

BID FOR MONOPOLY

Germany Seeks World-Wide Control of Wireless Telegraphy.

WOULD BUY MARCONI CONCERN

Capitalists Negotiating for Majority of Stock in Company.

OWNS SEVENTY-TWO STATIONS

Large Number of Ships Also Equipped with Its Apparatus.

ECHO OF RECENT CONVENTION

Marconi Company, Which is a British Concern, Chagrined by British Agreement for Interchange of Messages.

BERLIN, Aug. 17.—(Special.)—Germany is making a bold bid for the control of wireless telegraphy throughout the world. This is the real meaning of the strenuous efforts being made by a powerful syndicate of German capitalists to purchase the controlling financial interest in the Marconi Wireless Telegraphy company, as well as the financial interest in the Marconi companies controlled by the parent Marconi concern.

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CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Table with columns for Forecast for Nebraska, Omaha, and other locations, including temperature and wind direction.

MORE EXCURSION TALK

Number of Roads Running Out of Chicago Considering Special Rates.

CHICAGO, Aug. 18.—Some of the railroads running out of Chicago are seriously considering low-rate excursions, but the stronger feeling is to do nothing until after the coming of the new season before they decide the constitutionality of the rate.

The passenger departments of the railroads centering in Chicago have refused in the last six weeks low-rate excursions, which would have yielded a revenue of at least \$50,000, at a conservative estimate.

The movement to St. Paul and Minneapolis on Friday at the \$8 round trip rate, with a three-day limit, has given impetus to the talk of resuming cheap excursions.

The failure of the committee to make a report on the application of the Wisconsin Central for a differential to apply on Chicago-St. Paul-Minneapolis business may have some effect in precipitating action.

INTERNATIONAL LOVE FEAST

San Francisco Chamber of Commerce Entertains Kikijiro Ishii.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 18.—An international love feast was held at the Fairmount hotel last night to cement friendship between Japan and America.

Kikijiro Ishii, director of commercial affairs of the Japanese foreign office, was the guest of honor. Another honored guest was Secretary Straus of the Department of Commerce and Labor.

Peace was the keynote of all the post-prandial speeches. Each orator voiced his personal faith in the good intentions of the business men of Japan and America.

AUTO STRIKES EXPRESS TRAIN

Three Persons Killed and Two Fatally Injured at Great Barrington, Mass.

GREAT BARRINGTON, Mass., Aug. 18.—An automobile containing a party of five persons from Pittsfield, collided with the New York-Boston express at Ashlee Falls crossing, near here, today.

Three of the motoring party were killed and the other two probably fatally injured.

Miss Mary Root, aged 49 years, an automobile manufacturer of Bristol, instantly killed.

Miss Katherine Root, sister of Mrs. Root; died while being removed to Pittsfield by train.

Miss Mary Root, daughter of Charles J. Root; removed to the hospital at Pittsfield, where her condition was reported as very critical.

Miss Katherine Root, aged 14 years, niece of Mrs. Root; internal injuries.

NEGRO ROBS GAS COMPANY

Minneapolis Colored Man Who Ran Rooming House in Old Jail Tapped Main.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Aug. 18.—Unknown to the authorities Charles J. Chatten, a negro, has for a year been running a rooming house for negroes in the abandoned Minneapolis jail.

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CONSTRUCTION IS DEFECTIVE

Collapses of Concrete Buildings Due to This Cause.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—(Special.)—The recent collapse of a number of reinforced concrete buildings with loss of life and of several hundred thousand dollars has brought forcibly to the attention of structural material experts the need for an immediate revision of the building regulations of the great cities of the country.

It is declared that inattention to this new material is the cause of the collapses.

Richard L. Humphrey, expert in charge of the United States Geological Survey's Structural Material Laboratories in St. Louis, Mo., and Norfolk, Va., declares that the danger of collapse of concrete structures exists in nearly every important city in the United States.

"I have examined carefully nearly every one of the buildings that have collapsed within the last year," says Mr. Humphrey, "and in every instance the fall of the structure has been due to carelessness of construction. From what I have seen of other concrete buildings in process of construction, I am satisfied that the same errors are being repeated and that further collapses will surely come unless the officials of the cities take the question in hand now.

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USE OF ALCOHOL DISCUSSED

At Meeting of Men Dealing with Alcoholic Victims, Few Declined It.

LONDON, Aug. 18.—(Special.)—Proposing the toast of "alcohol" at an annual dinner of the Medical-Psychological association held at the Whitehall rooms, Sir James Crichton-Browne said they had at that table many of the highest authorities in the country on the alcohol question.

Medical superintendents of lunatic asylums who are in the vanguard of the evils of alcohol, were the strenuous advocates of temperance and had supplied the teetotalers some of their strongest arguments.

He thought, therefore, it would be interesting to ascertain how far they adopted the extreme views on the alcohol question now being promulgated, and with the assistance of the manager he had had statistics prepared.

There were at that table eighty-four members of the association, and of them just 5 or 6 per cent had declined alcohol altogether.

All the rest—94 per cent—were in favor of the use of alcohol, a large majority in several forms. He had a fortnight previous at the table of Sir Andrew Noble with eighteen of the leading men of science of the day, from the venerable Lord Kelvin downwards, and not one of them declined alcohol.

These were facts, and in view of such facts it was a farce or an obsession or a gross hyperbole to speak of alcohol as a deadly poison.

Those who declared alcohol to be a deadly poison should also state that they constantly carry about in their bodies more deadly poisons or toxins. But these human poisons were harmless—may, beneficial—as long as they were kept in their right place, and our great aim should be to keep alcohol in its right place also.

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