

If you can't be merry, be as cheerful as you can.

He who weeps and runs away more should seek a wedding day.

A nation cannot sink lower than its worst people or rise higher than its best citizens.

It is going to take a good deal of fussing to keep the Hague conference from breaking up in a fight.

Vladivostok imported last year from Australia and the Argentine republic more than 12,000,000 pounds of meat.

A Seattle girl has traveled 3,000 miles to marry a Connecticut preacher. He ought to be good when she gets him.

These mimicked couples who kill each other and themselves might with propriety lift up their eyes and see how wide the world is.

The record of the Alps, of eighty people killed and twenty-two injured during the season, almost puts them in the automobile class.

A million tons of paper are used a year in the printing industry of the country. That looks as if we, as a nation, were reading some.

A property owner in Kingston, a London suburb, has posted a notice that "no grandchildren or cats" will be allowed on his premises.

The later the fruit the better it has fared this year. Grapes and winter pears, for instance, are a pretty fair crop. It was the early blossom that the frosts caught.

Let all who think they have sponded the depths of human woe take heart in contemplating the fate of the Nevada man whose wife gets drunk frequently by eating onions.

Many a man who can comprehend perfectly the heinousness of illegal liquor selling in his native country can not see the slightest impropriety in his automobile's showing just what is in her.

Gov. Woodruff of Connecticut says that people are now so thoroughly informed that if they are robbed by financial schemers it is entirely their own fault. This seems to materially reduce the ranks of the innocent investor.

The men behind the muskets are protesting against the salary of \$12 a month. Better pay and better treatment, remarks the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, will give the war department better soldiers.

The news that the treasury department has decided to call in all the outstanding \$10,000 bills, says the St. Louis Times, falls as a bomb and unexpected blow upon those of us who have been collecting souvenirs.

Aeronauts are being vast expectations upon the aeroplane type of airship, but every public attempt to show what these heavier-than-air flyers can do has resulted in demonstrating that there is no telling what sort of capers an aeroplane will cut when it lifts into the air.

The man who is said to have accompanied Gen. Paul Sheridan on his famous ride from Winchester, "twenty miles away," died at his home in a Pennsylvania village the other day. He may have accompanied Sheridan on that historical ride, but the part he played was quite too small to bring him any personal recognition.

A South Dakota town has passed an ordinance forbidding male and female persons to loiter on the steps of any church, public building or doorway of any store for the purpose of visiting, sitting, eating or resting, or in any street, alley, or vacant lot, or other obscure place, for the purpose of flirting in the evening. In other words, says the Houston Post, the South Dakota idea is to get married people divorced and to embarrass as far as possible the efforts of those who desire to become merged.

A New York bank cashier stole \$50,000 because a woman told him to do it. It is wonderful how well men obey women sometimes. There are many cases of this kind on record since the day Adam took the apple just to please Eve, but how few are the instances of which we have record where men have wandered back from the paths of sin and pleasure just because a woman told them to. And it is all the more remarkable, too, because that has been woman's chief occupation since she made the acquaintance of man.

It is now permissible in England for a man to marry his wife's sister, if the wife is dead. Is it not about time, asks the Brooklyn Eagle, to enact a law in America for the protection of the wife's mother from the alleged lecherous man, who never was funny?

A San Antonio, Tex. school teacher says he is going to make a presentation of a 15-year-old boy to his class. Tell me to whitewash 300 yards of fence and he will think the whole world's going to smash.

POWDER MILLS EXPLODE;

THIRTY-EIGHT ARE KILLED

Dupont Plant at Fontanet, Ind., Blows Up and Destroys the Entire Town --More Than 600 Are Injured.

Fontanet, Ind.—Thirty-eight lives snuffed out, 600 injured, of which number 50 were seriously hurt, and a property loss of approximately \$750,000 is the latest estimate of the destruction wrought by the explosion at the Dupont Powder mills Tuesday morning, one of 1,000 inhabitants of the town but carried blood on hands and face from his own wounds or those of people who had required aid.

The mills were located one mile south of the town. With the first explosion the employes ran for safety, but most of them were killed or wounded by the quick-folowing explosions in the other mills. When the heat from the burning mills exploded the great powder magazine, 90 minutes later, destroying the town by the concussion, many of those engaged in rescue work were badly injured and several were killed.

Superintendent, Monahan of the plant was killed while sitting in his office and a president of the town was killed in their home some distance away.

People Fled from Houses. That the death list is not far greater in size than the people of the town had left their houses at the first explosion and were not in them when the explosion of the 40,000 kegs of powder in the magazine burst through the roof of the town.

Among the buildings destroyed in the town were the Methodist and Baptist churches, a school building, the depot, all business blocks, including a large block just completed; a large warehouse and 500 homes.

In many of them the fronts were blown out or they were left a confused mass of collapsed wreckage.

A Big Four railroad freight car on the switch leading to the mills was partly destroyed by the explosion and the wreckage caught fire. Engineer Charles Wells was badly burned and received a fractured leg.

Three school buildings were destroyed at Fontanet and Coal Bluff, two miles away. All were filled with school children, and seven of the houses were more or less injured by the collapse of the buildings.

A four-room school building was torn to pieces and not one of the 300 children escaped unharmed. None was injured at the two-room school building at Coal Bluff was turned over and collapsed. The teacher and 90 pupils were in communication with the injured.

The force of the explosion destroyed all communication with outside towns and it was with great difficulty that aid was summoned. Terre Haute and Brazil sent physicians and nurses with supplies in cars and automobiles across the country, while special trains were made up and run by the Big Four railroad for the care of the injured.

Gov. Healy at Indianapolis ordered the Terre Haute company of the Indiana National Guard here to patrol the ruined district and protect life and property. The governor arrived at the evening of the explosion and soldiers reached here. He brought with him 700 tents and cot.

Coroner Leavitt arrived in the afternoon and at once began an investigation into the cause of the catastrophe, which up to the present time remains as much a mystery as when the explosion occurred.

Terre Haute Cares for Many. Terre Haute, Ind.—Hospitals and homes in Terre Haute were thrown open to care for the injured in the Fontanet powder explosion. Relief trains, carrying physicians and supplies, were hurried to the scene and the injured were brought to this city. Five of the injured died in the hospital.

While hurrying to St. Anthony's hospital, the city ambulance was struck by a street car and wrecked. No one was injured, but it is feared the shock will be fatal to the explosion victims who were in the ambulance.

Sherris Horsley went to the scene at the first explosion, a force of deputies. A corps of city policemen also was sent to Fontanet in the evening with provisions for a week. Ball cartridges were issued to be used in case of looting.

Citizens subscribed more than \$5,000 to the relief fund and the council appropriated \$1,000 to be expended to relieve suffering.

Invents a Passenger Airship. Paris.—M. Capazza has invented a combination aeroplane and dirigible balloon capable of carrying five passengers in addition to 20,000 pounds and staying aloft 10 hours.

Youth Kills His Mother. Kansas City, Mo.—George Sullley, aged 17 years, shot and killed his mother, Mrs. Lizzie Scholfer, in their home at 2345 Myrtle avenue, Tuesday. Smiley says he shot his mother in defending her against a burglar.

ALL REVOLV, BUT NOT GOODBY.



MORE DOGS FOR PRESIDENT

BRUTUS JACKSON TAKES FRESH SUPPLY TO THE CAMP.

Mr. Roosevelt Astonishes Companions by His Hardihood—Morning Swim in Cold Lake.

Stamboul, La.—No news of the president's day's hunt on Tuesday has been received here yet. Brutus Jackson, the negro hunter who went to Newellton to locate a camp there, returned Tuesday and brought a fresh supply of bear dogs with him, and an effort is being made to secure more from the same source to take the place of the animals on hand, which are becoming jaded.

Arrivals from the Bear lake encampment tell stories of the president's hardihood and capacity for roughing it. When he carried his blankets with him from the upper camp last Friday, and that night and next morning ate only the cold bread and meat he had taken in his saddle pockets, they marveled that a president could be so easily satisfied, but when he jumped into Bear lake for a swim upon rising at daybreak their astonishment was almost without bounds. The thermometer registered at the time less than 40 degrees and most of the others present were sedulously hugging the camp fire. The president plunged into the water as soon as he arose. As he approached the edge of the lake he battered some of the other members of his immediate party to join him, but none did so. He swam a hundred yards to an island and then returned, declaring upon landing that the exercise had been most exhilarating and that the water was warmer than the air.

It is now the president's purpose to close his hunt Saturday and to come into Stamboul early Sunday. He will spend Sunday afternoon and Sunday night at the residence of Leo Shields, plantation manager for J. M. Parker, one of the president's party, and on Monday morning leave for Vicksburg, where he is to speak Monday afternoon. Pressing invitations to speak at many other places have been received, but all have been declined, and there will be no more addresses on the southern trip except those to be made at Vicksburg and Nashville, with the possible exception of a few words at Tallahassee.

TRAIN GOES THROUGH TRESTLE. One Woman Killed and Many Injured at Stony Ford, M. V.

Middletown, N. Y.—One man was killed, five others were probably fatally hurt and six or eight were badly injured Monday when 11 cars of a worktrain crashed through a trestle on the new Erie and Jersey railway at Stony Ford, near here. The cars were loaded with dirt and stone, and 20 men, including the engineer, were on them when they went down to the bottom of the ravine, 90 feet below.

The engineer felt the trestle giving and, putting on full speed, succeeded in getting across with his engine and one car. The coupling with the second car broke and all the rest of the train went into the ravine.

Train Kills Four. Pottsville, Pa.—As the result of a grade crossing automobile accident on the Philadelphia & Reading railway at Keim street here Monday night, four persons were killed and one probably fatally injured.

Supervisor is Indicted. Santa Barbara, Cal.—Supervisor J. F. Fickel, of Los Angeles, was indicted Tuesday by the grand jury on five counts alleging embezzlement of county funds and preparing a fraudulent claim upon the treasury.

Man and Girl Crushed in Mine. Pittsburg, Pa.—A fall of slate in a coal mine at Fortwell, near here, Tuesday, resulted in the death of a man and a girl. The girl's mother was probably fatally injured. All were foreigners.

NEWS OF ILLINOIS

HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST FROM ALL OVER THE STATE.

WEASEL ATTACKS FAMILY

Is Finally Slain by Mother from Chair After Giving Battle to Women and Three Children.

Bloomington.—Intercepted in its attack on a hen and her brood of young chickens, a weasel measuring only ten inches in length turned upon Mrs. William James, wife of a farmer living near Chenoa, and her three children. The battle between the little animal and family ceased only when Mrs. James, standing on a chair, aimed a well-directed blow at the weasel with a croquet mallet and killed it.

Later, the seven-year-old son of Mrs. James, in the best of moods, took the weasel as it was about to spring upon the chickens. Thinking to frighten the animal away, the boy rushed to ward it. Instead of running away the weasel bit his leg, tearing the leg.

The boy rushed into the house, with the weasel in close pursuit. Mrs. James and two children in the kitchen jumped upon chairs to escape the sharp teeth of the animal. The weasel made desperate efforts to reach the mother and children, but failed. It was while the animal was rushing about the room that Mrs. James seized the mallet and killed it.

Weasels are said to be apt to attack human beings if hungry, but this is the first instance known here of where a weasel has attacked an entire family. The animal killed a hen, an old one, brown in color, with a white spot on its breast. Its pelt was sent to a dealer in this city.

CANNON PLAYS FOOTBALL

"Uncle Joe" Kicks Off for College Boys at Galesburg.

Galesburg.—"Uncle Joe" Cannon, speaker of the house of representatives, began his football career, and by the vigorous "boot" he gave the players showed he was not decrepit despite his 72 years.

His kick was heard on the annual game of Lombard and Carthage colleges. Then the speaker got out of the road to let the younger generation take the field, while he went back to his long cigars.

Speaker Cannon was escorted to the field, introduced to the players, and informed that his duty was to kick the ball as near the goal posts as possible.

"That's easy," was the response. "Let me have one trial first." "Uncle Joe" took a hitch in his trousers and booted the ball 70 feet. Then he tried again and did better, and the game began, Lombard winning by a score of 40 to 0.

FIREMEN TO RIDE BICYCLES.

Havana—Nine bicyclists have been shipped to the volunteer fire department of Havana to be ridden by the firemen in case of an alarm.

The city council conceived the idea because the firemen are some distance from the center of the city.

If the idea works successfully, other cities will be dependent upon volunteer fire departments are expected to adopt similar methods of transportation.

CITIZENS VEAR UP CAR TRACKS.

Peoria.—Intelligent citizens of Peoria Heights, a suburb of Peoria, tore up 100 yards of the tracks of the Peoria Railway company, and an attempt was being made of blowing up the company's engine house and blowing up a viaduct spanning a deep ravine. The trouble grew out of difficulties arising between the village officers and the street car company regarding a franchise.

Policeman Killed by Burglar.

Peoria.—While attempting to arrest an unknown burglar who had robbed the residence of Alderman Barney Briggs of several thousand dollars' worth of diamonds, Policeman Ed Barrett was shot and died at St. Francis' hospital an hour afterward. Barrett covered the burglar and both began shooting. This is the second murder in a week of policemen attempting to arrest burglars.

Horse's Kick is Fatal.

Licelco.—While Mrs. William Whitting, living a few miles from Grayville, was visiting her sister, Mrs. W. Barton, in the city, she received a telegram that her husband had been killed by a horse and killed. They lived on a farm and Mrs. Whitting had been here little more than a week. The deceased was 60 years old and leaves no children.

Fire Chief is Burned.

Kewanee.—While making a test of a new fire engine for Wethersfield Village, Charles F. Kurbat, chief of the fire department, suffered terrible burns when an explosion occurred.

Favors Prohibition for Adults.

Jacksonville.—The necessity for an adult prohibition law applicable to all parts of Illinois was emphasized in a address before the Illinois State Conference of Charities here by Judge Foster, of the municipal court of Chicago.

Judge Foster suggested that the conference take active part in obtaining such a law and that a committee be appointed to work for the drafting and passage of a comprehensive state bill at the next meeting of the legislature.