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RURAL SCHOOL HIT

Little Red School House a Handicap, Assert Educators.

HELD MENACE TO PROGRESS.

National Council of Education to Consider Needs of Improving Conditions. Arizona Claimed to Have Solved Rural School Problem.

The little red school house is so "unattractive" that "more than two-thirds of the 12,000,000 pupils in the rural public schools of the country fail to reach a high standard in their studies."

That condition was described as a menace to educational progress and as one of the reasons why the country could look longingly toward the city, in a report submitted before the national council of education at Chicago.

The conditions surrounding the traditional "little red school house" were described as so deplorable that the council considered a plan to have the national association employ an expert to investigate and report on rural districts.

E. T. Fairchild, state superintendent of public instruction, Topeka, Kan., and James Y. Joyner of Raleigh, N. C., declared that "the country child is the neglected child and the country school house a neglected school house." They said the importance of rural education was shown in the fact that of the 20,600,000 school children in the United States 12,000,000 attended country schools, yet less than one-third of the rural pupils were able to meet their grades.

"There must be a revival of interest in the country school if the education of the country is to progress," said Mr. Joyner. "We must cease centering all our attention on the city school. There must be aroused in the school house in the desert, on the mountains, or on the farms a love of rural life and not a hatred of it. Neglect our rural schools and they will be deserted; make them attractive and comfortable and education will flourish."

"The teaching of scientific farming and fruit growing, with special reference to local conditions, were recommended as an incentive to renewed interests in rural education."

A. J. Matthews, president of the state normal school, Temple, Ariz., said he believed Arizona had solved the rural school problem by a law which allows any rural school with eight pupils or more to draw on the state for \$1,000 annually. He said the state provided \$1,000,000 for education and adequate payment for good teachers was one means of attaining success.

"Too many pupils are being turned out of the public school without any knowledge of how they are going to make a living," was the substance of a report submitted by J. A. Shawan, superintendent of schools at Columbus, O., on "The Educational Progress of the Year."

He predicted that vocational guidance, or what the teacher should do to find out the talents of a child, would prove to be the liveliest problem before the convention this week.

More attention by the teacher for the pupil's fitness for a special calling and conferences between parents and teachers might result in less shiftness in the selection of trades or professions, he thought.

BUBONIC PLAGUE IN HAVANA

Authorities Begin Fight to Stamp Out Disease.

Havana, July 8.—The existence of bubonic plague in Havana has been definitely determined. A special board of physicians has pronounced the case at Las Américas hospital true bubonic. The patient is Mendez Guerra, a Spaniard. Guerra is said to be dying and three other patients are reported dead at the same hospital with marked symptoms of the plague.

The secretary of sanitation ordered immediate fumigation of the infected house, as well as all others in that vicinity, including the palace.

Ten Days' Work for House.

Washington, July 8.—Ten days work for the house was mapped out by the rules committee, which agreed to report this week several proposed rules to obtain consideration of pending bills. These include the Beal anti-option bill, the Clayton contempt bill, the Alexander bill to regulate radio-communication and the so-called seaman's wage bill.

Congressmen to Attend Funeral.

Washington, July 8.—The desk of Representative Malby of New York who died suddenly in New York city was draped in black. Speaker Clark appointed a committee to attend the funeral at Ogden, N. Y., tomorrow, including Representatives Campbell of Kansas, Sloan of Nebraska, Robertson of Arkansas and Pepper of Iowa.

Lawrence Notices Earth Shocks.

Lawrence, Kan., July 8.—Heavy earth shocks, seventy minutes in duration, were recorded on the seismograph of the University of Kansas. The center of the disturbance was estimated at 2,800 miles' distance.

Senate Votes for Two Battleships.

Washington, July 8.—By a vote of 47 to 12 the senate adopted an amendment to the naval appropriation bill providing for two new battleships.

"VICTORIOUS!"

William F. McCombs, Who Waged Wilson's Fight, And His Happy Smile.



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Governor Wilson perhaps owes his successful battle for the Democratic nomination to Colonel William F. McCombs rather than to any other one. Colonel McCombs, an energetic young New York lawyer, worked night and day for Wilson and displayed qualities of generosity which won for him the admiration of all.

WILSON TO BE TOLD AUG. 7

Formal Notification of His Nomination for President at Seagirt.

Seagirt, N. J., July 8.—Governor Woodrow Wilson and Senator-elect Ollie James of Kentucky, who was permanent chairman of the Baltimore convention, decided to have the governor formally notified of his nomination on the lawn of New Jersey's "little White House" here at 2 o'clock on the afternoon of Wednesday, Aug. 7.

The speech of notification will be short and the governor's reply will sound the keynote of the campaign. Mr. James declared, Governor Wilson let it be known that he would deal with the high cost of living and the tariff, which he regards as the leading issues, clearly and fully.

Until that time, however, he will have little to say in reply to criticisms of the platform by Theodore Roosevelt or anybody else.

With reference to the chairmanship of the national committee, Mr. James said:

"The manager must be a man who doesn't make mistakes."

"William F. McCombs," he added, in reply to a question, "is a great organizer and a man of unusual executive ability."

EIGHT BODIES UNIDENTIFIED

Lackawanna Officials Probing Cause of Corning Wreck.

Corning, N. Y., July 8.—Two more of the forty-one persons killed in the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western wreck near here were identified. They are: John Kennedy, Harrison, N. J.; Jules Sampson, 39 Central avenue, Jersey City. This leaves eight bodies to be identified.

Scranton, Pa., July 8.—The Lackawanna Railroad company began an official investigation into the railroad disaster near Corning, N. Y., on July 4, when two score persons were killed and a half hundred injured. All the members of the train crews summoned to Scranton in connection with the inquiry were examined.

WILL INVESTIGATE WRECK

Authorities to Ascertain Where Responsibility Should Be Placed.

Ligonier, Pa., July 8.—Twenty-six dead and thirty injured are the revised opinions of the casualties resulting from the wreck of a freight train and a passenger train of the Ligonier Valley railroad near this place. While the death list is placed at twenty-six, two of the injured, now confined in the hospital, are not expected to live.

It was announced that a representative of the Pennsylvania state railroad commission will arrive here today to conduct an investigation into the wreck.

Train Strikes Open Switch.

Greensburg, N. C., July 8.—Engineer Thomas C. Beach of Alexandria, Va., received injuries from which he died and more than fifty passengers were more or less seriously hurt when the Southern railway limited train from Atlanta to Washington ran into an open switch and collided head-on with a freight lying in the yards here.

Widow of Asphalt King Dies on Train.

Washington, July 8.—Mrs. Amzi L. Barber of this city, widow of the "Asphalt King," died suddenly while returning from New York on the Congressional Limited.

Heat Claims Aged Victim.

Cedar Rapids, Ia., July 8.—As the result of being overcome by heat, Joseph Imranovsky died in the police station patrol while being taken to a hospital. He was sixty years old.

President Leaves for Washington.

Boston, July 8.—President Taft left for Washington.

AMERICANS WIN

Take Lead in Olympic Games at Stockholm.

THORPE WINS PENTATHLON.

Carlisle Indian Shows Himself Athlete of First Form—Craig of Detroit First in Hundred Meter Race Event. Americans Second and Third.

Stockholm, July 8.—James Thorpe, Carlisle Indian school, won the pentathlon in the Olympic games, comprising the running broad jump, throwing the javelin, best hand 200-meter flat race, throwing the discus, best hand, and the 1,500-meter flat race.

In the 100-meter final race, R. C. Craig, Detroit, won; A. C. Meyer, Irish-American Athletic club, second; Sid F. Lippincott, University of Pennsylvania, third. Time, 10:10 4-5.

The first trials in the stadium were the preliminary rounds of the running high jump, wrestling and the trial beats in the 10,000-meter flat race.

Six of the eleven jumpers who qualified for the final round of the running high jump by clearing 183 centimeters were representatives of the United States. Fifteen jumpers failed, including two of the American team.

Indian's Great Sprint.

The sensational event of the morning was a splendid race between Louis Tewanima, an Indian, and L. Richardson of South Africa. In the second heat of the 10,000 meter flat race, in which eleven runners started. Until the last mile the order was A. Stenroos, Finland; Louis Tewanima and H. Karlsson, Sweden; the little Indian hanging closely on the Finn's heels, with the Swede a yard behind.

About the beginning of the last mile Stenroos dropped back and Richardson son pushed forward from 100 yards in the rear and took his place. On the final circuit Richardson sprinted. Tewanima once came to the front, namely, but Richardson won by a yard, amid great enthusiasm.

Both will compete in the final. The Indian walked freshly across the field afterward, but his opponent had to be helped.

Other Heats of Race.

The first heat of the 10,000 meter flat race was comparatively unexciting. H. Kolehmainen, the Finn, winning with ease. Keeper made a fine fight for second place, having a good brush with W. J. Kramer in the first half of the race. Kramer, however, was obliged to give up in the eighth round, with eight laps still to be covered.

The American, Harry E. Hollowell, New York Athletic club did only four laps, a sore foot compelling him to abandon the race.

The third heat of the 10,000 meter flat furnished a pretty victory for the small Finn, Kolehmainen, who out-ran England's famous ten miler, W. Scott. For the United States, Lewis Scott, South Paterson Young Men's Christian association, and U. F. McGuire, North Attleboro, Mass., matched, made a had third and fifth respectively.

The 100 meter flat race final was a great contest. It belonged to any body until ten feet from the tape, but R. C. Craig of Detroit, by a great burst, crossed a foot ahead. Only inches separated the next three, A. T. Meyer and R. F. Lippincott, Americans, and G. H. Patching of South Africa. E. V. Bolote of Chicago finished fifth.

The flags of the first, second and third in each final event are raised on three flagstaffs at the end of the stadium. When the Stars and Stripes were hoisted on each pole at the end of the 100 meter race, the American contingent cheered long and loud, ending each outburst with "U. S. A."

The complete victory in this event far exceeded anticipations. The trainers were in nowise over-sanguine about getting first place, regarding G. H. Patching of South Africa as a most dangerous sprinter.

TENT STRUCK BY LIGHTNING

Seven Men Rendered Unconscious When Bolt Strikes in Midst.

Springfield, Ill., July 8.—During a terrific thunderstorm, six officers and one private of the First regiment, Illinois national guard, were rendered unconscious when a bolt of lightning struck a tent in which they sought shelter from the downpour.

The injured: Major Davis, Captain Paul C. Gale, Lieutenant George F. Scott, Lieutenant Berry Kingman, Lieutenant W. T. Troxell, Sergeant Jackson and Private Christensen. All are residents of Chicago.

Punished for Lese Majeste.

Saarbrunn, Germany, July 8.—A manufacturer named Schatz was sentenced to four months' imprisonment for lèse majeste. At a meeting called last month at a cafe to organize a local branch in Alsace-Lorraine of the French society, Herr Schatz turned a bust of Emperor William to the wall and made derogatory remarks about the emperor. Lèse majeste prosecutions have become unusual of late years.

Insurgents Forces Down to 3,500 Men

El Paso, July 8.—Only 3,500 men are estimated as comprising the remnant of the rebel Mexican army. Diversions because of lack of food and money, and federal triumphs have greatly reduced the insurgents' columns within the last week.

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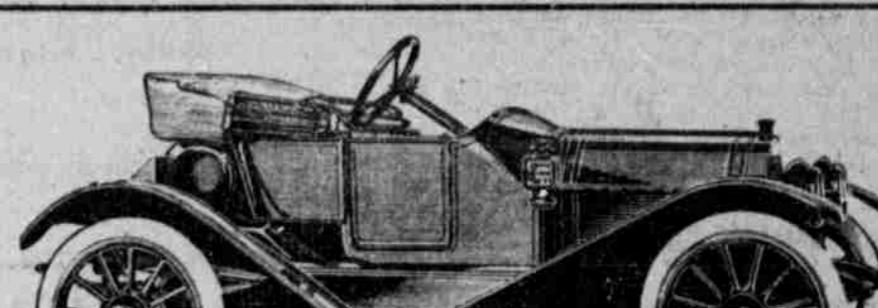
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