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AND THIS IS SPORT

Another Football Fatality Fills Loving Hearts with Sorrow.

Virginia May Abolish Football—Father, Mother and Brothers Accompany the Body to Richmond.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 15.—Accompanied by his heart-broken father, mother and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Christian and Andrew Christian, third, the body of Archer Christian, the fleet halfback of the University of Virginia football team, who died early yesterday morning from injuries received in the annual gridiron contest between Georgetown and Virginia, was taken to Richmond yesterday afternoon for burial.

At 3:40 o'clock yesterday morning the Virginia player whose heroic fight in the shadow of death gave his devoted family right to hope against hope, breathed his last, and so sorrow-stricken are the members of the family and his immediate friends that no definite arrangements have been made for the funeral.

In addition a movement is afoot tonight among the parents of students in the high schools of the District of Columbia to have football prohibited in the schools, if not barred entirely in the National Capital. The death of Cadet Byrne, of West Point, and the nearly fatal injuries of Midshipman Wilson in the game at the Naval Academy, are put forward as reasons why the game should be abolished, at least as it now is played.

The injury of Christian and his removal from the game were dramatic in the extreme. Christian was a tower of strength for the Virginia team and more than half the time he was given the ball to carry. So desperate were his plunges and his bucking of the line that Virginia won the game by a score of 21 to 0. The player who contributed most to the victory, however, was unconscious when the cheering roared for the Old Dominion team began their paeon of victory when the referee blew his final whistle.

The accident that put Christian out of the game came in the latter part of the last half. Christian was sent through the line on an off tackle buck. Aiding him in bucking the Georgetown line were Captain Yancy, halfback of the Virginia, and Stanton, right halfback.

The three plunged through the Georgetown line, but the Georgetown backs closed in, one of them throwing Staunton and another plunging forward to tackle Yancy. The latter tripped and threw his weight on Christian, who half turned and fell backward over the prostrate form of the Virginia player, striking heavily on the back of his head. When the pile was separated, it was discovered that Christian was unable to rise. He appeared to be in a faint, and the referee called for a number of substitutes to remove the stricken player. He was lifted up and taken to the side lines, where a doctor made a hurried examination and asked some of the by-standers for the use of an automobile to take the stricken man to the hospital. On more careful examination, however, the physicians discovered that the player's injuries were such that he could be removed with safety only in an ambulance. Accordingly, one was ordered.

In the meantime Andrew Christian, a brother of the stricken man, and a substitute on the Virginia team, was beside the quiet form. Once or twice the injured player stirred, and once he murmured, almost inarticulately, "How goes the game?"

He relapsed into unconsciousness almost immediately and before he could be told that victory was with his teammates.

Mrs. Christian, the mother of the football player, was one of the point of taking a train for home when a telephone message caught her at the railroad station. She hurried back to her son and immediately took up her place by his bedside. She gave orders that the most expert surgeons from Baltimore be at once sent for, but on arrival they agreed that all was being done for the injured that was known to medical science.

Young Christian was eighteen years old, and one of the best players the University of Virginia has had for years. The celebration of his classmates over the victory has given way to general mourning and members of both universities joined in expressing their sorrow over the accident.

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CAROLINA GAME CALLED OFF.

University of Virginia Football Team Has Been Disbanded.

Richmond, Va., Nov. 14.—The body of Archer Christian, the University of Virginia football player, who died in Washington this morning as a result of injuries received in the University of Virginia-Georgetown University game yesterday, arrived here this evening, accompanied by the young man's parents, his brother, Andrew H. Christian, third, representatives of the Georgetown football team, and the Georgetown Athletic Association and a number of University of Virginia students, who went to Washington to witness the game. It was taken to the family home on West Franklin street, amid every evidence of grief and sympathy from the community, which had been profoundly shocked by the tragedy. Young Christian's people are of the highest social standing in Richmond. His father is one of the most prominent business men of the city.

The funeral will take place Tuesday morning next at eleven o'clock, from St. Paul's Episcopal Church, this city.

All the games for the rest of the season have been called off and the football team disbanded by the University of Virginia authorities. The University Alumni Association here has cancelled all arrangements for the festivities which were to mark the Thanksgiving Day game with the University of North Carolina team in this city, and the university football authorities have turned over the ball park to the University of North Carolina for a game with some other team on the day in question, should it desire to play one.

FARMS AND PROSPERITY.

Two Remedies Prescribed for Present Conditions.

A noteworthy address has been delivered by President Brown, of the New York Central Railway, upon "The nation's farms and national prosperity." It must be said that this railway executive proves himself a clear-sighted social economist. He recognizes the importance of the fact that the frontier has become a tradition; that the uncultivated land is gone, and that any depression of manufacturing industries, which is sure to come, must mean a vast increase in the number of unemployed.

But he not only emphasizes a condition; he points a remedy, or two remedies. One of these is the increase of manual training schools attached to every high school, college, and university, where young men may become skilled in useful trades, while agricultural colleges should be heightened in efficiency. The other is that the rural population be doubled, "by more than doubling the product per acre of the nation's farms."

DISMAL SWAMP DRY.

Long Drought Turns Marshes Into Dust.

Norfolk, Va., Nov. 14.—Forest fires, which have been burning in Eastern Virginia for ten days, have swept over thousands of acres of land, completely depleting large sections of all undergrowth, and even destroying timber.

Not within the memory of old men has there been so little water in the swamps and low places as there is at this time. Swamps which have been under water almost continuously for year are now as dry as powder. Muck has turned into dust.

Especially is this true of the Dismal Swamp. There is now but little water in that almost impenetrable fastness of nature, save in Lake Drummond, and the water there is lower than it has been for years. In sections of the swamp, where water is usually from one to three feet deep, there is dry ground.

HONORED BY CONFEDERATES.

Knoxville, Tenn., Nov. 14.—Mrs. William G. Brownlow, widow of the famous "Parson" Brownlow, Tennessee's war governor and later United States senator, was officially presented with resolutions adopted by N. B. Forrest Camp of Confederate Veterans of Chattanooga on the occasion of her nineteenth birthday anniversary, thanking her for her efforts in behalf of the Confederate soldiers, disfranchised as a result of the Civil War, in again securing the franchise in 1870.

In her historic home here, Mrs. Brownlow received a delegation from Forrest Camp, among whom was Col. Tomlinson Fort, of Chattanooga, who was present when the original conference was held with Senator Brownlow forty years ago, at which Mrs. Brownlow uttered the words that showed her sympathy for the Southern soldiers, and as a result of which the Brownlow influence was thrown on the side of granting the franchise to Confederate soldiers.

NOTED TRIAL CLOSES

Dramatic Scene in the Court Room When Mme. Steinheil was Freed

At One Time the Jury Stood Three for Conviction—Accused of Murdering Husband and Step-Mother. Cheered by Crowds.

Paris, Nov. 14.—Mme. Margarita Steinheil was acquitted by a jury at an early hour this morning of the murder of her husband, Adolph Steinheil, a noted painter, and her step-mother, Mme. Japy. The verdict was rendered at 12:55 a. m., after two and a half hours' deliberation during which the jury thrice summoned the president of the court for explanations thus proving that the original majority was for conviction.

To some degree sentiment and a stuffy, crowded court-room favored the prisoner and the delay caused much apprehension. With the first appearance of the jury, however, several of whom were smiling, an instinctive feeling of acquittal flashed through the court-room.

A dramatic scene followed. The red-robed judges and counsel filed in and took their places. Every eye was riveted on the door through which the prisoner should enter, but she did not appear. M. DeValles, the presiding judge, turned to the jury and said: "Have you reached a verdict?"

The foreman arose and replied, "On our conscience we answer 'No' to every question."

A salvo of "Bravos" followed this announcement and a perfect bedlam broke loose. M. Aubin, counsel for Mme. Steinheil embraced his colleagues. Men and women in the rear of the hall jumped and screamed for joy. The judge threatened to clear the court-room and when a semblance of order was restored, he called, "Bring in the accused."

Fully two minutes passed before the black-robed figure, with a white face drooping on her breast, appeared in the doorway supported on either side by a gendarme. The woman swayed and seemed to be fainting, but in response to a wild outburst of cheers she lifted her head and looked about, smiling faintly in acknowledgment. Then she tottered forward and sank on the floor beside the rail.

When the judge pronounced the verdict her faint murmur of thanks was hardly heard. An instant after, M. Aubin was over the rail, lifting her in his arms. The crowds surged forward in a solid wall, making the rafters ring with cheers. Outside the gloomy court house tens of thousands, who had been awaiting for hours took up the cry. Special editions of the papers spread the news like wild-fire through the boulevards, where thousands more were waiting in front of the cafes and the same scenes of rejoicing were witnessed there.

It is understood that the jury stood nine for acquittal and three for conviction. The ceremony of liberating Mme. Steinheil occurred soon after her acquittal and the woman, heavily veiled, accompanied by a relative and one of her lawyers, entered a high-powered automobile and dashed away to an unknown destination hotly pursued by newspaper reporters.

TRAMPS AND RAILWAYS.

Some Interesting Statistics That Are Enlightening.

There were fewer railway casualties in the United States during last April, May and June, according to the Interstate Commerce Commission, than in any previous three months of which there is record. The killed passengers and employes together were 99, and the injured, 2,116. The figures show by comparison that railway travel grows safer in this country. This does not include casualties suffered by trespassers, chiefly tramps. Formerly, one tramp a day was killed on the Pennsylvania Railroad. This average has now increased to two a day, the number so killed in 1907 being 915.

The railway track continues to be the favorite highway of the tramp. Large as is their number, they are few compared with the army of travelers and railroad employes, yet more tramps are killed on the railroad year than passengers and employes together. Railroad traveling and railroad employment is getting steadily safer, but with the increase in the railroad business, it becomes more and more dangerous and deadly for the tramp.

Sweet is an Irish smile.

THE SEABOARD RAILROAD.

The Directors Will Meet in New York to Complete Organization.

The reorganization of the Seaboard Air Line Railway, which will soon be complete, is one of the most gratifying facts in the recent history of the railroad world.

A meeting of the stockholders was held at Richmond on Thursday, at which all the stock was represented in person or by proxy.

It is announced that all of the nineteen old directors were re-elected, while a twentieth was added in the person of H. C. Perkins, of Washington, D. C., who is said to be a warm personal friend of John Skelton Williams.

Sometime within the near future the directors will meet in New York city to complete organization and to elect a president. The chances are that John Skelton Williams will be chosen as president.

His election would give general satisfaction to the people of the South. He has given the best years of his life to the development of the Seaboard, and the sympathy of this entire section of the country went out to him when it became necessary to place the road in the hands of a receiver. He is the natural and logical head of the reorganized Seaboard.

The reviving fortunes of the road itself is a source of gratification to our people, and we trust that many prosperous years now lie before it.

THE RIGHT SORT OF MAN.

Here Is a Lesson for Local Kindred Spirits to Con and Practise.

Says the Chicago Post: "We know a man who has already bought two Christmas presents."

Do you, indeed? Good for him. He is an optimist—a real, genuine optimist. We are willing to wager a good cigar on that. Only persons of temperamental poise and altruistic dispositions are given to that sort of thing, and they are all apostles of hope and good cheer and sunshine, moreover.

Aside from the fact that the early Christmas shopper catches the guaranteed bargains and likewise avoids the rush, we think we see in him a kindly disposition and a benevolent inclination to take time by the forelock both wisely and well in all good causes. Christmas and its sentimental obligations early get on his mind and his enthusiasm must find release through some sort of safety valve, or he is most uncomfortable, if not actually unhappy. Wherefore, he hies him forth while mercantile fields are fresh and green and browses in peace and quiet while yet the pickings are all of tibit persuasion and there is no hurry. He smiles approvingly to himself as he wanders through masses of ties, and purses, and books, and trinkets, here and there—mayhap through socks galore and cigars of doubtful lineage, too—and as at his leisure he picks this or that for parent, brother, sister, friend, or office boy, he pats himself upon the back and feels within himself the rapture of a high resolve never to put off until tomorrow that which he may do today, especially if it is something benign and kindly and conceived in sincerity and love.

Blessings be upon the head of this Chicago man who really—this good six weeks in advance—has put his Christmas shopping so well under way. Not only is he a wise man in his generation, but he writes himself down a humanitarian and a good fellow in letters that they who run may read. Such a man is the right sort, and may his shadow—which must be large and imposing—never grow less.

MINE DISASTER KILLS 400.

Awful Horror Occurred Just at Close of Day's Work.

Cherry, Ill., Nov. 13.—Officials of the St. Paul Coal Company mine, where an explosion occurred today, say that 400 men are dead in the mine. Twelve bodies have been taken out. Six of these were heroes not employed in the mine, who gave their lives in a futile effort to save the imprisoned workers.

Mine Superintendent James Steele declared five hours after the explosion that it was almost impossible that any of the miners could escape.

The mine has a day shift of 484 men. Of these, 50 left the mine at noon. Twenty-five are known to have escaped after the fire broke out. The others are believed to be dead.

TODAY'S COTTON MARKET.

New York Futures.

| | Open. | Close. |
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| December | 14.47 | 14.38 |
| January | 14.70 | 14.57 |
| March | 14.95 | 14.81 |

Local spots, 14%.

FIGHT ON IN VIRGINIA

G. O. P. Legislators Will Support Anti-Saloon Measure.

Republicans Declare Their Party Is Done With Saloons, and Advocate Combination With Prohibition Democrats in Va.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 15.—That the Republican members of the next general assembly of Virginia will throw their votes and influence to the Prohibition-Democratic legislators in the fight to pass the state-wide prohibition submission bill to be presented to the legislature by the Anti-Saloon League is the statement of prominent Virginia Republicans in Washington.

Representative Bascom Slem, Republican state chairman, when asked in regard to this report, declared that such a plan is under consideration. He said it is very probable the Republican legislators will support the submission bill, but that final action will not be taken in regard to this plan until the legislators hold a conference and map out a legislative program.

Joseph L. Crupper, of Alexandria, who ran for state treasurer on the Republican ticket, when asked in regard to the report, expressed the hope that the Republican legislators will support the submission bill.

"The Republicans of Virginia are done with the saloons," said Mr. Crupper in discussing the matter.

DR. STILES IN GOLDSBORO.

Recent Reports of Specialists Prove Hookworm to Be Non-Sectional.

The marvelous progress along all lines of industrial and intellectual possibilities the South has made in the years that intervene since she rose from the sackcloth and ashes of war, should of itself prove that though the lazy-worm may prevail among us, it has not dwarfed our energies nor curtailed our achievements.

And the hookworm has been discovered in the North in even greater proportions than in the South.

Such is the opinion of an expert who has made a careful examination of conditions in both sections of the country.

"We have never felt entirely satisfied with the charge that this parasite of laziness was supremely conspicuous in this section of the country, and now scientific investigation comes forward to vindicate us.

Mr. Rockefeller, in face of these facts, may feel called upon to revise his donation of a million dollars. It seems that it should have been distributed at least equally between the North and the South.

Perhaps, rather than he an Indian giver, he will rise to the occasion by contributing another million to be devoted exclusively to the eradication of the hookworm in the North.

The tide of industrial and economic supremacy is setting in so strongly in this direction—the cotton mills, for instance, are coming to the fields, from the barren hills of New England, so rapidly—that it does not seem probable that the hookworm has sapped our vitality to any greater extent than has been done in the East, and so the answer must be that the hookworm is prevalent in the East as well as in the South.

But all this is somewhat of a diversion from what we started out to announce, and that is, that Dr. Stiles will deliver two lectures in this city this week on the hookworm; one in the Messenger Opera House Friday night and one in the Woman's Club Saturday.

PRIMITIVE BAPTISTS WIN.

Long-fought Litigation for Possession of Church Is Settled.

Luray, Va., Nov. 12.—The celebrated church case, which has been in the courts of this county for some time to ascertain who are the rightful owners of the Broad Street Baptist church, Luray, has just been decided in favor of the Primitive Baptist side. Judge Haas rendered the decision in vacation at Harrisonburg yesterday.

The case originated from certain scriptural interpretations, the Primitive Baptist side contending there was no authority for Sunday schools or the use of musical instruments in church worship, while the other side demanded them. The case will establish a precedent for a number of similar cases throughout the south.

As soon as the hookworm is fairly conquered an effort will be made to curb the grabworm which is epidemic in the trusts.



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OVER A HUNDRED DROWN.

Mail Steamship Goes Down Between Java and Singapore.

Singapore, Nov. 14.—The mail steamer La Seyne, of the Messageries maritime service, running between Java and Singapore, and on her way to this port, was in collision early this morning with the steamer Onda, of the British India line, and sank within two minutes. Seven European passengers, including Baron and Baroness Beniczky, the captain of Le Seyne, five European officers and eighty-eight others, comprising native passengers and members of the crew, were drowned.

The rescue of sixty-one persons, practically from the jaws of sharks, formed a thrilling incident of the wreck.

The accident occurred at four o'clock in the morning in a thick haze. The vessels were steaming at good speed and the La Seyne was cut almost in half. The majority of those on board were caught in their berths and carried down with the vessel.

The force of the collision brought the Onda to almost a dead stop and her engines were at once slowed and boats lowered. The rescue work proved thrilling, for not only were the rescuing parties impeded by the dark, but schools of sharks were already attacking those clinging to pieces of wreckage in the water. Sixty-one persons from the ill-fated steamer were finally dragged into the boats and brought by the Onda to this port. Many of them had been bitten by sharks and several are severely injured.

FRENCH WOMEN MAY BE FIRST.

Statesmen Favor Granting the Equality of Suffrage.

Paris, Nov. 14.—It would be strange if, after the painful struggle of Englishwomen to obtain the suffrage, their sisters across the Channel should be the first to get the vote, but according to recent reports many French statesmen are in favor of granting suffrage to women. In a speech lately M. Fallieres expressed the intention of guarded but noteworthy hope that he would live to see "equality realized between the sexes."

Mme. Schmah, who in an interview with the prime minister of France not long ago obtained from him the assurance that personally he was in favor of votes for women, has published a number of replies on the question of suffrage sent by men of all professions and parties from the Marquis de Segur, a Royalist member of the French Academy, down to Jean Grave, a theoretician of anarchist communism. The former says he has not studied the question deeply, but is not opposed to woman suffrage, though he draws the line at the eligibility of women to Parliament for reasons "upon which he will not dwell."

MEETING POSTPONED.

Directors of Eastern Carolina League to Meet November 17.

Wilson, Nov. 12.—Owing to the indisposition of two of the directors in the Eastern Carolina Baseball Association, the meeting, which was to have been held this afternoon in Wilson, has been postponed until Wednesday afternoon, November 17, at 2:30 o'clock.

Y. W. C. A. Conference.

Richmond, Va., Nov. 11.—The territorial conference of the Young Woman's Christian Associations of North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia, began here tonight with an opening address by the Rev. Jos. C. Kelly, D. D., of Washington. The sessions will continue through tomorrow, Saturday and Sunday.

GRANDFIELD NAMED

New Postmaster for Washington, D. C. is Appointed.

Postmaster General Hitchcock Says He Wishes to Make the National Capital's Postoffice Pre-eminent in United States.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 14.—Postmaster General Hitchcock announced yesterday that Charles P. Grandfield, the First Assistant Postmaster General, had been appointed postmaster of Washington to succeed Benjamin F. Barnes, who died last month.

Mr. Hitchcock explained, in connection with his announcement, that Mr. Grandfield had been selected for the local postmastership in order to carry out certain ideas of the Postmaster General. He said that it was his desire to make Washington the model postoffice of the United States, which would serve as a school of instruction for postmasters throughout the country, and an incentive to them to improve conditions.

Mr. Grandfield entered the service of the government twenty-five years ago as a postal clerk, and was Mr. Hitchcock's right-hand man when the latter was First Assistant Postmaster General. He succeeded Mr. Hitchcock in that office when Mr. Hitchcock became manager of the Taft pre-convention campaign.

According to Mr. Hitchcock, Mr. Grandfield is familiar with the entire subject of postal administration, understands Mr. Hitchcock's ideas thoroughly, and is better fitted, perhaps, to make the Washington postoffice a model for the rest of the country than any other man.

The retirement of Mr. Grandfield from the office of First Assistant Postmaster General, following the resignation of Third Assistant Postmaster General A. L. Lawshe, is preliminary to a pretty general reorganization of the administration of the Postoffice Department. It is expected that the other high administrative officers of the Postoffice Department will retire soon, to make room for new men.

MORGANATIC WIFE HONORED.

Kaiser Shows Favours on Duchess of Hohenberg, Now in Berlin.

Berlin, Nov. 12.—The Kaiser's treatment of the recently created Duchess of Hohenberg, formerly Sophie Chotek, the morganatic wife of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria, who is now visiting Berlin, is engaging general attention.

When the royal visitors alighted from the train, the Kaiser presented the duchess with a splendid bouquet, and has been pointedly polite to her ever since. He crowned her graciousness last night by seating her at dinner at his right hand, between himself and the Crown Prince Frederick William.

This is the first time in the history of the house of Hohenzollern when such a break in the etiquette has been made at the reception of a morganatic wife of equality with the imperial family.

Grand opera and the horse show have opened in New York, which is another way of saying the social season is open.

Ballinger says Glavis' statements about the Alaskan coal lands are "tissues of lies." He might have varied it by calling them wrapping paper.