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MAN PERISHES IN WOODS

Body of Brooklynite Found by Hunters Near Greenwood Lake—Died of Heart Disease.

Paterson, N. J.—In the thick woods near Greenwood lake, hunters came across the body of Richard Duryea of Brooklyn. Dr. Robert Armstrong, county physician, who viewed the body, said that death was probably due to heart disease and exposure. It is believed that Duryea, who had gone to visit his brother, got off at the wrong station and lost his way. At first the police were inclined to believe that the man had been slain, but this theory was quickly dispelled when \$84 and a valuable diamond ring were found on him. The police then became satisfied that the man had wandered into the woods and had fallen to find his way out. The place where the body was found is seldom visited by anyone else than hunters. Duryea was 40 years old. He lived with his wife, Mrs. Margaret Duryea, at 216 Stuyvesant avenue, Brooklyn.

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Road Recently Placed Order for Two Hundred Additional Freight Cars to be Propelled by Motors of Large Capacity.

Fort Dodge.—About \$100,000 is to be expended by the Fort Dodge, Des Moines & Southern for improvements to its power plant at Fort Dodge. Among the improvements is a new 5,000 horsepower turbine wheel in addition to the two which are at present in use. It is expected that the new wheel will give the company ample power for several years to come. Fort Dodge and surrounding towns are already being supplied with light and power. The most important demands on the plants are the electric system and the stucco plants at Fort Dodge. There are sixteen plaster plants and the annual output of the mills is said to reach staggering figures. The mills in fact furnish the Southern with a large share of business.

In fact the Southern recently placed an order with one of the eastern plants for 200 additional freight cars. These cars are hauled by electric motors, one of the motors having a tractive power of 1,300 tons which is equal to the work done by some of the ordinary steam engines. The company has the reputation of hauling more freight than any traction line in the United States.

Johnson County Land Is High.

Iowa City.—Transfer of the two big Tudor farms along the Windham road in Union township, this county, has been made. This is one of the biggest land transfers in this county ever had at a single time. The record shows the disposal by Julius Tudor of approximately 400 acres for \$60,000. The Tudor-Roland price was approximately \$150 an acre, while the Lumley Tudor farm of 400 acres went for \$150 an acre.

Semi-Weekly Papers Change.

Cresco.—Under existing postal regulations the semi-weekly newspaper publications of this city are to suspend. It is stated that they are not placed on an equal footing with weekly publications and the Cresco Plain Dealer and the Howard County Times, both issuing a semi-weekly, will discontinue on February 1st and issue a weekly.

Iowa Man Is Unlucky.

Tama.—Jas. McKinney of this city thinks his luck has turned. On Saturday his automobile broke down six miles from town. Monday his wife presented him with twins. Tuesday a black-capped holdup man forced the cashier of his restaurant to hand over the contents of the cash register.

Girl in Peculiar Accident.

Clear Lake.—Several inches of the scalp of the 6-year-old daughter of Jerry Griffith of Lake township was torn loose when her hair, which had been hanging down her back was caught in a cream separator.

Meningitis at Underwood.

Council Bluffs.—Hazel, the 12-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Fitzpatrick of Underwood, fifteen miles from here, died from cerebrospinal meningitis. The girl was sick two days.

Poultry House Breaks Record.

Hampton.—The local poultry house broke all records for the last two months of the year by taking in about 900,000 pounds of live poultry. They paid out nearly \$100,000 in this time.

Aged Iowan Dead.

Clarion.—O. C. Sheplee, aged 86, and a resident of this city for forty-three years, is dead. A widow, three sons, eleven grand children and three great grandchildren survive him.

Calhoun to Get Building.

Rockwell City.—The board of supervisors of Calhoun county is advertising for bids for the erection of a \$125,000 court house. The bids will be opened Feb. 11.

Long Service Is Ended.

Webster City.—Attorney Wesley Martin, a pioneer citizen, has resigned as superintendent of the Baptist Sunday school after a continuous service of twenty-three years.

Cuts Ice for Many Towns.

Rock Rapids.—George Holliday has commenced his ice harvest. A good crop of ice is in sight. It is clear and clean and is about 12 inches thick.

Home Wrecked By Rock.

Mason City.—A rock hurled from a blast practically wrecked the home of Mrs. C. A. La Core. The blast was set by graders on the Rock Island spur. Because of the favorable weather these gangs have been working practically every day.

Iowa May Get New School.

Sioux City.—The Commercial club is considering a proposition from the Black Hills Military academy to move the school to this city.

Popular Conductor Dead.

Toledo.—Funeral services of C. E. Berry were held here. Mr. Berry had charge of a passenger train on the Northwestern running from Tama to Sioux City for more than a quarter of a century. He was one of the most popular conductors in the employ of the Northwestern.

Boy Thrown from Buggy.

Paullina.—The 11-year-old son of C. F. Kolp was killed almost instantly by his home south of Paullina. He was thrown from a buggy.

SPECIAL TRAIN FURNISHED TOWNS

Arrangements Completed for Accommodation of Two Hundred Democrats to Attend Inauguration.

Des Moines.—Iowa democrats who attend the inauguration of President-elect Wilson will travel on a special train from Chicago to Washington. Negotiations have been completed with the Pennsylvania railroad for special service. Probably 200 active party men will go together, and three cars will be put at their disposal in Des Moines. The special will be practically the same as the one that carried the Iowa delegation to Baltimore last July. An unusually large number of Iowans are expected to attend the inaugural, in honor of the democratic plurality in Iowa, the first in sixty years.

New Centerville Pastor.

Centerville.—Rev. James A. Glendinning, the new Methodist pastor, has started work here. He came from Ainsworth, where he dedicated a new \$17,000 church, Sunday, Jan. 5th. He takes the place of the Rev. Joe R. Hanley, who resigned his pastorate to enter evangelistic work. Rev. Mr. Glendinning's church has a membership of about 700.

Iowan Takes Story Prize.

Marshalltown.—News has been received from Madison, Wis., of the awarding of a \$50 cash prize to Ralph S. Crowl, formerly of this city, for the best short story written in a contest among University of Wisconsin students. Crowl is business manager of the Wisconsin Daily News, the university paper.

Charge Attempt to Shoot.

Webster City.—Following a hearing in justice court L. H. McPheeters was bound over to the grand jury on the charge of assault with intent to commit murder. His son-in-law, M. M. Wood, was the complaining witness. McPheeters is alleged to have tried to shoot Wood at the latter's home.

Clothing on Fire—Burned.

Mason City.—Mrs. Orilla Nutting, wife of Conductor Ralph E. Nutting of the Northwestern railroad, was seriously burned when her clothing caught fire from gasoline used in cleaning a shirt. Conductor Nutting is just recovering from injuries received when his train was wrecked.

Bartender Slashes Merchant's Throat.

Burlington.—W. L. Linder, retired clothing merchant, 62 years old, is lying at the point of death the victim of Charles Caesar, a bartender, who cut Linder's throat. After the deed Caesar locked himself in his room and when the police came to arrest him, fired a bullet into his brain.

Youth Takes Own Life.

Iowa City.—Disappointed in love, Adolph Shegetka, a young farmer, living with his father, Joseph Shegetka, near Oxford, bought a revolver here and committed suicide in an old barn not far from his home. The body was found later by a farmer who went to the barn to feed his stock.

Nevada Man Suing Doctor.

Nevada.—A jury has been secured in the case of W. B. Higgaason against Dr. C. W. Powell. Mr. Higgaason is suing for \$25,000 damages which he claims he sustained because of an unsatisfactory piece of surgical work. As co-defendants he names Drs. Creshire and Nichols of Marshalltown.

Woman Badly Burned.

Sioux City.—While dressing in her daughter's home, the clothing of Mrs. L. G. Everstis caught fire from an open gas grate and she was so badly burned the doctors say she will die. Mrs. Everstis is the wife of a prominent coal dealer who owns big coal mines near Des Moines.

Charity Stamp Sales Big.

Fort Madison.—The King's Daughters circles here reported the netting of \$120 in the sales of red cross seals during the holidays. A local motion picture house offers to swell that amount by donating the proceeds of an evening performance.

Farmer's Skull Fractured.

Iowa Falls.—Neal Lake, a prominent farmer living south of here is in a critical condition. He had returned from Chicago on a night train and fallen over a 30 foot bluff while going home, and laid out all night. His skull was fractured.

Keokuk Votes Bond Issue.

Keokuk.—The city commissioners of Keokuk will soon issue bonds to the amount of \$35,000 to pay for grading and street improvements made during the past summer. The bonds will bear 4 1/2 per cent interest.

Maquoketa Exchange Sold.

Mason City.—The Bell Telephone company has closed a deal in which they secure control of the telephone exchange at Maquoketa. The purchase price was \$75,000.

Their Vote.

All women have the vote this year. And you can put it down. Each one will—if all signs don't lie—Vote for the tighter gown.

Looking Forward.

"Pa, what is an alibi?"

"An alibi, son, is proof that you were not at a certain place at a certain time. You probably won't need an alibi until after you are married."

Why Peck Is Bald.

Mrs. Heck—"Don't you talk to your husband over the phone?"

Mrs. Heck—"Very rarely. When I have anything important to say to Henry, I want him within reach."

"Suffered day and night the torment of itching piles. Nothing helped me until I used Doan's Ointment. The result was lasting."—Hon. John R. Garrett, Mayor, Girard, Alabama.

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STATE OFFICER RESISTS REMOVAL

WISCONSIN INSURANCE COMMISSIONER DEFIES BOTH POLICE AND OFFICIALS.

H. L. EKERN IS OBDURATE

Would-Be Successor Waits While Reinforcements Are Being Brought Up—Door Is Barri-caded.

Madison, Wis., Jan. 23.—State Insurance Commissioner Herman L. Ekers still remains in office despite an attempt to remove him by force late Tuesday afternoon by Superintendent of Public Property William L. Essmann, accompanied by L. A. Anderson, Governor McGovern's appointee and a number of capital police.

Request Ignored.

Mr. Anderson got only as far as the outer office and a request by Essmann to Ekers that the commissioner vacate was contemptuously ignored. This was followed by an attempt to use force, but was halted when a court official served injunctions on Essmann and Anderson, the hearing on which before Judge E. Ray Stevens of the Dane county circuit court was put over until Saturday.

At that time Governor McGovern will endeavor to show cause why the injunction should not stand.

Desk Bars Door.

Essmann and Anderson were met with a firm refusal when they first went to the office of Commissioner Ekers and asked him to vacate. Essmann then left in search of the police and Ekers barricaded the door of the inner office by putting a heavy oak desk against the door. Anderson remained nervously seated in the outer office.

When Essmann returned with four policemen they made an attempt to force the door of Ekers' inner office but were unsuccessful. They then took a book containing the state records and Essmann hurled one through the heavy plate glass of the door, breaking it and at the same time cutting his hand. Attempts to break the oak partition were unsuccessful and a man was sent for a crowbar. The bar arrived just as attorney John A. Aylward, representing Mr. Ekers, and a deputy sheriff reached the scene with an injunction against the ejection which had been prepared two weeks previous.



MISS HELENE STALLO

Miss Helene Stallo, younger daughter of the wealthy Edmund K. Stallo of Cincinnati, is to be married on February 3 to Prince Michel Murat, descendant of the famous marshal of France.

MEXICAN SITUATION IS GRAVE

BUNBOAT SENT TO PROTECT AMERICANS IN DANGER.

Venice and Other Foreigners Will Be Taken on Board Sea Fighter.

Washington, Jan. 23.—Alarmed for the safety of Americans, whose lives are in jeopardy because of widespread lawlessness of Mexican rebels in Vera Cruz state, and throughout southern Mexico, the state department again has called upon the navy to protect American interests in the republic.

Tuesday night the gunboat Wheeling left Tampa, Fla., for Vera Cruz, where Americans are said to face a graver crisis than that relieved by the cruiser Des Moines during the Diaz uprising last October.

The request from the state department to the navy came after the receipt of a long series of official reports from Ambassador Henry Lane Wilson and consuls in southern Mexican cities, all reflecting a condition of anarchy, especially in the state of Vera Cruz where federal authorities face the problem of restoring civil order with a disorganized and divided army.

When the Wheeling arrives in Vera Cruz harbor, American and other foreigners will be taken aboard, and officials express the hope that her display of armament may have the same moral effect that followed the arrival of the Des Moines, a few months ago.

U. S. ANSWERS ENGLAND.

Note Explains Course of United States in the Panama Canal Controversy.

Washington, Jan. 23.—President Taft has approved the note prepared at the state department in reply to the communication from Sir Edward Gray, British foreign secretary.

It is believed that the note has been mailed to Sir Edward and that, according to diplomatic usages, a copy has been handed to the British ambassador at Washington. It is known that last week Mr. Bryce was invited to the state department and permitted to listen to Mr. Reid, an attorney for the department, fully describe the answer.

Although nothing definite is known yet as to the terms of the answer, it is understood that Mr. Reid clearly is understood that the term "all nations" in the Hay-Pauncefote treaty was considered by this government as entitling the United States government to deal with its own shipping as in a separate class. The answer of this government will probably be given out for publication simultaneously in London and Washington.

Suffrage Plans for Demonstration.

New York, Jan. 23.—As commander-in-chief of the suffrage pilgrimage to Washington for the demonstration on the night before inauguration, "General" Rosalie Gardner Jones, has sent broadcast "General Order No. 1." It enumerates essentials for the journey and gives the itinerary of the 21-day trip. Women and men are urged to join the "hike" for an hour, a day, a week, or the whole distance. Essentials for the trip suggested are large shoes and woolen stockings, and plasters, gauze and vaseline for treatment of bruises.

Alleged Boyce Accessory.

Memphis, Tex., Jan. 23.—The case of Beach B. Epting, charged with being an accessory to the killing of Al G. Boyce, Jr., who was shot at Amarillo, Texas, last September, was given to the jury. John Beal Snead, banker of Amarillo, is charged with murder in connection with the killing of Boyce.

Currency Proposals.

Washington, Jan. 22.—Former Representative Charles N. Fowler of New Jersey outlined to the House currency reform committee his suggestions for revision of the monetary system. He proposed that all national banks be authorized to do commercial, savings and trust company business and make note issues as Canadian banks do; and that all "holding companies" of banks be prohibited and that all banks be compelled to carry the same amount of reserve always in gold.

PRaise FOR LONDON

Ex-Congressman Asserts English Systems Superior to Others.

A. M. Todd of Michigan Discusses Public Services—Have Wonderful Method of Bookkeeping—Co-Operation's Part.

London.—Former Congressman A. M. Todd of Michigan, who early last spring came to Europe to make an exhaustive study of the system in vogue among the public services, with special reference to municipal ownership, has come to the conclusion that the best managed public service systems in the world are those of Great Britain.

"In France and Germany," said Mr. Todd, according to a London correspondent, "I found much to admire and perhaps even more to condemn. So far as mere mechanical methods are concerned both countries show many important and valuable improvements, but in nearly every case their organization and management are loose and lacking in system, which of course means a certain increase in the cost of operation and a corresponding decrease in profits. Politics and the necessity for providing places for party supporters may have something to do with this, as in my own country.

"On the other hand, I have so far been able to find only one point to criticize in the equipment and operation of the various municipally owned public services of Great Britain, and that is the construction of the double-decked tramcars controlled by the London county council. They are not broad enough or heavy enough at the base for their height, and the danger of capsizing seems to me to be too great. It seems surprising that so few accidents happen, considering the tremendous congestion of traffic in most of your streets. Perhaps this danger is discounted by the superb way in which the cars are handled."

Mr. Todd was particularly struck with the running of the various public departments in Glasgow. "Politics is eliminated there, and the sole aim of the authorities seems to be to give the public the best possible service at the least possible cost. Birmingham and Manchester are much the same in many respects, with only minor differences due to a changed environment.

"One striking phase of these public service systems of England and Scotland, which I found well worth studying in detail, is the wonderful system of bookkeeping and auditing of accounts. I don't think I ever saw a more perfect method of classifying accounts on so large a scale, where even the smallest item may be traced at a moment's notice, while a balance sheet can be furnished practically on demand. In the published report of my investigations, which will be submitted to the governing bodies of all the principal cities in the United States, I shall recommend the adoption of this comprehensive system of bookkeeping in every public department. This will not be for some months yet, as the volume of information I have collected is very large, and it will probably take me all winter to prepare my report.

"At the same time I shall start an effective campaign in my own state for the municipalization of all public services along the same lines that I have found in operation here, for I believe no better system of really efficient service could be devised in the present stage of our civilization."

But Mr. Todd's enthusiastic eulogy does not stop here. He has been particularly struck with another peculiarity of English civil life, the big co-operative concerns which have begun to play a leading part in the British world of business. He says:

"One institute whose plan I inspected with the most absorbing interest not only manufactures an immense output of superior goods for the markets of the world, but gives profitable employment to thousands of men, women and children under the most wholesome conditions and sanitary regulations. All of them are provided with comfortable homes at reasonable rentals and everything is done to make them contented and happy, while each in addition enjoys a proportionate share in the general profits.

"Moreover, this concern has its own steamship lines for shipping its goods to foreign markets at a minimum expense for freightage and for bringing back supplies of raw materials from its own plantations and forests in Africa and South America. And all of these vast enterprises in one are operated simply and easily, because the principle of co-operation behind it insures a unity and harmony of both purpose and effort for the common profit."

MADE SAME SPEECH 13 YEARS

Foreign Minister Recognizes Eloquent Address of Chamber Member and the Secret is Out.

Brussels.—M. D. Andrimony, a member of the Belgian chamber, celebrated for his speeches on questions of the consular service, was appealing eloquently for a reorganization of the service when the foreign minister said:

"That is the same speech you made last year."

"Just so," replied the deputy calmly. "I have made it annually, word for word, for thirteen years. Nobody noticed it before."

Very Much So.

"Love letters have a financial value when it comes to damage suits."

"Why shouldn't they? Aren't they promissory notes?"

A Good Tool.

"Here's ink all over my new razor!"

"Don't get excited about it. You can take it to the office to shave your paper with."

Its Aspect.

"Is an elopement ever prudent?"

"It may be sometimes, but generally it is a mis-taken affair."

3 ARSON CONFESSIONS.

Attorney Probing "Firebug" Case Refuses to Divulge Names, However.

Chicago, Jan. 23.—Three confessions were obtained Tuesday by Assistant States Attorney Johnson in the investigation of the so-called "arson trust." The names of the men were withheld.

Two who confessed are business men who told the prosecutor that because of business reverses they consented to have their places fired when public adjustors pointed out to them how easy it would be to collect the insurance. The other who confessed was a "firebug" who admitted setting fire to the two buildings. The losses amounted to \$21,500.

One witness declared that Benjamin Fink, an alleged "firebug" now under arrest in South Bend had boasted that he fired the plant of a shirt company in New York on June 3, 1912. Insurance of \$45,000 was carried on the stock.

Power of Mind.

"I was out motoring the other day"

"So."

"Yes, and I came to a river, but could find no means of getting my machine across."

"Well, what did you do?"

"Oh, I just sat down and thought it over."—Sphinx.

Time to Rest.

Priscilla's Mother—Priscilla, you seem to have dropped your painting, your singing and your piano practice. Priscilla—Yes, mamma. What's the use of it all, now that I'm engaged?

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The Maid (to her betrothed)—Are you fond of expensive things?

The Man—I love you very dearly.

FIND A WESLEYAN DIARY

Manuscripts in Shorthand Discovered Detailing Events of Decade of Preacher's Life.

London.—The Chronicle announces the discovery of interesting manuscripts of John Wesley among the archives of Wesleyan headquarters in London. These include many letters and a complete diary of the last ten years of Wesley's life written in shorthand.