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A clean straw hat is now becoming a rarity.

Small thunder showers are thankfully received.

What is an aviation meet without 't' dead and injured.

If all boys were taught to swim fewer men would be drowned.

Amateur swimmers as well as small boats should hug the shore.

If it is not one thing it is sure to be another in merry England.

Whoever invented going swimming was a public benefactor, all right.

There is need of safe and sane target practice with the big army guns.

It is to be regretted that our valuable forests are not built of Asbestos.

Aviators have not yet reached a point where they can deny the lightning.

Laugh as a health measure by all means, but laugh as opportunely as possible.

Vacations are all right while they last, but deliver us from the first week after.

It will be hard for the small boy to believe that not all ice cream cones are fit to eat.

A "doh!" for aeroplane amateurs might properly be included in the list of summer cautions.

Western grasshoppers are having a hard time keeping up with the successive crops of alfalfa.

Noise shortens life, discovers some fellow who will not doubt live quietly to his hundredth birthday.

Paris is producing some interesting aeroplane literature. One machine is hit by lightning and melted.

The man who invented money would have pleased more of us if he had only made it easier to get.

Russia is opening a school of aviation. This ought to swell the dead and wounded column considerably.

Pulling the wrong lever of an aeroplane can never become a fixed habit with an aviator. Once usually suffices.

If it will help any, we will say that the new hobble skirts look like a man feels when his suspenders have broken.

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The diamond trust has been renewed for five years. But who can renew his notes on the engagement ring that long?

The snake stories of the season are showing a fine crop. The fish stories will have a hard time in coming up to their standard.

One Milwaukee man did not see his bride until he was married. Her many brides do not see their husbands at all after marriage.

A Maryland man has taught a rattlesnake to chew tobacco. Fastidious Maryland people will refuse to associate with rattlesnakes, hereafter.

Aviator Harmon says that to be a successful bird man one must be absolutely indifferent to death, that being just about what most of us decided some time ago.

Another policeman has been shot in the leg when his revolver dropped from his pocket. We may have to instruct our policemen in bullet-proof armor to conserve them.

"American women," says the gawk-war of Baroda, "are the most beautiful women in the world." Whatever the gawk-war's fallings may be, he evidently has a good eye.

This Austrian count says that the European beetles are well, stouter than ours. That is one reason why the American man has never gone abroad to marry a title.

After a New York man had shaken pepper into his soup he was seized with an attack of sneezing that killed him. Evidently some of the New York restaurants continue to serve genuine pepper.

Those who think that aviation is "flying in the face of providence" may find confirmation in the fact that one aeroplane has been struck by lightning, although we have not stopped building houses because one is occasionally hit by a bolt.

A convention of dentists at Denver have issued a number of "Don'ts" for parents; among them a warning not to let a boy eat half an apple and give the rest to a playmate. The small boy will unanimously ignore this suggestion.

Shooting a husband who comes home late under the impression that he is a burglar may lessen the habit of staying out too long, but it involves the hazard of spilling several reasonably servicable husbands.

A trolley line is to be built between St. Louis and Kansas City. We have not been informed as to whether it is intended to give St. Louis people a better chance than they now have to go to Kansas City or whether it is proposed to furnish a new outlet for Kansas City people.

When a new monarch comes to the throne in England the mints have a busy time of it. Gold and silver coins bear the image of the sovereign. The long reign of Queen Victoria obliterated many years the necessity for new dies. When her son, the late Edward VII, became king, the mintage was changed accordingly, and now the "counterfeit resemblance" of George V. will be impressed on the pieces put in circulation. The same rule applies to postage stamps, and collectors are adding the Edward issue to their stock, as it will soon be a rarity.

RAINS BRING RELIEF

HEAVY FALL IN FIRE-SWEPT ZONE AIDS TENSE SITUATION.

Officially Declared 54 Persons Lost Lives in Couer d'Alene District—Four Negro Soldiers Missing—Hundred Dead Around Wallace.

Twenty Bodies Are Found

Every, Idaho.—The bodies of 20 forest service men who died fighting the fires near here were recovered Wednesday and brought to this city.

Government agents declare there is little hope for any of the missing.

Four negro soldiers of Company G, Twenty-fifth United States Infantry, are among the missing and are believed to have perished.

Two Japanese employed in railroad work, who had been fighting the fires, emerged from the woods. They were severely burned and report that ten of their fellow laborers had fallen before the flames and were dead.

Spokane, Wash.—Rain, turning to snow in the high mountains, Wednesday brought relief to a large part of Idaho, Montana and Washington districts that have been devastated by forest fires. The 200,000 acre area of reports from Missoula, has extended over an area of 100 square miles, taking in the Couer d'Alene district.

It is now officially declared that 54 persons and no more, have been killed. There is said to be no warrant for the reports of loss of hundreds of lives. All men on the list of government foresters employed in Idaho have reported to the supervisor or are known to be safe.

Wallace, Idaho.—Reports here Wednesday show a death list of 100, with 200 men missing, as the result of the forest fires. While the cities of Wardner, Kellogg, Burke and Murray are threatened with disasters similar to the one Wallace has suffered, the danger here is over.

A prospector who reached Wallace brought word to Forest Supervisor Weigle that Ranger H. F. Kottiker, who with a crew of 300 men, had been missing in the St. Joe country since Friday, has reported safe at Missoula with a few of his men.

Helena, Mont.—Reports received here from every fire district in Montana indicate that the situation is by long odds the worst in the history of the state. Despite the large number of troops, civilians and railroad employees that have been put into the field, the flames are absolute masters of the situation and there is only one salvation—general rain, but for which there is no prospect.

Butte, Mont.—Six hundred fire fighters who left Thompson Falls four days ago are reported lost, and Forest Ranger Bushnell of the cabinet reserve, who is at Thompson, fears all may have perished. The wind is blowing furiously toward Thompson and it is feared the little town, which is surrounded by refugees, will be swept by fire.

The first cheering news from the great forest fire zone came Tuesday afternoon in the form of a report that heavy rain was falling at Cutbank on the eastern side of the Flathead and Coeur d'Alene rivers, with the flames complete masters of the situation.

Summit, a town on the Great Northern, is reported surrounded by flames. Libby and Troy are still in grave danger of being burned, according to Governor Norris, who has returned from there.

Washington.—Already the forest fires raging in the Missoula, Mont., and northern Idaho districts have consumed timber and property valued at more than \$25,000,000. This, according to an official of the forest bureau Monday, is a conservative estimate.

Spokane, Wash.—In the Couer d'Alene district of Idaho more than 200 persons are known to be dead, and nearly 100 are missing as a result of the forest fires.

All along the Great Northern and Northern Pacific tracks between Spokane and Helena numerous fires are known to be raging furiously, but definite reports cannot be secured.

The seriously injured, mostly fire fighters, will number, according to the statement made Monday by W. R. Weigle, forest superintendent of the Couer d'Alene, more than 200. Many of them have been struck blind and others have broken limbs.

Rewards Captor of Autolot.

New York.—John Deane, the chauffeur who rook Edward T. Rosten's Kappa Gamma sorority, opened his eyes Wednesday. President Edith Stoner of Kansas City presided at the first business session.

Texas Heat Is Fatal.

Dallas, Tex.—The intense heat caused six deaths in Dallas and Fort Worth Wednesday. The hot wave has continued unabated since the beginning of August, the mercury registering every day 100 or more.

Fleet Is Home From Europe.

Norfolk, Va.—The naval practice squadron, composed of the battleships Iowa, Indiana and Massachusetts, returned here from the Virginia coast Monday from an all-summer practice cruise in European waters, with naval midshipmen aboard.

Divorce Causes Double Tragedy.

Minneapolis, Minn.—Three men were killed and six injured in a head-on freight train collision on the Western Maryland railroad near Edgemont late Monday night.

Watchmakers Union Is Latest.

New York.—The newest labor organization to gain a foothold in New York is the Watchmakers' union. Up to a short time ago there were no watchmakers made in this city, repairing only being done.

Take Flight in Manila.

Manila, Philippines.—Curtis Hill was arrested here Monday on the request of the California authorities. He is charged with embezzlement. Although he denies his guilt he will not oppose extradition.

TAKES PROMISES REVISION

ISSUES A LETTER FOR THE CONGRESSIONAL CAMPAIGN BOOK.

Executive to Recommend to Congress That Individual Schedules Be Taken Up Separately.

Beverly, Mass.—In the letter he has written for the Republican congressional campaign book, President Taft advocates revision of the tariff by separate schedules.

The president dwells at length upon the work of the tariff board which has been investigating the cost of living at home and abroad. Summing up what he hopes for on this board, the president says that whenever it reports to him facts which in his judgment warrant a revision of any particular schedule, he will recommend such revision in a message to congress.

If it is objected that this method of tariff revision is open to the possibility that the attempted revision of one schedule will bring down a flood of amendments which will effect, open up the entire tariff law, the president has a reply. He will recommend the adoption of a rule in both houses of congress providing that only the specific schedule in question is named shall be reopened and that all amendments not germane to that schedule shall be regarded as out of order.

In taking this stand in favor of revising the tariff, a schedule at a time, the president is going more than half way to meet the progressives, who have charged that the scheme of revision followed at the special session of congress makes a fair and impartial revision of the tariff impossible and paves the way for deals and deals under which the interests of "big business" are fostered and protected. The move is another step toward harmonizing the party.

Cruiser Ashore; 18 Dead

British Warship Bedford Goes on Rocks On the Korean Coast—Probably Total Loss.

London.—Eighteen lives were lost when the British cruiser Bedford ran ashore on the rocks of Quelpart island, Korea, according to a report received here Monday by the admiralty. The men were members of the engine room force.

The accident occurred during full speed trials of the vessel and the cruiser was evidently badly damaged, since the deaths are stated officially to have been due to "the inrush of water." The wreck is about two miles to the west of Naeurou island, which is off the southwestern point of Quelpart island. Many sunken rocks are scattered in this vicinity, and navigation in the passage between Barlow and Giffard island, its neighbor, is not recommended for this reason.

The vessel lies in such a desperate position that there is practically no possibility of saving her. The hull is full of water up to the engine room bulkhead, the water pouring in through gaping holes punched by the sunken rocks, and the officers and crew have been taken off. The sister warships, the Minotaur and Monmouth of the British squadron, which anchored near the wreck to render assistance, were obliged to put to sea owing to the heavy weather which prevails.

Convicts at Oleo Inquiry

Moonshiners Are Brought From Prison to Tell of Alleged Gigantic Conspiracy.

Chicago.—Investigation of charges of conspiracy to defraud the government made against manufacturers of butterine may begin before next Monday, William Broadwell and Samuel White, convicted oleo moonshiners, who are now serving terms in federal prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and three other prisoners who were convicted in Milwaukee, Wis., for the same offense, were secretly brought to Chicago Wednesday in charge of a federal official. Their arrival at this time was unexpected.

New leads of investigation will, in all probability, be pursued by the inquisitorial body in the examination of these witnesses, as the government is already in possession of signed confessions from Broadwell and Driesbach, telling, supposedly in full, their information concerning the existence of a conspiracy between big moonshiners, fine manufacturers and moonshiners to defraud the government.

Arrest Englishman as Spy

German Authorities at Borkum Nab Another Suspicious Briton After a Severe Struggle.

Emden, Germany.—A second Englishman, in addition to the one captured Monday at Borkum, was arrested at Borkum Tuesday on suspicion that he also is a spy. He offered violent resistance to arrest.

Sorority Opens Session.

Bloomington, Ind.—The twenty-fifth annual national convention of the Kappa Gamma sorority opened here Wednesday. President Edith Stoner of Kansas City presided at the first business session.

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AMERICAN BOYHOOD



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TELLS OF BRIBERY

REPRESENTATIVE LINK TESTIFIES IN TRIAL OF LEE O'NEIL BROWNE.

NEVER GOT MONEY FOR VOTE

Judge Refuses to Take Case From Jury on Motion of Defense as Prosecution Closes Its Side.

Chicago.—Attorney W. T. Forrest made a motion to take the case of Lee O'Neil Browne, on trial charged with bribery in the election of United States Senator Lorimer, from the jury and strike from the records the testimony of Beckemeyer and several other state witnesses. This was the first step of the defense, as the prosecution closed its case Thursday.

Judge Kersten refused to instruct the jury to return a verdict of not guilty. The court also refused to strike from the record any of the testimony of witnesses for the prosecution.

Representative H. J. C. Beckemeyer of Carlyle was the first witness called when court convened, but nothing new was elicited from him. He was followed on the stand by Representative Michael S. Lihk.

Link said he was a Democratic representative, and had voted for Lorimer for senator without any previous consideration or promise. Later, he said, Browne gave him \$1,000 in the Southern hotel, St. Louis.

A heated argument between the court and Mr. Lorman followed when Judge Kersten sustained an objection to a question from the prosecutor, dealing with the "jack-pot." Judge Kersten would not let Link tell of the latter, because the witness previously testified he was not told when he got the \$1,000 that it was in consideration of his having voted for Lorimer.

Mr. Link was cross-examined by Attorney Erbstein.

"Were you ever promised any reward or any other consideration for having voted for Lorimer?" the witness was asked.

"Absolutely none," he answered.

"Did you ever receive any money or any reward because you had voted for Lorimer?"

"Absolutely none," Link said.

Link explaining the reason of his vote for Lorimer declared it was because of Lorimer's views on the deep water question.

Link testified he was kept in custody of officers before his confession was secured and was threatened by State Attorney Wayman with being sent to the penitentiary if he did not give the evidence that was expected of him.

"Did you tell the state's attorney you knew nothing of bribery, but that after he pictured your wife on the stand and the penitentiary on the other you said you would tell a lie for your family?"

"I said I would make any sacrifice for my family," said Link.

Sidney Yarbrough, one of Representative White's intimate friends, who occupied rooms with him in the St. Nicholas hotel the night White said Browne appeared at his room and offered him a bribe, was the next state witness. He was not called at the first trial.

Korea Is Annexed to Japan

Text of Convention Is Communicated to the Powers, But Withheld From the Public.

Tokyo.—Japan has completed the details of the annexation of Korea. The text of the convention under which the Hermit kingdom and its 13,000,000 inhabitants become part of the mikado's empire was communicated to the representatives of the powers. The document, which, according to new established fact, was signed August 25, will be effective when officially promulgated. This will take place, according to some of the ministers, August 29.

Baron Hlrat, minister of the interior, summoned the proprietors of all the Japanese newspapers to his cabinet Wednesday and requested them to publish no unauthorized information regarding the situation in Korea.

He pointed out that such publication under existing conditions would only make the task of the Japanese government in carrying out the annexation more difficult.

The newspapers agreed to his wishes and nothing regarding the annexation of Korea will be published here before the promulgation of the convention.

Fire in West Side Church.

Chicago.—The First Congregational church at Washington boulevard and Ann street, was visited by fire and considerable damage, some irreparable, was done. The explosion of a gasoline lamp is thought to have started the flames.

Great Trotter Sire Dead.

Lexington, Ky.—Gambetta Wilkes, one of the great sires of harness speed that ever lived and the last remaining son of the great George Wilkes, died Wednesday from old age, he being in his twenty-ninth year.