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IMPORTANT NEWS NOTES OF A WEEK

LATEST HAPPENINGS THE WORLD
OVER TOLD IN ITEMIZED
FORM.

EVENTS HERE AND THERE

Condensed into a Few Lines for the
Perusal of the Busy Man—
Latest Personal Infor-
mation.

Domestic

The agility of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., saved his life when the rope by which a bundle of construction steel was being hoisted to the roof of his father's mansion near Tarrytown, N. Y., broke, allowing the steel to drop. Mr. Rockefeller leaped from under, calling to the workmen to jump for their lives. Five were not quick enough, and sustained serious injuries. One will die.

Cold storage chicken is believed to have caused the death of William Starkweather of New York and the illness of between sixty and seventy sailors on board the battleship Michigan, which arrived at Boston from the southern drill grounds. All of the sick men have recovered.

Damages estimated at \$100,000 were done and one life lost in a cloudburst which swept Enns, Shamburg and Millville, suburbs of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Georgia will be the first southern state to begin the manufacture of serum for hog cholera. The serum will be made at the state college.

A not-fett-covered automobile returning from the Coney island Mardi Gras was wrecked while rounding a curve in Brooklyn, N. Y. A fashionably dressed woman, said to be Mrs. Josephine Noble, was killed. Her escort, Thomas Swan, a contractor, was probably fatally injured.

Governors of twenty-five states, in conference at Spring Lake, N. J., decided to protest to the United States Supreme court against what they consider an invasion of their rights by the federal courts. The decision of Judge Sanborn in the United States circuit court in the Minnesota case is the particular "invasion" to which the governors object. Judson Harmon, governor of Ohio, will head a committee of protest.

President Taft started from Boston on his tour of the country, the itinerary of which covers 12,696 miles in 24 states.

Three armored cruisers and eight torpedo boat destroyers sailed from San Francisco for Hawaii.

The aged widow of James D. Fisk, Jr., in the famous tragedy that stirred New York when Edward S. Stokes shot him on January 6, 1872, reported to be dying in the humble little frame cottage in South Boston where she has lived in poverty-stricken retirement for 25 years.

Practically 1,800 tailor shops in New York, where the better class of garments for women are made, were deserted by their workers. Ten thousand tailors, 2,000 of them women, were employed in the shops affected.

Lost in a great maze of railroad tracks, Aviator Jimmy Ward of Chicago, the second of the contestants in the Hearst \$50,000 coast-to-coast serial prize, made only 22 miles actual headway during his first day's work. Ward started from Governor's Island, New York, and landed at Paterson, N. J.

In round numbers the cost of the Roosevelt expedition into Africa under the auspices of the Smithsonian institution was \$80,000. The expenses of the actual hunting were divided, the Smithsonian paying about three-fifths and Colonel Roosevelt about two-fifths.

John A. ("Dogskin") Johnson, former convict and former inmate of the state insane asylum at Mendota, pleaded guilty at Madison, Mo., to the charge of having kidnaped and murdered Anna Lemberger on September 5. He was immediately sentenced to the state prison for life, hurried into an automobile and driven across the country to Wausau.

Wholesale frauds in the branding of inferior grades of liquors with spurious trademarks of staple products were revealed through the arrest of Martin Alborie in New York city, charged with infringement of trademarks.

The Rock Island Golden State Limited, west bound, was derailed just east of the station at Ainsworth, Ia. Three mail clerks were injured and the passengers were shaken up, but escaped injury.

The trial by court-martial of Gunner Henry McEver, U. S. N., whose wife committed suicide September 5, was begun at the Mare Island (Cal.) navy yard. McEver is charged with drunkenness. One specification is that he struck his wife the day of her death.

Three tornadoes, each of greater intensity than its predecessor, and all accompanied by terrific rain, swept Springfield, Ill., leveling trees, blocking traffic, flooding the streets, wrecking the copper dome of the state capitol, and cutting the city off entirely from communication with the nearest villages. No loss of life was reported.

Mounted police discovered alive Eleanor Gladys Brice, school teacher of Riverdale, five miles north of Snowflake, Manitoba. She told of having been attacked by a tramp and carried from her school to a lonely gully, where she was kept a prisoner, while her captor reaped himself on a bottle of whiskey. Miss Brice is a niece of Premier Roblin.

From New York to St. Louis by trolley in five days, traveling only in the daytime, is the record made by Lieut. William A. J. Koenig of the New York city police force and his wife.

Bending over a shotgun and pulling the trigger with his toe, Dr. John C. Drennan, forty-five years old, a prominent physician and a member of the Tennessee senate, killed himself at his home, Woodbury, Tenn.

October 9, the fortieth anniversary of the Chicago fire, has been set aside by Governor Deneen in a proclamation issued from the executive office as Illinois Fire Prevention day.

There is more suffering from poverty in New York this year than last, according to the Association for Relieving the Condition of the Poor.

The Twenty-seventh company of coast artillery, practicing with the trench guns at Battery Cranston, in the Presidio military reservation, hit a moving target at 10,000 yards six times with six shots.

Personal

A report is current in Los Angeles, Cal., that Nat Goodwin, the actor, has married Marjorie Rambeau, who was playing in the company with which Goodwin was associated until recently.

Officials of the New York state fair at Syracuse, who have given unusual recognition to the suffragists at this year's meetings, have voted to Dr. Mary Walker the annual prize for being the best dressed woman on the grounds. She appeared in masculine costume.

E. S. Hile, known from Canada to the gulf as an expert fisherman, and whose grandfather came from Kentucky with Daniel Boone, is dead at Louisville, Ky., at the age of eighty-three years.

Sporting

Jim Flynn, the Pueblo fireman, fought a winning battle of ten terrific rounds with Carl Morris, the gigantic heavyweight of Oklahoma, at Madison Square garden, New York city. At the end the Oklahoma man's face was battered to a pulp, while Flynn was unmarked save for a lump over the left eye.

Washington

Just before departing on his western trip at Beverly, Mass., President Taft announced his decision in the Wiley case, finding the food chemist guilty of intentional wrong and declining to remove him from office. The recommendation that Doctor Wiley be fired came from the personnel board of the department of agriculture and was endorsed by Attorney General Wickersham.

A saving to the government of fully \$2,000,000 on the transmission of peccolated mail by fast freight was estimated by Postmaster General Hitchcock after a two weeks' trial of this method of shipment.

President Taft's visit to St. Louis will embrace among other functions luncheon at the City club, which has quarters in a downtown office building. To insure the personal safety of the president in ascending to the banquet room, new cables have been ordered for the elevators.

Foreign

Five burglars stole \$315,000 from the branch of the Bank of Montreal in New Westminster, B. C. They entered the place by the front door, blew the safe with nitroglycerin and escaped without being seen except by a Chinese caretaker, who they bound and gagged. There is no clue to the robbers.

Latest advices received by the Chinese foreign board and the foreign legations at Peking indicate that Cheng-Tu, capital of Sze-Chuan province, is under siege, that most if not all the missionaries are inside the walls, and that the city is garrisoned by 1,800 troops, who have had several engagements with the besieging forces.

The river of lava from Mount Etna is still advancing, sweeping everything before it. Thousands are being driven from their homes. The 20,000 inhabitants of Castiglione and Francaville have turned their backs on their homes, fleeing before the advancing flow of lava.

Two thousand modern troops have refused to join in the siege of Cheng-Tu, China, at the command of the viceroys. The authorities fear to force the relief of Cheng-Tu lest the non-combatants there join the rebels.

RIOTERS FIRED ON

SAVAGE STREET FIGHTING IN
AUSTRIAN CAPITAL.

A SOCIALIST DEMONSTRATION

High Food Prices Given as the Cause
for This Most Serious
Outbreak.

Vicenna.—Traceable to the high price of the necessities of life riots broke out Sunday and many persons were killed or wounded. Troops fired on the mob, which had erected barricades in the streets. There was a fierce exchange of bullets and the soldiers were pelted with all sorts of missiles.

Following a huge socialistic demonstration outside the Rathaus, held for the purpose of protesting against the high price of food, it became necessary to call out troops to disperse the rioters. In the early clashes fifty of the rioters were wounded and 100 arrested.

Fifty thousand persons were present at the demonstration and fiery speeches were made, demanding that the government permit the importation of foreign meat and take other measures to remedy the conditions which have resulted from the prohibitory increase in the price of food products.

After the meeting a large procession marched to the parliament buildings, cheering for revolution and Portugal. Revolvers were fired in the air and then the mob began stone throwing. The windows of many public and private buildings, restaurants and train cars and street lamps were smashed.

Finally a squadron of dragons and a detachment of infantry appeared on the scene. They charged the rioters and dispersed them. The mob reassembled, however, in the suburbs which are occupied by the working class, where they wrecked more property. The troops were retained throughout the day guarding the imperial palace and government buildings and holding all approaches to the inner city.

The rioting was of a most determined and savage character. The mob was especially inflamed by the appearance of troops on the scene, and although an official account states that only one person was killed by a bayonet thrust, several wounded by a volley and about sixty seriously injured, it is believed that the casualties were much higher.

Former Senator Carter Dead.

Washington.—Former United States Senator, Thomas Henry Carter of Montana, for many years a notable and picturesque character in national politics, once chairman of the republican national committee, and since last year chairman of the American section of the International commission, died at his home Sunday of infection of the lungs. He was 57 years old. Mr. Carter had been under the care of a physician for months, but not closely confined.

Big Hail Stones.

Osceola, Neb.—A heavy hail storm at 4 o'clock this afternoon damaged corn in this vicinity and broke several plate glass windows in Osceola. Some of the hail stones were nine inches in circumference. Neighboring towns suffered little.

Kills Man, Attacks Woman.

Jacksonville, Fla.—Cicero Thompson, a carpenter, aged 45, was killed and a woman companion, whom he was accompanying home, was attacked by a negro at Ortega, a suburb of this city.

Death-Dealing Automobile.

Syracuse, N.—Nine persons were killed and fourteen injured, some of them seriously, as the result of an accident during the closing miles of a fifty-mile automobile race at the state fair track Saturday, when a Knox car, driven by Lee Oldfield, leaped from the track, crashed through the fence surrounding it and plunged into the throngs that lined the other side of the speedway.

Presbyterian Report.

Chicago, Ill.—The annual report of the general assembly of the Presbyterian church, just issued, gives the following statistics on the Nebraska synod: Presbyteries, 6; ministers, 183; churches, 231; communicants, 20,279; baptisms, 859; Sunday school membership, 20,225.

Milwaukee Girl Elopes.

Milwaukee, Wis.—A Milwaukee girl played a joke on her parents by eloping to Chicago and then sending her small brother to the newspaper offices to let her father know through them that she is a wife.

Train Kills Four.

Milwaukee.—Four members of the family of Frank Klein, postmaster and notary public of Rockfield, Wis., and a servant of the family, were killed when Soo road passenger train No. 202, due in Milwaukee at 6:50 p. m., struck their double buggy.

Five Million Dollar Fire.

Rio Janeiro.—The national printing works were destroyed by fire Sunday. Other valuable property was burned and the damage is estimated at \$5,000,000.

NEW YORKER FOUND A TURTLE IN HIS BED

FRIENDS GAVE HIM A JOOLY GOOD
TIME WHILE ON A VACA-
TION TRIP.

New York—"Good time? Certainly; always do," said a Times square frequenter who had returned from a vacation trip to a resort on the south shore of Long Island. "Everybody conspired to see that I was kept entertained; they always do with a bachelor.

"One of the pleasant little attentions they paid me was to deposit one evening a turtle in my bed.

"There had been some hints that something was going to happen to me, and so when I slipped between the sheets and felt some sand I knew it had come. I was too tired to re-



Turtle Explored the Room.

make the bed, and so I slipped under the sheets and lay on a blanket. Then I had a long tussle to compose my overwrought muscles and nerves. Finally, I felt that sleep was coming, and rolled over to get into just the right position. As I stretched my feet full out they touched something at the foot of the bed. I kicked, and there was a wild scramble and knocking along the footboard and wall.

"There was nothing to do but get up and remove the visitor. When I caught it I thought of putting it out into the hall and letting it wander around and put the joke on some one else. But there were some inoffensive old ladies there, and I couldn't commit the crime of scaring them to death. So I put the visitor on the floor to sleep while I slept. Ah, no! I got up, found the turtle under the dresser, forced out the window screen and dropped it on to the piazza.

"What I didn't know then was that that piazza had a tin roof and that there were drains on it about every ten feet that would stop any turtle. The sound of the shell on the metal was enough to make any scary woman think a whole regiment of burglars was coming up. I waited for a while for the turtle to go to sleep, but he didn't want to sleep that way. So, finally, I got out, hunted him down, and dropped him on to the lawn. I thought that the shock might be fatal, but next morning he was gone."

AUTOIST "CRANKS" HORSE

Then Animal Hauls Off and Plants
Both Feet on the Cranker's
Person.

Decatur, Ind.—When Old Dobbin balked while being driven near this city and emitted several grunts, resembling the exhaust of an engine, Frank Bogner, living here, absent-



Gets Kick for "Cranking."

mindedly leaned over the dashboard and proceeded to "crank" Dobbin's tail just as he would an automobile when it had "gone dead."

Dobbin never having been an automobile, and disliking anything that savored of this enemy of the horse, hauled off and planted both feet on the cranker's person so hard that he landed in the rear end of the vehicle. His injuries are not so serious but what he will recover, but it is certain he will never mistake a horse for an automobile again.

DIES FROM MISTAKE

PUTS CARBOLIC ACID ON HER
TOOTHBRUSH.

NEWS FROM OVER THE STATE

What is Going on Here and There
That is of Interest to the Read-
ers Throughout Nebraska
and Vicinity.

Lincoln.—Florence Arnold, a 14-year-old girl, died here Monday morning within two hours of the time when she poisoned herself with carbolic acid used by mistake in brushing her teeth. The girl confused the bottles found in the semi-darkness of the bathroom and put the acid on her toothbrush.

An Omnivorous Bovine.

Holdrege.—A Phelps county cow has gone remarkably well in the matter of solving the high cost of living. Unfortunately it was not known how well she was succeeding along this line until she was dead. In the stomach of a three-year-old heifer killed by local butchers was found a remarkable collection of rusty nails, old iron, glass and similar articles not generally placed on a cow's bill of fare.

Indian Killed by Train.

Valentine.—Turning Bear, an Indian, was struck and killed instantly Monday by a westbound passenger train. His family were on the station platform and he was running trying to get there also from the other side of the track. Spectators say that he was not three feet from the engine when he tried to cross and he seemed to run right into the engine.

Take a Long Canoe Trip.

Valentine.—Charles Helzer and Harvey Hornby, two young men of this city, took an unusual trip, going from here to Sioux City in a canoe via the Niobrara and Missouri rivers. They left here in a canoe about fifteen feet long and two feet wide.

Buying Shubert's Apple Crop.

Shubert.—Buyers are here purchasing Shubert's big annual apple crop. It is estimated that over two hundred carloads will be sent out. Last year over three hundred cars were shipped.

Nebraska City.—Engineer William Lewis, in charge of the Burlington engine that hauls the passenger train between this city and Red Oak, suffered from heart failure and was found unconscious in his cab as the engine entered the yards here. The fireman brought the train to a stop. His alertness alone averted trouble.

NEWS FROM THE STATE HOUSE

The report of the state banking board shows building and loan associations growing rapidly in the past ten years.

Plans for the two new buildings to be erected at the state asylum for the insane at Lincoln, have been filed with the board of public lands and buildings.

Rev. J. H. Presson, former commandant of the Millard home, has assumed his duties as recording clerk in the executive office, succeeding the governor's son, George Aldrich, who will enter the university.

Governor Aldrich has directed Attorney General Grant Martin to begin ouster proceedings against John J. Ryan and Joseph Pownka, fire and police commissioners of Omaha.

The resignation of P. J. Harrison as state university registrar having become effective, Assistant Registrar E. M. Rutledge assumed the duties of the office, in accordance with his promotion by the board of regents.

E. O. Stoehm, the new all-year athletic director of the state university, will begin work on the formation of a football team at once. Coach Stoehm does not regard the latest changes in the rules as of great importance.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, in his address at the state fair grounds, warmly commended the reciprocity treaty with Canada and dwelt at length on the beneficial results which he believed would accrue from the adoption of the treaty.

The state legal department will move for a judgment in the supreme court September 19 in the quo warranto case against Chief of Police Donahue of Omaha. The motion will include application for a decree forbidding Donahue's right to hold office.

Receipts at the office of the secretary of state for the month of August were \$10,843.15, obtained from the following sources: Articles of incorporation, \$1,243.75; notarial commissions, \$88; motor vehicle licenses, \$77; brands, \$46.55; certificates, \$66.75; corporation taxes, \$9,225.10; corporation tax penalties, \$100.

The board of pardons will hold a meeting September 11, at which time it will hear three applications for pardon and about twenty applications for parole. The men seeking pardons are Phillip Mauve, convicted of larceny; Andrew Hawkins, who was sent from Frontier county for a life sentence for the murder of a man named Jansen; Albert Jacobs, convicted in Sheridan county for burglary.

BRIEF NEWS OF NEBRASKA.

Kenesaw wants a new school building.

Kearney's new federal building is practically completed.

An agitation is on foot in Aurora to organize a Y. M. C. A.

The harvest home festival at Hill dretzh was a big success.

The national convention of postmasters is in session at Omaha.

Free delivery of mail may be established shortly at Broken Bow.

The receipts of the state fair will amount to more than \$92,000.

Rev. Francis Brown, pastor of the Baptist church at Surprise, has resigned.

Fifty-one county fairs will afford amusement and instruction for Nebraskans this year.

Great preparations are being made for the corn show and horse fair at Deshler, September 19 and 20.

Claud Floyd, a rural mail carrier out of Beatrice, has purchased an automobile and will make his trips in it.

Civil service examinations for mail carriers at Cedar Bluffs, Martell and Western, Neb., will be held October 7.

Nebraska's corn crop will probably be larger than that of last year, according to the Burlington crop report.

Rev. H. Danielson, pastor of the Danish church at Fremont for several years, has been transferred to Grand Forks, N. D.

Robert Sadler, a negro, who escaped from jail at Central City, hid in a trunk at his home at Clarks, where he was found.

Abel Shaffer, a young farmer near Hooper, was mangled by a freight train at that place, while trying to cross the tracks.

The pioneers and old settlers association of Harlan county, Neb., will meet in annual reunion at Orleans September 20 and 21.

The October term of the United States federal courts, districts of Nebraska, Lincoln division, begins on the first Monday in October.

Edwin Overbeck, a farmer near Pickrell, in chasing a cow to the barn slipped and fell in such a way as to break his left arm near the shoulder.

Dr. Thomas R. Ward, a practicing physician in Omaha for twenty-six years, dropped over dead at the breakfast table in his home Sunday morning.

Miss Eunice Murphy, charged with inciting the hanging of Charles Sellers of Cody, was given a preliminary hearing and bound over to the district court.

A rain storm almost equaling a cloudburst visited Beatrice early Sunday morning, flooding the streets and lowlands. The precipitation was three inches.

While trying to board a freight in the Burlington yards at Broken Bow Fred Forbes, 33 years of age, was thrown under the wheels and badly mangled.

While driving his car Sunday at the rate of forty miles an hour, near Paxton, Chris Thorning crashed into a barbed wire fence and received serious injuries.

The decomposing body of Edward Graham, an old soldier, was found in his bachelor home at Kearney by an old comrade. He had evidently been dead several days.

While left alone for a few moments in her room at St. Bernard's hospital at Omaha Sunday morning, Abbie Florik of Crete, Neb., committed suicide by hanging herself with a towel.

Louis Hornkohl was shot by his brother Charles on the farm of McDonald Bennett, near Wilsonville which they had rented. The brothers quarreled over the division of hay.

Rev. Thomas Bithell, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church of Fremont, and at one time president of the Methodist conference of that district, has announced his retirement.

Miss Jeanne Boyd, a Fremont young lady, is developing a remarkable talent in a musical line, being the author of a number of popular airs, including the score of a meritorious operetta. Her friends predict a great future for her.

An increase of over 200 in the total enrollment of the Lincoln city schools exclusive of the high school, is indicated by the reports of the various principals to Superintendent W. L. Stephens.

Roland McQuiston was seriously injured and John McQuiston suffered a broken ankle when an automobile in which they and Jim Wheeler and John Blair, all of Pender, turned turtle a mile from Beemer.

A flower parade will be one of the features of the big German celebration to be held in Lincoln in October.

The citizens of Gretna will hold a silver anniversary picnic September 22 to commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the town.

August Anderson, living near Juniata, has two acres planted to turnips and it is estimated will harvest from 400 to 500 bushels from the plot.

C. W. Cramer and his wife of Valentine, celebrated their golden wedding at the city park where, in the big pavilion a banquet was spread for over 100 guests.

The thirteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Robertson of Broken Bow was kicked by a mule and his skull crushed. It is thought he may recover.

Rt. Rev. J. Henry Tihen, bishop of Lincoln, will address the mass meeting of the annual convention of the American Prison association in Omaha the afternoon of October 15.

In an alfalfa field north of Aurora a large crack has appeared in the ground. The crack reaches clear across the field of ten acres, and is two feet deep and eighteen inches wide at the top. No one can explain the phenomenon.

WOMAN'S WIT WINS LETTERS OF UNCLE

FORTUNE-TELLER GETS COMPROMISING MISSIVES, BUT CLEVER NIECE REGAINS THEM.

LAYS CLAIM TO \$10,000 FEE

Diplomacy of Mrs. Mae Briant of Arkansas Enables Her to Get for \$50 Documents for Which Wealthy Relative Offered a Fortune.

Little Rock, Ark.—By exercising the diplomatic ability which twice made her postmistress of the House of Representatives of Arkansas, Mrs. Mae Briant of Harrisburg, will, unless the supreme court decides otherwise, receive \$10,000 from the estate of A. W. Shirey, the wealthy recluse who was assassinated in his store at Minturn last year.

Shirey, during the latter part of his life, was a spiritualist. He welcomed all who pretended to know anything of spiritualism and paid well for their teachings. In 1909 a woman from Little Rock, calling herself a spiritualist, went to Minturn and called upon the aged miser in his store. Shirey immediately made arrangements for readings in the attic room of the store at night. For several weeks the woman remained. Shirey holding nightly communion with the spirit world through the alleged medium. Finally he was persuaded to write five letters and place them in custody of the woman until a later date.

After the woman had gone Shirey began to consider the consequences if the letters should be made public. His efforts to locate the woman were futile, so he sent for Mrs. Briant, his favorite grandniece. He offered her \$10,000 if she would get possession of the papers, and Mrs. Briant undertook the task.

Coming to Little Rock, Mrs. Briant had little trouble in locating the alleged spiritualist and arranging for a series of readings. At one of these Mrs. Bryant confided to the spiritualist that she had been jilted by a wealthy old merchant of Lawrence county and was seeking to force his hand. The spiritualist grabbed at the bait and informed Mrs. Briant she had



Recovers Coveted Letters.

some letters from such a person which, if placed in the possession of the injured young woman, might materially assist her in her case. The letters were offered to Mrs. Briant for \$500. Several days were spent in negotiating, and the letters finally went to Mrs. Briant for \$50 and were then returned to Shirey.

Mrs. Briant's claim has been allowed by the probate court of Lawrence county, but an appeal has been taken to the supreme court by the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the chief beneficiary under the Shirey will.

The assassination of Shirey was the most atrocious crime committed in Arkansas last year. The old man, who owned several hundred thousand dollars worth of property in Lawrence county, had been married several times, the last to Faure Belle Hill, a girl of fourteen years, whom relatives claimed he had wronged. The couple did not live happily and both made efforts to get a divorce.

The supreme court of Arkansas declined to permit either a divorce and required Shirey to pay the girl-wife alimony. He was about to bring a new suit for divorce when he was assassinated. Shirey was seated on a sack of potatoes near the door of his store, across the road from the Minturn depot, when a lone horseman rode up to the porch and shot him dead. The assassin escaped in the gathering darkness.

Shirey left all his property to the Odd Fellows' lodge in Arkansas, but relatives fled suit to break the will, and the lodge compromised, giving the relatives a liberal portion, and agreeing to defend all other suits filed against the estate, any judgment to be taken from the lodge's share.

Mrs. Mae Briant is one of the best known women in Arkansas. She first came to the Arkansas legislature a young widow and at the close of the session was married to a member. She again came to the session of 1911 as a widow and was easily re-elected postmistress.