

A notable parrot, the property of a resident of Bakersville, Mass., died the other day at the age of 45 years.

"I would not counsel any one to eat a small," says Lieut.-Col. Newham Davis, the well-known authority on the art of dining.

Ernest Legouve, who recently celebrated his 97th birthday, was asked to what he attributed his long life and good health.

The establishment of a department of humor, such as might train young men for after-dinner speaking, story telling and cartooning, was suggested the other day by D. W. Smith, of Milwaukee, responding to a toast at the annual dinner of the University of Wisconsin.

The speed to be developed by the airships frights the imagination. Sixty miles an hour is predicted with confidence. That is to be made, of course, with the help of a brisk gale.

The monthly report of Dr. Carlos J. Finlay, chief sanitary officer of the island of Cuba, says the showing for 1902 and the beginning of 1903 is very satisfactory, not only in regard to the complete exemption from yellow fever and smallpox, but also in the number of deaths from malaria and in the total mortality.

Six Shaffer brothers, sons of John Shaffer, of Highland County, O., were photographed in a group at Hillsboro, O., a few days ago. The oldest is 86 years of age and the youngest 74.

Alpine flowers and plants are so quickly becoming extinct that strong measures are to be taken in future for their preservation. The prefect of the Alps (Savoie) has now issued a decree forbidding the uprooting of the edelweiss, the bee orchis, the blue thistle, the Alpine clematis, silver geranium, mountain rhododendron, gentian, arnica and many other plants.

A series of experiments have recently been conducted by J. Parker Whitney, of the Washington state fish commission, on which he reports that fish, cold blooded as they are, can be frozen solid and thawed back to life if not exposed to the sun or allowed to get more than 12 to 14 degrees below the freezing point.

Ethan Allen Hitchcock, secretary of the Interior, recently visited the Hot Springs ostrich farm, and had the experience of riding behind one of the largest ostriches in this country. The ostrich is known as "Black Diamond," who is big and feet and docile as a well-trained horse.

The rhythmic traction of the tongue, which is used in treating the apparently drowned, has been successfully applied to a man suffering from apoplexy due to an electric shock. The patient was an operator at the electric station in Limoges, France. He fell on a cable and 20,000 volts passed through his body.

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SECOND HONORS GO TO DE KNYFF

Frenchman Awarded That Place in Big Auto Race.

CONTESTANTS DISPLAY NERVE

Official Time of the Various Participants is Announced—Protest Against Winner Found to Be Trivial.

Dublin, July 4.—R. de Knyff Friday was officially declared to have won second place in the automobile race Thursday for the James Gordon Bennett cup.

The international authorities puzzled all day long over the times and figures in connection with the race, in which they required the assistance of several expert accountants.

Consul General Evans, who saw the race at one of the most difficult corners, said:

"The way the Germans and Frenchmen went at full speed around the curves was the nerviest bit of work I have ever seen in my life, though Foxhall Keene was not a whit behind in driving."

Jenatzky, who is credited with going down one hill at the rate of 90 miles, said to a representative of the press:

"It must have been something like that. The first time I negotiated it I saw a big rut, got my wheel in it, stayed there, and swung around the corner at the end in safety, and at top speed. The seventh and most critical time I lost the rut, but still hoping to find it, I kept up the speed, failed to get the rut, and had to take the corner anyhow."

Jarrott and his chauffeur, who were injured in the race, are progressing well.

General opinion in Ireland discountenances the holding of further motor races in this country, as they are too great a dislocation of the regular order of things, to say nothing of the risk of life and limb.

Official Times Announced. The official times, as amended by the international delegates, follow:

Jenatzky, 6 hours, 39 minutes; DeKnyff, 6 hours, 50 minutes, 40 seconds; Farman, 6 hours, 51 minutes, 44 seconds; Gabriel, 7 hours, 11 minutes, 33 seconds; Edge, 9 hours, 18 minutes, 48 seconds.

Jenatzky's average speed was 49 1/2 miles per hour, excluding stops, the record for the James Gordon Bennett cup race.

Protest is Lodged. London, July 4.—The Globe's Dublin correspondent telegraphed Friday that a French representative has protested against Jenatzky being awarded the cup, on the ground that he received assistance at one of the controls.

Investigation showed that the protest referred to was entered by manufacturers and was dismissed as trivial at the request of the French delegates. It was only one of a number of protests similarly treated.

Enthusiasm in Germany. Berlin, July 4.—The victory of a German representative, Jenatzky, in the race in Ireland for the James Gordon Bennett cup, has awakened great enthusiasm among automobile sportsmen and manufacturers of motor cars.

The latter expect an increased demand for German machines from abroad. Prince Henry of Prussia has telegraphed to the Automobile club, expressing his satisfaction at "the glorious victory of our domestic industry."

Offers His Aid. Washington, July 4.—The secretary of war has received a letter from Representative Littauer, of New York, offering to aid the department in every way in his power in prosecuting the investigation of charges of irregularities in connection with the award of contracts for supplying the army with gloves, and enclosing a copy of his testimony in regard to his connection with the army glove contracts as given in the recent judicial proceedings.

Denies a Rehearing. Jefferson City, Mo., July 4.—The supreme court Friday, en banc, denied a rehearing to Attorney General Crow in his suit for ouster of the Continental Tobacco company, and of the Santa Fe and other railroads on charge of violation of the state anti-trust laws. The former decision of the court was against the attorney general. This ends the case.

Killed at a Crossing. Easton, Pa., July 4.—George Unangst, 65 years old, and Josiah Miller, 50 years old, were killed at a crossing on the Lehigh & New England railroad, at Smith's Gap. Together with a boy they were in a wagon waiting for a freight train to clear the track when the horses plunged into the train. The boy escaped injury. The men and horses were killed.

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TRUSTEE IS CHOSEN

Creditors of Defunct Arnold Concern Name the Receiver-Statement of Assets.

St. Louis, July 4.—At a meeting of creditors of the E. J. Arnold turf investment concern, Solomon L. Swartz was chosen as trustee under the provision of the bankruptcy law. Mr. Swartz has been receiver of the assets of the defunct concern, having been appointed by the court to take charge of the effects until a trustee should be elected. His duties as receiver will end as soon as he qualifies as trustee.

Mr. Swartz announced that assets, so far as found, consisted of about \$60,000 in cash and a farm valued at \$15,000.

The claims filed against the estate thus far amount to about \$3,250,000, and Mr. Swartz expects to pay 2 or 2 1/2 per cent. of the indebtedness. The time for paying out will be determined by the court.

The creditors number more than 12,000 and reside in nearly every state and territory in the union.

FEELING PULSE OF PEOPLE

Band of Men Traversing Harrison County, Ky., in Gait of Mule Buyers.

Lexington, Ky., July 4.—It is learned here that since the trials of Curtiss Jett and Thomas White have been transferred from Jackson to Cynthiana, a band of men, believed to be 11 in number, are traversing Harrison county, where the next jurors are to be secured, representing themselves to be mule buyers, while the purchasers' idea is to feel the pulse of the farmers who may be called to serve the next jury, as to the guilt of the prisoners as a bar to service, and for grounds for a new trial, after a verdict is rendered. These mule buyers never close trades, always finding some excuse, and ride on to the next farm. An effort is being made to ascertain their names, and who sent them.

Freight Trains Wrecked. Peoria, Ill., July 4.—Shortly before three o'clock Friday morning a through freight on the Rock Island & Peoria and a switch engine of the same road, hauling a long cut of cars, collided with terrific force in the upper yards here.

George Fisher, fireman of the through freight, sustained fatal injuries, while his engineer, Michael Cushing, was badly bruised. Both engines were completely wrecked, and many cars were crushed to pieces. The financial loss will exceed \$50,000. Traffic was delayed for several hours, while the wreck was being cleared away. Fisher, the fireman, died at ten o'clock. He resided at Moline.

Shamrock III Wins. New York, July 4.—Shamrock III and Shamrock I, started from the Sandy Hook lightship at 11:35 o'clock Friday, in a race over the international yachting course. The wind was from the west, blowing about six knots, with clear weather and smooth seas.

The Shamrock I, led at the start by about five minutes. The course was east-southeast 15 miles and return. The Shamrock III, finished at 2:29, beating the Shamrock I, by about seven minutes.

Given Fifteen Years. Ellendale, N. D., July 4.—Sherman K. Wells, who was arrested in Michigan and brought here for trial for the murder of Frank Carr, farmer, N. D., last November, has been convicted of murder in the second degree and sentenced to 15 years in the penitentiary. Carr's body was found this spring under a manure pile.

Will Use Wireless System. Washington, July 4.—Rear Admiral Bradford has ordered 20 sets of wireless telegraphy for installation on the flagships and scouts which will participate in the summer maneuvers. The Topeka and Prairie will soon install wireless telegraphy sets for experimental purposes.

American Hogs Prohibited. London, July 4.—A new order of the board of agriculture was gazetted Friday, revising previous orders, and prohibiting the landing in Great Britain of any hogs from the United States, besides prohibiting the importation of cattle from New England. The order goes into effect August 1.

Postmaster in Trouble. Clinton, Ia., July 4.—Hans Hanson, postmaster of Almont, this county, last night emptied the contents of a shotgun into the abdomen of George Lashelle, a farm hand. Hanson gave himself up and is out on bail. The shot penetrated six intestines. Lashelle will die.

Fire in Chicago. Chicago, July 4.—Fire in the two-story brick building of 1245-1247 Wabash avenue, occupied by the Chicago Coach and Carriage company and the D. B. Nichols Carriage company, dealers in automobiles, did damage to the amount of \$10,000 last night.

Arrest Causes Suicide. Doyleston, Pa., July 4.—Lewis N. Blank, of Richboro, Pa., who was arrested on Tuesday, charged with stealing flowers from graves, committed suicide by shooting himself through the head. Worry over his arrest prompted the act.

Not Guilty. Mount Holly, N. J., July 4.—The jury in the case of Mrs. Annie R. Phares, charged with the murder of her husband, Albert Phares, by poisoning, brought in a verdict of not guilty late Friday afternoon.

Heavy Rain Cause Damage. Bucharest, Roumania, July 4.—Rains have overflowed the Pruth, Sereth and other rivers in Moldavia. Several fatalities have occurred, and thousands of acres of wheat and maize have been destroyed.

STORY OF THE FLOOD IN TEXAS

Great Damage Is Caused by the Recent Cloudburst.

GAINESVILLE UNDER WATER

People, Terror-Stricken, Flee to the House-tops—Later News Shows Improved Conditions—Loss of Life Elsewhere Heavy.

Dallas, Tex., July 4.—The heaviest rain that has visited the Trinity and Red river valleys in years prevailed Thursday night and early Friday morning, sweeping over many acres of fine farming land and flooding the city of Gainesville. The streets of that city were under from two to four feet of water throughout the early hours Friday, but the water receded during the afternoon and now all danger is past.

While Gainesville and other towns suffered considerable property loss the heaviest burden will fall upon the railroads. Many washouts occurred and in a few places the tracks were undermined from the heavy downpour. There was no loss of life from the torrent. A north-bound Santa Fe passenger train ran into a washout Thursday night eight miles south of Gainesville.

SUGGESTION FOR SAFE RACING: THE "HOME TRAINER" IDEA



Why Should Not the Autos Be Raised Clear of the Ground and Measure Their Speed on Dials?

vilel and Engineer M. R. Boyce was killed. No one else was injured. Reports from the southwestern part of Texas, where disastrous cloudbursts prevailed Thursday, state that the loss of life will probably reach 15. All of the victims were Mexicans.

Flee to the House-tops. In Gainesville, the residents were terror-stricken, and fled from their beds at two a. m. to the tops of their houses for refuge. Their cries could be heard in every direction. All around the depot and along the main street of the town the water was so deep that even horses were compelled to swim.

Later in the morning the flood situation at Gainesville was greatly improved. The rain stopped and the waters rapidly receded. There is no loss of life reported from Gainesville, and the property damage is confined to small stores, outhouses and truck gardens.

Another Report of Flood. St. Paul, Minn., July 4.—A special to the Republic from Dallas, Tex., says: "A cloudburst and tornado swept over the county between San Antonio and Corpus Christi Friday and news was received late at night that 11 persons are known to have lost their lives near Pettus. There are rumors of other fatalities. Reports of terrible loss of life in the evening, but late at night a round-about telephone connection was secured with Beville from Dallas. The Beville operator said that some buildings were damaged there, but no lives had been lost."

The San Antonio telephone office reported that there is a strip of country between there and Beville in which all wires are down and that it has not been possible to hear from. The storm was most severe in that section.

Storm in Minnesota. St. Paul, Minn., July 4.—A special to the Globe from Painesville says: "A heavy wind and rain storm struck this town Thursday. The Great Northern station was blown from its foundation, the roof was blown off and 750 bushels of wheat destroyed, also a large amount of flour. Two barns were blown down. The loss is estimated at \$10,000. At Belgrade and Georgeville several buildings were blown down. No lives are reported lost."

Out of Its Banks. Lafayette, Ind., July 4.—Heavy rains have forced the Wabash river out of its banks. Hundreds of acres of corn and cats are covered with from one to six feet of water. The river rose 15 feet during 24 hours.

Sails for Portsmouth. Kallundborg, Denmark, July 4.—The United States European squadron sailed Friday for Portsmouth, England.

TRADE REVIEW

Conditions at Opening of the New Fiscal Year Appear Bright.

New York, July 4.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: "A new fiscal year has commenced under more favorable auspices than appeared possible a short time ago, the improvement being due in no small measure to the greater conservatism that was an outgrowth of unsettled conditions. Seasonable weather has also contributed to the better distribution of merchandise, besides encouraging buoyant sentiment in the agricultural districts. Railway earnings and output of pig iron were larger, while insolvencies were fewer. Earnings of railways thus far reported for June surpass last year's by 10 per cent., and those of 1901 by 19.4 per cent."

Bradstreet's says: "Warm forcing weather has been the keynote of the situation this week, inducing favorable conditions for the winter wheat harvest, special progress by corn and cotton, enlargement in retail trade in summer goods, generally heretofore backward, and what is most important of all bringing about a much more cheerful feeling as to the future outlook for business generally. Additional reports as to six months' trade are quite favorable, despite earlier unfavorable conditions. June bank clearings, though aided by stock, grain and cotton speculation, large semi-annual disbursements, and the pulling through of large dealings, have not been wholly dependent thereon for the marked expansion shown over last year. Failure returns are likewise favorable, in that six months' embarrassments were the smallest in number reported in twenty years, though a comparatively few large suspensions, widely separated, and generally unrelated to each other, swelled liabilities five per cent. above those of last year. Generally speaking, the second half of the year opens auspiciously."

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Street Cars Meet at a Crossing in St. Louis and Twenty Persons Are Hurt.

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THE DECISION RESTS WITH CZAR

He Only Can Decide to Receive Petition of Americans.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT IS MADE

Foreign Office Expresses the Hope That Americans Will Not Invite a Slight—Press Comments.

St. Petersburg, July 4.—President Roosevelt's decision to forward to the Russian government the petition in behalf of the Russian Jews is not published here. The foreign office has made the following statement:

"The czar alone can decide whether the petition will be received, but Alexander III. would never have received such a petition. The petition from the Guildhall meeting, called by the lord mayor of London in 1891, was returned through the foreign office as being inconvenient. The foreign office hopes the Americans will not invite such a slight. They would resent an anti-litigious petition. The foreign office has no special interest in the question, except a desire that international relations remain unharmed, since the matter is purely domestic and belongs to another ministerial department."

In an article, which in official circles is declared to be inspired, the Novoe Vremya combats the "claim of the United States government that Russia should grant American Jews free access to Russian territory."

The Novoe Vremya declares that if all American citizens were admitted to Russia "it would not be long before thousands of Jews who have left Russia for various reasons would flock to Russia in the guise of American citizens just as they are doing in Roumania, Bulgaria and Turkey. If Russia acceded to the United States wish she could not refuse to grant similar privileges in the case of other countries and would soon undergo a perfect invasion of foreign Jews."

The Novoe Vremya also refers to the United States restricting immigration and concludes: "While Russia in no way assumes the right of criticizing the internal measures of the United States, she, on the other hand, will not tolerate the least interference in her private affairs on the part of Americans."

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