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IN THE TRENCHES.

There are graves that are dug for living men. Graves into which the corpses walk. And there, until hell be loosed again.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

No life can be pure in its purpose and strong in its strife, and all life not be purer and stronger thereby.

Sawdust has been found to be a more effective extinguisher of fire in burning liquids than sand, as it cuts off the supply of oxygen more quickly.

The sentence of Gen. De Wet to six years imprisonment for participation in the South African insurrection is not a victory for the "drys," as might be erroneously supposed.

As we understand it Rumania is still at the war counter and refuses to enter unless the allies throw in a bit of boiling meat with the war order.

Americans are not going to Europe this summer. If a man with the sweat, confiding face of Life Young, the Iowa editor, is not safe from espionage and arrest, where do the balance of us come in, asks the Los Angeles Times.

The best authorities agree that the total of the crops raised from seed in the United States might be doubled by improved methods of farming.

In Philadelphia jitneys figured in 112 accidents from April 1 to June 12. The question of regulation is still a warm one. It offsets the influence of numbers supporting the jitneys, street car motormen and conductors, are rushing petitions for regulation and rallying labor unions to their support.

WHAT IS URIC ACID?

Does Uric Acid Cause Backache, Rheumatism and Kidney Trouble? Dear Dr. Pierce:—What is Uric Acid? Does it cause kidney trouble? Not long ago I was examined for insurance and an analysis of the kidney secretions showed an excess of Uric Acid.

All but four states now have laws for the compulsory attendance of children at school. Alabama, Florida, Georgia and Mississippi are the exceptions.

The Chinese commissioners now in the United States are accumulating a number of fine "cats" even if nothing is done in the way of trade extension. That ought to help some.

The Los Angeles municipal market, established last year are said to have met the approval of householders to such an extent that 25,000 people on market days come with their own baskets to carry their purchases home.

A delegation of the Women's clubs of St. Joseph, Mo., braced up to the city council last week, and when the joint session ended an ordinance presented by the women was passed and other arrangements completed for starting rock quarrying by prisoners on the city farm.

NOT A RAINY SEASON

The Wall Street Journal has compiled an extensive report of the amount of rainfall noted at 119 weather stations throughout the United States during the recent period of "exceptionally wet" weather for the purpose of determining to what extent the rainfall has been in excess of the normal average for former years. The result was surprising.

The Journal found that at 104 of 149 stations queried the rainfall was actually below normal and that at only 45 stations the precipitation above normal and at a majority of these 45 stations the excess was only slight. Most surprising of all the majority of stations reporting a rainfall below normal are in the Mississippi valley, which has not had the enormous excess which the layman would declare to be the case without having records before him.

So, instead of the Mississippi valley having been the scene of a second deluge this year, the reverse has almost been true, and with the whole summer stretching before us there is yet time for the year 1915 to go on record as a year of drought.

A Chance for Peace.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] CHICAGO, July 2.—Peace within the near future between Chicago's labor warring factions looked strongly probable this afternoon when the steering committee representing the building material industries of the city announced that their door was open at any time to labor leaders who wished to discuss peace or arbitration.

City Records Missing.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] MT. VERNON, Ill., July 2.—Mayor W. S. Payne this afternoon obtained from State's Attorney Watson, a warrant charging former City Clerk Grant Menzer with embezzlement of city records. A police officer was sent to arrest Menzer.

Wasted Sympathy.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] DERBY, England, July 2.—Ben Tillet, radical English labor leader, today killed an attempt to have the federation of trades unionists extend sympathy to the trade unionists of Germany on account of the peculiar position in which their government has placed them. Tillet turned all the biting sarcasm for which he is famous on labor leaders who supported and introduced such a resolution at today's session of the English federation.

COURT ORDER IN RAILWAY MATTER

Whether Keokuk and Des Moines Railway Will Revert Back to Original Stockholders is to Be Decided.

APPLICATION IS MADE

Federal Judge At Des Moines is Asked to Say Whether Rock Island May Give Up This Lease.

The Keokuk and Des Moines railway may revert to the original stockholders if the application under advisement in the federal court at Des Moines is granted. The story of the transfer of the Rock Island's lease was told today by a man who is high in railroad circles in the state.

Under foreclosure proceedings, the railroad has a right to cancel unproductive contracts. The Rock Island railway, which is in the hands of a receiver, has been going over its leases and contracts, and has been cancelling and transferring the unproductive contracts which it holds. Some have been cancelled with the Union Pacific, it is understood, and there have been cancellations with other lines.

The lease of the Rock Island on the Keokuk and Des Moines still has some seven or eight years, yet to run. The articles of incorporation were for fifty years, and were filed in 1873, so that 1923 will be the date for the expiration of this contract.

Application is made. The Rock Island made application in the federal court at Des Moines for permission to cancel the lease and to return the road to the original owners. This petition is under advisement by the court. Notices have been given to the stockholders that they may protect their interests.

No Action on Offices. In the meantime nothing can be done in the matter of location of offices or anything of the sort which was suggested when the first announcement of the change in operation was made. Until some definite action is taken by the court in this matter there can of course be nothing done along this line.

Investigation of the original articles of incorporation made by the line showed that the principal place of business for the Keokuk and Des Moines railway was in Keokuk. This was later amended to read Des Moines. The officials of the Keokuk and Des Moines railway are here for the inventory. They have been kept busy checking up the inventory of the belongings of the local office.

ASKING DAMAGES FROM RAILROAD

Mack Young Files Action Against Burlington Route, Claiming He Was Injured Last April.

Mack Young has filed suit in the district court here against the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad, asking for damages amounting to \$2,999. He claims that he was struck and injured by a freight train operated by defendant company at Liberty, Mo. He claims that the freight train was run in a negligent manner and at a high rate of speed.

In the petition which was filed today, Young claims that on April 9, 1915, he went to the passenger station at Liberty, Mo., to take passage on one of defendant's trains. He alleges that he was struck by a freight train operated by defendant and which he claims was being operated in a negligent and unlawful manner past the station at a high rate of speed. He claims that the crew failed to sound the whistle or ring bell, and that the train was going twenty-five miles an hour.

He sets forth his injuries as fractured ribs and bruises, and that he was incapacitated for work for some weeks. For these injuries he is asking damages amounting to \$2,999.

DECIDE ON BOOKS FROM GRAIN FUND

Selection of Scientific and Sociological Works Will Be Made By Committee of Library Board.

The committee of the library board having charge of the selection of books for the grammar collection held a meeting last night and made selection of a part of the collection. The bequest provides that the books shall be scientific and sociological. The librarians have arranged shelves to accommodate some two hundred volumes. A Hollingsworth was named at the meeting last night as a committee to select a bronze tablet or other suitable marker for the collection. W. J. Fulton is chairman of the committee in charge of the selection of books and it is planned to build



Who comes to the Hippodrome next Tuesday in "The Theft of the Crown Jewels." In this photoplay Miss Joyce wears \$1,000,000 worth of genuine jewels and a \$3,000 regal gown.

WILSON DAY AT THE EXPOSITION

Thirty Thousand People Cheered President at Celebration Held in His Honor.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] SAN FRANCISCO, July 2.—"We're with you Woodrow Wilson," was the message sent to the president today in behalf of 30,000 men, women and children who packed the Court of the Universe at the Panama Pacific exposition last night at the remarkably patriotic demonstration which closed Wilson day.

Mayor Rolph, announcing another day at the fair to be set aside in the president's honor, said that yesterday's celebration was a tribute to the man and not to the president. The most dramatic moment of the exercises came when the throngs that sent an electric current over a transcontinental wire and was the signal for the release of an immense flag on the speakers stand. As the national emblem unfurled every man in the audience stood bare headed. The crowds, led by three massed bands under the direction of Sousa, sang the "Star Spangled Banner."

BECKER MAY ESCAPE CHAIR

Very Men Whose Testimony Convicted Him Are Said to Have Changed Stories.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] NEW YORK, July 2.—Charles Becker may be saved from the electric chair by the men whose testimony was chiefly responsible for his conviction on the charge of instigating the murder of gambler Herman Rosenthal.

Sam Schepps and Bridget Webber are declared to be ready to divulge information that will clear Becker. Hartford T. Marshall, attorney, today declared Webber had confessed to him "that Becker had absolutely nothing to do with the murder. Marshall asserted he knew that Becker had been 'framed' by Webber, Schepps, Jack Rose and Harry Valon, who escaped prosecution by turning state's evidence.

Schepps today declared he "held the secret of the Becker case." He said that he would talk if Whitman asked him to do so, but that he would not voluntarily go to him and tell what he knew. Attorney Marshall asserted he would go before Governor Whitman at once with Webber's story and ask for clemency. It became known here today that Becker's attorney, Martin T. Manton, yesterday told Governor Whitman that the condemned man would "squeal" on men higher up if his



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sentence was commuted. Whitman refused his offer.

HARRINGTON IN JUSTICE COURT

Preliminary Examination Held in Court of Justice Liendecker This Afternoon.

At the conclusion of the arguments Justice Liendecker bound Harrington over to await the action of the grand jury. Bond was fixed at \$250.

The preliminary examination of Dan Harrington, charged with the crime of assault with intent to do great bodily injury on the person of Frank Winkler in a fight in a shanty boat house along the levee last Saturday night was heard by Justice Liendecker this afternoon. Witnesses who testified were Harrington, William Hage, a participant in the fight, Chief of Police Kenney and Dr. W. Frank Brown. According to the testimony, Harrington was fighting with Hage and had intended to cut him with the knife when he cut Winkler. Winkler's injuries were only superficial wounds, according to the testimony of Dr. Brown. Attorneys for the defense asked the case be dismissed on the grounds of insufficient evidence that a crime had been committed.

Want Both Conventions.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] CHICAGO, July 2.—With the republican presidential convention virtually promised to Chicago, leaders of both parties in Chicago forgot party differences today in their co-operation to get the democrats here also in 1916. The plan today suggested was that the financial committees of both local organizations combine. Such action it was believed today would not only concentrate effort but would mean a saving of approximately \$40,000 in the collection of necessary funds.

Evidence Against Thaw.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] NEW YORK, July 2.—The state in the Harry K. Thaw sanity trial centered its efforts today on proving that Thaw was mentally unbalanced when he was deported from Canada in 1914. Two Canadian witnesses gave testimony damaging to the prisoner and left the stand with their stories unshaken after a rigid cross examination by Thaw's chief counsel, John B. Stanchfield.

Police Inspector Harry Griox of Ottawa, declared Thaw's actions on the morning he was deported were those of a man mentally unbalanced. He told how Thaw cried: "They're kidnapping me." And then sent a beer bottle crashing through the jail window. "I thought him dangerously mad then," testified Griox. "I had to grab him by the shoulders to quiet him. I was really afraid of him."

Charged With Bigamy.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] CHICAGO, July 2.—J. J. Dwyer, 37, Garden Prairie, Ill., was held here today on a charge of bigamy, alleged to have been committed at Garden Prairie. Dwyer told the police he is a factory hand.

Sinclair in Court.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] GULFPORT, Miss., July 2.—An other chapter in the story of Upton Sinclair, novelist, and wife who have radical ideas on matrimony will be enacted here on July Fourth, when Judge Denny in chancery court calls the habeas corpus suit of Mrs. Sinclair.

Sinclair when served with notice of the suit would not discuss the matter.

President Was Busy.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] WINDSOR, Vt., July 2.—President Wilson today worked several hours over state department matters. It was announced that none of his work was connected with the torpedoing of the Armenian or the proposed British shipping note. No further advice on those matters reached him today. The president now plans to stay over here another week.

Casper Gives Bond.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] FT. SMITH, Ark., July 2.—John L. Casper, Kansas City distiller, indicted on more than 125 counts in the alleged \$29,000,000 "moonshine" conspiracy case was released today under \$35,000 bonds.

Auto Race Tomorrow.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] SIOUX CITY, Iowa, July 2.—Despite a heavy rain last night a 20 ton steam roller on the speedway before dawn put it in good condition by 10 o'clock when the racing cars had their final workout for the Big 300 mile race to start at 12:30 tomorrow. There will be eighteen actual starters. Burt in his Stutz and Carlson in a Maxwell have withdrawn and one or two others will not get here in time, but the fast men all expect a hard race.

Daily Stock Letter.

[Copyright, 1915, by the New York Evening Post.] NEW YORK, July 2.—Except for a sharp break in St. Paul stock—based partly on the "dividend rumors" which attach alternately to most railway and industrial companies nowadays and partly on an unfavorable statement of the company's May earnings—the stock market was as meaningless today as yesterday. As a rule, prices recovered about as much as they had declined yesterday; but in the main, the chances were unimportant. London continued to sell moderately, as is witnessed by the number of "sell-thirty transactions" in the bond table. The cotton crop estimate of yesterday was reflected in Europe's cotton markets by a sharp decline in prices; in our own by a prompt recovery. This showed a somewhat interesting difference in the point of view as to what crop was actually indicated. But the wheat market is a hardly less perplexed condition. On the one side stands the undoubted injury to the winter wheat (but with its scope very un-

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