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## 'NINE PEOPLE DROWN

OUTING PARTY MEET DEATH IN SUSQUEHANNA RIVER.

Occupants of Boat Become Panic Stricken and Before Assistance Arrives Six Men, Two Boys and a Woman Are Swept Away.

Six men, a woman and two children were drowned Sunday afternoon in the Susquehanna river near Wilkesbarre, Pa., by the capsizing of a rowboat in which they had started for an outing. The dead are: Thomas Andrews, William Andrews, Theodore Andrews, Frank Marionsky, Adam Strukes, Frank Ganofsky, his wife and two boys, John and Michael.

The nine persons had started out for boat ride in the small craft. While they remained close to the shore all went well, but as the boat drifted in the swift current it began to dip water. The occupants of the boat became panic stricken and called frantically for assistance. Some boys at play on the bank of the river heard the screams for help, but before a boat could be secured the rowboat in midstream had filled with water and sank. None of the occupants could swim, and they were swept down the river to their death by the rushing current.

None of the bodies have been recovered.

One of the boys who witnessed the tragedy said the man who was rowing seemed to dip his oats too deep. This caused the water to splash over the side of the boat. The woman, in order to avoid the water, started to move toward the stern of the craft The shifting of the seat caused the boat to rapidly fill and in a few minutes all were floundering. The two boys grabbed the clothing of their mother as the boat toppled over and the three disappeared almost instantly. The police are dragging the riv er, but it is the belief that the bodies have been carried far down stream.

There was no sign of the craft on the river in the vicinity of the boat when the accident occurred.

#### TRY TO WRECK 9 BRIDGE.

#### Exploding Dynamite Cracks Pier of Cincinnati Structure.

With a shock that aroused sleepers for blocks around in the vicinity of Eighth and Budd streets, shortly after midnight Monday morning, two dynamite explosions damaged piers of the Cincinnati, New Orleans and Texas Pacific railroad at Cincinnati, O.

Shortly after the explosion an investigation was made and it was then thought no damage had been done, but a further inspection of the piers disclosed that one of them was badly cracked. No official estimate of the damage was given out. Two fuses had been stretched between the two piers timed so as to go off simultaneously. The police believe the explosion was caused by someone having a grudge against the contracting firm.

### \$50,000 INSURANCE RISK.

#### Stanley Robison Takes Out a Policy on Catcher Bresnahan,

Stanley Robison, owner of the St Louis National league ball club, has taken out a \$50,000 insurance policy on his manager and leading catcher Roger Bresnahan. The policy runs for five years and the annual premium is \$1,300. Bresnahan cost Robison four good players valued at \$50,000 when he was bought from the New York National league team. He is under a three-year contract to play for \$25,-000. This makes Robison's investment \$75,000 in Bresnahan.

Bresnahan is known as a daring player and has been injured often. Two big agencies refused to take the risk because of Bresnahan's chances of being injured behind the bat.

### Town Wiped Out.

The town of Tobin, ten miles northeast of El Paso, Tex., was practically destroyed by fire Monday morning Two buildings in which were housed the equipment of the interurban to E Paso and the work shops were among the buildings destroyed. One locomo-'ive and three cars were destroyed.

### Jap Laborers Strike.

Fifteen hundred Japanese laborer: employed on the Honolulu sugar plan tation went on strike for higher wage: Sunday, and it is expected that the movement will spread to the othe. plantations where Japanese are em ployed.

Sioux City Live Stock Market. Saturday's quotations on the Siou: City live stock market follow: Beeves \$4.50&5.25. Top hogs, \$7.20.

### Negotiations Broken Off.

The Portugese government having decided that the present time is inop portune, has broken off the negotia tinos with Don Miguel, the pretender to the throne, concerning his return to Portugal.

Monument to Verne Dedicated. A monument to Jules Verne was dedicated at Tmiens, France, Sunday The great French novelist died as Amiens March 24, 1905

#### TRIAL OF MRS. BOYLE.

Evidence Not Taken in Behalf of Ab-

ductor. Relying entirely upon their contention that the Pennsylvania courts have no jurisdiction in her case, counsel for Mrs. James Boyle, charged with aiding idence in her behalf. The claim of the May 4 and submitted to his majesty prosecution that Mrs. Boyle partici- Thursday, left no doubt in the empated in Pennsylvania in a conspiracy to kidnap the boy will be combatted by the defense, which will endeavor to have her turned over to the authorities at Cleveland.

the trial of James Boyle, but some ad-

am the frail little woman who planned the whole thing."

secreted in her clothing also was tesidentified Boyle and Mrs. Boyle as the couple who rented an apartment from indication of the nature of the pre her under the name of Walter.

Throughout the proceedings Friday to bring out the name of another parthe case. Boyle at one time said: "I want to tell the whole truth

about this case now. I want the whole thing cleared up. The whole blame them twice before. was on someone else."

Friday night in her cell Mrs. Boyle

to tell the whole story. We have not and thrashed out. As for myself, I will commit suicide before I will go to the penitentiary."

Great public interest is manifested over the question whether the Boyles will be allowed to state what is on their minds before the end of the trial. As the testimony has been closed, the only chance Boyle will have will be when called upon to say why sentence should not be pronounced. If Mrs. Boyle should be acquitted she probably would not care to bring anyone else into the case.

#### WOULD AMEND COMMERCE ACT.

#### Bailey Would Change Law to Cover More Cases.

commodities clause case, Senator Bailey Thursday introduced a bill amending the interstate commerce act so as to apply the provisions of the comsubsidiary corporations.

he had not read the opinion of the court in this case, but he had read enough to see that it "sustained the principles upon which the commodities clause was based" and the decision showed that the act did not cover all those case that he knew the author intended it to cover.

### Manager of Paper Convicted.

Fred D. Warren, business manager of the Appeal to Reason, a socialist publication, charged by the government with sending scurrilous and defamatory matter through the mails, was Thursday afternoon found guilty by a jury in the federal court at Fort Scott, Kan.

### Balcony Gives Way.

Thirty persons were injured, many seriously, when a section of the balcony railing at the new state armory at Seattle, Wash., gave way during the indoor track meet of the Seattle Athletic club Thursday night. Many spectators were thrown headforemost to the floor fifteen feet below.

### Sherring Turns Professional.

William Sherring, winner of the marathon at Athens in 1906, has turned professional and will run in the Montreal marathon May 24. The inducement offered is \$1,500, win or lose, with terms for another race within a month.

### Judge Named by Taft.

President Taft Thursday sent to the senate the nomination of United States District Judge William L. Lanning, of Trenton, N. J., to be United States circuit judge for the Third judicial circuit vice George M. Dallas, of Philadelphia, retired.

### Drinks Carbolic Acid.

Canon Arthur W. Beherens, aged 35 years, chaplain of St. Alban's school for boys at Galesburg, Ill., committed suicide Thursday by drinking carbolic acid. He had been in poor health and was in constant fear of insanity or paralysis.

### Wilson in Chicago.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson is in Chicago and has begun conferences with the government meat inspectors from all sections of the country. They will discuss conditions in the packing houses.

### Opium Firm Fails.

A dispatch from Hongkong says that as a result of the prohibition of the importation of opium into America, "The Opium Farmer," a Macao firm, duct the monopoly itself.

#### Sioux City Live Stock Market. Friday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Top

beeves, \$6.25. Top hogs, \$7.10.

UP TO THE EMPEROK.

Russia's Czar Can Prevent a Ministe-

rial Crisis.. The outcome of the Russian ministerial crisis is now entirely dependent upon the emperor's line of action, and abetting the kidnaping of "Billy" as Premier Stolypin's exhaustive re Whitla, Friday refused to offer any ev- port, based on the cabinet meeting of

in favor of sanctioning the naval bill. The premier had a long audience with the emperor at Tzarskoiselo, and The state's testimony was mainly while the primary demand was for his the same as that given Thursday in majesty's approval of the bill creating a general staff for the navy, the underditional witnesses testified about the lying object of the visit was to force connection of Mrs. Boyle with the the emperor to dissociate himself from the hostile campaign of the reaction-

peror's mind that the cabinet is a unit

One of the Cleveland policemen tes- aries and the courtiers close to him. tified that she said when arrested: "I | The painful necessity of the retirement of the cabinet, in case of an adverse decision, was delicately implied, and The finding of the ransom money the emperor announced at parting with the premier that he would tified to. The woman proprietor of the take the matter under consideration Granager apartments in Cleveland for a few days. The conferences of Wednesday and Thursday furnish no

A member of the cabinet said Boyle and his wife apparently desired Thursday evening that the resignations of the ministers had not been ty said to have been connected with tendered, nor was there any reason to expect that the emperor would break with the cabinet on a point which had been thoroughly thrashed out between

mier's ultimate decision.

The issue has nothing to do with a bigger navy; it is a mere matter of a constitutional technicality-whether "Both Jimmy and myself have tried parliament, which admittedly possesses the right to vote appropriations for been permitted to do so. It is not the army and navy, should have the justice. Everything should be heard power to attach a clause declaring that a naval staff had been established.

The bill in question was originally ntroduced in the second duma with the emperor's cognizance and passed, but a successful opposition was led in the council of the empire by M. von Schwanebach, a former minister in the Stolypin cabinet. In the meantime the second duma was dissolved.

The bill was reintroduced in the third duma with the emperor's approval. It passed both the duma and the council of the empire, in the latter case by a majority of 12, which included the members of the cabinet. The precedents are all in favor of the cabinet's position. The emperor has given his sanction to a similar minor bill, re-establishing Vladivostok as a Close upon the decision of the su- branch naval station. If he reserves preme court of the United States in the his ruling now it will mean a thorough change in his attitude toward representative institutions.

M. Kohmykoff, president of the duma, in an interview Thursday evening. modities clause to any corporation or stated that the duma is following the joint stock company which owns or fortunes of M. Stolypin and his cabcontrols directly or indirectly such inet with keen sympathy, as its own fate is staked on the result. He ap-In presenting it Senator Bailey said plauds the decision of the cabinet to take a firm stand.

### PATTEN HAVING GOOD TIME.

### Wheat King is Enjoying His Vacation

in New Mexico. James A. Patton is still on the Bartlett ranch in northearn New Mexico. Apparently Mr. Patten has no present intention of leaving the "happy hunting grounds" he has found in the forests and mountains of northern New Mexico, and, according to the reluctantly given information over a long distance telephone, he is having the vacation of his life, spending nearly all his time fishing, hunting and rid-

Mr. Patten personally refused to respond to a long distance telephone call. When the call was answered and information regarding Mr. Patten's intentions was asked for, none was forthcoming.

"Mr. Patten has nothing to say," was the answer given. He refused also to say how long he intended staying in the mountains.

### COUNTERFEITER TO PRISON.

### In View of Age and Service in Civil

War He Receives Small Sentence. Dr. J. Counterman, of New Albany, Kan., 75 years old, pleaded guilty in the district court at Fort Scott, Kan., Wednesday to the charge of counterfeiting. In view of his age and his service in the civil war he was given the minimum penalty, a year in prison and a \$5,000 fine on each of two

Counterman's arrest a year ago marked the end of counterfeiting which was carried on in Wilson county several months before the government officers broke up the gang.

### Editor of "The Nation" Dead.

Hammond Lamont, of New York, the editor of The National, died Thursday night at the Roosevelt hospital following an operation which proved more serious than expected. He was 45 years old. He was the author of several well known college text books and of numerous articles upon educational and literary topics.

### Consul Adams is Arrested.

On two indictments, one charging conspiracy to defraud and one larceny, has failed. The Chinese government Charles Hall Adams, consul for Libehas seized the factory and will con- ria and Nicaraugua, and vice consul for Uruguay, as well as state commissioner for all the states and territories, was arrested at Boston Thursday. The offenses charged are said to have been committed six years ago.

# NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

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#### FOUND ON BATTLEFIELD.

ed Knee Fight Now Wed.

Eighteen years ago last winter, when the battle of Wounded Knee was fought on the Pine Ridge Indian reservation between the Sioux Indians and the United States troops, Gen. L. W. Colby, then in command of the Nebraska militia, found an Indian girl on the been shot by the soldiers.

rice, where she was adopted, becoming one of his legal heirs.

Now word comes to Omaha, all the by, has been married to Albert Chali-French families of the Pacific coast.

Miss Colby, whose name in the Sioux | practicable for the potato industy, eslanguage is Zintka Lamuni, meaning pecially to the end that the potato disfound on the field of battle, was edu- ease complained of may be extermicated in the public schools of Beatrice | nated. and was afterward sent to finishing school in Washington, D. C. During the past few years she has been dividing her time between living in the Colby family at Beatrice and with a sister of Gen. Colby in Portland. She is a very attractive young woman, highly educated, though in appearance she is still an Indian.

### BABIES ARE NOT WANTED.

#### Omaha Woman's Club Does Not Welcome Stork.

It is quite apparent that the stork and the members of the Omaha Woman's club have not been on intimate terms during the club's year, which ended May 1. At the annual meeting of this club, which is composed of the most intelligent and prominent married women of the city and having a membership of a little more than 400, among other things, the secretary submitted a report on vital statistics as pertaining to the club. This report showed that but once had the stork spread its wings over the club during the period reviewed. The home that his birdship had visited was that of Mrs. David E. McCulley, where a few days since he had left a bouncing boy.

In striking contrast with the record of the Woman's club is the record of the Omaha's Mothers' club, which held its annual meeting the other day, acting upon reports for the year ending May 1. This club has a membership of 80, and with the exception of the secretary, Miss Magee, all are married women. The annual report of permit, as the ordinance requires firethe Mothers' club, among other things, homes of club members.

### AN ATTEMPT TO BURN TOWN.

#### Fire Set in Plainview, Neb., Methodist Church.

An unknown person early Thursday attempted to burn the entire town of Plainview, and succeeded in destroying the new \$15,000 Methodist church, the Methodist parsonage and an adjoining dwelling. The incendiary broke into the church, in the northwest part of town, at midnight, saturated the basement floor with gasoline and applied a match. Outside a sixty-mile gale from the northwest raged and threatened to sweep the entire town with flames. Forty small fires started from flying embers. The Norfolk fire department and others from neighboring towns were summoned. For four and to keep for him and cannot find him a half hours the fire raged. Many men were prostrated and women fainted during the fire, which was conquered against seemingly hopeless

odds. It is believed at Plainview that the recent prohibition fight, which was bitter, may have been behind the fire.

The town went "dry." Men who went to ring the fire bel found the bell rope cut and had to climb to the top of the tower to give the alarm.

### Norfolk May Remain Dry.

seven. Mayor Friday, elected by the wets, declares this ordinance must be repealed before any licenses are granted. He says it is unfair to discriminate. Not enough councilmen can be secured by the wets to repeal the ordinance

### Omaha Electrical Show.

indefinite period.

With a message of felicitation, Presmanagement and was attended by ex- ernor Dared to Do Right," hibitors from many parts of the country. The exposition will continue for ten days.

### Two Boys Burn to Death.

Ben and Joe Berrer, aged 21/2 and Berror, at St. Bernard, a little postoffice in Boone county, were burned to death in a barn Thursday. They are thought to have set the fire. Their charred bodies were recovered.

#### Flames Fanned by Gale. Fanned by a 60-mile wind, a severe prairie fire raged over from six to ten townships of land near North Platte Wednesday and Thursday. Several gun the erection of a \$4,000 church farm dwellings and much live stock

Two Salcons for Wayne. At Tuesday's session of the new city council granted saloon licenses to A. W. Stodden and G. H. Rohder under the new daylight ordiance at \$2.150 each. The third one was rejected.

other buildings, in addition to stock.

#### WILSON WILL AIB.

#### Indian Child Picked Up After Wound- Farmers of Sheridan County Enlist Aid of Government.

Congressman Kinkaid, acting on letter from Mr. J. H. Jones, a leading citizen of Rushville, asking scientific COAL LINES NOT TO SUFFER assistance of the department of agriculture in behalf of the extinction of a potato malady which has gained some foothold in Sheridan county, has succeeded in enlisting the department battle field, clasped in the arms of its earnestly in behalf of eradication of dead mother, a Sioux woman, who had the disease. Mr. Kinkaid informed the secretary of agriculture that Sher-Although in the dead of winter, idan county and other parts of north-Gen. Colby took the little Indian girl west Nebraska promise to become the to his camp, had her cared for, and greatest potato raising country in the when an opportunity presented sent | United States, not only because of the her to his magnificent home in Beat- fair amount of yield per acre, but es pecially on account of the very supe rior quality of product. The department has instructed its representative way from Portland, Ore., that the In- at the Lincoln experiment station to dian maiden, known as Miss Clara Col- take the matter in hand, and a subexperiment station or two will be esvat, a descendant of one of the old tablished in northwest Nebraska with a view to doing the most that may be

#### WILL BOOST CORN SHOW.

#### Commercial Clubs in Oklahoma Wil Back Their People.

The Federation of Commercial Clubs of Oklahoma will go back of the National Corn exposition and see that a big exihibt is made from that state

at the exposition in December. George H. Stevenson, of Omaha, assistant secretary of the National Corn association has returned from Oklahoma, Kansas and Arkansas, where he talked corn show to commercial clubs

and agricultural colleges. "All the states which I have visited will be represented at the exposition,' said Mr. Stevenson. "But Oklahoma is particularly enthusiastic and the commercial clubs are going to work at once to push for the exhibit at Omaha. The movement is general throughout the state and the letters inquiring about the show received from farmers of that state show they are aroused to the possibilities of their state in agcicultural lines."

#### ARAPAHOE TO HAVE SALOONS.

#### Licenses Granted to Three and to One Pool Hall, Under Restrictions.

The Arapahoe muddle as to saloons was decided Monday night by a unanimous vote of the council in favor of three saleons, granting licenses to Henry Meyers, John C. Den and Henry Puls; also to J. E. Beltzer, for poo halls business, but subject to building proof buildings. This is not prohibishows that 33 times during the past tion but simply the town board wants year has the stork stopped at the to make an investigation. That there will be saloons in Arapahoe is a foregone conclusion, as well as that the town board proposes to have control

### LOSES BIG ROLL.

#### Dashing Brunette Took \$935 from Aged Nebraskan.

Alleging loss of \$935. Theodore Langstone, aged 76, of Tecumseh, appealed to the chief of detectives of Chicago and asked help in finding Miss Mary Bodey, a dashing brunette, with offices in the Schiller building, where she carried on a real estate and brokerage business, Langstone said he had given her \$935 and that she had promised to marry him, but disappeared. He wanted his money back. He also alleges he gave a barber \$400

### DRY ROT IN POTATO FIELDS.

#### Experts Say Nebraska Farmers Must Import New Seed.

Potato growers in northern Nebraska must abandon their potato on new soil. Send must be imported from Oregon, so the state farm experts will declare in a few days. Elaborate experiments have been made to eliminate the dry rot. It has been discovered that the Nebraska growers have planted diseased seed. An ordinance is now in force at Nor- The ground is alive with the dry rot folk limiting the number of saloons to fungi. New seed and fresh lands must be sought. An official bulletin will be

### FOR DAY OF REJOICING.

issued in a few days.

#### and the town is likely to be dry for an Lyons Man Urges that "Drys" Celebrate on July 4.

A call has been issued by M. M. Warner, of Lyons place, asking that Saturday, July 4, 1909, be made a day of great rejoicing and commendation ident Taft Thursday night opened the to Gov. A. A. Shallenberger for his Omaha Electrical exposition at the courage in signing the daylight saloon auditorium. The ceremony at which bill. A request is made to try to have the president's message was read was ministers preach a sermon on that day under the auspices of the exposition taking for their text, "And the Gov-

### Children Go Rambling.

While their parents searched the country round and dragged a pond in search of them, three little daughters of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Magner and A. 3 1/2 years, respectively, sons of Anton B. McCoy, of Hastings, slept peacefully on the roadside between Hastings and Ayr Monday. The search was kept up all night and until Tuesday morning, when word was received that the children had passed through Ayr.

#### New Buildings at Ansley. The Roman Catholic church has be-

building in Ansley. The First National were destroyed by the fire, and many bank has commenced a \$20,000 bank building, to be built of granite. A new school building for the high school is being planned, to cost \$20 .-000, to be built this year. The Outlook is for twenty-five new residences to be built in Ansley this spring and summer.

# HEPBURN LAW UPHELD BUT ROADS NOT HURT

Supreme Court Finds Commodities Clause Good, but Takes Away Its Effect.

#### Government Interpretation Held to Be All Wrong and Things Will Go On as Before.

The railroads won a unique and substantial victory Monday when the United States Supreme Court, through Justice White, handed down a decision declaring the "commodities clause" of the Hepburn act constitutional, but placing an interpretations upon it which will not compel the carriers to part with their coal proper-

The decision, however, in the case of the Lehigh Valley and the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western roadsat least, requires a divorcement of their coal properties. The victory was unique, because the arguments of the Attorney General in favor of the clause, as well as the arguments of the railroad attorneys against the clause, were lost efforts so far as the Supreme Court was concerned.

The decision upholds the constitutionality of the clause, but declares that its interpretation by the government under which it was endeavoring to compel the railroads to part with their coal lands, is a false interpretation. Therefore, were the arguments of the railroad lawyers combatting the government's interpretation useless. Both the government and the railroads were, so to speak, "barking up the

wrong tree." The decision, however, does not indicate that the court would view with hostility an amendment by Congress tothe commodities clause prohibiting common carriers from owning the securities of corporations whose com-

#### modities they transport. Robs Law of Its Effect.

The effect of the Supreme Court's pronouncement is to make abortive the purpose for which the commodities clause was incorporated in the Hepburn amendment, for it makes it possible for the railroads to do by indirection what they cannot do directlynamely, own coal mines and transport the products therefrom. In order to do this, however, it becomes necessary for a railroad company either to organize a subsidiary company which shall be the legal owner of the mines, or in the event of the railroad company's owning its mines direct, then it will become necessary for it to dispose in good faith of the output of the

mines before it transports the same. In other words, the decision placesthe seal of approval upon the commodities clause, but insists that it does not mean that a railroad company may not own stock in another company which controls coal mines the product of which the railroad company transports to market, nor does it mean that if such a railroad company owns its mines direct, it cannot transport their product, provided it first parts with it before it becomes interstate traffic. The decision, therefore, practically gives the approval of the highest tribunal in the land to the method which is now being pursued by all western coal owning roads and by the majority of the eastern coal owning roads, of mining and selling the products of their mines.

### COREY PLANS COPPER COMBINE

#### Head of Steel Corporation Said to Have Strong Support.

William E. Corey, president of the Unfted States Steel Corporation, is trying to form a big combination of the copper interests of the country with a view to regulating production, eliminating disastrous competition and introducing economies in operation. Mr. Corey's efforts are said not only to have the support of Henry H. Rogers and the Amalgamated Copper and United Metals Selling Companies, but of strong independent interests. Mr. Corey and his friends recently gathered together forty of the leading copper men of the country and submitted his plan to them. Practically all of them favored the idea, but many of them doubted whether such a combination could be successfully carried out. The plan, however, has made some progress.

### OWN WORK HIS DEATH TRAP.

### Engineer Drowned in Tunnel-

panion Escapes. A. H. Demrick, an electrical engineer, in charge of all electrical and power construction under the Salt River valley reclamation project, was drowned in the sluicing tunnel, 600 feet long, near Phoenix, Ariz. A. L. Harris, assistant to G. L. Smith, in charge of construction at Rozvelt, was swept through the tunnel with Demrick, but emerged in the riverwithout serious injury.

### TWENTY HURT IN TRAIN CRASH.

#### Engineer Dying and About Score of Others Injured in Collision.

Great Northern passenger train No 3, known as the Flyer, west bound, ran into a light engine at Delano, Minn. Two day coaches were burned and about twenty passengers more or less seriously injured. Engineer Andrew W. Watson of St. Paul, of the passenger train, was probably fatally hurt and is in St. Mary'shospital at Minneapolis.