

CURRENT NEWS

Some of the newest automatic pistols are powerful enough to kill a man 1,000 yards away.

For the first time in the history of the Great Lakes wireless telegraphy was used on June 15 to summon aid to a vessel in distress.

A man in Marlboro, Mass., wandered for fifty-six days helplessly in a swamp without anything to eat, and when found was barely conscious.

The American surgical association will hold the annual convention next year at Montreal. Dr. A. G. Gerster, of Columbia university, New York, was elected president.

On Flag Day in Philadelphia a tablet in memory of Betsy Ross, the maker of the first American flag, was unveiled at the house where the flag was made 134 years ago.

A novel experience was enjoyed by a passenger on an aeroplane flying near Boston on June 11. He took luncheon with him, and ate it in mid-air.

Indications are growing that Congress may conclude its extra session earlier than has been generally expected. Many members are figuring on the first week of August as a possible adjournment time.

The consolidation of the Hibernian Bank, Chicago, with the Continental and Commercial National Bank makes the latter the largest bank in the United States, the total assets being \$265,000,000, with deposits of \$233,270,200.

All patriots will rejoice that the Senate favors the Burton bill forbidding the withdrawal of additional water from Niagara Falls for at least two years. This will give a chance for Canada and the United States to agree on measures of preservation of the great cataract.

A New York doctor suggests that a big fly trap ought to be placed on every street corner. He says that, if properly baited, and placed at every street corner and lined along the back alleys, there would be an enormous daily havoc of these filthy and all-abounding insects.

The opposition of Southern Senators postponed for more than two months the Senate's confirmation of William H. Lewis, the Boston negro attorney, whom the President named to be Assistant Attorney-General of the United States; but on June 15 the appointment was confirmed.

The Twenty-fifth International Christian Endeavor Convention is now in session at Atlantic City, N. J. Thousands of delegates are present and many prominent speakers, including President Taft, former Vice President Fairbanks and Speaker Champ Clark, will address the convention. There will be daily sessions until next Thursday; the convention theme is Training for Service.

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