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## FEATURES OF INTEREST

ABOUT THAT WHICH HAS BEEN  
AND IS TO BE.All States and Conditions of Things  
are Shown. Nothing Overlooked to  
make it Complete.

**Line Put Out of Business by an Owl.**  
The Indianapolis & Cincinnati traction line was out of business one night recently for more than an hour, but the cause was not made public until Alfred Lee, chief lineman, stated that a screech owl had fallen on a wire which ran into the substation at Prescott, Ind. It caught by one of its wings and its feet, touching another metal piece connected with the building, causing the wire to ground. It was made than an hour before the discovery was made.

**Fatal Gas Explosion at Dayton.**  
One person is dead, two are dying and two others are seriously injured as the result of an explosion of gas in the rooming house conducted by Mrs. Eliza Wagner in Dayton, Ohio. Ray Harshman, 3 years old, was killed. Mrs. Wagner and her 2-year-old daughter Viola were fatally hurt and Edward Hilliard and Mrs. Delta Harshman were seriously injured. A leak in the gas pipe caused the explosion when a match was struck. The building was badly wrecked.

**Oldest Lodge of Masons.**  
Ceremonies which are to mark the one-hundred-and-seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of St. John's Lodge, A. F. & M., of Boston, Mass., the oldest lodge of Masons in the country, are in progress. Nearly four thousand Masons crowded Tremont Temple for the opening religious services. In the gathering were fourteen grand masters, representing the thirteen original States and Maine.

**Fire in Cincinnati.**  
Fire destroyed the five-story brick building at 127 West Sixth street, Cincinnati, Ohio, occupied by one of the stores of the Kroger Grocery and Baking Company, and slightly damaged the adjoining buildings of the A. J. Conroy & Co. Furniture Company, the Fair department store and Jos. Geatle & Co.'s fruit store. The total loss is \$50,000. The Kroger Company places its loss at about \$35,000.

**Accidentally Shot Dead.**  
Wallace Dye, 40 years old, was accidentally killed in Bedford, Ind., at his place of business by the accidental discharge of a revolver in the hands of Charles Harvey, a young man 16 years old. Young Harvey became so affected over the tragedy that he was removed to the City Hospital for treatment and to prevent him from doing himself injury.

**\$500,000 Glass Works Fire.**  
An explosion of gas at the plant of the Pittsburg Plate Glass Company's Works, No. 2, at Taranton, a suburb of Pittsburgh, Pa., resulted in a loss by fire of \$500,000 and threw 500 men out of employment. Half of the plant is in ruins. The fire was caused by the bursting of one of the joints of the main gas line into the works.

**Mests Horrible Death.**  
By the accidental overturning of a ladle of molten metal at the works of the Grand Crossing Tack Company in Chicago, one man was killed, two were seriously injured and several others less seriously hurt. The accident was caused by the breaking of a chain.

**Insane Man's Bloody Death.**  
While temporarily insane, Jacob Henningsen, aged 70, a prosperous farmer living at Atwood, Ky., about eighteen miles from Cincinnati, Ohio, shot and fatally wounded his wife and then shot and killed himself.

**Could Not Give Bond; Dies.**  
J. E. Morris, a prominent merchant of Moscow, Fulton County, Kentucky, committed suicide by taking poison. Morris was recently elected cashier of the bank of Moscow, but was unable to make bond.

**Thieves Took Everything.**  
The postoffice at Williamson, a little hamlet three miles north of Dun Kirk, Ohio, was entered and robbed the thieves taking everything but the building.

**Because County Went Dry.**  
Ted Hancock committed suicide at his home in East Liverpool, Ohio, because Columbiana County voted "dry" last week.

**High School "Frats" Loser.**  
Ruling against high school fraternities and sororities, Judge Windes in the Circuit Court in Chicago sustained the contention of the board of education that it is empowered to exclude from the schools pupils who are members of secret societies.

**Oklahoma Limits Telegraph Charges.**  
Telegraph bills in Oklahoma are cut to a flat rate of 25 cents for ten words, with 2 cents for each additional word, day rate, and 1 cent, night rate, to all points within the State by a proposed order of the corporation commission.

**Escaped Lion Kills Cows; Is Shot.**  
A full-grown African lion escaped from the winter quarters of Leon Washburn's circus, located between New Brunswick and Bound Brook, N. J., and after having been hunted by keepers all night, was shot and killed by Edward Rader. Before its end the lion had killed two cows and a calf.

**Nat Goodwin Is Divorced.**

Nat C. Goodwin was granted a divorce from Maxine Elliott at Reno, Nev., in the record time of eleven minutes and the judge held a legal residence in the State unnecessary.

## ROBBER A "JACK IN A BOX."

Springs Out When Henry Gibbs Opens Vault of Allen Company.

Concealing himself in the vault of the W. D. Allen Manufacturing Company, 1005 Western avenue, Chicago, the other afternoon, a thief stole \$700 after committing a murderous assault on Henry Gibbs, the superintendent. The robber struck Mr. Gibbs on the head, knocked him to the floor, and then, the vault to get the money, which was part of the pay roll. Thrusting the superintendent into the vault and making him a prisoner by turning the combination knob, the bandit leaped toward the door. The way was blocked by Miss Barbara Walters, the company's stenographer, and Henry Gallagher, the bookkeeper. "If you raise a hand to stop me I'll kill you both," roared the robber, who was masked, reached the door before Miss Walters or Gallagher could attract the attention of the large force of employees who were within hearing distance. He ran to Twenty-third street, where it is thought a horse and buggy were waiting for him. An examination was made of the vault and it was seen that the thief had been there, lying in the light on the top shelf, and was paid day at the factory, and Sup't. Gibbs, according to custom, put a sack containing the pay roll in the vault between 1 and 2 o'clock. Three hundred dollars of the money was taken out to pay off the foundry men, leaving \$700 in the safe. At 5 o'clock Mr. Gibbs went to the vault to get the money, and as he swung open the big steel door he was confronted by the robber.

## NEW HAVEN LINE HAS DEFICIT.

Pays Dividend of 8 Per Cent and Is Short \$2,516,602.

The annual report of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad shows a startling deficit of \$2,516,602 for the year after paying a dividend of 8 per cent. This is made even more spectacular by the statement that seven months of the year ending July 1, 1908, show a deficit of \$4,005,478. As the first seven months of the year showed an increase of \$1,432,088, the total decrease is brought down to about \$2,500,000. President Mellen says flatly: "The public have yielded, although most unwillingly, to a moderate reduction in service facilities. The employees have been reduced in numbers, but not in their rate of compensation. The officials have had a cut in salaries, but the great items that enter into the cost of conducting the affairs of a public service corporation are not affected. The cost of most important times of recent years, and unless labor and those controlling the price of materials share the necessary liquidation it is inevitable the price of transportation must advance in order that a reasonable return be had upon the money invested."

## BIG "DRY" VICTORY IN OHIO.

Twelve Counties in Tenth District Vote Dry in Saloons.

Twelve Ohio counties voted Tuesday under the Rose law, and all went "dry," by majorities ranging from a few hundred up to more than 2,000. The number of saloons affected is 280. Most of the counties which voted are largely agricultural, but Scioto and Lawrence counties have a large urban population in Port Clinton, Fremont, and Sandusky. Another sixteen of the eighty-eight counties in the State have had local option elections and all have gone "dry." The total number of saloons voted out is 390. The counties that went "dry" and the number of saloons affected are: Gallia, 19; Jackson, 44; Lawrence, 27; Pike, 9; Scioto, 65; Adams, 5; Athens, 71; Vinton, 4; Hocking, 27; Van Wert, 22; Noble, 7; Guernsey, 35.

## HOUSING.

Chicago Tribune.

## PRECIOUS METALS FALL OFF.

Value of Gold and Silver Produced in the United States in 1907.

The production of gold and silver by the mines of the United States for 1907 aggregated 4,374,827 ounces of fine gold, of the value of \$30,435,700, and 56,514,700 ounces of fine silver, of the commercial value, averaging 66 cents per ounce, of \$37,295,700. As compared with the production of 1906, the annual value of gold and silver was less than for 1906, the commercial value, on account of the decline in the price of silver, was \$958,700 less. Colorado leads in the production of both gold and silver, having furnished \$20,807,000 of the former and \$7,887,000 of the latter metal. Alaska produced \$18,480,400, gold, followed by California, with \$16,858,500; Nevada, \$15,411,000; Montana, \$14,400,000; Idaho, \$14,352,000; Montana, \$9,472,000; Arizona, \$2,034,000; Idaho, \$1,255,000, and Oregon, \$1,222,200. Next to Colorado in the production of silver was Montana, with \$7,455,500; Utah, \$7,528,500; Nevada, \$5,405,100; Idaho, \$5,203,500; Arizona, \$1,916,000, and California, \$1,049,400.

## PLANS FOR SUICIDE AT DINNER.

Sick Man Makes All Arrangements and Then Kills Self in Park.

While dining at the Plaza in New York with three friends, Ernest Girard, the proprietor of a wine store, was planning the end of his life and a number of ghastly surprises, making in advance every arrangement that his death would entail. Before his death Girard signed and mailed a check to his funeral director, and arranged that his friends, without knowing where they were to go, should call at the undertaking establishment; wrote and posted a death notice in the window of his establishment; left a note for his wife, and kept a note in his pocket to identify him and show that he had taken his own life. Girard shot himself in Central Park. A note in his pocket said: "I have had chronic bronchitis, lung and liver trouble for some time, and the suffering has made me want to live no longer."

## SHOT BY BRIDE OF TWO DAYS.

Louisiana Man Believed Fatally Hurt by Wife, Who Is Arrested.

A. Sidney Bouteris, editor of the New Era at Patterson, La., is at the point of death in the sanitarium at Franklin with five bullet holes in his body, his wife says. He was shot by his wife, who was Miss Josephine Demarest, is held in jail to await the outcome of his wounds, believed to be fatal. Joseph Standory, John Cima and Roland Vitter of Patterson also are in jail, charged with being accessories. It appears that there was a "military" marriage at Franklin at 1 o'clock Monday morning. Bouteris, Miss Demarest and the young woman's father being the chief actors. Bouteris refused to have anything to do with his bride after returning home, she returning to her father's desk in his office two days later, his bride walked in and began shooting, five bullets taking effect.

## JEWELS WORTH \$50,000 STOLEN.

Diamond House Is Discovered.

An investigation which followed the discovery that a diamond sunburst was missing from the diamond sunburst of Oliver M. Ferrand, a Maiden Lane diamond importer, in New York, has disclosed what may prove to be one of the biggest robberies in the diamond district. Already it is said, jewels valued at \$50,000 are known to have disappeared and the inventory of stock has not yet been completed. It has been disclosed, also, that the robbers probably had gone on for years and it is possible that the diamond sunburst has been completed the total will be far in excess of the amount now known to be involved. While the investigation has been in progress Mr. Ferrand has been endeavoring to find one of his old and most trusted employees, who has been away from the city for several months.

## SCORES OF DEAD FOUND IN TREES.

Floods Sweep Away Thousands of Native Houses in India.

Thousands of native houses have been washed away in India, where there has been a heavy fall of rain in the Hyderabad and Deccan districts of India as a result of the floods which followed an unprecedented rainfall. The River Musi rose sixty feet. All the bridges were carried away and the country was devastated for many miles in either direction. Bodies are strewn everywhere and scores of dead have been found in the branches of trees, where they were lodged by the swollen waters. The native hospital at Hyderabad was undermined by the waters and collapsed and all the inmates were buried in the wreckage.

## FIRE DESTROYS MINNESOTA TOWN.

Because he had been long unemployed and his six children were clamoring for food, Max Glock, 52, a laborer, committed suicide by hanging at his home in Hamilton, Ohio. He left a statement that he had \$1,000 insurance on which he wanted to realize to feed his family. The insurance would soon have expired.

## INJURY AT SEA KILLS DURING.

A carload of sixty bright looking boys and girls from New York reached St. Paul the other day. The unusual consignment deserted by their parents and had been sheltered in the founding hospital of the metropolis. They are being taken to the Dakotas, where homes have been found for them among the farmers.

## ACTRESS SETTLES WITH ELLIKINS.

The sum of \$100,000 for breach of promise, brought by Louise Lorraine, actress, against Blanche Ellikins, 20, of Senator Ellikins of West Virginia, has been settled. The terms of settlement are that Miss Ellikins will be paid \$50 a week for the remainder of her life.

## SCORES OF GOVERNMENT LAND.

According to figures compiled in the general land office in Washington, D. C., receipts on account of the sales of public lands during the last fiscal year amounted to \$11,492,453. There were 201,953 entries, covering 18,938,836 acres.

## MAN FIGHTS INTO BOTTLE.

Robert W. Townsend of "Chimie Fadden" fame received the Democratic nomination for Congress from the Seventh District of New Jersey at the convention in Bloomfield.

## FIRE DESTROYS MINNESOTA TOWN.

Foley, the county seat of Benson county, Minnesota, a village of 1,000 inhabitants, was practically destroyed by fire Thursday night. The loss is estimated at \$75,000, partly covered by insurance.

## LEGISLATURE STARTS INQUIRY.

On demand of Gov. Hanly the Indiana Legislature has started an investigation into the charge that the executive attempted to bribe to secure the passage of the local option law.

## FLEET FIGHTS TYPHOON.

The Atlantic fleet ship fleet has safely outridden a hurricane which swept through the region for twelve hours and did much damage ashore.

## TWO WOMEN BURNED TO DEATH.

Mrs. George Cook, aged 45, of St. George, and Mrs. Kate Floyd, sister of Mrs. Cook, aged 47, of Natick, Mass., were burned to death in a small farm house in a section known as Martinsville, in the town of St. George, Me. Both were widows. The origin of the fire cannot be ascertained.

## Patriarch Brother Is Dead.

The Rev. Alexander Leclaire, 90 years old, who for seventy-five years was a member of the Masonic fraternity and was possibly the oldest member of any secret order in the United States, is dead at Lynden, Wash.

## FREEDOM OF BULGARIA PROCLAIMED BY PRINCE

Ferdinand, Supported by Cabinet, Takes Action at Tirnovo, Ancient Capital.

## THE NATIONS ARE MEDIATORS.

Powers Will Try to Prevent War Over Balkan Trouble, and Diplomats Confer.

Bulgaria, a tributary principality under the suzerainty of the Sultan of Turkey, Monday proclaimed its independence from the Sultan. This action was taken at Tirnovo by Prince Ferdinand, who was elected Prince of Bulgaria in 1887. The Bulgarian cabinet was with the prince, having met him at the frontier and journeyed with him to Tirnovo. Tirnovo is the ancient capital of the Kingdom of Bulgaria, and it was the largest in the history of the bureau.

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