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## NEW SPEED RECORD COSTS 7 LIVES

### 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 has 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. Pourpe 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."

### 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 employes 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; Lucelian Jones, State trooper; seven foreigners. George Kitch and John O'Donnell, State troopers, were seriously injured and one woman was shot in the neck.

### SEVEN CADETS DISMISSED AT WEST POINT FOR HAZING

West Point, N. Y., Special.—For being involved in the hazing of Rolando 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, Hawarden, 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 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 escaped to the bank of the Illinois river, up which the steamer was bound when it caught fire.

No lives were lost but Joseph Caserider, 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.

### DRIVER BOURQUE AND MECHANIC HOLCOMBE KILLED AT INDIANAPOLIS

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Bourque was the Springfield (Mass.) man who finished second to Chevrolet in the Coburn race at Crown Point. Holcombe was twenty-two years of age and a native of Grandville, Mass.

### 7,500,000,000 DRINKS MISSED.

Prohibition Statisticians Say That Means 1,408,098 Men Went Dry.

Chicago, Ill.—Drinkers in the United States have "gone shy" 7,500,000,000 drinks in the last two years. That is the gist of statistics issued from Prohibition national headquarters.

In the same period, the statisticians assert, 1,408,098 men who were accustomed to take an average of four drinks of grog each day have become total abstainers. If the 7,500,000,000 drinks that were missed had gone across the bar for consumption they would have cost \$464,449,997.15 at the regular prices, and if they had been poured into a tank of sufficient capacity they would have floated a fleet of battleships.

Of this enormous shrinkage from expected figures of increase of liquor production, the whisky total is 37,832,607 gallons, while the beer production in the same time shows a net shrinkage of 35,120,472,697 gallons.

### Safe Robber Shot Through Head.

Two men made an unsuccessful attempt to rob the safe in the office of the Cliffe House, at Manitow, Col. James Morrow, the day clerk, shot one of the men, Edward Clark, through the head, fatally wounding him, and received a bullet through his own clothing. The other robber escaped, but was captured.

### ADDICKS PROPERTY SOLD AT NEWPORT.

As a result of a judgment of \$450, in favor of the Newport Foundry and Machine Company against J. Edward Addicks, of New York City, Deputy Sheriff Frank King sold at auction personal property, including household furniture and a power boat, at Newport, R. I.

Crowds Excluded at Beverly.

Crowds of curious visitors besieged the summer White House at Beverly, Mass., but were denied admittance to the grounds by Secret Service men.

### WOMAN PROFESSOR APPOINTED.

Miss Smith Takes Chair of Mathematics in California.

Boone, Iowa.—Miss Adelaide Smith, a native of this city, has been elected to the chair of mathematics in the University of California. Miss Smith is regarded as a brilliant student and an accomplished pianist.

She left Boone for Chicago, where her parents now live, several years ago. From there she went to Johannesburg, South Africa, to take the chair of mathematics in the university there.

## TAFT DISMISSES SEVEN WEST POINT HAZERS

### Cadets Punished Because Rolando Sutton Was Hurt.

### VICTIM WAS SERIOUSLY INJURED

### Attacked While Doing Sentry Duty He Defended Himself and Captured Two Assaultants—He Was Then Disabled With Tent Poles.

West Point, N. Y.—An order from President Taft dismissing seven cadets from the United States Military Academy was announced when the cadets were assembled on parade. The cadets were concerned in the hazing of Cadet Rolando Sutton, a brother of Lieutenant James N. Sutton, of the Marine Corps at Annapolis, a second investigation into whose death resulted in the finding that Lieutenant Sutton killed himself either by accident or design.

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## TWO YOUNG BATHERS DROWN

### Virginia Paul Tries to Rescue W. B. Lessig.

### Both Victims Were Prominent in the Fashionable Circles of Philadelphia—They Were Expert Swimmers.

Wildwood, N. J.—W. Brook Lessig, a prominent lawyer of Philadelphia, and Miss Virginia Paul, one of the leaders of the younger set in Quaker City society, were drowned near Wildwood Crest. Miss Paul, who was twenty-one years old and an expert swimmer, lost her life in the swift and treacherous ocean current in an effort to save her companion.

Lessig and the young woman came over from Philadelphia and were guests in the household of Morton Z. Paul in his summer home in Wildwood Crest.

The pair, accompanied by several of their mutual friends, walked along, just before sundown, until they reached a point some distance below the regular bathing grounds. The life guards had gone off duty, but that gave them no concern, because both were strong and daring swimmers. Entering the surf, both were soon beyond the breakers.

"He's only making believe," said one of the little group on the shore, when Lessig threw up his hands. There were cries of alarm when Lessig disappeared from view with a despairing shout borne but faintly to shore.

With breathless suspense their friends watched Miss Paul approach Lessig. She was seen to reach him, and the two appeared to the watchers to be working slowly toward shore, but in a moment or two they were submerged by a huge wave. When they came up again into vision they had drifted still further out.

The life savers launched a boat and rowed with all their strength toward the drowning pair. They had hardly gone half way when Lessig disappeared for the last time.

Miss Paul continued her unequal battle in the rough water, but before the boat reached her she, too, was swallowed up by the ocean.

Miss Paul was a stepdaughter of Clarence Jeffries, a Pennsylvania Railroad official. She lived in Swarthmore, Pa., a suburb of Philadelphia.

### WALTHY WOMAN MURDERED.

### Dragged From Lonely Home and Beaten to Death.

Broxton, Ga.—Miss Mattie Graham, one of two maiden sisters, was murdered near Hokesbury, Coffee County. She was dragged from her home half a mile, where it is evident there was a desperate struggle. The body was beaten and the skull crushed.

The motive was robbery. Miss Graham was a wealthy woman. Her sister was away from home at the time of the murder.

Sheriff Ricketson arrested William McLeod, a youth employed on the Graham farm. He confessed knowing where the body had been hidden although he denied having murdered the woman. A. B. Carter, another tenant, also was arrested.

### DEATH IN AUTO RACES.

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### \$100,000 BABY DEAD IN 3 WEEKS.

Her Birth Saved to Parents a Farm Near Frankfort, Ky.

Frankfort, Ky.—The three weeks' old daughter of J. F. and Clementine Deshon, the "100,000 baby," died in their home in the country.

It was the birth of this child which saved Mrs. Deshon and Mrs. Clark, nieces of James A. Holt, the \$100,000 farm in the county, which was to go to the Clark Masonic Lodge, of Jeffersonville, Ind., if they died without issue. Lawyers here say the lodge has no claim upon the property.

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## NEWSY GLEANINGS.

It was reported in London that the Cretans had agreed to remove the Greek flag.

Excessive heat was reported in the Middle West, the temperature reaching 110 in Muskogee, Okla., collapsed in the earthquake.

Japanese troops attacked Chinese gendarmes in Hsienan and pursued the commandant to his yamen.

China has practically withdrawn her objection to Japan's reconstruction of the An-Tung and Moukden Railway.

General Marina issued an address to Spanish soldiers urging them to great exertions in the campaign against the Moors.

Under cover of a heavy fog, the Pressed Steel Car Company landed two cars of strike breakers at the McKee's Rocks plant.

Donald L. Pensch and A. D. S. Adams were indicted in connection with the \$110,000 copper stock transaction, in New York City.

President Taft, at Beverly, metaphorically "cut the wires" connecting him with official matters and ran off to Gloucester for a luncheon.

The story of William E. Bancker, long out of work, who robbed a butcher shop for the sake of his ill and starving wife, moved a courtroom to tears, in New York City.

Killing of a black cat by one of the crew was blamed by Captain Skjulistad for the misfortunes attending the Norwegian bark Gartha in her 140 days' voyage from Padang to New York.

Attorneys for Governor Haskell and the other defendants in the alleged Muskogee land fraud cases, filed a motion to quash the indictments, alleging that they had been obtained by coercion.

### FALL OF FRANKFURTER.

French Scientists Discover that German Meat is Tainted.

Before rejoicing over a neighbor's shortcomings, it is well to examine one's own skeleton closet for peepholes. Snug reprobation of American meat and all other cis-Atlantic products and methods was the attitude of Germany after the exposure of the Chicago evils, now corrected. But the Teutonic complacency was short-lived. France has its muck-rakers, and the "revanche" arrives at last.

German canned goods partly supplanted the American manufactures in Parisian favor. But these have been examined at the municipal laboratory in Paris and, in every instance, a notable proportion of harmful preservatives was found.

Germany must look at home hereafter before maligning the American hog. The frankfurter no longer can stand in conscious rectitude. Its rudeness is known now to be the blush of guilt.

The American packer was never a monopolist in sin. The housecleaning that has been accomplished in this country is needed everywhere. English investigators have exposed the London butchers. South Europe's olive oil comes from our cotton fields. French wines are mostly frauds. And now we know the worst of the worst.

## PROMINENT PEOPLE.

Senator Timothy D. Sullivan returned from Europe to New York City.

Prince Lvov arrived in America on a confidential mission for the Czar of Russia.

Theodore Roosevelt laid the cornerstone of a new mission church at Kijabe, East Africa.

Reports that the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough have become reconciled were rife in London.

The American Association of Park Superintendents has elected as president W. S. Manning, of Baltimore.

Mr. Taft, by deciding to play golf on rival courses alternately, brought peace to the clubs in Beverly, Mass.

Emperor William bestowed decorations on Charles W. Elliot, Sir Pardon Clarke, Hugo Reisinger and Edward Robinson.

Governor Hughes scaled Sulphur Mountain, Alberta, quicker than any Alpine climber who ever attempted the ascent.

Julius S. Bache, returning from Europe, said the boom in stocks was the result of prosperity and the failure of crops abroad.

Judge Knapp, chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission, expects American railroads to break the record for business this year.

Justice Mills allowed Harry K. Thaw to stay for five days in the White Plains jail to attend to business affairs before returning to Matewan.

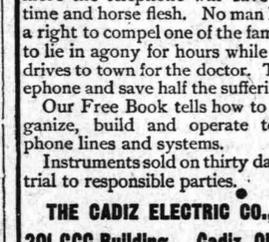
William Ingersoll, vice-president of the New York Life Insurance Company and a member of the American colony in Paris, died at Houlgate, France.

Governor Pothier, of Rhode Island, and Mayor Boyle, of Newport, accepted invitations to preside at the woman suffrage meetings at Marble House, Newport, R. I.

### NEVER-FAILING SUPPLY.

The fond husband was seeing his wife off with the children for their vacation in the country. As she got into the train, he said, "But, my dear, won't you take some fiction to read?"

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