

The Free Press

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NEWS OF WEEK SUMMARIZED

Digest of the News Worth Telling Condensed for the Busy Reader.

People Talked About.

Brig. Gen. A. W. Corliss, U. S. A., retired, died at his home in Denver. He was born in North Yarmouth, Me., in 1837.

Samuel Clemens (Mark Twain) is about to establish his permanent residence in his Connecticut home in Redding. Mr. Clemens' New York house is said to have been leased to a physician.

At the request of Bishop Burke of Albany, N. Y., the pope has appointed Rev. J. P. O'Connor rector of the cathedral at Albany, his domestic prelate, and Rev. J. A. Delaney, Bishop Burke's secretary, a private chamberlain to his holiness. Both are entitled to be called monsignors.

Dr. William Osler, who attracted world-wide attention by jocularly advocating the chloroforming of aged persons, has been made rector of Edinburgh university, Scotland. Dr. Osler is regius professor of medicine at Oxford university, to which post he went from Johns Hopkins university at Baltimore, where he still holds the honorary title of professor of medicine.

Accidental Happenings.

Phillip Lillenthal, manager of the Anglo-California bank of San Francisco, was killed in an automobile accident near that city.

By the explosion of a gasoline launch on Rainy lake, near Fort Francis, Moses Inelt, owner of a fishing fleet, and two fishermen in the boat were drowned.

By a fall down an elevator shaft at the Charles hotel at Mason City, Iowa, T. H. Barrett of Austin, Minn., a traveling man, was seriously injured. One man was burned to death, two women were seriously injured and several others more or less badly burned in a fire which destroyed the men's and women's buildings of the Philadelphia Cricket club.

The wool house and fertilizer plant of Armour & Co., in the Union stock yards at Chicago, were destroyed by fire. The buildings were seven-story brick structures, covering an entire block. The fire was the fiercest experience in the stock yards district in seven years. The damage was estimated at \$500,000.

Five deaths in one family, all within a short time, has nearly wiped out the Morgan family at Central, Mich. Mrs. Thomas Uren, aged seventy-six and blind, died yesterday. Granddaughter was burned to death by a lamp exploding; another granddaughter while hunting, and another granddaughter died after three days' illness.

Miss Florence Port, seventeen years of age, is dying as a result of injuries received in a gasoline stove fire at Wilton, Iowa. She passed the stove just as it exploded. Her garments took fire and, spattered with gasoline, they rapidly burned from her body, leaving her entirely nude. In this condition she ran into the street, tearing her hair and screaming.

Sins and Sinners.

Dock Watson of Hillsboro, Tex., shot a young man named Carl Morn and Miss Ethel Edahl, a telephone operator, and then shot himself. Both men died almost instantly and Miss Edahl is believed to be fatally wounded.

Carroll Hall, aged fourteen, of Danville, N. H., shot his sister, aged sixteen, with a shotgun. The charge entered the neck and death resulted almost instantly. Young Hall was arrested. He says he did not know the gun was loaded.

Arthur Jenkins, a naval clerk charged with having sent an obscene postal card to President Roosevelt, was committed to the Norfolk jail to await the signing of extradition papers for his removal to the federal jurisdiction of Connecticut.

Daniel Donohue of Oakland, Cal., the body of whose wife was found buried in Emeryville, and for whose alleged murder Gustave Arkell, alias Alstedt, is now in the city prison, was found dead at his home from the effects of a gunshot wound in his head. The officials declare it a case of suicide.

Julius Lipps, manager; Abe Wolf, secretary and treasurer of the Central Glass company of New Orleans, and John Eckert, an employee of that company, were indicted by the grand jury on the charge of arson in connection with a fire which about ten days ago burned over a portion of three blocks in the business section of New Orleans, causing a loss of \$1,300,000.

A woman about twenty-five years old, of refined appearance, walked into the Niagara river about thirty feet above Prospect Point and was swept over the falls. She left nothing to identify her.

Humbert de Giovanni, a young baker, shot and killed Mrs. Orest de Giovanni, his brother's wife, at Coney Island, New York, and then fired a bullet into his own head, which will probably cause death. Giovanni's fall was to persuade his sister-in-law to elope with him is said by the police to have been the cause.

LUNATICS SHOT DOWN LIKE WOLVES

Twelve Thousand Maniacs Set Adrift by Closing of Asylums Tramp Portugal.

GUILTY OF MANY MURDERS

Organized Parties Scour the Country and Every Suspected Lunatic Is Shot.

Lisbon, via Badajoz, Sept. 13.—With 12,000 lunatics, many of them of marked homicidal tendencies, wandering through the rural sections of Portugal, and with no protection against their depredations, bands of citizens are now engaged in one of the most brutal and revolting crusades ever known in a civilized country—the shooting down of the lunatics like wolves.

Orders have been sent out from Lisbon to stop the slaughter immediately, but the situation is so desperate that local authorities are disregarding their instructions and the butchery continues.

Lunatics Turned Loose.

The matter also has been aired in the cortes, but without resulting in even the suggestion of remedial steps.

There are 14,000 maniacs in Portugal, a larger proportion than is found in any other country, yet there are no asylums for their care except those supported by voluntary contributions. Owing to the frightful financial stringency, several of these asylums have been closed recently and their inmates turned loose upon the public.

These wandering and starving maniacs have been guilty of a number of murders, and the situation finally became so desperate that bands of vigilantes got to work.

Organized parties are scouring the country districts and every suspected lunatic found is shot down. Several cases are reported of perfectly sane men and women thus slain by mistake.

The hunt is so general, means of communication so poor and the censorship so strict, that an accurate estimate of the number of victims is impossible.

FRAUDS IN THE FISH TRUST.

Biggest Fish House in the World Falls.

Chicago, Sept. 13.—Startling developments following the failure of the biggest fish house in the world, the firm of A. Booth & Co., indicate that the simple receivership proceedings may uncover some gigantic frauds.

Chicago bankers were chaffy yesterday in discussing this new and sensational phase of the matter. All that they would say for publication was that the authorized statements of the company, used as a basis in asking loans, were a tissue of falsehood.

But this disclosure is qualified, the unique explanation being made that the heads of the great fish business did not themselves know that the balance sheet of the fish trust was packed with misleading items.

W. Vernon Booth, the president of A. Booth & Co.; Alfred E. Booth, his brother, who acted as president when W. Vernon Booth was absent, and Mrs. Gaylor, a married sister, held 60 per cent of the preferred stock of A. Booth & Co. and 50 per cent of the common. They were the first persons misled by the fictitious statement of the company's finances, and actually invested an additional \$800,000 in the preferred stock of the concern last October, when the shadow of impending failure was over the old fish house.

Several days ago auditors who had been put on the books of A. Booth & Co. at the demand of Eastern creditors discovered many alleged instances of fraud between the published statements of the company and the existing facts.

Each branch has been in the hands of a manager. These men have been paid a percentage on their gross sales. Certain of them are charged by the accountants with padding their sales to increase this percentage.

Much has been made of the disappearance of a certain million dollars loaned to the A. Booth company by the banks. This is an inaccuracy. The million dollars referred to is the \$800,000 paid in by the Booths themselves, and \$212,000 additional taken out of the business.

Minor stockholders of A. Booth & Co. are now organizing to get at the truth about this million dollars. The money was subscribed by the Booths, with an understanding that certain pressing indebtedness was to be paid.

But the million dollars, it is said, was diverted to other purposes. Just what those purposes were is what the banks are most anxious to find out.

Powers Defer Conference.

London, Sept. 13.—The conference to be held in this city between representatives of the powers of Europe for the discussion of laws governing maritime warfare has been postponed from Oct. 1 to Dec. 1.

Strong Box Unguarded.

Iron Mountain, Mich., Sept. 13.—The door of the strong box left unlocked, cash to the amount of \$400 disappeared from the safe in the grocery store of Edward Lindwall at Stambaugh. There is no clue.

FIRE FIEND AGAIN TERRORIZES RANGE

Hibbing in Imminent Peril as Result of Incendiary Work of Montenegrins.

PEOPLE PRAYING FOR RAIN

On All Sides Rage the Flames While Citizens Battle Unceasingly to Save Homes.

SEVERAL TOWNS IN DANGER

Foxboro Surrounded and Nashwauk Threatened—Immense Area of Timber Destroyed.

Hibbing, Minn., Sept. 12.—Tried with by the wind and fire, the range, despairing and rapidly losing hope, is praying for rain, while the raging fires creep about it on all sides. But there is no answer. Through the smoky air the sun, the size of a silver dollar, showed all day a dull, angry red, a blood red, sinister and relentless, doing away with the hope that clouds are gathering, for the range people know that but for the smoke the day would be bright and clear.

On all sides rage the flames, driven from one angle to another by the wind, but never dying out. Never are the long lines of battling men allowed to relax, for every hour brings new danger where it is least expected.

Montenegrins at It Again. Hibbing itself, threatened on two sides by fire, has fallen a victim to the Montenegrins.

A running fight between six Montenegrins and a band of soldiers in which fifty or more shots were exchanged, took place early yesterday morning. The Montenegrins, driven from hiding by hunger, stole into town looking for food. They were discovered by a sentry, who turned in the alarm and a corporal's guard hurried to the scene.

There was no parleying. The soldiers opened fire as soon as they got within range, the Montenegrins returning the shots. No one was injured on either side, the foreigners escaping in the darkness. They are believed to be a stray band separated from the rest Wednesday and unable to rejoin their comrades.

200 Rendered Homeless.

The French location, situated about half a mile west of Hibbing and consisting of a dozen houses occupied by Austrian miners, was fired shortly before 9 o'clock by a band of Montenegrins, who fled into the woods west of the settlement. The settlement was totally destroyed, with the exception of two houses. About 200 people were rendered homeless.

Miners returning from work saw the Montenegrins running through the woods and a few minutes later they saw the flames bearing down on the little settlement. It was impossible to save anything, although the Hibbing fire department went to the scene. Pine lines were tapped and streams of water thrown on the burning buildings, but to no purpose. The homeless families were brought to Hibbing, where they are being cared for.

Two Fires Near Hibbing.

Two other fires have broken out within one mile of Hibbing. One started in the west, back of the French settlement, and the other to the south. Both are advancing rapidly through the forest in the direction of Hibbing, but the wind has died down and if it does not rise again there is no immediate danger.

Several hundred men were sent out around Hibbing and are wetting the roofs of the outlying houses and the ground. Sparks carried by the wind are falling in showers within a quarter of a mile of the city, but so far have failed to reach the town.

No attempt has been made as yet to capture the Montenegrins, the citizens' entire attention being devoted to fighting the fire.

No Sleep in Hibbing.

Hibbing slept but little last night. The citizens were in the streets and on the hillsides watching the approach of the fire from the south and west. There was no thought of bed.

The fire whistle blowing wildly last night summoned the men to fight the fire. A long line stretching over two miles is now battling with the flames, laying pipe lines, starting back fires and making water ditches.

Considerable alarm was felt early in the evening owing to the breaching of the main water pipe leading from the pumping station. The break shut off the water supply of the town, but it was quickly repaired.

The fires, as they come through the forest, present a thrilling sight. The flames mount high in the air, while heavy clouds of red smoke hang over the city.

Flying Sparks Spread Fire.

Flying sparks have set fire to the forest in scores of places and everywhere the brushwood is like tinder. These are the conditions with which the people of the range have to contend, and while they have so far been off the flames from their villages, human endurance cannot stand the terrific strain much longer. At the mercy of the fire and wind, the range must have rain. Without it there is

no hope. On every side the whistles of the mining settlements are tooting frantically for help, and from one place to another hurry the exhausted men, to begin the battle over again. A place seemingly safe one hour is in grave danger the next, and still it does not rain.

Biwabik Safe at Present.

Around Biwabik the fires continue to burn with unabated fury, but the town is for the present safe. Nothing but an unusually strong wind can send the flames there. Several men are kept patrolling the neighborhood, and ample warning of the approach of the fires will be given.

The Iron Range engines are acting as a fire patrol all along the line, and a couple of the fire fighters spent a portion of the day fighting a nasty blaze at the Fayal location, near Eveleth.

Ceaseless Fight With Flames.

Forest fires swept down upon Nashwauk, twenty-two miles southwest of Hibbing, and the flames were within half a mile of the village when the wind died down and the advance of the conflagration was stopped. For forty-eight hours the 300 citizens of the Adriatic mine location, near Aurora, fifty miles north of Duluth, have been fighting a forest fire which has completely surrounded the settlement. The location is in danger of destruction if the wind does not change or lessen its velocity.

Surrounded by Fire.

Forest fires completely surround the village of Foxboro, twelve miles southwest of Duluth, in Douglas county, Wisconsin, and the citizens are battling with the flames, which are within a sixth of a mile of the town. Foxboro has 230 inhabitants, and the fate of the settlement is in doubt.

Reports from Two Harbors, Minn., indicate that vast forest fires are spreading throughout the northern portions of Cook and Lake counties, and that large areas of standing timber have been destroyed.

\$100,000 Loss at Washburn.

A block of business buildings at Washburn, Wis., were destroyed by fire at an early hour yesterday. Flames broke out in the Nelson hotel and razed that structure, three saunas, an ice house and two small buildings. The damage is estimated at \$100,000. Several firemen were awfully burned. The town was in darkness last night, as the wires leading from the power house to the town were burned.

Solid Wall of Fire 25 Miles Long.

Fort William, Ont., Sept. 12.—A solid wall of flames twenty-five miles in length is said to stretch from Grand Marais to Chicago bay, on the international boundary line. The Pigeon River Lumber company's camp at Chicago bay is said to be very anxious. The flames are devouring everything in the Whitefish valley. There is a bad fire at Silver Mountain and Gunflint. Two Pigeon river lumber camps on the international boundary have been destroyed. The fire in the Indian reserve is still burning, but the Indians have it in check.

THREE LOST IN FOREST FIRE.

Father and Two Sons Perish While Fighting for Their Home.

Calumet, Mich., Sept. 12.—After sending his wife and two small children to safety at a neighbor's half a mile away, Jacob Herneenemi, with his two older sons, respectively twelve and fourteen years old, met death Tuesday while trying to fight off the forest fires that swept their homestead near Otter River clear of every building and all the harvested crops.

RAINY RIVER FAIR CLOSSES.

First Meeting at Baudette is a Big Success.

Baudette, Minn., Sept. 12.—Yesterday terminated the Northern Beltrami county's first annual fair at Baudette. This was the first exhibit of the products of the Rainy river valley. Some of the exhibits, especially of grains, grasses and vegetables, would compare favorably with those at the state fair from other portions of the state.

BARN, STOCK AND HAY BURN.

Lightning Sets Two Fires on Wisconsin Farms.

Clear Lake, Wis., Sept. 12.—Lightning set fire to the hay stacks belonging to Nick Gemes, one mile north of town, Wednesday night, burning about thirty tons of hay. Lightning struck the barn of H. Johnson, four miles north of Amery, burning the barn and also some live stock.

BIG FLEET AT ALBANY.

West Australians Get Chance to See Real Navy.

Albany, West Australia, Sept. 12.—After a thirteen hundred mile voyage from Melbourne, the American battleships dropped anchor at 7 o'clock this morning off King Point, at the entrance to Princess Royal harbor, in King George's sound. Great crowds witnessed the coming of the fleet.

Whole Town in Danger.

New Hampton, Iowa, Sept. 12.—Fire practically destroyed the barn and contents adjoining the American Steam laundry in this city. But for the prompt work of the fire department an ugly conflagration must have resulted, as the neighborhood is filled with old wooden buildings.

Struck by Twilight Limited.

Hudson, Wis., Sept. 12.—Mrs. Le Fever of Afon, Minn., narrowly escaped being killed by the Omaha Twilight limited yesterday afternoon, just west of Hudson. The rig in which she was riding was struck and she was hurled several rods.

SENATOR LEADS LYNCHING MOB

Tennessee Solon Directs Work of Hanging Negro Who Cut White Woman's Throat.

URGED MOB ON; PROUD OF IT

Senator Sullivan Says He Don't Care What the Consequences May Be, He Will Stand Them.

Memphis, Tenn., Sept. 11.—A special from Oxford, Miss., quotes Former United States Senator W. V. Sullivan as follows, with reference to the lynching Tuesday night:

"I led the mob which lynched Nelse Patton, and I'm proud of it. I directed every movement of the mob, and I did everything I could to see that he was lynched."

"Cut a white woman's throat! And a negro! Of course I wanted him lynched."

"I saw his body dangling from a tree this morning and I'm glad of it."

"When I heard of the horrible crime I started to work immediately to get a mob. I did all I could to raise one. I was at the jail last night and I heard Judge Roane advise against lynching. I got up immediately after and urged the mob to lynch Patton."

Directs Work of Mob.

"I aroused the mob and directed them to storm the jail."

"I had my revolver, but did not use it. I gave it to a deputy sheriff and told him: 'Shoot Patton and shoot to kill.'"

"He used the revolver and shot. I suppose the bullets from my gun were some of those that killed the negro."

"I don't care what investigation is made or what are the consequences; I am willing to stand them."

"I wouldn't mind standing the consequences any time for lynching a man who cut a white woman's throat. I will lead a mob in such a case any time."

ILLINOIS REPUBLICANS MEET.

Speaker Cannon and Leslie M. Shaw Make Speeches.

Springfield, Ill., Sept. 11.—With two national figures in American politics present, Joseph G. Cannon and Leslie M. Shaw, both leaders in the councils of the Republican party, the Republicans of Illinois met here in state convention yesterday. Both of these gentlemen made stirring speeches and were vigorously applauded.

It was the first Republican state convention under the new primary law, and the business transacted was largely perfunctory. The selection of four trustees for the University of Illinois, the naming of presidential electors at large and the adoption of a platform was all of the business transacted.

STEAL BIG ROLL BY RUDE.

While One Man Talks to Postmaster Other Seizes \$250 and Both Flee.

Ottumwa, Ia., Sept. 11.—While one robber attracted the attention of Assistant Postmaster Frank Brown from the money order window in the post office at Bloomfield late yesterday afternoon another man grabbed up a bundle of currency, which contained \$250, and both men rushed from the building. A posse immediately started in pursuit. A man giving his name as James Brons was captured at Belknap, and a posse is hunting the country near by for the other. The officers received \$181 from the man arrested.

WOMAN BADLY BURNED.

Fruitless Effort to Rescue Live Stock From Burning Barn.

Appleton, Minn., Sept. 11.—Fire of unknown origin totally destroyed the large barn on the farm of O. B. Carlson, occupied by Andrew Domagella near here. Six horses, twenty hogs, besides hay, feed and farm implements belonging to Mr. Domagella were also burned, with no insurance Mrs. Domagella was badly burned trying to save the stock.

No Compromise With Strikers.

Montreal, Sept. 11.—Canadian Pacific railway officials emphatically deny reports emanating from Winnipeg that there is any likelihood of the company compromising with the striking mechanics. All such statements are declared to be fabrications.

Falls From Exploded Balloon.

New York, Sept. 11.—In view of 7,000 persons at the Richmond county fair, held at Dongan Mills, Staten Island, yesterday, William Coby, a youthful balloonist of Milwaukee, Wis., fell from an exploded balloon and was probably fatally injured.

Notorious Crooks Captured.

Huron, S. D., Sept. 11.—Plain clothes detectives in the employ of the state fair board succeeded in capturing two well known crooks. One is "Cone," charged with a Winona silk robbery. The other is "Jap," a notorious pickpocket.

Fell Down a Shaft.

Mason City, Iowa, Sept. 11.—By a fall down an elevator shaft at the Charles hotel yesterday, T. H. Barrett of Austin, Minn., a traveling man, was seriously injured.

SETS NEW MARK FOR AEROPLANES

Wright Breaks All Distance and Time Records for Heavier-Than-Air Machine.

SAILS AIR FOR OVER AN HOUR

Marks Beginning of New Era in Progress of Civilization—Officers Enthusiastic.

Washington, Sept. 11.—Orville Wright, in three phenomenal flights at Fort Myer yesterday established new aeroplane records that not only assure the success of the official trial before the army board, but indicate that aerial flight is now only a matter of development. War on land and sea will find in the aeroplane, it is now conceded by military men, a valuable means of reconnaissance and possibly carnage.

Two flights of approximately one hour each, another flight in which two men were whirled through the air for upwards of six minutes were the achievements of the Wright brothers' aeroplane yesterday. That these flights, record-breaking as they were, will even be surpassed by Orville Wright during his trials at Fort Myer is confidently predicted.

History Is Made.

The first flight, made yesterday morning, in which the machine circled the drill grounds at the fort fifty-seven times in fifty-seven minutes and thirty-one seconds, was surpassed last evening, when a flight of sixty-two minutes and fifteen seconds was made.

Not satisfied with breaking all distance and time records for a heavier-than-air flying machine, Mr. Wright took Lieut. Frank P. Lahm, the aeronaut of the signal corps, for a spin around the drill grounds and made a new record for a two-man flight. All this happened so quickly and unostentatiously that the spectators, among whom were members of the cabinet and high officers of the army and navy, could hardly realize that history had been made that a new era in the progress of the civilized world was begun.

Makes Thirty-seven Miles an Hour.

In the first flight last evening the aeroplane circled the field fifty-five times, at an estimated speed of thirty-seven miles an hour. The power was not fully turned on in any of the flights. It is estimated that a distance of 38.55 miles was covered in the longest flight.

"Wonderful!" "Remarkable!" "Extraordinary!" were the words used by the officers present when they were asked what they thought of the flights made yesterday by Mr. Wright.

TWO KILLED BY BULLS.

An Eleven-year-old Daughter Braves Death in Vain Effort to Save.

Jordan, Minn., Sept. 11.—Two men were trampled to death by bulls in this county yesterday. Ignatz Market, a land owner and farmer, and Frank Hieble, a farm hand, only a few years over from Germany, were the victims.

Displaying the most intrepid bravery and rare presence of mind, the eleven-year-old daughter of Market attacked the bull when it was beating the life out of her father with its horns and hoofs. Distracted for a moment from his victim on the ground, the bull charged the girl and, catching her on his horns, threw her a distance of a rod or more. Strange to say, she was not injured.

SCHOONER LOST IN STORM.

Cables Part and Lucile Is Driven to Pieces Off Coast of Alaska.

San Francisco, Sept. 11.—The steamer Lehua reports the wreck on Aug. 19 of the American ship Lucile, having on board 39,300 cases of salmon and 1,200 barrels of salt salmon. She parted her mooring in Bristol bay, lost both her anchors with their chains and went ashore on a sand spit, at the mouth of the Nashagak river. Within twelve hours her masts went overboard and the ship and cargo became a total loss. She had on board 168 men, all of whom reached the shore in safety.

RAISE EMBARGO ON "DR" TILL.

Plaster Specialist Is Freed by Immigration Officials.

New Richmond, Wis., Sept. 11.—The federal immigration authorities in New York have raised their embargo on "Doctor" John Till, the famous plaster specialist of Somerset, and he passed through this city last evening en route to Almena, Wis., where he will spend a few days with his sister, visiting and resting up, before returning to his practice in Somerset.

Gets Head Cut on Saw.

Finlayson, Minn., Sept. 11.—John Heines was badly cut about the head by a circular saw yesterday in a mill three miles north of here. He was brought to a local hospital, where he is in a critical condition.

Horse Kicks Boy's Eye Out.

Watertown, S. D., Sept. 11.—As the result of being kicked by a horse, Albert Kettelson, residing in the west end of the county, lost an eye. When the eye was removed it was found to be split in two.