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VERSAILLES, MISSOURI.

Let's hope business won't get the spring fever.

They will not tell the little Dutch wifness for a few days how important she is.

Massacres by religious fanatics surely have no place in this twentieth century.

Positively the newest thing in princess gowns is the little daughter of the queen of Holland.

By telephoning to Mars at a cost of \$10,000,000 a word, why not send the message "collect"?

Still, if Zelaya insists upon strop-oll, he won't have to pull very hard on the faucet to start it running.

No Hague peace conference this year, and look at the resulting confusion. Why not a continuous session?

Being an innocent bystander at a tariff-tinkering carouse is an expensive amusement for the ultimate consumer.

Over 80 per cent. of the children in New York schools are of foreign birth. Well, what sort of a finished product do these schools turn out?

Zelaya insists that he has assembled his army for peace purposes only. The peace-love, however, seems to have a hard time locating a roosting place.

Nor need it be trustfully believed that if we pay for the Panama canal as we go, the succeeding generations who enjoy it will render us any thanks for the service.

As the people of the east now begin to wonder what the price of summer ice will be, they think of all the big cakes they let go by in the rivers during the past few weeks.

It will be a misdemeanor hereafter in Utah to buy a ticket to a Sunday baseball game. Doubtless this will result in an overwhelming demand for more knot holes in the fence.

It grieves us to find that the Grid-iron club insists on rhyming "distinction" with "extinction." The Gridiron club deserves a severe roast from the Amalgamated Association of Poets.

If the state railroad commission would not enforce the provisions of the constitution, what reason is there to believe that it will enforce the provisions of an act of the legislature?

An English tourist criticizes American women for "wearing too many clothes." Did he expect to find them all going around dressed as though they were about to be presented at court?

Many cities continue to maintain and tolerate tinderbox areas. American cities have never taken adequate precautions to reduce the fire peril. The moral which is impressively disclosed by the Manchester conflagration has been disclosed many times before, but it has never been properly heeded.

Pittsburg has had grand opera and "Uncle Tom's Cabin" in one week. It is understood that there were great differences presented by the audiences in attendance at the two attractions. The people who went to grand opera wore much more costly clothes than were exhibited by the "Uncle Tommers."

A stalwart gentleman possessing no capital but a pair of soft brown eyes and an engaging manner boasts of the ease with which he infatuated a score or so of widows, gathered in their spare cash and jewelry, and flitted gayly to fresh fields and pastures new. This sort of thing is becoming painfully periodical and discourages life insurance. Our social reform friends might do worse than form a society for protection of poor, lone widows.

Whisky producers have renewed their fight for old-time labels, and have employed such eminent counsel as former Ambassador Choate and ex-Secretary Carlisle. Now we will have tried it all over again the question of what is whisky. Whatever the final official decision may be, one definition of the article is beyond doubt: It is something the less of which one drinks the better he is off, no matter whether the bottle bears the words "compound" or "imitation."

A Harvard professor says that for \$10,000,000 he can arrange apparatus by which communication can be had with Mars, and that he can complete the work in a few months. But who knows whether the people of Mars, if that planet is really inhabited by intelligent beings, will care to communicate with us? A community which has dwelt in proud isolation all these millions of years may object to any interruption of long standing peace and quiet, and hence may refuse to talk back.



NEXT WINTER'S FUR AND MILLINERY STYLES, A LA MOMBASA.

## ZEPPELIN MAKES RECORD FLIGHT

DIRIGIBLE BALLOON TRAVELS 456 MILES IN 22 HOURS WITHOUT LANDING.

### INVENTOR IN CHARGE OF SHIP

Starting From Friedrichshafen Balloon Goes to Bitterfeld Pausing at Various Cities Where Craft Maneuvers.

Berlin, Germany.—Count Zeppelin, whose remarkable performance in his first air ship, brought great honors to the inventor accomplished the most striking feat in his career. He guided his Zeppelin II from Friedrichshafen to Bitterfeld, a distance of more than 456 miles, without landing. The journey lasted nearly twenty-two hours and so far as known Count Zeppelin is still in the air on the return journey to Friedrichshafen. He has already beaten all records for dirigible balloons with the opportunity of greatly improving the performance.

Was Expected in Berlin  
It was announced and widely distributed in special editions of the newspapers that the count would come to Berlin and land at the Tempelhof parade ground. Hundreds of thousands gathered there in the afternoon. The emperor and empress, several of the princes and leading military officials and officers were present and towards evening searchlights were set to work in anticipation of the approach of the airship. Soldiers kept an enormous space clear until half past ten o'clock at night, when a dispatch from Bitterfeld announced that the airship was returning to the starting place at Friedrichshafen, which caused the most intense disappointment.

Count Zeppelin who personally was in charge of the airship, and whose hand was on the tiller during the greater part of the journey had not allowed a word to be made public relative to his intention to undertake an endurance trip.

Craft Awakens Bavarians.  
Early in the morning, the people of Treuchtlingen, a small city in central Bavaria were awakened by the noise of the propellers of the craft which was passing slowly.

At this place, the count dropped out a card divulging his intention to proceed farther north. This was the first occasion he had journeyed over Bavaria and his arrival an hour and a half later at Nuremberg, caused the greatest surprise to thousands of pleasure seekers, who were preparing for the holiday excursions.

### MOB LYNCH A SUBSTITUTE

Trouble Over Dog Results in Killing of Deputy Sheriff—Posse Mob Murderer's Brother.

Portland, Ark.—A posse of citizens lynched Joe Blakeley, a negro, brother of Sam Blakeley, who shot and killed Deputy Sheriff Cain near here. Unable to catch the alleged murderer of Cain, the posse lynched the brother after he declared that he intended to "get" Bud Harper, who had killed the Blakeley brothers' dog. Trouble over the dog resulted in Cain's death and the lynching followed.

### LOST LIFE TO SAVE YOUTH

Fremont, Neb., Deputy Sheriff is Pulled Under Moving Train by Insane Charge.

Fremont, Neb.—Frank Kent, a Fremont youth, died at the hospital here and Deputy Sheriff W. P. Condit is lying in the same hospital, with his left leg gone, as the result of a desperate struggle in which the deputy tried to prevent Kent from throwing himself under the wheels of a moving train. Kent had been adjudged insane and was being taken to the state hospital at Lincoln. The two were at the depot when the insane youth made a leap for the track on which a Northwestern train was moving.

The officer pulled him back but in the struggle both rolled under the wheels. Kent was terribly crushed and Condit's leg was severed at the ankle.

### AIRSHIP COMPANY FORMED

Detroit Corporation Plans to Build and Operate Craft—Capitalized at \$20,000.

Detroit.—To build, operate, lease machinery and other apparatus of airships is the purpose of the Standard Aviation Co., the incorporation papers of which were filed here.

It is declared the incorporators intend to carry on a full-fledged aerial navigation business for any who can afford it. The incorporators are: Orville W. Owen, Frederick W. Heminger, and J. Howard Pray. The company is capitalized at \$20,000, half paid in.

### Labor Leaders May Call Strike.

Baltimore, Md.—James W. O'Connell, president of the International Machinists' association, and the presidents of several other allied associations are considering plans to call a strike in all the machine shops of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad system, following the failure of efforts to settle the controversy between the men and the company over the introduction of the piece-work system.

### Booth Charged With Embezzlement.

San Francisco, Cal.—David Booth, under arrest here charged with passing bogus checks in El Paso, is also wanted at Memphis, Tenn., where he is accused of embezzling \$1,000. Booth was captured Tuesday night in company with George W. Taylor, charged with negotiating bogus checks in Los Angeles.

### Oklahoma Judge Acquitted.

Tecumseh, Okla.—District Judge W. N. Maben of Shawnee was acquitted of the charge of accepting bribes from gamblers and bootleggers.

### Fatal Fire on Coast Steamer.

Vancouver, B. C.—One man is dead and four perhaps fatally burned as the result of a fire on board the coasting freight steamer Coquitlam on her way through the Gulf of Georgia from this port. The fire started when second Engineer Black and Fireman Larson were alone in the engine room. Larson was burned to death and Black nearly lost his life trying to rescue him. Second Mate Watts was also badly injured and two Japanese firemen were burned.

## MAIL TRAINS ARE MOVED

GEORGIA RAILROAD STRIKE CRISIS IS AT HAND.

Terminal Company in Atlanta Now Involved in Negro Employee Argument.

Atlanta, Ga.—By order of the government authorities, trains carrying the mails, were sent out over the Georgia railroad. The personnel of the crews, although of intense interest to the people of the district through which the trains will travel, was not regarded as a matter of consequence to the authorities in their attempt to deliver the mails.

Whether negro firemen will be in the majority is not known, as no information on this subject has been given out. It is believed, however, that a great many blacks have been engaged to stoke the engines, as it has been almost impossible to procure white men to take the place of the strikers.

It is hoped by the authorities that mail trains will make their runs unmolested, but fears of complications are held by many. United States Commissioner of Labor Neill has notified the road that it must decide what stand it will take on a arbitration immediately.

The switchmen of the Georgia Joint Terminal company, which controls the tracks on which the Georgia railroad enters Atlanta, have complicated affairs by insisting that any agreement to arbitrate or any decision reached as the result of arbitration must include the Terminal company.

George E. Evans of the Louisville & Nashville, is expected here to confer with President Scott of the Georgia railroad.

## TO ABANDON ZION CITY

Will Colonize in British Columbia—Politicians Control Dowie's Town.

Chicago, Ill.—Zion City, founded by John Alexander Dowie, is to be abandoned by the devotees of the Christian Catholic Church and left to the secular world.

As a result of the recent municipal election there, in which the Dowieites were defeated and control of the town was taken over by politicians, representatives of the church have gone to Edmonton, Alberta, British Columbia, to complete the purchase of a tract from the Canadian Pacific railway on which to build a new city. The Dowieite colony may migrate to that section this summer.

Wilbur Glen Vollva, Dowie's successor as head of the church, plans to abandon the lace-making industry which Dowie founded and to convert his lacemakers into farmers.

## KILLS WIFE BY MISTAKE

Indianapolis Man, Thinking Woman is Burglar, Fires on Her With Fatal Results.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Mistaking her for a burglar, George W. Thompson shot and killed his wife. According to Thompson's story, he had retired early, leaving his wife downstairs sewing. Later, when she entered their room, she did not turn on the lights, but carried a lighted match.

Thompson, he said, awoke with a start. He thought the light was from a burglar's bull's-eye lantern, and, acting upon first impulse, pulled his revolver from under his pillow and fired twice at the form which followed the light.

### One Divorce to Four Weddings.

Los Angeles, Cal.—The first five months of 1909 show a strutting increase in the relative proportion of divorces to marriages in Los Angeles county, figures indicating that a divorce had been granted since January 1 for every four marriages. In 1908 the ratio was 1 to 6. In San Francisco it was 1 to 7. In the United States it was 1 to 12.

### Millionaire Kills Employee.

Lafayette, Ind.—Elias Ray, a millionaire land owner, has confessed that he was the cause of the death of Conrad Ortman, who died in the hospital here. Ray said Ortman attacked him with a stick. He said he picked up a longer stick and defended himself. He struck Ortman on the side of the head.

### Accused of Killing Man.

Cape Girardeau, Mo.—A farm hand named Ben Degenhard, was arrested at Wittenberg, north of this city, for killing his employer, Fritz Zehrl, a farmer in Illinois. They had an altercation concerning their work and Zehrl was struck over the head with a piece of plank.

### Nashville Gets Assembly.

Denver, Colo.—Nashville, Tenn., gets next year's Presbyterian general assembly. Chicago and Atlantic City had asked for the honor.

## TERRIFIC TORNADO

THIRTY-TWO ARE DEAD AND 100 ARE INJURED BY STORM AT ZEPHYR.

## MANY ARE EXPECTED TO DIE

Storm, Accompanied by Low Roaring Sound, Strikes Sleeping City—Ruins Burn in Wake of Storm.

Brownwood, Tex.—The task of relieving the cyclone sufferers at Zephyr is well under way. The work has been well organized by the people of Brownwood, who went to the scene on a special train as soon as news of the disaster was received.

The dead number 32 and the injured close to 100. Three are unaccounted for. Twenty-eight of the injured are reported in serious condition. The more seriously injured were taken to a hospital at Temple.

### Fires Follow Storm.

The tornado cut a wide path through the town, demolishing scores of buildings. Fires, started by lightning, made the destruction more complete.

The tornado was preceded by a hail-storm of unusual severity, the wind following a lull in the fall of hail, coming with a roar that caused sleeping citizens to awaken with a start.

They scrambled out of bed, only to be caught between the tottering walls of their homes. In a short time there were scenes of excitement and terror from end to end of the village.

Weeping women and children, clothed in the scantiest of attire, rushed about in the ruins, seeking loved ones from whom they had been separated, or looking for places of shelter from the merciless storm.

After the first momentary shock of the disaster had passed men, women and children who had escaped death or serious injury turned their attention toward rescuing the dead and dying from the ruins, which had become ignited and were burning fiercely.

This work, hampered by darkness and the limited number of able-bodied men, was necessarily slow, and it is feared some who escaped the wind's fury met a worse fate in the fire that followed.

A relief train left here for the scene as soon as the news was brought to this place by a railroad man on a handcar. It carried surgeons, food and clothing.

The storm, which formed half a mile southwest of Zephyr, swept into the air after sweeping along the ground for less than a mile. Its fury was the most terrible of any tornado ever experienced in this section.

A wide path was cut through the business and residence portion of the town and scores of buildings were demolished. Lightning started fires, which added to the horror. No effort was made to fight the flames, as care of the wounded demanded the attention of the survivors. One entire business block was burned.

A section hand rode a handcar to Brownwood and spread the alarm. In two hours the Santa Fe railroad was speeding a special train to the scene of the storm, with nine surgeons and a score of Brownwood citizens.

Scores of persons directly in the storm's path saved themselves by taking refuge in storm cellars. More than a dozen bodies were mutilated.

County Clerk Thad Cabler and wife and two children had gone to Zephyr to spend the night and were killed. The big stone school building and two churches were swept from the face of the earth. By daylight, 16 surgeons were working on the wounded.

The surgeons who formed the first party out of Brownwood found a desolate scene awaiting them. The hill-sides at Zephyr were covered with debris of all kinds and bodies of dead animals and human beings. The ruins were dimly lighted by the burning buildings, and the cries of the wounded rose above the sound of the elements, which threatened a second storm.

Brownwood, with organized relief work, has the situation well in hand. The storm was preceded by a low rumbling sound.

Santa Fe Fast Mail Wrecked, Topeka, Kas.—Santa Fe passenger train No. 9, westbound, known as the California Fast Mail, was wrecked at Peabody early Monday and H. C. Thompson, postal clerk, of Kansas City, was killed.

Dr. John W. Blischoff is Dead. Washington, D. C.—Dr. John W. Blischoff, the "blind organist of Washington," died here. His wife, a daughter, Mrs. Lucille Chester of New York, and a son, John E. Blischoff, of Denver, survive him.