

The Straphanger in London.

With the introduction of the American electric railroad system in Great Britain, the straphanger at once loomed large in the street car. The Englishman, as everybody knows, objects to being crowded, and so parliament has been called upon to end the straphanging nuisance.

"Surprise Tests" on Railroads.

It is but a few years since American railroads began systematically the use of "surprise tests." These more or less directly grew out of an incident that occurred on one of the largest systems of the middle west.

"Old Ironsides," the famous frigate Constitution, is preparing to make what is likely to be her last cruise—

or at least the last trip prior to being laid up in perpetuity. She is being fitted for a voyage to Hampton roads, where she will be one of the most interesting exhibits at the Jamestown exposition.

Dr. Richard D. Harlan, of Chicago, has accepted the leadership in the movement to make George Washington university a great national institution of learning.

An approximation of the money spent each year in America for cultivated flowers is \$100,000,000. This is an amount equal to one-fifth the value of all coal mined last year.

They do some things better in Mexico. The manager of a bull fight in Monterey advertised that a certain number of bulls would be in the ring.

A New York heiress has fled to Europe to escape from titled fortune hunters. If she had on a bathing suit and it began to rain she would probably jump into the sea to avoid getting wet.

Modern pictures, says Mr. Carnegie, should be bought instead of old masters. Yes, but most of the "old masters" on the market are modern pictures.

A Kentucky youth, seven feet tall and still growing, has gone to Colorado for his health. Probably needs a mountain to lean against occasionally.

Does music irritate the music system?—Medical Record. Depends upon what you call music.

TRAPPED IN THE MINE,

VICTIMS FOUGHT FOR LIFE, BUT DEATH CONQUERED.

KILLED REPORTED AT 50 OR MORE.

Heroic Boss, Hoping To Save the Impaired Men, Remained in the Pit—He Has Not Been Found.

Charleston, W. Va., May 2.—In an explosion in the Whipple mine, Fayette county three men were killed, four badly burned, and five others, entombed, are probably dead. Those known to be dead, their bodies having been recovered, are: Hudson Burgess, foreman; Russ Wiley, sprinker; Ira Kelly, driver. The missing: Isaac Pelter, mine boss; Robert Armstrong, Raleigh Tucker, Charles Bragg, William Wilton, colored. Henry Milton, stable boss, and three others were so badly burned that they were sent to the State Miners' hospital at McKendree. The mine is a shaft of 450 feet deep, with two openings, and belongs to the Dixon interests, the same that own the Stuart, where the explosion occurred last January, killing 86, and the Parral, where 23 lives were lost in February of last year.

The explosion occurred at the main return heading, about 1,200 feet from the foot of the shaft, and is supposed to have been caused by a heavy shot. Ninety-four men had been at work, but 50 had come out. Of those left inside 53 made their way out through the second shaft. The others are accounted for as killed, wounded or missing. The mine was not badly damaged, the chief harm being done outside, throwing out the cages and wrecking the frame work about the mouth of the shaft.

There were no marks upon the bodies of the men who were killed, and it is thought death was caused by suffocation. It is said that they would have been brought out alive had they been discovered 10 minutes sooner.

The mine, which was ventilated with a fan having a capacity of 125,000 cubic feet a minute, was regarded as one of the safest in the region. Rescue parties will work throughout the night in an effort to save, if possible, the entombed men. The case and fan are now in working order.

Isaac Pelter, boss of the mine, hoping to save the imperiled men fighting for life, remained in the pit after the explosion, closing up the air courses in an effort to force fresh air into the gas-filled chambers. He has not been found.

A telephone message just received from Scarborough says that at 7 o'clock a rescue party was able to enter the mine.

FATALLY STABBED

The Watchman and Eluded the Pursuing Mob of Men.

Danville, Ill., May 2.—Deputy Sheriff John Cook, employed as a watchman at the Danville car works, was fatally stabbed by a stranger, who said he was seeking work. A mob of workmen chased his assailant into the woods a mile distant, where he escaped. They would have lynched him had he been captured.

Cook saw the stranger loitering about the works and told him to go to the office if he wanted employment, when the man attacked him with a knife.

Shotgun Fired by Lightning.

Aniston, Ala., May 2.—In a terrifying thunderstorm here lightning struck the home of Thomas Phurrough, upon a wall of which was a loaded shotgun in a rack. The bolt jarred the gun from its place, and it was in midair it was discharged. Part of the contents lodged in the body of an infant child of Phurrough, killing it instantly. Phurrough, who was near the child, was hit by shot rebounding from the hardwood wains coting of the room, but was uninjured.

Quick Action Prevents Lynching.

Decatur, Ala., May 2.—A lynching was barely averted here by the prompt action of the authorities, who speedily organized a grand jury, indicted a negro named Lipscomb, and spirited him off to Birmingham for safekeeping. The negro had attempted an assault upon Mrs. Schruppsher, a daughter of former Sheriff Silas P. Ryan. She was alone in the back yard of her home when attacked, and her screams frightened the assailant away. He was later captured and identified.

Charged with Kidnaping.

Rockford, Ill., May 2.—Rev. Albert Dahlstrom, the founder of the creed which had adopted a plank in its platform sanctioning polygamous marriages on the authority of the scriptures, returned to Rockford fresh from his combat with Chicago pastors, and before he had been in the city long he was landed behind the bars on a warrant sworn out by Mrs. Marie Henderson, of Chicago, who charges the pastor with kidnaping her daughter.

Col. E. S. Fowler's Report.

New York, May 2.—In a report issued by Col. E. S. Fowler, appraiser of the port, it is stated that the appraised value of precious stones for April, 1907, is \$2,073,488, as compared with \$3,614,923 for the same month last year.

Student's Fatal Prank.

Denver, Col., May 2.—W. F. Connell, 28, of Greeley, Col., a student in Denver university, became entangled in a live wire trying to hang an effigy of the freshman class on a telegraph pole and was electrocuted.

Curbing Wholesalers.

Jefferson City, Mo., May 2.—The house passed a bill prohibiting brewers, distillers and wholesale liquor dealers from dealing in retail liquor. A bill giving the right to search for liquors in local option counties was also passed.

Shot by a Physician.

Center, Tex., May 2.—Carroll B. Short, a prominent attorney of this city, was shot and instantly killed by Dr. Buck Paul as he stepped from a train. The shooting grew out of a feud of several months' standing.

DAVIS CLAIMS LIFE AS A FORFEIT

ANONYMOUS LETTER WARNS THE HUSBAND

That the Family Doctor Made Night Calls While Lights Were Low and Curtains Drawn.

South Point, O., May 3.—This little town is stirred as never before. Finding Dr. C. Wayne McCoy, the family physician, with Mrs. Davis in the kitchen, the window shades lowered, lights down and the doors locked, Capt. John Davis, a well-known steamboat master, shot him dead and then fled, but now is in jail.

"Your family physician visits your wife late at night," read an anonymous letter received recently by Capt. Davis as he was about to leave Portsmouth, O. "When he enters your house Dr. McCoy pulls down the shades and turns on the lights. You had better look a little into your family affairs!" The letter was dated at South Point.

Kissing his wife, Capt. Davis left his home, saying that he was going to Portsmouth to take charge of his boat. However, he only went a short distance, and, after a few hours, returned to South Point. After lurking in the shadow of a house across the street from his home and seeing nothing of Dr. McCoy, Capt. Davis hurried into his barn and began a vigil that ended in the death of the man who had ruined his home.

It was shortly after 10 o'clock when he saw Dr. McCoy approaching. The physician, cautious, looked up and down the street, and then gave a low whistle. If any answer was received, Dr. Davis did not hear it, but, at any rate, Dr. McCoy, evidently reassured, entered the home.

The door had been opened for him by Mrs. Davis.

Then the lights were turned low, the window shades drawn and locks in the doors clicked.

Stealthily emerging from his hiding place, Capt. Davis approached the rear door of the house and tried to open it. It refused ordinary methods. Then Capt. Davis threw his powerful shoulder against it. The barrier gave way and before Dr. McCoy and Mrs. Davis could realize the cause, Capt. Davis had struck a match, and, with the lighted pipe in his hand, was standing before them.

Capt. Davis cursed McCoy, declaring that he must die, but a word did he address to the wife, who stood face in her hands, the picture of shame and despair.

McCoy immediately sprang upon the captain and a fearful struggle followed, but Davis pulled his revolver from his pocket and fired.

The first shot hit McCoy but did not kill him. The next instant Davis fired another shot, the bullet entering the back of the doctor's head. McCoy fell where he had stood.

Capt. Davis owns and operates the ferryboat at Portsmouth. His wife until last night, had borne an excellent reputation among society circles here.

BIG LOCKOUT

Of Bricklayers at Philadelphia May Involve 30,000.

Philadelphia, May 3.—After vainly trying since last Friday to settle their dispute, which involves the question of the granite cutters' right to set stone, the journeymen bricklayers of this city to the number of 2,400 were locked out by the master bricklayers. With the bricklayers are affiliated about 400 masons. The lockout will involve 30,000 workmen in this city and tie up nearly every building operation.

Opera Singer Attempts Suicide.

Milan, May 3.—Arangelo Rossi, the tenor, who was with the Contrad Opera company in San Francisco during the earthquake, and who, as the result of the fright he experienced, has not since been well, endeavored to commit suicide. Recently he lost his voice. This calamity weighed so deeply on his mind that he went crazy, and he cut his tongue with a pair of scissors. He was taken to a hospital in a critical condition.

Scaffold Fell, Injuring Three.

Chicago, May 3.—Three persons were severely injured, two of them perhaps fatally, when a heavy scaffold fell from stories from the State street side of the North American building, Monroe and State streets, into a crowd of shoppers. Two of the injured, who may die, are Willie Hull, 16 years old, of 2925 East Wackerly park, and William Rockwell, 62 years old.

Shoots Woman and Himself.

St. Louis, May 3.—After climbing a two-story porch and breaking open a window, Albert Koelzig, a limeman, secured entrance into the room of Nettie Woods in Walnut street and shot her. He then shot himself twice.

Motor Plant Lost.

Chicago, May 3.—Fire destroyed the factory of the Monarch Motor Co. at Franklin Park, Ill. Loss, \$80,000. The blaze was caused by a gasoline explosion.

Hotel Destroyed.

Durham, N. C., May 3.—Fire destroyed the Hotel Carolina, a four-story frame structure located in the center of the city. Loss, \$175,000; fully covered by insurance. There were 50 or 75 guests, all of whom escaped without injury.

Shot Himself and Son.

Connellsville, Pa., May 3.—While shooting at rats Charles Mealey, of East Scottdale, shot himself through the hand and sent the same bullet into the abdomen of his 14-year-old son, in fleeing a probably fatal wound.

FOUND IN A BARREL

WAS THE BODY OF KIDNAPED ALEX HOENIG.

THE BABY HAD BEEN STRANGLERD.

Parent and Former Domestic Questioned and a Nearby Plumber Is Held For the Coroner.

Cleveland, O., May 4.—Three-year-old Alex Hoenic, missing since Monday night from his father's home, 2322 Scoville avenue, was found dead, strangled with sawdust in a barrel in a back yard two doors away by a neighbor, Mrs. M. Leopold.

Two hours later the boy's father, David Hoenic, a grocer and milk dealer; S. L. Schwartz, a plumber, and Mary Leiby, a domestic employed by Hoenic, were taken to Central police station, where they told Chief Kohler and the detective force what they knew of the case. Schwartz was locked up at the Central police station to be held as a witness before the coroner. No charge has been filed against him.

That the boy was strangled with sawdust was proved at the autopsy held at the county morgue.

This discovery gives an entirely new angle in the case. It proves that the boy did not meet death in the rear of the Hoenic home and probably indicates that he was killed in the shed in the rear of a meat market—the shed before which the barrel stood in which his body was found. It indicates, moreover, that he was killed Thursday night, after he had been returned to the vicinity of his father's home by the persons who had him in their charge.

Dr. Schultz and Jewitt, performing the autopsy, found that the little fellow's mouth was full of sawdust. More than that, they discovered that the sawdust had been forced down into his throat, filling the windpipe. This, they declared, had caused death.

Chief Kohler put David Hoenic, S. L. Schwartz and Mary Leiby, the last named being a former servant of Hoenic, in the sweat box. The examination of Hoenic was most severe. Outside the room the protestations of Hoenic and his declarations that he knew nothing of the persons who had killed his son, could be heard, mingled with the weeping of the agonized man.

TOWN BURNING.

Maple Falls, Washington, Being Destroyed By Forest Fires.

Bellingham, Wash., May 4.—The town of Maple Falls, situated in the northwestern part of Whatcom county, is surrounded by forest fires and is burning. Before telephone and telegraph wires went down a frantic call for help was made. A special train with fire-fighting apparatus left here for the scene. Maple Falls has a population of 800.

Destroyed in Mideca.

Plymouth, England, May 4.—The British steamer Westgate, from Rosario, March 24, for the Tyne, arrived here and landed 48 survivors of the crew of the British tank steamer Silvery, which was destroyed by an explosion of benzine in her cargo while passing through the Bay of Biscay. The engineer and four firemen were killed and four others of the crew were seriously burned.

Receive Stiff Sentences.

Portland, Ore., May 4.—Former State Senators Franklin P. Mays and W. N. Jones were sentenced by Federal Judge Hunt in connection with the land fraud cases of eastern Oregon. Mays' punishment is a \$10,000 fine and four months in jail and that of Jones is \$2,000 and eight months in jail. Mays' sentence was stayed until November to permit an appeal.

Mistaken For Criminal.

San Francisco, May 4.—The supposed desperado who was killed at Willows Monday night after a running fight with a posse of officers has been identified as Count Otto Von Waldstein, of Austria, son of a noble family of history, nephew to the cardinal and to Prince Wartemburg, one of the richest men in Franz Joseph's empire.

Firemen in Peril.

Pittsburg, May 4.—The electric street lamps of Pittsburg and Allegheny City were turned out. Fire broke out on a pole carrying a number of cables into the Allegheny Light Co.'s plant on Thirteenth street. Their voltage was 3,000, which would have been fatal to firemen if they had turned their hose on the pole.

The Real Thing.

Chicago, May 4.—A mid-winter snow storm struck Chicago, and the May-day moving and May parties were threatened. The fall was heavy, a strong northwest wind driving the snow through the down-town streets, and the home-going workers found Christ mas weather conditions prevailing.

Swift Justice.

Woodbury, N. J., May 4.—Swift justice was meted out to Edward Gibson, a negro, who last Monday night attacked Miss Dorothy Paris, 19 years old of Wenonah. Gibson made no defense and was sentenced to 12 years' imprisonment and to pay a fine of \$3,000.

Family Wiped Out.

New York, May 4.—William Cross, his wife and their two sons were found dead from inhaling illuminating gas in their home in Jersey City. Gas was pouring from a disconnected pipe in the kitchen.

Young Negro's Fate.

Shreveport, La., May 4.—Information has just reached this city of an assault upon an 8-year-old white girl, the daughter of a well-known planter of Bossier Point, and the subsequent lynching of a 17-year-old negro, Silas Ealy, accused of the deed.

Three Crushed To Death.

Flint, Mich., May 4.—Ruth Nash, aged 16, and her two nephews, George, aged 14, and Harold, aged 16 months were killed by a Grand Trunk passenger train, and Cecil Nash, aged 6, was probably fatally injured.

"WE'RE READY," SAY ATTORNEYS.

NO MORE DELAY LOOKED FOR IN FAMOUS CASE.

Every Available Room in Boise, Idaho, Reserved for Lawyers, Witnesses, Newspaper Men, Etc.

Boise, Idaho, May 6.—Practically every available room in Boise has been reserved for lawyers, witnesses or newspaper men in attendance on the court which will try William B. Hayward on the charge of murder of former Gov. Steunenberg.

That there might be some delay has been intimated from time to time, but the fear of this has now been dissipated by statements from both sides.

Clarence Darrow, of Chicago, and E. F. Richardson, of Denver, jointly leading counsel for the defense of Hayward, have both stated that they are ready for trial.

Counsel for the prosecution, James H. Hawley and Senator W. E. Borah, who have been engaged especially, are of the opinion that there will be no further delay.

An application for a bill of particulars, filed by the defense, will be argued before Judge Wood, who will try the Hayward case but as his decision is not appealable, it is not thought that this will cause postponement.

The history of the case of the men charged with the murder of Steunenberg shows much delay, all of which has been necessarily expensive to the state of Idaho and the defense.

The state has already paid bills to the amount of \$52,000, and at the last session of the legislature of Idaho an appropriation of \$50,000 additional was unanimously passed, all parties concurring.

When Gov. Steunenberg was assassinated the Miners' association offered a reward of \$5,000 for the arrest of the murderer. Later this amount was returned to the miners by Gov. Gooding, with the statement that the state of Idaho would defray the cost of the prosecution of the murderer or murderers whoever they might be.

DUG A GRAVE IN CELLAR.

Then Girl, Jilted by Her Lover, Ended Her Life.

Philadelphia, Pa., May 6.—Brooding over disappointment in love, Elva A. Ellison, 25, a maid in the employ of Stirling Johnson, of 501 Allen lane, Chestnut Hill, committed suicide after having dug a grave in the cellar of the house, Mrs. Mary Snell, the housekeeper, found the young woman in the cellar, digging a long deep hole in the earth floor.

"What in the world are you doing?" asked the astonished woman.

"Making a place to die in," replied Miss Ellison.

"Well, you get upstairs and forget this nonsense," ordered the mistress. And for a time the matter was forgotten. Later the girl shot herself through the brain, killing herself instantly.

Red Flags Displayed in Parade.

Boston, May 6.—About 10,000 people participated in the parade and mass meeting held by the labor organizations of this city as a protest against the proceedings against Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone. A Scandinavian social club, which brought up the rear, displayed three plain red flags. A thousand or more women were in line.

Threw Himself in Front of Car.

Dearborn, Mich., May 5.—Suddenly overcome with a desire for self-destruction, T. F. Lundergan, a Marion, O., mmm threw himself in front of a swiftly moving car on the Detroit, Ypsilanti Ann Arbor & Jackson railroad and was killed, both legs and one arm being cut off.

Hearse Used By Street Car.

Chicago, May 6.—A hearse, in which the body of Miss Christina Engelson was being taken to the cemetery was struck and overturned by a street car. A carriage, containing pallbearers narrowly escaped. Although the hearse was wrecked, the casket remained intact.

Blew Off His Head.

New York, May 6.—Frederick W. Wertheimer, 34, and married, committed suicide by shooting in his apartment in the Hotel York. He was found in bed, the right side of his head literally blown off. No motive is known.

Drove into the River.

St. Paul, Minn., May 6.—Fred Hill and Darwin Traux, of St. Paul, in an attempt to drive across the Rock Island bridge near Inver Grove where it was open were drowned in the Mississippi river.

Packing Plant Damaged.

Chicago, May 6.—The eight-story brick building known as "Warehouse B and C," of the Schwarzschild & Salzberger Co., packers, at Forty-first and Paulina streets, was partially destroyed by fire. The loss is said to be \$100,000.

TEN YEARS OF PAIN.

Unable to Do Even Housework Because of Kidney Troubles.

Mrs. Margaret Emmerich, of Clinton St., Napoleon, O., says: "For fifteen years I was a great sufferer from kidney troubles. My back pained me terribly. Every turn or move caused sharp, shooting pains. My eyesight was poor, dark spots appeared before me, and I had dizzy spells. For ten years I could not do housework, and for two years did not get out of the house. The kidney secretions were irregular, and doctors were not helping me. Doan's Kidney Pills brought me quick relief, and finally cured me. They saved my life."



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WHERE WOMAN IS SUPERIOR.

Vegetarian Springs a Few Facts on Astonishing Companions.

"Since the first of the year," he said, "I haven't had a smoke, and I haven't taken a drink."

"Everybody looked at him with amazement, respect and awe. How strong-willed he must be, they said; how ascetic, how spiritual! It was tremendous."

"And yet," said a pale vegetarian, "all women, or at least 99 per cent. of them, maintain this wonderful abstinence their whole life long. Why don't you praise them for it?"

"With his medicated handkerchief he brushed the sneer from his lips. "We men," he said, "beside women are hope. We call our women silly; we won't give them the vote; but the average woman lives on a higher plane than the average man. She thinks of nobler things than money-grubbing, drink, tobacco, food."

"Did you ever hear your wife growl about the cooking? Did you ever hear of a woman epicure? No; the woman is above the hoglike pleasures of the table. She is above such a tobacco and whisky seance as is now going on here."

The vegetarian put on his cap of medicated flannel, and, despite the warmth of the night, drew the flannel curtains over his ears.

"Give woman her due," he ended. "She is finer-fibered, a more temperate, a more spiritual creature than coarse, gross, hog-like man."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

NO CAUSE FOR ALARM.

The honeymoon had bumped the bumps.

"You know, John," said the young wife, "that I used to be your typewriter."

"Um—yes," grunted John.

"Well," she continued, "I wish you would discharge the girl you have now and hire a man in her place."

"Huh!" rejoined hubby. "I hope you don't think I would make a fool of myself twice in the same way."

Breaking It to Him Tactfully.

"George," she said, when her hubby returned from the office, "I'm afraid baby must have swallowed some money."

"Good gracious!" he cried, "don't you know whether he did or not?"

"No, but it's the only way I can account for the disappearance of the weekly allowance you forgot to give me this morning."

SEEDING COMMENCED IN WESTERN CANADA.

The Prospects for a Large Acreage to Be Sown in Wheat.

St. Paul, April 24, 1907.—Word has been received at the office of the Canadian Government in St. Paul that seeding has commenced at various points throughout Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

The heavy snowfall during the past winter has left the ground in splendid shape for successful seeding operations. The fine weather of the past few days has taken much of the frost out of the ground and during next week there will scarcely be a district in which the seeder is not being operated. The most optimistic conditions exist and in all districts the farmers are busy getting things in shape.

There will be a very large acreage sown in spring wheat, oats and barley. At many points throughout the three provinces the newcomers are busy unloading their stock and effects, working night and day in order to get on their farms and become active agencies in the effort to make the year 1907 the banner year in grain producing in Western Canada. As compared with districts many hundred miles further south than this, it will be seen that Western Canada ranks amongst the first in the line of seeding operations for the present year. It is safe to say that farmers who get in their crop before the 20th or 24th of May, will receive magnificent returns. A number of those coming in this spring, who had not their land prepared last fall, will break up enough land to set in a crop of oats and barley and probably some flax. This, together with the vegetables they will plant, will give them ample food for themselves and stock during the coming summer and winter. These early seeding operations are not confined to one district, but are spread over a country 900 miles long by 400 miles in width.

The agents of the Canadian Government, located at different points throughout the United States, are busy giving information regarding the many new districts that are being made available for settlers. Low railway rates, information and literature are given on application to the agent, whose name appears in advertisement elsewhere in this paper.

They Go Together.

"Henry," said the young wife, who had taken up physical culture, "how do you think I am built?"

"My dear," replied her husband fondly, "you are built like a watch."

"Thank you Henry. And Henry?"

"Well?"

"If I am built like a watch, don't you think I should have a few jewels?"

And then Henry frowned and said the man who compliments a woman is an idiot.

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