living up to the law, but we propose also that every grocery shall guarantee the eggs it sells. Then the consumer will be protected."

Some of the members said they had seen in grocery stores signs that read: "We do not guarantee the eggs we sell."

"This will not help the grocers," said Mr. Barnard. "They have got to guarantee the eggs they sell. They must deal fairly with their customers."

Only the Drug Stores May Sell Drugs



TOPEKA, KAN.—Hereafter when a Kansan wants to buy a bottle of vaseline or a cake of medicated soap he will have to go to a drug store. If one wants two sheets of fly paper or a package of fly poison, he cannot run around to the corner grocery and get it charged on the grocery bill. He must hike to the drug store. The state board of pharmacy has ruled against the department stores and groceries selling drugs.

No one has been poisoned or hurt in buying department or grocery store drugs, but the business was getting to be so big that the board decided to stop it before the business ran away. The department stores usually shave the price a little, and maybe this encouraged the ruling. The pharmacy

law prohibits anyone but a registered pharmacist selling drugs except in rural districts, where any merchant may sell patent medicine if he is five miles from a drug store and obtains a proper license.

But department and dry goods stores have been building up a big business selling hydrogen peroxide, vaseline, carbolic acid preparations, fly paper, face powders, tooth paste, witch hazel and dozens of other household articles. But these are drugs. They are sold as drugs and to be used as medicines, hence they come under the prohibition of the law and the state board, which has charge of enforcing the law, says that the sale of these things, and the patent medicines by others than druggists, must cease.

The state board is serving notices on all department, dry goods and grocery stores that sell fly paper and face powder that they must cease this profitable business. Some of the department stores are preparing to fight the order on the ground that the state has no right to prohibit selling useful but harmless preparations.

Queen Sets Style for English Women

LONDON.—Queen Mary has issued another sumptuary law for the world of fashion. A little while ago she intimated that ladies wearing the tightly fitting modern skirt would not be welcome at Buckingham palace. It is evident that if the queen is unable to lead the fashion, she intends to command it when and where it is in her power, for she has now issued further orders that no low collared dresses or large hats are to be worn in her presence.

These orders of the queen are all in keeping with her well known views and with those of King George. "They have made domesticity the fashion," was said of them by a fashionable cynic the other day. As a matter of fact, apart from their pressing public engagements, the existence of the royal couple would be described by any member of the smart set of the Edwardian era as positively humdrum. They realize this.



"I know people think that we are a stuffy couple, but we do not mind that," the queen is said to have remarked a few days ago.

If Queen Mary's expressed views and her example is followed, it is likely there will be a fashion for something much more decorative in the way of gloves than is furnished by the customary range of fawn and black and white.

Several of the peeresses have followed the queen's lead and are wearing heavier embroidered or delicately painted gloves, finished with gold or silver bands or lace edging at the elbows.

WORLD'S GREATEST AVIATORS COMING

Hastings, Neb.—When Glenn H. Curtiss brings his world famed Aviators to this city on July 18 and 19, the whole of Central Nebraska's population will be interested in giving them a rousing welcome, for this will be the first big aviation meet ever



held in Central Nebraska and the biggest enterprise ever attempted by any commercial organization in the central west. This meeting is under the auspices of the Hastings Chamber of Commerce, which will insure all visitors a square deal in the matter of giving a full bona fide program of feats by these "bird men."

AERIAL EXHIBIT HERE CERTAIN

Hastings, Neb.—The Secretary of the Hastings Chamber of Commerce has just received a telegram from Glenn H. Curtiss Aviation Company of Hammondsport, New York, confirming the contract which the committee made with their representative a few days ago. This makes it a go and all hands are setting to work to make this meet the greatest that has ever been held in the state of Nebraska. No entertainment ever undertaken by Hastings people has brought out so much favorable comment as this Aerial Exhibit. The program as being prepared by the committee in charge will call for attempts to break different records held by the Aviators, such as the altitude record, the longest time in the air, and other feats of high and fancy flying. A regular program will be carried out each day.

WORLD'S YOUNGEST FLYER IS COMING

Hastings, Neb.—School boys in Greater New York are putting in a great deal of time studying aeroplane building and aeronautics generally, says the Sunday Magazine of June 25, and this is probably accounted for by the fact that so many exhibitions have been given in the east. The engagement of the Glenn H. Curtiss aviators for an exhibition at Hastings by the Hastings Chamber of Com-



merce will give Central Western young America a chance to study the Bi-Plane first hand, as this exhibition will positively be pulled off in Hastings on July 18 and 19.

It has been announced that James J. Ward, the famous "Jimmie," who startled the world with his daring at different meets over the United States will be present and will fly during the Hastings, Nebraska, meeting.

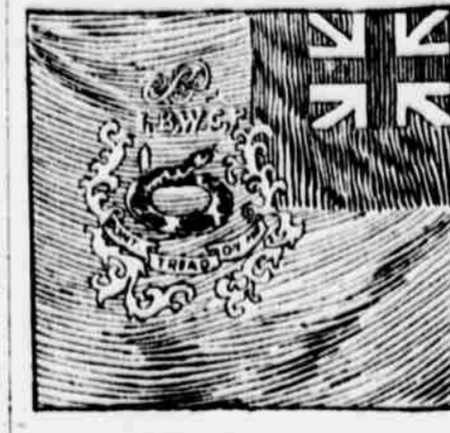
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The rattlesnake in the center of the red field of the flag is coiled in the attitude of striking, having 13 rattles erect, representing the 13 colonies.



Flag With the Rattlesnake.

Below is the significant motto: "Don't tread on me." Above the snake are the letters "J. P." and below them "1. W. C. P." which mean John Proctor, First Battalion, Westmoreland Co., Pa. John Proctor was a prominent man in the early history of the republic, and was commander of the "First Battalion of Associates," organized after "Westmoreland's Declaration of Independence," May 16, 1775, and this flag belonged to that battalion. Samuel Craig, who, with his three sons, served in the Revolution, was its original color bearer. A young lady in western Pennsylvania, a lineal descendant of Samuel Craig, is the owner of this flag.

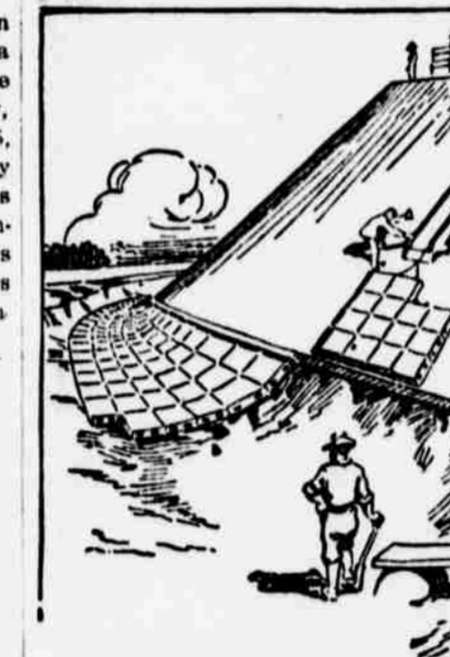
It was from this flag that the American national banner was evolved.

AN APRON ON THE KAW DIKE

How It is Hoped to Keep the Missouri in Check at Kansas City, Kan.

Kansas City, Kan.—The dike which Kansas City, Kan., is building at Kaw Point is being equipped with a new kind of device for preventing the current of the Missouri river from cutting in under it and washing it away.

The sloping face of the dike is covered with a layer of solid concrete down to the edge of the water. There a mat of concrete blocks, each two feet square and laced together with



Apron of the Kaw River Dike.

steel cables, is hooked to the bottom of the concrete wall and this apron of blocks lies on the bottom of the river for a distance of twenty feet outward. It is believed this flexible apron will keep the current from cutting in under the embankment.

SEES WORLD'S END IN 1912

interpreters in Pentecostal Cult Say They Have Received Messages in 50 Languages.

St. Louis, Mo.—That the world will come to an end within one year and six months is the prophecy of Miss Minnie Smith, who, with 13-year-old Minnie Sneed, has been lying here in what purports to be a religious ecstasy or trance. They are said to have been in that condition nearly a week.

The forecast was given in 50 different languages according to others of the Pentecostal doctrine who stood about the bed; one of them, they said, being a language never before heard on earth—that in use among the angels. But Eugene M. Atkins qualified as an interpreter and gave out the prophecy thus:

"The Lord will take up his children, upon whom he has set his seal, to the marriage supper before one year and six months are passed."

"And after that will come a period of tribulation for three years and six months, during which there shall be no sun and no light, but the earth shall be lit with God, and the moon shall be blood."

"Then will the Lord return, and there shall be heaven on earth for 1,000 years."

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