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Purdue Students Laid Up As Result of Brutal Class Scrimmage.

KICKED IN THE STOMACH

Most of the Injuries Were Received In This Peculiarly Characteristic Form of Attack.

While None of the Cases Is Considered Fatal Several Are Quite Serious.

Lafayette, Ind., Sept. 19.—As the result of the tank scrap at Purdue in which about fifty members of both classes were so badly injured that they had to be carried from the field of battle by friends, four students are still confined to their beds. While none of the four cases is considered fatal, all are serious and demand medical attention. The four are Jacobs, sophomore; Earl Chandler, freshman; Haas, freshman; and McCoy, sophomore. Most of the injuries were received from kicks in the stomach, and no broken limbs, such as last year, were recorded. Considering the large size of the crowd the members of both classes escaped marvelously well from the melee. Others who were injured but are again out were Trumble, back wrenched; Wright, kicked in chest; McNeal, kicked in stomach; Lucas, kicked in stomach.

STATE'S HEAVY LOSS

A Hundred Thousand Dollar Fire In Michigan City Penitentiary.

Michigan City, Ind., Sept. 19.—Mystery surrounds the origin of a fire which broke out with a sudden flare in one of the chair factories at the northern prison and which destroyed two factories and the penitentiary store-rooms, causing a loss that is estimated at \$112,000, and for a time threatening the entire institution with destruction.

The flames were discovered in their incipientcy, but they spread with such rapidity that it seemed almost impossible to check them. Fortunately, however, the fire was confined to four buildings and their contents. The heaviest losers are J. S. Ford, Johnson & Co., manufacturers of chairs, whose losses will reach \$55,000, with \$45,000 insurance. The next heavy loser is the state, whose loss on buildings, cold storage plant, stores, prison supplies, machinery, etc., will reach \$50,000, with no insurance.

When the convicts learned of the fire loud shrieks were sent up from the cell-houses. The scene within the prison walls was one of intense excitement. Soon, however, the uproar was quieted when it was seen that the convicts were in no danger. In no way will the disaster necessitate any transfer of prisoners.

Passengers Escape Injury.

Colfax, Ind., Sept. 19.—Passenger Train No. 36 on the Vandalia, known as the World's Fair train, ran into an open switch at Colfax, and the engine was ditched. Fireman Elmer Warren of Logansport was caught under the engine tender and was badly scalded by the escaping steam before he could be rescued. Engineer Cook was thrown clear of the wreck and escaped with a few bruises. The baggage car and two of the passenger coaches left track, but, aside from a severe shaking up, the passengers escaped injury.

Experts Reveal Shortages.

Portland, Ind., Sept. 19.—Shortages aggregating \$19,0394 are charged against eleven Jay county officers and ex-officers by expert accountants who have been investigating the county books. The greater portion of these amounts constitute disputed fees, which will no doubt be contested in court. The officials named as short have employed all of the attorneys in the county.

Caught at the Crossing.

Thorntown, Ind., Sept. 19.—Mrs. Matilda Riley, eighty-three years old, was struck and instantly killed at the Bow street crossing by a Big Four train. Mrs. Riley, according to the story of witnesses, seemed to be running across the track and did not notice the approaching train, which was running at the rate of thirty-five miles an hour.

Probably Fatal Domestic Quarrel. Hagerstown, Ind., Sept. 19.—Mont Baily, during a quarrel, threw a teacup at his wife, striking her in the back of the head and inflicting a wound from which it is doubtful if she will recover. Baily is held in jail pending the result of his wife's injuries.

No Reason for Her Act.

Attica, Ind., Sept. 19.—While walking on the street with a friend, Miss Allie Swank, aged twenty-five, fell unconscious to the sidewalk, as the result of taking carbolic acid with suicidal intent. She died a few minutes later without giving a reason for her act.

Foot Caught in Frog.

Delphi, Ind., Sept. 19.—Roy Davis, son of Daniel Davis of this city, left here to visit friends in Chicago, and while there, in crossing a railway track, he caught his foot in a frog and was killed by a passing train. He was twenty-four years old.

FLOODS OF ORATORY

Republican State Committee Believes In a Speaking Campaign.

Indianapolis, Sept. 19.—Chairman C. C. Lyons of the speakers' bureau of the Republican state committee today gave out a long list of assignments for the next three or four weeks, and J. Frank Hanly's itinerary for the remainder of the campaign. It shows that Mr. Hanly is scheduled for forty-two more speeches. He will be busy every day and night except Sundays. He will probably make the most thorough speaking canvass of any candidate for governor in recent years. His campaign is to be closed at Lafayette the night before the election. Governor Durbin is to formally open his campaign at Seymour the night of the 30th of this month. Colonel William E. English will speak from the same platform. The governor made a brief speech at Anderson Saturday night in defense of his administration, which will be his policy throughout. His remarks seemed to please the Republican leaders, and he is expected to ably defend his own administration. Chairman Lyons' list included assignments for 205 meetings, which will be but half of what is to come, so it will be seen that the Republicans expect to conduct a most vigorous campaign. Among the famous men coming are Senator Allison, Senator Clapp, Seth Low, Secretary Shaw and Congressman Hepburn. By the first of next month the national committee will have a number of the stars headed for Indiana.

Alonzo Greene Smith of this city, former attorney general, who has long been one of the most interesting characters in Indiana politics, is out with the prediction that the Democrats will carry the state. It is a partisan prediction, of course, as Smith's Democracy is of the simon-pure variety. He has, however, been making an investigation of the conditions, and his opinion is entitled to consideration. He said today that he finds the Democratic organization further advanced than might be expected at this stage of the campaign, and that there is not the great disaffection among the Democrats of which the Republicans talk so much. He said there are two things that are favorable to the Democrats. The first and most important is that the business interests that insisted most strenuously on the election of McKinley are not losing any sleep over the probable outcome of the campaign. Four years ago he said many of the same business men who are now placid were going to their employes and demanding their votes for the Republican candidates. In addition to this element of strength Smith said that hundreds of Democrats are coming back into the party. He made the statement emphatically that the Republicans have reached a point where they are obliged to depend on the negro vote for their majority, and that they are worried about the negroes because many of the latter are alleging that the Republicans are merely making tools of them.

Equally interesting as Smith's prediction, but widely different, was one made today by Congressman Charles B. Landis of the Ninth district, who declared that the Republicans will carry every state north of the Mason and Dixon's line and probably two south of it. As for Indiana, he asserted that the Republicans will carry it by over 50,000 plurality and that there is probability of it reaching 60,000. He based his prediction on the personal popularity of President Roosevelt in Indiana, the great popularity of Bryan among the Democrats and their unwillingness to be led by the nose to vote for a new creed, and the superior organization of the Republicans. All of these things, he said, will count in bringing about the greatest Republican plurality in the history of the state. As for his own district, the Ninth, he said that it will give an increased Republican plurality.

The announcement made today that Senator Beveridge will reply to any questions that William Jennings Bryan may ask during his coming Indiana tour was received with much interest here. The Republican leaders are confident that Senator Beveridge is equal to the task. The Democrats, as a matter of course, are very confident that he can't hold much of a candle to the Nebraska orator. There has been considerable talk of replying to Bryan, and W. D. Bynum recently declared that he would meet Bryan in joint debate, but the announcement that Senator Beveridge is ready to reply is very pleasing to the Republicans. Much interest is manifested in the arrangements for the opening of the campaign here Thursday night, when Senator Beveridge is to make the principal address. It will be the occasion of the first big rally of the campaign here.

Ice Conditions Insurmountable. Tromsø, Norway, Sept. 19.—W. S. Champ, secretary to William Ziegler, and who was in charge of the relief expedition sent to search for the Arctic exploration steamer America, arrived here Sunday afternoon on board the steamer Frithjof. The Frithjof reached latitude 79 degrees 10 seconds north, but was unable to reach Franz Josef land. The ice conditions were insurmountable.

Will Test New Law. Corydon, Ind., Sept. 19.—Judge Cook of the circuit court holds that the legislative act providing that clerks and sheriffs shall receive full amount of salary whether sufficient fees are collected or not, is unconstitutional and void as far as it refers to ex-officials. An appeal has been taken.

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