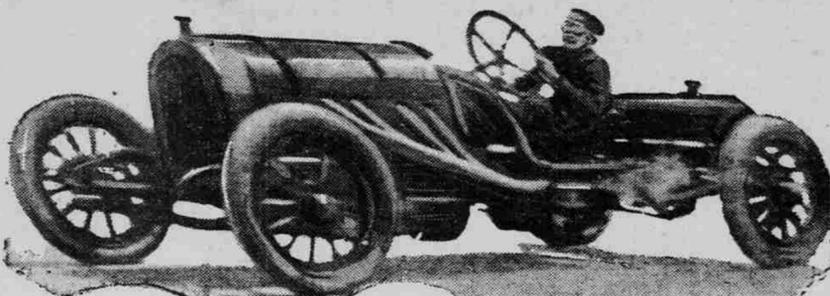


VEHICLES CRASHES THRU FENCE, INJURING MANY



Juddy Kilpatrick, who went through the fence today at the fair grounds, in his monster 200-horsepower racer.

KILPATRICK, IN 200-H. P. AJAX, LOSES WHEEL AND DASHES INTO BIG CROWD

Dozen or More Hurt in Crash During Big Races.

Before Largest Crowd in History, Accident Occurs.

RUSHED TO HOSPITALS IN AUTOS

Every Doctor Available Called to Attend the Injured.

Fire Wagons Aid in Rescue Work on the Grounds.

NEARLY DEAD FROM SHOCK

Roy Bean, of Meriden, Overcome at Sight of Accident.

No One Reported Dead at Late Hour This Afternoon.

Thomas Maier, 507 Polk st., 12 years old; arm broken.

Barney Maier, 507 Polk st., cut on head.

Era Bliss, Oskaloosa, severe wounds on head.

R. E. Darby, 2136 Clay, leg broken and otherwise hurt.

Albert Scott, 10 years old, both legs broken.

H. L. Kilpatrick, driver.

Roy Bean, 22 years old, Meriden, in serious condition, overcome by shock.

Harry Bliss, Oskaloosa, in serious condition.

Ten persons were badly injured and a near panic ensued at the fair grounds at 3 o'clock this afternoon, when Kilpatrick, auto racer, dashed into the fence near the west end of the grandstand at the state fair races.

The knuckle on Kilpatrick's machine broke, he lost control and mid the screams of women the huge 200-horse power Ajax racer plunged into the human wall around the race course.

Immediately after the accident state fair officials put in a call for all doctors available in the city and physicians were called from the grand stands.

The fire department equipment and automobiles were pressed into ambulance service and the victims of the big machine were rushed to the nearest hospitals.

Following the plunge the vast crowd thronged to the scene and all the city and county officers on the grounds were baffled in an attempt to keep back the mob. It was nearly impossible for relief to be offered quickly and helpers found trouble in guiding their wounded laden machines out of the grounds.

A scene to remember. Several thousand men, women and children were massed about the track when suddenly someone noticed that Kilpatrick's car slumped in its speed. Before a gathering murmur could sweep through the crowd the car hurtled through the air, straight toward the fence and the mass of struggling humanity beyond.

Men and women and bits of children, scarcely old enough to have accurate control of their tiny legs, climbed over each other in a frantic effort to clear the way for the unguided mass of twisted metal. The fence rail held. It was only a moment but it was long enough, to avert a more serious catastrophe. Only a few stragglers remained in the path of the car and these were struck in the main, not by the machine itself but by flying parts.

In the grandstand, thousands of men and women seated there struggled to their feet simultaneously—a choked cry in the throat and horror written in their faces.

Then when the broken car had come to a throbbing halt the crowd surged again toward it. Several women had fainted and a number of persons were more or less crushed. It was a jumble of writhing crushed

forms and anguished shrieks, which rose above their sinister monotone only to be drowned in the murmur of the crowd.

Some one called the fire department and the ambulances and before the persons on the outskirts of the crowd really realized what had happened ambulances and doctors came and order had issued grimly from the chaos.

Meanwhile wild rumors spread through the city. It was variously reported that from one to 100 persons had been killed and injured in the accident and the telephone company and the State Journal were kept busy answering inquiries from persons elsewhere in the city.

Staggered to His Wife. As soon as Kilpatrick could untangle himself from the mass, he wormed his way through the crowd and staggered down the track to the judge's stand and walking over to a box occupied by his wife he murmured: "I'm all right."

Then he fell toward the fence, was caught by associates and fainted. His injuries are not considered serious.

Cause of Accident. There is some disagreement as to the cause of the accident. The opinion expressed by the automobile drivers is that Kilpatrick hit a small depression in the track. The jerk broke the steering knuckle of his machine and he lost control. The jerk or the impact with the fence tore off the right front wheel.

Largest Crowd in History. It is the largest crowd in the history of the fair grounds. In the grandstands people were sitting on other's laps. The bleachers were jammed to capacity. Three thousand spectators were inside the quarter stretch. Around the fences the people were packed ten deep witnessing the races. Without a doubt 20,000 were there when Kilpatrick dove into the throng.

It took more than a half hour before the officers could bring the crowd back to order to watch the remainder of the events.

Results of Races. Lowering the Topeka track record one second, Juddy Kilpatrick, driving a Briscoe, won the elimination race—event No. 1—at the fair grounds this afternoon. His time was 1:11. The former Topeka dirt track record was 1:21. Wild Bill Endicott, driving a Case Comet, was second, time 1:12. Horey, the Canadian champion, finished third in a Fiat, time 1:13. Hoffman, in a Bullet, was fourth, time 1:12. Gunning, who came in fifth in a Seat, was eliminated. The race was for entries in the 25-mile sweepstakes race tomorrow.

Event No. 2. The three-mile race for cars of 300 cubic inches and under was won by Wild Bill Endicott, in his Chase Comet, time 4 minutes and 8 seconds. Endicott made a sensational finish and came under the wire about a half length ahead of Gunning, who had led most of the way. Hoffman in a Bullet finished third, with Horey out at the end of the first lap owing to engine trouble.

(Additional Details in Postscript Edition.)

Weather Forecast For Kansas. Fair tonight and Saturday; not much change in temperature.

OPPOSITION OF LOAN CARRY CAMPAIGN TO WALL STREET; FLAMING PLACARDS ALOFT

New York, Sept. 17.—Opponents of the proposed Anglo-French loan carried their campaign into Wall street today and announced their sentiments from flaming placards in front of the office of J. P. Morgan & Co.

"Wall street's shame," read one of several large sign boards held aloft by leaders of a file of men who marched through the financial district of the British army emblematic of the British army uniform, sauntered through Wall street and stopped on the sidewalk in front of the Morgan offices. A distributive straw hat, whose crown was not larger than a silver dollar, rested on his head, and in his hands he carried a many colored banner on which were written sentiments similar to those later displayed by the placards.

The crowd which immediately surrounded him choked the streets for several minutes. The police finally sent him away.

ANOTHER DAY OF EVENTS TO FILL OUT PROGRAMME

Auto Races, Polo Games and Horse Show for Crowd.

Make Up for Time Lost in Early Week Rain.

MANY EXHIBITS STAY OVER

Every Effort to Make Saturday Big Fair Feature.

Thousands Pour Through Open Gates This Morning.

GATES WIDE OPEN TOMORROW

No Charge for Admission to the Exposition Grounds.

Everything Operated as Under First Days of Fair.

This Afternoon. 1:00 p. m.—Marshall's Military Band concert in front of the grandstand.

2:00 p. m.—Automobile races. Professional drivers and their famous racing cars in a full program of exciting contests.

3:00 p. m.—Concert on the Plaza by the Knights and Ladies of Security band.

5:00 p. m.—Monoplane flight by William Kopschick.

Tonight. 6:00 p. m.—The grounds and buildings brilliantly illuminated by electricity, open free to all.

7:00 p. m.—Carnival on the Sunflower Trail.

7:30 p. m.—Concert in the Horse Show Arena by Marshall's Military band.

8:00 p. m.—Grand parade of all the prize winners in the horse and cattle departments.

8:15 p. m.—The Horse Show. Judging of classes in the brilliantly illuminated arena in front of the grandstand.

Saturday, September 18. 10:00 a. m.—Match polo game between Fort Riley army officers and Junction City team.

2:00 p. m.—Auto races including 25-mile sweepstakes race.

8:00 p. m.—Grand parade in front of grandstand in illuminated arena.

It was officially estimated this afternoon by state fair officials that the crowd on the grounds totaled more than 25,000. The grandstand and bleachers were packed and a semi-circular humanity completely surrounded the race track.

Topeka is to have an additional day to see the mammoth Sunflower exposition. S. E. Lux, president and general manager of the Kansas State Fair association, announced this morning that Saturday would be fully as an eventful day as was the program for today.

Due to wet grounds the polo game was again postponed this morning and will be played Saturday morning, and thrilling auto races will be the order of the afternoon's program. The horse show with one of the most attractive programs of the entire week will be held at 8 o'clock in the evening.

As in the past week, the gates will be open free.

The auto races Saturday afternoon will include the 25-mile sweepstakes race whose drivers will attempt to bring the speed record of Kansas to Topeka.

Practically all the stables now in Topeka will compete at Saturday night's show. President Lux announced this morning that practically all the horse owners have declared their intention of staying. The show will be one of the most attractive of the week as the harness horse championship class is scheduled.

"The show will nearly all remain," said Mr. Lux this morning. "A number of the exhibits may be removed as they are released at 6 o'clock this evening."

Big Day Today. This morning was the beginning of an eventful day with crowds on the ground early in the afternoon. Then attend the auto races this afternoon. Practically all the race drivers are here. They are a likely looking bunch and include some of the most daring speed maniacs of the country.

The horse show will be given as scheduled tonight. Events started this morning with a demonstration in the dairy department. This was followed at 11 o'clock by a concert on the plaza by the Knights and Ladies of Security band. A concert was given at 11:30 by the Cowboy band of Sharon Springs in Poultry hall.

Good Weather Promised. Fair weather is promised for this afternoon and evening by the weather bureau. The same trend will continue tomorrow, according to forecasts.

Crowds continue to pour into the city. They aggregate thousands. Special trains were run into the city by a number of railroads. Return trains to various points will be run this evening. Every rooming house and hotel in the city is crowded, with more people coming.

Grounds in Condition. The grounds were in excellent condition this afternoon. Sunshine practically all afternoon Thursday dried up the mud considerably and this morning the roadways were dragged by the tractors in the machinery exhibit.

Providing there is no more rain this evening the horse show arena will be in excellent condition for the high-steppers while the track for the auto races this afternoon was fast.

Judging in all departments was completed either this morning or this afternoon. Fair officials and prominent Topeka

HIGH LIGHTS IN EUROPE'S WAR ONE YEAR AGO TODAY

The peace movement at Washington appears to have come to a halt. Full is noticeable in the fighting along the Aisne. Both sides claim to be advancing slowly. Russian general staff claims offensive of German army is broken and that a new invasion of East Poland is about to be undertaken. Nish reports continued successes against the Austrians.

PLANS CHANGES AT STATE PRISON

Governor Capper Will Demand Improvement in Management.

In Accordance With Recommendations of Commission.

CODDING CERTIFIES HIS BOND

He Will Assume the Duties of Warden Tonight.

Botkin and His Attorneys Are in Conference.

Governor Capper declared today that he would demand several changes in the method of prison management, both from the members of the board of corrections and from J. K. Coddling, appointed to succeed J. D. Botkin. The governor will take recommendations to Coddling and the board in accordance with the recommendations of the committee which ousted the Democratic warden.

Not only will the governor ask for a strict observance of the civil service rules in appointment of employees, but he wants more rigid supervision by the board and better discipline. It is probable that the recommendations to Coddling will be in the form of a letter addressed to the newly appointed warden late today. The governor plans to meet personally members of the prison board and talk over the management of the institution.

That the appointment of Coddling will not improve conditions, however, is the personal belief of several members of the committee which heard the evidence. Several of the members have expressed the belief that Botkin merely followed the policies established by Coddling and that the reappointment of the former warden will work no change in conditions.

Coddling today certified his bond for \$10,000 as warden. The bond was read to Governor Capper by C. W. Landis, chief clerk of prison, in a telephone communication. Coddling stated that he would take charge of the prison tonight and his bond will be sent to Topeka at once. While Coddling is arranging to take charge of the prison, Botkin and his attorneys are in conference in Topeka.

To Attorney General. That Botkin would force the attorney

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"FAIR" DAYS RETURN

"The Good Old Summer Time" Comes Again to Kansas.

Clouds and fog prevailed over the eastern half of the state this morning but the weather man promised moderately good weather with not much chance for rain. The wind was rather disappointing this morning, blowing only two miles an hour.

The forecast calls for fair weather tonight and Saturday with not much change in temperature. The lowest temperature in the past twenty-four hours was 68 degrees at 6 o'clock this morning. This is 16 degrees above normal for this date. The high temperature Wednesday was 82 degrees, which is 4 above normal. A continuation of the warm weather is scheduled.

No rainfall of any consequence was reported in Kansas in the past twenty-four hours, the heaviest precipitation being .22 of an inch at Horton. The ground is drying out underneath the surface as is indicated by the continued fall of the Kaw river. The stage this morning was 7 feet, which is the lowest mark reached since July 19, the date of the beginning of the rainy season.

High temperatures were reported at all the stations in the state, the lowest reading being 52 degrees at Goodland. The highest reading was 86 degrees at Topeka. A Coldwater reporting that temperature.

Hourly readings: 6 o'clock 61 11 o'clock 75 8 o'clock 60 12 o'clock 81 9 o'clock 72 1 o'clock 80 10 o'clock 74 2 o'clock 78

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RUSS AGAIN FLEE

Slavs Falling Back from Captured Town of Pinsk.

Occupation Helps Von Mackensen Over Pripet Marshes.

INTERNAL STRIFE FRETS CZAR

Prorogation of Duma Threatens More Munitions Trouble.

German Reply to French Intensified in West.

Berlin, Sept. 17.—Further eastward progress has been made by Field Marshal Von Hindenburg's armies moving on Dvinsk and Vilna. The Berlin war office today reported the capture of Vidzy, about thirty-five miles south of Dvinsk and some fifteen miles to the east of Dvinsk-Vilna railroad line, which already had been cut.

Field Marshal Von Mackensen reports his troops have cleared the marsh districts north of Pinsk, of the Russians.

London, Sept. 17.—Petrograd admits the Russians are falling back from Pinsk, capture of which was announced yesterday by the Germans. Occupation by the invaders of this town may be expected to facilitate greatly the progress of Field Marshal Von Mackensen's forces through the Pripet marshes.

Owing to the prorogation of the duma, domestic affairs are occupying the attention of the Russians. The effect of this incident on the military situation is feared, as is indicated by the proclamation by General Ruzhicki.

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BOSTON HITS BACK

Red Sox Score One in First; Two in Second.

Stands Again Packed as Titanic Battle Opens.

Fenway Park, Boston, Sept. 17.—Detroit and Boston today resumed their series, in which top place in the American league is at stake. Again the stands were packed.

The Red Sox, with their margin of leadership reduced to a game and a half by yesterday's defeat, hoped to regain lost ground with Leonard, the crack left-hander, pitching. Manager Carrigan caught Detroit reeling upon James and Stange to uphold his battery.

It was Boston who scored in the first inning today. James' passes put Hooper and Speaker on base and Hoblitzel's stinging hit to right sent Hooper home. Speaker was thrown out at the plate on Lewis' infield rap. Gardner, passed purposely, filled the bases, but Barry popped to James.

Detroit had gone out in order in its half of the first, catching in long flies by Hooper and Lewis being noteworthy.

Boston gained two more runs in the second. James' wildness made Leonard and Hooper base runners. Young threw low to catch Hooper at second on Scott's fielder's choice, Leonard scoring. Hooper raced home on Speaker's infield out.

The fourth inning also added to Boston's score. Speaker's double along the left field boundary and Hoblitzel's sacrifice hit with a long sacrifice fly by Lewis produced the Red Sox seventh tally.

Vitt had singled for Detroit's first hit in the fourth and Veach had been passed, with two out before Hooper pulled down Crawford's distant drive.

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GERMANY MOVES TO END FRICTION WITH AMERICA

Crucial Conference Begins Over Arabic Evidence.

Verdict to Reflect Verdict of Teutonic People.

CIVILIANS SIT IN PARLEYS

It Is Now Believed Differences Will Be Swept Away.

Genuine Efforts Made to Seal Cordial Relations.

Berlin, Sept. 17.—A most important series of conferences, designed to settle for the remainder of the war all German-American differences, began here today following the receipt of a long communication from Ambassador Bernstorff, transmitted through Ambassador Gerard.

Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, Foreign Secretary von Jagow and Grand Admiral von Tirpitz had the Bernstorff letter under consideration today. It is understood it contains the evidence collected by the state department at Washington on the Arabic case. Before the German answer goes forward to Washington, leading bankers business men and representatives of all governmental departments will be asked to express their views.

It is realized here that the final decision now rests with Germany. When a decision is drafted, it is intended that it shall be the voice of the whole German people.

Von Bernstorff Is Trusted. Ambassador von Bernstorff, it was made known here today, will continue to occupy a prominent role in the final negotiations. This statement disposes of reports circulated in foreign circles.

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90 DEAD IN WRECK

Carranza Military Train Plunges Into Deep Canyon.

Women, Children and Babies Among the Victims.

Laredo, Tex., Sept. 17.—The wreck of a Carranza military train resulting in the death of ninety persons occurred Wednesday afternoon one mile out of Saltillo, according to advices here today.

The train was en route from Saltillo to Monterey with a large number of troops when because of spreading of rails, it left the track at a point near a canyon. Two coaches with their occupants were dashed to the rocks below.

Soldiers, women campfollowers, children and babies literally were ground to pieces in the debris. Passengers who arrived today and who passed the scene of the wreck say that a stack of bodies was visible where they had been piled together preparatory to burial which would take place in deep trenches. All the dead and injured were Mexicans.

Harvard Wins at Tennis. Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 17.—Harvard was assured of the 1915 intercollegiate lawn tennis doubles championship by the victory of two of its teams in the semi-final matches Thursday. R. Norris Williams and Richard Harto, Harvard, the title holders, defeated J. Disston, Jr., and J. R. Rowland, Pennsylvania, 6-3, 5-7, 6-1, 6-4, while C. C. Caner and L. H. Curtis, the other Harvard pair, won from J. Weber and E. T. Hopkins of Yale, 6-2, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2.

WAR ODDITIES. London.—A London expert on the wealth of royalty declares the kaiser has already lost \$2,000,000 through the depreciation of investments due to war.

London.—Because of the scarcity of X-ray operators, due to the war, a soldier's child who swallowed a penny, died from septic poisoning before an X-ray examination could be had.

Brighton, Eng.—Alfred Thompson, aged 14, of this place, who joined the 2d Royal Sussex regiment, gained official recognition for bravery in Flanders.

STEFANSSON SAFE

Arctic Explorer, Long Thought Lost, Heard From.

Sends Dispatch Himself to Ottawa From Banks Land.

NEW TERRITORY DISCOVERED

Success of Expedition Exceeds All Expectations.

Intrepid Pathfinder Now to Find Extent of Discovery.

Nome, Alaska, Sept. 17.—Vilhjalmur Stefansson, the Arctic explorer, is safe on Banks Land. The schooner Ruby arrived yesterday with dispatches from him to the Canadian government.

Stefansson succeeded beyond all expectations in his explorations. He discovered new land southwest of St. Patrick's land. He is now on Bank's land outfitting for continuance of explorations to the westward to ascertain the full extent of the new land.

STEFANSSON DRIVES AHEAD. Officials Gratified by His Plans to Continue Explorations.

Ottawa, Sept. 17.—First definite tidings that the world has received from Vilhjalmur Stefansson, the Arctic explorer, for a year and a half, were received today by the naval department, which sent him and his companions on their perilous trip to the frozen north. The advices from the explorer were meager, but sufficient to show that he and his companions are safe.

Stefansson's advices came from Nome, Alaska, in the form of a message signed by himself and dispatched from Ballie islands on August 31. The message follows:

"As unavoidable delays threatened and the running cost of chartering the Polar Bear was high, I purchased her and engaged her on terms similar to Karluk. Engaged Hoff, engineer of schooner Ruby, to take place of Blue of Alaska. Engaged five extra helpers for southern parts who have ample outfit for one year, and Polar Bear for two years. Plan continue northern explorations to hundred and forty-five west and eighty-two further north. If northerly course is secured."

News of Stefansson's determination to proceed with his explorations, despite the loss of the Karluk, the chief vessel in his original expedition, was received with gratification by officials here. The Polar Bear, engaged by him in place of the Karluk, is a well known and tried Arctic vessel. He seems to have gathered supplies for a further stay of two years in the Arctic zone.

Ballie islands, from which Stefansson's message is dated, are east of the mouth of the Mackenzie river, toward Banks' land, and lie in latitude 70 north longitude 127 west.

The coast of Ballie islands, which are separated from Cape Bathurst by a narrow channel, are so flat that the few boats that have reached there have had to anchor nearly a mile from the beach.

ON THE FAIR CIRCUIT

Governor Capper Will Wind Up at Hutchinson Next Week.

Governor Capper will attend the ceremonies surrounding the laying of the cornerstone for the new Y. M. C. A. building at Emporia. He will spend the afternoon of Tuesday, September 28 in Emporia and will be one of the speakers at the ceremonies in charge of Emporia Y. M. C. A. workers.

Following his speech in Emporia, the governor will go to Newton where he will attend a conference of W. C. T. U. delegates. While on the trip he will also visit the Pawnee county fair at Larned and will inspect the state soldiers' home at Dodge City.

The governor announced today that he expected to visit the Hutchinson fair Friday, September 24.

ERB STILL VERY SICK

Railroad Man, Accidentally Poisoned, Has Fair Chance for Recovery.

New York, Sept. 17.—Newman Erb, financier and railroad reorganizer, who swallowed two poison tablets by mistake last Tuesday, was today reported to be resting comfortably, after having passed a quiet night.

Although the four physicians attending Mr. Erb at his Deal, N. J., summer home said the railroad