

WALKERTON INDEPENDENT

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Yellowstone park is becoming almost as unsafe as if it were a great city.

An infant weighing 20 pounds was born at Shewano, Wis., the other day. Who can think of an appropriate name for him?

Every American must respect the army uniform and the navy uniform, but he cannot respect the man who wears it when that man proves himself unworthy.

A shortage of chorus girls was reported lately in New York, and now Oklahoma reports a shortage of 1,200 school teachers. What are the girls doing, anyhow?

The success of Maxim's noiseless device for rifles serves to correct the somewhat popular notion that Maxim's is something loud and noisy, as well as festive.

Washington dispatches say that within the next 90 days a new Panama bond issue will probably be put out, amounting to about \$25,000,000, but postage stamp bids won't go.

Texas has more miles of railroad than any other state, but still it is possible for the mosquitoes to get down to earth through the network of telegraph wires above the tracks.

If Minister Wu has really discovered the secret of prolonging life indefinitely, the empress of China would scarcely be blamed for wanting the personal advice of so valuable a subject.

We are not surprised at thefeat of a St. Louis woman who has written a play in 16 hours. A good many of the current plays might, it would seem, have been written in less time than that.

According to an observing coin collector superstitious persons who believe in the "13" hoodoo should have nothing to do with a quarter-dollar, for the unlucky 13 is much in evidence on the coins of that denomination.

A British peer has just married a chorus girl in London. Maybe the peerage finds the American heiress giving out or getting wary, and is looking for wives among women who can support their husbands by going to work.

The British consul at Tamsui reports that the total exports of camphor from Formosa in 1907 amounted to 4,121,566 pounds, of which 2,452,933 pounds was sent to Havre, London and Hamburg; 1,625,300 pounds to America, and 33,333 pounds to Madras.

The New York health board has again arraigned the fly on the murderous charge of carrying typhoid microbes on his feet and thus distributing them on foods. This seems a little fanciful, but whether it is true or not, the fly is a malefactor and should be eliminated.

The French Panama Canal Company, which went into bankruptcy in 1889, finally passed out of existence last month when the receivers were discharged. It took longer to wind up the affairs of the unsuccessful corporation than will be required for the American government to build the canal.

The contest over the will of the late Sir Lionel Sackville Sackville-West is not altogether astonishing. His domestic relations were somewhat extensive and complicated, as may be inferred from a bet he once made while at sea, that he would marry the first woman he met when he landed. He won—in a way.

The duke of the Abruzzi continues to have difficulty in persuading the queen of Italy to consent to his marriage to Miss Elkins. The queen has a reputation at home for beauty, and it is but natural that she should not want another woman at court who would become, as a well-known Chicagoan once said, the siren of all eyes.

That Genoan father who shot and killed the driver of an automobile, and also one of the woman occupants of the vehicle, who was a marchioness, when he saw his child crushed to death before his eyes, is commanded by some in Genoa who do not stop to reason; but his violence is more reprehensible than the neglect of the chauffeur.

An American woman has made a tour of Europe, with but one gown and no trunk at all. She has preferred comfort to style, and the fact of seeing to being seen. Having nothing but a suitcase, she has bought no handsome gowns or fine laces abroad to smuggle past the customs authorities. Not the unexpected, but the impossible has happened.

Toledo, Ohio, is said to have fewer bad boys than any other city in America. A writer in the World's Work gives the reason in his account of the juvenile organization established there by a wise philanthropist. He organized the boys into drum corps and athletic teams, provided the uniforms and equipment, and then made it a condition of remaining in the organization that the members refrain from bad talk, alcohol, tobacco and gambling. Almost any boy will give up a harmful habit for a harmless one if the harmless one is made attractive.

Heretofore elections in Cuba have been the signal for disorder and revolutionary outbreaks. The recent elections were as peaceful as a contest for selectman in a New England town. The new electoral law which provides for non-partisan electoral boards was tried for the first time, and it proved to be a good political device. But the real reason for the unprecedented good order of the elections is to be found in the temper of the Cuban people. They are learning, if not to govern themselves, at least not to make a riot of government.

RELIEF FOR VICTIMS

MICHIGAN IS QUICK TO HELP ITS FIRE-STRICKEN PEOPLE.

GOVERNOR ISSUES APPEAL

Detroit Also Adopts Prompt Measures
—General Situation Improved
But Conditions are Pitiful
Among Survivors.

Detroit, Mich.—Reports from the forest fire district of northern Michigan were fragmentary Sunday, but there were indications of improvement in the general situation so far as imminent danger to life and property was concerned.

But as to the victims who survived the destruction of their homes and villages, conditions are pitiful in the extreme with the likelihood of greater distress and many deaths from exposure in the event of a sudden drop of temperature falling upon the half clothed refugees camped in box cars and open fields.

Relief Measures Taken.

Gov. Fred M. Warner Sunday issued an appeal to the people of Michigan for contributions, and on call of Mayor William B. Thompson on Detroit a special meeting of the common council was held Monday morning to consider the matter of contributing relief. A public meeting also was held in the mayor's office at noon for the same purpose and Bishop Charles D. Williams of the Episcopal diocese of Michigan, who has just returned from the fire district, described conditions as he witnessed them. The Detroit board of commerce held a meeting at the Detroit club Sunday night to arrange the details of shipping a preliminary car load of provisions and bedding north Monday and Gov. Warner directed Adj't Gen. McCurren of the state troops to take the initiative in similar measures at Grand Rapids. The Detroit & Mackinac Railroad company has already sent a dozen car loads of provisions, lumber and hay into the burned district from Bay City.

Town of Ossineke Threatened.

President J. D. Hawks of the Detroit & Mackinac railroad received word Sunday that forest fires were seriously threatening the town of Ossineke, south of Alpena on Thunder bay. Quartermaster Gen. W. J. Rogers, of the state troops, who was sent into the burned district to investigate conditions, telephoned Gov. Warner to day that there was no need of troops, as the fire situation was improved, temporarily at least. The immediate need, Gen. Rogers reported, was for bedding and food for the refugees and fodder for horses and cattle.

"Fred M. Warner, Governor."

Known Dead Are Twenty-Six.
Alpena, Mich.—Reports from the flame-swept counties in this section of the state indicate improvement in the fire situation. But the necessity for immediate substantial relief for the refugees is hourly becoming greater.

But one fresh report of loss of life came into Alpena Sunday. Henry Hines, his wife and two children are believed to have been cremated on their farm near Cathro.

Between Metz and Rogers City seven more bodies have been found, making a total of 26 lives that are known to have been lost in Presque Isle and Alpena counties since Thursday night.

Rogers City, reported in imminent danger, has been saved. South Rogers is also safe.

After Young Cudahy Again.

Omaha, Neb.—A stranger was found in the home of Edward A. Cudahy, the millionaire packer, Tuesday night, who made his escape out of an open window on the second floor when a servant girl screamed. He was well dressed and wore a silk hat. He was in the room of Edward Cudahy, Jr., who was kidnapped seven years ago.

Attempt to Slay a Priest.

Chicago.—An attempt to assassinate the Rev. J. K. Fielding of Corpus Christi Roman Catholic church, one of the most widely known priests in America, was made in the church vestibule Sunday afternoon by an unidentified man. The stranger fired two shots at Father Fielding after a struggle and then made his escape.

Dr. Mann Declines Bishipric.

Washington.—Giving as a controlling reason that his work in Boston is still unfinished, Rev. Dr. Alexander Mann, pastor of Trinity Episcopal church of that city, has declined the position of bishop of Washington, to succeed Bishop Satterlee.

Captain of Bark Drowns Self.

Pensacola, Fla.—The Norwegian bark Majorca, which arrived here Sunday from Buenos Ayres, reported the suicide by drowning of her master, Capt. Ellersen, at sea.

Cincinnati Capitalist Dead.

Cincinnati.—Hiram Harper Peck, 59 years of age, a leading capitalist of this city, died at his home Sunday morning of paralysis. His illness was indirectly caused by the Jamaica earthquake of some months ago. Mr. Peck was in Jamaica at that time.

Three Quakes in California.

Salinas, Cal.—Three slight earthquake shocks were felt here Sunday. The first was felt at 12:22 a. m. and the last at 4:39 p. m. No damage resulted. The shocks were also felt at Hollister.

J. O. Curwood Alive and Well.

Winnipeg, Man.—The story being published in the press that James Oliver Curwood, the well-known magazine writer of Detroit, had been murdered by Indians in the Hudson Bay district, is untrue. Curwood is alive and well.

Murderer Kills Self in Jail.

Champaign, Ill.—John Cook, aged 75 years, committed suicide in the county jail Thursday by hanging himself. One month ago he murdered Mrs. Edna McLennan.

WAR IN BALKANS AVERTED

TURKEY'S MOBILIZATION ORDER IS CHECK TO BULGARIA.

Both Countries Formally Declare Intentions Peaceful—Quick Diplomatic Work Alone Prevents Hostilities.

Constantinople.—The report that the mobilization of the Turkish troops had been ordered is unfounded. Presumably it arose through the fact that certain battalions of the Anatolian reserves attached to the Salonic and Adrianople army corps were convoked for the maneuvers in the native districts, and that three battalions were ordered to Constantinople from Macedonia for police service in the capital, these being replaced by an equal number of Redifs from Smyrna.

London.—The Turkish ambassador and the Bulgarian chargé d'affaires Sunday emphatically denied the report that war was imminent between the two countries.

Paris.—Bulgaria has backed down, according to Naoum Pasha, the Turkish ambassador, and not only has the probability of war, which appeared imminent Saturday night been eliminated, but an understanding between Bulgaria and Turkey is in sight.

The ambassador Sunday practically admitted that Saturday the two countries were on the verge of war and explained that, while his denial of the mobilization of the Turkish troops was literally true, it was equally true that mobilization had been previously ordered and then suspended.

To France largely belongs the honor of opening the way for an understanding between Turkey and Bulgaria before it was too late. From official sources the story is learned of how the crisis was averted at Constantinople.

Tokyo.—Ician battles between Japan and Korea were on the north coast of the island of Luzon or the Philippine group. The delay of the American fleet arriving at Yokohama to a tremendous storm on the morning of October 12 and October 13. One man was drowned and some damage resulted to

the fleet. The details of the storm were communicated to the Associated Press at Tokyo by the wireless telegraph through the special ship connection.

The fleet will be at Yokohama at the morning of October 18. The wireless telegraph from the Associated Press at Tokyo by way of Shimonoza 17 and was sent to this place. It did not give the details of the storm to the fleet, but simply encountered by the morning of October 12 a terrific gale that portions of a typhoon, assumed the north coast of Luzon.

Tremendous seas were kicked up as washed overboard. It was not from what was lost. There was damage caused by the nothing of a serious

dispatch stated that the ships at that time.

Vice-Adm. S. S. Sperry extended graph.

EXPLORER HEADED FOR POLE.

First Message Is Received from the Cook Arctic Expedition.

New York.—The first message from Dr. Frederick E. Cook, the arctic explorer, since he started for the pole from a point north of Etah February 26, has been received in this city. It was brought here by Rudolph Franke, who accompanied Dr. Cook on the early stage of his journey and who received it from the explorer by messengers whom he sent back to the winter base after he was well on his way to the north.

The French foreign office in turn notified M. Paleologue, the French diplomatic agent at Sofia, the result being that at five o'clock, when M. Constans called upon Kiamil Pasha, the grand vizier, to demand an explanation of Turkey's action, he had the pacific assurances of Bulgaria in his pocket.

ROOSEVELT GOING TO ENGLAND.

London Times Says He Will Lecture at Oxford.

London.—The Times is informed that President Roosevelt will visit England after his African trip early in 1910. He will deliver the Romanes lecture at Oxford and, on the occasion of the university commemoration, will receive the honorary degree of D. C. L., which Oxford already has bestowed upon Emperor William.

According to the Times, President Roosevelt also will visit Paris and deliver an address at the Sorbonne. The lectures are yet known. The Times further states that according to the present plans Mrs. Roosevelt will join the president at Khartoum on the journey northward.

KING OF ITALY CONSENTS.

Agrees to Let Abruzzi Marry Miss Katherine Elkins.

Turin.—Although no official announcement has been given out with reference to the marriage of the duke of the Abruzzi and Miss Katherine Elkins, it is asserted that the king has definitely given his consent. As a consequence the duke is preparing to leave for the United States. It is likely that he will proceed via Havre. The newspapers, in the belief that the marriage is certain, say that Miss Elkins will now be considered as an Italian royal princess, while after her marriage she will have the position and honors due her rank as a member of the royal family.

CARRIERS HEAD A THIEF.

Vancouver, B. C.—J. B. Harkin of the department has solved the Hindoo question, consisting of entire Hindoo 000 persons, is to be more than 2 British Columbia to British Columbia. The Hindoo are Hindus and the imperial government will send them to their new home.

Transporting the Hindoo colony here are many of the work but actually

starving.

STANDARD OIL TANKS BURNED.

Baltimore, Md.—A spectacular fire broke out shortly before three o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the Canton plant of the Standard Oil Company, a short distance beyond the eastern limits of this city, and it was not under control until nearly four hours later.

The fire originated in the pump house, where a spark set fire to oily pipes and the blaze ran along them to nearby tanks, of which three were destroyed.

GRANDSON OF PERRY DIES.

New York.—Oscar Hazard Perry, a grandson of Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry, hero of the battle of Lake Erie, died Friday at his home in Jersey City of apoplexy. He was born in Clarkson, N. Y., in 1840.

TUG RAMS ALBANY STEAMER.

New York.—One man was drowned and 75 persons were thrown into a panic Friday night when the steamer New York of the Albany Day line was rammed by the tug William H. Flannery in the North river.

MINISTER UGARTE IS RECALLED.

Washington.—The recall of Dr. Angel Ugarte, the minister from Honduras to the United States, was announced Thursday when the minister called on Secretary Root and said he had been relieved and would go to Mexico to represent his country there. Dr. Lazo Arrizaga, a brother of a former Guatemalan minister to the United States, will succeed him. Arrangements are being made for an audience with the president, when Mr. Ugarte will present his letter of recall and his successor his credentials.

DEPUTY FOR DE PAUW.

New York.—Rev. Francis J. D. pastor of the New York Methodist Episcopal church, Brooklyn, N. Y., has accepted a call to the presidency of De Pauw university, G.



GONE AT LAST.

TORNADO KILLS FOUR

TERRIFIC STORM WORKS HAVOC IN NEW MEXICO.

TOWN OF CLAYTON IS HIT

New Courthouse and Many Dwellings Are Wrecked—Cloudburst at La-

mar, Col., Causes a Destructive Flood.

Clayton, N. M.—Four homesteaders were killed near Clayton as the result of a tornado and cloudburst.

Twenty other persons were more or less injured, three of whom it is believed, will die.

The dead are: W. H. Haight, J. S. Fox, Mrs. Fox and their daughter.

The new Union county courthouse, which cost \$40,000, was wrecked, and a score of houses were wrecked, or torn from their foundations.

The Colorado & Southern railroad sustained heavy loss. Clayton was in utter darkness after the tornado until daylight. The water system was also put out of commission by the storm, and the town is without water.

The storm was severe in other sections. At Folsom, where 19 persons were drowned last August, the Cimarron river rose to within a foot of high-water mark causing a panic among the people, who fled in terror to the hills. It is reported that many houses were wrecked and much damage done to outlying places inhabited by home-owners.

Lamar, Colo.—A cloudburst struck this city Monday, registering a fall of nearly four inches. The Arkansas river, already a torrent, rose rapidly, and the large bridge over this stream was in danger of being swept away.