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7 LIVES TOLL OF AUTO RACE

The Indianapolis Automobile Racing Brings Destruction And Sorrow--Frenzied Speed And Its Results.

Indianapolis, Ind., Special.—Three more lives were sacrificed Saturday in the mad speed carnival which inaugurated the great Indianapolis motor speedway. One mechanic and two spectators paid the penalty of their lives to satisfy the extreme desire for speed. The fatal accident came when a National car, driven by Charles Merz in the 300-mile race, lost a tire and crashed through a fence into a group of spectators, spreading death and destruction in the wake of its wild plunge.

The dead: Claude Kellum, of Indianapolis, mechanic in the National car; Ora Joliffe, Trafalgar, Ind.; an unidentified man.

Besides the three deaths, two serious injuries resulted during the day. Henry Tapping, of Indianapolis, was seriously injured in the fatal wreck, sustaining a compound fracture of his right arm, a broken nose and several scalp wounds. Bruce Keene, the driver of a Marmon car in the same race, crashed into a post shortly after the National wreck and was badly cut about the neck and head.

After the second accident the officials decided to call off the 300-mile race when the leading car—a Jackson with Lee Lynch at the wheel—had covered 235 miles. Ralph de Palma, in a Fiat, was second and Stillman in a Marmon was third. The race will be declared no contest and the great Indianapolis motor speedway trophy will be raced for again.

By a strange freak of fortune Merz escaped from the terrible wreck with hardly a scratch. He fell under the car when it turned a somersault through the air and down into a gully near the side of the track. He was in imminent danger of being burned to death but by extraordinary luck he was able to shut off the engine and thus save himself from a horrible death.

Kellum was hurled out of the car and landed in the gully some distance from the twisted mass of steel and iron that once had been a speed machine.

The three deaths raises the toll of the speedway to seven lives this week. William A. Bourpue and his mechanic, Harry Holcombe, of the Knox racing team, were killed in an accident in the 250-mile race Thursday. Cliff Litteral, a Stoddard-Dayton mechanic, was killed by being hit by a big racing machine while on the way out to the speedway. On Thursday Elmer Grampton, a 6-year-old boy, was killed by the automobile of Dr. Clark E. Day, of this city, while the latter was on his way to the speedway for the first day's race.

A pall of grief hangs over the city and the more reckless automobilists drive more carefully through the streets than they did earlier in the week. The frightful penalty paid for a few broken speed records is greater than was bargained when Indianapolis threw down the gates of its "greatest speedway in the world."

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Nearly 33,000,000 Church Members in the U. S.—61.6 Per Cent. Protestant.

Washington, Special.—That the church members in the United States numbered nearly thirty-three millions in 1906; that there were a billion and a quarter dollars invested in church edifices; that every day eight new churches sent their spires skyward; that males formed considerably less than half the total church membership; that a larger percentage of Catholic males than Protestant males were members; that in 16 States the majority of the total church membership were Roman Catholic; but that of the grand total of church members reported for the United States 61.6 per cent were Protestants and 36.7 per cent Roman Catholics; these are the salient and conspicuous facts appearing in the proof sheets of a United States Census Bureau bulletin, prepared by Chief Statistician William C. Hunt of the division of population, of the United States Census Bureau.

The bulletin will be issued this month. It is in the nature of an abstract of the comprehensive report, now in press, giving the results of the fifth census of religious bodies in the United States.

It is stated that United States Census statistics of church membership by sex were collected for the first time in 1906. Of the total number of members reported by the various religious bodies and classified by sex, 43.1 per cent were males and 56.9 per cent females. Among the Protestants the difference was greater, only 39.3 per cent being males. In the Roman Catholic churches there were relatively more males, the number forming 49.3 per cent of the total membership.

Of the total estimated population of continental United States in 1906, the church members formed 39.1 per cent as against 32.7 per cent for 1890, amounting to 6.4 per cent more in 1906 than in 1890. Of this 6.4 per cent increase, the Roman Catholic church is credited with 4.4 per cent, and the Protestants with 1.8 per cent, the remainder being divided among all other denominations.

It is stated in the bulletin that the total number of members reported by the various religious bodies for 1906 was 32,936,445, of which number the Protestants were credited with 20,287,74, and the Roman Catholic with 12,079,142. Of the Protestant bodies the Methodist numbered 5,749,838; the Baptists 5,662,234; the Lutherans 2,112,494; the Presbyterians 1,830,555; and the Disciples of Christians, 1,142,359.

Of the total of 32,936,445 church members, 61.6 per cent were Protestants; 36.7 per cent Roman Catholic; and 1.7 per cent, members of other religious organizations. The rate of increase shown for the Roman Catholic Church is 93.5 per cent, which is more than twice that for all the Protestant bodies combined. The Methodists reported 17.5 per cent of all Protestant church members; the Baptists, 17.2 per cent.

The total number of local religious organizations in 1906 is given as 212,230, an increase since 1890 of 47,079, or 28.5 per cent. The Protestants are credited with an increase in this particular amounting to 27.8 per cent; the Roman Catholic, 21.9 per cent; the Jewish congregations, 231.9 per cent; and the Latter-day Saints, 38.3 per cent.

The Methodists reported the largest number of local organizations, 64,701; the Baptists reported 54,880; the Presbyterians, 15,506; the Lutherans, 12,703; and the Roman Catholics, 12,482.

Other interesting features of the bulletin are those showing that the total seating capacity of churches was 58,536,830, an increase over the 1890 United States Census figures of 34.4 per cent; that the rate of increase was practically the same for both Protestants and Roman Catholics, and kept pace with the increase in population; and that \$1,257,575,867 was invested in church edifices in 1906. The total amount of debt was \$108,050,946, of 8.6 per cent of the total value; of this total the Protestant bodies owned \$53,301,254 and the Roman Catholics, \$49,488,055. In 16 States a majority of the church members were Roman Catholic; in 29 States, Protestant; and in 1, Utah, Latter-day Saints.

Five Killed and Twelve Injured by Explosion at Gasworks. Geneva, Switzerland, By Cable.—Five persons were killed and 12 dangerously injured by an explosion at the city gasworks Monday. The explosion occurred in the purifying chamber, between the two principal gasometers. A large number of doctors answered the call to attend the wounded, who, later, were conveyed to the city hospital in ambulances. Thousands of spectators were attracted by the explosion and it was reported that many persons had been killed.

CURRENT NEWS ABBREVIATED

Interesting Items From Everywhere.

AS THEY ARE ENACTED DAILY

Condensed and Crisply Stated in a Way that Does Not Tax the Busy Reader to Keep Informed.

The X-ray as a cure for some cases of leprosy has been demonstrated by the American health authorities in the Philippines, according to Dr. Victor G. Heizer, chief quarantine officer in the islands. He says the X-ray is suitable only for specially selected cases, and is valuable only in the early stages.

Sam Ray and Clarence McCants were killed, and Jeff McCants was seriously injured in an electric storm that passed over parts of Georgia and Tennessee Monday. Four others were less seriously injured.

Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh is working on a scheme to reform the world's money.

The Cunard Line steamer Lucania was almost burned to the hull by a fire that broke out Saturday night. She was submerged at Liverpool Sunday night.

Surgeon-General Wyman has a staff of doctors investigating pellagra, the Italian disease, which causes insanity, and which has recently been found in America.

The medical board of Virginia on Monday created 118 new doctors within the State.

A thousand devices have been submitted in the mail-tying-machine contest of the Postoffice Department.

Commissioner of Corporations Smith has considerable evidence tending to prove the existence of a vast water-power combine.

Gov. Haskell of Oklahoma, is now prosecuting the United States marshal and the grand jury who presented him on the charge of land frauds.

Paul C. Collins, who was shot at Black Mountain a week ago, arrived at Hillsboro, N. C., Monday afternoon. He walked unassisted from the train to his carriage.

Eight bids came from the Ford River Shipbuilding Company, all under class 2, and ranging from \$5,747,000 to \$5,697,000.

The highest price paid for cotton in Montgomery in 25 years was reached Wednesday when the first new bale of the season from this county was sold at auction for 30 cents a pound.

On the Island of Crete, the situation is still complicated. The Greek flag which was shot down by the marines has been hoisted again by the citizens in the presence of a powerless military force.

What the doctors at Beivue, New York, say is a remarkable amnesia or loss of memory developed Thursday when a sturdy middle-aged man well dressed and to all appearance sane, applied for admission. Questioned by the admitting physician, he could not remember his name, his residence or whether he was married or single. He had a hazy recollection of being in a saloon early in the day and taking a drink.

Dr. Charles A. Bakes is President Taft's physical advisor and athletic trainer. He says in a wrestle with the President is very hard to throw and that in the gloves he is decidedly a hard knocker. No surplus fat about his 304 to 306 pounds avoirdupois.

Eight box cars left the track near Inman, S. C., Tuesday night without doing any damage save delaying the trains to and from Asheville from four to six hours.

The Alabama Senate finally passed all the provisions of the prohibition bill except forbidding the sale of newspapers containing a liquor ad.

American bankers are to get one-fourth of the Honkow-Sze Chuen railroad loan.

Pinning his last hope on his belief that he would regain his eyesight if he bathed in the sea on the feast day of the Blessed Virgin, Peter Kelly, Brooklyn, found that it failed him, and, concluding that he would never be able to see again, committed suicide early Tuesday by inhaling illuminating gas.

The National Red Cross Society hope to sell 50,000,000 stamps next Christmas to aid tuberculosis fights.

Reports from all the fruitgrowing sections of West Virginia indicate a bumper crop of apples and peaches. Acapulco, Mexico, has been again shaken by earthquake and additional damage has been done.

A new and very formidable mosquito has appeared in the coast counties of Texas. They come in swarms and drive farmers from their fields and horses and cattle take to the water and dip their heads under to wash away the pests and get relief. Many are dying of hunger rather than come out and fight for sustenance.

NORTH STATE NEWS NOTES

Items of State Interest Gathered from Here and There and Told Briefly for Busy Readers.

Negro Firemen at Newbern.

Newbern, Special.—Colored firemen from twenty-six cities of the State met in their twentieth annual convention of the North Carolina State Volunteer Fire Association in the court house in this city. In welcoming them in behalf of the city, M. H. Allen paid a high tribute to this organization for its record. When he said "The bravest firemen that I have ever known was a colored man; when he dies the good citizens of Kinston will erect a monument in honor of him." In responding to the address F. F. Chambers, vice president, said: "We deeply appreciate what the good white people of this State are doing for our uplift. This organization is not for fishes and loaves, but it is our highest aim in life to rescue the perishing, save property and deport ourselves like men." In the afternoon and evening sessions much business was dispatched. By unanimous vote the association meets next year at Winston-Salem.

With 25 companies in line, consisting of nearly 500 men attired in nobly and varied uniforms, beautifully decorated floats, colored girls singing national anthems, reels, hook and ladders of various companies, Wednesday's parade was spectacular. The firemen were lustily cheered by thousands of citizens. In the hook and ladder race the team from Rocky Mount won first prize in its run of 31 seconds against 34 seconds made by the Concord team. In the grab hook and ladder race the team from Concord made the run in 33 seconds against 35 4-5 seconds made by Rocky Mount. In an exhibition race Newbern's hose and wagon team made the run in 33 2-5 seconds. In the grab reel race Thursday the team from Fayetteville won first prize. In the reel race Fayetteville landed 2nd prize. The Wilson team won the foot race. The white citizens of Newbern donated hundreds of dollars for the entertainment of the visiting firemen.

All Dogs to Be Kept Up.

Greensboro, Special.—Chief of Police Neely Wednesday received a notice from the State Chemist that the examination of the head of the dog sent there Tuesday revealed an unquestionable and virulent case of rabies. Upon receipt of this information a special session of the Board of Aldermen was called and an ordinance was adopted requiring all dogs to be kept muzzled and confined for thirty days, with death as the penalty for all dogs found at large and unmuzzled within the city limits during this period. The chief of police was also authorized to issue notice to all whose dogs are known to have been bitten by the rabid dog to at once kill the same, this being a provision of a State law. The dog had a wide range before being killed, and is said to have bitten at least fifty more dogs. Several of those bitten were very valuable and much beloved bird dogs belonging to prominent sportsmen.

Gets Five Years.

Charlotte, Special.—A sentence of five years in the penitentiary was imposed on C. L. Medlin, charged with horse theft, Wednesday. The horse belonging to F. M. Hinson, of Clear Creek township. Mr. L. L. Smith had swapped for the horse after it was stolen, giving Medlin \$38 extra. This amount was found on the man when he was arrested and the court made an order instructing the chief of police to turn the money over to Mr. Smith, who, of course, gave up the horse. This was the second sentence of the sort for horse thievery this week.

Hamlet Man Shoots Brother, Mistaking Him For a Burglar.

Hamlet, Special.—Chub Henderson, of this place, was shot and seriously injured by his brother, John, here Monday night. Chub had been out rather late and it seems that John was not looking for him to come in at the time and mistook him for a burglar. The bullet entered his thigh inflicting a very painful wound.

Court House Site Chosen.

Gastonia, Special.—The board late Tuesday afternoon purchased for \$10,000 the lot on South street, owned by Mrs. E. C. Wilson. It has a frontage of 133 feet and is 250 feet deep. The jail will be built on this lot also, in the rear of the court house. There was quite a diversity of opinion as to the best place to locate the buildings. Gastonia will, before long, have septic tank at the outlet of its sewerage mains on the town's farm some distance south of town.

Sheriff Watson Adds to His Collection of Illicit Stills.

Fayetteville, Special.—Sheriff N. A. Watson, of Cumberland county, assisted by Deputy J. C. Culbreth, captured the twenty-ninth illicit whiskey still taken during his administration. The still was found on a branch near Carver's Creek, 11 miles from Fayetteville. The outfit, which was the twenty-sixth copper still captured by Sheriff Watson, was nearly new and very complete. It had been torn from the brick furnace and hidden in the bushes. No one was found near it.

Meets Death on Trestle.

Marion, Special.—While crossing the trestle of the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio Railroad at North Folk, seven miles from here, Mrs. Fred Barnes age about 40 years, was struck Monday by a train and received injuries from which she died a short time afterwards. There was a negro man and a negro woman just behind her. The man and woman jumped and neither was seriously injured. It is said they were not aware of the approach of the train until it was too late to escape.

Barnum & Bailey's Circus Will Elude Portion of Winston's Tax.

Winston-Salem, Special.—By the simple expedient of securing grounds just outside of the city limits, the Barnum & Bailey circus, which is booked here in October, will escape paying the \$500 license tax placed on circuses by the Winston board of aldermen. Moreover, the show folks have chosen an exceptionally good site (the fair grounds) just at the end of the Liberty car line, where the ball park now is. They pay \$150 rent for one day. The license tax of \$150 for a parade will be paid.

At Greensboro Next Time.

Asheville, Special.—The Launderers' Association of the Carolinas held an interesting session at the Battery Park Hotel Tuesday, heard the reading and discussion of three interesting papers, selected Greensboro as the next place of meeting and voted to extend to the Virginia and West Virginia Associations and the executive committee of the Georgia Association an invitation to meet with them there next February. The convention finished its business and adjourned the same day.

Editor King Again Forced to Take a Rest.

Durham, Special.—Editor Joe H. King has gone to his old home in Kinston to rest his eyes. Mr. King had returned to the tripod, but could not see, for all that, and the best that he could do was to puncture life every day as he sees it through the forgotten of the smart paragraph. He has been his paper's proofreader, telegraph editor, head-line writer partly and general foreman for some time. He is missed from the office since he can do none of these things now.

Dr. Battle Operated on Without Anesthetics.

Greensboro, Special.—Dr. J. T. J. Battle was operated on for appendicitis last week at St. Leo's Hospital. He was not seriously sick with the disease, in fact was not so sick but that he could go out to the hospital driving his automobile. He was not placed under the influence of an anesthetic and although local anesthetics were applied the pain was severe, though he stood it well, preserving his composure throughout. He is getting along nicely.

Club Organizer Fined \$75.

Winston-Salem, Special.—M. E. Sameth, organizer of the Colonial Social and Athletic Club, which was disbanded here a few days ago, after an existence of several weeks, was on Tuesday fined \$75 and costs in the recorder's court on a charge of selling intoxicating liquors, judgment being suspended on payment of the costs in another case, and a third being continued.

Convicts Wanted For the Statesville Air Line Railroad.

Statesville, Special.—A large delegation of prominent citizens of Statesville were in Raleigh Monday to appear before the Council of State and urge that State convicts be furnished for work on the Statesville Air Line Railroad, provision having been made for the State to furnish convicts when the road was chartered years ago. It is the purpose to build the new railroad as far as Boonville, Yadkin county.

TROOPS FIRE ON STIKERS AT PITTSBURG KILLING THREE

Pittsburg, Special.—One State trooper and one deputy sheriff and three foreigners were shot and killed Sunday night in a wild riot at the Pressed Steel Car plant in Schoenville, whose employees are now on strike. At least a score of persons were seriously wounded, ten fatally. The rioting followed a day of quiet and broke without warning. At midnight the following partial list of dead and injured was made up from reports received from the morgue, hospitals and several physicians' offices:

The dead: John L. Wilson, State trooper; Harry Exler, deputy sheriff; three foreigners.

Fatally injured: John C. Smith, State trooper; Lucian Jones, State trooper; seven foreigners. George Kitch and John O'Donnell, State troopers, were seriously injured and one woman was shot in the neck.

Over a score of persons received more or less serious injuries. The riot scene was practically indescribable. Mounted State troopers galloped indiscriminately through the streets with riot maces drawn, cracking the heads of all persons loitering in the vicinity of the mill. Deputy sheriffs and troopers broke in the doors of houses suspected of being the retreat of strikers, and wholesale arrests were made. From 9:30 to 11:30 scores of persons were arrested and placed in box cars, as a jail, in the yards.

During the early stages of the rioting women were conspicuous. Some of them were armed, others effectively used clubs and stones. These women, all foreigners, insane with rage, were mainly responsible for inciting the men to extreme measures. At midnight quiet reigned in the strike zone.

SEVEN CADETS DISMISSED AT WEST POINT FOR HAZING

West Point, N. Y., Special.—For being involved in the hazing of Roland Sutton, a brother of Lieut. James N. Sutton, Jr., United States marine corps, whose death at Annapolis two years ago has just been investigated, seven West Point cadets were dismissed from the United States Military Academy Thursday by direction of President Taft.

The cadets ordered to be dismissed are John H. Booker, Jr., of West Point, Ga., first class; Richard W. Hoeker, Kansas City, Mo., third class; Earle W. Dunmore, Utica, N. Y., third class; Chauncey C. Devore,

Wheeling, W. Va., third class; Gordon Lefebvre, Richmond, Va., third class; Albert E. Crane, Haverden, Iowa, third class; Jacob S. Fortner, Doton, Ala., third class.

The action of President Taft and Secretary Dickinson in directing the dismissal of the cadets is accepted by the officers of the army and the civil officials of that department, as a clear indication of the purpose of the administration to fully support Colonel Scott, the superintendent of the United States Military Academy, in his effort to eradicate the practice of hazing in all its phases from student life at the academy.

GEORGIA WOMAN SHOTS MAN WHOM SHE ADORED

Augusta, Ga., Special.—In a fit of jealousy Thursday afternoon Elvia Todd, a young white woman about 22 years of age, entered the office of the Central of Georgia freight depot and probably fatally shot Cashier D. Richard Wilson.

The young woman claims that she has for the past seven years been infatuated with Watson, who is a young man. She claims that he held out a ray of hope for her until a few days ago, when he "threw her over."

Watson was hurried to the city hospital, where he was given surgical attention, and the unfortunate girl put under arrest. When she was arrested she said:

"I love the ground Dick walks upon, but I will not let him marry another woman. I hope I have killed him."

She is being held without bail. Young Watson's condition is considered very critical by the hospital surgeons.

ILLINOIS RIVER STEAMER BURNS TO WATER'S EDGE

Peoria, Ill., Special.—The steamer Fred Swain, Capt. Verne Swain, of the Peoria & LaSalle Packet Company, with 25 passengers and 15 sailors aboard, burned to the water's edge Friday after the flaming craft had been piloted into four feet of water and the occupants had ascended to the bank of the Illinois river, upon which the steamer was bound when it caught fire.

No lives were lost but Joseph Casarider, the engineer, was burned about the face and body and Charles Reichberger, of Peoria, suffered a broken arm. The loss is \$35,000. Several of the passengers lost their belongings.

GEORGIA WOMAN MURDERED BY LOVE-SICK SWAIN

Douglas, Ga., Special.—Declaring that he had rather see her dead than married to another, William McLeod, a farm hand, Friday confessed to Sheriff Ricketson that he murdered Miss Mattie Graham, a wealthy and refined young woman whose body was discovered in a swamp near her home at Hokesboro, Coffee county.

Going into every detail, his statement is that he left his work and went to the house before dinner. Not seeing her he asked for Miss Mattie and being informed that she had gone to her field for a melon, he followed and found her.

Both started back towards the house side by side. Coming to a branch near the house he let her precede him. When at her back he caught her by the left arm and cut one side of her throat.

She turned, and looked him in the face and exclaimed: "Lord have mercy!" the only words she ever spoke after the attack. Then he finished cutting her throat and cut her in the side as she fell.

While he loved her he had never told her and if she was now alive no motive could induce him to harm her. His only fear is of being lynched.