

HAPPENINGS OF A WEEK

Latest News Told in Briefest and Best Form.

PERSONAL

William Montgomery, ex-cashier of the Allegheny National bank, was for the second time found guilty in Pittsburgh of embezzlement and abstraction of funds.

Prince Henry of Prussia spent several hours in the air as the guest of Count Zeppelin, who made an ascent in his homemade airship. Not only did the prince thoroughly enjoy his experience, but he sat at the steering wheel for many miles of the flight.

Dr. C. S. Mack, coroner of Lapeyre county, Indiana, resigned to become pastor of a Swedenborgian church in Toledo, O.

Countess Szchenyi, formerly Miss Gladys Vanderbilt, gave birth to a daughter.

Will H. Pettis, former county treasurer, pleaded guilty at Sac City, Ia., to embezzling \$27,000 of the funds of the county and was sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary.

Mrs. Lillian M. Stevens of Portland, Maine, was unanimously re-elected president of the National Women's Christian Temperance union.

Edward English, a wealthy lumberman of Mount Vernon, Wash., was kidnapped and forced to write home for \$5,000 ransom, but later escaped.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the liberal government won by a substantial though perhaps somewhat reduced plurality in the Canadian general and parliamentary elections.

President Roosevelt celebrated the 50th anniversary of his birth by working as usual.

William Montgomery, former cashier of the defunct Allegheny National bank, was placed on trial on two indictments charging the embezzlement and abstraction of \$469,000, was found guilty by a jury in the United States district court at Pittsburgh.

Rev. Cyrus Townsend Brady, well known as an author, announced at Toledo that he would resign the rectory of the Trinity Episcopal church in that city and accept a call to Kansas City because the Trinity church is incorporated under the state law and so places the rector in an unusual position.

Rev. Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst of New York has resigned the presidency of the Society for the Prevention of crime, an office which he has held for 17 years.

Miss Neeloo Garner, who sued Arthur B. Buzell, a bank employee of Dixon, Ill., for \$10,000, alleging breach of promise, was awarded a verdict for \$900 a jury.

Setting up the plea of the "unwritten law," Mrs. Nancy Murrill was acquitted of a charge of murdering Miss Mary Terry, in the circuit court at Jackson, Ky.

Richard La Gallienne, the journalist and author, is seriously ill in a private sanitarium at New York, suffering from double pneumonia and jaundice.

For bravery in rescuing two wounded comrades in Philippine service, Sergt. Seth T. Weld, now stationed at Camp Atascadero, Cal., has been appointed second lieutenant of the Philippine scouts.

GENERAL NEWS.

With Gov. Curtis Guild, Jr., making an eloquent plea for religious toleration in its broadest and kindest sense, which brought thousands of Catholics to their feet in wild applause, and prominent Catholics delivering addresses, the opening day of the five days' observance of the centennial anniversary of the founding of the diocese of Boston came to a close. The day opened with a pontifical mass in the Holy Cross cathedral, celebrated by the papal delegate to the United States, Most Rev. Djomedes Falconio.

Tennessee militia were sent to the vicinity of Obion with orders to shoot on sight any masked men discovered. At Camp Nemo it was believed the ringleaders and many members of the night riders were among those arrested. Confessions were obtained from several prisoners.

Two suffragettes created a scene in the house of commons by chaining themselves to the grille of the ladies' gallery and shouting for votes.

E. B. Knox, formerly of Knoxville, Tenn., went insane at Phoenix, Ariz., killed his wife and attempted suicide.

The Atlantic fleet sailed from Yokohama, one squadron heading for Manila and the other for Amoy, where preparations for its entertainment were made.

J. Edward Swanson, a mine owner of LaFayette, Col., was instantly killed in a coal mine at Buxton, by a fall of slate.

Troops arrested more than 50 alleged night riders at Reelfoot Lake, Tenn., where Capt. Quentin Rankin was murdered.

Lon Seeley, a cowboy in a wild west show, and a policeman killed each other at Gulfport, Miss.

Albert V. Wessner, foreman in charge of pipe fitters at the Standard Oil plant in Sugar Creek, Mo., was arrested on a capias for buying votes at the August primaries.

Hugo, Albert and Rudolph Donnerstag, alleged counterfeiters, broke jail at Madison, Wis.

Silas C. McFarland of Iowa, consul-general-at-large for the European district, shot and killed himself on a rail-road train in Germany because of ill health.

Rev. Dr. M. W. Stryker, president of Hamilton college, was dangerously injured in a runaway accident.

J. W. Hutchinson of Harrison county, Kentucky, a widower with two children, was married to Mrs. Nannie C. Swinford of Cynthiana and killed himself.

Alfred H. Curtis, former president of the National Bank of North America, testified that Charles W. Morse was to blame for the illegal banking transactions of which they are both accused.

Eric was decapitated at the American Steel & Wire Company mills at Cleveland, O., by a red-hot wire which coiled about his neck.

The arrest of three youths has cleared up the mystery of the robbery of a bank in Chihuahua, Mexico, of \$185,000 last March. Most of the money was recovered.

M. W. Bayliss of Washington was elected sovereign grand commander of the supreme council of the Scottish Rite Masons.

A Chicago jury awarded Hugh Crabb \$416.66 back salary from Joe Leiter's Zeigler Coal Company.

M. Sergueiff, Russian minister to Serbia, was detained at the frontier by Austro-Hungarian police, and roughly handled.

Nicholas Tschalkovsky, the Russian patriot who has been imprisoned in St. Petersburg for nearly a year, was released on bail.

Private Mike Benham of the First cavalry, who ran amuck at Manila and killed four of his comrades, was sentenced to life imprisonment.

Forty Aquils were killed in a battle with Papago Indians in Sonora, Mexico.

Mrs. J. L. Petrie of New York was robbed of \$1,700 worth of jewelry on a San Francisco street car.

"Ted" Burton, under arrest at Reelfoot Lake, Tenn., confessed that information he gave led to the murder of Capt. Quentin Rankin and implicated many persons in the night rider outrages there.

A. H. Curtis, co-defendant with Charles W. Morse, the New York financier accused of violating the national banking laws, took the stand in his own defense, promising to reveal everything.

Edward Cook & Co., soap-makers, obtained a libel judgment of \$115,000 against certain English newspapers owned by Lord Northcliffe, which charged that the company was attempting to form a trust.

The Bulgarian government decided to agree to pay compensation to Turkey and discharged 60,000 reservists.

T. G. Jones, a prominent merchant of Holland, Va., was shot from ambush and killed.

Henry Bennett fled suit for \$100,000 damages in Louisville, Ky., for night rider abuses, naming a large number of well-known persons as defendants.

Denny Hazel, convicted of murder, escaped from jail at Eureka, Cal., leaving his jailer locked in the cell.

Official dispatches give the losses in the typhoon and floods in Cagayan province, Philippine Islands, as \$80 lives and \$1,000,000 in property.

The Fidelity Funding Company of New York, which was organized in 1898 to lend money on the property of Catholic institutions throughout the United States, went into the hands of a receiver with liabilities of \$3,941,027 and assets of \$3,579,315.

The pope has decided on a special commission for the canonization of three cardinals in the United States.

Four men were arrested at Lapeyre, Ind., for jury bribing in connection with the suit for alienation of affections brought by Stephen Jaunovitsch, a gypsy.

Fire at Salisbury Beach, Mass., destroyed the New Era hotel and many summer cottages.

As the result of failure of juries in Springfield, Ill., which have tried rape cases to convict, a sweeping decision was rendered by Judge James A. Creighton in the Sangamon county circuit court, quashing the petit jury panel, purging the jury box and rendering the county juries.

The supreme court of Illinois declared the new loan shark law invalid.

Foul play is suspected in the mysterious death at Lima, O., of O. Warren Smith, aged 76, Prohibition candidate for probate judge in Allen county.

Temporary insanity will be the defense of Capt. Peter C. Hafens, Jr., U. S. A., who killed William E. Annis at the Bay Side Yacht club landing last August.

Ethel Hart Jackson Zimmerman of New York, the well-known actress and singer, was married in Philadelphia to Benoni Lockwood, Jr., also of New York.

The First State bank of Fallis, Okla., was robbed of \$3,500 in currency and gold. George Schmake, the burglar, was arrested on suspicion of knowing something about the robbery.

Lugo and Nobledo, leaders of the Mexican revolutionists who raided the town of Viescas in Mexico last June, have been sentenced to be shot.

Secretary Root refused to issue a warrant of extradition sought for by Russia in the case of Jan Janoff Prou, a political refugee.

The wholesale grocery house of R. A. Bartley in Toledo, O., was burned, the loss being \$300,000.

The Y. M. C. A. building at South Bend, Ind., erected by Studebaker Brothers' Manufacturing Company at a cost of \$250,000, was dedicated and formally given over to the association.

Vice-President Charles W. Fairbanks made the principal address.

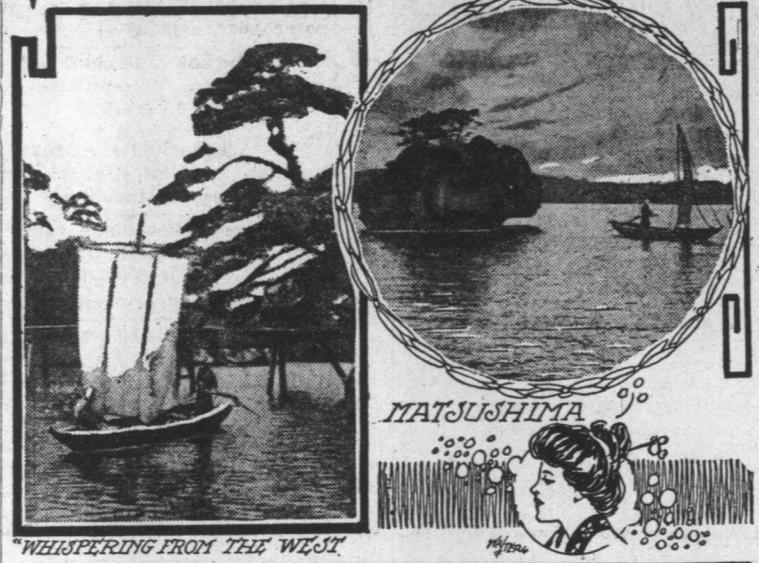
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Miss Katherine C. Harley of the Fall River (Mass.) Golf club won the women's national golf championship at the Chevy Chase tournament.

After a quarrel with his wife Charles Smith, an aged farmer of Poseyville, Mich., shot and killed William Duchen, a neighbor, at whose home Mrs. Smith had taken refuge, and then committed suicide.

Charged with fomenting a revolution on United States soil against a friendly nation, Preciliano G. Silva and Lecantio Trevino were found guilty by a jury in the United States court at El Paso, Tex.

BY SEA AND RIVER IN JAPAN BY MRS. HUGH FRASER



David Grieves for Absalom

Sunday School Lesson for Nov. 8, 1908

Specially Arranged for This Paper

LESSON TEXT.—2 Samuel 15:24-33.

GOLDEN TEXT.—"A foolish son is a grief to his father."—Prov. 17:25.

TIME.—Three months after our last lesson.

PLACE.—Jerusalem and Mahanaim, a fortified town east of the Jordan, near the Jabbok, memorable for Jacob's wrestling in prayer, and for the battle of the Dead Sea in the Sea of Galilee. The battlefield was in the Wood of Ephraim in Gilead, east of the Jordan, within one day of Mahanaim.

Comment and Suggestive Thought.

The day that David left saw Absalom taking possession of the throne. Rejecting the shrewd advice of Ahithophel, he waited till he could gather a great army with which to attack and overcome his father.

This was fatal. David and his two generals, the greatest in all Israel, planned and organized their forces for defense only, so far as David was concerned.

Absalom reigned three months, and during that time not one good thing is recorded concerning him.

He was as great a failure as a king as he was as a man; and for the same reason—he was selfish. He wanted to be king for his own pleasure. He had no kingly aims or ideals.

Apparently self-conceit was the reason why he followed Hushai's advice, for that wily enemy of his put before him a picture of himself at the head of an immense army, like a world-conqueror, and all the nations, as it were, singing "Hail to the Chief."

Among many other significant devices, some beyond the seas have a picture of a man, with a full-blown bladder on his shoulders, another standing by and pricking the bladder with a pin; the motto: "How suddenly!" hinting thereby the sudden downfall of all worldly greatness.—Spencer.

A man selfish in his inmost soul can never attain true success. Selfishness ruins health, ruins conscience, ruins judgment.

Amidst the scattered fight Absalom was separated from his men, and as he fled from a party of the enemy, the mule on which he rode carried him beneath the low branches of a spreading terebinth and left him hanging by the head, probably in a forked bough. Perhaps, also, his long, thick hair got entangled, but there is nothing to support the common idea that he was suspended merely by the hair."—Josephus says distinctly that Absalom's hair was entangled. "The first soldier who came up spared his life because of the king's command, and went to tell Joab, the unscrupulous chief hurried to the spot and thrust three javelins into Absalom's heart. There was probably a true regard for the king and kingdom in this act of Joab. He knew that Absalom could not with safety be suffered to live, and that it would be difficult to rid the state of so foul a member at any other time than now, when a just right to slay him had been earned in open battle."—Kitto. Absalom's body was cast into a great pit, and a great heap of stones was cast upon him, either in detestation of his memory or as a monument to distinguish the place.

V. 33. "Went up to the chamber. To be alone in his sorrow. The deepest sorrow 'treats the wine-paste alone.' " And wept." Tears are the safety-valves of the heart." "O my son Absalom!" "There is not in the whole of the Old Testament a passage of deeper pathos than this. The simple beauty of the narrative is exquisite; we are irresistibly reminded of him who, while he beheld the rebellious city of Jerusalem and thought of the destruction it was bringing upon itself, wept over it (Luke 19:41).—Cook. "Would God I had died for thee." "So Moses (Ex. 32:32), and so St. Paul (Rom. 9:3), would have 'sacrificed themselves' had it been possible, to save others. His wish to die in the outer world runs low between groves of greenest trees covered with tiny fiery globes of the Mandarin orange, which will grow in warm and sheltered spots.

Directly behind the town the other road winds through the rice fields, up to the ruined temple in whose grove stands the oldest tree in Japan, the great camphor tree, reputed to have lived for a thousand years. Still it flings out tent above tent of radiant verdure, though its base is so worn and hollow that a little chapel has been made in the trunk, with a seat where travelers can rest and meditate on the superiority of trees to men.

No wonder that earth clothes gratefully the venerable roots of this patriarchal tree! Ages ago, the local wise men say, when the geyser tore its way up from the heart of the world, it belched its boiling flood into Atami bay and killed all the fish, so that the people were desperate, seeing their livelihood destroyed before their eyes. Then the good priest of the temple, gazing earnestly for his flock, threw a branch of the sacred tree on the sea, commanding the boiling spring to return to earth and do no more damage. Instantly it obeyed; and I am sure that the priest, like a practical Japanese, took advantage of its submission to set reasonable hours for its bubbling up, for, since the memory of the geyser, it returns every eight hours, filling the hundreds of water-pipes that are laid to carry it away and provide water for the inhabitants of Atami.

Absalom and His Sin.—He was young; he sinned with his whole nature; he kept on sinning to the end, with no hint of repentance, with no alleviation of character. He did not regret even as much as Esau, who repented and his after life showed sinners the way of repentance and restoration. It may be stated, however, that success is not due to following any set of rules, since much depends upon the personal fitness of the one conducting the undertaking. It is to be remembered also that as a business fox raising is still in the experimental stage, and that even the most successful breeders are subject to a percentage of failure.

The name "silver fox," as commonly used by furriers, includes the dark phases of the ordinary red fox, variously called silver, silver-gray, silver-black, or black. The animal is the common fox (*vulpes fulvus*), of northern North America, the crafty Reynard of the books, closely allied to the European fox. It should not be confused with the gray fox or tree fox, of the southern part of the United States, a very different animal, the fur of which has comparatively little value.

Naturalists distinguish several species and subspecies, the characters of which are not important in the present connection. The color of the red fox of the northeastern states and of its allies of the colder parts of North America varies from red to black, and

the name "silver fox" is often applied to foxes which are not black.

Contrast.—We have before us in this lesson the last days of two marked men; both have sinned greatly; one was young, the other old; they had different points of view; they looked at their sin in a different light; they acted differently in view of it; their characters were different, and the close of their careers differed.

David's sin was an incident—in a very great and useful life. It was a dangerous eddy, like the whirlpool below the Niagara falls; but it was brief, it was not the main current of his life. He repented, and all his after life showed sinners the way of repentance and restoration. It has been a sermon for almost 3,000 years on the tender mercies and forgiving love of our Father in heaven.

Absalom from out the far-off past is still pointing our modern youth to certain great lessons his career teaches us.

(1) "Sin is sometimes attractive at first, but at last it bites like a serpent and stings like an adder."

(2) "The success of the wicked is short, and then he is like chaff which the wind blows away. "Not consider that the successes of the foolish and wicked form the first rod of their chastisement."

(3) "Sin is sometimes attractive at first, but at last it bites like a serpent and stings like an adder."

(4) "The way to true success is not through disobedience to parents."

(5) "No failure is so terrible as the failure of a life; no ruin like the ruin of a soul."

(6) "The death of the wicked is lighted by no ray of hope."

(7) "They sow the wind shall reap the whirlwind."

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