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Coolness in Facing Accidents.
Indignation over the terrible mining calamities which closed the year 1907 seems to have been justified by the reports of the officers engaged in investigating the causes of mine explosions. Reckless exposure of lives has been proved, although perhaps the actual shortcoming on the part of employee or employer which caused any particular accident has not been pointed out. Any one of many faulty conditions may have started or contributed to the horror.

In the case of a fire calamity like that of the Boyertown Opera House the original cause cannot be charged with responsibility for the whole lamentable history of the night. We play with edged tools and handle fire continually in our rapid way of living. Danger lies in not being prepared for the possible. Recently a large public school took fire and was emptied of pupils without accident, because the teachers and elder scholars had been trained to look for a contingency of the kind and thoroughly drilled for the exciting occasion. There was no panic. Spectators at a show are usually not in a condition for cool action. They are excited with the pleasure of the spectacle. But there might be a number of cool heads scattered through the house to watch for accidents and not be lost in the play. Being cool themselves, their calm tones would do much to restore confidence, and it would be possible to prevent adding to the horror of the fire by trampling to death the helpless and weak, who but for the madness of the hour might escape. There is always danger in crowds, and every crowd should have monitors on duty, ready for any emergency.

The Atlantic Bridge.
Last year about 3,000,000 passengers crossed the Atlantic, between European and American ports chiefly. This was an increase of 1,000,000 over 1906, which was the record year up to that date. With this stream of humanity constantly increasing and ever in motion between the shores, the time of passage less than five days and a three day ship in sight, the Atlantic ocean is bridged to all intents and purposes. The rate of speed already attained beats that made by a roadster and equals that of the average railway passenger train when long distance trips are made.

And the owners of this bridge will work to maintain and improve its capacity. It is not probable that steamship owners are more alarmed over the possible rivalry of the airship than the cable men are about wireless competition. There is now enough competition right in the field to keep alive the spirit of progress. At the present rate of progress an ocean liner becomes obsolete in ten years. Speed is not the only requisite for the ship which forms a link in the modern Atlantic bridge of boats. Comfort and the safety of the passengers are more important than they were in the old days. People traveling upon urgent business will put up with a good deal. Voyagers for pleasure demand pleasure all along the line. It has come to pass that any one who has the price may depend upon a swift and comfortable passage between the new world and the old. The bridge is never closed for repairs.

A King's Big Job.

It is said that King Edward of England wishes to have it understood that he is no mere figurehead, but a real king on the throne. Recently a sensation was created by the publication of the letters of the late Queen Victoria, and it is found that these letters have been purposely arranged so as to show the great influence of the throne in guiding the foreign relations of the British empire for the past fifty years. England lives under a constitution, and the people look to parliament on all domestic questions. But with her

over the world, Great Britain's foreign affairs are of vital moment in the life of the nation. King Edward seems to insist upon using the power inherited from his mother in his mother's spirit. While observing loyalty the written constitution of the empire, he will reveal to the world that his country has an "unwritten constitution," which has grown around the throne. This unwritten code has been invoked whenever the dignity and security of the whole nation demanded it.

When Edwin M. Stanton was secretary of war nobody had any influence with him. Maybe that is the reason why a monument to Lincoln's war secretary has been so long delayed.

It's getting so that if you want an old fashioned winter from start to finish to add to your collection of experiences you'll have to look in the antique shops for one.

Occasionally giving a new member of congress permission to talk out in meeting is like making him the victim of a practical joke.

Last year there were 70,000 applications at our army recruiting stations and over 50,000 rejections of poor timber.

Flanner Guild

Dr. A. J. King will be the speaker tomorrow. Miss Barbour will sing and the girls of the club will furnish several numbers.

Monday, February 3, a class in dress making will be opened at the Guild under the instructions of Mrs. Clark, a capable instructor in the art of drafting, cutting and fitting. She will teach from straight seam to tailoring with satisfaction. For further information called up phone 4249.

Y. M. C. A.

A "Red Letter Day" at the "Meeting" on next Sunday when Honorable L. K. Babcock, the author of the Babcock Insurrection bill, will be the speaker of the day. Last year when he came a very large audience greeted him. This time he talks to men only on "What is the Young Man Worth?" and the largest crowd of the season is expected to be present.

Mr. Babcock served his first term in the sixty fifth General Assembly as the Republican Representative from Lagrange and Steuben counties. He received his education in the schools of Topeka, Valparaiso Normal and at a summer quarter at the University of Chicago. Mr. Babcock taught two years as assistant principal and one year as principal, and three years as superintendent of the Topeka high school. In 1903 he traveled in Europe and on his return he delivered a series of lectures in Northern Indiana and Southern Michigan. He is now in the State University preparing him for the practice of law.

The doors open promptly at 3 p. m. just as the orchestra of twelve pieces start their splendid program of twenty minutes.

A. W. Hansen, the assistant State secretary of Y. M. C. A. will be the speaker on Tuesday evening at the rooms. All men are invited.

Y. C. W. P. A. Notes.

Mrs. J. C. Ford, vice president of the Michigan State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, and president of the Phyllis Wheatley Club of Grand Rapids, is the guest of Miss Dayse D. Walker at the Club Home. Mrs. Ford will be in the city until February 3rd.

Vesper song service at the Second Baptist church, tomorrow, at four o'clock. Music will be rendered by the Choral club and the orchestra. An address will be by Miss Walker. Mrs. Ford.

The Juniors will have a social at the Club Home parlor Thursday evening to which the public is invited.

Miss Harriet Clark, president of the Matilda Dunbar club is on the sick list.

Miss Laura Ellington, president of the Margaret Ebbert club, will spend Sunday in Louisville, Ky.

CHURCH NOTES.

Mt. Paran Baptist church S. S. 9 a. m.; services at 11 o'clock, B. Y. P. U. at 6:30 p. m.; services at 8 p. m.; subject spoken from by the pastor Sunday 1st chapter of the book of the Prophecy of Ezekiel 4th verse, Collection \$16.26 Rev. Farrell, pastor.

Revival services are in progress at the following churches: Bethel A. M. E. church with Rev. Craven of Muncie, assisting Rev. Shaffer. Rev. Mrs. Amanda Thompson is conducting a meeting at Alien Chapel. Services are being conducted at the Mt. Zion Baptist church. Second Baptist on Michigan street Rev. C. H. Johnson pastor closed their meeting last Sunday 35 souls being saved.

Allen Chapel A. M. E. Church illustrated sermon at 10:45 by Rev. W. W. Smith. Mrs. Amanda B. Thompson having recovered of her illness will preach her farewell sermon at 7:45 on "Woman's Worth" in the church she urges both men and women to be present.

Minority Second Baptist church S. S. 9:30 No. 31, col. 80 cents, preaching 11 a. m. by pastor at 8 p. m. Rev. T. W. Smith my two additions, Col. \$13.10. Jan. 19 S. S. 9:30 a. m. No. 37, col. \$1.01. Preaching morning and evening by pastor; one addition col. \$12.10. Lord's upper next Sunday sister churches invited.

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First Baptist church North Indianapolis S. S. good; preaching 11 a. m. by Rev. Kennedy; B. Y. P. U. at 7 p. m.; preaching 8 p. m. by Rev. Young; col. \$6.01. 8 additions to church. Communion next Lord's day.

Obituary

Robert Ashby a well known young man of this city departed this life Wednesday noon at his home 625 West North street after an illness of bronchial trouble. The funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon from Jones Tabernacle. Mr. Ashby leaves a wife two small children, mother, sister and other relatives and a host of friends. He is a member of Marion Lodge No. 5, K. of P. and Grenadier Co. No. 7, Uniform Rank.

Miss Grace Easton the promising daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Easton died Wednesday morning after a short illness of lung trouble at the age of 16 years. The funeral services were held Friday afternoon. She leaves a mother, father and five sisters and friends. Shelton & Willis had charge of the remains.

Lodge News

Members of the protestant body K. of L. H. are urgently requested to meet at W. H. Fielding Barber Shop Thursday Jan. 30. By order of President.

Samuel E. Gray, Grand Lecturer of the Knights of Pythias of Indiana, has made the following appointments of his lecture tour:

Maceo, No. 10, Indianapolis, Feb. 3. Greencastle, Ind. 46, Greencastle, Feb. 4.

Golden Crown, Brazil, February 5.

Burnett Lodge, Burnett, February 6.

Western Star, Clinton, February 7.

Holy Cross and Damon, Terre Haute, February 8.

Dionysius, Vincennes, February 10.

Princeton Lodge, Princeton, February 11.

Oakland City Lodge, Oakland City, February 12.

Evansville and Vanderburgh, Evansville, February 13.

Wayman, Mt. Vernon, February 14.

Dromedary Washington, February 17.

Portland, Mitchel, February 18.

Prosperine, French Lick, February 19.

Columbia, Indianapolis, February 20.

Paul Dunbar, Indianapolis, February 21.

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