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Keep in the shade, but not shady.

These are busy days for electric and base ball fans.

It will be difficult to make a fool-proof automobile.

The man-birds are beating the other birds in their own specialty.

Halley's comet and Theodore Roosevelt are now retired from the spotlight.

In the economy of modern civilization the fly has no place. Swat him, and swat to kill!

Does any one remember the big snowstorm of last winter and the fearful oaths that were uttered then?

Aviators now get \$10,000 a day, but the prospect is that their wages will be cut down at least ten per cent.

The man-bird who sees his supply of gasoline running low becomes a subject of ridicule to the other birds.

That Texas man who has adopted dollar bills as his calling cards will probably find the folks at home at any time.

The back-to-the-farm movement is very popular with those who could not go if they would and would not go if they could.

In hot weather, too, the ice man has an exasperating habit of failing to see the card placed conspicuously in your front window.

The sultan of Sulu will visit the United States, bringing \$250,000 worth of pearls. He'd better bring a body-guard, while he's about it.

Showers of sandbags and monkey wrenches will mark the course of aviation. The pedestrian suffers at every turn from every innovation.

Reckless aeroplanists may yet run down innocent automobilists leaving them helpless and bleeding on the road. The world do move.

While it may be cruelty to microbes, the human society announces that there will be no prosecutions against bakers who wrap their bread.

Correspondent asks anxiously why so many weddings take place in June. Because in this season the contracting parties aren't so likely to have cold feet.

That was a Solomon of a market reporter who stated that eggs have receded one cent a pound. He neglected to say how much sugar was a dozen.

New York makes it unlawful to catch more than ten pounds of trout in one day. This is farcical. Who could catch 48 trout in New York in one day?

In the interest of public health, those who are determined to make way with themselves are requested to keep out of the lakes that supply the people with drinking water.

The queen of Bulgaria asked for a cigarette and the French ambassador didn't have a single one in the house. Being a diplomat, he restrained himself from offering her a nice five-cent cigar.

A society has been formed in New York which proposes to reform the calendar. We trust it will be able to prevent February and May from trading places up in this section of the country.

A steamship which is to be nearly 900 feet long has been launched in Germany. Owing to the fact that it is not to be a war ship it will not be necessary for England to hasten to launch a larger one.

A Milwaukee woman is to get a bequest of \$100,000 if she marries, and only the interest from that sum if she remains a spinster. Her decision may depend a good deal on the rate of interest the money is drawing.

A Tibetan hootookatoo, who was headed by mistake three years ago, is to be reincarnated by Chinese imperial decree. That is easy as falling off a log when you know how. They just take an innocent baby and appoint it to fill the vacancy.

A Milwaukee girl, according to the terms of her mother's will, is to get \$100,000, provided she wins a husband. Of course, that is a terrible handicap, but she may be able to find some fearless young man who will assume the responsibilities of wealth for her sake.

A hotel porter at Helena, Mont., found a quarter and laughed so hard over it that he died. If it had been a "tip" he would probably have grumbled because it was so little.

The south has resented the intimation that the hookworm disease is exceptionally prevalent in that section and practically unknown in the north. Now that a pronounced case of hookworm ailment has been found in Philadelphia some of the southerners will be inclined to indulge in "I told you so" comment.

16,000 RAILROAD MEN GO OUT

STRIKE ON GRAND TRUNK SYSTEM TIES UP FREIGHT.

Passenger Service Is Congested—Milk Famine Threatens Montreal—Strikers Are Orderly.

Montreal.—It was estimated Tuesday that 16,000 men were out of employment as a result of the strike of employees of the Grand Trunk railroad system which went into effect Monday night.

The strike order was obeyed by 5,000 conductors and trainmen and the company Tuesday locked out 10,000 men in the shops in the hope that they would accept the positions deserted by the conductors and trainmen. The coup has not been successful.

Freight and passenger traffic on the entire Grand Trunk system is congested. Freight is piling up in immense quantities at the various transfer points, with no likelihood of being moved for a long time.

A few trains were run by minor officials of the road, with office clerks to take the tickets, but this method has proven a failure. Passengers will not purchase tickets because of the inability of the company to guarantee a through trip to any point.

A milk famine is threatened in Montreal by reason of the company's failure to deliver any part of the usual supply of that commodity from outlying points. Also there is a marked scarcity of other necessities usually transported by the railroad.

There was nothing approaching disorder among the strikers at any point along the system, excepting in one instance, in which a brakeman on a Grand Trunk train at Flint, Mich., was attacked by the strikers and saved by his mother, who shamed the strikers into retreat.

Toronto, Ont.—The second day of the strike on the Grand Trunk has been uneventful throughout Ontario. Through passenger trains are running fairly on time. A few locals have been abandoned. No attempt is being made to move freight.

The freight situation in this city is indeed serious. The yards and sidings are congested with cars. The ice companies are suffering and much perishable freight is being ruined. But stories that the city is undergoing a milk famine and soon would suffer for want of meat are unfounded.

Cleveland, O.—There will absolutely be no quarter given in the fight between the Canadian trainmen and the Grand Trunk and Vermont railways," said President W. G. Lee of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, on his return to this city.

"The Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and the Order of Railway Conductors will back the strikers to their last penny."

"The strikers will hold out for the same terms granted by the Baltimore & Ohio, and which every other railroad excepting the Grand Trunk and the Vermont has accepted."

GOV. CARROLL IS INDICTED

Grand Jury Returns Bill Charging Iowa's Chief Executive With Criminal Libel.

Des Moines.—Gov. B. F. Carroll was indicted Wednesday by the Polk county grand jury here on the charge of criminal libel preferred against him by John Cowie, former member of the state board of control, whom the governor forced to resign under charges of misconduct preferred in affidavits by girl inmates of the Girls' Reform school at Mitchellville.

After his resignation Cowie declared he was forced to resign without justifiable cause and Governor Carroll issued a published statement in which he set forth the claim that Cowie had sold diseased cattle belonging to the state and had conducted himself unbecomingly among the girls at Mitchellville.

The governor was released on his own recognizance and will demand an immediate trial. His effort will be to prove the truth of his statements and show justification for publishing them. Under the Iowa statute the penalty upon conviction is imprisonment in the penitentiary not to exceed one year or a fine not to exceed \$1,000.

REPORT CRIPPEN IN CANADA

Liner Steward Declares Alleged Wife Slayer Reaches Montreal on Steamer Megantic.

Montreal, Que.—Positive statements that Doctor Crippen, the London murderer, sought by Scotland Yard, arrived here Sunday on the White Star Dominion liner Megantic was made Monday by H. J. Airress, saloon steward of this ship, who is corroborated by two other stewards.

The actions and appearance of a passenger who was attended at table by Airress and accompanied by a woman registered only as "Carruthers," seemed suspicious to the steward.

The police believe Crippen has left Montreal for American soil.

Woman Killed in Kansas City. Kansas City, Mo.—Miss Bessie Cox, twenty-seven years old, was struck Thursday by a speeding automobile driven by a negro at Eighth and The Paseo, and received injuries from which she died two hours later.

Goes Crazy Over Airships. New York.—As a result of 12 years' study of the problem of aviation Robert J. McKinley, a Brooklyn inventor, has become mentally unbalanced and is confined in a hospital for observation and treatment.

THE EMBARRASMENTS OF AIR-LINE TRAVEL



The Fareless Passenger.

DID RAWN COMMIT SUICIDE? PLOT TO KILL 'AMERICANS'

DETECTIVES SAY RAIL PRESIDENT WAS NOT MURDERED.

Belleve Monon Head Killed Himself—Family Clings to Theory of Assassination.

Chicago, July 22.—That Ira G. Rawn, president of the Monon road, came to his death by a bullet fired from a revolver in his own hands is the conclusion of Herman Schuetter, acting chief of police and the police of Chicago have dropped the investigation into Mr. Rawn's death, firmly believing that he committed suicide.

Acting Chief Schuetter announced his decision after a long conference with the detectives who had investigated the Winnetka tragedy. All the details of the tragedy point to suicide according to the detectives.

It is thought that Mr. Rawn committed suicide rather than face the impending and inevitable revelation of his connection with the \$1,500,000 frauds perpetrated on the Illinois Central railroad while he was its vice-president.

This is the theory of both the police who investigated the case and of those most familiar with Mr. Rawn's Illinois Central record. The latter, from their definite knowledge of the facts and circumstances attending the railroad's graft losses, furnish the motive—fear of a collapse from wealth and a respected position and of probable prosecution and conviction.

The police, from their investigation of the shooting, so far as the reticent relatives have permitted that investigation to go, negative all theories of murder by a burglar, a hired assassin, or a private enemy—in fact, all theories but that of suicide.

Despite the withdrawal of the Chicago police, the private detectives employed by the Rawn family continued their investigation and steadfastly declared that Mr. Rawn was killed by a burglar.

The private detectives have nothing new on the murder theory, according to Ralph G. Coburn, a son-in-law of the dead man.

"We have heard nothing new and there is nothing further to be said," answered Mr. Coburn. Mr. Rawn's funeral was held this afternoon.

BLAZE IN JOLIET PRISON

Shirt Factory Is Destroyed With Loss of \$25,000—Convicts Create No Disorder.

Joliet, Ill.—Fire that broke out in the shirt factory at the Illinois state prison here totally destroyed the building and equipment, causing a damage estimated at \$25,000. Crossed electric wires is assigned as the cause of the conflagration. The volunteer fire department composed of "trusties" failed to check the flames and the Joliet city department was called. Guards were dispatched through the corridors at the out-start to allay the fears of the convicts and there was no disorder.

IOWA COLLEGE TO BE SOLD

Des Moines Presbyterians to Acquire Highland Park Institution and Turn It Into Technical School.

Des Moines, Ia.—Negotiations have practically been completed whereby Highland Park college of this city will pass under the control of the Des Moines Presbytery. It is understood that the consideration is \$200,000.

Cyclone Sweeps Over Sweden. Stockholm, Sweden.—Central Sweden was visited Thursday by a cyclone. No lives were lost, but there was much damage to property. Many farm houses and factories were unroofed, especially in and about the city of Eskilstuna.

Death in Car Wreck. Boise, Idaho.—In a head-on collision between cars on the Boise & Interurban railroad near Boise Thursday, Motorman William Earwood was killed and four passengers hurt.

New Judge in Brown Case. Chicago.—Judge Kersten will preside over the retrial of Representative Lee O'Neil Browne, which will begin in the criminal court Monday, August 1. This was agreed to Wednesday by State's Attorney Wayman and the attorneys for the defense.

Forest Fires Destroy Lumber Towns. Winnipeg, Man.—It is reported that Jaffray, Three Forks and Baynes Lake, mining and lumber towns in the Sloan district, have been destroyed by forest fires.

BLAST KILLS ELEVEN

FATAL ACCIDENT OCCURS DURING TARGET PRACTICE AT FORTRESS MONROE.

FAMILIES SEE MEN SLAIN

Artillerymen Are Horribly Mangled When Breach Block of Big Gun Explodes—Board of Inquiry Is Investigating Disaster.

Fortress Monroe, Va.—As a result of the explosion of the breach block in a 12-inch gun without warning at the fort Thursday 11 men are dead and eight others are injured.

Whether the accident was due to faulty mechanism in the gun, or negligence upon the part of the men who were hurled into eternity is to be determined by a board of inquiry which is still investigating the dreadful affair.

The killed: First Sergeant Harry G. Hess. Corporal Charles C. Atkins. Corporal Albert Bradford. Private Roy Duffey. Private Cleve N. King. Private Alfred W. Smith. Private James H. Turner. Private Arlie Adey. Private Andrew J. Sullivan. Private J. E. Hogan.

The only man seriously wounded was Second Lieut. George L. Van Dusen, U. S. A., who had a leg broken and sustained painful burns and bruises.

Five men were slightly though very painfully hurt.

Target practise had been in progress only a few minutes when the accident happened. Naval tugs, towing targets which represented a "hostile" fleet trying to pass Fort Monroe to reach Washington, had just appeared in sight and all of the batteries had opened fire.

The fire was very effective during the few minutes and the targets were badly battered, but when the explosion occurred interest in the mimic battle was lost.

Colonel Townsley, commandant of the fort, said that he did not know whether the mechanism of the gun was at fault or whether the accident was due to the carelessness of the men around the gun.

Colonel Townsley stated that the shell is still in the gun and that only one breach was blown away. The whole breach block was blown away and was carried some distance by the force of the explosion of the 300 pounds of high explosive. The projectile was left in the gun and excepting the breach block the gun was not damaged. The men and the gun were in a concrete pit about fifty by fifty feet and the whole effect of the giant charge took effect in that small enclosure. The men were torn to pieces, arms, legs and heads being scattered in all directions, some of them going into the waters of the Roads and other parts of the land side. All the men close to the breach end of the gun were either killed or wounded. The powder which forms the charges for the 12-inch guns is made up into pyramids with holes pierced through them. Several of these pyramids were scattered around in the pit unconsumed and the holes were filled with blood.

Many of the dead were so burned and mangled that they had to be identified by the shreds of bloody clothing that were left on the pieces of bodies. The wives and children of several of the men killed were present and saw them meet a terrible death.

700 HEMMED IN BY FLAMES

Towns of Bloomville and Heinemann, Wis., Menaced by Forest Fires—Railroad Tracks Burned.

Merrill, Wis.—Seven hundred persons of Bloomville and Heinemann were hemmed in Thursday by forest fires at the former town with seemingly no means of escape.

The fires have destroyed the railroad tracks for some distance between Bloomville and Merrill, making it impossible for the inhabitants of the doomed village to seek refuge in that direction.

The situation at Bloomville is critical. The 400 homeless of Heinemann fled to that village only to be confronted by a similar peril.

Gleason, north of Bloomville, is isolated by the fire, and it has been impossible to get word from the village for many hours. This leaves Bloomville with its 550 persons cut off on every side. With the population nearly tripled, the question of feeding the people is a serious one. Reports from Bloomville tell of the flight of scores of people, some going on foot and others in wagons. The loss in buildings is over \$200,000.

Several farmers' families have not been accounted for. Fields which were about to be thrashed and live stock and buildings were abandoned.

Estimate 2,100,000 in Chicago. Chicago.—Children to the number of 814,115 now living in Chicago, according to the school census report that was made Thursday to the board of education, represented families that it is estimated have 2,100,000 members all told.

Burned by Mischievous Boys. Pittsburg, Pa.—Robert Finley is in the hospital, painfully burned. He fell asleep on a bench in East park Thursday, and mischievous boys threw a burning newspaper under him.



Prohibitionists Put Up Ticket.

The prohibition party which it was supposed would not put up a state ticket this fall in consideration of the scrap in the two old parties over county option, is now in the race with nominees for governor, lieutenant governor and state treasurer, George I. Wright of Otoe county filed for governor and Samuel Lichy of Falls City filed as a candidate for lieutenant governor and Albert Fitch of Central City for state treasurer. Several days ago T. M. Birmingham of Pender filed as a prohibition candidate for United States senator. Later he presented petitions from twenty-five republicans and twenty-five populists so his name will go on three tickets as a candidate for the place that Hitchcock and Metcalfe are striving for. John D. Stoddard of Republican City has filed as a prohibition candidate in the Fifth district.

It has been customary for the prohibitionists to have a full state ticket in the field, but this year it was generally thought the party would stay out of the fight in order not to embarrass candidates of either of the old parties who may stand for county option. The filing of prohibition candidates is considered proof that the men who filed in the name of the party do not propose to wait on any of the old parties to take a stand on county option.

Raising the Dues.

Raising the scale of dues paid by members was the means adopted by the Nebraska postmasters' association at Lincoln last week to take care of a threatened \$200 deficit in its treasury. Officers of the association laid before the convention at its final session the fact that expenses had been so heavy as to make necessary some provision for increasing the income in future. The method proposed for doing this was to abolish the old flat rate of \$1 annual dues for all postmasters of whatever grade, with 50 cents added for initiation fee, and substitute a sliding scale. After a lengthy discussion the dues were fixed as follows:

For postmasters of first class offices, \$10; second class, \$5; third class, \$2; fourth class, \$1.

Ogallala to Have Depot. Edson Rich, attorney for the Union Pacific Railroad company, met Mayor Harris of Ogallala and Mr. Holloway of that town, the complainant in a depot case, and together with the members of the railway commission a stipulation has been agreed upon. The complaint asks that a new depot be built at Ogallala. The railroad attorney agreed to recommend an appropriation for a new depot, the amount to be incorporated in the company's budget for 1911, and to file plans for the proposed building with the commission by July 1, 1911. If the railroad officials do not provide funds for the building it is agreed that the railway commission shall order the company to build.

Will Exhibit a Battleship. The naval department will exhibit a \$30,000 model battleship at the Nebraska state fair, according to advice received from the department of Captain Clark. The model will be of the Nebraska type and will be superior to the exhibit which the navy had last year. The recruiting officer built a wooden model for the booth last fall and the exhibit attracted general attention on the grounds. The department distributes souvenirs to visitors illustrating the service. Lieutenant Commander Wetting of Omaha has assumed Captain Clark that the costly model would be sent here in plenty of time.

Big Semaphore Plant. One of the largest semaphore plants in the entire west is now being built in the Burlington yards. It will be a 120-lever machine, housed in a large brick building protecting Burlington yard tracks and the Union Pacific crossing. It will require about three months to complete the plant and when done it will cost between fifty and sixty thousand dollars.

City of the First Class. North Platte, according to the census recently taken under the supervision of the mayor and the city council is now a city of the first class, having a population of 5,146. A proclamation naming North Platte as a city of the first class will be issued within a day or so from the governor's office.

State Food Commissioner S. L. Mains has notified the National Biscuit company that after August 1 its customers in Nebraska must obey the law.

Visit the Havelock Shops. Delegates to the postmasters' convention paid a visit to the Havelock shops of the Burlington. They were escorted through the big plant by officials of the Burlington, Mayor Hinkle, Postmaster A. A. Havers and other Havelock officials.

Many of the visiting delegates attended the reception given by the Commercial club at the city auditorium. They were made to feel that the people of Lincoln enjoy their coming and would like to see them come again.