

### EXPLOSION ON CRUISER.

Six of the Tennessee's Crew Killed and Eight Injured.

San Pedro, Cal., June 6.—While the United States cruiser Tennessee was steaming at nineteen knots on a speed trial off Point Huenene a steampipe in the starboard engine room burst under 225 pounds pressure, killing four men and injuring ten others—all of the men in the compartment at the time. Four of the men were killed instantly and two more died on the arrival here of the Tennessee.

The explosion, the cause of which is unknown, occurred only a few minutes after Admiral Uriel Sebree, Captain F. B. Howard and Chief Engineer Robertson had left the engine room on a tour of inspection.

### EVICTED BY HIGH WATER

Seven Thousand People Homeless at North Topeka, Kan.

Topeka, Kan., June 9.—About 7,000 persons have been driven from their homes in North Topeka by the flood in the Kaw river. The major portion of them found shelter in Topeka proper, where the auditorium, school buildings and private houses have been opened to them. No loss of life is reported, but there has been much property loss.

### TRAFFIC IS DEMORALIZED

Washouts in Montana Badly Cripple Railroads.

Butte, Mont., June 9.—The Oregon Short Line is the only railroad operating trains out of Montana from this point, though the Northern Pacific soon will have three trains in from the East. The washouts at Jefferson Island had been repaired and all was in readiness to send trains over the line into Butte, when a rockslide occurred almost within sight of the city, blocking the line for a number of hours.

Further information from the West is to the effect that five miles of track of the Northern Pacific are out between Butte and Missoula, and marooned passengers at Drummond will not be able to get out of that place before a week's time, according to the railway people.

Missoula and Great Falls from all reports have been the heaviest sufferers, and both cities are now cut off from the outside world so far as railroad transportation is concerned. The Boston and Montana smelter at Great Falls is flooded. The machinery is damaged and the smelter cannot resume operations for at least a month. More than 1,000 men are employed in the smelter. In Northern Montana several small towns are reported partially under water.

The total death list from drowning will probably be at least twelve or fifteen when all reports are received.

### DECREASE IN IDLE CARS.

Slight Improvement in Business Conditions Shown.

Chicago, June 9.—A slight improvement in business conditions is indicated by the fortnightly report of the committee on car efficiency of the American Railway association. The number of surplus cars on the railroads in the United States and Canada is given at 331,904, a decrease of 22,630 in comparison with the number on May 13.

The bulletin says that the improvement, as reflected in the smaller number of idle cars, seems quite general throughout the Eastern, Central and Southern sections of the country, but there is practically no change in the Southwestern and Pacific states.

The demand for box cars has apparently increased in Iowa, Illinois and Kansas, northward to Wisconsin and the Dakotas, and westward to Montana and Colorado.

### NOW MARCHING ON FEZ.

Insurgent Sultan of Morocco Annihilates Tribesmen.

Tangier, Morocco, June 9.—According to couriers who have reached this city Mulai Hafid, the insurgent sultan, with his entire suite and an army of 12,000 men, is on his way to Fez. About 20,000 Berber tribesmen are reported to be marching to join him. Hafid left Mequinez June 2 and on the next day is said to have completely annihilated the remnants of the Cherarda rebels. Several of Sultan Abdel Aziz's functionaries, who fled from Rabat, have reached Mequinez.

### Italian Railroad Disaster.

Novara, Italy, June 9.—Nine persons were killed and sixty-five injured by a rear-end collision of a freight with a passenger train at Roccapetra, this province. Most of the victims were Italian pilgrims returning from an excursion to the sanctuary of the "Crowned Virgin" and came from villages in the vicinity of Varallo.

### Apartment House Collapses.

Washington, June 9.—Two persons were killed, two others seriously injured and a number of other persons sustained slight injuries in the collapse of an apartment house in course of construction.

### ELECTRIC CARS COLLIDE.

Eight People Killed and Nearly a Score Injured.

Annapolis, Md., June 6.—Eight dead and nearly a score badly injured is the toll taken by the second serious accident within two months on the Annapolis branch of the Washington, Baltimore and Annapolis Electric railway, which occurred at a point between Camp Parole and Bests Gate, two small stations about two and three miles from this city.

A special, carrying no passengers, from Annapolis for Washington, and a regular car from Baltimore for this city, well filled, while traveling at about thirty-five miles an hour, met head on on a curve, which prevented the motormen seeing each other's cars until too late to avoid the catastrophe. The road is a single track one on the Annapolis branch and a confusion or disregard of orders is said to have been the cause of the wreck. The dead are: William L. Norton, Baltimore; A. H. Schultz, Jr., Baltimore; J. W. McDaniel, Baltimore; George Green, Washington; James O'Neal of New York state, motorman of one of the wrecked cars; Policeman Shriver, employed by the railway company; Ruth Slaughter, aged thirteen years, daughter of W. E. Slaughter, general traffic manager of the road, and Mrs. George W. Green of Washington.

### NORTHWEST REPRESENTED

President Names National Conservation Commission.

Washington, June 9.—In accordance with the suggestion made by the governors at their conference at the White House in May the president has appointed a national conservation commission to consider and advise him on questions relating to the conservation of the natural resources of the country and to co-operate with bodies which may be designated by the several states.

The Northwest is well represented on the commission. On the lands committee Senator Knute Nelson is chairman, with J. J. Hill also a member of that branch of the commission. Congressman Philo Hall of South Dakota and Professor C. R. Van Hise of Wisconsin are among those named on the division for minerals.

William Irvine of Wisconsin is on the forest committee and W. B. Allison of Iowa is named with the group of men who will look after the waterways.

### OREGON FOR BRYAN.

Delegation From That State Instructed for the Nebraskan.

Portland, Ore., June 10.—The Oregon Democratic state convention met here, elected four delegates at large and two delegates from each congressional district and passed a resolution endorsing Bryan for the presidential nomination.

There was no contest nor delays. The platform expresses general satisfaction at the selection of Governor Chamberlain, nominee for United States senator, advocates reform in the postal laws, increased wages for letter carriers, favors enlarged powers for the interstate commerce commission, endorses the Oklahoma banking laws, and direct election of United States senators, and declares that the Democracy of Oregon is a unit in favor of Bryan for president of the United States.

### Hammond Opens Headquarters.

Chicago, June 9.—The first headquarters for candidates for vice president were opened at the Auditorium Annex for John Hays Hammond. They were in charge of John C. Montgomery of New York. Mr. Montgomery declared that Mr. Hammond will arrive in Chicago late this week or on Monday.

### MARKET QUOTATIONS.

#### Minneapolis Wheat.

Minneapolis, June 9.—Wheat—July, \$1.04 1/2; Sept., 88 1/2 @ 88 3/4 c. On track—No. 1 hard, \$1.10 1/2; No. 1 Northern, \$1.08 1/2; No. 2 Northern, \$1.06 1/2 @ 1.06 3/4; No. 3 Northern, \$1.01 1/2 @ 1.04 1/2.

#### Duluth Wheat and Flax.

Duluth, June 9.—Wheat—On track and to arrive—No. 1 hard, \$1.09 1/2; No. 1 Northern, \$1.07 1/2; No. 2 Northern, \$1.02 1/2; July, \$1.04 1/2; Sept., 89 1/2 c. Flax—On track, to arrive and July, \$1.23 1/2; Sept., \$1.22; Oct., \$1.21.

#### St. Paul Union Stock Yards.

St. Paul, June 9.—Cattle—Good to choice steers, \$6.00 @ 6.75; fair to good, \$5.00 @ 5.75; good to choice cows and heifers, \$4.50 @ 5.50; veal calves, \$3.75 @ 5.00. Hogs—\$5.25 @ 5.45. Sheep—Good to choice wethers, \$4.50 @ 5.00; good to choice lambs, \$5.00 @ 5.50.

#### Chicago Grain and Provisions.

Chicago, June 9.—Wheat—June, 91 1/2 c; July, 86 1/2 @ 86 3/4 c; Sept., 84 1/2 @ 84 3/4 c; Dec., 83 1/2 c. Corn—July, 66 1/2 c; Sept., 66 c; Dec., 55 1/2 c. Oats—July, old, 42 1/2 c; July, 40 1/2 c; Sept., 35 1/2 @ 35 c. Pork—July, \$13.80; Sept., \$14.05. Butter—Creameries, 19 @ 23 c; dairies, 17 @ 21 c. Eggs—14 c. Poultry—Turkeys, 13 c; chickens, 11 c; springs, 18 @ 23 c.

#### Chicago Union Stock Yards.

Chicago, June 9.—Cattle—Beeves, \$4.90 @ 7.65; Texans, \$4.70 @ 5.70; West-erners, \$4.60 @ 6.00; stockers and feeders, \$2.60 @ 5.50; cows and heifers, \$2.40 @ 6.20; calves, \$4.50 @ 6.00. Hogs—Light, \$5.15 @ 5.75 1/2; mixed, \$5.20 @ 5.40; heavy, \$5.10 @ 5.60; rough, \$5.10 @ 5.30; good to choice heavy, \$5.30 @ 5.80; pigs, \$4.80 @ 5.15. Sheep, \$3.15 @ 4.50; yearlings, \$4.60 @ 5.50; lambs, \$4.00 @ 6.20.

### ONCE MILLIONAIRE TURFMAN

James Duncan Suicides at St. Paul by Hanging.

Crazed with melancholy, brooding over the loss of his fortune and separation from his wife James Duncan, once a prominent turfman in Kentucky, committed suicide in St. Paul by hanging himself with a rope in the stable at the rear of 256 Selby avenue. The rope was attached to a harness hook and the knees of the dead man were almost touching the floor.

The suicide of James Duncan brings to a tragic end a rather remarkable career. Coming to this country a mere lad without friends or money he was employed as a stable boy at Louisville, Ky. He was thrifty and careful and his rise in his chosen line of work was rapid. He became a millionaire turfman and his stables were famous all over the South.

Reverses came, however, and after he had lost his fortune his wife secured a divorce from him. Then he left Kentucky for Minneapolis, where he was employed in private and public barns for several years. For the last two years he has been employed in the livery stable where he ended his life.

### Woman Saves Two From Death.

Hearing her little daughter scream a woman in the town of French, just north of Argyle, ran to the bank of the river near the house and, the water being clear, saw both her daughters at or near the bottom of the river, in which there was between five and six feet of water. She plunged in and rescued both of them and after a few minutes' work on shore restored both to consciousness. The older girl had been riding the younger one in a gocart and, venturing over the edge of the bank, could not stop the cart, but held on until it dragged her into the river.

### Minneapolis Banks Consolidate.

The directors of the Northwest National bank and the National Bank of Commerce of Minneapolis have voted unanimously to consolidate the business of the two institutions. The combined business will be carried on under the name of the Northwestern National bank. The Northwestern National bank has increased its capital to \$2,000,000 and its surplus to \$2,000,000 and will pay stockholders a dividend of 20 per cent on July 10. The National Bank of Commerce will liquidate its stock.

### Used Mails to Defraud.

Lewin A. Wood, George W. Wood and Forest B. Wood, charged by the federal grand jury with conspiring to use the mails to defraud, pleaded guilty in St. Paul to the first counts in the indictments and paid fines of \$2,500 each. There were three counts in each indictment, two of which were nolle. The conspiracy charge is in connection with the Edwards-Wood company, which went out of business over three years ago. The defendants were stockholders in the company.

### Dies Suddenly of Broken Heart.

En route from his home at Rushford, this state, to West Union, Ia., Peter Miller, one of the wealthiest business men of Southern Minnesota and widely known among stockmen of several Northwestern states, suddenly expired in his buggy. The body was found by a passing farmer. Death was due to apoplexy, believed to have been caused by grief over the loss of his wife, who died suddenly recently of an attack of heart disease.

### Same Train Hits Two Men.

Timothy Hopkins, a young man of Langdon, N. D., was fatally injured at Glyndon, this state, by being run over by a locomotive. He was employed on the big construction work of the Northern Pacific at that place and in an endeavor to board a moving locomotive was knocked down and run over. The son of Conductor Lyons of Staples was run over by the same train and his right foot crushed at the ankle.

### St. Paul Men Indicted.

James L. Lovering, publisher of the St. Paul Mail Order Monthly and of Successful Agriculture, and S. A. Phillips, promoter of the St. Paul and Seattle Electric Railway company, were indicted by the federal grand jury on charges of illegal use of the mails. Martin P. Quigley, cashier of the Wisconsin Grain and Stock company, was indicted on a charge of perjury.

### Would Refuse Third Term.

Frank A. Day declares that Governor Johnson will not consent to be a candidate for another term and that he (Day) will not try to persuade the governor to change his mind. Mr. Day gave out a statement in which he said that he could not see or imagine any contingency or condition under which Governor Johnson would consent to run for a third term.

### Saved From Fire by His Dog.

Fire of unknown origin totally destroyed the barn of the Duluth Brewing and Malting company, entailing a loss of \$20,000 to \$30,000. Eighteen head of horses and three mules were cremated. Barn Boss Edward Graham was asleep when the fire broke out and would have been burned to death if he had not been awakened by his bulldog.

### Repaid for Kind Act.

For kindness shown his wife Giles Gilbert, a Duluth pioneer who died a few weeks ago, left \$25,000 to Miss Edith Bain, a music teacher of Chicago. His estate was valued at \$225,000.

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**Handwriting.**  
As a rule, clear handwriting is more common with persons who do not write for a living than with those who do. Authors, for example, are creating something when they write; their mind is concentrated on this creative work; their thoughts are generally ahead of their hand, sometimes a whole sentence, and they hurry to keep pace with them. The result is bad handwriting, but handwriting with individuality in it, if not character. There is a theory that plain writing is most easily forged. This is not true. Obscure signatures are most easily forged and the so called freak signatures, which nobody can read, easiest of all. The best signature and the safest for a man who signs checks is neither too prim nor too involved; just plain, everyday writing, done in the easiest way, according to his temperament. Such a signature expresses as much character as any handwriting can, but it doesn't tell us a thing about the man's moral makeup; not a thing.—Boston Globe.

**Wanted His Dues.**  
A reservation Indian was disconsolate over the breaking of his ax handle. He laid his misfortune before the "farmer" of the reservation, who, through pity, took a new handle from his private stock and adjusted it to the ax. The farmer then noticed that the ax was shockingly dull. So, motioning the owner to turn the grindstone, he expended a half hour's time in sharpening the blade. When the rehabilitated ax was given to the Indian he was childishly gleeful, but still lingered about, indicating by his actions that some feature of the transaction had not been adjusted. The farmer was a little annoyed and called to an interpreter. "Ask the old fellow what he wants now," he directed. After an exchange of grunts and gestures the interpreter announced, "He wants 25 cents." "Twenty-five cents! What for?" "For turning the grindstone."—Harper's.

**The Other Way.**  
There was a hopeful gleam in the eyes of the young man with a slightly retreating chin as he approached the father of his ladylove. "Will you give your daughter to me in marriage, sir?" he asked in as firm a tone as he could muster. "I'm afraid you are not well enough acquainted with her, young man," remarked the father. "Why, I've seen her twice a week for nearly a year," said the astonished suitor. "That may all be," said the parent, "but if you knew much about her character you'd have said, 'Will you give me to your daughter in marriage?'"

**Miss the Easy Road.**  
Two young exponents of the strenuous life on Broadway were sitting in a hotel lobby the other evening discussing their plans for making some "big money" in the future. One of them confessed that his salary was "only \$45 a week," and he was having a hard time of it in keeping the wolf from the door. Sitting near them was an old gentleman who overheard their conversation and was evidently interested. "You fellows are making the mistake of your lives," the old gentleman said at last. "You are chasing the will of the wisp while you have the means of wealth within your grasp. Why, I'm considered pretty well off financially, as you both know, and I never received a salary of \$45 a week in my life. But I saved money when I was your age, and I found opportunities for investment that soon put me out of the salary class and made me a business man on my own account. The trouble with young fellows nowadays is that they can't see the opportunities that are given them. They have their eyes glued to the get-rich-quick idea so tightly that they pass by the only sure route to wealth."—New York Globe.

**A Poet's Slip.**  
A correspondent of London Notes and Queries has "caught out" Mr. Kipling in an extraordinary blunder. He finds it in the "Last Chantry" in these lines: "Then said the souls of the slaves that men threw overboard: "Kneeled in the pizaroon a weary band were we. But thy arm was strong to save, And it touched us on the wave, And we drowned the long tides idle till thy trumpets tore the sea." "Of course," says the commentator, "the word Kipling meant to use was barracon, the technical term for a slave pen. Pizaroon means a rogue."

**Catching a Cobra.**  
A driver on the Avontour railway, South Africa, while staying at the Gamtoos caught a large cobra de capello alive. The cool way in which he did the trick, says a local paper, sent a cold shiver through every one who saw it. He simply caught hold of the point of its tail, gave it a sudden jerk toward him and caught it by the back of the head. He then placed it in a biscuit tin. The snake was three inches in diameter and about four feet long.

**Facts Versus Terms.**  
"I've a terrible toothache. What's good for it?" "Nonsense! You've no toothache. It's simply imagination." "Well, confound it, what's good for imagination?"—Boston Transcript.

**Horrible Suspicion.**  
Her Father (to young man who had asked for his daughter)—"That's a very serious proposition. Can you support a family? Her Suitor—Great Scott! You haven't lost your job, have you?"—Philadelphia Ledger.

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