

MEET DEATH IN WHIRLPOOL RAPIDS

Swimmer Makes Gallant Fight for Life when Caught in the Great Sweep

18 YEAR OLD BOY OF NIAGARA FALLS

Perished in Rapids which Took the Life of Captain Webb, the Great English Swimmer—Score of Persons Watched Boy in His Battle Against the Giant Waves—Body Now Visible in Whirlpool.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Aug. 16.—August Sporer, an 18 year old boy of this city, met his death this afternoon in the whirlpool rapids after a gallant battle with the giant waves between the lower bridges and the pool.

Caught in the Great Sweep. With these companions Sporer went for a swim in the river at the old Maid of the Mist landing. He struck out at once for the middle of the stream and then turned toward the bridge. His companions called to him to turn back, for the current is very swift at that point, but he kept on down stream and was caught in the whirlpool. His first break from the smoother waters to the rapids.

Grim Fight for Life. The boy battled for a time against the current, but to no avail. He evidently realized that he was beyond human help and was to be carried through the rapids which took the life of Captain Webb, the great English swimmer, and which have resisted ev-

NEW YORK PROMOTER

SHOOTS HIMSELF IN HEAD. Commits Suicide at Home of His Sister in Becket, Mass.

Becket, Mass., Aug. 16.—David H. Bidwell, about 65 years old, a New York promoter, committed suicide at his home in Becket, Mass., this afternoon. He shot himself in the head at the home of his sister, Miss Lizzie Bidwell, of Main street. The cause of the act is not known here. Mr. Bidwell came to Becket this morning from Pittsfield, where his wife and daughter, Mrs. Bertha Brown, have been stopping at the Wandell house. Besides his wife he has a young son, who is his usual good spirits, but his sister said that he had been acting queerly.

New York, Aug. 16.—David H. Bidwell died at 266 West 1st street, in this city, but had not been at home for the past six or three months. He was a well known promoter.

COLONEL POPE'S BEQUEST.

Gifts of Pope Manufacturing Company. Stock to Cohasset Church and Two Colleges.

Dedham, Mass., Aug. 16.—Many public institutions are remembered in the will of Col. Albert A. Pope, the bicycle and automobile manufacturer of Cohasset and Boston, which was filed for probate here today. Stock of the Pope Manufacturing company valued at \$50,000 is left to the Cohasset church. The Pope Memorial church at North Cohasset is to be used for church purposes and running expenses. Among the institutions receiving gifts are the same stock valued at \$1,000 each are Berea college, Kentucky, and Lincoln Memorial university, Cumberland, Tenn.

DYNAMITE IN THE BRONX.

Unsuccessful Attempt to Dynamite Bridge Over New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad.

New York, Aug. 16.—An attempt to dynamite one of the street bridges over the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad tracks, which was made by a party of the borough of the Bronx, failed early today because sufficient explosive was not used. A stick of dynamite was placed in a hole in the masonry of the bridge made a terrifying explosion, but merely bent some of the steel framework. A disgruntled former contractor employed by the construction company, is believed to have made the attempt to destroy the bridge.

A WISE SQUIRREL

Induced a Washington Policeman to Turn on Water for the Drunks.

Washington, Aug. 16.—Were it not for the fact that nature failing in and around the White House is supposed to have received a death blow several years ago, the experience yesterday of one of the bluecoat guardians of the executive mansion might be described by the over credulous. One of the squirrels which long before the present administration began played about around the big trees of the White House green lawn in front of the White house, according to the aforementioned policeman, kept running up to him yesterday and then scampering away. As he refused peanuts, the officer could not make out what he wanted. Finally, the officer noticed that every time the squirrel ran away from him the little fellow would make a jump for a water spigot in the grass and jump up at it as if trying to turn the handle. This gave the officer his cue. With Sherlock Holmes' instinct, he turned on the water, which was wanted by that poor dumb creature, wanted.

JAPANESE CRUISER COMING.

To Take Part in Naval Pageant at San Francisco.

Tokio, Aug. 16.—It was announced today that the armored cruiser Idzumi will sail on September 15 for San Francisco, to take part in the naval pageant during the observance of the anniversary of Portia's discovery of the Golden Gate, which will be held October 19-23. The vessel is under the command of Captain Takayama, and has on board as one of its minor officers Prince Shinzawa.

Lake Como Suddenly Disappears.

La Croce, Wis., Aug. 16.—Lake Como, at Hokok, Minn., a suburb of La Croce, disappeared during the night of Sunday. The water was seen to recede this morning they saw only the sandy bottom. A dam 300 feet long at the foot of the lake had broken.

Cabled Paragraphs

Rome, Aug. 16.—A large automobile carrying five Italians was wrecked in Rome today by running down an embankment. All the passengers were killed.

London, Aug. 16.—The British steamship Wayfarer, captained by Wood from Liverpool Aug. 15 for New Orleans, returned to dock today at Liverpool, the tow rope having fouled her propeller.

Madrid, Aug. 16.—Fighting between the Spaniards and the Spanish forces at Melilla was resumed today. It is not known yet how general the engagement is, though the despatches from the general Marina is taking the offensive.

Constantinople, Aug. 16.—Abdul Hamid, the former sultan of Turkey, who is now in confinement in Salonica, suffered recently from a slight attack of the throat which made it difficult for him to swallow. He refused to submit to an operation, and the trouble eventually remedied itself.

CLEVELAND GAS WRECKED BUILDING. Storage Warehouse Blown Up and Ten Persons Hurt—Pedestrians Injured.

Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 16.—Seven men and three women, two of whom may die, were injured today, when an explosion of natural gas wrecked the four-story building occupied by the Wierk Moving and Storage company. The debris caught fire and was practically consumed. The building was lifted high in the air. On the north side the falling wall crashed in upon T. M. McCarry's station, causing considerable damage. The south wall almost demolished J. C. McIntyre's meat shop. Immediately following the explosion seven quills or three others were slightly injured by a runaway horse, frightened by the explosion. Frank Wierk, manager of the storage house, was badly burned. Firemen were overcome by smoke. The total loss probably will approximate \$100,000.

NEW YORK MAGISTRATE'S SYMPATHIES AROUSED

Prisoner Told Story of Stealing Meat for His Constipative Wife.

New York, Aug. 16.—William L. Bancher, a man of 48, who said that he had been better dogs and had been driven to desperation by the need of his dying wife for nourishing food, which he had become unable to provide for her, was arrested today, charged with breaking into a meat shop and stealing a quantity of beef. He had been arrested on a charge of being a peddler of stolen goods. For several days," said Bancher, "I have been unable to obtain work. My wife has become constipated and dying and I had no way to get her nourishing food she needed. So I got together some money and went to the meat shop near my house where I used to trade when I had money and got in by the rear door. I was on my way back with the meat when I was arrested."

THROWN FROM CAR INTO CREEK

Automobilist Has Lucky Escape From Death Outside Atlantic City.

Atlantic City, N. J., Aug. 16.—In a blinding rain storm a large automobile carrying five men from this city to Philadelphia, skidded on a bridge spanning a creek on the boulevard just outside here early today, and threw the driver and a passenger into the water. The car was wrecked and the structure with terrific force, threw the men to the water fifteen feet below. All were painfully injured, but they escaped death from drowning by swimming and wading ashore. The automobile was wrecked and hung over the side of the bridge. The occupants of the car were Edward Rankin, Philadelphia, badly crushed leg; James F. Munson, Philadelphia, fractured arm; James F. Hony, Boston, left leg bruised; and F. P. Hony, Boston, right leg and face bruised; W. H. Dayton, New York, right leg cut and bruised.

GREAT HEAT IN THE WEST.

Seven Deaths Reported in Omaha—96 Degrees Reported at St. Joseph.

Omaha, Neb., Aug. 16.—Seven deaths were caused in Omaha yesterday by the heat today. The maximum temperature of 96 degrees was reached at 2 p. m. St. Joseph, Mo., Aug. 16.—Although Sunday was the hottest day in St. Joseph in the past week, the record broken today when the mercury registered 96 at ten o'clock, one degree above yesterday's record at the same hour.

TAKAHIRA TO RETURN NO MORE.

His Successor is Yasuya Uchida, Now Ambassador to Austria.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 16.—That Baron Takahira, Japanese ambassador to the United States, will be made minister of foreign affairs by his government, was stated today by an official Japanese source. Mr. Takahira sails for Japan tomorrow on the steamer Tongo. At a farewell dinner, exclusively Japanese, given in a Buddhist temple, the ambassador expressed the opinion that he was themselves in large measure responsible for the ill feeling against them in the United States.

A TIPTON BANK REOPENS.

First National Had Closed Doors on Disappearance of Assistant Cashier.

Tipton, Ind., Aug. 16.—The First National bank of this city, which closed its doors July 26, after the disappearance of the assistant cashier, Noah Marker, was reopened for business today. There was no celebration. A number of deposits were made and several small amounts were withdrawn. Great bundles of banknotes aggregating \$250,000 were piled up on the counters behind the desk. Bank of America expressed the opinion that as much money would be deposited today as would be drawn out.

LOST IN ADIRONDACKS.

Party of Three from Auburn Discovered After Wandering All Night.

Utica, N. Y., Aug. 16.—Lillian Titus, D. Sands Titus and Zaydel Beardley of Auburn, who were lost in the woods near Fourth Lake, Fulton county, were found this morning, after they had spent the night in wandering. They had become separated in the night. Mr. Titus and his sister were found in a berry patch two miles from Nicks lake and Mr. Beardley was found on the Nicks lake trail.

American Aviator Flies at Rheims

Made Three Short Trips in His Aeroplane.

GLENN H. CURTISS INJURED

In an Abrupt Landing, but His Condition is Not Serious—Hurricane and Hail Sweep the Aerodrome.

Rheims, Aug. 16.—Glenn H. Curtiss, the American aviator, who will take part in the "aviator week" contests, made two successful trips in his aeroplane today, but was injured in a few minutes' duration. But at the end of his third flight, which lasted four minutes, Curtiss made an abrupt landing and his machine was slightly damaged. Undismayed, Curtiss at once set about repairing his flier.

SHOCKED AND BRUISED.

He declared that the machine needed only a little tuning up to be in perfect shape, and he is elated with its easy operation. Mr. Curtiss is suffering from shock and bruises, though his condition is not serious.

HURRICANE, HAIL AND RAIN.

A hurricane, accompanied by hail and torrents of rain swept over the aerodrome tonight, unroofing a number of sheds and drenching Major Grange, who was making a short flight.

SUTTON COURT OF INQUIRY.

FINDING REACHED AND SIGNED

Court's Report En Route to Washington in Charge of Major Leonard.

Annapolis, Md., Aug. 16.—The Sutton court of inquiry closed today two secret sessions, during which the testimony relative to the death of October 13, 1907, of Lieut. James N. Sutton, Jr., U. S. M. C., was gone over thoroughly. The finding was reached and signed tonight. What the members of the court refused to say, as they will be reviewed by the navy department at Washington before being made public. The findings were signed by the members of the court and by Judge Advocate Leonard, who returned to Annapolis from Washington on the morning of October 13, 1907, and left Annapolis, carrying the report with him for delivery to the navy department.

ROBBED OF MONEY AND GEMS.

Head of Private Pittsburgh Detective Agency Complains to Chicago Police.

Chicago, Aug. 16.—Thomas D. Stewart, the head of a private detective agency in this city, tonight reported to the police the loss of \$10,000 worth of jewelry and gems. Mr. Stewart came to Chicago Saturday night with a man who had induced him to come to Chicago on a half day's trial. The man, who is a member of the Pittsburgh Police, was arrested. The man's story excited Magistrate Bennett's sympathies and he detailed a patrol of five men from this city to Philadelphia, skidded on a bridge spanning a creek on the boulevard just outside here early today, and threw the driver and a passenger into the water. The car was wrecked and the structure with terrific force, threw the men to the water fifteen feet below. All were painfully injured, but they escaped death from drowning by swimming and wading ashore. The automobile was wrecked and hung over the side of the bridge. The occupants of the car were Edward Rankin, Philadelphia, badly crushed leg; James F. Munson, Philadelphia, fractured arm; James F. Hony, Boston, left leg bruised; and F. P. Hony, Boston, right leg and face bruised; W. H. Dayton, New York, right leg cut and bruised.

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The Heaviest August Rainfall

Monday Coldest August Day With Two Exceptions.

4.15 INCHES IN MANHATTAN

Temperature sank to 56—More Rain by Millions of Tons than in Any August Day Yet Noted.

NEW YORK, AUG. 16.—

More rain by millions of tons fell on Manhattan Island during the past twenty-four hours than in any August day yet recorded by the weather bureau. The official precipitation was 4.15 inches, almost two inches more than for all the other days of August thus far.

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Condensed Telegrams

Mrs. Ida Trout of Chicago said love and business will blend.

A New York Fire Caused a Panic among 135 patients in a hospital.

Lucinda Davis, a Louisville, Ky., negro, died from eating watermelons.

Rain ended the Serious Drush that has affected regions in Pennsylvania.

Miss Helen Klingman Was Killed in an automobile accident at Piere, S. D.

Baron Takahira, the Japanese ambassador, is in Seattle on his way home.

Morschauer Declared Evelyn Thaw cannot collect any money from Harry K. Thaw.

Former President Eliot tried to correct the impression made by his "new religion."

A Philadel-phia Man Ate Cake and became ill and now thinks his wife poisoned it.

An Official Stated that the reciprocity treaties increased the United States' export trade.

The Commercial National Bank of Chicago predicts an unusually big crop of small grains.

Almost Simultaneously a birth and a death occurred on a tourist car on the Burlington route.

A New York Taxicab Struck a Girl, seriously injuring her, but did not stop to render assistance.

The Old First Methodist Church at Long Branch, N. J., celebrated its one hundredth anniversary.

A Man Carrying a Four Year Old Girl was arrested in Philadelphia, charged with kidnapping.

Sheriff Faegin, with a Captured Negro, outwitted a posse and prevented a lynching at De Soto, Ga.

A Great Western Freight ran into an automobile at Ortonville, Minn., fatally injuring three of the occupants.

The Austrian Steamer Atlantis, from Baltimore for Venice, is aground in the harbor of Malacocco, near Venice.

The Silver Service from South Dakota to the battleship of that name has never been presented to the vessel.

At the New Haven Conference for the prevention of infant mortality the doctors will consider the value of a baby.

Cardinal Gibbons, assisted by other notable prelates, is expected to visit St. Mary Magdalene at Salt Lake City, Utah.

There Are 38 Entries for the aviation competition next week at Rheims, France, including aeroplanes from the United States.

Present Conditions indicate that the drought in the corn growing sections of Kansas, Missouri and central and southern Illinois will be broken.

William Graulich of Lansing, Mich., shot and killed his wife and then shot himself. The bodies were buried in a common grave.

La Marquise de Fontenay in yesterday's American edition of the French relations of Germany's new chancellor and notes that men of color are barred from the galleries of the Chamber of Deputies.

DRIZZLY DAY AT BEVERLY. GOLF, AUTO RIDES AND FUN President Taft, Free from Business Care, Passed Delightful Day Monday.

Beverly, Mass., Aug. 16.—With no matters of public business to interfere, President Taft gave himself over entirely to vacation joys. In the afternoon he went on a golf course and in the evening he went to a play.

On the occasion of his forenoon visit to Des Moines, Iowa, September 20, President Taft will review a parade of some 2,000 troops of the regular army and afterward will make a speech from the reviewing stand. A military tournament will be in progress at Des Moines at the time of the president's visit.

TRAGEDY AT PICNIC. Joke Played on Merry-maker Terminated Fatally.

Chicago, Aug. 16.—Because Thomas Harvey, 25 year old, amused himself by walking repeatedly around a tree under which his friend, Edwin Johnson, and a girl were seated, he was struck by a branch of the tree which fell on his head and his skull was fractured, the death ensuing immediately. The tragedy occurred at a picnic and was witnessed by hundreds of merry-makers. Harvey had come upon his friend and the girl, who had sought a secluded spot, and had concluded that it would be a good joke to annoy them. He had made twelve circuits when Johnson became infuriated.

Canadian Pacific Strikers Back to Work.

Fort William, Ont., Aug. 16.—All the striking Canadian Pacific freight handlers went back to work today. Their differences will be left to the minister of labor for settlement.

Drew First Choice in Spokane Reservation.

Spokane, Wash., Aug. 15.—Allen Newton, aged twenty-four, of Helena, Mont., drew No. 1 in the Spokane reservation today.

SKIRMISHES BETWEEN BLUE ARMS

Resulting in the Capture of a Number of Scouts and a Score of "Casualties"

RED AND BLUE ARMIES FACE TO FACE

First Real Clash is Looked for Today—Theoretical Fleet of Battleships and Smaller Craft to Assist Invading Army by Series of Night Attacks on Boston Harbor

Defences of Ports Reinforced by 720 Men.

Boston, Aug. 16.—The field of the war game now being played in southeastern Massachusetts became considerably changed tonight, when it was announced that a theoretical fleet of battleships and smaller craft was on its way to assist the invading army of the Red by a series of night attacks on the Boston harbor defences.

Reinforcements for Boston Ports. The harbor forts today received reinforcements when the transport Sumner brought six companies of coast artillery from New York, totaling 720 men. The newcomers were distributed among Forts Heath, Banks, Warren and Strong, and tonight each of these fortifications was fully manned to resist an attack by the fleet of the enemy. The "fleet" will be commanded by Major A. M. Hunter and nine planters, numbering 14 in all and each designated either as a battleship, cruiser or torpedo boat. They will carry six ponderous guns and six arms instead of the big guns of the real warships and the fire of the guns of the fleet will be entirely unobscured. This sea war game will be supervised by Colonel Cronk, who is in general charge of the naval maneuvers and by Major A. M. Hunter, in charge of the land forces.

Land Forces Drawing Close Together. While preparations were proceeding for this attack on the Boston water front, the two big armies in the south, the Red, commanded by General Bliss, and the Blue, under the command of General Peck, were marching toward each other. The two armies were separated during the night and tonight the opposing camps were separated by a few miles only. There is a general opinion that the day between outposts, a number of captures of scouts were effected, and there were a score of minor theoretical engagements. The first real clash is looked for tomorrow.

A Sort of Neutral Ground. General Bliss, in command of the invaders, advanced his front about tonight, but the invaders and the Red tonight are at Rock Station about four miles southeast of Middleboro. The exact position of the army is not known