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A SUMMER'S DAY OUTING HAS A SAD ENDING—MOTHER AND CHILD DROWNED.

WERE FROM KANSAS CITY

Little Girl Fell From Dock and Mother Plunged in to Save Her, Both Losing Their Lives.

Walloon lake resort was the scene of one of the most pathetic accidents last Friday that has occurred there in years in which a heroic mother met her death trying to save her little child from drowning. It was a merry party consisting of Ralph Harris, his wife and 5-year-old daughter, Mary, that left the Walloon hotel in the morning for a boating and excursion on that beautiful lake, but there was a hitch in the proceedings when the gasoline launch which they hired failed to work properly. Harris took the boat back to the livery for repairs, which did not soon be done, returned to the hotel expecting to find his family there. Inquiry failed to find them and a search was made. Some boys found the little child's hose on the dock and immediately off the end of the dock the bodies could be seen at the bottom in 10 feet of water.

Just how long they had been in the water it is hard to say. Although there were a number of people on the dock none saw the accident. It appears the little girl fell off the dock and her mother jumped in after her, trying to save her life, but the water was too deep and Mrs. Harris could not swim. Hazle is a very pretty town of Kansas City, Mo. His wife was formerly Miss Mary Clark, daughter of a banker of Leavenworth, Kas. The party had been camping on the resort since Monday, coming from Petoskey, where they were with a number of other Missourians.

The Drouth Is Serious.

The long-continued drouth which has held Michigan in its grip for a month is rapidly assuming serious proportions and the rain storms of last night, which are reported in several sections, will not alleviate the situation much, as the intense heat continues. While it is stated authoritatively that corn can be matured on average crop if rain comes within the next two weeks there can be no doubt but that they are materially damaged.

The lack of rain has brought about a continual series of fires about the state. Nearly a dozen were reported Monday. Farm buildings are most affected, but the loss of timber in sections where fire protection is inadequate are in danger. Also many of the orange groves are seriously menaced by the shortage of water. Battle Creek, Jackson, Ypsilanti and Charlotte have received their supply of city water as being wholly inadequate during the long week. Coldwater had a reservoir built which is now useless, as it is dry and four warehouses burned. The water mave out and only the fact that there was no wind saved the town from total destruction.

Numerous conflagrations were recorded about the state Monday. Everything is as dry as tinder and many blazes started apparently from spontaneous combustion.

The Anti-Saloon Campaign.

The Anti-Saloon league is arranging for a bigger campaign even than the one announced a few weeks ago with the intention of making prohibition state wide within a very few years. It is intended to carry on the fight in 35 counties, mostly those continuous to "dry" territory, and covering more than half the area of the lower peninsula. At first the league had determined to confine itself to these counties: Berrien, Branch, Hillsdale, Calhoun, Allegan, Eaton, Livingston Ionia, Ottawa, Montcalm, Isabella, Mecosta, Clare, Lake Alcona, Kalamazoo Sanilac, Huron, Tuscola, Osceola, and Ingham. Then there were five mentioned as doubtful: Benzie, Leelanau, Antrim, Mason and Newaygo.

It is now announced that these are no longer doubtful. The league intends to carry the fight into each of the five in addition the following new counties are added: Genesee, Shiawassee, Macomb, St. Clair, Crawford, Roscommon, Ogemaw, Iosco and Arenac.

His Last Ascension.

In the presence of over 1,000 people, who gathered at Hague Park, Vandercook lake, a resort three miles south of Jackson, Thursday afternoon, to attend the Maccabee picnic and to witness the balloon ascension, William Oliver, 25 years old, an aeronaut, dropped over 2,000 feet when the straps of his parachute broke, and landed amid the crowd of merry-makers, who but a few minutes before had watched him soar over their heads. Medical help was summoned as there was still signs of life, but the aeronaut died in a few minutes. An examination of the parachute which was still fastened to the belt of Oliver showed that three of the braids of common twine with which the thing had been made had parted, close to the cords which bound them together, releasing one entire side. The parachute had been made by Oliver himself.

In the inquest into the death of Edward Stewart, who was killed in the interurban wreck near here last week, the coroner's jury brought in a verdict saying that Stewart met his death through defective air brakes on the mechanism of the limited car which rendered it impossible for the motorman to control it.

Information received at the Soo from a semi-official source says that a deal amounting to $15,000,000 Wednesday means that interests which acquired control of the Lake Superior corporation will sell the rail mill in the Canadian Soo to a trust which is to invade Canada.

The long-continued drouth has lowered the water in the river to such an extent that the Battle Creek board of public works announces that the situation is serious. The water pressure has dropped to 45 pounds and it is said that in case of fire protection would be wholly inadequate. Water in the public parks and fountains has been shut off in the hope of increasing the pressure.

A miner named Henderson was killed and two companions whose names are unknown were seriously injured Tuesday when the skip in which they were riding fell to the bottom of a shaft at Winona mine, Calumet.

STATE BRIEFS.

Grace Veldman, teacher in the Holland Christian school, dropped dead while preparing to go to church.

David Crotch, the last of the Pottawatomie tribe, is dying at the Indian reservation in Menominee county.

Vice President Fairbanks has taken a cottage at Mackinac Island for the rest of the summer and is on his way here.

Attorney General Bird ruled that the deposits of insurance companies, organized under Michigan laws, are taxable.

J. G. Goodeman, aged 80, of South Haven, dropped dead in the Michigan Central depot at Niles while he and his wife were awaiting a train.

Geo. Page, 4 years old, was drowned in Maple river, north of Eureka. While in bathing he was taken with cramps and sank before help could arrive.

Temporarily insane, Mary Marquesdand, aged 36, of Manistee, was lodged in the Wexford county jail. Mrs. Sadley escaped from the Newaygo jail. He was held on a serious charge made by a woman.

The pupils of Longfellow school, Saginaw, earned $25 by weeding the lawn of the United States Graphite Co.'s plant, and spent the money on an outing at Riverside park.

James Nichols, son of former Senator George E. Nichols, of Ionia, rescued Delos Smith, a boy about his own age, from drowning Monday and nearly lost his own life in doing so.

Sheriff Clinger with six deputies is searching for a man named Shelley, of Walloon lake shore where David Shelley, the convict, who escaped from the New Jersey jail, is supposed to be hiding.

Miss Gladys Click, the young school teacher who was drowned in Lake Huron at Port Huron, is still in a critical condition, as a result of jumping from an electric car while it was in motion.

Alexander Kolowoski, aged 40, a Polish woodsman, was instantly killed near Boyne Falls by a falling tree. He leaves a widow and two children in Poland and a brother in Pennsylvania.

John Rathanen, a fisherman of Hu ron bay, has started suit for $100 damages against State Game Warden Charles S. Pierce whom he charges with having destroyed a quantity of his nets.

Charlotte's water supply is seriously threatened by the continued drouth. Official notices are posted requesting citizens to get along with as little wa ter as possible until the situation is relieved.

The heavy plate glass window of the Hotel Campau, Muskegon, was smashed by a gale on Monday, severe ly cutting Mrs. Jerry Moulton, wife of the proprietor, and her daughter Mrs. James McHugh.

A broken rail on the Pere Marquette derailed the southbound freight train number 4 at Pentwater, and the loss will reach $8,000.

Benjamin Scotton, of Bay City, un married, was drowned while bathing at Sand Point Sunday morning and will die. He lay on the bed in his room, held the muzzle of the gun over his left breast and pulled the trigger with his foot.

The home of W. D. Garvin, of Goes, so, was saved from destruction by a plucky boy, Lee Adams, aged 14. A gasoline stove had exploded and the boy rushed in, picked it up and carried it out of doors. His hands, arms and legs were burned.

Charity netted $2,000 from the annual Elkopythian festival of one day in Hastings. The money was raised from the proceeds of a farcical ball game between the Elks and Knights of Pythias, at which every known sort of trick was worked.

Membership in the Socialist party is growing rapidly in Ann Arbor and many of the professors in the university are among its most active members. James Williams, national organizer of the party, addressed a large crowd on the courthouse square Monday evening, and was enthusiastically received.

With the death of Mrs. Charles Anderson, aged 72, Muskegon has had an average of one drowning every week since the first of June. Temporarily deranged, Mrs. Anderson walked quietly from the shore of the water works pond until she was submerged. Neighbors saw her walk out and recovered the body.

L. C. Crampton, who has been secretary of the railroad commission since its organization, has tendered his resignation. Mr. Crampton's duties as editor of his paper in Lapeer demand more of his time. He has announced that he will be a candidate for the legislature to succeed Representative Ivory, who will be a candidate for the senate.

Harry Valentine and Simon Valentine, aged 27 and 19 respectively, are race track followers of Columbus, O., were on their way to Kalamazoo on a coal car on the Michigan Central rail road and, four miles west of Chelsea the former on changing his position fell between the wheels and was cut in two. When Justice J. P. Wood was called to the scene of the accident on a hand car a coroner's jury empaneled and seriously injured also lost both legs.

The body of Owen Marshall, night watchman at the Portland Cement Co. Bellevue, was found in the quarry water in a ditch. The circumstances of his death cannot be learned, but the coroner's jury declared he came to his death by drowning. Officers are investigating.

Following their usual custom, the authorities of the Michigan Agricultural college will run excursions from all parts of the state to the college during the month of August. The object is to give the people of the state an opportunity to visit the college and observe the work done by it at a small expense.

The Republican state convention will be held in Detroit September 20.

Arthur Smith, aged 35, one of the best known Masons of Michigan and editor of the American Tyler, a Masonic publication, died at his home in Ann Arbor while at lunch. He had been suffering from neuralgia, but his death was unexpected.

Tramps robbed the D. & M. ticket office in Oscoda of $39, were trailed by officers and caught near East Tawas.

Escaping from the Patterson House for inebriates, William Alkall, aged 31, of St. Joseph, ran from his pursuers until he dropped dead.

LATEST NEWS OF MICHIGAN

News Notes from Lansing

Interesting Happenings at the State Capital of Michigan.

Lansing.—The Hydraulic company of Grand Rapids will continue to pump water every day," said General Manager Fitzpatrick, when informed of the supreme court's decision that the action of the legislature in repealing its charter was constitutional. "We have a valuable property here and feel we are being defrauded of our rights and privileges. Before we will submit to that, we will go to the highest courts of the land." Both City Attorney Taggart and Attorney Willard Kinsley, for the company, were disinclined to talk until they have studied the court decision, but Mr. Taggart expressed the opinion that the Hydraulic company as a corporation, was out of business. He said that perhaps its bondholders might carry on the business for their own protection, but believes the right to extend the mains or to do any new business is forbidden. The Hydraulic charter was repealed in 1905 after being in force since 1849. A provision of the repeal act gave the company a year to wind up its business and present a claim against the city for its tangible property if it cared to do so. It spent about $40,000 in building a new plant, the old one having been partly destroyed by fire, and in buying what is known as the Bailey Springs, north of Grand Rapids. When the year closed Attorney General Bird began quo warranto proceedings against the company. Judge Person, in circuit court, decided the company had no corporate rights, and this decision, the supreme court has sustained. It is generally believed that the company is trying to hold Grand Rapids up for payments on bonds issued in 1886. The bond was 1,200 bonds of $1,000 each and 680 of them were sold, though it is said at nowhere near par value. These 680 are still outstanding, being mainly held in Philadelphia. In the last two years, the company has been greatly strengthened and is a much more formidable competitor than when its charter was repealed in 1905.

India Well Represented.

Four students from India are enrolled in the University of Michigan summer school, one of them Nath Danerjee, who received his Ph. G. from the University of Illinois this year and is now a special student in the summer school of pharmacy. His home is at Benares City, India. The other three are also students in the Homeopathic College of Medicine and Surgery at Ann Arbor and hospital work. Of these three, Dr D. N. Gupta is a state scholar, his expenses being borne by the state of Bhaunagar, Bombay presidency. This is the first time a state scholar has had the honor of being sent to education in the United States, in homeopathy. Dr. Gupta took his bachelor of arts degree from Bombay university in 1903, then studied medicine in Calcutta, going to Chicago and entering the Hering Homeopathic college. The prince of the state of Bhaunagar, in his possibilities of homeopathy, and Dr. Gupta expects to introduce this treatment of the sick, upon official lines, in his state upon his return.

Brands Road Edict a Bugaboo.

Congressman Townsend, at a mass meeting at Jackson, largely attended by railroad employes who have been working short hours all summer, declared emphatically that, in his opinion, the declaration of the railroad managers that they must either reduce wages or increase freight rates is a bugaboo, for what purpose brought out, he could not understand. Employes of the Michigan Central have been circulating a petition addressed to the interstate commerce commission which recites that the expenses of railroads have been greatly increased in the last few years, by increased wages and legislation directed against them, while freight rates have been reduced, and praying the commission to look into and even generous consideration to the statements of the roads. The petition was signed by practically every business man of the city and was presented at the mass meeting, which was attended by several hundred citizens.

Post Office Plans Are Altered.

Fremont Ward, superintendent of construction of the new federal building being erected in Ann Arbor, received a letter from the supervising architect at Washington that has made the plans of Ann Arbor's worries, for it says that, after all, the new post office is to have the imposing front entrance originally designed for it; also the other entrances not upon the original plants, but gained through the efforts of Postmaster N. G. Prettyman. The working room is also to be increased in size and additional windows put in.

Favors New Basic Law.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the state grange here a resolution was adopted by George B. Horton of Fruit Ridge, master of the state grange, favoring the adoption of the new constitution. Although a majority of the board members were in favor of adopting the resolution, action was deferred until the next meeting, which will be held in this city August 11. Chairman A. E. Palmer said that throughout the state the members of the grange are in favor of the new constitution.

Forty Solons May Return.

From present indications the next house of the state legislature will be an experienced one, as, of the 48 first termers in the last session, about 40 are candidates to succeed themselves. Many of the others are candidates for another office. There are various representatives in other portions of the state who will not seek renomination or who are after other jobs. So far there are three candidates for the speakership of the house, though it is quite probable others will develop.

Michigan Convention Dates.

The Republican state central committee at a session in Grand Rapids the other afternoon decided to call the state nominating convention for September 29 at Detroit. James O. Murfin of Detroit will be temporary chairman. The county conventions were called for September 9. E. E. Alward of Clare was made secretary of the state committee and Charles Moore of Detroit treasurer.

At a special at Saginaw the Democratic state central committee decided to hold the state convention for the nomination of a state ticket October 1 at Saginaw.

Lansing was decided upon by the Prohibition state central committee, at a meeting here, as the place for holding the state nominating convention. The date will probably be September 30, although that is tentative. County conventions will be held throughout the state September 14. The party holders will name nominations for governor and lieutenant governor, to be made at the primary election, September 1. The candidates for governor now in the field are: F. E. Day of Albion, Joseph P. Tracy of Detroit, and Joseph Leighton of Bay City. It is expected that the candidates for president and vice president will attend the state convention and deliver addresses.

Scarcity of Labor Causes Loss.

With all the complaints regarding the slackness of work and the industrial depression, farmers throughout eastern Michigan and the Thumb district are unable to secure sufficient help to properly care for their crops. In two items alone, cherries and huckleberries, thousands upon thousands of dollars are lost to the farmers because they cannot get men to pick the fruit. There is an enormous crop of both. While cherries are selling at $2.50 per bushel on the local market, they rotted upon the tree from 30 to 60 miles away. Huckleberries are bringing from $2 to $2.50 per bushel, and within an hour ride of the city they are decaying on the bushes. It is estimated that to 500 on bushels of huckleberries will not be harvested on that account. In the bonfield the same old story of labor scarcity is reported and boys and girls are receiving crazy wages. It is nothing unusual for farmers to drive to the city and "call at places where tramps and hobos hang out, in the endeavor to secure sufficient help.

Fight in State Federation.

When the Michigan Federation of Labor meets in Lansing, September 15, 16, 17 and 18, it is said there will be a lively fight waged as to the part the federation is to take in the coming political campaign. However, there seems to be little going on in the line of politics among the local labor leaders, and they say that it is their intention to make the meetings as free from politics as possible. Some of them have given out any detailed information regarding the political views of the local unions, but it is pretty generally intimated that Bryan and the Democratic platform will receive the stamp of their approval when the meeting is called to order in September.

Bradley First to Qualify.

James B. Bradley, candidate for governor, was the first of the field to file sufficient nomination petitions with the secretary of state. With the petitions presented, Dr. Bradley has filed petitions containing more than 10,000 names. About 5,000 signatures are required, but many of the names on nominating petitions are checked off not being on the enrollment books.

Asks Forming of Connections.

The state railway commission has received a request from the Benton Harbor Railway & Lighting company asking that the Benton Harbor rail way be directed to form physical connections at Benton Harbor.

Has No Private Car.

Chairman Glasgow of the state railroad commission denies a published report that he has in Saginaw in his private car. He says he was not in Saginaw and that if he has a private car he does not know it. He also disclaims ever having given the Ann Arbor railroad a "clean bill of health," but, on the contrary, asserts that the company was ordered by the commission to make improvements in its road-bed. The private-car story particularly rankled in Chairman Glasgow's breast.

Burglars "Work" Lansing.

Every alternate residence on Sycamore street south for a distance of two blocks or more was tackled by burglars the other night. Eight known attempts at burglary were made, but in only two instances were the attempts successful. Generally telephone wires are cut before the gang attempts to operate. The city has been terrorized by the burglary, who have been operating at frequent intervals for a couple of months, and their loot has been large, says the police.

The Independence Nominees.

The first national convention of the Independence party finished its labors in Chicago Wednesday after nominating Thos. L. Hisgen, of Massachusetts, for president, and John Temple Graves, of Georgia, for vice-president, and adopting a platform of principles. The nomination of Hisgen was reached on the third ballot, with a vote of 831 out of 948 ballots cast. Graves was named for second place on the ticket by acclamation.

John I. Sheppard, of Kansas, who attempted to put W. J. Bryan's name in nomination, had to be given the protection of the entire force of Independence party officials to save him from infuriated delegates. Sheppard was escorted from the hall by a detail of sergeants-at-arms, while the crowd of delegates surged behind, denouncing him as a traitor.

The national committee elected Wm. R. Hearst as chairman; C. F. Neal, of Indiana, and M. W. Howard, of Alabama, vice chairman and Chas. A. Walsh, Iowa, secretary.

Startling Revelations.

Startling revelations which, it is intimated, may involve immigration officials at Pacific coast points and along the Mexican border, are expected over the outcome of an investigation now being carried on by the federal government into the illegal entry of Chinese and Japanese coolies into this country.

STATE NEWS BRIEFS.

The Sterling hotel and postoffice burned Tuesday morning. The fire caught in the hotel. The loss is $6,000, partially insured. Help was phoned for from here. The buildings will be rebuilt.

Miss Edna Heaton was overcome by the heat Monday afternoon while standing at the edge of a long flight of stairs at the Post Office court house. She fell the entire distance and was badly cut about the head.

Fred A. Baker, of Detroit, has brought scandalous proceedings in the Oakland county circuit court to test the constitutionality of the Michigan mortgage tax law. Jacob Stumpf, of Royal Oak, who was assessed $5000 on mortgages held by Mrs. Ida M. Is named as relator and the defendants are Louis Storz, supervisor of Royal Oak township, and Henry N. Lavery and John Benjamin, members of the board of review.

THE MARKETS.

Detroit.—Cattle—Extra dryfed steers and heifers, one on sale, steers and heifers, 1,000 to 1,100, $5@5.15; steers and heifers, 800 to 1,000, $3.75@4.40; grass steers and heifers that are fat, 800 to 1,000, $3.75@4.40; grass steers and heifers that are fat, 500 to 700, $3@3.60; good fat cows, $3@3.15; common cows, $2.50@2.85; canners, $1.25@2.25; choice heavy bulls, $2.25@3.50; fair to good bologna bulls, $2@2.25; stock bulls, $2@2.25; choice feeding steers, 900 to 1,000, $4@4.25; fair feeding steers, 800 to 1,000, $3.50@3.75; choice stockers, 500 to 700, $3@3.50; fair stockers, 500 to 700, $2.50@3; stock heifers, $2.50@3; milkers, large, young, medium size, $40@65; common milkers, $20@30.

Veal Calves—Market active, best, $6.50@7; others, $2@6; milch cows and springers steady.

Sheep and Lambs—Market, 50 to 75c lower; quality very common; best lambs, $6@6.30; fair to good lambs, $5.50@5.75; light to common lambs, $4@5; fair to good butchers, $3.50@4; culls and common, $1.50@2.50.

Hogs—Market steady, last week's prices; light to good butchers, $7.15@7.20; pigs, $6@6.50; light mixed, $6.50@6.90; roughs, $4.50@5.50; stags, 1-3 off.

East Buffalo—Cattle—Market dull and 10@25c lower; top steers and heifers, $6.25; one very prime load at $6.80; best shipping steers, $5.50@5.75; best 1,200 to 1,300-lb steers, fat or rough, $5.50@4, fair to good, $4.25@5.50; common to fair, $3@4; best fat cows, $4.50@5; butcher heifers, $4.25@5.50; light butcher heifers, $4@4.25; best feeders, $3.75@4; best stockers, $3@3.40; common stockers, $2.25@3; export bulls, $4@4.50; bologna, $2.25@3.50; stock bulls, $2.75@3; fresh cows and springers, $20@55; medimus, $35@40; common, $20@28.

Hogs—Market strong; heavy, $7.15@7.20, mostly; $7.25; yorkers, $7@7.25; pigs, $6@6.25.

Sheep—Market strong; best lambs, $6.25@6.50; culls, $5@5.25; yearlings, $4.75@5; wethers, $4.50@4.75; ewes, $4.25@4.50; mixed sheep, $4.50@4.75.

Grain, Etc.

Detroit.—Wheat—Cash No. 2 red, 1 car at 92½c; 2 cars at 92¼c. No. 3 red, closing at 92¾c for spot; September opened and closed unchanged at 92¾c, advanced to 93¼c and declined to 92c; December opened at 94¼c, advanced to 94¾c and declined to 94c; May opened at 98c, touched 99¾c, declined to 98¾c and closed at 99c. No. 2 white, 92c. No. 1 white, 91¾c.

Corn—Cash No. 3, 79c. No. 3 yellow, 1 car at 81c. No. 4 yellow, 1 car at 80c.

Oats—Cash No. 3 white, 3 cars at 44c. August, 5,000 bu at 44¾c; September, 5,000 bu at 45¾c.

Rye—Cash No. 2, 77c. August, 77c.

Beans—Cash, $2.65; October, $1.90 bid. No. 2 nominal, $1.85.

Clover seed—Prime October, 100 bags at $7.40. December, 100 bags at $8.40; sample alsike, 12 bags at $9.25, 8 at $8.25, 8 at $8.75, 8 at $7.

Timothy—Prime, 100 bags at $3.10. Jobbing lots: Bran, $26; coarse middlings, $26; fine middlings, $28; cracked corn, $36; coarse cornmeal, $34; corn and oat chop, $21 per ton.

Flour—Michigan patent, best, $4.80; ordinary patent, $4.75; straight, $4.40; clear, $4.15 per bbl.

AMUSEMENTS IN DETROIT.

Week Ending August 8.

NEW LAFAYETTE—Moving pictures and illustrated songs, 10 cents.

ELECTRIC PARK, Belle Isle Bridge, furnishes entertainment for all. Free Vaudeville by high-class talent, a special feature.

Steamers Leaving Detroit.

DETROIT & BUFFALO STEAMSHIP CO.—Foot of Wayne St. For Buffalo and Niagara Falls daily 5 p. m. Week end trip $2.50.

WHITE STAR LINE—Foot of Griswold St. For Port Huron and way ports, week days at 7:30 a. m. and 2:30 p. m. Sundays at 9:00 a. m. and 2:30 p. m. For Toledo at 8:25 a. m. and 4:00 p. m. Sunday at 8:45 a. m. and 5 p. m.

DETROIT AND CLEVELAND NAVIGATION CO.—Foot of Wayne St. For Cleveland and Buffalo daily at 10:30 p. m. For Mackinaw and way ports Monday and Saturday, 5 p. m. Wednesday and Friday at 9:30 a. m.

Long Health Fast.

Mrs. E. V. Haining, of Dillon, Mont., who has been a guest at a Battle Creek health home for the past month, reached her 31st day of fasting Wednesday. When she first came to the city she was suffering from stomach trouble which had resulted in giving her some organic disturbances and she was also quite obese. During the 31 days of fasting she has lost 22 pounds. She has taken all of the gymnastic exercises given at the place during her stay and has indulged in out-of-door sports generally.

The Prohibition state central committee chose Lansing for the state convention with the tentative date of September 30. County conventions will be held September 14. Candidates for governor are: F. E. Day, Albion; Joseph P. Tracy, Detroit, and Joseph Leighton, Bay City.

Suit for $20,000 against the estate of the late Gov. A. T. Bliss is being heard in circuit court. The case grows out of Gov. Bliss' interest in the T. F. Thompson & Co. lumber firm in which Gov. Bliss assumed some obligations after its failure, but failed to pay them.

DEATH LIST GROWS

VICTIMS OF CANADIAN FIRE MAY NUMBER 200 TO 400.

RAILROAD IS CRIPPLED

Six Thousand Refugees Crowd the Spared Towns and Suffer for Lack of Food.

Winnipeg, Man.—The list of fatalities in the forest fire, which, starting at four o'clock Saturday afternoon, laid waste an area of 40 square miles along the Crow's Nest Pass branch of the Canadian Pacific, road and ensnared the prosperous mining town of Fernie and half a dozen smaller places, is not complete, but it is believed that 200 persons perished in the flames. Hosmer and Michel still remain behind the flames. The townspeople, after a battle of more than 36 hours, believed they had saved a remnant of their dwellings and lay down at their posts' utterly exhausted. However, the flames swept down upon them again, impelled by a strong west wind.

Late Monday afternoon the inhabitants of Michel, which is 20 miles from Fernie, were on the point of giving up the struggle, according to what their town was doomed. Nothing has been heard from Hosmer since the announcement of a fresh outbreak, but it is believed the place is in the same terrible straits as its neighbor.

Refugees Number 6,000.

Crowds of refugees arriving at Nelson and other places which have escaped the disaster. These consist largely of women and children, the men having remained behind to fight the flames. They are all in a pitiable condition, most of them having brought nothing with them but the scanty raiment they wore at the time the onrush of the fire made it necessary to flee. It is estimated that fully 6,000 persons are wandering about the burned area, exposed from exposure to the keen mountain air and lack of food.

A telegram has been received from Editor Sampson of Cranbrook, which town is filled with refugees, stating that unless relief is sent quickly the place will be utterly unable to cope with the situation, as its food supplies will not last much longer in view of the many extra mouths to feed.

Railway is Crippled.

To add to the horrors of the situation, the Canadian Pacific railway, connecting district with the outer world, is crippled. Many bridges have been burned and the movement of trains by which fire fighters, refugees and provisions are transported is attended with almost insurmountable difficulties. Consequently, the supplies of food and clothing which are being rushed to the stricken region from Vancouver, Nelson and other places are blocked in transit.

Vancouver will send 45,000 for relief and a train load of supplies went out. Winnipeg has dispatched a special train with nurses, doctors, hospital stores and provisions. How soon they will get through is problematical.

Building Carried Away.

Such was the force of the fiery tornado that one frame building, 70 feet long, was picked up, carried across several lots and dropped into the middle of the main street.

Five families were hemmed in by the fire and practically cremated. The West Fernie bridges across Elk river could not be saved. Several people lost their lives in trying to cross the burning structures. Numbers fled to the river and sought refuge by wading in the water; others ran to the Canadian Pacific railway. Special trains were waiting to convey the people to Michel, but this trip could not be made because the bridge between Hosmer and Michel had been burned, in one part of the city an aged woman, an invalid, carried a short distance, but the heat became so great that she begged to be left to her fate, and her relatives, wrapping her in wet blankets, fled toward the hills. She was burned to death.

When the flames were consuming the town all the prisoners with the exception of five Black Hand suspects were released. Later they were recaptured and sent to Nelson.

Fernie Death Total 173.

The dead at Fernie and camps in the neighborhood are declared to total 173, with a property loss of $8,000,000 for the locality. Loggers to the number of 80 in the camps of the Elk Lumber company have perished and several settlers with their families who lived on the line of railroad between Fernie and Michel are also reported dead.

The great wave of fire is still rolling eastward through the forest, following the lines of the Canadian Pacific railroad. In some places its path is but a mile wide, in others three miles. Nothing can stop it, apparently, for the rain falls, and that may be days or weeks.

The estimated property loss so far is $10,000,000, but it is feared that this figure will be greatly swelled before the fire is extinguished.

Nab Suspects in Murder Case.

New York.—After a long chase Saturday two men were arrested by the Greenpoint police in connection with the mystery of several days ago, in which an attempt was made to burn the body of an unknown woman.

Company Robbed of $100,000.

New York.—The arrest of three men in Brooklyn disclosed the fact that the Adams Express company has lost $100,000, according to the police estimate, through a series of trunk robberies in that borough.

Becomes Official of Eagles.

Warsaw, Ind.—Mayor Charles Rigdon of Warsaw was Saturday appointed temporary national treasurer of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. Notice to that effect was received from President Theodore Bell.

Rolling Mill Strike Ends.

Cincinnati.—The strike at the New port (Ky.) rolling mill has been brought to an end. About 400 employes went on strike because the company announced its intention of holding back two weeks' pay.

Summer Reading.

A young professor of mathematics, who played a good game of tennis and was a hearty outdoor companion, used to amuse his fellow vacationists by spending the time between games and fishing trips lying at ease, with a German work on calculus, or some other subject in the misty altitudes of science. He enjoyed his summer reading fully, and looked forward to his vacation feasts of leisurely study. What one likes to read is the best summer reading, and as every class of book is liked by somebody, the consumption of the world's literature probably does not vary much in kind from January to December. There are no literary flannels to put away and replace with literary gauze. No one, declares The Youths' Companion, has yet invented a type of novel that comes in with asparagus and goes out with green corn. Summer reading is a superstition of the comic papers and the publishers who imagine the entire world of vacationists lolling in hammocks, drinking lemonade and perusing "Dainty Dialogues" or "The Exciting Adventure of Captain Montresol, Sometime Officer of the Pink Hussars." But if you look over Tom's shoulder after a day in the hay-field, the chances are that you will find him reading a book which he began in midwinter, and did not have time to finish. Grandmother is probably going slowly through "Adam Bede" for the nineteenth time, and Mary's book is "Boy Travelers on the Congo." "Pudd'nhead Wilson" says that October is one of the peculiarly dangerous months in which to speculate in stocks; "the others are July, January, September, April, November, May, March, June, December, August and February." By the same token, a peculiarly interesting book to read in August is one which is not dull in any other month.

Nutriment in the Oyster.

The general belief that the oyster is a very nutritious article of food does not rest upon any scientific basis. The oyster, as a food, could not fully satisfy the demands of the human body. While the oyster—when not stewed—is very palatable, wholesome, and easily assimilated by weak or impaired stomachs, it cannot be contended that it contains such elements of nutrition as may be found in beans, rice, or potatoes. There is very little, if any, fat-making or muscle-building material in the oyster. Its composition is largely nitrogenous and, being rich in phosphates, it is generally regarded as an excellent food for the brain; but a man reduced to an exclusive diet of oysters would soon find himself deficient in adipose tissue and in those elements that go to make up physical force and vitality in the human body.

The conference of governors to consider the preservation of the national resources has already brought forth fruit. The governors suggested that the president appoint a national conservation committee to advise him and to co-operate with similar bodies in the states. Acting on this suggestion, Mr. Roosevelt has reappointed his commission on inland waterways, with some new members to fill vacancies. He has also constituted commissions on forests, on lands and on minerals, and an executive committee to harmonize the work of all four bodies. Now we may expect to see the growth of the sentiment that the minerals, lands, forests and waters of the country are national wealth, in the conservation of which the whole nation has an interest, whether they belong to private citizens or not. It is that sort of sentiment which will be a guarantee against want and barrenness in the distant future.

The spread of prohibition had not made itself manifest as late as the end of last year, in a reduction of the native drink bill, according to figures presented by the American Grocer. It calculates an expenditure for the year of $843,332,800 on beer, $504,794,400 on distilled spirits, and $118,456,000 on wines, or a total for alcoholic beverages of about $1,466,584,000, compared with $1,450,855,400 in 1906. The consumption per capita of distilled spirits increased from 1.52 gallons in 1906 to 1.63 in 1907, while the per capita consumption of beer increased 1.04 gallons and of wines 0.12 gallons. The use of tea shows a declining tendency, while the opposite is true for coffee and cocoa.

There is good stock in that new boy of King Alfonso's if he can grow to full-sized manhood with such a name as Jaime Luipold Isabelino Enrique Alejandro Alberto Alfonso Victor Acuncion Pedro Pablo Maria bearing its whole weight upon him.

In a duel fought recently in St. Petersburg one of the combatants was killed. This shows how far Russia really is from modern civilization, which considers it very bad form for a duelist to kill an opponent.

Considering the size of the royal family at Madrid, the Buffalo Times is probably justified in its belief that it is time to stop calling Alfonso "the boy king." Besides, that distinction belongs now to King Manuel of Portugal.

The ptomaines have been a little discouraged of late, but are still getting in their fine work. But the feminine contingent is as brave as ever on risking the unknown terrors of ice cream.