

BRIDGE GIVES WAY

HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE PRECIPITATED INTO THE RIVER AT PORTLAND, OR.

THREE DROWNED, MANY INJURED

WHILE WATCHING AN ARMLESS MAN SWIM THE WILLAMETTE RIVER.

BRIDGE WAS OLD AND ROTTEN

HAD BEEN CONSIDERED UNSAFE ALTHOUGH IT WAS NOT CONDEMNED.

Portland, Or., Aug. 2.—While hundreds of people stood on the Morrison street bridge yesterday to see Clarence Lutz, an armless man, swim across the Willamette river, a section of the bridge collapsed, precipitating more than 100 people forty feet into the river. Minnie Raymond Lottie E. Cameron and Edward Shark were drowned, five persons are missing and eighty persons were injured. Many fell on two house boats moored to a pier immediately under the spot where it gave way. Several persons were injured by striking on house boats, while others were hit by falling timbers. Many fell from the roofs of the house boats into the water, where dozens of small boats and launches picked them up.

As Lutz was finishing his swim the crowd rushed to the south edge of the bridge in order to get a good view. A section of the

Footwalk Gave Way. Some struck on the house boats moored under the bridge, while others fell directly into the river, which is about fifteen feet deep at that point. Many fell between the house boats, forming a pile ten feet high of struggling men, women and children.

Dozens of boats at the scene soon picked up those struggling in the water, while the injured, who were clinging to the house boats, were taken into the club house of the Portland Rowing club and medical aid summoned.

Every ambulance in the city, several fire companies, and a large force of police arrived within a few minutes, and victims with broken arms and legs were hurried to the hospitals.

The bridge is an old wooden structure, having been built sixteen years ago, and has been considered unsafe for some time, although it was not condemned.

TRY TO GET GOV. TAYLOR.

Attempt Will Be Made to Have Him Returned to Kentucky.

New York, Aug. 2.—Col. T. C. Campbell, who has had charge of the prosecution of Goebel's alleged assassins and who for three years lived in the Kentucky mountains preparing the evidence against the conspirators, left New York yesterday for Frankfort, Ky., to obtain from Gov. Beckham a request to Gov. Durrin to deliver Taylor to Kentucky. In case the demand is refused a mandamus will be sought before the supreme court of the United States. Should one be granted and disobeyed, contempt proceedings will be begun. Mr. Campbell will also direct the prosecution of Caleb Powers, formerly secretary of state, whose trial will be commenced Monday.

LOYALISTS DISLIKE IT.

Proposed Honor to the Immortal George Brings a Protest.

Toronto, Ont., Aug. 2.—An agitation started by the national societies of the city is developing to influence the British government to prevent the erection of a statue of Gen. George Washington in St. Paul's cathedral. The United Empire Loyalists, whose forefathers left the states and settled in Canada at the time of the War of Independence are most active in the movement, and an effort will be made to have the Canadian government urge the home authorities not to permit the statue to be placed in St. Paul's.

AUTO BREAKS DOWN.

Congressman Goes Over the Dashboard and Falls Unconscious.

Springfield, Mass., Aug. 2.—Congressman Frederick H. Gillett narrowly escaped fatal injury while making a trip in his automobile with H. R. Dalton, from this city to Boston. While riding down Stony Hill road in Wilbraham the forward axle of the machine broke and the left rear wheel buckled. The occupants were thrown over the dashboard, Gillett striking on his head and being made unconscious. He will recover, although severely shaken and bruised. Dalton escaped with slight injuries.

Disappointed in Love.

Mobile, Ala., Aug. 2.—Edmund T. Sykes, a bookkeeper and well connected, committed suicide by shooting himself through the heart. Despondency over a love affair is rumored as the cause of the deed.

Injured in Railroad Accident.

Brazill, Ind., Aug. 2.—John H. Sullivan, a brakeman, and fourteen railway employees were injured yesterday in the derailment of a work train on the Chicago & Eastern Illinois railroad.

TRAIN RIDDLED WITH BULLETS.

Mob of 200 Men Makes Unsuccessful Attempt to Capture Negro Prisoners.

Huntington, W. Va., Aug. 2.—A Chesapeake & Ohio express train was held up by a mob of 200 men near Clifton Forge late last night and a desperate effort was made to take two negro prisoners from the train. Over a hundred shots were fired by the mob, and when the train reached Huntington, twenty bullets were buried in the woodwork of the smoking car and all the window glass had been shot out. Not a passenger on the train was injured. Engineer Peck, during the firing, had sat in his cab covered by revolvers. At last, when the main body of the mob had almost exhausted their supply of bullets, those who had been guarding the engineer left, going toward the smoking car, leaving Peck unguarded. As his former guards turned and ran toward the smoking car Peck pulled the throttle wide open and the train began to move. The mob, seeing the train things were taking, and fearing that they might be outdone in their efforts to get the prisoners, climbed on the platform of the cars and attempted to stop the train by turning the angle cock to the air hose, thereby applying the brakes. Not understanding the working of the brakes, however, they were unsuccessful, and as the train was under headway, they jumped from the moving cars and fired several farewell shots into the windows. The train did not stop until covington was reached, where the negroes were placed in jail. The negroes are from Lynchburg, Va., and are believed to be the men who seriously shot a white brakeman, Edward Hite, a few days ago while on an excursion train.

MOB INFLECTS DREAD PENALTY.

Nameless Operation Performed on Negro Ravisher.

Tampa, Fla., Aug. 2.—George Houston, a negro hackman who was caught by two policemen while assaulting Annie Groves, who is fourteen years old, was the victim of a mob in this city last night. Houston was being taken in a carriage from the police station to the county jail when the carriage was surrounded by a mob. The negro was put into another carriage and driven to the gun club grounds, a lonely spot just outside the city limits, where he was bound and submitted to a nameless surgical operation, performed by a leading member of the mob said to be a physician. The mob left the negro there, and some one reported his whereabouts to the police, who conveyed him to the colored hospital, where he was given surgical attention to prevent his bleeding to death. The police have evidence that Houston had been enticing the little girl to his room for several months. She is half-witted. The negroes are considerably worked up over the affair and are congregating in their section of the city but no serious trouble is apprehended.

MINERS' UNION IMPLICATED.

Damaging Evidence Found on Man Charged With Dynamiting.

Denver, Aug. 2.—Evidence that the Idaho Springs miners' union was implicated in the Idaho Springs dynamite plot has been found on the person of H. E. Gregory of the Georgetown union, now under arrest for threats to blow up the Sun and Moon mines power plant. Among his papers was a letter from Chandler, financial secretary of the Idaho Springs union, offering union funds and aid for the dynamiting of the plant. Other evidences incriminating the union officers and many members has been obtained by sweating Gregory and Bate, ex-president of the body, now in jail. Leading citizens of Idaho Springs have taken up sloughing and are constantly developing damaging evidence against the miners' union. As a consequence members are constantly being ordered out of town, and all trains and vehicles arriving are closely watched to see that evicted men do not return and to prevent officers of the Western Federation of Miners from entering the camp.

WEARY OF FRUITLESS SEARCH.

Desperadoes Still at Large and No Prospect of Their Capture.

Placerville, Cal., Aug. 2.—Twelve of the desperadoes who escaped from the Folsom penitentiary are still at large and developments indicate that the pursuing officers have become weary of their fruitless search. Following false clues through a rough country under a hot sun has exhausted both civilians and militia. Late yesterday Gov. Pardee issued an order withdrawing the Placerville company of the national guard from the chase, and reports have been received that many members of the sheriff's posse are returning to their homes. All traces of the outlaws appear to have been lost and the prospect of their capture is more remote than ever.

Outlook Not Good.

White Earth, Minn., Aug. 2.—The outlook for grain and hay is not very encouraging, the long continued dry spell having a tendency to cut down the yield far below the average.

Sardines Killed Them.

Burwell, Neb., Aug. 2.—The entire family of D. W. Ward, a merchant of Pallas, were poisoned by eating sardines. Mr. Ward and two children are dead and a third child is dying. Mrs. Ward will recover.

Three Tramps Killed.

Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 2.—The Santa Fe limited and an east-bound passenger train collided head-on yesterday near The Needles, Cal., killing three tramps and injuring several trainmen.

STATISTICS OF NIGHT HERONS.

They Are Sought by the Smithsonian Institution.

Eight hundred night herons are wandering free about the United States, each wearing on one leg an aluminum band inscribed "Smithsonian Institution" and a number. If any person shoots one of these birds he should write to Paul Bartsch, biologist of the Smithsonian, telling where it was and how large was the bird. The night heron is one of the most beautiful of the aquatic birds of America, but scientists know less about it than they are satisfied with. Last year Mr. Bartsch discovered several breeding places of these birds on the Potomac in the District of Columbia. Recently he visited the place with several assistants in the night and the 800 aluminum bands were fastened to the legs of as many young herons. Science is anxious to know how long the night heron lives, where it spends the winters and how much of the country it covers in its wanderings. It is believed that by the time a few of the numbered aluminum bands have been reported some of these facts will have been established to the satisfaction of the ornithologists. — Cleveland (O) Plain Dealer.

THE RAINFALL IN ENGLAND.

Cyclonic Disturbances Had Little Material Effect.

Fortunately for the south of England the cyclonic disturbances, which this year have been more than usually numerous, have kept fairly regularly to their normal track, says the London Chronicle. This course has taken them across Ireland and Scotland, and as a result the rainfall account in these two countries is now much ahead of the average. Scotland north has had an excess of nearly ten inches the surplusage in the west and east being nine and five inches respectively. Ireland has beaten the average by between five and six inches. The south of England has had but a trifle more than its usual allowance; the eastern counties, on the other hand, being nearly an inch short.

Advancement of Women.

At a meeting of the English Women's Liberal association a letter was read in which the daughter of George Meredith, the novelist, said: "My father, George Meredith, wishes me to say that it heartens him to see women banded together in union. What nature originally decreed men are but beginning to see—that they are fitted for most of the avenues open to energy, and by their entering upon active life they will no longer be open to the accusation men so frequently bring against them of their being narrow and craven. Much more he could say, but he has short time at his command."

A Good Place to Stop.

He really ought not to have gone into the Latin class that day. He was called up first, and read as far as he had prepared. Then he sketched on a little farther. This is the way it went: "I, Ulysses, saw her (Dido's) heavenly form advancing like a goddess in the sunlight. I sprang toward her, and she welcomed me. Her hair fell down upon her shoulders like the sunbeams on Olympus. Her eyes shone like two jewels of the sea. I threw my arms—my arms—about—about her—her neck—neck—and—about—that's as far as I got, professor." — Philadelphia Ledger.

The Butcher and His Hat.

"I always thought it paid to be polite until I got into this business," remarked a prosperous retail butcher, "but I find that it costs me about \$25 a year. My trade is with nice people, and when fashionable women come into the shop I have to tip my hat to them. A butcher's fingers are always more or less greasy from handling the meat, and in about a month a new hat is no longer fit to wear. Grease is about the only thing that won't come out of a derby, and I will be the hatter's best customer until the weather grows warm and I will be able to go bareheaded."

Production of Nitrate of Soda.

The annual report of the Nitrate Association of Chile, which controls the world's supply of nitrate of soda, shows the production in 1902 to have been 2,982,522.80 pounds from seventy-eight works. The nitrate beds are near the surface, and are worked as stone quarries. It is anticipated that the immense amount of nitrate the United States now gets from Chile for use in fertilizers will ultimately be supplied by factories making it by electrical process from the air, as is being done at Niagara Falls.

Etiquette of the Feud.

"There's just one thing, sah," observed Col. Gore of Kentucky, "in which we are away behind Turkey." "What's that?" Col. Bullet asked, quickly. "Well, sah, after a general killin' the porte always sends a polite note of apology to the survivors of the massacre. If we could only end our feuds in that way, sah—" "But we can't, sah," exclaimed Col. Bullet, excitedly, "for the simple reason, sah, that when one of our feuds ends nobody's left, sah, to apologize to!"

The World's Rarest Bird.

To find the rarest bird in existence you must go to the mountains between Anam and Laos, where there is a certain kind of pheasant. For many years its existence was known only by the fact that its longest and most splendid plume was in much request by mandarins for their headgear. A single skin is worth \$500, and the bird living would be priceless, for it soon dies in captivity.

His Momentary Lapse of Deference.

Cost Him High Position.

It does not pay to laugh at kings, at least in their presence. On several occasions where men have been given to levity before monarchs it has been amply proved that this is so. It was awkward for the confidential adviser of the czar of Russia, not long ago, that he was unable to control his impulse to smile. On the occasion in question the czar was tired and in an unpleasant frame of mind. His foot slipped on a wolf-skin mat. There was something so funny about it that the confidential adviser lost control of his features. That laugh at the wrong time cost him his high position and a salary of many thousands of dollars a year.

WASTE OF PUBLIC MONEY.

Example of the Incompetence of British Officials.

A somewhat curious waste of public money has just been brought to light by the report of the British Committee of Public Accounts. Recently the war department built a store for the ammunition of the navy at Gibraltar, costing £42,000, to be charged to navy votes. The store was found too damp to keep ammunition in; so it was converted into a cold meat storehouse for both army and navy. This was done at the expense of £47,000, including the cost of freezing machinery, etc., making a total expense of £89,000, of which the army pays only £23,000, although each department receives the same accommodation as the other.

Stamping Out Use of Opium.

When the Japanese took possession of Formosa they found there a population more or less addicted to the use of opium. It was decided to abolish the practice by degrees. Only those who have suffered from its effects to the extent that it occasions intense pain to deprive them of their pipe are now permitted, by a special warrant which they are obliged to procure, to continue the use thereof. To newly commence opium smoking is strictly forbidden, or even continue it unless it can be shown that abstinence is impossible. A government monopoly of the article was expressly established to facilitate the final extinction of the habit of using it.

In the Wrong Place.

A well known and popular physician, whose belief in the future accords with that of the late Col. Ingersoll, had occasion recently to perform a surgical operation upon a man not select in his language. After etherizing his patient the operation was successfully performed. When the effect of the ether had passed off, the subject, looking wildly around the room exclaimed: "Where am I?" The doctor replied, "Oat you are all right." "But," said the man, "I may be all right, but where am I?" The doctor answered jocularly, "In Heaven." The patient responded: "If that's so, I'd like to know what in — you are doing here!"

Recklessness of the Motorist.

That the motorist can not help reckless driving was maintained by a French savant in a recent meeting of scientists in Paris. The future steals on them. In getting out they intend to go at a moderate pace, but as they warm to the work they must rush on faster and faster. The flying landscape through which they tear forward produces the kind of giddiness which Arabs say takes hold of them in the fantasia. In this state, motorists would run down those nearest and dearest to them as unhesitatingly as though they were so many animals.

Is Richest Woman in World.

Mrs. Mary Louise B. Owen of New York has become the richest woman in the world through a decision of the California courts awarding her the title to 40,000 acres of land in Mexico valued at \$50,000,000. Her husband, Col. A. K. Owen, secured a grant of the land from the Mexican government in 1872. This grant has recently been affirmed by the Mexican courts, while a dispute between Mrs. Owen and rival claimants in this country has just been settled by the California supreme court in Mrs. Owen's favor.

The Hungry Lion.

A little boy was being shown a picture depicting a Roman arena, in which there were a number of Christian martyrs. A pack of lions were in the act of springing upon their victims. "It isn't fair," said the little fellow, excitedly. "No, my son," agreed his mother. "It isn't fair; all those big, hungry lions—" "But," interrupted the young hopeful, "there's one poor lion that hasn't got any Christian."

Will Be Credit to America.

Engene H. Lehman, the young Colorado college student, the first American to be awarded a Rhodes scholarship at Oxford, worked his way through Yale, where he got employment as a tutor at \$1 a day and wheeled an invalid in her chair for 25 cents an hour. His credentials showed a higher percentage than those submitted by twenty other students.

Morgan's Gold Dinner Service.

Pierpont Morgan has a gold dinner service, said to be worth \$80,000, which was presented to him by William H. Vanderbilt when he (Morgan) made an extensive sale of New York Central stock in Europe. It is a reproduction of a service in the British royal family, but the Morgans are not fond of display and seldom use it.

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WINTER IN EXTREME SOUTH.

Frightful Cold Experienced in the Antarctic Circle.

A sailor on the antarctic ship Discovery, whose commander, Capt. Scott, has approached nearer the south pole than any other explorer, writes as follows of his winter experiences: "We had 123 days without the sun, and 104 days' complete darkness. We went through it all gay. Lowest temperature registered, 58 degrees below zero. You do not feel the cold very much without the wind; then, with wind, look out! First your nose, then ears, then fingers go. We never go out alone on account of the heavy blizzards. Your companion will turn round and say: 'Your nose is gone.' It turns as white as this paper. You turn away from the wind and pull your mittens off to bring your nose around; by that time your fingers are gone, so it's no pleasure going out in a slight breeze. The blizzards are fearful. Mr. Bernacchi and the engineer went to a hut fifty yards away, and, though roped from hut to ship, were lost in a blizzard for two and three-quarter hours."

HAIRY AINOS OF JAPAN.

Peculiar People Whose Characters Be- lie Their Looks.

A traveler in Japan thus describes the hairy Ainos of that country: "The men are about the middle height, broad chested, broad shouldered; thick-set, very strongly built, the arms and feet large. The bodies and especially the limbs of many are covered with short, bristly hair. I have seen two boys whose backs are covered with fur as fine and soft as that of a cat. We were ferried over a river by an Aino completely covered with hair, which on his shoulders was wavy like that of a retriever and rendered clothing quite needless, either for covering or for warmth. A wavy black beard rippled nearly to his waist over his furry chest, and with his black locks hanging in masses over his shoulders he would have looked a thorough savage had it not been for the exceeding sweetness of his smile and eyes."

New Idea in Physiology.

It is possible that the school child may be quite as readily fatigued by inspiring the waste products of his fellows as by his own, and that the business man is more liable than the agricultural laborer to become run down, not so much because he works harder or more monotonously and therefore personally manufactures more waste products, but because his tissues are more liable to become saturated with the waste products of himself and others derived from the confined atmosphere in which he works. Excessive fatigue from a railway journey is likely to be noticed if the cars are crowded or ill ventilated.