

WATCHMAN MAKES VALUABLE FIND

Articles Lost Fifty Years Ago While On a Hunting Trip, Restored to Owners

WILL EXHIBIT TREASURE

Cards Have Names of Three Well Known Citizens of the Cape.

It has been but a few years since the progressive tendencies of the people of Southeast Missouri have been directed toward reclaiming their sunken lands, by installing immense drainage systems. Up to that time the wild waste of dismal swamp and gloomy wilderness formed a blur on the map of the great old state as appalling and exasperating to the minds of the native populace as any feeling of chagrin and dismay that ever arose in the thoughts of a careful housewife at the sight of a splotch of fresh paint or an overturned ink well on her favorites piece of fine linen.

Great rivers carrying immense volumes of water came down from the hills and poured their contents into this low lying territory. Thousands and thousands of acres lay submerged by a cankering, putrid mass of stagnant, murky liquid.

Serving no useful purpose, this great area formed an almost impenetrable retreat and breeding place for the most loathsome and repugnant of reptiles. Great poisonous snakes, alligators and gars, wriggled and squirmed, splashed and spluttered amongst the reeds and buck brush, while the conditions above and around were made hideous by the screeches and screams of strange and ferocious beasts and birds unknown to sections less wild.

Men whose actions had made them a menace to civilization sought refuge from the mighty arm of justice within the forbidding recesses of these uninviting haunts. Driven to desperation through unrelenting pursuit and determined effort to bring them to answer for their crimes, many hounded fugitives, as a last resort, sought safety in these disease laden, pest ridden precincts. Most of them met with fates even more tragic than could be conceived through the use of the hangman's noose or the pitiless bullets from the guns of an angry mob. Disease, grim and horrible, seized and destroyed most of those not fortunate enough to fall sudden victims of the wicked fangs of poison reptiles or the hungry jaws of savage beasts. The few who did escape were always glad to avoid a continuation of such terrifying hardships, and soon returned to pay the penalty and make amends for the legal infractions of which they had been guilty.

Directly adjacent and in close proximity to this great natural cess pool known as the "Old Field," parts of which even at this time are inaccessible, were to be found here and there slight ridges and elevations that stood above the ordinary stages of water with which the section generally was inundated throughout the year. On these hummocks and bumps were erected shacks which were occupied by hunters during the game seasons.

The stories told by some of these adventurers in relating their experiences while lost in this immense, bewildering waste of muddy jungle, were of such character as to create feelings of doubt in the minds of the most credulous and shake the steadiest nerves of the most fearless listeners.

For many years the old town of Cape Girardeau formed the base of supplies for the daring and dauntless trappers who saw fit to tempt fate each Fall and enter this gloomy little world of wilderness and despair, there to spend the dreary winter in the pursuit and capture of fur bearing animals with which the dense forests on the higher ground abounded. Every Spring when they returned to dispose of their season's catch, new experiences were related, and proofs of convincing and conclusive nature were produced to substantiate their claims. One man told in gruesome detail of a personal conflict with an enormous batlike bird that had attacked him when he ventured too far into the slushy mire, in an endeavor to secure a specimen of marsh corn which he stated grew in the most remote and swampy sections, the stalk often attaining a height of more than fifty feet. As evidence of the encounter, the end of his nose was missing and two entire fingers were gone from his right hand.

Since those days the Cape has developed into a thriving and modern city. Big lumber concerns have made deep inroads on the dense forests where access was possible by tram and steam railway. Systematic drainage service has been installed and

much land has been reclaimed for farming purposes. As this work of development has progressed much of the strange plant and animal life has disappeared. All that now remains of it exists in and about a few obscure sunken spots, the physical location of which renders impracticable any reclamation measures that could be undertaken.

The extensive dredging work now being conducted by the Little River Drainage District has reduced these scenes of wildness to extremely narrow confines, the only relics of undisturbed wilderness now remaining, being the townsite of Chaffee and a few scattered spots in what was originally the "Old Field."

A few days ago while employed in the undertaking of moving a frame structure from the West end of the Cape to a point about a mile South of the city, one of the men so engaged met with an experience that has served to revive old memories of things said to have transpired years ago in the then unexplored swamp regions.

It seems that having failed during the week to convey the house to its final destination, it fell the lot of one of the men to serve as watchman during Sunday, to see that none of the equipment was disturbed or stolen. It was an intensely warm morning, and while sitting quietly in the house he became drowsy and soon fell asleep. When he awakened his attention was immediately directed to what appeared to be the remains of an old, rusty, wornout, leather bellows, of the sort once commonly used by blacksmiths, lying in a crumpled condition in one corner of the room. Going over to investigate, he gave the apparently inanimate object a sharp kick, when to his surprise there appeared from the hidden folds a powerful looking outstretched neck which supported a most formidable head. The eyes were set deep in great, bony sockets, and gleamed a wicked glare of danger and defiance. The beak which appeared to be of a dark, horn-like material, opened and closed continually displaying a most dangerous looking set of saw teeth.

Like a flash, the creature, with a great expanse of outstretched wings, dashed against one of the walls, and as it fell backward to the floor, the long, curved, horn hooks with which every wing joint was supplied, penetrated the plastering and completely stripped the wall of every lath. Before the uncanny, unnamable thing could recover its balance the courageous watchman had secured a strong timber which he placed across its throat in an endeavor to reduce it to a state of helplessness. Lying outstretched on its back, the inner side of its great wings revealed a number of pockets of varying sizes some of which were equipped with flaps and horn buttons. In its struggles for freedom one of the flaps was released and from the pocket three cards were hurled to different parts of the room. There protruded from a pocket on the opposite wing the end of a long, slender ear of corn.

After a desperate struggle the strange specimen subsided and appeared to be completely conquered.

The lapse of effort was temporary, however, and served only to throw the would be captor off his guard. With a lightning, darting movement the reptile snatched the protruding ear of corn from the receptacle in which it was carried, and began crunching it in the powerful horned jaws. This operation was accompanied with a fearful, crackling sound, quickly followed by a deafening roar. The human antagonist was hurled with mighty force across the floor, where in his helplessness he saw the coveted prize escape through the door, rise high and sail southward with an apparent ease and lack of effort much resembling the movement of an immense sheet of metal roofing floating on the heated air from a burning building.

When the watchman awakened he found that during his sleep he had fallen from the stool on which he had been sitting, and was quite nervous from the experiences of his horrible nightmare. He was still greatly perplexed by the fact that when he had collected his senses he discovered that the floor was strewn with long, flint-like, transparent grains of pop corn, as well as the three cards which in his dream he had seen cast from the pocket of the mysterious combatant. Anxious to further his investigations, he carefully picked up the cards and the corn, placed them securely in his pocket and hastened homeward.

After relating his experiences and showing the proofs to his family, he concluded to ascertain whether or not the corn was of the popping variety. He accordingly placed the grains in a deep iron vessel, covered it with a heavy metal lid and set it on the kitchen stove. In a few seconds, when the heat had become effective, there occurred an explosion more powerful than if so many dynamite caps had been touched off. The great iron skillet was blown to fragments, and the top of the stove on which it sat was literally de-

EDISON'S DAUGHTER TO MARRY



Miss Madeline Edison, daughter of the famous inventor, and John Sloane, to whom she will be married on June 17 at the beautiful home of her father in Llewellyn Park, N. J. Mr. Sloane is a son of Dr. and Mrs. T. O'Connor Sloane of West Orange and conducts an aviation school at Bound Brook, N. J.

MANY PROMINENT MEN IN LINE-UP

All Ready for Base Ball Game Between the Merchants and Drummers

Our merchants are ready and waiting with every member of the team in excellent condition, for the scalps of the visiting Drummers who will challenge them on Friday afternoon at the Fair Grounds. With a line-up such as the local team has, it will be impossible for the outsiders to score a hit. The following well known gentlemen will be on hand to show ability in other ways than selling merchandise. D. A. Glenn, M. Bohnsack, Judge Hirsch, H. A. Nussbaum, C. W. Stehr, Fred Braun, Will Bergman, John Vandeven, Will Moore, Ed. Johnston, Martin Krueger, Al Mueller, Frank Lawler, Carl Umbeck, Louis Ische, Jr., Chris Freeman, Leon Bahn.

The line-up is as follows: Louis Ische, catcher. C. Freeman, pitcher. D. Glenn, first base. Bohnsack, second base. Chas. Stehr, third base. Al Mueller, short stop. Frank Lawler, left field. Nussbaum, center field. Leon Bahn, right field. Bob Lamkin and Sam Sherman will be ready as pinch-hitters. The boys have been practicing for weeks now, so there is some good ball expected. It was noticed that several hands were somewhat swollen, and eyes blackened from coming upon the ball too suddenly, but these marks of the novice have now disappeared and you can't even scratch 'em.

Although the windows and doors were shattered and the kitchen, generally, devastated, the frightened family escaped unharmed. The pop corn, resembling great snow balls, struck the walls and ceiling with such force as to be reduced to a powdered mass, not a single grain being saved from the disaster.

The cards, however, still remain intact, and have been identified by their original owners. The bore the respective names of Cyclone Myers, George Patton and Edward Messing. Investigation proves that these three gentlemen lost their cards and part of their clothes some fifty years ago while on a bear hunting expedition in the swamps near the "Old Field."

These restored articles of identification will be exhibited at the Drummers Convention which will be held in the Cape this week, and it is to be hoped that they will be the means of removing the feelings of skepticism which has heretofore prevailed in the minds of their fellow travelers, concerning their escape through the jungles of marsh corn when pursued by bat birds, pterodactyls and grizzly bears.

Envy, Green-Eyed Envy.
New York, June 2.—While admiring a cup he had just won in a "tango contest," Gustav Kurtz was "mussed up" by several rivals who thought the judges had made a poor decision.

Convicts Would Fight.
Sing Sing, N. Y., June 2.—One hundred and fifty convicts have asked to be pardoned on condition that they enlist and go to the front in case of war with Mexico.

French Cabinet to Resign.
Paris, June 2.—The French cabinet under the premiership of Gatsou Doumergue, has decided to resign.

NEW STORE ON SOUTH MAIN STREET

IS FAST NEARING COMPLETION

The Woolworth Co., who are soon to open a 5 and 10 cents store on Main street will be ready for business in about two weeks according to a statement made by F. C. Bair, manager of the branch. He states that they will carry a miscellaneous stock of hardware, dry goods, toilet articles and specialties, etc., which will include many articles not carried by the local stores.

This store will be something entirely new for Cape Girardeau. The number of this store is 711 which means there are 710 other stores of this kind in this country and Canada. The store should be a popular place to trade.

The headquarters of this syndicate of stores is located in the Woolworth building in New York City.

ARRESTED FOR THEFT, AND GIVEN FINE AND JAIL SENTENCE.

W. A. Jackson of Cape Girardeau who lives in a tent north of the Power house, was seen Friday taking a knife belonging to Clarence Henze and soldier belonging to G. W. Pollack, the plumber. Hunze and Pollack were doing some plumbing at the Frisco station. He was seen by Officer Stone, putting something into a surly standing on Main street, as he approached Jackson which latter developed to be the stolen articles.

Officer Stone arrested Jackson and being unable to give bond was placed in jail awaiting trial. The trial took place before Oren Wilson, Justice of the Peace, Saturday. He was found guilty and fined \$10 and sentenced to 30 days in jail.

VISITOR FROM ILLMO HAS AN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT.

Mr. W. Stephenson of Illmo rode to the Cape Monday evening in his auto. As he was driving north on Frederick street he turned east on Themis and in doing so made a slight collision with another car going in the opposite direction. Identity of the car could not be ascertained. No one was injured and only slight damage done to the cars.

LABOR'S DEMANDS FRIGHTEN

House Democrats Are Bombarded by Letters Asking Support for Bartlett Bill.

Washington, May 23.—Members of the house are receiving many demands from labor organizations to vote for the Bartlett bill, which proposes to exclude labor unions from the operation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

While the communications are framed in such a manner that direct threats are not apparent on the surface, they are being interpreted to mean that all the forces of organized labor will be used to defeat members who vote against the bill when it is offered as an amendment to the administration's anti-trust program.

Bank Short \$2,500,000.
Paris, May 29.—Two prominent Paris bankers, Baron Henri de Heuville and his nephew, Baron Robert de Henri de Heuville, who move in the best society, were arrested, charged with embezzlement. The alleged shortage in their accounts is estimated at from \$2,500,000 to \$3,000,000 with assets of \$600,000.

GEN. COSIO ROBELO



When the Mexican rebels gained control of Northern Mexico they began at once to divide up among the peons the lands that have been held by a few rich families. General Robelo was made head of the committee charged with the duty of making the partition.

REDCROSS MONEY BLESSED

IN NINE YEARS SOCIETY HAS EXPENDED \$14,000,000

Charity Claimed \$12,000,000 in 75 Disasters and Balance Fought Consumption.

(WNU News Service.)
Washington, June 2.—The American Red Cross has dispensed \$12,000,000 in charity in the last nine years. In this period, beginning in 1905, when the Red Cross was incorporated, there have been more than 75 disasters caused by earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, fires, floods, famine, mine explosions and wars in this and other countries.

Not included in the \$12,000,000 is \$1,800,000 raised by the sale of Red Cross stamps. This fund is used exclusively for the war against tuberculosis in this country.

In addition to extending relief to the needy in great calamities, the Red Cross continually fights tuberculosis, maintains a system of free nurses for the poor, looks after the safety of miners and has a volunteer life-saving force.

LOST BALLOON NOT FOUND

Siberian Officials Report That There is No Trace of Andre Expedition.

(WNU News Service.)
St. Petersburg, June 2.—The authorities at Yakutsk report that they know nothing of the alleged discovery of the remains of the balloon in which Prof. S. A. Andre made an attempt in 1897 to reach the North Pole and perished.

According to a previous report parts of the balloon were said to have been found in a forest in Eastern Siberia. The Russian government then instituted an investigation.

Dry Navy in 30 Days.

Washington, June 2.—Navy officers entered upon their last "wet" month. Just 30 days more and the "wine mess" on battleships and at navy yards will be a thing of the past, unless President Wilson annuls an order of Secretary of the Navy Daniels abolishing use of liquor in the navy, July 1. It is not believed the preal-tel will hold up the "dry" order.

EXAMINE ROCKEFELLER

State of Health is Subject of Inquiry As He Refuses to Testify.

(WNU News Service.)
Washington, May 29.—Plans for resumption of the Interstate Commerce commission's investigation of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad next Wednesday were begun by Chief Counsel Folk of the commission on his return from New York, where he consulted with counsel for J. P. Morgan & Co. about examination of that firm's books relating to New Haven matters. Four examiners of the commission are working on the books.

Whether J. P. Morgan would be called as a witness would depend, it was said, on results of the examination of the firm's books. Some of the men who may be called Wednesday include E. O. Robbins, general counsel for the New Haven, and these directors: Lawrence Minot and Morton F. Plant, and James Elton, Lewis Cass Ledyard and de Vere Warner. Francis H. McAdams, an examiner for the commission, has an engagement to interview William Rockefeller in Connecticut, to determine whether the aged financier is physically able to testify.

Becomes Citizen After 40 Years.

Norway, Kan., May 30.—C. J. Engbrotzen, a wealthy farmer who has lived in the United States for over 40 years, has just been granted full citizenship papers by Judge Hogan of the Twelfth Kansas district court.

REBELS MUST BE REPRESENTED

PRESIDENT INSISTS THAT CARRANZA'S REPRESENTATIVE PARTICIPATE IN PARLEY.

MEDIATORS DON'T WANT HIM

Embarrassing Situation Would Arise if Capital Should Be Captured After Program Is Decided Upon.

Niagara Falls, Ont., June 2.—Whether mediation proceedings are to continue with only the envoys of the United States and the Huerta government being heard, whether the Constitutionalists may be admitted, or whether negotiations may be further held by continued discussion on the subject of rebel representation is expected to be determined here.

Absolutely Deadlocked.

Since Friday all progress has been blocked. Under present conditions the A B C mediators believe negotiations should be continued with only the American and Huerta representatives participating. President Wilson and Secretary Bryan do not believe an agreement carrying all assurances of peace can be reached without the participation of Carranza. The extent to which this issue may be carried depends on the administration in Washington.

The Mexican envoys have not yet conferred with the mediators as to the point raised by the American commissioners. They are playing a waiting game, leaving the matter entirely in the hands of the mediators. If, however, in the conversation today the United States insist upon some way being found to admit the Carranzaist, then it is expected the mediators will communicate this information to the Mexicans and their views will be heard.

U. S. Might Be Embarrassed.

It is pointed out here that the United States might find itself in an embarrassing position should the mediators ignore Gen. Carranza. With the signing of the protocol, the responsibility of the mediators ends. Should Gen. Carranza capture Mexico City, however, and set up a provisional government of his own, the work of the peace conference might be completely undone. This government would be morally bound to support a provisional government agreed upon in the mediation proceedings, and assurances that the rebels also will be bound by the protocol also were made before negotiations are concluded.

PUBLIC OWNERSHIP COMING

Mellen Declares That It is Inevitable—Prejudice Against Scheme Will Vanish.

(WNU News Service.)
Boston, June 2.—Charles S. Mellen, former president of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, who recently told the interstate commerce commission the inside of the New Haven high finance, gave an interview in which he declared that public ownership of railroads was inevitable.

"The outcry against public ownership will vanish," he said, "when the opportunity for making profit out of concessions is gone." He asserted that the republic could not endure if men continue the accumulation of gigantic fortunes, "with all the power that goes with them, and all the class distinctions and arrogance and servility which follows."

"Men like Mr. Brandeis and Mr. Wilson," he said, "appear to believe that the development of the last 20 years increasing more and more the size of the business unit, has been unnatural, artificial and promoted by legislative partiality or by partiality in the enforcement of the law. They appear to believe that the law could give every body a square deal nature would abolish monopoly. Apparently, they deny the efficiency of the big unit."

Defends Col. Roosevelt.
"On the other hand, men like President Roosevelt and other vigorous men see in the history of our business development a natural tendency which must be recognized and dealt with, not by attempting to reverse the ordinances of nature, but by accepting the inevitable and adjusting themselves to it so that it may be most serviceable to the greatest number."

Three Poems Included.

Boston, Mass., June 2.—Supplementing his famous five-foot shelf of books, the reading of which he said would give anybody a liberal education, Dr. Charles W. Eliot, president emeritus of Harvard, has selected three poems which he says every child should know. They are: "The Village Blacksmith," by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow; "Abou ben Adhem," by Leigh Hunt, and "To a Water Pail," by William Cullen Bryant.

Five Killed in Engine Wreck.

Connellsville, Pa., June 2.—Five trainmen were killed and two injured perhaps fatally, when a passenger locomotive on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad was derailed at Cooks Mills, east of here.