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SHAKES DICE WITH DEATH

GAME "LUCKY" BALDWIN STRUGGLES WITH GRIM REAPER.

Is Now Nearly Eighty Years Old, but Still Retains the Qualities Which Gave Him Fame.—Regarded As Being Rich.

Associated Press.

Winnipeg, Man., Aug. 6.—Under the constant care of physicians, who do not conceal their belief that his case is a hopeless one, Elias Jackson Baldwin, or "Lucky Baldwin," as he is known throughout the length and breadth of America, is living in seclusion at Fort Rouge. He is suffering from palpitation of the heart and the doctors refuse to allow his friends to see him because they fear agitation would be harmful. The aged man's struggle this time is not gold but for life. For over half a century he and fate have been playing a game of dice. Often the game went against him, but more frequently he won. Many years ago, when it was at his height, thousands of interested persons watched it with fascinated eyes. It was romantic, it was picturesque, like the man himself. Many times fate stripped him bare and laid his fortune in ruins at his feet, but with a grim smile he would seize the dice and with one throw win all back again. But this time it seems as if he is to lose forever.

Mr. Baldwin is now nearly eighty years old, having been born in Ohio in the year 1828. But his picturesque career has been identified chiefly with the state of California. It was that state that gave him his first fortune. Then he made another one in Nevada out of the Comstock. His fortune at one time was reported to be \$29,000,000, but much of it was wasted in unprofitable ventures.

The greatest medium for the diffusion of his name and fame was the palatial hotel and theatre that he erected on Market Street, San Francisco, at a cost of \$3,000,000. All the culture and pride that he had were centered in that hotel. A few years after it was built he saw it go up in smoke, and as he watched the flames wrap themselves around it he wept for the first time to anyone's knowledge.

In later years he spent the most of his time in developing his ranch of 60,000 acres, the Santa Anita, on which he raised some of the finest race horses America ever produced. He is the only man whose horses won four American Derbys. His famous Derby winners were Volante, Silver Cloud, Emperor of Norfolk and Regal Santa Anita.

What Mr. Baldwin's fortune amounts to now is not known but he is still regarded as a rich man, with a principality of the richest land in the fertile San Gabriel valley, in southern California.

To Work Non-Union Men.

New Orleans, Aug. 5.—Every indication is that the Southern Pacific has arranged to rush non-union men into the yards at Algiers at any hour and put them to work. The yards are being barricaded and the high fences are being topped with several strands of barbed wire to make it almost impossible to climb over the fences. Extra watchmen are being put on tonight.

The people of Algiers appear to be largely in sympathy with the striking carmen, and the importation of strike-breakers, it is feared, will start bad blood.

To Succeed Judge Rains.

Austin, Tex., Aug. 5.—It is stated that E. W. Winkler will probably be appointed state historian and librarian to fill the vacancy caused by the recent death of Judge C. W. Rains. Mr. Winkler has been connected with the department for two or three years in the capacity of Spanish translator. He is a young man and is well equipped for the position.

Spanish Veterans' Encampment.

Aldany, N. Y., Aug. 5.—The United Spanish War Veterans opened their annual encampment at the city hall this morning. Mayor Gaus delivered an address of welcome. The reunion will last three days.

METHODIST CONFERENCE.

Joint Session of Methodist Church and Epworth League.

Ardmoreite Special.

Edmond, Okla., Aug. 6.—A joint conference of the Methodist church and of the Epworth League of Oklahoma and Indian Territory began here today and has attracted a large number of religious workers and Methodist clergymen from all over both territories. The meetings will continue until Wednesday evening and religious efforts in other lines besides the Epworth League work will be discussed by men and women thoroughly acquainted with their subjects. Among the speakers who will address the conference tomorrow are the Rev. C. B. Darrabee on "The Value of Bible Study," the Rev. H. E. Swan on "The Duty of the Epworth League in Securing Constitutional Prohibition for the New State," E. E. Cline on "What Constitutes Fitness for Service," and Mrs. Ray Warden on "They That Conquer Must Suffer." New officers for the next year will also be elected at tomorrow's session.

The program for Wednesday includes addresses by the Rev. J. H. Hubbard, the Rev. M. P. Rainsberger, the Rev. H. B. Uech and the Rev. R. L. Grant.

The program for the opening session today is merely preparatory to the real work of the conference and includes devotional exercises by the Rev. J. T. Riley, the presiding elder, and address of welcome by A. D. Bailey and a response by the Rev. D. W. Kellar.

CHICAGO BANK CLOSES DOORS

MILWAUKEE AVENUE BANK ONE OF THE LARGEST.

Deposits Over Three and One Half Million Dollars and Capital of a Quarter Million—Intense Feeling Among Depositors.

By Associated Press.

Chicago, Aug. 6.—Milwaukee Avenue Bank one of the largest outside of the downtown district, with deposits of three million six hundred thousand dollars and a capital of a quarter million closed today.

The first intimation of trouble was the appearance at the bank of twenty policemen, dispatched to prevent anticipated disorders.

The police department having been notified that one of the officers of the bank and absconded. The most of the depositors are working people who appeared in large numbers and demanded their money. At one time the rumormongers of the proportions of a riot, but the turbulence of the crowd was finally quelled. News of the suspension spread rapidly and soon several smaller banks in the vicinity were besieged by depositors. President Paul O. Stensland is in Europe where he went to attend the coronation of King Haakon.

Henry W. Serling, cashier is missing and a warrant charging embezzlement was sworn out by the bank examiner. At the same time he issued a statement to the effect that the whereabouts of three officers of the bank were unknown to him, and that the bank was without an official head.

The alleged defalcation is estimated at \$250,000. One of the subordinates of the bank it is said, had been gambling on horse races.

It is said the bank has nearly fifty thousand depositors, many of them are Polish laborers. It is said all the banks paper is good.

The first statement that President Stensland was in Europe proved incorrect, as he is at St. Paul on a vacation.

BY BALLOON ROUTE.

Passengers Make Trip of Forty Miles Without Mishap.

By Associated Press.

Noank, Conn., Aug. 6.—The big balloon Nirvana, carrying Dr. J. P. Thomas of New York and a professional aeronaut ascended from a point on East River, New York City last night and landed the passengers in the village this morning, after one of the longest flights ever taken by a passenger balloon in this country. The trip over forty miles was made without any mishap.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mulkey and son, Charley, left today for Berwyn where they will join a fishing party which will spend a week at Old Springs.

KILLED IN FUELED FIGHT

MEMBERS OF GANG REPORTED DEAD—OFFICERS WOUNDED.

Martin Family Hiding in the Hills. The Gang Wanted on Charge of Killing Richard Hall—A Large Story of the Feud Parties.

Lexington, Ky., Aug. 5.—A dispatch received here this morning from Whitesburg says that a messenger from Sand Lick, Ky., brings the news of a terrific battle on the headwaters of Beaver creek in Knott county between the Martin faction of the Hall-Martin feud, and the posse under Sheriff Hayes, who are trying to effect their capture.

The report says that four members of the outlaw gang were killed and two officers were wounded, but that the names cannot be learned at this time, as the feudists were not routed from their stronghold and the officers have retreated to Hindman for reinforcements.

The Martins are Wyatt and two sons, Silas and Alexander. They are under indictment for desperately wounding Dick Hall and Willam Thornberry and Deputy Sheriff Bates, shooting them from ambush lately.

Years ago there was an encounter between the Halls and Martins, the feeling smoldered for a long time. An ideal ending of the bitterness seemed imminent when young Richard Hall fell in love with and married one of the Martin girls. Instead of this bringing peace the resentment of the Halls flared up fiercely against Richard Hall as a renegade, while he became no more popular among the Martins.

While he and Will Thornberry were riding along the public highway a few nights ago a fusillade from the dark roadside brought them both down out of the saddle, Hall dead and Thornberry badly wounded.

A special grand jury at Hindman has been called. The sheriff with a posse is in the mountains cautiously attempting to effect arrests of suspects without "killing" the factions too much while the stereotyped "farther trouble is feared" appears appropriate enough.

Knott county has been noted for "bad men" before. It is in the heart of a region about sixty miles wide which is without railroads. Here a town of 1,000 is considered a big one. The entire county, by the census of 1900 had only 8,704 population, all American born and most likely all born in the county or in adjoining ones. The census could find only three persons born abroad, two being natives of England and the other being Scotch. There are less than 100 colored people.

This section more than any other in the whole country contains a population unmixt with emigrants, or even with people from other portions of the country. This circumstance has caused sociologists and ethnologists to marvel at the frequent bloodshed—proof of it, by the way, being ever at the expense of strangers visiting the mountains. Local isolation has made the people clannish. Their lives are of the nature of a struggle, their homes primitive and their desires few. Knott is almost the only county in the state without a newspaper of any kind. Although the hills are infested with moonshiners there is a strict local option law in force, saloons not being tolerated. The rarest thing on the court docket is the charge of larceny, the people being not only honest but taking a pride in it as they do in the else.

GRAIN RATE WAR BEGINS.

Charges Reduced From Territory to Galveston for Export.

By Associated Press.

Oklahoma City, Ok., Aug. 5.—There is a war on between the Western and Eastern roads for grain export shipments. The Western roads have cut the rate from 20 1/2 to 24 1/2 cts. from Oklahoma and Indian Territory points to Galveston. This only applies to the export shipments and will be in effect from August 16 to September 15.

The Eastern roads route the shipments through Eastern ports and make a longer rail haul. The Western roads handle the shipments through Galveston and are getting the bulk of the business.

HUNDREDS IN WATERY GRAVE

WRECK OF A STEAMER—OVER THREE HUNDRED PERISH.

Italian Vessel With Eight Hundred Souls on Board Strikes Reef Off Spanish Coast and Quickly Foundered—Captain Suicided.

Cartagena, Spain, Aug. 5.—A terrible marine disaster occurred last evening off Cape Palos. The Italian steamship Sirio, from Genoa for Barcelona, Cadiz, Montevideo and Buenos Ayres, with about 800 persons on board, was wrecked off Hormigas Island.

Three hundred immigrants most of them Italians and Spaniards, were drowned.

The captain of the steamer committed suicide.

The bishop of San Pedro, Brazil, also was lost, and it is said that another bishop is among the missing.

The remainder of the passengers and the officers and crew got away in the ship's boats, or were rescued by means of boats sent to them from the shore.

A number of fishermen, who made attempts at rescue were drowned.

Those rescued from the vessel are now at Cape Palos in a pitiable condition, being without food or clothing.

The Sirio struck a rock reef known as Bajos Hormigas and sank soon after. Hormigas Island lies about two and a half miles to the eastward of Cape Palos.

The Sirio was owned by the Navigazione Italiana of Genoa. Before he committed suicide the captain declared the steamer had 645 passengers on board, and that her crew numbered 127 men. The Sirio had 570 passengers when leaving Genoa, but additional Spanish passengers were taken on board at Barcelona, where the vessel touched a few hours before the disaster.

The disaster occurred at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The steamer was traversing a difficult passage through the Hormigas group, where the Bajos Hormigas reef is a continual menace to navigation. The vessel began to settle rapidly immediately she had struck and a terrible scene of confusion and panic ensued on board. The fishermen along the coast sought to render assistance in their power and sent out boats, which brought many survivors ashore. Most of the officers and crew of the Sirio are among the saved.

By Associated Press.

Cartagena, Spain, Aug. 6.—Reports continue to arrive here of the terrible scenes attending the wreck Saturday evening off Hormigas Islands of the Italian steamer Sirio, resulting in a loss of over three hundred lives.

The drowning of Bishop Sao Paulo, Brazil is now attributed to the action of a passenger who forcibly took from the bishop his life belt, which the latter had provided himself with.

One Italian woman helped her three children to float on a plank until they were all picked up. A bridegroom on his honeymoon lost his wife and sister, one old man who was saved lost three children.

Probing the Standard.

Ardmoreite Special.

Chicago, Aug. 6.—The federal grand jury convened here today and will hear testimony relating to charges brought against the Standard Oil company and several railways entering the city. Some of the government's best legal talent has been at work on the case and indictments under the anti-trust and anti-rebate laws may result. Attorney John S. Miller, head counsel for the Standard, will look after the oil trust's interests.

Senator's Daughter Weds Grocer.

By Associated Press.

Evansville, Wyo., Aug. 6.—Miss Laura Clark, eldest daughter of Senator C. D. Clark, and C. P. Blythe, a wholesale grocer of Salt Lake City, will be married here today.

Very Fine Candies.

Our line of fine box and bulk candies include the world famous brands, Lowrey, Loose-Wiles and Gunther. Attractive prices on fancy boxes.

C. V. SEGAL.

Get your barbed wire from Divens, Toris & Frenley.

Skeletons of 1776 Unearthed. Philadelphia, Aug. 6.—A hundred and thirty years after the revolution several whitened skeletons were unearthed at the site of the old provost prison in St. James' place, between Fifth and Sixth streets.

Workmen digging a foundation for a new building struck their spades against a hard substance, which at first they thought was rock. They dug around the supposed rock and disclosed a skull. In a short while the laborers had uncovered a complete skeleton and portions of several others.

It was at first thought that evidence of a murder had been brought to light, and when the whitened bones and grinning skulls had been removed by the police the workmen continued their labor in awed silence.

Some student of history then discovered that on the spot had stood the old prison which was used for the confinement and captured American soldiers and that he commander of the prison was the infamous Captain Cunningham who, with Tarleton and a number of the Hessian officers, were the object of bitter hatred by the struggling Americans.

It is thought that the skeletons uncovered are the remains of unfortunate Americans who had been captured and immured in the hateful provost prison, and there, in some manner, had met their death.

WRECK ON TEXAS PACIFIC.

Fireman Skelton Killed and Engineer Kane Injured.

Strawn, Texas, Aug. 6.—A bad freight wreck occurred on the Texas & Pacific six miles east of here last night at 11:55 o'clock, in which Fireman T. H. Skelton was instantly killed and Engineer J. D. Kane of Fort Worth was slightly injured. Skelton had resided in Baird and leaves a family there.

Recent heavy rains had washed the supports of a small bridge to such an extent that the weight of the locomotive when it ran onto the structure caused the bridge to collapse and the engine and two cars went into the ditch, the equipment being badly demolished. The train was running about twenty-five miles an hour when the wreck occurred.

RUSSIAN STRIKE A FAILURE.

Leaders Hesitate to Issue Call—Some Resume Work.

By Associated Press.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 6.—Unrest dispatched from the interior within a few hours materially change the situation the general strike promises to prove a complete failure.

Although liberals are strongly opposed to the course of the government they shrink from precipitating a revolution, and its horrors of civil war in which the plans of proletarian leaders were successful. The sympathy of the intelligent public is lacking and many men are lukewarm, and even in open rebellion against their leaders.

Predicts War With Japan.

Ardmoreite Special.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 6.—The Novoye Vremya, which is the only newspaper appearing except in dodger form, devoted a large portion of its space this morning to an article predicting war between Japan and the United States and predicting a speedy victory for the Japanese and the occupation of California by the Japanese.

His Part.

In the English "Cap and Gown" is told the following story of Oxford life. It is called "Hauled by the Dean." The dean, who had rebuked Mr. Brown for having assisted at the ducking of a fellow student, asks the offender, "What part did you take in this disgraceful affair?" and Mr. Brown replies meekly, "The left leg, sir."

A Facetious Convict.

"This confinement," said the long faced prison visitor, "must distress you greatly." "Yes," replied the facetious convict, "I find the prison bars grating." "Ah, life to you is a failure." "Yes. It's nothing but a cell."

No Chance to Grow.

Mrs. Newwed—Dear me, these eggs are very small. Grocer—They are indeed, mum, and I'm sure I don't know why. Mrs. Newwed—Oh, I dare say it's because you take them out of the nest too soon.

If your spirits are low, do something; and, if you have been doing something, do something different.—E. E. Hale.

J. L. Hoffman and wife and baby left today for Davis to attend the picnic and also to visit friends.

TERMS OF SALE PASTURE LANDS

LANDS MAY BE PAID FOR IN FOURTEEN MONTHS.

Interior Department Sends Letter to Land Office at Lawton in Which Explanations are Made for the Benefit of the Public.

Lawton, Okla., Aug. 5.—That purchasers of the Indian pasture lands, which are to be sold this fall to the highest bidders, will have the privilege of paying the entire amount bid, at the expiration of fourteen months after making homestead entry, is now a settled fact, as will be observed from the following letter addressed to the commissioner of the general land office by Thomas Ryan, acting secretary of the interior. Believing that if purchasers were given the privilege of commencing more prospective purchasers would be attracted here and that the lands would bring far better prices, the local land office officials so stated to the interior department and the suggestion has been looked upon with favor by the interior department. The letter follows:

"The department is in receipt of your official letter of July 17, reporting upon the letter, dated July 6, from the register of the United States land office at Lawton, Okla., in which he asks inquiry as to whether or not commutation proof will be accepted on the pasture lands to be opened for sale under the provisions of the act of June 5, 1906, in which you express the opinion that as the lands are to be disposed of under the general homestead laws with the condition that the purchaser must pay the price agreed upon, and as you found nothing in the law which prevents the application of the commutation provision of the homestead law to said lands, you recommend that he be so advised.

"By the second section of said act it is provided that these lands shall be opened to settlement by proclamation of president of the United States within six months from passage of this act, and be disposed of upon sealed bids or at public auction at the discretion of the secretary of the interior to the highest bidder under the provisions of the homestead laws of the United States and under the rules and regulations adopted by the secretary of the interior, and such purchaser must be duly qualified to make entry under the general homestead laws.

"The department is at present inclined to take the view that the purchaser who makes entry of any of these lands under the homestead laws, should be, for the reason set forth in the letter from the register of the local land office at Lawton, Okla., permitted to offer proof at the end of the commutation period and make full payment for the land or the usual privilege of completing title after five years residence, in which event the arduous installments are to be paid as provided for in the third section of said act, but these are matters to be disposed of in the rules and regulations to be issued by this department as provided for in section 2, above quoted, and as the lands are to be opened to settlement within six months from the passage of said act, said regulations should be prepared and submitted for departmental approval at your earliest convenience."

Protection During Trial.

Frankfort, Ky., Aug. 5.—The Frankfort and Harboursville companies of state national guard were today ordered by Governor Beckham to go on duty at Harboursville on Tuesday next to protect during their trial the negro man and woman charged with the murder of a Mrs. Broughton last week.

Rifle Matches Among Troops.

Ardmoreite Special.

Chicago, Aug. 6.—The annual small arms contest of the northern division of the regular army began at Fort Sheridan today. The national shoot will also be held at that post, beginning August 20.

Ardmoreite Special.

Lawton, Okla., Aug. 6.—The rifle match of the troops of the southwestern division is in progress at Fort Sil today. A pistol competition will immediately follow the conclusion of the rifle shoot.