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SUMMARY OF A WEEK'S HAPPENINGS.

Robert J. Patchen a Mile in 3:03 1-8, Beating the World's Record—Horrible Fire at Kester's Crossing—Corbett Will Fight if Jackson Meets Business—Fool Meominated in Wisconsin.

SMASHED AGAIN.

Robert J. Makes a New Record at Indiana.

Indianaapolis now holds the world's pacemaking record. Robert J. made the second heat in his match with Joe Patchen for \$5,000 in two minutes, two and a half seconds, being the fastest mile ever paced. The three heats averaged in speed, two, three and two-thirds seconds, making them the fastest three heats ever paced. The pace by quarters of the second mile was as follows: 30.1, 10.1, 10.9, 2.6. In this heat Joe Patchen went like the wind and for ever. Robert J. to make a pace of speed almost at the wire that was phenomenal. Col. Taylor of St. Louis, the owner of the black stallion, had said before the race if the gelding won he would have to beat his time at Fort Wayne, which was 2:03. The black came in behind the wire exactly in time. In the first heat he had made the mile in 2:04 fast. The fast pacers scored for the world at 4:03 o'clock, with the track in the pink of condition. Joe Patchen had the pole. They scored once without getting the word, but at the second time they went away with Patchen a little in the lead. Robert J. started at Starter Walker's "Go" and up the track the Driven Gears showed him masterly, and in quickly throwing the son of Hartford into his stride by pulling him to the outside of the track. He was then six lengths behind, but he settled down to win the heat. Patchen went the eighth of a mile in sixteen seconds and was still six lengths ahead at the quarter. Jack Curran was driving throughout the race, and the world's record for the black when he passed the half far in the lead. But the gelding was gaining and in the third quarter was nearly at his side. Down the home stretch Patchen still held the lead until the last furlong when the gelding made one of those spurts that not even the best use of the whip could make Patchen hold off. There was great excitement when it was found that the time of the heat made it up to then the fastest ever paced in a race. The enthusiasm knew no bounds when the next heat showed up with its second and a quarter faster time. In this heat Patchen seemed a winner until almost under the wire when Robert J. forged a step ahead. Once again the black was going, but was plain the black was going, his fastest. The performance, however, was so satisfactory to the crowd that both horses and their drivers, their owners and the driving club were give three cheers. The third heat began with a beautiful even start, but the gelding began at the quarter and both lengths ahead, and settled down and came in a race without seeming to be pushed to his utmost. His winning spurts in the last furlong caused tumultuous cheers. The time by quarters for the three heats was:

First heat—31.1, 10.2, 13.4, 2:03.

Second—30.1, 10.1, 13.4, 2:02.

Third—30.1, 10.1, 13.4, 2:04.

Average—2:03.

A Horrible Fire.

Brumfield (Ind) special: The section men of the Lake Shore found the scattered remains of a man near Kester's private crossing, a short distance from this place. The remains were gathered together and brought to the station here by Section Foreman James Loy and men, where Coroner Seymour and his attendants. By paper found in the pockets of the dead man's clothing, his name was found to be Frank Hathaway, whose home was at Chicago. His age was about 40 years. It was a most ghastly find, and one that the section men will never remember with horror. Excepting the head and shoulders, the body was literally ground into a pulp.

Still Talking.

J. M. Kennedy, assistant manager for Champion Jockey J. Corbett, is now in Washington. In speaking of Corbett he said: "Champion Jim never looked better in his life than at present. His recent trip was one continuous ovation for him, and made many and lasting friends. I saw him in New York just before I left for this city, and he said then his affair with Peter Jackson would be brought off all right if Jackson was really meant business."

Died from a Shock.

Judge Matthew Scott was dying along the creek at Cynthiawille, Ind., when he lost his footing and fell into a deep pool. His utterances brought assistance and he was rescued, but the shock was too great and he died two hours later. Judge Scott was nearly 80 years of age and a very prominent citizen.

Four Hundred Persons Find Work.

Four hundred persons were given work by the starting of the C. H. Over window glass works and the Muncie flint glass works at Muncie, Ind.

Beds enough of Congress.

Paul J. Sorg of Ohio, the richest member of the House of Representatives, has declined to run again, and so notified his constituents.

Regimental Reunion Postponed.

The reunion of the Forty-fourth Indiana Regimental Association, which was set for the 27th instant, at Waterloo, has been postponed to an earlier date next year because of the hard times.

Peek Renominated.

On the third ballot at the Democratic State Convention of Wisconsin, Governor George W. Peck was renominated, receiving 186 votes to 55 for John Hunner and 119 for John Winans.

Found All the Officials Corrupt.

The Grand Jury, which has been investigating the corruption in the New Orleans City Hall, has submitted a voluminous report showing that all the council and city officials were interested in all public contracts, and that honest bidders were excluded. They also scored the Illinois Central Railroad for grabbing public streets and laying tracks on them.

As Much as Seven.

Three inches of rain fall between 8 o'clock and midnight in Chicago Monday night—an inch an hour—the greatest precipitation, period of duration considered, ever put on record by Chicago weather office. There have been longer storms and storms that did far more damage, but this visitation was the most energetic seen in twenty-five years in the city.

Reign of Terror at Seneca Falls.

A reign of terror has prevailed in Seneca Falls, N. Y., for some time, owing to the incendiary fires. Many timid people were compelled to stay at home, they might be burned to death. The authorities have employed every means to trap the fire bugs, but without success.

Murder Suspects Set at Liberty.

The six men who, two weeks ago, were arrested at Sedan, Kan., charged with complicity in the famous murder in 1860 of John S. Frasier, a heavy stock dealer, have been set at liberty, for lack of evidence.

PERISH IN FLAMES.

Hundreds Lose Their Lives in Forest Fires.

HEDGED IN BY FIRE.

Nineteen Towns in Three States Wiped Out.

Victims Drop in the Streets, or Flee to the Woods Only to Die by Suffocation or Flame—Train Run Over Burning Trees Trembling Trestles, and Warping Rails—Not a Vestige of Hinckley Remains—Hand of Charity Quietly at Work but Blinded by Broken Communications.

The forest fires in Minnesota and Wisconsin are something terrible. A wild district has been swept by fire that came almost as suddenly as a cyclone, a dozen or more cities and towns have been destroyed, hundreds of lives have been lost and thousands of people have been made homeless. The details of the calamity are simply appalling and the story of disaster told in the dispatches is almost without precedent in the record of thrilling and horrible incidents. In addition to the loss of life and the destruction of homes and establishments representing business activity, wide stretches of valuable timber have been destroyed and the losses will be counted by millions. The story of the struggle, fight and death or narrow escape of thousands of people in the fire-swept district in Minnesota and Wisconsin is not to be stayed by man's ingenuity. In the old prairie fires measures could be taken to turn the tide of destruction, but before the fierce blazes of the forest, man stands as helpless as before the action of a cyclone or a flood. Railway trestles are overtaken, whole towns swept out of existence, isolated homes by the score or hundred burned, leaving no trace of those who occupied them, and a wide extent of country blackened to a desert. This is the story in the wake of the fires in Minnesota and Wisconsin.

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