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Did you hear a noise like a fly? There's no age limit on circus boys.

The best way not to get typhoid is to prevent it.

Have you joined the fly crusade? It doesn't cost anything.

We are now supposed to each have \$34.59. Why fool with the odd figure?

The only safe bet on the weather seems to be that the worst is yet to come.

The little brown hen outranks the eagle bird in every essential and desirable respect.

Wellesley girls have been advised to have reasonable intervals between pickles and fudge.

As between inconveniencing the scorching automobilists and the public let us not hesitate.

That fellow who turned burglar because a girl jilted him doubtless was looking for an excuse.

Who can blame the June brides for being indignant when filigree scribes refer to them as a "crop."

Aeroplane races across the country will rival in spectacularity the 2:40 trot at the county fair.

We denounce race suicide and still permit the homicidal joy rider to roam at large seeking fresh victims.

Any automobilist, who have declared war on the human race will have to be treated accordingly.

About the easiest thing for a married woman to do is to make her husband believe that he knows best.

Paying fines to the government as a penalty for smuggling seems a poor way to wind up a pleasure trip abroad.

Can the steeple jack who stole 654 pounds of copper from a church steeple be convicted of highway robbery?

Smuggling is one of those amusements which ought to be left to the ridiculously rich who do not mind expense.

Do we sufficiently appreciate those aviators who are facing perils and hardships that the rest of us may learn to fly?

Thus far, we believe, the life insurance companies are inclined to re-examine the country for the more or less hazardous occupations.

In learning how to manage a flying machine the principal drawback is that you can't rest the machine on anything solid while you are doing it.

In addition to the hot water geysers in Yellowstone park an ice cold geyser has been discovered. The Yellowstone has nearly all the modern improvements.

If a man is willing to mortgage his house and lot to buy an automobile he shouldn't kick if he has to mortgage his furniture in order to pay his repair bills.

One concluding thought during the hot weather is that we are all free and untrammelled American citizens and we will have a bunch of men coming around telling us about it until some time in November.

The expert swimmers are beginning to get themselves drowned. One good thing about the young man who can't swim is that he never shows off by getting so far from the shore that there is no chance for him to return.

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RAIL CHIEF SLAIN

BURGLAR MURDERS IRA G. RAWN, PRESIDENT OF THE MONON.

THEY EXCHANGE BULLETS.

Awakened by Prowler in Summer Home at Winnetka Railroad President Seizes Revolver and is Shot Down, Thief Escaping.

Chicago.—I. G. Rawn, president of the Monon railway, was shot through the heart and instantly killed at his summer home in Winnetka by a would-be robber. The burglar escaped. There is no clue to his identity.

Servants and women in the house, aroused by the shot, found Mr. Rawn lying in the hallway on his face. The front door was open. There was no one in sight.

The fact that the murder was committed by a burglar was established by the finding of jimmy marks on the door, which had been forced open.

The story of the shooting of Mr. Rawn was told by Ralph G. Coburn, a son-in-law of the victim.

"Mrs. Rawn was awakened by sounds on the first floor of the house," he said. "Mr. Rawn also was awakened and he also heard the sounds. He went down to investigate and saw a man in a dark suit and a hat. He was carrying a rifle and a bag of tools."

"He descended the stairs and had barely reached the landing when he was fired upon. He fell forward and was killed."

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16,000 RAILROAD MEN GO OUT

STRIKE ON GRAND TRUNK SYSTEM TIES UP FREIGHT.

Passenger Service is Congested—Milk Famine Threatens Montreal—Strikers Are Orderly.

Montreal.—It was estimated Tuesday that 16,000 men were out of employment as a result of the strike of employees of the Grand Trunk railroad system which went into effect Monday night.

The strike order was obeyed by 6,000 conductors and trainmen and the company Tuesday locked out 10,000 men in the shops in the hope that they would accept the positions deserted by the conductors and trainmen. The coup has not been successful.

Freight and passenger traffic on the entire Grand Trunk system is congested. Freight is piling up in immense quantities at the various transfer points, with no likelihood of being moved for a long time.

A few trains were run by minor officials of the road, with office clerks to take the tickets, but this method has proven a failure. Passengers will not purchase tickets because of the inability of the company to guarantee a through trip to any point.

A milk famine is threatened in Montreal by reason of the company's failure to deliver any part of the usual supply of that commodity from outlying points. Also there is a marked scarcity of other necessities transported by the railroad.

There was nothing approaching a dispute among the strikers at any point along the system, excepting in one instance, in which a brakeman on a Grand Trunk train at Flint, Mich., was attacked by the strikers and saved by his mother, who shamed the strikers into retreat.

Toronto, Ont.—The second day of the strike on the Grand Trunk has been uneventful throughout Ontario. Through passenger trains are running fairly on time. A few locals have been abandoned. No attempt is being made to move freight.

The freight situation in this city is indeed serious. The yards and sidings are congested with cars. The ice companies are suffering and much perishable freight is being raised. Stories that the city is undergoing a milk famine and soon would suffer for want of meat are unfounded.

Cleveland, O.—"There will absolutely be no quarter given in the fight between the Canadian trainmen and the Grand Trunk and Vermont railroads," said President W. G. Lee of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, on his return to this city.

"The Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and the Order of Railway Conductors will back the strikers to their last penny."

"The strikers will hold out for the same terms granted by the Baltimore & Ohio, and which every other railroad excepting the Grand Trunk and the Vermont has accepted."

"We immediately summoned the Winnetka police, and it was they who found the mark on the door which established the fact that the crime had been committed by a burglar. Other than that we have no clue."

"The house was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Rawn, their daughter, Mrs. Bigelow, and my wife and myself and our two children. There were also three servants in the house, the cook, Mrs. Rawn's maid, and Mrs. Bigelow's maid. None of the rest of us heard the sound of the burglar."

Only one bullet took effect. The other went wild.

A half hour after the murder had been committed Pinkerton detectives and other private detectives were hired by the sons of the dead man.

"We will offer a reward," said Mr. Coburn and spare no expense to capture the assassin.

Following so soon after the burglary at the home of Laird Bell last Saturday or Sunday night when Mr. and Mrs. Bell were out of town, the incident has aroused the residents of the suburb. Plans for better police protection are being talked of and the crime of this morning probably will incite the villagers to take immediate action.

While Mr. and Mrs. Bell were away from home at Lake Geneva last week burglars entered their home and stole several thousand dollars' worth of silverware, jewelry, and heirlooms. No report of the matter was made to the local police until after Mr. and Mrs. Bell returned home on Monday.

Mr. Rawn became president of the Monon road last October. He is 55 years old. He rose in the railroad from the job of student telegraph operator which he took at 15 years of age. He was born in Delaware, O., and his only education was in the common schools there.

Indiana County Loss in Census. Washington, Ind.—Census returns show Madison county, Indiana, a population of 65,224, a decrease of 5,248 inhabitants.

Monitor Up Mississippi. New Orleans.—With the arrival here Wednesday of the United States monitor Amphitrite begins the undertaking of driving this vessel up the Mississippi river from New Orleans to St. Louis under direction of Missouri state naval representatives.

Went Yokohama Free Port. Victoria, B. C.—Agitation has been begun toward making Yokohama a free port similar to Hongkong, according to advices brought here by the steamer Sumner Wednesday.

May Yet Telephone to England. Dover, England.—Telephonic communication between England and America may soon be a possibility if a new experimental submarine cable recently laid across the English channel by the British post office authorities answers expectations.

Western Banker Arrested. Portland, Ore.—W. D. Outman, treasurer of W. P. McMonies & Co. of this city, was arrested here Tuesday on a charge of receiving money, knowing a bank to be insolvent.

Baseball Magnate Expires. Rockford, Ill.—James P. Walsh, principal owner of the Rockford franchise in the Wisconsin-Illinois league, died Saturday of Bright's disease and complications. The deceased, since 1908, has been identified with the national game in Rockford.

Mayor Kills Gomez's Cousin. Havana.—Joachim Gomez, the cousin of President Gomez, was shot and killed Saturday by Martinez Moles, mayor of Sancti Spiritus. Moles claims that he fired in self-defense.

Woman Eats Four Babes. Puerto Plata, Santo Domingo.—The disappearance of Dominican children near the Haytien frontier has been explained by the horrible confession of a Haitian woman that she had murdered them, eating four.

Ohio Judge Sees Roosevelt. New York.—Theodore Roosevelt had a long talk with Judge Kincaid of Toledo, O. Tuesday and it was generally understood that political conditions in the judge's home state came in for discussion.

Bank Fugitive Is Under Arrest. Philadelphia.—Private detectives Monday arrested J. Howard Lowery, who is said to be wanted in Utica, N. Y., for embezzling \$100,000 from a bank there. It is said that his whereabouts was revealed by a woman.

Eleven Killed; 68 Injured. Melbourne, Australia.—Eleven persons were killed and 68 injured Monday when a crowded state line suburban train crashed into the rear of a train standing on the tracks at Richmond, four miles north of here.

Receivers for Jones Bros. Kansas City, Mo.—Receivers for the Jones Brothers Mercantile company, a small order house, were appointed by the federal court here Saturday. The liabilities and the assets are each placed at \$600,000.

Mrs. Hartje Given Divorce. Pittsburg, Pa.—A decree of absolute divorce was granted Saturday to Mary Scott Hartje from Augustus Hartje, the millionaire paper manufacturer of Pittsburg, by Judge Frazer in common pleas court.

Trinemed 211 Women Dies. Arcola, Ill.—Mrs. Mary Harzen, an aged resident of this city, died Saturday after the amputation of a leg, made necessary by blood poison caused by trimming a corn.

THE EMBARRASMENTS OF AIR-LINE TRAVEL



The Fareless Passenger.

PLOT TO KILL AMERICANS

OFFICIALS SET UPON BY RENEGADE MOROS.

Three of Outlaws Are Slain and Five Wounded in Fight.

Manila.—Dean C. Worcester, American secretary of interior for the Philippines, was set upon by renegade Moros, on the island of Palawan Monday and escaped assassination only through the alertness of his bodyguard, who shot down the outlaws, killing three of them outright.

Secretary Worcester was touring the island, which is the most westerly of the larger Philippine group, bounding the Sulu sea on the west, and was present at the installation of the new governor.

In anticipation of his coming a band of Moros planned his death. Armed with bolts, carefully concealed, they lay in wait for the secretary, who suddenly found himself the object of a savage rush.

Captain Moynihan of the scouts was the first to recognize the hostile movement and just in the nick of time he ordered the scouts to fire.

At the fusillade three Moros who led the attack dropped dead in their tracks, while several others doubled up with more or less severe wounds. The rest of them took to their heels.

Investigation showed that the attack by the renegade Moros also was a part of a plot against Provincial Governor Evans and Mr. Worcester.

Governor Evans and Mr. Worcester had been on the island and wished to take a boat for a river trip. A Moro leader objected and a party followed. Then a group of warriors rushed from ambush, attacking the party. Mr. Worcester was in front.

The women admitted while on the witness stand that she telephoned O'Connor a few days before his death and asked him if he intended to quit coming to his home.

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Barcelona.—While he was making a cross-country flight, Aviator Ehrmann's aeroplane was struck by lightning and fell blazing to the ground. The aviator escaped uninjured, which is regarded as almost miraculous.

There has never been a more startling aerial exhibition than that which Aviator Ehrmann unwillingly staged, for those who witnessed it could hardly believe their eyes when the aviator emerged from the smog framework none the worse for his experience.

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Blaze in Joliet Prison. Shirt Factory is Destroyed With Loss of \$25,000—Convicts Create No Disorder.

Joliet, Ill.—Fire that broke out in the shirt factory at the Illinois state prison here totally destroyed the building and equipment, causing a damage estimated at \$25,000. Crossed electric wires assigned as the cause of the conflagration. The volunteer fire department composed of "trusties" failed to check the flames and the Joliet city department was called. Guards were dispatched through the corridors at the out-start to allay the fears of the convicts and there was no disorder.

Glendon, north of Bloomville, is reached by the fire, and it has been impossible to get word from the village for many hours. This leaves Bloomville with its 650 persons cut off on every side. With the population nearly tripled, the question of feeding the people is a serious one. Reports from Bloomville tell of the flight of scores of people, some going on foot and others in wagons. The loss in buildings is over \$200,000.

Several farmers' families have not been accounted for. Fields which were about to be thrashed and live stock and buildings were abandoned.

Estimate 2,100,000 in Chicago. Chicago.—Children to the number of 814,115 now living in Chicago, according to the school census report that was made Thursday to the board of education, represented families that it is estimated have 2,100,000 members all told.

Burned by Mischievous Boys. Pittsburg, Pa.—Robert Finley is in the hospital, painfully burned. He fell asleep on a bench in East park Thursday, and mischievous boys threw a burning newspaper under him.

Cyclone Sweeps Over Sweden. Stockholm, Sweden.—Central Sweden was visited Thursday by a cyclone. No lives were lost, but there was much damage to property. Many farm houses and factories were unroofed, especially in and about the city of Eskilstuna.

Death in Car Wreck. Boise, Idaho.—In a head-on collision between cars on the Boise & Interurban railroad near Boise Thursday, Motorman William Earwood was killed and four passengers hurt.

Woman Killed in Kansas City. Kansas City, Mo.—Miss Bessie Cox, twenty-seven years old, was struck Thursday by a speeding automobile driven by a negro at Eighth and The Pavee, and received injuries from which she died two hours later.

Grand Rapids Shows Increase. Washington.—Grand Rapids, Mich., has a population of 112,571, according to figures enumerated for the thirtieth census. This is an increase over 1900 of 25,008, or 28.6 per cent.

Grasshoppers Ravage Wabash Valley. Terre Haute, Ind.—There is a plague of grasshoppers in the Wabash valley, according to a report from Terre Haute, Ind. The insects have found their trees covered with bodies of insects, impeding their progress and causing the cars to skid. Gardens and corn have been destroyed.

Zepplin Gas Works Razed. Friedriehshafen, Germany.—The gas works of the Zepplin Airship company were demolished by an explosion Tuesday. Seven persons were severely injured.

World Peace Court Judge Dead. Copenhagen, Denmark.—Prof. Henning Matzen, professor of the University of Copenhagen, counselor extraordinary of the Supreme court and a member of the permanent arbitration court at The Hague, died here Monday.

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BLAST KILLS ELEVEN

FATAL ACCIDENT OCCURS DURING TARGET PRACTICE AT FORTRESS MONROE.

FAMILIES SEE MEN SLAIN

Artillerymen Are Horribly Mangled When Breach Block of Big Gun Explodes—Board of Inquiry is Investigating Disaster.

Fortress Monroe, Va.—As a result of the explosion of the breach block in a 12-inch gun without warning at the fort Thursday 11 men are dead and eight others are injured.

Whether the accident was due to faulty mechanism in the gun, or negligence upon the part of the men who were hauled into eternity is to be determined by a board of inquiry which is still investigating the dreadful affair.

The killed: First Sergeant Harry G. Hess, Corporal Charles C. Atkins, Corporal Albert Bradford, Private Roy Duffey, Private Cleve N. King, Private Alfred W. Smith, Private James H. Turner, Private Arlie Adey, Private Andrew J. Sullivan, Private E. E. Hogan.

The only man seriously wounded was Second Lieut. George L. Van Dusen, U. S. A., who had a leg broken and sustained painful burns and bruises.

Five men were slightly though very painfully hurt.

Target practise had been in progress only a few minutes when the accident happened. Naval tugs, towing targets which represented a "hostile" fleet, trying to pass Fort Monroe to reach Washington, had just appeared in sight and all of the batteries had opened fire.

The fire was very effective during the few minutes and the targets were badly battered, but when the explosion occurred interest in the mimic battle was lost.

Colonel Townsley, commandant of the fort, said that he did not know whether the mechanism of the gun was at fault or whether the accident was due to the carelessness of the men around the gun.

Colonel Townsley stated that the shell is still in the gun and that only one breach was blown away. The whole breach block was blown away and was carried some distance by the force of the explosion of the 300 pounds of high explosive. The projectile was left in the gun and expecting the breach block the gun was not damaged. The men and the gun were in a concrete pit about fifty by fifty feet and the whole effect of the giant charge took effect in that small enclosure. The men were torn to pieces, arms, legs and heads being scattered in all directions, some of them going into the waters of the Roads and other parts of the land.

All the men close to the breach end of the gun were either killed or wounded. The powder which forms the charges for the 12-inch guns is made up into pyramids of holes pierced through them. Several of these pyramids were scattered around in the pit unconsumed and the holes were filled with blood.

Many of the dead were so burned and mangled that they had to be identified by the shreds of bloody clothing that were left on the pieces of bodies.

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