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BAD ENOUGH FOR A SANE FOURTH

Many Killed and Hundreds Injured in the Annual Gunpowder Festivities.

(By United Press.)
NEW YORK, July 5.—Independence day opened here today with two deaths, a dozen accidents and 50 minor mishaps.

ONE DEAD, 54 INJURED

(By United Press.)

ST. LOUIS, July 5.—A boy is dead and 54 persons are suffering injuries today as a result of the morning's celebration. Several are expected to die.

Frank Dixon, aged 14, is the first victim. He was seated on the bank of the river when a huge cannon cracker exploded near him and so frightened him that he fell into the water and was drowned.

Isadore Eckhart, the most severely injured, mistook a cannon cracker for a Roman candle. He waved it above his head and in exploding it blew off his right arm. He is not expected to live.

CRACKER CAUSES FIRE.

(By United Press.)

PITTSBURGH, July 5.—A firecracker thrown through a window today caused a fire which menaced the lives of many persons. The blaze was controlled after two hours' fighting.

Joseph Rubelitz, aged 20, was fatally injured by a giant cracker. There were scores of minor injuries.

DEAD 15, INJURED 328.

(By United Press.)

CHICAGO, July 5.—At a late hour last night, the Tribune, which has for years gathered statistics as to Fourth of July casualties, recorded 15 deaths and 328 persons injured as the progress thus far of this year's independence celebration. This indicates a lessening of fatalities and as compared with last year, when there were 518 dead and injured.

Liberty Or Death!



BEGONE! TYRANT GEORGE!!

COWARDLY ATTACK BY DISAPPOINTED THUG

After he had been beaten brutally by a thug, then stabbed and slashed with a knife and left on the street to die because his pockets yielded his assailant but two cents, Carl Johnson found assistance at the home of Mr. Olson, 0826 Perry street, early this morning.

The police were informed and Johnson, with his left cheek slashed completely through from the corner of his mouth to a point just beneath the ear, and with deep stab wounds in his shoulder and abdomen, was taken to the emergency hospital.

Both rows of teeth along the left side of the young Swede's face were exposed by the gaping wound, and stitches after stitches were necessary by Dr. O'Shea and Acting Steward Dare of the emergency hospital.

Johnson, who is about 23 years old, told the police that he was on his way home to 814 Courtland avenue and was somewhat confused as to directions and location when he met the thug stranger at the Olive avenue bridge. Johnson, according to his story, asked for direction to Courtland avenue and was invited by the stranger to go with him as he, too, was going that way.

Johnson said he suspected nothing wrong and went along, but when near the Olson home the stranger turned on him with an oath and after delivering him a stunning blow or two demanded his money. Johnson gave him two cents—all he had with him.

With an outburst of profanity because of the smallness of this sum, the thug then stabbed him in the abdomen, and as he flinched with pain he was driven to a half stooping position with a thrust of the knife in the shoulder, then felt his cheek parted with a sweep of the knife that sent him to the sidewalk.

With that the thug, knife in hand, ran back down the street, uttering half audible curses. The fact that no large arteries were severed is all that preserved Johnson's life and spared him enough strength to summon assistance.

Several officers were dispatched to the scene of the assault, but were unable to find any clue by which the guilty party can be run down. Realizing the abilities of Detective Pearson, captor of George Barkar, murderer of Mrs. Messenger, and a number of other

NATURE GIVES SPOKANE GLORIOUS FOURTH DISPLAY

Mortals who have to depend on mere dynamite to properly mark the advent of the Fourth of July stood abashed this morning at daybreak when nature concluded to take a hand in the business of independence day racket. Peal after peal of thunder that seemed to make the universe sweat the sky, and the fireworks that preceded the peals made all terrestrial efforts along that line appear too puny to mention.

Rockets that sputter a few hundred feet through the atmosphere fill the average American with pyrotechnic satisfaction, but Mother Nature touched off an assortment that tore clear across the heavens. Had she got careless and pointed one of them into the town something considerably more noticeable than a hole burned in an

awning would have developed hereabouts. Except for the frequently repeated blasts above, the morning was strangely still for the opening of a Fourth of July observance, and after the lightning's anvils had ceased few had the assumption to pop the feeble firecracker, apparently.

It was a strictly patriotic affair up above, full of thrills for the early riser. In addition to the fireworks and the roar of 100 batteries blended into one, the national colors blazoned the firmament—the red of approaching dawn, the white edges of the clouds and the blue of the sky here and there. There wasn't a symptom of powder taint in the whole performance, but the air was left wonderfully clear and invigorating.

The Die Is Cast Independence Signed At Philadelphia

The Press presents to its readers today in unique form the story of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776. As will be noted, the spelling is in the old English form, which was still in practice with many printers of the day. The heading was in its type most familiar to readers of revolution times, and the cartoon is also patterned after the art of the ancient engravers.

Resolution of independence on 7th June, and yet a Subcommittee of 5, headed by Thomas Jefferson of Va., has drafted ye Document. As soon as ye Document was put into fine writing a Boy rushed out from ye state house and cried to his Father: "Ring, father! Ring for Liberty!"

His father, who had stationed himself in ye Tower of ye Building, began to pull ye bell rope and ring ye bell vigorously, so yt all the Ten Thousand people in ye metropolis knew yt War with Britain was at hand.

One reason for ye secrecy yt has surrounded ye Debates is yt there is a Rumour yt ye British Fleets is on its way to this Country, with ye Intention of seizing New York. Then ye Planne is to separate ye Colonies.

If Ld. Howe takes Philadelphia it will be unfaire for ye Members of Congress to frow themselves. They will be hunted down as Ruthlessly as Charles II hunted down ye Magistrates who sentenced Charles I to death a Century ago.

Benj. Franklin, ye venerable Pennsylvania delegate, is credited with grim humour illustrating this: "We must hang together," John Hancock said, after ye vote was taken.

"Yes," answered Franklin, with merry Demeanour, "or we'll hang separately." Regardless of ye outcome of ye War today's action probably will go down into future history it was a daring and determined act—this committing ye 13 Colonies to a death grapple with ye Powerful British army and navy. Intimations yt Congress would take this action have not been few, tho' ye

able that Martin Burns will be selected for the captaincy. Martin is now serving the city in detached service, as claim agent, and is considered an efficient officer.

GOOD CARD OF SPORTS

(By United Press.)
SEATTLE, July 5.—The wrestling and boxing card at the Arena tonight is by far the best offered Seattle sporting public this season. Charles Olson and Dr. Roller will meet. Olson is considered one of the best men in the east.

BODY FOUND IN RUINS

(By United Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, July 5.—The body of Charles Howard, a stableman, was recovered from the ruins of the Warren Improvement company's stables, where 150 horses were burned to death, early today. The loss is \$300,000.

Fifty men were sleeping in a nearby lodging house and were imperiled momentarily. The origin of the fire is unknown.

WOMAN SWATS A PURSE SNATCHER

A resounding whack over the head from his intended victim's umbrella was the reward shelled out to a nervous purse snatcher last night when he attempted to grasp a purse from a woman crossing the new Howard street bridge.

The industrious fellow, who seems to have been living pretty well during the last several weeks from this sort of robbery, said nothing as he approached the watchful woman with the bulging handbag slung across her well developed arm—the just made one grab and that was all.

"Whack!" went the umbrella across his cranium that very instant. That was enough for him, and he made a quick "get away," rubbing a sore place on his throbbing pate as he went.

The information was phoned to the police from the Centennial mills and officers were sent to investigate the case but, with as little ado as she had "swatted" "Jack the Grabber" the nervous woman had gone on her way. The grabber disappeared around buildings on the island.

This is believed by the police to be the same man who has been snatching purses from women on the Stevens street bridge back of the police station.

TO DISMISS INDICTMENTS AGAINST SCHIVELY

Pressure Will Be Brought on Prosecutor Pugh.

Pressure is being brought to bear on Prosecuting Attorney Pugh of Spokane county to secure the dismissal of indictments returned by the grand jury here, charging State Insurance Commissioner Schively with embezzlement and perjury in connection with the Pacific Livestock Co.

The object of the dismissal is to open the way for Schively to resign his state office and choke off any further proceedings against him. It is understood that Schively has been assured that his daughter will be retained in a good position in a state office if he resigns.

If the impeachment charges come to trial before the senate, acquittal will be asked on three grounds. The first is that Schively is accused as state insurance commissioner of crimes alleged to have occurred while he was simply deputy commissioner and that as commissioner he cannot now be held in jeopardy of his office for things that transpired before he occupied that office.

The second ground is that as Schively was not a public official but merely a deputy, his superior only could have been legally answerable for the offenses.

Sam Nichols, secretary of state, now resigned, was state insurance commissioner at the time Schively's offenses are alleged.

The third argument for acquittal is that Schively was not a public official at the time of the offenses. There is a difference of opinion as to Schively's right to appeal to the supreme court if impeached.

Some attorneys hold that he has the right to appeal, but others hold that the senate is the sole trial body in such cases. Were Schively's office abolished, however, it is held that he would have the right of appeal on the ground that he had been deprived of an office to which he was lawfully elected without due process of law.

Schively's friends are urging the dismissal of the Spokane indictments and retirement of Schively as the best way out of the mess.

The indictment counts are incorporated in the charges to be brought before the senate. What Pugh will finally say to the proposition is uncertain, as he will not admit that anything of the kind is under consideration. Advocates of this course hold that in view of the heavy cost the impeachment proceedings entail, Spokane county authorities should find it expedient to drop further prosecution were Schively to be thereby obviated from office. Pugh, however, has his professional reputation at stake before the public in the grand jury proceedings. He is likely to do his duty as he sees it, and the chances for relieving Schively of the Spokane charges appear remote in spite of the political pressure that may be brought to bear. It is believed that Governor Hay would actively oppose any move to make the way clear and easy for Schively.

ITALIANS HAVE A CELEBRATION

Noel Fanchatta, an Italian laborer, is in the emergency hospital with a bullet wound in his jaw and another in his shoulder as the result of what he declares was nothing more than "a celebrach da Fourth da July," but the police are looking for John Massota, alleged to have fired the bullets.

Fanchatta was found in bed with his wounds roughly dressed by some inexperienced hand late yesterday as the result of information given Officer Chester Edwards by an Italian who begged that his identity be kept secret because of his fear of the "Black Hand." The police surmise that the shooting is the result of a jealous quarrel between Fanchatta and Massota, who has a wife and children.

"Da celebrach" followed a day of beer drinking at Massota's house. Ever since early last evening the police have been searching for Massota, but no trace of him has so far been found.

PAPKE AND KETCHEL ARE IN GOOD FORM

(By United Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, July 5.—Papke and Ketchel climbed the scales at 11 o'clock this morning. The bar was set at 158, but neither made it yet.

Both men are in excellent form for their match for the middle-weight championship this afternoon.

WOMAN RUN DOWN BY A MAIL WAGON

Run down by a mail wagon, with the going going at a lively gallop to make a train, Mrs. Charles Connor, 1602 John street, was hurled to the pavement at Main and Washington last night and sustained a broken wrist. She was hurried to the emergency hospital, where Dr. O'Shea attended her injuries, after which she was taken to her home.

Mrs. Connor was returning from a theater with a friend, and amid the other noises incidental to the independence day celebration, did not hear the fast approaching wagon. It is thought she will readily recover.

LONG TRIP ALONE BY CHILD

(By United Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, July 5.—Pretty Palma Cogliandro, aged six, survivor of the Messina and Reggio earthquake, arrived here yesterday, having traveled from Reggio alone. She was met by Antonio Cogliandro, an uncle, with whom she will make her future home. She possessed a small fortune on her arrival, given her by the passengers on the steamer.

WILL VOTE ON INCOME TAX

(By United Press.)
WASHINGTON, July 5.—A joint resolution proposing to submit to the states an amendment to the constitution of the United States, authorizing congress to levy an income tax, was adopted by the senate today by unanimous vote, 77 voting.

THEY BEAT GREGG

(By United Press.)
SEATTLE, July 5.—The Turks got back at Gregg today, but not by any margin to brag of. It was 3 to 1 score for the Lynchers in the morning game of the double header. From the way they have been battling lately the big left hander got off lucky. He was wild, but they only got five hits. The Indians had six errors, everybody booting.

Thompson pitched for the locals, with Spencer and Custer back of the plate for the respective teams.

In the National morning games New York beat Philadelphia 3-0; Boston beat Brooklyn 5-1; Pittsburgh beat Cincinnati 2-0.

In the American Philadelphia beat New York 7-2; Washington beat Boston 7-6; Cleveland beat Chicago 4-3. No St. Louis-Detroit game.

PATRIOTIC IN ALASKA

(By United Press.)
CORDOVA, Alaska, July 5.—At a Fourth of July celebration held here Saturday, despite the boycott against the town by Valdez and Seward, over 2,000 people participated. The day was also observed as "tag day" for Cordova's public hospital, being the first "tag day" held in Alaska.

BATTLING FOR LIFE

(By United Press.)
NEW YORK, July 5.—Representative Cushman of Tacoma, ill at the Roosevelt hospital, is reported better today, and he is fighting hard. It will be several days before his physician can be certain he will recover.

DEATH OF MRS. PASKILL

Alice M. Paskill, wife of Lane E. Paskill, agent for the Wisconsin Central railroad, is dead at her home, 144 State street, aged 47 years. She succumbed yesterday at 6:30 a. m., after an illness of a few weeks of a rheumatic affliction, and the body will be shipped to Drummond, Mont., her old home, for burial tomorrow. She is survived by her husband and a son by a former marriage.

FOUND IN SECTIONS

(By United Press.)
SEATTLE, July 5.—For 300 feet along the Great Northern tracks the body of an unidentified man was strewn, possibly by a switch engine. His mutilated trunk was found by a police officer.

PUT \$1400 IN STAMPS

Returning legislators from Olympia won't confirm this probably, but they are not likely to deny it if you put it straight. The state tax commission found itself with \$1400 of its appropriation unused. It had no actual demand for the money, but if the commission finished the year with it the money would go back into the state treasury. So they bought \$1400 worth of stamps.

Of course, the regular appropriation for the next two years was sufficient to take care of the commission's office expenses among other things, but it would never do to turn money once appropriated back into the state treasury. Possibly the state has reason to be thankful that they invested it in anything so useful as stamps, even if they were not needed.

All of which goes to show the various definitions of the "economical administration" business we hear so much about in campaign times.

MANY ON THE MISSING LIST

Overrun with reports of disappearances, the police are each supplied with descriptions of a number of missing persons, with orders to pick them up and bring them to the station.

Among those reported missing and being looked for today are R. C. Hilliard, aged 17 years. The report was made by C. W. Betts. John McFarland, also aged 17 years, six feet tall and slender, with a light complexion and hair, blue eyes and a few freckles, has been gone since June 8.

George Carley, a blacksmith, went away Wednesday, leaving all his clothing at the home of V. A. Gates, 1101 1/2 First avenue, where he was staying.

Mrs. Georgensen, aged 55 years, who dropped out of sight rather mysteriously yesterday afternoon, after starting to visit with friends on the north side, returned to her home at 719 Sixth avenue this morning. She became suddenly ill while on the way to visit with Mr. and Mrs. E. Jacobson, 2617 Liberty avenue, and stayed all night at a house along the way. The police looked for her all night.

WIFE SEEKS HER MISSING HUSBAND

For the sake of Mrs. Samuel Denmore, who is sick with grief and suspense because of her husband's failure to return to their home in Missoula, Mont., or to let her know where he is, the Spokane police are aiding in a search for him. Denmore is a horse dealer.

He left Missoula on business about June 15 and since a few days later, his wife has heard nothing directly or indirectly from him. She has written the police imploring them to aid her in the search for her husband.