

The Free Press

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PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA.

It may be true that radium will cure snake bite, but that's all.

Champion May Sutton is considerably above the California peach average.

It is only a case of introspection when a person sees no good in the world.

A Berlin professor says that hammering will cure a red nose. The best cure is to quit.

"E. H. Sothorn, the actor, is soon to have a book of verses published." Ch. well, he can afford it.

With 10-cent cotton, and water-melons going tunk! tunk! the south is just naturally happy.

There are too many people in this world who are in favor of the good, out opposed to its enforcement.

One of the evil results of the war for Japan is that it has shown her how easy it is for her to borrow money.

Rubbing the nose is, according to a German professor, a relief for hay fever. So is sneezing, but it doesn't seem to last.

One of the scientists says chickens propagate tuberculosis. It will be best, however, to keep on shutting the coop at night.

A New York woman left her husband because he gambled. She says his money is tainted. Her conclusion seems to be regular.

A summer in which a Newport society woman was not robbed of some enormously valuable jewels would not seem like the real thing.

Miss Abbie Tassart of California has killed seven bears and a mountain lion, but she candidly admits that she has never scrubbed the kitchen floor.

Both Germany and France claim to be victorious in the Moroccan affair. Wouldn't this be a splendid old world if all quarrels could end in that lovely way?

Juni Aho, the Finnish poet, has been granted a pension of \$750 a year. If he has any spunk that will hardly be enough to keep him from writing poetry.

A shortage in the Maine spruce gum crop is reported. Otherwise the affairs of the nation seem to be going as smoothly as could be expected at this time.

You can't persuade the fireworks men that the \$15,000,000 which it is estimated was spent for fireworks for the celebration of Independence day was misapplied.

The old bachelor who declared he would have nothing to do with women because they are deceiving and hard to see through lived before the days of the peekaboo waists.

The Pennsylvania judge who decided that a woman is the ruler of the kitchen wisely refrained from specifying whether he meant the mistress of the house or the hired girl.

Abdul Hamid, Sultan of Turkey, is reported to be in a critical condition. The case wouldn't be so bad if the sultan could only feel sure that the doctor wasn't trying to poison him.

There is no merchandise that awakens fairer fancies, starts lovelier dreams, or calls forth sweeter reminiscence, than a bunch of fishing poles in front of a grocery—Ohio State Journal.

The Massachusetts Supreme Court has decided that a man must be in good health when he takes out a policy. Hence the large number of men who are in the insurance business for their health.

The Chicago man who has advertised for a stenographer, requesting that she "state her age," will doubtless be surprised to learn that all lady stenographers are between the ages of 18 and 22.

Paul Morton has cut the salary of Gaze E. Tarbell's stenographer from \$12,000 to \$10,200 a year. Mr. Morton may as well be given to understand now that he will from this time on be regarded as real mean.

A London literary man has had the MSS of his latest book burned twice. It was a history of Venice, but he must have made it dreadful dry. He made four drafts of it, but evidently forgot to open the jamper.

The man who thinks it is inconsistent with his dignity ever to use a postal card will naturally feel depressed when he reads that 110,000,000 postal cards were shipped from the factory down in Maine during the month of June.

The crown prince of Portugal, who broke down while taking the queen and two young princes automobiling, has at last learned the great truth that the obstinate sparking plug fear not royalty, nor the leaky valve the headman.

The News

Of the Week

In the Capital.

Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Hays of Minnesota, in his cotton report, practically charges John Hyde, late statistician of the board of agriculture, with being a party to the leak which has created such a sensation.

It was definitely announced at the state department that the first meeting of the peace envoys will take place on Aug. 5 on board the Mayflower, off Oyster Bay. President Roosevelt will entertain the envoys at luncheon instead of a dinner, as was previously arranged.

Crimes.

Bigler Johnson was hanged at Towanda, Pa. The crime for which Johnson was hanged was the murder of his wife.

Norman Williams, who murdered Alma Nesbitt and her mother March 3, 1900, was hanged at the Wasco (Or.) county jail.

Daniel Ripley, former city detective and a nephew of former Chief of Police Joseph Kipley of Chicago, was taken to Joliet penitentiary to begin a sentence of fourteen years for the murder of Joseph Hopkins in a quarrel founded on jealousy over a woman.

As the result of a quarrel of long standing Charles E. Dodge, a brakeman employed on the Soo road at Gladstone, Mich., shot H. E. Hammer, also a Soo road employe, at that place. Several shots were fired, but only one bullet took effect, passing through the flesh of Hammer's thigh. His condition is not serious.

Emil Walz, undergoing a life sentence in the Marquette, Mich., prison for the murder of a Detroit boy, whose body was mutilated in a terrible manner, has committed suicide. The details of the deed are not ascertainable as yet, but the tragedy occurred in the penitentiary hospital, where Walz was receiving treatment.

Railroad switchkeys were found in the pockets of John McGraw of Cleveland, under arrest on a charge of opening a switch on the Cleveland, Akron & Columbus railroad at Barberton. With these keys he would be able to open switches on the Erie, the Baltimore & Ohio and the Pennsylvania lines. McGraw was formerly a railroad man.

State Senator F. O. Butt was arrested at Berrville, Ark., on a bench warrant from Little Rock charging him with bribery in connection with the bill appropriating \$800,000 for the completion of the new state capitol. The indictment alleges that Senator Butt paid \$100 and promised \$400 more to Senator R. A. Adams of Grant county for the latter's vote in favor of the bill.

United States Senator Mitchell, convicted of using his office of United States senator to further the law practice of the firm of Mitchell & Tanner of Portland, Ore., was sentenced to pay a fine of \$1,000 and six months penal servitude. Pending a review of the case by the supreme court of the United States, execution of the sentence will be deferred. In the meantime Mitchell will be placed under bail to the amount of \$2,000.

Foreign.

A nephew of Postmaster General Cortelyou is ill with yellow fever at Panama.

The British Medical society has accepted the invitation to meet at Toronto in 1906.

Dr. Juan Pablo Rojas Paul, president of Venezuela from Feb. 20, 1888, to Feb. 20, 1890, is dead.

French Minister of Marine Thompson has decided to send a squadron to visit the United States at the end of October.

American sculptor, Waldo Story of Boston, will make the statue of the late Sir William Harcourt, the first statue by an American sculptor to find a place in the house of commons.

The Russian Doukhobors are preparing for another large emigration to Canada. The community at Yakutsk is selling its property and preparing to leave in a body.

Jean Jacques Haege, the distinguished painter, died in Paris after a long illness. He held membership in the Institute of France and was a grand officer of the Legion of Honor.

Rear Admiral Rojestvensky has undergone a successful operation at Tokio. A wound on his forehead was opened and a small piece of bone was removed. His connection is considered satisfactory.

The American challenger Manchester defeated the Alexandra in the third races of the series at Douval, Quebec, and took the Seawanhaka cup, for which eight unsuccessful American and English challengers had previously raced.

Green and Gaynor have withdrawn their petition for leave to appeal to the privy council at London and the result of the habeas corpus proceedings which will come up before Judge Oulmet at Ottawa about Aug. 7, will settle the case.

One hundred and sixty leading merchants of Chikiang province, China, have informed the board of foreign affairs that they have subscribed money enough to build the Soochow-Hanchow-Ningpo railway without foreign assistance. They petition the board to cancel any concession to foreigners.

The shah of Persia, while stopping in Paris, suffered a brief fainting spell from the effect of the heat. The attack passed off without serious inconvenience.

An unsuccessful attempt to assassinate Abdul Hamid, sultan of Turkey, was made during the Selamluk at Constantinople. The sultan escaped injury, but many members of his suite were killed and injured.

Sir James C. Browne, author of various works on mental and nervous diseases, in an address before the public health congress in London, declared it was a good working hypothesis to regard the natural life of man as 100 years.

It is understood that Premier Bal four has decided to remain in office until the end of the session and to dissolve parliament in October. No authoritative statement, however, will be made until Monday, and in the interval this decision may be modified.

List of Casualties.

John Groce fell into a hidden cistern and was drowned at Chillicothe, Mo.

The Cedar Rapids Transfer company warehouse, filled with machinery and household goods, was destroyed by fire at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Loss, \$100,000; insurance half.

The list of Bennington dead is now 62, a Japanese mess attendant named E. Tacate and M. A. Metius, a pay clerk, having died. Metius was thought to have recovered, took a walk and collapsed.

The New York Central accommodation train No. 56 ran down nine track hands near Tribe's hill, N. Y., instantly killing six. The men were all Italians, members of a gang that was ballasting the track.

Three boys were killed and a number of others were severely injured by the collapse of a two-story cottage in Chicago. The building was being torn down, and the boys were gathering wood for use at their homes when the crash came.

Supt. Mossman of the East Helena smelter at Helena, Mont., while bathing in a lake was horrified on coming in contact with a corpse, which proved to be the body of John Neid, a former employe of the smelter, who quit his job on July 3. Nothing about the body indicated foul play.

Domestic.

Mrs. E. D. Rand, widow of millionaire Burlington, Ia., lumberman, died in Florence, Italy. She was the mother of Mrs. George D. Herron.

Chairman Morton of the Equitable announced that the pension of \$25,000 paid to Mrs. H. B. Hyde, widow of the founder, would probably be abolished.

The strike of the street railway employes in Bay City, Mich., started seven weeks ago, was ended when an adjustment of the matters in dispute was arranged.

Judge Noah W. Cheever, who has been prominent in the affairs of the national prohibition party, died suddenly of apoplexy at Ann Arbor, Mich. He was sixty-five years of age.

Eight prominent temperance women of Clay Center, Kan., smashed a saloon owned by John Peterson. With hatchets they broke open a barrel of whisky and several cases of beer.

Senator E. J. Burkett, of Lincoln, Neb., has received a letter from Secretary Loeb in which it was stated it is the president's intention to call a special session of congress on Nov. 11.

Insanity in Iowa is on the increase, according to the report just issued by the board of control. In three insane hospitals of the state the number of inmates has increased 200 since June, 1904.

Through a misdirected letter, Ross Holzmann, the broker, who disappeared from Cincinnati some time ago is now known to be in Panama. An effort will be made to locate him.

Col. Daniel Lamont, secretary of war during the second administration of President Cleveland, died suddenly at his home at Millbrook, Dutchess county, New York. Heart failure was the cause of death.

The Alabama State Baptist association has voted unanimously to accept \$25,000 offered by John D. Rockefeller toward building a science hall to Howard college at East Lake. There was not a word of protest amongst the hundreds of delegates against accepting the gift.

Judge Staples, in court at Stroudsburg, Pa., requested a witness to put on his coat before going on the witness stand. The judge expressed his regret for being compelled to make such a ruling during the hot spell, but maintained that the dignity of the court must not be lowered.

The official returns from the census of Hardin county, Iowa, show that while the population of the county has decreased since 1900 the towns have, with few exceptions, showed a good gain, thus following the prevailing returns throughout the state, which indicate that the rural population has fallen off.

It is semi-officially denied that the German government intends to establish a penal settlement in the Admiralty Islands or anywhere else in the South Seas.

KAISER EAGER FOR REVENGE

TRIED TO PLOT WITH CZAR TO OFFSET REBUFF FROM SCANDINAVIA.

HIS INTRIGUES THWARTED

FORESAW SEPARATION AND ASPIRED TO BE CALLED AS KINGMAKER.

PEACE OF EUROPE MENACED

BECAUSE KAISER'S CANDIDATE FOR NORWEGIAN THRONE WAS TURNED DOWN.

London, July 30. — Replying to a the highest authority that Emperor William's suddenly arranged meeting with the czar on the Baltic sea was planned as a set-off for the stinging rebuff he received when he sought to put Prince Albert of Schleswig-Holstein on the throne of Norway. He had hoped to get Danish influence for his candidate, who sprang from the Danish royal house, and thereby conciliate Denmark. He had also asked the king of Sweden's influence in favor of his nominee through the exertions of King Oscar's Danish connections. But the Norwegians declined to accept or even consider as a candidate any German prince, and neither Denmark or Sweden would assist.

Emperor William was then informed that Prince Charles of Denmark was favored by the king of Denmark, the king of Sweden and the prince's father-in-law, the king of England; that the Norwegian ministry had formally offered him the throne with an appanage of \$290,000, a palace at Christian and a steam yacht, both maintained at public expense; but that Prince Charles was holding off for the assent of the Swedish parliament, King Oscar's approval not being, in his opinion, or that of his advisers, a sufficient guarantee against possible trouble from Sweden. The Swedish ministry resigned this week because it would not ask parliament.

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The Kaiser has foreseen for years that Norway and Sweden would separate. Three years ago he greatly affronted King Oscar.

In conversation with him by referring to it as inevitable. For four years he has been cultivating both Swedish and Norwegian popularity, visiting their shores annually on his yacht and making himself generally agreeable with the obvious expectation that when the split should come he would be called in as umpire and kingmaker. But the Scandinavians entertain the profoundest distrust and dislike for the Kaiser, so all his blandishments were wasted. His chagrine and annoyance are correspondingly bitter, so at the moment his temper is a real peril to European peace. His hurried visit to Copenhagen is connected with this intrigue, but King Christian has notified him beforehand that he cannot offer to entertain him owing to his great age.

Adopt Referendum Plans. Christiania, July 30. — The special committee of the storting, to which was referred the government's proposal for a referendum on the dissolution of the union with Sweden, has unanimously decided to recommend the acceptance of the proposal.

The storting at last evening's session unanimously adopted the proposal, fixing Aug. 13 for the submission of the question to the people.

AUTO SCORCHING CHECKED.

Guards at Fort Sheridan Ordered to Stop Machines With Bullets.

Chicago, July 30. — As a result of the reckless manner in which some of the automobilists have been speeding through the Fort Sheridan reservation along the finely macadamized streets, the post authorities have put on extra guards, armed with Krag-Jorgensen rifles, to see that the machines do not run faster than five miles an hour. Every entrance to the fort is guarded. The guards have orders to shoot the tires of the machines if their orders to halt are not obeyed.

EMBARGO ON WAR NEWS.

English Newspapers May Be Restrained by Legislation.

London, July 30. — It is learned on question in the house of lords yesterday, the marquis of Linlithgow, secretary for Scotland, stated that the admiralty hoped to make representations in responsible newspaper quarters regarding the danger of the publication of news in war times or times of national emergency. If these representations failed, he said, legislation may become necessary.

FEVER DEATHS ON INCREASE

BUT MEN OF SCIENCE ARE CONFIDENT SITUATION IS WELL IN HAND.

POOR PEOPLE THE VICTIMS

FRIGHTENED ITALIANS SEEKING TO GET OUT OF PLAGUE CORDON.

SHOTGUN QUARANTINE IS ON

REVIVAL OF PANICKY FEELING OF SEVEN OR EIGHT YEARS AGO FEARED.

New Orleans, July 30. — Although the unofficial reports made public yesterday showed a larger number of deaths than Thursday, when there were only two, and the appearance of a number of new cases the men of science who are warring against the yellow fever plague ended the day's labors confident that the situation was well in hand, and with no immediate prospect of becoming alarming.

The official report of Thursday's progress of the disease shows that the entire section above Canal street was free from a single new case, and that the fever was only spreading in the poorer habitations of the downtown section, with

except in the heart of the French Market quarter. The health authorities continue to hold also that the plague remains an Italian infection, all but two of the twenty-six cases reported yesterday being of that nationality.

The state board of health met yesterday and finally ordered a quarantine of the state against the city. That action became necessary in order to protect all the points in the state outside of New Orleans from being quarantined by Alabama, Texas and Mississippi. In spite of all that is being done to reassure them, many of the Italians are still greatly frightened and desperately

Seeking to Get Out of the plague cordon. The superstitions among them feel that they are victims of a Divine visitation of wrath. In many cases they have abandoned their household effects and have slunk out of the infected territory.

The Mississippi authorities in justification of the severe quarantines which the state has established, say it became necessary because New Orleans people have been resorting to all sorts of methods to get into the state. In some cases they are charged with riding to the state line and disembarking and then quietly slipping over the line.

The Illinois Central has offered special trains to the Mississippi officials to enable them to enforce the quarantine regulations.

Shotgun Quarantine. Owing to the increasing number of local quarantines it is practically impossible to go twenty miles through Mississippi without a health certificate. Not only in Mississippi, but in Louisiana, the shotgun quarantine is again in evidence, and there is every indication of a revival of the panicky feeling of seven or eight years ago. Meantime New Orleans is sitting down with increasing faith in the mosquito theory and except for the quarantines and the news in the papers strangers arriving there would have no evidence of the prevalence of any unusual illness here.

Favors Strict Quarantine. Memphis, Tenn., July 30. — By a vote of 9 to 3, the executive council of Memphis went on record late yesterday as favoring a strict quarantine against New Orleans and other fever-infected points. The quarantine will become operative immediately.

Fined for Embalming Meat. Barron, Wis., July 30. — M. Genski, who runs the only meat market in Chetek, Wis., was fined \$25 and costs for preserving meat with boracic acid. The meat embalmed was pork sausage, a sample of which, after having made a trip of 300 miles to the state chemical office and back, which took about ten days, is said to have been as free from taint as if just made, it was so well preserved.

Three Young Women Drowned. Vancouver, Wash., July 30. — Miss Edna Fisher, Miss Lillian Zeigler and Miss May Zeigler, whose ages range from 16 to 28, were drowned in the Columbia river off Government island yesterday. They went in to bathe, got into deep water and perished in sight of two women companions, neither of whom could swim.

General Store Burns. Cokato, Minn., July 30. — Early yesterday morning the building owned by Isaac Nelmi of Calumet, Mich., and occupied by Mike Jokela as a general store, was damaged by fire. The loss will be about \$2,800; insurance \$400 on building and \$1,500 on stock.

Fairbanks to Help Soo Celebrate. Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., July 30. — Vice President Fairbanks last night wired that he will be present at the semi-centennial of the opening of St. Mary's canal.

JOHANN HOCH GETS REPRIEVE

CHICAGO BLUEBEARD IS SAVED FROM GALLOWS AT THE LAST MOMENT.

MONEY RAISED FOR APPEAL

ATTORNEY PUTS UP \$500 AND A WOMAN EXPRESSES WISH TO HELP.

HOCH NEVER GAVE UP HOPE

WAS OVERJOYED WHEN NOTIFIED THAT STAY HAD BEEN GRANTED.

Chicago, July 30. — Johann Hoch, "Bluebeard" and confessed bigamist, sentenced to be hanged yesterday for poisoning one of his wives, was yesterday afternoon granted a reprieve until Aug. 25 by Gov. Deneen. The stay of execution followed hours of anxiety on the part of Hoch, who had never given up hope, and was allowed by the governor only after the latter had been assured that the necessary sum to appeal the case had been raised. The amount, \$500, was given by an attorney and friend of Hoch's counsel. The attorney declared he was actuated purely by humanitarian motives.

An incident at the jail during the preparation for the execution was the appearance of a physician and a woman who told Jailer Whitman that they wanted to

Help in Hoch's Battle for life. They said they wished to raise funds for the condemned man and asked Jailer Whitman to delay the hanging as long as possible. Hoch's attorney, however, had already been in communication with the authorities respecting the stay of sentence.

All arrangements had been made for the execution yesterday, and in view of the action of Gov. Deneen Thursday in refusing a stay of execution and similar action by the state board of pardons, Hoch's chances for life were considered slight.

Hoch, even several hours before the time set for the hanging, was quite confident of executive clemency, although at times he seemed to despair of receiving a reprieve. Meanwhile, unknown to Hoch, the negotiations for the reprieve were progressing. It was noon and the delay up to this time

Inspired Hoch. He ate dinner, smoked a cigar and read. Half an hour later he received the news of his reprieve. He declared that he was the happiest man alive. The crowd about the jail sent up a shout that was heard for blocks. The prisoners joined in the demonstration and Hoch was almost overcome. Hoch said: "If the supreme court decides against me I am willing to die. I ask no mercy and no favor. I believe in the law, but I feel that if the supreme court has a chance to review the case it will result favorably to me."

Hoch's attorney announced that he would at once prepare to appeal the case.

YOUNG GIRL HEROINE.

Ruth Brock, Thirteen Years Old, Rescues Two Children From Death.

New Haven, July 30. — At the annual picnic of the Whitneyville Congregational church Sunday school at Double Beach, Helen Clark, aged 10, and Rachael Clark, 13, fell in the water and were carried out by a current. Ruth Brock, aged 13, saw the peril of her playmates, and, running to the shore, jumped in and swam to them. Helen had been down once and Rachael had sunk twice when Ruth grabbed them and tugged until both landed safely in shallow water, where strong hands took them ashore and revived them.

DIVINE BECOMES CARPENTER.

More Money in Building Barns Than in Saving Souls.

Norfolk, Neb., July 30. — J. W. DeMerritt of Hartington, Neb., has quit preaching and taken up the carpenter's trade. He says that there is more money in driving ten-penny nails into a substantial ranch barn than in trying to hit nails of truth and religion on the head in an abstract way before an audience that is unappreciative. He was formerly pastor of the Baptist church at Anoka, Neb., and before that was stationed at Battle Creek, Neb.

PLOTTED TO KILL SULTAN.

Dissatisfied Turks Made Kustenji, in Roumania, Headquarters.

Bucharest, Roumania, July 29. — A plot against the life of the sultan of Turkey has been discovered by the authorities at Kustenji. A search of houses occupied by Turks disclosed large quantities of revolvers, rifles, cartridges and compromising documents. The Roumanian officials subsequently discovered cases of rifles hidden in the hold of a Turkish steamer now in Kustenji.