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SUBSTITUTES FOR BREAD.

In various parts of the world, the poorer classes consume little or no bread. Baked loaves of bread are practically unknown in portions of southern Austria and Italy, and throughout the agricultural districts of Roumania, says the London Standard.

Some people do not like cats. That is up to them—probably they have a reason. Other people don't like dogs, and such also may be looked upon with charity.

An old man arrested in Cincinnati on the charge of vagrancy told the judge when his case came to trial that he had a business which enabled him to make a living.

Kidney beans we have all heard of; "kidney feet" seem to be peculiar to Pittsburg, says the New York Sun.

The "pushmobile," which has taken possession of Chicago all at once, is an ingenious device whereby a boy with an old pair of roller skates can make them cover 50 times as much space as heretofore on the cement sidewalks.

In the news columns of the papers appears a story about a Massachusetts girl who carried a live lizard in her stomach for a long time, and reading the dispatch reminds us that this is the first time that story has been printed this season.

A Chicago minister says there are not enough husbands to go around, and that old maids are heroes. But the name of this champion of abused spinsterhood will be lost when the name of its traducer is still alive enough to be anathema, for such is the way of the world.

The half-sister of an English duke is to appear as a dancer in New York. The peerage has certainly fallen on hard times.

A practical joker in New York fed an elephant red pepper. He occupies a hospital cot next to the man who tickled the southern elevation of a mole.

The "small boy's" idea of a social justice in asking him to have a second piece of pie.

TRAIN HELD UP, ONE BANDIT SHOT

EXPRESS MESSENGER ON KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN TORTURED FOR MONEY.

MAN IS BEATEN INSENSIBLE

Furious Revolver Battle for Possession of Car Lasts Several Minutes While Passenger Speeds at 40 Miles an Hour.

Fort Smith, Ark.—Four masked men held up and attempted to rob north bound Kansas City Southern passenger train No. 2, near Potter, Polk county, Ark., about 1:30 o'clock Friday morning.

Four men boarded the train as it left Hatfield. They swung onto the side of the express car and smashed in the glass doors with revolvers. While the robbers were entering the express car, the train stopped.

Burgott says one bandit grabbed the injured man, and both leaped into the darkness. As they disappeared the two remaining bandits gained entrance to the car. Burgott had taken a position behind some trunks, and the battle continued, both sides frequently stopping to reload their weapons.

At length Burgott ran out of ammunition. As he fired his last shot the bandits seized him and beat him with their revolvers. Then they searched the trunks, which Burgott had left unlocked, in an unsuccessful hunt for the valuables concealed by the messenger, and tortured Burgott, beating him over the head and threatening to kill him if he did not tell where he placed the money, but Burgott refused.

Results of Championship Series.

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Three Are Dead in Ranch Feud.

Lewistown, Mont.—James Seaman, a rancher near Wyndham, shot and killed Frank Smith and wife at their home near that place. He then killed himself. The shooting is held to have been the result of long continued litigation between Seaman and Smith.

Kills 3-Year-Old Son.

Akron, O.—John V. McDonald, a plumber, shot and killed his 3-year-old son and then fired bullets into the heads of his wife and sister. Mrs. McDonald is believed to be fatally injured and the sister is in a serious condition. McDonald was arrested.

Engineer Killed in Indiana Wreck.

Fort Wayne, Ind.—O. E. Schleder, a Bellevue, O., engineer, was killed when a New York, Chicago & St. Louis passenger train ran into the rear of a freight train near Leipsic, in a dense fog. No one else was injured.

Brother of General Morgan Dead.

Lexington, Ky.—Charles H. Morgan, a brother of the famous general, John H. Morgan, and himself one of "Morgan's men" in the civil war, died at his home here, aged 75. In 1860 he was on the staff of General Garibaldi in Italy.

Railway Official Stricken on Car.

Minneapolis, Minn.—Robert Toombs, auditor of the Soo line, became ill suddenly on a street car here and died shortly after being taken from the car to a nearby drug store. Heart disease was the cause of his death.

Successor to Titanic Victim.

Detroit, Mich.—Stockholders elected E. J. Chamberlain president of the Grand Trunk Western and other Michigan subsidiaries of the Grand Trunk railway. He succeeds Charles M. Hays, who lost his life in the Titanic disaster.

Cousin of Lincoln Dead at 87.

Albany, Ill.—Capt. David C. Hanks, 87 years old, first cousin of Abraham Lincoln, is dead at his home here. He was one of the oldest steamboat pilots on the Mississippi river.

Less Panama Excavation.

Washington.—The total amount of excavation on the Panama canal during September was 2,124,440 cubic yards, against 2,448,353 cubic yards during August, according to a dispatch to the canal commission.

Greece May Quit War.

Paris.—Diplomats closely in touch with the Balkan situation received cipher dispatches from Athens saying that Greece had decided to abandon the Balkan league and demobilize her army.

TURKS ARE ROUTED BY MONTENEGRINS

CAPTURE STRONGHOLD ON DETCHITCH MOUNTAIN, COMMANDER SURRENDERING.

POWERS ARE STILL PUZZLED

Believe Peace Talk is Made to Gain Time to Concentrate Troops—Report That Austria is Mobilizing Army for Balkan.

London.—Montenegro claims the first victory in the Balkan war by the capture of the strong Turkish position on Detchitch mountain, whose commander surrendered with the bulk of his forces.

The situation meanwhile is as puzzling as before. No declaration of war has been issued by the other allied Balkan states, and there is no news yet of their ministers having left Constantinople. It can not, therefore, be definitely said whether Montenegro has acted independently with the motive of forcing a conflict so as to render the powers' efforts to preserve peace nugatory, or in accordance with a strategic plan arranged by the Balkan coalition.

It appears, however, as though while diplomacy is trying to arrange the matter peacefully, guns will decide it for them.

Fresh Bulgarian attacks on Turkish frontier towns are reported and the opinion is growing that the opposing parties are only using diplomatic delays to concentrate their forces in readiness for the inevitable outbreak. The statement of the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, Count Von Berchtold, in the Hungarian delegation that Austria is prepared to guard her interests in the Balkans at all hazards has caused a sensation in European capitals, as an indication that the powers may be unable to confine themselves to the policy of merely holding the horses.

Greece May Withdraw.

The Frankfurter Zeitung publishes a sensational report that Greece will withdraw from the Balkan agreement and demobilize, but this is hardly credited here. Both Greece and Turkey are trying to purchase the Chinese cruiser Chao Ho, recently built at New Castle.

The mobilization of the Bulgarian army is complete. Five Russian aviators arrived to operate with the Bulgarian forces, according to a news agency dispatch from Sofia.

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Outwit Mexican Rebels.

Los Angeles, Cal.—A story of how six American women remained in a mine tunnel for two days and a half during the attack of rebels on the mining camp of El Tigre, in the state of Sonora, Mexico, was brought here by J. W. Malcomson, consulting engineer of the El Tigre Mining company.

Legislator Admits Grafting.

Columbus, O.—Following the making of a full confession, in which he implicated other legislators and men "higher up," Dr. George B. Nye, representative in the last legislature from Waverly, Pike county, pleaded guilty to having solicited a bribe for his vote on the Kimball bill.

Bank Robbers Get \$2,800.

Bogard, Mo.—Robbers blew the vault of the Farmers' bank here and escaped with \$2,800 in cash. The explosion aroused the officers of the bank, but the robbers were out of sight when the officials reached the scene.

Taft Adds to Minnesota Forest.

Washington.—President Taft has added 380,555 acres of land to the Superior national forest in Minnesota, raising the total area to 1,276,100 acres.

Millionaire Ends Life.

Chicago.—Frederick Stafford, aged 55 years, a mining man and oil operator with headquarters in Phoenix, Ariz., and a residence in Waukegan, Ill., is dead here, a suicide from narcotic poisoning.

Senator Root Has the Grip.

Utica, N. Y.—United States Senator Elihu Root is kept to bed in his summer home in Glinton by a severe attack of grip. His physician deems the illness not alarming, but has ordered absolute rest for the senator.

Kohlman Gets Chicago Inter-Ocean.

Chicago.—H. H. Kohlman, editor and publisher of the Chicago Record-Herald, has purchased the Chicago Inter-Ocean from George W. Hinman, who will retire from Chicago journalism.

Fireman Saves Child.

St. Louis, Mo.—Milo C. Dodge, fireman on the Milwaukee railroad, saved the life of a 2½-year-old son of J. Alford, by crawling out on the roof and kicking the child from the track as the train sped by.

CEREAL CROPS FOR 1912 MAKE RECORD

U. S. REPORT SHOWS FARM SUPPLIES HAVE NEVER BEEN MORE BOUNTIFUL.

CORN AND OATS FAR IN LEAD

Estimates Place Yield at More Than Three Billion Bushels—Secretary Declares Scientific Instruction Shows Results.

Washington.—Never before have the cereal crops of the United States been so bountiful as those of this year. Records of production of nearly every cereal have been surpassed, in some instances by millions of bushels.

The monthly crop report of the department of agriculture shows that spring wheat, oats, barley, rye and hay all have exceeded the best record productions, while the crops of corn and potatoes from present indications also will be the greatest ever when harvested.

Scientific Methods Aid.

Speaking of this great showing made by the country's farmers, James Wilson, secretary of agriculture, said: "The crops are the heaviest on record. The season has been favorable, but some credit is due to the wide efforts made in the last few years by the federal government and the states to help farmers throughout the country to get better returns from the average acre."

"The world has been searched for different plants by the department of agriculture, and its scientists have been creating new plants by hybridization for the several localities. Twenty-eight million pieces of literature have been sent out by the department, in addition to the advice from the state stations. So the farmers have been helped in producing their record breaking crop."

The features of the report are the enormous harvests of corn, oats and spring wheat. More than 3,000,000,000 bushels of corn, almost 1,500,000,000 of oats and 330,000,000 bushels of spring wheat have been grown. The states in the Northwest have been harvesting the greatest crops ever grown there.

Great Wheat Harvest.

In North Dakota 146,592,000 bushels of spring wheat, the greatest spring wheat harvest ever grown by any state, were produced. The yield per acre there was increased from eight bushels last year to eighteen bushels this year. Iowa with 219,780,000 bushels, Illinois with 182,726,000, Minnesota with 122,342,000, and North Dakota with 99,138,000 bushels were the principal oats producers. In each of these states the yield per acre this year was almost double last year's yield.

"It looks as if we won't have to import any potatoes this year," said Secretary Wilson, in commenting on the record potato crop. Indications are that the farmers will have 108,000,000 bushels more potatoes than last year, when by reason of the short crop large quantities were imported from Europe.

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William Newton White Dead.

Batavia, N. Y.—Dr. William Newton White is dead here from heart disease. He was born in Boone county, Mo., in 1847. On May 1, 1873, at the governor's mansion in Jefferson City, Mo., his marriage to Miss Corneilia Shannon, daughter of James Shannon, president of Missouri State university, was solemnized.

Jules Lombard is Dying.

Chicago.—Jules Lombard, celebrated singer of the civil war, whose singing of "The Battle Cry of Freedom" caused thousands to join the Union army, is dying at his home here of old age. Practically deserted in his poverty, the once famous basso, now 84 years old, is awaiting the end.

Alleged Smuggler of Chinese Caught.

San Francisco.—The United States revenue cutter Golden Gate picked up at sea the gasoline steamer Alert, owned and captained by John Osterhus, who for months has been under surveillance by government officials on suspicion of being engaged in smuggling Chinese.

Limited Wrecked; One Dead.

Memphis, Tenn.—One person was killed, three probably fatally hurt and a score or more bruised and severely shaken when the Southwestern limited No. 41, on the Rock Island, was wrecked near Riceville, Ark.

Farmer Ends Life With Poison.

Orchard Farm, Mo.—Henry H. Brocker, 38 years old, a farmer, was found dead in bed by his wife when she went to call him to supper. Beside his body was a bottle that had contained poison.

Men Stop Work to Go to War.

Gary, Ind.—Several departments of the steel mills here may be compelled to close on account of the great number of men who will return to their native countries to participate in the war against Turkey.

Steamer Reported Sunk.

Hullfax, N. S.—The fate of the crew of a large vessel, identity unknown, first reported afloat and then sunk off prospect, remains unrevealed. The government steamer Aberdeen sailed to give any assistance possible.

THINKS GRANDSON SLEW 4 AT QUINCY

ELDER PFANSCHMIDT WON'T FURNISH MONEY TO AID DEFENSE OF RAY.

FIANCEE DESERTS PRISONER

Finger Prints on Khaki Suit to Be Inspected by Bertillon Men—I. N. G. Ready to Protect County Jail.

Quincy, Ill.—C. C. Pfanschmidt, grandfather of Ray Pfanschmidt, who was charged with the murder of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pfanschmidt; his sister, Blanche, and Miss Emma Kaempfen, a teacher, said he believed his grandson guilty and would furnish no money for his defense.

The venerable Mr. Pfanschmidt had maintained the boy's innocence until the finding of the bloody khaki suit at the grading camp where the prisoner was employed.

Coroner's Inquest Resumed.

The finance committee of the county board of supervisors appropriated money to carry on the investigation. Ray Pfanschmidt still refuses to talk to other than his attorneys.

The finger prints of blood found on the khaki suit, said to have been worn by Ray Pfanschmidt the night of September 27, have been photographed and the Bertillon system will be used to ascertain if the prints are those of Pfanschmidt.

Company F. I. N. G. still is under orders to afford protection at the county jail if necessary. Attorneys for the defense intimated that if they continued in the case, a plea of insanity would be entered.

Aid for Prosecutor.

John Wall, a criminal attorney, was engaged to assist the state in the prosecution. Attorney Wall represents E. C. Kaempfen, father of the murdered teacher.

Quincy and Adams county generally, though stirred by the developments in the case, are not in fear of violence.

Zion Teachers on Strike.

Zion City, Ill.—A strike of all the teachers of the Zion City high school took place when Overseer Voliva discharged Benjamin J. Hess, principal of the high school, who underwent a surgical operation, contrary to the medical teachings of Zionism.

Twelve Firemen in Gas Explosion.

Chicago.—An explosion of gas in a three-story flat building knocked a dozen firemen off their feet but did not seriously injure any of them. Mrs. Charles Lyon, overcome by smoke, was carried from her third floor apartment by the firemen.

Leper's Wife Gets Divorce.

Tacoma, Wash.—Mrs. John R. Early obtained a divorce from John R. Early, the leper, now at Diamond Point hospital. She has the custody of the three children and \$55 of Early's salary of \$95 a month for acting as keeper of another leper.

Called to Door and Slain.

North Vernon, Ind.—Charles McQuaid, 71 years old, and his brother John, 59, were murdered at their home, 12 miles southeast of here, by a man who called them to the door and struck them on the head with a club.

Negro's Bite Kills Man.

Stanford, Ky.—Ed Elam, 21 years old, a farmer, is dead here from the effects of rabies, which developed a few days after he was bitten by a negro farm hand during a fight two weeks ago.

Thirty Killed in Explosion.

Tampico, Mex.—Thirty persons were killed as the result of a powder explosion here. A warehouse in which the powder was stored and several adjoining buildings were destroyed by fire.

American's Assailant Sentenced.

Havana.—Enrique Maza, a Cuban newspaper man who recently attacked Hugh S. Gibson, the American charge d'affaires, was sentenced to two and a half years' imprisonment.

Aviator Leaps, Hurt Fatally.

Birmingham, Ala.—Joseph Stevenson, aviator, leaped from his biplane, which had become unmanageable at an elevation of 50 feet, and suffered injuries which physicians say will prove fatal.

Mrs. J. B. Harriman Ill.

New York.—Mrs. James Borden Harriman, head of the Woman's National Democratic campaign committee, and interested in many charities, is ill. It was said it was feared an operation would be necessary.

Hunters Freeze to Death.

Denver.—Lost in a blinding snowstorm near Cedar Edge, Colo., the bodies of two deer hunters have been found covered with 10 inches of snow near a great Boulder, where they had taken shelter, according to advices.

Boy Killed Rescuing Dog.

Edinburg, Ill.—In an effort to save the life of his dog, which had strayed under a Chicago & Alton train, Elmer Moreland, aged 7 years, was killed here. The train started when the boy was under a car.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS

Moberly Engineer Was Lucky. George Runyan, Wabash engineer of Moberly, owes his life to the fact that he was called to St. Louis by the illness of a relative. Runyan is the regular engineer on Wabash passenger train No. 14 which went into an open switch at McFall, George Richardson, who occupied Runyan's seat in the cab, was caught under the engine when it turned over and crushed to death. The dead engineer was married and resided at Stanberry.

Sample Mile of Road Done.

The demonstration mile of rock road has been completed connecting the town of Harrisonville with the Orient cemetery, and Col. Woolridge reports that the actual cost of the road is a little less than \$2,000. This mile was built by C. W. Dobbins for the purpose of demonstrating that a mile of standard rock road could be built for a great deal less than is usually paid.

Shot Over Board Bill.

Salvador Broutin, 25 years old, was shot and instantly killed on the public road near Bevier by Amel Mallett, 17 years old. Lucien Mallett, the father of the slayer, was shot in the arm when he rushed in front of the train, trying to prevent the shooting. All are French. Broutin had lived with the Malletts for a year, and about two months ago they disagreed on a board bill.

Handled Money Like Bricks.

H. Witak, a St. Louis street sweeper, picked up between \$7,000 and \$8,000 in coin and currency in three bags while at work and threw them to one side, thinking they contained rocks that had been left in the street by boys. He discovered his mistake when representatives of the United Railways, who had lost the money, came back to find it.

Shot Man on a Dare.

Mrs. Rosa Russell, 20 years old, shot and dangerously wounded Louis S. Backer, 49 years old, at Fulton. Backer is a boarder at the Russell home. Mrs. Russell says the shooting was accidental. Mrs. Russell was sitting on a bed when Backer entered her room. She told him to stop or she would shoot him with a shotgun. He dared her to and she fired.

Horsewoman Injured at Sedalia.

Miss Loula Long, the Kansas City whip, was slightly injured in a mix-up at the night horse show at the state fair in Sedalia. Miss Long was driving Miss Nutpick in the roadster class, when she was thrown from a runaway and dragged several feet before she was rescued from her perilous position.

Ray County Banker Dead.

Joseph F. Rippy, vice-president of the Commercial bank, died at his home in Lawson following a brief illness. He was one of the oldest pioneers of Ray county. He is survived by a widow and three children, Clay Rippy of Lawson, Mrs. Etta Harkrader of Los Angeles, Cal., and John D. Rippy, a lawyer of St. Louis.

Woman Trails Jail Breakers.

After trailing them into Springfield, Mrs. J. F. Hufft, the wife of Sheriff Hufft of Laclede county, assisted the Springfield police in recapturing two men who broke jail at Lebanon. Mrs. Hufft led a posse that started in pursuit of the jail breakers in the absence of the jail breakers in the pursuit of her husband.

Vandalia Newspaper Sold.

B. F. Wilson sold his newspaper, the Vandalia Mail, to W. B. McIntyre of Caldwell, Kan. It is reported that the Mail will be independent in politics.

Telephone Saved Missourian.

Michael T. Grier, of Kansas City, narrowly escaped death in his room at the Ryan hotel in St. Paul, Minn., when he accidentally took an overdose of medicine containing chloroform. His condition was discovered when Dr. G. E. Routh entered his room in response to a call from Grier over the telephone.

Hannibal Wants Better Roads.

A movement for better roads in western Illinois and northeast Missouri is spreading rapidly to get hundreds of car owners in this part of the country to join the Hannibal Auto association. Its aim is to better the road conditions in this part of the state.

Warrensburg Bonds Sold.

The Fidelity Trust Company of Kansas City purchased Warrensburg street improvement and sewer bonds amounting to \$32,000. They are divided: \$30,000 for street improvement and \$2,000 for sewers and sanitation. All run twenty years and draw 5 per cent.

Interest in Navigation.

Much interest in the navigation of the Missouri river is being manifested in Lexington and business men desirous of providing a suitable landing for the boats are trying to have the sandbar at the levy removed.

Traveling Man Slugged.

J. F. League, a traveling salesman, lies in a precarious condition in a Springfield hospital as a result of being slugged by highwaymen. He was attacked on one of the principal residence streets and robbed of \$235.

Women's Progressive Club.

The National Women's Progressive club was organized at St. Joseph with Mrs. J. F. Curtis as chairman and organizer. More than 40 St. Joseph women became charter members, following a talk by Mrs. C. T. Porter.

Alumni Magazines Out.

The Missouri Alumni, the first magazine published by the University of Missouri alumni in several years has just been issued. The magazine is devoted almost entirely to news and articles about the university.

CALL OWL A FRIEND

Decision a Result of Expert Investigation.

Only One of the Feathered Tribe Works Harm—Barn Owl Has Almost Exclusive Diet of Rats and Mice.

Washington.—The whole owl family has likewise been arraigned by the biological survey court, rigorously tried and finally discharged with the exception of a single individual. The old horned owl of the forest is in reality an outlaw. He sits in the depths of the forest and broods. His wisdom and his brooding have caused him to become indyvidual and his rival has grown vindictive against his rival in wisdom, man. To avenge himself upon his rival, he makes haste to devastate whatever chicken roosts may lie in his path. Because of these depradations, many of the chickens are afterward found lying dead, long ago set about the annihilation of all these creatures of the twilight.

Uncle Sam's expert witnesses, have taken a great deal of pains in making out an exhaustive case with reference to the owl. The habits of the accused are in his pocket. With other birds aided in this work, as to the articles the owl devours, as to the articles of diet was reached after the examination of hundreds of stomachs or crops. The owl bolts its food without chewing and such portions of it as feathers, hair or bones are afterward made into a pellet in the stomach and belched up. These pellets may be picked up about the nest of the owl. An examination of them determines accurately just what the owl has been eating.

The scientists of the biological survey have become expert in determining what creature has been eaten through the recovery of but a small fragment of it. The thigh bone of a frog, for instance, is readily distinguished from that of a mouse. The grasshopper has a well-known and indigestible boot, and the number of these in the pellet of an owl indicates the number eaten at the most recent meal. Even such a soft and apparently digestible creature as the caterpillar has a jaw-bone that defies the smallest trite juices for a long time. The small bones of the frog and the bird of similar size are readily recognized by these experts, even after the outer layers have been crested off. Wonderful deductions are made by these men from material that would mean nothing to any other dozen men in the United States.

There is one family of owls that these scientists are under observation for years. They are of the barn owl variety. Their pellets were examined without end. It has been proven over and over again that their diet is almost entirely of mice and rats. They and their brood devour innumerable mice. A barn owl may be matched against a family of three score house cats and will win out as a rat and mouse destroyer. In its low fitting in the dusk it is ever after the destroyer of the crops of man. It is laboring in its interest and deserves his protection. Instead of which, death has been meted out by man to this, one of his best friends and servitors.

HOLDS 1-5 CENT 30 YEARS

Austrian Civil Court Calls on Heirs of Man to Withdraw This Deposit.

Vienna.—A lengthy notice appears in the Official Gazette, calling upon the heirs of the late Count Frans Faifly, who died on November 14, 1857, to withdraw a deposit from the treasury of the civil court of justice which has been lying there over 30 years. The sum is one heller—one-fifth of a cent. Unless withdrawn, under Austrian custom, it will be applied to paying off the national debt.

Deceived by Her Countryman.

New York.—Only four months here from Poland, Pauline Catum told the police of Milburn, N. J., that she had already had one experience with the perfidy of men in this country who propose marriage when they do not mean it.

The man who deceived her, she declares, is a countryman, Joseph Zmeraki. She expended about \$100 for wedding clothes, and now has learned that Zmeraki was joking.

Recorder McGee advised her to consult a lawyer.