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The reckless chauffeur and his machine are soon parted.

Humanity gets its money's worth out of the bathing suit.

Lots of people never thought of hurrying until they got a fast motor car.

So far no one has been accused of scorching the home to buy an airplane.

Wireless telegraphy begins to rival chloroform in the alleviation of distress.

There is no truth in the rumor that the backbone of winter has been mended.

Those Zeppelin airships have to be handled more delicately than a pet rhinoceros.

Air sickness is an affliction that has come with the flying machine. "Stand from under."

That celebrated expert, the katydid, was not so far off in its long-distance weather prediction.

There is to be an eclipse of the moon in November. And undoubtedly others, not of the moon.

People have such a habit of crowding around a broken-down automobile as if they were glad of it.

An Ohio judge has ruled that a pretzel is not a dangerous weapon. Now or a judicial opinion concerning wieners.

The summer is about over. We notice that the society column says "has returned" oftener than "has sailed" nowadays.

A Washington girl strangled a mad dog with her bare hands. What couldn't she have done with the gloves on!

"Heavy hogs are slow and weak," says a market report, but common experience proves that sometimes they don't act that way.

King George wants all the British army officers to wear mustaches, which is one way of getting soldiers with stiff upper lips.

A New York man committed suicide for the purpose of giving his wife a chance to get a better husband. She will not have to look far.

The Kaiser has a new palace, making 51 in all. Private millionaires, even in America, have their work cut out for them if they mean to travel at that pace.

A man has been found starving himself because he feared the end of the world was at hand. There must be such a thing as the rash bravery of cowardice.

A New York woman declares that an income is like a reputation—it must be lived up to. That is true, but it makes some difference as to how one lives up to it.

New Jersey has a college graduate 100 years old. Maybe he can tell us who originated that modern test of leading the college president's cow to the top floor of the dormitory.

A London newspaper announces that Swift's idea of wit was all wrong. Next thing London will probably inform us that Shakespeare didn't know anything about writing plays.

A man who has become involved in trouble because he married three women in three months sets up the claim that he is insane. Some married men are mean enough to believe him.

A lawyer in Chicago has figured that the Fourth of July really comes on August 4. If he wants to do something really worth while, let him figure that moving day comes on February 30.

Firemen in New Hampshire prevented a suicide by playing the hose on a man determined to cut his throat. There is nothing like cold water to bring emotionalism of any kind down to a common-sense basis.

While people over here have been stizzing in the heat, France has been suffering from thunder storms, gales and unseasonably cold weather. In the village of Bonneville, near St. Etienne, the local postman, who goes his rounds in a blouse and carries an umbrella, was caught by the gale the other day and blown nearly half a mile. He came safely to earth again, but he lost all his letters. "That ought to cure him of the umbrella habit."

It is said that Edison has invented an automatic talking machine to accompany the moving pictures. The only thing remaining is for the wizard to invent an automatic silencing machine for the campaign orator and a few others.

Out in California some of the people have begun fasting for six weeks, hoping that at the end of that time they will go to heaven. Even if they fail to go to heaven they will probably have saved enough to make earth seem pretty heavenly.

Canadian chemist has found out how to transmute copper into iron. Which reminds us that almost any scheme for making money works well backwards.

New Jersey wants Edison to turn awhile from his other inventions and do something to bring about the extermination of the mosquito. New Jersey can hardly be blamed for making the suggestion; but Edison is getting along in years and cannot be expected to begin a job that would be likely to last a lifetime.

OBJECT LESSON FOR YOUNG MONARCHS



HUNDREDS ARE DEAD

FEW SETTLERS IN NORTHERN MINNESOTA ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE ESCAPED.

SEVEN TOWNS OFF THE MAP

Fifty Miles of the Rainy Lake Country a Mass of Fire—Martial Law for the Stricken District—Whole Families Are Destroyed.

Rainy River, Ont.—It was estimated Monday that at least 500 lives and \$700,000,000 worth of property had been lost in the forest fires prevailing in this region.

The tales of horrible suffering brought in Monday by refugees is almost beyond narration. Oscar Johnson, wife and three children stood five hours in the Baudette river ducking their heads when the heat became too intense. They say the water in the river was heated to an uncomfortable temperature and that steam rose from the surface.

It will be some time before the loss of life is known even approximately, and in fact it may never be known. The residents of Rainy River, Ont., are doing everything possible to assist the homeless residents of the two American towns.

Poverty of the worst kind is added to the woes of the throngs that flocked into International Falls and Rainy River.

There were hundreds of homes destroyed in the territory, and as there are no roads in the district save for the trails through the bush, it is feared that many lives have been lost that will not be reported for weeks.

The state of Minnesota is sparing no expense to check the fire. The state fire warden is mustering every man he can procure, and he is instructed to use every possible means at his command, regardless of cost.

Rainy River, Ont.—Fire rangers throughout the forest fire territory between this place and Warroad, Minn., sent in reports Tuesday that 139 bodies had been located. Of these but 90 were recovered and only 60 have been identified.

While fires can be seen to the east and southeast, their progress is not dangerous to human life. Fire rangers here complain that the heat of the surface and gases arising therefrom prevent their proceeding far into the masses of charred tree limbs and burned underbrush. The air in the devastated district is still smoky and no further attempt will be made to locate bodies until re-enforcements and relief are secured.

Five nurses, a doctor, 50 coats and thousands of loaves of bread and thousands of pounds of meat have reached here from Winnipeg.

The streets of Rainy River are being patrolled by 60 armed guards under Fire Warden Hurst and national guardsmen from Bemidji, Minn., guarded old Baudette. The funerals of 19 fire victims have been held here.

The burned area is at least 36 miles wide and many of the settlers are new to the country and comparatively unknown locally. Much of this land was thrown open to homestead entry this summer and many of the settlers have gone in far beyond the roads, where they had only a path to reach their place. It may be months before they are discovered, and some of them may never be found.

Many bodies of fire victims have been robbed. This caused an order of "Shoot to kill," which applied to all the burned district.

Negro Is Killed by a Mob. Montgomery, Ala.—Grant Richardson, colored, was lynched near Centerville Wednesday by a mob of white residents. He was being brought to Bibb county jail on a charge of attacking a white woman.

Coin Collector a Bankrupt. Lancaster, Pa.—Charles T. Steingwalt, one of the best-known numismatists in the United States, made an assignment Wednesday. The liabilities are \$40,000 and assets about the same.

Czar Honors Aviator's Memory. St. Petersburg.—The body of Captain Macievich, the Russian aviator, who was killed by a fall October 7, was buried Tuesday with the honors accorded an admiral. Emperor Nicholas has granted the aviator's widow an admiral's pension.

Sickles Heads Honor Medal Men. Pittsburg, Pa.—Gen. Daniel E. Sickles was Tuesday elected president of the Military Medal of Honor Legion at the annual convention held in Memorial hall.

Held for Causing Wreck. Cairo, Ill.—The telegraph operator, Charles E. Clark, who it is alleged caused the wreck at Beech Ridge between the Mobile & Ohio trains September 18, was indicted Tuesday by the county grand jury on two counts, charging him with manslaughter.

Santiago, Cuba, Feels Shock. Santiago, Cuba.—A severe earthquake was felt here Tuesday. Great alarm was caused, but no damage done.

POSTAGE NOW PROBABLE

POSTMASTER GENERAL SHOWS RATE REDUCTION POSSIBLE.

Says It Will Be Accomplished Without Curtailing Service in the Slightest.

Washington, Oct. 13.—That the post-office department will soon be self-sustaining and that penny postage for first-class letters is a probability of the near future are statements made by Postmaster General Hitchcock.

"Before the close of another fiscal year the federal postal establishment will become self-sustaining. This will be accomplished without curtailing in the slightest the service rendered or lessening in any respect its efficiency."

This was the statement made by the postmaster general, in connection with the announcement that he had submitted to the treasury department, five days in advance of the time fixed by law, his estimates of appropriations for the post office department and the postal service during the fiscal year beginning on July 1.

In private conversation heretofore Mr. Hitchcock has indicated his belief that it may be possible within a year or two, through the operation of plans he had worked out, to place the postal service on a paying basis.

PHYSICIANS EVERYWHERE USE RESINOL WITH VERY GREAT AND UNVARYING SUCCESS.

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The pastor heard of this and was so pleased at the appreciation which it showed that at the close of the sermon he mentioned the fact to the congregation, and called upon Mrs. Briggs to tell them how she came.

Rising slowly, she looked over the audience with great solemnity, and said:

"I hoofed it."

Then she sat down again.—Youth's Companion.

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"Well, Tommy, what are you going to be when you grow up?"

"A receiver, sir," Tommy answered promptly. "Ever since pa's been a receiver we've had champagne for dinner and two automobiles."

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To put off the change is no risk that which may be irreparable. An Arizona man says:

"For years I could not safely eat any breakfast. I tried various kinds of breakfast food, but they were all soft, starchy messes which gave me distressing headaches. I drank strong coffee, too, which appeared to benefit me at the time, but added to the headaches afterwards. Toast and coffee were no better, for I found the toast very constipating.

"A friend persuaded me to quit the old coffee and the starchy breakfast foods, and use Postum and Grape-Nuts instead. I shall never regret taking his advice. I began using them three months ago.

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Micky—Say, four eyes, if you don't quite braggin' around that you know me I'll break every pane of glass in your face! See?

Queer Questions.

Queer questions come over the telephone to the newspaper offices. Here was one that the man who chanced to answer the phone had put up to him the other day:

"Say," began the unknown seeker after the truth, "do you—do you remember who it was that killed Abel?"

"Why, Cain, of course," replied the newspaper man, who put in several years at Sunday school. "Who'd ju suppose?"

"Well," observed the man at the other end in an annoyed tone, "doggon if I ain't gone and made a fool o' myself. Course it was Cain, now that you mention it, but I made a two to one bet with a fellow that 'twas Goliath, and now I'll have to go without a new overcoat, I reckon, this next winter."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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FEARS FOOD FAMINE

VAST RAILROAD STRIKE IN FRANCE IS PARALYZING BUSINESS EVERYWHERE.

WAR MEASURES ARE ADOPTED

Labor Leaders Boast They Will Make Tie-Up Complete — Telegraph Wires Are Cut—Paris Garrison Is Reinforced.

Paris.—The railroad strike has completely tied up the Northern, Eastern, Western, State and Paris, Lyons and Mediterranean lines, and the situation has assumed a most serious aspect. The leaders of nearly every class of workmen are threatening to call a general industrial strike that will paralyze business in every section of the country.

The electricians and the employees of the omnibus, metropolitan and subway transportation lines of this city Wednesday considered the advisability of seizing this opportunity to launch a strike for the redress of longstanding grievances. The situation throughout the republic is regarded as grave.

The railway companies are making a desperate struggle to maintain service with the aid of military engineers and men from the navy, but are meeting with little success.

The president of the grain syndicate said that the stock of flour on the Paris market did not exceed 75,000 quintals, which is less than eight days' supply for Paris.

This does not include the flour in bakers' hands, which, however, is not large. The bulk of meats, vegetables and fruits come in over the Western and Paris, Lyons and Mediterranean lines.

The National Railroad union, comprises only 100,000 of the total of 300,000 men employed in the railway service, but a large majority of the nonunion men are participating in the strike.

The government is adopting measures similar to those practised in time of war.

The calling of 30,000 of the strikers for army reserve duty is not likely to have any immediate effect on the situation, as the military code allows a man a delay of 15 days before responding to the call.

The strike leaders boast that soon the tie-up will be complete throughout the country. Premier Briand has issued a public statement in which he denounced the strike as an insurrection, purely built up on criminal foundations.

The garrison of Paris has been reinforced by troops from the provinces and all the principal points along the railroads effected by the strike are guarded.

Many telegraph wires were cut including several connecting French points with London and Brussels.

President Fallieres hurriedly returned from his estate in the south and conferred with the ministers. The problem of food looms ominously. Already the market is pinched. Enormous quantities of milk and fish en route from Normandy and Belgium are stalled at points along the Northern road.

FAIR BOOMERS IN CHICAGO

Governor Sanders of New Orleans and Party Are Entertained by Press Club.

Chicago.—Chicago has been entertaining a lively party of boomers from New Orleans, who are urging the Crescent City's claims to the exposition that is to celebrate the completion of the Panama Canal in 1915. In the party were Governor Sanders, Mayor Behrman of New Orleans, C. H. Ellis, president of the New Orleans Board of Trade; M. B. Trezevant, secretary of the New Orleans Progressive Union, and J. L. Wright, secretary of the World's Panama Exposition company.

Immediately after their arrival Monday they were entertained at luncheon by the Press club, John C. Shafter, retiring president of the club, presiding. In the evening they were the guests of the Southern club at dinner at the Congress hotel. Tuesday Governor Sanders addressed the National Grain Dealers' association, in convention here, and Mr. Ellis addressed the Board of Trade. The party was given a luncheon by the Cook County Real Estate board.

Advocates Religious Tolerance.

Peoria, Ill.—Theodore Roosevelt advocated the utmost religious tolerance in a speech before the Knights of Columbus of this city Wednesday.

In the course of his speech, the ex-president told of a letter he wrote during his presidency in which he expressed the belief that there would be some day a Catholic president of the country. No reference was made by the colonel to the Vatican incident, even indirectly.

Confers Degree on Kaiser.

Berlin.—The University of Berlin, which is celebrating its one hundredth anniversary, conferred the degree of doctor of laws on Emperor William. His majesty was not present at the ceremony.

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Kills Mailman and Boy.

Fort Wayne, Ind.—A. Anderson, rural mail carrier, and R. Haas, a boy who was riding with him, were killed Monday near Columbus City. The mail wagon was struck by a fast train on the Pennsylvania railroad.

Toller Will Get \$100,000.

Sharon, Pa.—After years of sweating toil at a blast furnace here Mack Madison, a Swede, left Monday for his native land to obtain a fortune of \$100,000 which he has heard a relative has left him.

SAID BY THE YOUNGSTERS

Some Bright Remarks Worth Preserving, That Have Fallen From Childish Lips.

A little girl, after listening to the hymn, "In heaven there stands an ever open door," remarked that there must be two heavens, "cause grand-ma'd never had any open door where she is." And a dear little country school and hearing about the "many mansions" of the better land, later explained that they had been "studying all about 'Paradise Flats.'"

Ecclesiastical modes and matters frequently are puzzling to the little ones. A small Chicago citizen was taken to a fine church, where the music, windows, furnishings, and all accessories were as impressive as the building. The minister, living up to his enviable reputation as an orator, indulged in a brilliant rhetorical flight.

"I know," he declared, "who glids the sun and silvers the stars and paints the flowers and tints the sky and lends to the rivers their beauty, to the ocean its glory, to the sides their perfect light," and so on through long and effective periods. Finally came the interrogatory climax: "Who is it, my friends, who performs all these wonders? Who is it? Who?"

From the front pew where the baby listener had been all eager attention came a shrill, disappointed pipe: "You said you knew!"

Trouble in the Troupe.

"They've had a frightful time in the No. 5 Tom company. Hear about it?"

"Nope."

"Busted an' walkin' back. That's right. Went to smash on the Vincennes Circuit. Utility feller they picked up at Sawville got mad 'cause he was doubled as Marks an' a bloodhound, an' sawed the legs off the ladder, an' Eva fell out o' heaven an' landed on Papa St. Clair, an' Simon Legree landed on Unc' Tom, an' the real dog bit a hole in Aunt Ophelia, an' there was merry hades to pay until the local manager called the patrol service, and had the whole bunch dragged up the pike and dumped in the woods. An' the worst of it was there was a record house with nineteen good dollars in the box!"

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Nurse—What's that dirty mark on your leg, Master Frank?

Frank—Harold kicked me.

Nurse—Well, go at once and wash it off.

Frank—Why? It wasn't me what did it!—Punch.

A Kansas woman wants a divorce because her husband throws bricks at her. No man has a right to throw anything at his wife but bouquets and hot air.

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Sabbatus, Maine.—"You told me to take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and Liver Pills before child-birth, and we are all surprised to see how much good it did. My physician said 'Without doubt it was the Compound that helped you.' I thank you for your kindness in advising me and give you full permission to use my name in your testimonials."—Mrs. H. W. MITCHELL, Box 3, Sabbatus, Me.

Another Woman Helped.

Granville, Vt.—"I was passing through the Change of Life and suffered from nervousness and other annoying symptoms. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound restored my health and strength, and proved worth mountains of gold to me. For the sake of other suffering women I am willing you should publish my letter."—Mrs. CHARLES BARCLAY, R.F.D., Granville