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## IOWA GUARDSMAN IS GUILTY.

Capt. Oliver W. Kulp Disobeyed Orders in Not Shopping Prize Fight.

Capt. Oliver W. Kulp of the Iowa National Guard, commanding a Davenport company, was convicted of disobedience of orders in failing to stop the prize fight in Davenport on Nov. 21, and sentenced to be reprimanded. This verdict was communicated by the recent court-martial to Gov. Cummins, and was disclosed with the findings of the executive, who says officially that, as he has no power to increase the penalty and no desire to lessen it, he is compelled to approve it. The telephone companies are held to have been "absolutely without justification or excuse" and guilty of "gross negligence" in failing to deliver telegrams from the adjutant general to the captain of the Davenport company, and it is decided that their course could be accounted for "only by their desire to have the exhibition take place."

## GIRL COMES FAR TO AID LOVER.

Journeys 10,000 Miles to Ask Nebraska Governor for Pardon.

As the result of a romance John B. Martin, now confined in the Nebraska State penitentiary, may secure a pardon. He was convicted of swindling. Inga Anderson, Martin's sweetheart, filed application for the pardon, and appeared before Gov. Sheldon and urged her petition. Among other things she told the Governor she had traveled 10,000 miles to see him and to ask for her lover's release. Martin and Miss Anderson have been sweethearts for several years. Three years ago Miss Anderson's father moved to Alaska, taking the girl with him. The father died and the girl began mining for herself. She struck it rich and is now very wealthy.

## USE PICTURE TO HELP INSANE.

Illuminated Painting of Christ Shown to Hospital Inmates.

The physicians at the State Hospital for the Insane in Massillon, Ohio, tried the experiment of exhibiting to the patients a big painting of Christ illuminated by electric lights. It is believed that by thus concentrating the attention of the insane upon this picture a beneficial therapeutic effect will be produced in their recovery. Many of the patients, recognizing the subject of the painting, raised their hands in supplication toward it and some fell on their knees and wept.

## Meningitis Cure Discovered.

Cerebro spinal meningitis, the dread disease, which in 1905 took more than 1,000 lives in three months in New York City, has apparently been conquered by Dr. Simon Flexner, head of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research. Dr. Flexner, after almost three years of research and hundreds of experiments, has discovered an anti-toxin serum with which to combat the merciless "spotted fever."

## Moorish Ruler Twice Victor.

Recent fighting near Morocco has resulted in two victories for Abd-el-Aziz, the Sultan of Morocco. The Rehamnas, followers of Mulai Hafid, the "southern sultan," attacked the Shragna tribesmen, partisans of Abd-el-Aziz, but were repulsed with a loss of 200 men. After receiving 900 re-enforcements from Mulai Hafid the Rehamnas attacked a second time, but again suffered defeat.

## Pours Molten Lead Into Ear.

James H. Conkling, a prominent business man, is in the Thrall hospital in Middletown, N. Y., unconscious as the result of molten lead being poured into one of his ears. There is a theory that Conkling injured himself while mentally unbalanced. He has been in poor health for some time and disappeared a few days ago.

## Mikado Wants Only Peace.

Secretary Taft is the bearer from the Mikado of Japan to President Roosevelt of the positive assurance that the island empire wants "peace and nothing but peace" with the United States.

## Provision Prices Lower.

Wheat prices are high, sustained by a strong world's situation and a heavy local holding. Provisions are lower than last year. Consumers are buying slowly of all foodstuffs.

## Arrested; Kills Himself.

Immediately following his arrest on a charge of violating postal regulations and after being a fugitive since February, Dr. C. C. J. Wachendorf shot and killed himself in Sioux Falls, S. D.

## Accidentally Kills His Nephew.

While taking part in a dove drive near Aiken, S. C., B. F. Tyler accidentally shot the top of his nephew's head off, causing instant death. Tyler afterward tried to kill himself.

## Woman and Child Die in Fire.

Mrs. Boyer and one child were burned to death and another child badly burned in the fire that destroyed their home near Hamden, Vinton County, Ohio.

## Steals \$1,800 in Jewelry.

Rings, watches, lockets and trinkets to the value of \$1,800 were stolen by a thief, who broke the front window of the Enterprise Jewelry Company's store in Denver.

## Three Children Drowned.

At Northfield, N. H., the daughter and two sons of Enos Pieno were playing on the ice, when it gave way and they were drowned.

## Ends Life in Fit of Remorse.

Remorseful because he had broken a temperance pledge in the absence of his family, Frank Ames shot and killed himself in Hastings, Pa. The family, coming home from Clearfield county, found his body.

## Jobs for Davis' Daughters.

Senator Jeff Davis of Arkansas found at his disposal as Senator after he took the oath two small appointments, one a private secretary at \$1,800; the other a laborer at \$900 a year. He conferred the appointments on his two daughters.

## SLAYS RECALLED WIFE.

Attempt at Reconciliation Ends in Murder at Feast.

Having reassembled his family for a reunion after an estrangement which had lasted for a year, Dr. Walker R. Amesbury, formerly a British army surgeon, at dinner in Hyde Park, Mass., shot and killed his wife, who was formerly Anna Reese, a concert singer. At the doctor's request his wife had returned from Danville, Va., where she had been teaching at Roanoke college, and his sons, Walker, aged 20, and Ira, aged 17, had returned from New York, where they had lived since the family was broken up about a year ago. Mrs. Amesbury's mother, Mrs. Jennie Reese, was completing the dinner preparations when the doctor and his wife became engaged in a quarrel. The two sons admonished their father to remember the day, when suddenly the doctor drew a revolver and fired at his wife's breast. The woman fell unconscious and died within a few moments.

## MATRIMONIAL RUSH IN N. Y.

Hundreds Seek to Wed Before License Law Makes It Difficult.

Cupid has been having an inning in New York. Beginning Jan. 1 a new law requiring licenses to wed will be in force, and hundreds of couples have been rushing to the ministers to escape the publicity which will follow the recording of all marriages. There are commonly about 250 marriages a day in the city, but for a week this number has been increased threefold, bringing the biggest matrimonial rush the city has ever seen. One minister announced that he married twenty-five couples in one week and had engagements to unite twice that number before Jan. 1. There are many objections to the new law voiced by ministers and others. The objectors say that the law makes marriage more difficult while they believe that all difficulties in the way of matrimony should be smoothed away. They believe that the new law will induce elopements.

## VANDERBILT WEDDING IS OFF.

Society Folk Hear Count Is Dissatisfied with the Settlement.

New York society is stirred by a report from Newport that the wedding of Miss Gladys Vanderbilt, heiress to the \$12,000,000 Vanderbilt fortune, had been called off owing to dissatisfaction on the part of Count Szechenyi, the Hungarian to whom she was betrothed, with the amount of the marriage settlement which was to be made to him. In all the salons of Newport the story went that the sturdy Americanism of Alfred G. Vanderbilt and Reginald Vanderbilt, the prospective bride's brothers, had revolted against the marriage of their sister to a man who they believed had revealed himself as a fortune hunter and that they had persuaded their sister after much trouble that the foreign nobleman is unworthy of her. The Vanderbilt family, however, will go no further than the admission that the wedding has been postponed.

## PUT PUMP ON PIVOT.

Warring Families in Double House Evolve Unique Plan.

A war has been in progress for some time between two families using the same well in Marion, Ohio. The man who well the houses occupied by the two families drilled a well exactly on the line between the two lots. The purchasers "fell out," and as a result there has been a lot of bad feeling whenever one family trespassed on the lot of the other to get water. A neighborhood Solomon suggested that the pump be so adjusted that it would turn around, permitting the handle and spout to be over the lot of the family which wanted to use it. The suggestion was followed. Each family is so pleased over the solution that the contention is about ended.

## THINKS WEST NEEDS TROOPS.

If Navy Falls, Officer Says, 20,000 Japanese Could Control Coast.

Col. T. C. Woodbury, acting commander of the department of the Columbia, U. S. A., in a statement said that the whole Pacific coast would be helpless in case the navy should prove unable to prevent the landing of a force of 20,000 Japanese or other foreign army at any of the numerous unprotected bays along the coast. He said there are not 2,000 regulars on the coast to resist an attack by land, while 15,000 infantrymen are needed.

## Frisco Has a \$200,000 Blaze.

Fire destroyed nearly the entire block bounded by Mission, Jessie, First and Second streets, in San Francisco. Several factories and stores were burned out and the loss will amount to more than \$200,000. Most of the buildings destroyed were only temporary affairs, so that the loss was principally in stocks carried by the firms involved.

## Engineer Fails to See Signal.

Five men were killed in a collision on the Grand Trunk railroad at Lenox, Mich., due to the engineer of a fast passenger train failing to see a signal set against him. His train crashed into a double-header freight train standing on the track, and three engines were piled in a heap.

## Children See Mother Die.

Mrs. Mary Colcott of Youngstown, Ohio, 27 years old, was giving the finishing touches to a Christmas tree when her two children, coming down stairs, saw her drop dead. She had been seized with a hemorrhage.

## A. G. Beaunisme Is Dead.

Albert G. Beaunisme, assistant publisher of the Chicago Daily News, died suddenly of heart disease after a treatment recommended by his physician.

## Entire Family Is Cremated.

Five persons were burned to death in a fire which destroyed the house of John Clark at Watertown, a Boston suburb. Every member of the Clark family met death in the flames.

## Murder on Iselin Estate.

The body of a well-dressed young man has been found on property owned by C. Oliver Iselin, near Mount Vernon, N. Y. There was a bullet hole behind the right ear. It is not believed that the man killed himself.

## BANK ROBBERS GET \$2,500.

Flee After a Battle with Citizens, but Are Captured by a Posse.

The Bank of Camden Point, at Camden Point, Mo., thirty miles southeast of St. Joseph, was robbed by three men at 3 o'clock the other morning and \$2,500 was taken. A battle between citizens and the robbers occurred and many shots were exchanged, but the robbers escaped. They were pursued by a posse and captured about noon near Edgerton Junction. The robbers were discovered by Prof. Barhan, president of Camden Point college, who saw a light in the bank and aroused the citizens. Three explosions occurred after the alarm was given, and the safe and interior of the bank were wrecked.

## FOEMAN FOLLOW YOUTH FAR.

Relatives All Slain, Austrian Flee Country, but Is Wounded in Ohio.

Radiyagi Rakich, a young Austrian, was shot and fatally wounded at Bedford, Ohio, as a result of a vendetta which had been carried on in his native land for years. Rakich, the last of his family, fled from Lodz, Austria, to this country, but was followed, according to a diary which he kept, and which was found in his pocket after the shooting. The other day he withdrew his money from a bank and was about to leave for another city, fearing pursuit, when he was shot from ambush. Three unknown foreigners, who have been seen loitering about Bedford, are suspected and farmers are in pursuit.

## VOTES "DRY" TO GET BIG GIFT.

Hudson, Ohio, Takes Preliminary Step to Obtain Ellsworth Benefit.

Because a gift of \$200,000 supposedly made by J. W. Ellsworth, millionaire New York coal man, which promises to make the town a model village provided that the sale of liquor ceases before the money is paid over, Hudson, Ohio, voted out saloons by a vote of 206 to 188. The town's sentiment is overwhelmingly "wet," but the chance to get municipal light and gas plants, with a sewage disposal plant and the remodeling of the old Western Reserve College at a cost of \$100,000 overcame the saloon sentiment.

## FIND CHILD'S TONGUE.

Clue to Disappearance of Girl Causes Arrest of Father.

Sheriff Bauman of Fremont, Neb., directed that Olaf Olsen of Rosalie be arrested, and that Mrs. Olsen and her two children be sent to Fremont. This is the result of the sheriff's investigations of the mysterious disappearance of 4-year-old Lille Olsen, daughter of Olaf, two weeks ago. A thousand men searched for her in Thurston and adjoining counties. One day Sheriff Bauman discovered a piece of flesh in a wheat shock on the Olsen farm. Physicians pronounced this a portion of a child's tongue.

## CHICAGO SOLDIER ENDS LIFE.

Anton Garisch Commits Suicide in Akron, Ohio, by Drinking Poison.

Anton Garisch, son of Andrew Garisch of Chicago, and honorably discharged from the Fifty-fifth United States artillery at Fort Hancock, New Jersey, a month ago, committed suicide in Akron, Ohio, by drinking carbolic acid. He was out of work and despondent. A year ago near Fort Hancock Garisch captured an Italian murderer of a policeman, receiving a stab in the side which laid him up a month. For this act he received a reward.

## Verdict of Chicago Jury.

Thomas Chamales, the Greek proprietor of the Savoy, a saloon in the levee district of Chicago, has been found not guilty by a jury of his peers. Chamales was charged with keeping his saloon open on Sunday and with selling liquor on that day; he admitted the truth of both accusations; the court ruled that such actions were in violation of the law—the jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

## Mrs. Bradley After Money.

Mrs. Annie M. Bradley has brought suit in Salt Lake to break the will of the late United States Senator Arthur Brown, whom Mrs. Bradley shot and killed in Washington in December, 1906. She wants the estate for Brown's two children.

## Pennsylvania Trains Crash.

Three persons were killed and seventeen others were injured in a rear-end collision on the elevated tracks of the Pennsylvania railroad a short distance from the station in Camden, N. J. The cars were thoroughly smashed. Fire added to the difficulties of the work of rescue.

## Spoon Oar Inventor's Suicide.

James B. Rensley, 87 years old, inventor of the spoon oar and maker of oars for most of the prominent boat clubs of the country, committed suicide by shooting himself in Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Rensley invented the spoon oar in 1833.

## Real Admiral Evans Entertained.

Sir Thomas Moore Jackson, British governor, entertained in honor of Rear Admiral Evans at Port of Spain, and toasts were drunk to King Edward, President Roosevelt and the United States navy.

## Breaks Neck Hiding Presents.

Jackson Stille, 50 years old, a well-known resident of West Elizabeth, near Pittsburgh, while stealthily trying to escape the eyes of the younger members of the family and hide Christmas presents, fell down stairs and broke his neck.

## Dutch Cabinet Is Out.

The Dutch cabinet resigned following the defeat in Parliament of army estimates.

## Court Orders Sale.

Judge Groschup has ordered the sale of the Union Tractor properties in Chicago to the Chicago Railways Company, which means that the traction question is settled and the rehabilitation work for the North and West Side lines will progress.

## Many Children Disappear.

Reports to St. Petersburg police show many abductions of babies, the discovery of many bodies of dead infants and the disappearance of many boys and girls from the schools.

## GRAIN CROPS SHORT, BUT WORTH FAR MORE.

Government Final Estimate Shows Great Decline in Cereal Production.

## PRICES MAKE FARMERS HAPPY.

They Will Get Half a Billion of Dollars More This Year than Last.

The government report shows a shortage of 785,987,000 bushels in total crops as compared with the crops of 1906, which were the largest ever raised in this country, and a shortage of 377,287,000 bushels as compared with the yields of 1905, which were also very large.

The chief shortage is in the corn crop, with 835,000,000 bushels, oats with 211,000,000 bushels and wheat with 101,000,000 bushels.

There is something of an offset to the big losses in the feeding grains in the increase of 6,431,000 tons of hay as compared to that of 1906, and of 3,045,388 tons as compared to the crop of 1905.

Prominent features of the final revision of its crop estimates for the year by the Department of Agriculture were the increases made in the reports of area seeded to spring wheat, corn and oats. In each of these particulars as well as in the estimated weight of spring wheat and oats the official reports ran more or less counter to the general impressions of speculators. In a few instances, such as the weight of oats, the figures given were at variance with all the experiences of the trade for the year to date.

## Figures of the Report.

The report gave final estimates of acreage, production and value of farm crops, showing winter wheat acreage to be 28,132,000, production 409,442,000 bushels and value per bushel 88.2 cents. Spring wheat acreage was 17,079,000.

## CROPS OF UNITED STATES FOR THREE YEARS.

	1907, bu.	1906, bu.	1905, bu.
Winter wheat	409,442,000	492,888,004	428,462,834
Spring wheat	224,045,000	242,372,996	204,516,655
Total wheat	634,087,000	735,260,970	632,979,489
Corn	2,592,320,000	2,927,416,091	2,707,993,540
Oats	754,443,000	964,904,522	953,216,177
Rye	31,568,000	33,374,833	27,616,045
Barley	153,317,000	178,916,484	136,651,020
Buckwheat	14,290,000	14,641,937	14,535,082
Flaxseed	25,851,000	25,576,140	28,477,733
Potatoes	297,942,000	308,038,382	260,741,204
Total	5,137,903,000	5,923,890,235	5,515,189,839
Hay, tons	63,577,000	57,145,959	60,531,612

production 224,045,000 bushels and value 86 cents.

Corn acreage was 99,931,000, production 2,592,320,000 bushels and value 51.7 cents.

Oats acreage was 31,837,000, production 754,443,000 bushels and value 44.3 cents.

It was announced that the total value of the farm crops for 1907 was \$3,404,000,000, an increase of \$428,000,000 for 1906.

The farm value on Dec. 1 of the four crops already mentioned follows: Corn, \$1,340,446,000; winter wheat, \$361,217,000; spring wheat, \$193,220,000; oats, \$334,568,000.

The comparative prices for the grain crops for the past three years follow:

	1907.	1906.	1905.	1904.
Wheat	81.7	66.7	74.8	92.4
Corn	51.7	39.9	41.2	44.1
Oats	44.3	31.7	20.1	31.8
Rye	73.1	68.9	60.7	62.0
Barley	44.3	41.5	40.8	42.2
Buckwheat	69.8	59.9	58.7	62.2
Flax	95.6	101.8	95.0	99.3
Potatoes	61.7	51.1	61.7	45.3
Hay	11.68	10.37	8.52	8.72

## FARMING IN A DESERT.

There Are Colonizing Possibilities Even in Death Valley.

The craze of "homesteading" which is seems to have reached its limit in the choice of Death Valley as a colonizing possibility. With the idea of transforming the most arid and most desolate portion of the great American desert into farm land, a number of tracts have been homesteaded, irrigation systems have been planned, and other preparations are now in progress for beginning the reclamation of Death Valley. A railroad is already built from Greenwater, at the southern end of the valley, to the borax works owned by the celebrated "Borax" Smith of 20-mile team fame, and there is an automobile stage line through the valley. Even enthusiasts do not claim that piping water from Telescope Peak across the Funeral range into the valley is also under consideration.

State Holds Waters-Piece Company. The Texas Supreme Court has decided that it has final jurisdiction in the disputed receivership for the debarred Waters-Piece Oil Company and Attorney General Davidson has moved the appointment of a State receiver to take charge of the property, pending a final disposition of the penalty and ouster proceedings.

Col. A. S. Colyar, aged 90 years, noted jurist, statesman and author, died at his home in Nashville, Tenn. He was a member of the Confederate congress.

## JEFF DAVIS' DEBUT.

Arkansas Senator Delivers Maiden Speech.

Breaking all traditions and precedents, United States Senator Jefferson Davis, of Arkansas, addressed his colleagues on "trust control of business" after nine days' service. Up to a few years ago it was an unwritten law that no Senator should address his fellows in a set speech unless he had served at least one term.

Then Senator Beveridge reduced the time limit of senatorial apprenticeship by speaking after three months' occupation of a Senate seat. Davis' purpose to establish a new record had been widely advertised and there was a large crowd to hear him.

In 1898 Davis was Attorney General of Arkansas and, while in this position, secured the Democratic nomination for Governor. Although bitterly opposed by practically every newspaper in the State he was elected by one of the largest majorities ever given in Arkansas. Three times he was elected Governor. He is of a restless, nervous temperament, devoted to his family, an enthusiastic lover of books and a keen student of men. He is of fine appearance, being over six feet tall. His daughter is his constant companion and stenographer. Senator Davis is a nephew of the illustrious Southerner whose name he bears.

## TWO NEW BATTLESHIPS.

Government New Building Largest in the World.

Coincident with the departure of the Atlantic fleet for the Pacific, there was laid down in the Fore River shipyard, at Quincy, Mass., the keel plates of the battleship North Dakota, which is expected to be far more powerful than the most effective ship now under the command of Rear Admiral Evans. The biggest vessel in the Pacific bound fleet is of 16,000 tonnage, but the North Dakota will be of 20,000 tons displacement; nearly 2,000 tons heavier than

the famous Dreadnought, of the British navy, and 25 per cent more effective in gun-fire than the latter. The North Dakota will be 510 feet long.

It is already figured out that the launching will take place next October, or in ten months from the time of the laying of the keel. (Although the keel was laid only recently) the North Dakota is regarded as nearly 8 per cent finished. Long before the keel blocks were placed in position the ship was completely laid down in the mold-raft and over 50 per cent of all the plans in the construction of the ship were developed and approved.

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