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NEWS NOTES CONDENSED

A Boiling Down of the More Important Events Here and There

The Spanish cabinet has accorded a free hand to the minister in forcing Mellila to meet the serious situation there. A brigade of infantry at Seville has been mobilized, and will be sent forward as speedily as possible. King Alfonso and Premier Maura are returning to the capital from San Sebastian, in connection with the sending of reinforcements to Mellila, where heavy fighting has been going on between the Moors and Spaniards. The general opinion among the government officials and military and navy officers at Valparaiso is that Chile will remain neutral in event of hostilities between Bolivia and Argentina. There is no truth in the report that Chile is sending arms to Bolivia. A company was formed in Berlin for the purpose of erecting a great airship garage, with landing and testing grounds. The directorate is made up of many persons well known in Germany. Six out of fourteen suffragettes recently imprisoned in the Holloway jail have been released on account of insubordination. The speeches of Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, delivered before the French labor organizations are arousing intense interest in labor circles. The extreme socialists bitterly condemn him as a reactionary. Mohamed Ali, the dethroned shah, who is now in the Russian summer legation, has declined to receive a deputation to inform him of his deposition. Sipahdar and Sardarabad, the leaders in the nationalist movement, sent a telegram to the British and Russian legations requesting them to fix a time when his majesty may receive a deputation notifying him of the change of sovereign.

General. Senator Cummins says it is essential that duties on manufactures be considerably reduced. The United States is not likely to make great progress in aerial navigation during the next fiscal year as a result of lack of encouragement of ferred inventors by congress. At the request of the two governments the secretary of state has authorized the American ministers at La Paz and Buenos Ayres to take charge respectively of the interests of Argentina and Bolivia. The cholera situation in St. Petersburg now seems to be well under control. Harry Orchard, murder of former Governor Stuenkel of Idaho, was baptized at the penitentiary. Kansas City is to get a \$20,000,000 depot. Substantial progress in canal construction all along the line is shown by reports coming to the Washington office of the isthmian canal commission. That Minneapolis needs 100 women policemen is the opinion of Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, president of the National Woman's Suffrage association. Charles W. Elliott, president Emeritus of Harvard, in an address before the Harvard summer school of theology prophesied the advent of a new religion. It has been precisely decided that District Attorney Jerome of New York will be called into the Thaw case when the hearings are resumed at White Plains. The Argentine government has sent passports to the Bolivian minister at Buenos Ayres, ordering him to leave Buenos Ayres within twenty-four hours. The prosecutors of Harry Thaw are criticized and insanity experts scored in a twenty page book which Mrs. Mary Copley Thaw, mother of Thaw, issued a few days ago. It bears the title, "The Secret Unveiled."

Acting Secretary of the Interior Pierce has approved the selection by the state of Colorado under the Carey act as 14,852 acres of land in the Del Norte land district to be irrigated by a canal system. James J. Hill thinks the best thing that congress could do would be to adjourn and go home. The Wright aeroplane made a speed of fifty-four miles an hour throughout a short flight. A falling building in Philadelphia killed seven people. The French aviator, Latham, failed in attempt to cross the Straits of Dover in an aeroplane. Representative Dawson invited Mr. Taft to be present at the dedication of the new Y. M. C. A. building at Davenport in September. It is possible the president will attend. Frank Carlson of Iron Mountain, Mich., committed suicide Sunday on a Union Pacific train just west of North Platte, Nebraska. The national G. A. R. encampment for Omaha in 1911 is the object toward which active members of the local units have commenced working.

The president's conference dinner settled nothing more than that everybody wonders what is going to happen. Chairman Aldrich seems doomed to lose his point on specific duties on cotton goods, and the ad valorem rates will be substituted. The urgent deficiency bill was passed by the house after four days of tempestuous debate. The amount carried by it is \$454,809. Mrs. Oliver H. P. Belmont, wife of the millionaire in New York, expects to attend the state equal suffrage convention in Des Moines in October. Reports from all parts of Mexico indicate that the sentiment in favor of a strike in sympathy with that of train dispatchers by the engineers and conductors of the merged railroads of Mexico, is rapidly crystallizing. Wright brothers' aeroplane broke the American flight records in traveling seventy miles in eighty minutes. Lieutenant Adams, with whom Sutton was fighting, when he was killed, contradicted himself much in recital in court. President Falleries will appoint M. Leon Bourgeois, premier of the French cabinet. Iowa scientists are excited over the discovery of a large number of skeletons to mastodons and prehistoric horses along the bluffs of the Missouri river in Harrison and Monona counties. The war department has passed judgment that a soldier whose death resulted from an accident while engaged in athletic contest encouraged by the officers of his regiment was in the line of duty. Money order transactions in the postoffice of the country have grown to so large an extent in the last year or two that it is now necessary to maintain a force of 750 accountants, bookkeepers, sorters and examiners in the office of the auditor of the postoffice department. Reports from all parts of South Dakota continue to give glowing accounts of the excellent condition of crops of all kinds. Sixteen persons, five of them women, met death by drowning in the waters either surrounding or in the vicinity of New York Sunday. Edward Hayden, Omaha, head of the great department store, died suddenly in that city a few days ago. Two killed and a score injured, one probably fatally, was the sudden termination of a baseball game in Lead, when the lightning struck in the grand stand. There were 15,416 persons to each library and an average of seventy-two volumes to every one hundred persons in the United States in 1908, according to a bulletin issued by the United States bureau of education. An aggregate of \$380,494,598 in savings deposits in the national banks of the country is shown in the complete report issued by the comptroller of the currency on returns from the national banks, under the call for their condition on June 23.

Washington. A. N. Sager of St. Louis is in Washington and has given it out that an important movement is on to build up shipping on the Mississippi river and its tributaries. A \$10,000,000 corporation will be chartered in Delaware, known as the Mississippi Valley Transportation company. It will put a new type of steel steamers on the Mississippi and its tributaries, both on the upper and lower rivers. Declaring that any corporation which "keeps just and true books of account," can make up the return required by the proposed corporation tax law and meeting other attacks on that measure, Attorney General Wickens made public a letter he has written to a Wall street firm of accountants who challenge some provisions of the proposed law as "absolutely impossible of application." Some notable instances of the disadvantages in which United States imports into France are placed by the operation of the pending Franco-Canadian tariff agreement, just ratified by the French parliament are given in reports which have reached the state department. Postmaster General Hitchcock has concluded agreements with the postal authorities of Denmark and Japan, by which after August 1, 1909, parcels exchanged with those countries may be accepted up to 800 in value, and eleven pound weight limit now applies to all countries except France and Sweden. President Taft visited a nickelodeon to see himself in action on a moving picture screen. The scenes depicted were at Petersburg, Va., where the president went about a month ago to assist in the dedication of the Fort Mahon monuments.

Personal. M. Briand, an avowed socialist, has been proffered the premiership of France. President Taft will go south in October, sailing down the Mississippi. Dr. Miller, slayer of Banker Saylor at Waukega, Ill., will have his trial in October. Wm. F. Willoughby has been appointed assistant chief of the census bureau at a salary of \$5,000 a year. Formation of a new French ministry is now under way in Paris. The postmaster general announced the number of clerks and letter carriers promoted at the Omaha postoffice. An insurance policy for \$100,000 on the life of E. H. Harriman has been written by Lloyd's, London, for a New York broker. The report published in the Lisbon newspapers that King Manuel of Portugal is to be betrothed to Princess Alexandria of Fife is given authoritative denial. Samuel William Johnson, professor emeritus of agricultural chemistry at Yale is dead.

Wright Breaks World's Record

Travels Fifty Miles and Stays in Air One Hour and Twelve Minutes

ACCOMPANIED BY ARMY OFFICER

Endurance Test Proves Success of Aeroplane in Trial at Fort Meyer.

Washington, July 27.—The world's aeroplane record for two men, as to both time and distance, was broken this evening by Orville Wright at Fort Meyer. The aeronaut made a beautiful flight of one hour, twelve minutes and forty seconds, traveling upwards of fifty miles, at a speed averaging about forty miles an hour. He was accompanied by Lieutenant Frank P. Lamm of the army signal corps, as passenger. The previous record was made last year by his brother, Wilbur Wright, joint inventor with him of the machine in which both achievements were performed, at Lemans, France, with Prof. Painleve of the French Institute as passenger. The flight was one hour, nine minutes and thirty-one seconds. Wilbur was an eager spectator of today's flight by his brother. The cheering which heralded the setting of a new mark in the conquest of the air was led by President Taft in person, who had sat an intensely interested spectator throughout the flight, and who insisted at its conclusion upon personally congratulating the brothers upon their success. This success was all important to the Wrights in that it completed the first of two tests of their machine imposed upon them by the United States government—the so-called endurance test, which requires them to remain one hour continuously in the air, with one passenger. Orville did nearly thirty minutes better than that and could have kept on indefinitely—three hours and a half, the limit imposed by the gasoline capacity of the supply tank. The other test, that for speed, will be completed with tomorrow, weather conditions permitting, when Orville is to take Lieutenant Benjamin Foulois of the signal corps in a cross country flight to Alexandria and return, a total of ten miles, over a measured course, and at a special required to average forty miles an hour. Orville could have made that flight this evening, but it was almost dark when the trial was terminated, after a flight which would have carried him almost twice across the English channel.

MUST WAIT FOR WITNESS.

Sutton Inquiry Delayed Until Arrival of Officer.

Annapolis, Md., July 27.—The government today put itself on the defensive and made Mrs. James N. Sutton of Portland, Oregon, a complainant and direct accuser of several of the young officers of the marine corps in connection with the death of her son, Lieutenant James N. Sutton, the circumstances of which have been under investigation here for the past ten days before the naval board of inquiry. The government's sudden change of attitude was at the suggestion of the judge advocate, Major Leonard. It makes the proceedings of a more formal nature, instead of the simple inquiry into the facts, as it had been up to today and came as a surprise when Mrs. Sutton was called as a witness. An adjournment was taken after the points had been hotly argued by Henry E. Davis, Sutton's counsel, and the court had overruled his objections, until Lieutenant Harold Utley, a material witness now stationed on the battleship North Carolina has returned to this country. The North Carolina is expected at Provincetown, Mass., about August 6, and the inquiry will be resumed probably on August 16th.

DEATH TOTAL FIFTEEN.

The Latest Returns From the Flood Raises Number of Dead.

Houston, Texas, July 27.—That fifteen persons were killed in the town of Bastrop Bay, fourteen miles from Angleton, Texas, devastated, and that the few survivors are barely subsisting on a scant supply of sea food, was the report brought to Houston today by Captain Pat Benson. Captain Benson has just returned from a tour of that section of the coast swept by the storm of last week. He declares that five members of the Wolf family and three negroes were buried by members of his party on the beach and the few survivors who remain assert that they buried seven others. The inhabitants, Captain Benson states, are in a pitiable condition for the lack of food, water and clothing, and for miles the bay is littered with wreckage of fishing craft.

SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

Are Meeting in Reunion at Kenton, Ohio.

Kenton, O., July 27.—Soldiers and sailors who served in the army and navy of the United States during the war with Spain gathered here today in large numbers for the annual reunion of the United Spanish War Veterans of Ohio. The opening day was taken up chiefly with the exchange of greetings, the annual reports of officers encampment organization. Much interest is manifested in the election of officers tomorrow.

To "Keep Quiet" Was Warning

Witness in Sutton Case Reveals Startling Fact on Stand.

TELLS A STRAIGHTFORWARD STORY

Newspaper Men Called at Witnesses; Mrs. Sutton to Testify.

Annapolis, July 26.—Today's session of the board of inquiry at the naval academy, which is investigating the circumstances surrounding the death of Lieutenant James N. Sutton of the marine corps, who was mysteriously shot two years ago, afforded some surprise in the testimony given by Charles W. Kennedy, now a private in the marine corps at Norfolk, Va., and Surgeon A. D. McCormick, U. S. N. Kennedy dropped into the situation like a bolt from a clear sky and told a frank, straightforward story of the shooting which had not been mentioned by any of the young officers who have already testified. Though an eye-witness to the marine corps encounter between Sutton and Lieutenant Adams on the night the former was shot, Kennedy's name has not been mentioned by the witnesses concerned in the affair. His testimony supported the contention of Sutton's mother and sister that Sutton did not seek the fight with Adams and the other officers. In attacking his next morning they both cautioned Kennedy to say nothing about the affair. While at early drill on the following morning, the witness said, he saw Lieutenant Utley go to the edge of the parade ground and pick up a thirty-eight calibre Colt service revolver, which Utley carried in the barracks with him. The incident had been observed by other privates in the company, the witness said. Kennedy's statement was not shaken by the cross examination of Adams' counsel, Mr. Birney, nor by that of Major Leonard. Dr. McCormick was present at the autopsy held on Sutton's body and examined the bullet wound, he testified. He located the wound back of and slightly above the right ear while Dr. Fickrell testified that it was near the top of the head. Several former witnesses were recalled at the morning session today and questioned by Dr. Davis, Mrs. Sutton's counsel, as to whether any of them had handed a revolver to Sergeant DeHart on the night of the shooting, as DeHart testified. They all denied it. There are no other navy witnesses on hand and it is expected that Mrs. Sutton and her daughter will testify tomorrow. To substantiate Kennedy's testimony Lawyers Davis and Van Dyke, Mrs. Sutton, Mrs. Parker and several newspaper men went to the parade grounds after the adjournment and took the various positions from which the witness said he saw and heard the fight. Lawyer Davis said afterward that their case would rest principally upon the testimony of Kennedy and Mrs. Parker.

BOYS' TRICK MAY BE CAUSE OF WOMAN'S DEATH.

New York, July 25.—Mischievous boys soaped an incline track on the Brooklyn Rapid Transit system in Brooklyn last night, causing a heavily loaded car to slide off and crash into a trolley car. One woman passenger, Mrs. Mary McLaughlin, had her skull fractured and will die. Two other women and one man were seriously injured.

FARGO—A new financial organization to be known as the Central Trust Co., is to be established here, with a capital of \$100,000.

News of Montana

THIEVES GET \$5,000 GRIP.

Oriental Paymaster Robbed in Montana Depot.

Glasgow.—B. S. Ikeda, paymaster of the Oriental Trading Company, was robbed of a check grip containing \$5,000. In the depot here, by sneak thieves. The grip was later recovered in a box car.

Bystanders noticed and gave a description of two men who had just left the depot with a grip answering to the description given by Ikeda, and the sheriff trailed the thieves.

The grip was found in an empty box car with a hole cut in the side. The money had been taken out, but most of it was found scattered around the car. Some was afterwards found hid under a pile of rubbish in one end of the car.

The men gave their names as William Salls and Fred Holmquist, the latter being the pump repairer for the Great Northern between here and Malta.

Counties Separation Settlement.

Kalspell.—The settlement of affairs of separation between Flathead and Lincoln counties was satisfactorily consummated by the commission. The matter of bridges was settled by their being considered a part of the public highway and not to be taken into account. The gross indebtedness was found to be \$287,259.88 on June 30; the cash on hand, \$25,802.96; leaving a net indebtedness of \$261,457.02. After deducting the valuation of property retained by this county a balance of \$166,159.52 was left. Of this amount Lincoln county will assume \$52,343.40, and to square the account will issue a warrant in that sum in favor of Flathead county. This warrant will be held until Lincoln acquires funds enough to take it up, when it will be used by Flathead to redeem that amount of outstanding bonds.

Nuggets on Exhibition.

Kalspell.—The Conrad National Bank of this city has on exhibition here a collection of gold nuggets which is considered the finest in the United States, if not in the world, owned by others than public museums. Among the collection are several especially rare specimens from different parts of Montana. Some of the rocks have a coinage value of nearly \$1,000, while the collection, taken as a whole, possesses a far greater value than the actual coinage worth. The collection has been exhibited at various places and invariably is awarded the blue ribbon.

Water Problem at Bozeman.

Bozeman.—The Bozeman city council will hold a special meeting to consider the water question, which has now become a serious problem in Bozeman. On account of the large amount of water used for irrigation purposes, the water is so low in the reservoir from which the city supply comes that in the evening the supply becomes so small here that in case of a fire it would be impossible to secure sufficient pressure.

BURGLAR SLAYS A WOMAN.

Helena.—The wife of A. P. Dorrance, a Helena merchant, was instantly killed by a burglar at Hot Springs. No details are known here. Dorrance had gone there for the benefit of his health and was accompanied by his wife a few weeks ago.

Increase in Registrations.

Kalspell.—There was an increase of nearly five hundred in the number of registrations here for lands in the Flathead reservation yesterday over Friday. The registration yesterday was over 1,500. The increase consisted largely in applicants from the east, though in the aggregate Washington and Oregon are still in the lead.

Drowns in Missouri River.

Great Falls.—Walter L. Stephenson, a chemist at the Boston & Montana smelter, was drowned in the Missouri river, about a mile west of the city, while bathing with a party of young men near Park Island. He attempted to swim across the river and when some distance out shrieked and went down.

Havre After Land Office.

Havre.—Representative Pray is receiving a good many petitions from citizens in northern Montana asking him to work for the passage of Senator Dixon's bill creating a new land district in Montana, the seat of which is to be at Havre.

Missoula.—Registration for lands in the Flathead reservation continued unabated in Missoula all week. The total registrations for the day, as shown by the report of the local land office, was 2,274. This makes a grand total of more than 9,000 since registration began.

BRANCH LINE FROM BONNER.

Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound Runs Survey for Line to Bonny.

Missoula.—That the construction of a lengthy branch line extending from Bonner, Mont., to the Canadian boundary is contemplated by the C. M. & P. S. is indicated by the statement of Engineer W. H. Davisson, who has just returned from a tour of inspection over the surveyed line up across the Big Blackfoot to the Swan river country.

Good Jokes

GIRLS AND MUSICIANS.

"The late Paul Stanley, composer of 'Ta-ra-ra-boom-de-ay,' took no great pride in that song's success," said a San Francisco musician. "He had hoped to succeed as a composer of grand opera."

"When he lived here he often talked with a quaint kind of melancholy about the high ambitions of his youth, and how they had become humbler as he got older."

"A man's ambitions dwindle," he once said, "like a girl's matrimonial aims. At 16 a girl wants a fairy prince and nothing less. At 20 she is resigned to a millionaire duke. At 25 a members of congress is good enough. At 30 a country minister will do nicely, and at 35 she'll take anything, from a song-writer down."

Worse Than a Mired Man.

"Yeas," drawled the postmaster of Bacon Ridge, "that's old Zeb White, the laziest man in the state."

"In what way is he so lazy?" asked the coffee salesman.

"Why, every Sunday he takes the two chickens they are going to have for dinner and ties them as near to the pike as possible."

"H'm! What is that for?"

"So the racing automobiles will whiz their feathers off and he won't have the trouble of picking them."

Hard on the Receiver.

"No," drawled the mayor of the far-western settlement, "the boys had some money tied up in that bankrupt telephone company an' they just didn't like the way the receiver was handling the business."

"Didn't eh?" commented the tourist.

"Well, what did they do about it?"

"Oh, they just hung up the receiver."

Good Memory.

Yeast—Has he got a good memory? Crimsonbeak—Excellent! Why, he's telling us the same smart things his six-year-old boy says that the boy who is 12 now said when he was six years old!—Yonkers Statesman.

BEFORE THE COOLNESS.

Hasbeen Henry—Aw, I wuz a flossy guy wunst. I useter smoke quarter cigars.

Thoughtless Thrivensy—Wot wuz de matter—wuz de sports too stingy to 'trow away half ones?

Will She?

If she the pantaloons gown dons, I wonder will she, too, Roll up the bottoms in the way Our college students do?

A Tale of Tennyson.

Tennyson was once dilating to a friend on the charms of a pipe before breakfast.

"It is the most delightful smoke of the day," said he.

"Yes, yes!" replied his friend. "The first sweet pipe of the awakened bard!"

Thereby making a reconstruction from Tennyson's own works, needing the change of but one vowel.—Harper's Weekly.

He Could Tell.

Ostend—Pa, what is mamma reading about? I just heard her say "It's an outrage."

Pa—Oh, some writer has been ridiculing the suffragettes, I guess.

Ostend—Then she just said: "How true it is!"

Pa—Oh, that's some other pen pusher lampooning us poor men, my son.

Not the Same.

Him—Queer what a difference there is in a woman's actions before and after marriage.

Her—How do they differ.

Him—Before her marriage she coaxes a man to come to her parties and after she marries him she expects him to stay away when she gives one.

Realism.

Critic (as the composer plays his last piece)—Very fine, indeed. But what is that passage which makes the cold chills run down the back?

Composer—That is where the wanderer has the hotel bill brought to him.

What Could He Have Meant.

"Do you ever write on an empty stomach?" asked the mere man.

"Sirl!" exclaimed the literary person, "I am a poet, not a tattoo artist!"

—Puck.

Considerate Judge.

Patience—And was the judge considerate?

Patrice—Very; he asked me my age before he swore me.—Yonkers Statesman.

FATHER AT THE SUMMER COTTAGE.

He has two weeks to rest, and so He hurries up to Shady Nook, "Now, here," says dad, "I'll let things go. And lounge around and read a book."

Next day his wife's relations come, To entertain them was his job; He ran the naphtha launch and taught The children how to swim and row.

He dug the worms and minnows caught That they all might a-fishing go; He ran the naphtha launch and taught The children how to swim and row.

He cleaned the fish and baited hooks, To get the water was his chore; He had no time to spend with books, At night he slept upon the floor.

AFTER THE PROPOSAL.



Dolly—So your father handled him without gloves? Molly—Yes; and it would have been better for poor, dear Cholly if he had done it without shoes!

The Wings. Riches have wings. There's no doubt of that, For while riches 'em To trim up her hat.

Called Miss Bluff.

"Yes," said young Windig, boasting, "I pass most of my time between Chicago and New York." "That's what your cousin told me," rejoined Miss Cayenne. "My cousin!" replied Windig. "W-what did she say?" "She said," replied Miss Cayenne, "that you lived in a little town in Ohio."

News for Dad.

Tommlie—"I see wood yields about one-fifth as much heat as coal." Bobbie—"I guess my dad don't know that."

Why?

"Because, when he 'warms' me he always uses a shingle!"—Yonkers Statesman.

Natural Thought.

Redd—This paper says there is an exhibition in a window in Saco the largest lobster that has been landed in these parts for years, if ever.

Greene—Does it give the name of the lady who landed him?—Yonkers Statesman.

ALAS!



Mr. Bore—Be sure to tell me when you want me to go. Miss Blunt—It's an hour too late for that!

Advice.

If you would climb to heights of fame, Young man, bear this in mind: Don't envy those who are in front Nor scoff at those behind.

Place for Trunks.

"Where did you put the elephants on the ship coming over?" asked the funny man.

"Downstairs in the hold, of course," replied the circus man.

"I thought they only put the trunks in the hold that were not to be used coming over?"—Yonkers Statesman.

Too Tame.

"Great bargain rush at Skinnim's to-day." "Anybody hurt?" "No."

"It must have been a dress rehearsal."

About the Size of It.

Freddy Rhymer—What is a "poem of passion," pa?

Mr. Rhymer—It's the stamp-dovouring one that travels on round-trip tickets and comes home to roost.

Short-Handed New York.

Bacon—I see that New York has 16,000 stenographers.

Egbert—Is that all? Looks as if New York might be short-handed.—Yonkers Statesman.