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PAST AND PRESENT

AS IT COMES TO US FROM ALL CORNERS OF THE EARTH.

Telegraphic Information Gathered by the Few for the Enlightenment of the Many.

Six Men Meet Death in Mine.

Six men were instantly killed and another dangerously injured and three others had narrow escapes from injury or death in a mine cage accident at Ellsworth Mine No. 1, located in Washington County, Pennsylvania. The mine is owned by the Ellsworth Coal Company. The three engineers, who had been employed by the company several years, had just completed a survey of the mine preparatory to starting new entries, the six foreigners having assisted them. A heavy wooden beam was loaded into the cage and its ends projected beyond the sides, the men riding on the timber. All went well until within seventy-five feet of the top of the shaft the projecting beam struck one of the planks of the shaft's cribbing displaced by expansion due to the cold and most of the men were dumped out of the cage. The six fell to the bottom, a distance of 225 feet, and the heavy timber fell on top of them.

Big Fire at Indiana Reformatory.

Five buildings of the Indiana State Reformatory and nearly the entire plant of the Indiana Manufacturing Company at Jeffersonville, Ind., were destroyed by fire. The loss will total about \$350,000. There were no fatalities, the 1,300 inmates of the Reformatory remaining locked in their cells, a portion of them sending cheer after they watched the work of the firemen. When the fire was first discovered in the Reformatory the fire department of the institution was quickly put to work but in a short time the water plant failed and the Jeffersonville department was summoned. By the time it arrived, however, the flames had gained such headway that Louisville, Ky., was called upon for help, responding in a short time. After destroying five buildings the fire spread westward to the plant of the Indiana Manufacturing Company, destroying three buildings and entailing a loss of \$100,000 to that concern.

Aged Woman Asks Divorce.

In the Wayne Circuit Court at Richmond, Ind., the case of Mary Estro against Christopher Estro for divorce and alimony was called for trial. The case is unusual. Mr. and Mrs. Estro have been married forty-six years and each is 63 years of age. The wife charges cruel treatment, saying that her husband called her names. The defendant entered a general denial. The children of the aged couple have divided, some of them standing with the mother, others with their father. The family is one of the best known in Richmond. Mrs. Estro asks a reasonable sum for alimony.

Cleveland Line of Receivers

Warren Bicknell and Frank A. Scott to Run City's Traction System.

Judge Taylor of the Federal Court in Cleveland appointed Warren Bicknell and Frank A. Scott as joint receivers for the Municipal Traction Company and the Cleveland Railway Company. Each of the receivers will furnish a bond of \$100,000. Warren Bicknell is one of the best known electric railway builders and operators in the country. The Municipal Traction Company, which controls all the street railways in Havana, Cuba, and is identified with several traction companies in Ohio and other States. Frank A. Scott is secretary and treasurer of the Superior Savings and Trust Company of Cleveland. The receivers will take charge of the traction system at once, and will operate it under the direct supervision of the court. The rate of fare, it is said, will be as low as can be made consistent with good service.

PAY FIREBUG FOR IMMUNITY.

Residents of Graniteville, N. Y., Unusual Victims, Says Police.

When Robert Thompson of Graniteville, N. C., was arraigned on a charge of arson, a confession signed by Thompson was submitted to the court. The police learned that Thompson was in receipt of weekly payments from the tradespeople of Graniteville of sums ranging from \$1 to \$2 which they paid him to leave their homes. Thompson, who had been caught in the stores and saloons, it was said, because the people feared him. He was said to be a home-wanderer. Physicians declare that he has shown remarkable vitality in view of his past life.

FALL KILLS YOUNG WATTERSON

Son of Editor Drops Nine Stories from New York Building.

Harvey W. Watterson, younger son of Col. Henry Watterson of the Louisville Courier-Journal, was instantly killed by a fall from a window in his law offices on the nineteenth floor of the New York building. He was shot by a negro companion, was deserted by his two companions and then walked six miles to Mendota to secure medical aid. Physicians say that if McDonald had not drunk his own blood he would not have lived. Although he has a bullet lodged in the back of his head, he was able to walk around his room and the physicians say he will recover.

CALLS SESSION OF UNEMPLOYED

Janes Eads How Announces National Convention in St. Louis.

Janes Eads How heir of millionaire James B. Eads, who built the Eads bridge at St. Louis and the jetties at the mouth of the Mississippi, on his return the other night from the East, where he has been in the interest of the unemployed, announced that he would call a session of unemployed workers and unemployed."

He called to meet in St. Louis early in January to take steps to provide work and means to meet the conditions of what promises to be a severe winter. He was given a great reception at Welfare Hall.

Held for Murder of Carmack.

John Trippe, marshal of North Lebanon, Ohio, surprised three burglars at work in the postoffice at that place. Single-handed he undertook their capture, but they escaped, leaving him shot in the knee. He was taken to a hospital at Marysville. A buggy belonging to Dick Cull, in which the burglars escaped, was found at Urbana. Bloodhounds from Cardington have been brought to aid the searchers.

Night Riders Burn Tobacco.

A large barn containing 3,000 pounds of tobacco belonging to Harvey Montgomery was burned at Booneville, Ind. Night riders are supposed to have done the work.

\$150,000 Fire at Cairo.

Fire destroyed Winter Brothers' ice factory and the packing-house of Nelson Morris & Co. at Cairo, Ill. The wholesale produce house of Coffey Brothers was partly burned. Loss \$150,000.

Morris Haas Commits Suicide.

Morris Haas, who shot Francis J. Heney at San Francisco, Cal., committed suicide at the County Jail by shooting himself through the head.

Babies Cries from Terre Haute.

Twenty-five patients from Terre Haute, Ind., are under treatment for rickets at the Pasteur Institute in Chicago, more cases are expected and business in the Indiana municipality is demoralized.

Seas Girl's Face with Acid.

Gertude Huff, 20 years old, is the victim of a bold attack by an unidentified man who dashed a vial of carbolic acid in her face as she was walking out of the yard at her home in Cincinnati, Ohio. She probably will be disfigured for life. Neither Miss Huff nor her parents could assign a motive for the attack.

Has New Divorce Law.

The new divorce law, increasing the period of residence from six months to one year, was carried on Nov. 3 in South Dakota by a vote of two to one, according to unofficial figures.

Secretary Metalic to Quit.

Secretary of the Navy Metalic has resigned to take effect Dec. 1, and will be succeeded by Truman H. Newberry of Michigan, his assistant, says a well-known Washington correspondent.

Gomes and Zayas Elected.

Gomes and Zayas, Liberal candidates, won the Cuban elections by a plurality of at least 25,000 and street rioting following the victory was suppressed by police.

Thieves Get \$18,000.

Within a few feet of clerks and guards thieves drilled the safe in the South Bend (Ind.) post office and took \$18,000 in stamps.

Big Fire in Benton Harbor.

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Speaks for Revenue Tariff.

Andrew Carnegie in a magazine article will advocate a tariff for revenue only instead of one for protection, but will urge a retention of high duties on luxuries for the rich.

## NEW MURDER FARM FOUND.

Rich Farmer Under Arrest as Slayer and Horse Thief.

In the belief that many bodies will be found buried on a farm near Marengo, Ill., and that a series of murders similar to those in the Guiness case may be brought to light, the sheriff ordered a search of the State and Michigan, and about 150 men have begun to dig up the chicken lot of John Bettford, a wealthy farmer, in the search for further evidence against the man, who is under arrest. The body of Oscar Hoggan, a wealthy farmer whose estate adjoined that of Bettford and who disappeared two weeks ago, has already been dug up in the poultry yard. John Belmont, another farmer, and an undetermined farm hand employed on the Bettford place have disappeared. It is the theory of the police that they were murdered and buried on the farm. William Evans, who lives at Marengo, spent the night at the farm a short time before the disappearance of Bettford, who has been arrested in Nebraska. He charges that while at the farm he was assaulted and robbed and had to fight for his life. He has been arrested on the charge of robbing a residence, N. B. Parker, whose home papers for his return to Illinois for trial for murder have been obtained and a deputy sheriff is in the western city to bring him back.

## SIX SMUGGLED CHINESE DEAD.

Ornate Perish as Motor Boat from Canada Runs on Ice, Says Watch.

A motor boat containing ten Chinamen and three white men was wrecked on the breakwater off the foot of Michigan street, Buffalo. Six of the Chinamen were drowned or dashed to death against the rock-ribbed sea wall. The four survivors were rescued by the crew of a police boat. The three white men escaped and the federal authorities are scouring the city endeavoring to find the men who were lost in the smuggling of Chinamen into this country from Canada. It is understood that the State of Wisconsin is correct the city of Hurley, Wis., and some of the iron mines south of the town should be included in territory belonging to Michigan. Attorney General John E. Bird has made a survey by Prof. J. B. Davis of the Michigan university, and will report the result of that survey to the Legislature when it convenes in January.

## MICHIGAN TO FIGHT FOR LAND.

Dispute with Wisconsin Over Boundary to Go to Federal Court.

Has the State of Wisconsin been in undisputed possession for fifty years of a portion of the territory belonging to the State of Michigan? And if so, what is to be done? The sheriff ordered a search of the State and Michigan, and about 150 men have begun to dig up the chicken lot of John Bettford, a wealthy farmer, in the search for further evidence against the man, who is under arrest. The body of Oscar Hoggan, a wealthy farmer whose estate adjoined that of Bettford and who disappeared two weeks ago, has already been dug up in the poultry yard. John Belmont, another farmer, and an undetermined farm hand employed on the Bettford place have disappeared. It is the theory of the police that they were murdered and buried on the farm. William Evans, who lives at Marengo, spent the night at the farm a short time before the disappearance of Bettford, who has been arrested in Nebraska. He charges that while at the farm he was assaulted and robbed and had to fight for his life. He has been arrested on the charge of robbing a residence, N. B. Parker, whose home papers for his return to Illinois for trial for murder have been obtained and a deputy sheriff is in the western city to bring him back.

## MURDERER, AT BAY WITH RIFLE, DEFIES MOB UNTIL HE IS SHOT DOWN.

DIES IN BURNING FORTRESS.

Militia Is Called Out to Quell Threatened Outbreak in Town of Okmulgee.

Eight persons were killed in a race riot at Okmulgee, Okla., Sunday evening, which started when an Indian and a negro fought. In attempting to capture the negro seven men were killed, including the sheriff and assistant chief of police, and none were wounded. The desperado was the eighth victim, being riddled with bullets when fleeing from his burning house.

More than 1,000 shots were fired in the melee, hardware stores being looted by the mob to secure weapons, and at night armed citizens patrolled the town. Gov. Haskell ordered ten companies of militia to Okmulgee on the authorities' request.

Charles Deckart, a negro, and Steve Grayson, an Indian, had a fight in the depot, in which the Indian was badly used up. He went to police headquarters, and made complaint. Assistant Chief of Police Henry Klabber started out to find Deckart and on his way detained two negroes, Ralf and Felix Chatman, to assist him in capturing Deckart. When the officers came up to him Deckart opened fire on them and killed the Chatmans and Klabber instantly. At this juncture Sheriff Robinson, who was shot by a negro on the scene and tried to arrest Deckart. Before the negro could be captured he killed both.

## BURNED OUT OF HOUSE.

Deckart then ran to his house nearby. Immediately a posse of men surrounded the next house, thinking he was there, and set fire to it. Seeing that his own house would soon be ablaze, Deckart fired his own house and when it had burned so that he could not stay in it longer, made a rush for the door. As he entered a hundred shots were fired at him and he fell dead. The greatest excitement prevailed in the town and it is feared that further serious trouble would follow.

The mob poured volley after volley into the burning building and half a score of bystanders and members of the mob were struck by stray bullets and more or less seriously injured. The Mayor and county authorities swore in almost a hundred deputy marshals and sheriffs in an effort to hold the situation in check until the arrival of the militia.

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M. McDonough, Mistaken by Conchans, Is Attacked as a Burglar.

Kept alive and given strength by drinking his own blood which oozed from a bullet wound in his forehead and trickled down into his mouth, Martin McDonald in a St. Paul, Minn., hospital told how he had been mistaken for a burglar when about to enter the home of St. Paul's Mayor, W. N. B. Scott. McDonald, who had been in a hospital for appendicitis, stomach trouble and an intestinal complaint, had suffered amputation of his right foot, then of his right leg and now faces the prospect of having his left leg taken off at the knee. He is suffering with tuberclosis of the bone. He is in pain and remarked to an interviewer: "I cannot even pray, for when I kneel I fall over. I hope I die when they are taking my other leg, for it is live now and I may have to have it cut off for more cutting." Scott was formerly a homely wanderer. Physicians declare that he has shown remarkable vitality in view of his past life.

## SHOT, DRINKS OWN BLOOD.

McDonald, Devine editor of *Character*, in the current number of that magazine, again raises the question whether the main cause for dependence and privation in America is maladjustment rather than personal depravity. He says he has no disposition to idealize the poor or to permit sentimentality to usurp the place of reason and common sense when he challenges the traditional attitude of those who assume personal fault or shortcomings as an explanation for need, and who sight over the improvidence, poverty and ignorance of the poor. According to McDonald, the conscientious expert and leader of organized charity, the truth is that industrial accidents, sickness, widowhood, or pharange, insufficient food and unsanitary dwellings are fundamental causes of dependence. He finds it true that many dependent families would be self-supporting if in youth they had had different education and environment. All of these illustrations point to maladjustment rather than to personal fault, and hence Devine says that "it behoves charitable agencies to weigh thoughtfully the probability at least that herein lies the more important part of their problem."

## MALADJUSTMENT AND DEPRAVITY.

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## SHOOTING IN THE MARKETS.

Fountain Blue won the all-aged handicap feature at Jamaica track.

Tommy Burns writes from Australia that after his battle with Jack Johnson he will retire from the ring.

Marvin Hart was awarded the decision over Jack (Twin) Sullivan on a foul in the fifth round of their bout, scheduled for twelve rounds, in Boston.

At the annual meeting of the Central Baseball Association Oskaloosa was voted out on account of poor patronage, and Galesburg, Ill., and Hamlin, Mo., made up to fill the gap.

## ATTACK ON COUNTY FAIRS.

President Hyde of Bowdoin college, Brunswick, Me., in a notable address to the student body severely arraigned the laws of Maine for permitting the organization of corporations which allow fraud and stealing and denounced the shoddy vices and swindles which flourish at many of the county fairs. Said Hyde: "The most important of the American people are desirous to get something from the Maine State fair as they do from the State fairs of Oklahoma or Nevada. This State receives thousands of dollars a year from all over the country for organizing corporations under laws that were drafted in the interest of thieves to make wholesale stealing easy." He then referred to the local county fair, at which numerous low and swindling shows were run, and said: "There is nothing more disreputable than to be associated with a fair of this character."

## ERICKSON DIES IN GERMAN MINE.

Three hundred and eighty miners were cut off at the Radobol mine, three miles from Hamm, Westphalia, Germany, by explosion and fire, and 339 of them were killed. The cab was wrecked but no one was hurt. The machine was hired by a young woman in front of a Broadway restaurant, and she is supposed to have left the bomb in the cab. The driver had followed her to return her change, but she eluded him.

## DEATH OF CHINESE EMPEROR.

The Emperor of China was reported dead at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon. It was impossible, however, to obtain official confirmation of this announcement. His majesty was transferred to the death chamber at 2 o'clock. At that hour he was still breathing. Two imperial edicts were issued from the palace in quick succession. The first makes Prince Chun regent of the empire and the second appoints his son, Pu Wei, heir presumptive.