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LEAVES DEATH IN WAKE

Racing Automobile Ploughs Into Crowd of Onlookers.

Syracuse, N. Y., Sept. 16.—Six persons are known to be dead and at least fourteen hurt, several probably fatally, as a result of an accident in the fifty mile automobile race at the State fair track late this afternoon.

A Knox racing car driven by Lee Oldfield crashed through the fence on the turn after leaving the stretch in front of the grandstand and ploughed for some distance into the crowd, causing the casualties. Oldfield was not seriously hurt. The blowing of a tire on Oldfield's machine was responsible for the accident.

The dead:
J. A. Arnold, Syracuse, N. Y.
James Coin, Alexandria Bay, N. Y.
Claude Hammill, Hollandville, N. Y.

Charles Ballantine, Syracuse.
Fourteen year old boy.
Unidentified man, about 26 years old.

Fayett Funk of Farleyville, attached of an attraction on the Midway, is dying at the Emergency hospital on the fair grounds. His skull is fractured and he is otherwise injured.

Every ambulance in Syracuse was rushed to the scene and vehicles at the park also were pressed into service to aid in the relief work. The woman's building was turned into an Emergency hospital.

The accident happened during the 47th mile of the race. Oldfield was a lap behind Ralph DePalma, running even with him. Oldfield had had a mad tire on his car for over 27 miles but it did not blow out until the race was within three miles of the finish.

At the time of the explosion, DePalma and Oldfield were neck and neck. They had just taken the turn at a terrific speed that had the spectators almost in a frenzy. Then came a crash that was heard all over the field followed by screams of women and children in the stand, the paddock and inside of the track.

Efforts were made by prominent Syracuseans to stop the meet at once. Starter Fred J. Wagner of New York, however, refused to stop the race. He started another race, the last one of the day, within five minutes after the track had been cleared.

The Meanest Man on Earth.

Secretary Wilson of the United States Department of Agriculture says that about the meanest man he ever heard of was the one in a southern state whose boy asked him for the use of one acre of ground to plant in corn so that he might compete for a prize, and the father told the boy he did not believe in such foolishness. The boy persisted, however, and the father finally pointed to a rough hillside, overgrown with brush and spotted with stumps and stones, and told him if he would grub that acre and move off the stones, he could have it. The boy went to work and finally cleared it. Then the old man said, "That acre is too good for me to lose. I think I will plant it myself." The boy cried and the father finally said, "Well, if you will clear another acre besides that I won't take it away from you and you may plant it and do what you please." Thereupon the boy again went to work and cleared the second acre. He planted it to corn after our directions, and as a result he made eighty-eight bushels. At the same time his father planted and cultivated the adjoining acre, using the old way. He made just eighteen. Since then the old farmer has been converted to our way of farming. He goes with his boy to the agricultural fairs, and tells about the eighty-eight bushels of corn they raised on an acre, saying, "That is what me and my boy done."

In such circumstances can the boy be blamed for leaving the farm?—Exchange.

"We the People" Protest, Mr. President.

On June 16 Secretary of State, Mr. Knox, issued a circular letter which was addressed "to the diplomatic and consular officers of the United States." In it he says that "the department is advised that there will be held in the city of Chicago, October 12-22 next, the second international brewers' congress and an international barley and hop prize exhibition." "It is the purpose of this congress to discuss agricultural, scientific, technical, and sociological questions connected with the brewing and allied industries. The Secretary of Agriculture of the United States, the Hon. James Wilson, has accepted an invitation to act as honorary president of this congress, and the United States Department of Agriculture will be represented at the international barley and hop exhibition by a suitable exhibit."

There you have it! The United States government officially relates and connects itself again with the brewing interests!

Is it not about time for the Christian churches of America to speak in most unmistakable terms against the partnership of their government with the nefarious liquor traffic?

When those in authority deliberately allow one of the cabinet officers to be an honorary official of a brewers' congress they are simply flinging insult into the face of organized Christianity.

Are we to understand that the politicians of this country consider that the votes and influence of the liquor interests are worth more than are those of a Christian man?

It is time to put an end to this. This is a Christian land. There are more people committed to the principles of Christianity here than to those of wickedness. The only difficulty is that we do not make our influence felt as we should.

Now is the opportunity. Let there be a united front. Let those in authority in the affairs of government understand that Christian people will not submit, at least with any degree of good will, to the proposed action. They do not relish seeing one of their cabinet officials honorary president of a brewers' congress. Say so.

Write immediately, if you have not already done so, to President Taft and Secretary of State Knox protesting against having Secretary of Agriculture Wilson act as honorary president of the International Brewers' Congress to be held in October.

The government derives its authority from the people. Our officials are the servants of the people. We are of the people of the United States and we protest.

"We, the people," are opposed to any such disgraceful partnership between our nation and the liquor business.

Write! Protest! And do it now!—Epworth Herald.

"Wet" Lincoln.

Within two months after the return of the open saloon in the city of Lincoln, Nebraska, liquor caused the death of five men in the town, three who lay down drunk, never to wake, one died from apoplexy, caused by drunk eness, and one was killed in a fight with a drunken man. The last victim was found dead in his bed after a protracted debauch. An empty whiskey bottle was on the floor near his bed. As the Nebraska State Capitol said, "The man had exercised his personal liberty to the last." In his death struggle his mind might have grasped the fact that "he had increased trade and made the town broader and busier."

Lincoln is reaping the whirlwind. Already her citizens are appalled at the misery and lawlessness which has followed the opening of the dives. The belief is general that another year will again see the city without saloons.

BLACK HAND GAME FAILS.

C. F. Stewart of Salisbury Is Captured By Clever Ruse.

Salisbury, Sept. 16.—A sensation awaited the citizens of this city this morning, when they awoke and learned that a black hand game had been attempted and at least one of the party had been arrested and was placed in jail after midnight last night.

The facts as given The Observer representative today by one of the men who has known of the affair from the start and by authority of the officials of the Wachovia Loan & Trust Co. bank in Salisbury are as follows:

September 1 Mr. W. F. Snider cashier of the above bank, and one of this city's leading and most progressive citizens, who lives in a handsome residence just across the street from the government building, received the following note, typewritten and folded in the shape of a diamond:

"You are to send \$5,000 to the Black Diamonds by your son September 1. Leaving town at 9 p. m. he must walk out the road towards Faith until he is attracted by the ringing of a bell, to a bag, he must put the money in it and keep walking until he reaches the fifth creek or stream from Salisbury, then return. He will be followed closely and he must not have any company. He must carry a large white flag which he must unroll after he crosses Town creek.

"You must not say a word about this to anyone. Money must not be marked.

"You must follow these directions implicitly, upon the conditions that if you fail in one detail you will be 'blown up' you will be shot and your son will not return alive. The money must be \$100 in silver and the rest in \$1, \$2 and \$5 greenbacks."

On the back of this note was written these words:

"If watchers are placed on the road our men will not touch the money but will most surely carry out their threats."

Immediately upon receiving this note Mr. Snider turned it over to Postmaster James H. Ramsey, who informed the Postoffice Department at Washington and Postoffice Detective Bulla was sent here at once and put to work on the case. Mr. Snider also informed his son but said nothing of the matter to any other member of the family. He paid no heed to the demand so far as complying with it went and received several more letters, all written on a typewriter and folded in the shape of a diamond. One of these said he had greatly disappointed them and they had decided to extend the time to September 15.

Yesterday at noon he received the following, typewritten and folded diamond shape:

"We simply leave it to you whether you live or die in the next few days, whether your family are to remain here or are going to the cemetery with you, they will certainly not go together but it is a choice with you now how soon they will be carried away one at a time. There are enough unexplained murders in this country every day to show you how simple a matter it is for our society to fully carry out their threats and cover up their tracks. Better keep your mouth shut and have the young man to be on the minute with the goods as directed. September 15, leaving town at 9 p. m. and going straight out the road towards Faith, carrying a white flag, without any company, are the simple directions he is to follow, and you understand your part without further explaining. Time's up."

There were no suspects at the time and Detective Bulla had Sheriff McKenzie to co-operate with him. Last night about dark the sheriff placed nine officers along the road from Town creek to the fifth branch at regular intervals with proper signals and authority to arrest all suspicious characters found on the road.

Promptly at 9 o'clock Cashier

Snider left Salisbury with a large box under his arm, supposed to contain the money, and a white flag. He walked to Town creek, a mile from the center of town, and passed Detective Bulla, who was the first watch, where he unfurled the flag and then walked up the road a short distance to the forks of the Stokes Ferry and Gold Hill roads, where he stopped in the bushes to where Chief of Police Guse of Spencer was stationed with Deputy Sheriff Frank Talbot, the latter taking the package and flag from Mr. Snider and started out the Gold Hill and Faith roads, passing by Captain Frank Couble of the Salisbury police force and Policeman Arthur Thompson, also Sheriff McKenzie and Deputy Baker. He continued out to fifth stream, where Officers Locke McKenzie and James Krieger were stationed. He then turned around and started back all the other officers closing in at a safe distance behind to see that he was not followed.

When Officer Talbot with the flag and box arrived at the lower end of C. F. Stewart's residence he heard the ringing of a bell. This bell was placed on the fence palings about 200 feet from Stewart's house and in the corner of the lot. A large bell was hung on the paling underneath the bell. He walked up to the bell, caught hold pulled and blew his whistle as a signal. He then threw his flashlight in the direction in which the cord went, jumped the fence and rushed down to the other corner of the lot, where the cord went and there caught Stewart with the cord in his hand, the other officers at once closing in.

They arrested Stewart and he confessed to the whole affair, saying he had no confederates and that no one knew of it, not even his wife. The house was searched and the typewriter, a Columbian-Barlock, upon which the notes to Cashier Snider had been written, was seized. Stewart was brought to the city and placed in jail, the party reaching the city after midnight.

Too much praise cannot be given Sheriff McKenzie, Officer Talbot and their assistants for the effective work in this case, and it is safe to say had there been confederates on hand they would also have been captured.

Stewart is a young man, married and has several children. He has been a cripple for years, almost helpless and much sympathy is expressed for him.

Stewart was this afternoon released on \$1,000 bond until preliminary hearing Tuesday. Cashier Snider going on the bond. His almost helpless condition makes it certain he will not attempt to escape.

Farmers Having Trouble.

Newbern, Sept. 17.—Farmers all over this section of the State are complaining over the fact that although they are paying good prices, they are having a great deal of trouble in securing sufficient help to pick their cotton. One farmer informed the writer yesterday that he had his entire family in the fields picking the fleecy staple. He said that he had been to Newbern several times and carried help back to his farm with him but that, although he had fed them well and given them a comfortable place to sleep they had only stayed with him a few days. Such is the case all over the county. If there could be a law passed compelling some of the lazy negro vagrants that hang around various places in the city, to go to work, it is safe to say that the farmers would have no more trouble about securing help.

Despite the fact that they are short on pickers, however, the farmers are bringing in from two to three hundred bales of cotton each week and disposing of it to the local buyers for prices ranging from 11 to 11½ cents per pound.

"I have a world of confidence in Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for I have used it with perfect success," writes Mrs. M. I. Bastford, Poolesville, Md. For sale by all dealers.

Congress Ambition Cured.

Henry C. Allen of Bradford county, Pa., has announced the withdrawal of his candidacy to succeed Congressman Kipp and asks that a commission in hmaye be appointed over him if he runs for the place again.

In a letter to the Towanda Review announcing his decision Allen says he is angry with friends who urged him to be a candidate and then began to "knock" him. His wife, three daughters and five sons also had something to do with his withdrawal, according to the letter.

"About the time that I got back to terra firma after announcing myself," he writes, "and just as the letters from politicians began to arrive asking me to 'donate' for this and that, my wife began to plan on the dresses she would wear in Washington."

"The girls—my girls—caught the same fever and it was a regular evening proceeding for them to sit down and plan a couple of thousand dollars' worth of clothes without even looking up to see if I was listening."

"I bore it all with Christian fortitude, as you would say, and made up my mind that if it came to the worst I would have a public sale, dispose of my farming implements, horses and cows, which I love so well, offer the proceeds on the altar of patriotism and be a statesman, no matter what it cost for new clothes for the family."

Allen then tells how his sons talked of smoking Turkish cigarettes, drinking champagne and making love to foreigners' daughters in Washington, and how his girls expected to capture counts & dukes, and concludes:

"Say, and, the girls in a bundle. To think that I was about to go to Washington to sacrifice my family and to forsake this dear old farm made me feel ashamed of myself. I am certainly cured of congressional fever."

Second Attempt Successful.

Newbern, Sept. 14.—Walter Coker, a white man about 30 years of age, killed himself this afternoon at the home of his brother-in-law, Mr. Levi Jones, at James City, by shooting himself through the throat with a shotgun loaded with No. 8 shot.

Several weeks ago Mr. Coker, who was a half-wit, attempted to end his life by cutting his throat with a razor. His attempt, however, proved to be a failure and since that time the family has kept a close watch on his movements. This afternoon Mr. Jones and his wife went out on the river for the purpose of catching a few fish for supper and upon their return they found the dead body of Mr. Coker lying on the floor with the gun he had committed suicide with clasped in one hand. The coroner was notified, but he did not think it necessary to hold an inquest over the remains of the dead man.

Youth and Age Hustling.

Van Moore, an 8-year-old son of Mr. Ernest Moore of Marshville township, picked 123 pounds of cotton last Monday and 114 pounds on Tuesday. The little fellow picks away over twice his own weight every day. Esq. J. H. Winchester of Sandy Ridge township had a number of hands pulling fodder last week and as they were not pulling as much forage as he thought they should he went into the field himself and showed them how to pull fodder, and in one day pulled 200 bundles, four "hands" to the bundle. Some pulling fodder for a man who will be 80 years old his next birthday.—Monroe Enquirer.

Not a Word of Scandal.

Called the call of a neighbor on Mrs. W. F. Spangh, of Manville, Wyo., who said: "she told me Dr. King's New Life Pills had cured her of obstinate kidney trouble, and made her feel like a new woman." Easy, but sure remedy for stomach, liver and kidney troubles. Only 25c at E. H. Hennis Drug Co.

Accused of Stealing.

E. E. Chamberlain, of Clinton, Mo. boldly accuses Buckton's Arnica Salve of stealing—the sting from burns or scalds—the pain from sores of all kinds—the distress from boils or piles. "It robs cuts, corns, bruises, sprains and injuries of their terror," he says, "as a healing remedy its equal don't exist." Only 25c at E. H. Hennis Drug Co.

GOV. HARMON WILL COME

Prominent National Figure Will Visit Raleigh October 18.

Raleigh, Sept. 14.—Announcement was made late today that Gov. Judson Harmon, of Ohio, one of the men upon whom Democracy is considering as its standard bearer in 1912, will be in Raleigh, October 18. He is to make an address on that day at the state fairgrounds.

The coming of Governor Harmon to North Carolina will be the means of getting into action the so-called conservative element of the party. There is no doubt that Governor Harmon will be in the race for President with a following that will have to be reckoned with, nor is there little doubt that he will have a good following in North Carolina.

Governor Harmon's contemplated visit to this state follows one that was made to North Carolina the latter part of May by Governor Woodrow Wilson, of New Jersey. Governor Wilson spoke at the University of North Carolina commencement and also in the Capitol square at Raleigh. He was greeted by large crowds at both places.

North Carolina is not to be neglected in the fight for the presidency. Indications now are that the next national Democratic convention will be a strenuous one, with the lines drawn between the Bryanites and the progressives on the one hand, and the conservatives on the other. Each claims that it is the true Jeffersonian brand of Democracy, guaranteed under the Constitution.

Speeches made at the house of representatives in this state, and if he should decide to get into the race for President it is not unlikely that he will pay a visit to the Old North State.

It is hardly probable that President Taft will come to North Carolina this year, as he will likely have to give his attention to other fields. In the previous campaign he came to this state and made a famous speech at Greensboro which will long remain in the minds of people of the state.

Persistence Earns Reward.

Lenoir, Sept. 14.—One of the most singular incidents in the history of criminal cases in this State occurred last week in Waukegan county. On the 6th day of July, 1909, William Baldwin shot and killed Policeman Willet Miller of Blowing Rock, when the latter attempted to arrest Baldwin on a charge of selling whiskey. He was arrested and given a preliminary hearing and bound over to court on a charge of murder. He was found guilty of murder in the first degree and sentenced to death. His attorneys appealed to the Supreme Court and a new hearing was granted. The second trial by jury resulted in a verdict of guilty of manslaughter and Baldwin was sentenced to 5 years at hard labor in the penitentiary. The case was again appealed to the higher court and he was granted a new trial for the second time. His case came up last week at a term of the Waukegan county criminal court and he was given a verdict of "not guilty" by the jury, and is now a free man, according to the law, after being tried three times by a jury and twice in the Supreme Court of the State.

Baldwin is a poor man and his attorneys fought for him persistently and it is said the fees were small. This is one of the most remarkable cases on the criminal records in North Carolina.

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