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Joseph Snyder, an athlete of 92, who lives in Aetna, N. Y., challenges any man of 75 or older to walk from 10 to 50 miles. Mr. Snyder says: "I'll walk him either with or without canes, though I prefer to carry one just for company. I walk at least ten miles every day, and the fellow who takes up my challenge will have to scratch gravel mightily lively to win."

Without leaving a clew to her identity an elderly woman left a package containing \$11,110 in green backs at the door of James Mealey, of Schuylerville, N. Y., with no explanation save that it was "from a friend." Mr. Mealey has been in financial difficulties, and recently went through bankruptcy, his store and stock of goods being sold to meet his obligations.

By his will, filed in the surrogate office, New York, the late Paul B. Du Chaille, explorer and writer, bequeaths all his estate to his friend, Henry R. Hoyt. Mr. Hoyt was named as executor. The will was executed in New York nearly three years ago. The petition which accompanied the will, filed by Mr. Hoyt, set forth that the testator left no real estate in New York state and that he left personal estate worth less than \$500.

In his early days Sir Thomas Lipton denied himself almost every pleasure except that of amassing a fortune. Calling one day on a consul on business matters he was offered a cigar by the official. "No, thank you," said Sir Thomas (then Mr.) Lipton. "Although I am the biggest smoker in England, I never smoke cigars." "What do you smoke?" was the surprised query. "Bacon," was the prompt reply.

Efforts to impress upon the minds of young people that marriage is a serious matter are not always successful. Louisiana, however, has taken an advanced step in that direction. Her legislature at its last session passed an act punishing by imprisonment at hard labor those husbands who desert their wives or fail to support them. The act was thought to be unconstitutional, but the supreme court has decided that it is valid.

Jesco von Puttkamer, the 14-year-old grandnephew of Prince Bismarck, is a press feeder in a job printing establishment in Wilkesbarre, Pa. His aunt, Mrs. Mary Royer, with whom he lives, is a scrub woman. The boy's father, Francis von Puttkamer, was an officer in the German cavalry. About 25 years ago, the boy says, he quarreled with Prince Bismarck and fled from Germany, giving up home, position and money. In New York he was at one time a dishwasher.

Estaban Ortega, a hotel proprietor at Bath Beach, L. I., the other morning went to "the Captain's pier," which he owns, and ordered raw clams for breakfast. About the seventh clam had passed his mouth when his teeth struck a hard substance. Thinking it was a pebble, he was about to throw it away, but showed it to a friend, who advised him to take the stone to a jeweler. Ortega did so, and says a diamond expert told him it was a fine pearl and offered \$900 for it. Ortega refused the offer.

United States Senator William A. Clark, of Montana, intends to build the finest house in Washington. To make sure that it will surpass all other mansions and will possess all the best features he will not break ground on the site of the old Stewart castle, facing Dupon circle, until the Massachusetts-avenue residence of Thomas F. Walsh, a Colorado millionaire, is completed. Then, if there are any features of Mr. Walsh's house that Senator Clark desires to incorporate in his own dwelling he can easily alter his plans.

The British war office has already got to work upon its plan for supplying sets of false teeth gratis to soldiers who have lost their teeth "as a result of active service," and local dentists have been approached in various centers with the offer of army work. The price allowed by the war office to the dentists is only £1 for extraction, (including anaesthetic, and whatever the number of teeth), and from £2 10s. to £4 10s. for the artificial substitutes. This is not considered by the dentists to be a liberal price.

When the next legislature has appropriated \$25,805 to pay off deficiency claims Oregon's experience with coyote scalp bounty laws will be ended. That amount will be required to pay the claims that have accrued under the laws which were repealed by the last session of the legislature. When this deficiency is paid Oregon will have expended for bounties some \$212,000. The amount would be \$250,000 but for the fact that when the appropriation was exhausted, early in 1902, a number of the counties ceased to allow bounty claims.

"Petals, the Silent," the oldest member of the Greek parliament, is dead. The old man was noted for his eccentricities, the chief one of which was his aversion to talking to any one. In his will the politician requested that only his nearest relatives be present at his funeral, "as the presence of the human race, which I have looked upon all my life with disgust on account of its falseness and hypocrisy, would weigh heavily upon my body." Another queer request is that his money go mainly to a lunatic asylum.

LEO'S RESPIRATION REPORTED EASIER

Latest Report from Sick Room of the Patient Says He Is Somewhat Better.

DOCTORS SAY DANGER OF FATAL TERMINATION IS EVER PRESENT

Night Passes Without Sleep, But Pontiff Reported to Have Rested Quietly—The Cabinet Ministers Discuss Italy's Attitude in the Event of the Pope's Death.

Rome, July 20.—At seven p. m. the pope was reported to be somewhat better. His respiration was easier. No body was allowed to enter the sick room.

Morning Bulletin.

The doctors attending the pope issued the following bulletin during the morning: "The night was passed without sleep, but from an early hour his holiness rested tranquilly. His respiration is calm and not superficial, and the level of the pleura liquid is slightly lowered. His temperature is 36.2 centigrade; pulse weak, 88; respiration 28. The general condition of the patient is unchanged. (Signed) "LAPPONI," "MAZZONI."

Condition Still Feeble.

The pope continues in the same enfeebled state, but there is no indication of an approaching crisis. His condition appears to have lapsed into one of indefinite suspense, with the ever present danger of a fatal turn. Yet, there is no immediate fear that such a change is near.

During the morning the pontiff remained comparatively quiet, getting some sleep and seeing no one except the doctors and his immediate attendants. For three days the official bulletins have practically been unchanged, showing the patient's condition to be almost stationary. An Italian proverb says: "When the patient does not get worse he improves very much," but with the pope, after the last two weeks' experience, everybody has renounced making any predictions. Undoubtedly symptoms of amelioration exist, as while on Thursday morning, when the pleuritic liquid reformed, his respiration reached 36, to-day, when the liquid is lowering, it fell to 28. In fact it is known that Dr. Lapponi and Dr. Mazzoni discussed the question whether to announce an amelioration in Saturday morning's bulletin, but abandoned the idea, so as not to raise excessive optimism.

The heat is beginning to increase. The shutters of the pope's bedroom window are almost closed, the window is open and the curtains are drawn back. It is reported that steps will be taken to install an electric fan in the room.

Patient Takes Nourishment.

Dr. Lapponi, not expecting any change for the worse in the pope's condition, left the vatican immediately after his morning visit to his august patient. On returning about 11 o'clock the doctor found the condition of his holiness unchanged. He induced him to take the yolk of an egg and a spoonful of Marsala wine.

The pope slumbered most of the afternoon, received nobody and took a moderate amount of nourishment.

Denies Rumor of Cancer.

Dr. Rossoni, when asked if it was true that the pope has a cancer of the pleura and that mortification had set in, answered with the following laconic but emphatic written statement: "Any such news is absolutely false. (Signed) "PROF. EUGENIO ROSSONI."

Discuss Attitude of Government.

The cabinet ministers held several meetings Saturday to discuss the attitude of the government on the death of the pope, and it has been decided that if the vatican does not notify the Italian government of his death, and does not notify the other governments, Italy will not officially participate in any manifestations of mourning, but limit herself to maintaining public order and insuring full liberty for the conclave, as prescribed by law. In arriving at such a decision the ministers declared that they had been guided by the wish to protect the dignity of the state, and by no lack of respect for the aged pontiff, towards whom there have been most chivalrous manifestations of sympathy from the king, who postponed his journey to Paris on account of the pope's health, and from the whole people, who are participating in the universal feeling of regret at the pontiff's illness, thus forgetting the traditional struggle between church and state.

Interviews with Doctors.

Paris, July 20.—A special dispatch to the Temps from Rome says that Dr. Mazzoni was questioned at length and told the correspondent of that paper that the pope's illness was necessarily fatal; that his death was only a question of time; but that it might not occur for days, even a week.

On the other hand, the Journal Des Debats publishes a dispatch from Rome which quotes Dr. Rossoni as saying that the condition of his holiness is better from day to day and adding: "We see a little hope. If his holiness holds out for a few days longer without fatigue and takes a little nourishment, as he did Friday night, we may definitively hope for a cure, perhaps more promptly than generally believed."

Sixty Persons Reported Drowned.

London, July 20.—According to a special dispatch from St. Petersburg the steamer Peter, plying on the River Volga, has been burned and 60 of those on board were drowned.

THE GREATEST EVER HELD

Large Attendance at Convention of Epworth Leaguers.

Many Delegates Turn Out at Early Morning Watch Meeting—Mass Meeting in Afternoon.

Detroit, Mich., July 20.—Despite the leaden skies which greeted them Saturday after a night of hard rain, more than 1,000 enthusiastic Epworth Leaguers were present at the morning watch meeting in the Central M. E. church, which began at 6:30 o'clock. Dr. Joseph F. Berry, the general secretary of the league, led the meeting. Between the early meeting and the three conferences that began at nine o'clock the sky cleared somewhat and gave a little promise of more of the fine weather that has been a feature of this sixth convention. The leaguers in the forenoon gathered by churches for conference. The Methodist Episcopal church met in the Auditorium Epworth, with Bishop Joyce as chairman of the conference; the Methodist Church South in the Central M. E. church, with Bishop Hoss presiding, and the Methodist church of Canada in the Detroit opera house, with Rev. A. C. Crews as chairman. In the afternoon there were no general meetings and several of the state delegations seized the opportunity to hold rallies.

"This is the greatest convention we have ever had," said Dr. Joseph F. Berry. The attendance of delegates Friday night was, it was stated at headquarters, 22,500, and it was expected that the number would pass 25,000 Saturday.

There were more than 2,000 delegates in Auditorium Epworth for the conference of the Methodist Episcopal church. Central M. E. church was crowded to the doors with southern leaguers when the conference of the church south began, with Bishop Hoss presiding. The conference of the Methodist church of Canada was presided over by Rev. A. C. Crews. In the afternoon a short mass meeting was held on the Campus Martius in front of the city hall. There was no speaking, merely the singing of several hymns, the idea being to get all the delegates together once during the convention.

OFFICIAL CALL ISSUED.

Secretary of Trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress Announces Dates of Meeting.

Cripple Creek, Col., July 20.—The official call for the next conference of the trans-mississippi commercial congress at Seattle, Wash., has been issued by Secretary Arthur F. Francis. The dates fixed are August 18, 19, 20, 21, 1903. Aside from the commercial relations of the western country with the orient, there will be other topics to be discussed and legislation recommended to the national congress more directly affecting the people of the west. Among these are irrigation, railroad rates, improvements of harbors and waterways, the governmental department of mines and mining, good roads, commercial relations with Central and South American republics, beet sugar industry, the encouragement of home manufactures, statehood for the territories, legislation for Alaska, fisherman canal, merchant marine, consular service, preservation of forests, postal service, etc.

SPENDS QUIET DAY.

Chief Executive and Wife Entertain Party at Luncheon—A Rumor Is Denied.

Oyster Bay, L. I., N. Y., July 20.—President Roosevelt passed comparatively a quiet day at Sagamore Hill. At luncheon he and Mrs. Roosevelt entertained a party including George V. L. Meyer, United States ambassador to Italy; Mayor and Mrs. Low, of New York; George W. Smalley, New York correspondent of the London Times; W. L. Ward, of New York, and the house guest, President Nicholas Murray Butler, of Columbia university. Ambassador Meyer arrived in this country recently from Rome and came here to pay his respects to the president. It is learned that rumors of his resignation as ambassador to Italy have no present foundation in fact.

Feet of Bug Injures Corn.

Columbia, Mo., July 20.—Prof. Stedman, of the department of horticulture of the Missouri university, after a tour through St. Charles, St. Louis and Franklin counties, reports that a peculiar bug is injuring corn. Prof. Stedman is going to collect a quantity of these bugs for experimentation. He hopes to be able to inoculate them just as the chinch bugs are inoculated.

Shoots Wife and Self.

Duluth, Minn., July 20.—Sam Svenski, proprietor of a restaurant on Lake avenue, came home drunk Saturday morning and becoming vexed at his wife for upbraiding him pulled out a 38-caliber revolver and fired, inflicting a mortal wound in her head. He then turned the weapon on himself, dying instantly. Mrs. Svenski's physician expresses but little hopes of her survival.

Chinese to Protest.

Honolulu, July 20.—It has been announced that the Chinese here will hold a mass meeting to make an emphatic protest against their exclusion from the United States. They will ask their government to enact tariff regulations against American goods as a matter of retaliation, if the immigration restrictions are not removed.

Heavy Fall of Rain.

Janesville, Wis., July 20.—A rainfall of three inches here Friday night has caused the river to rise two feet in 24 hours. Danger is felt for the dam just above the city. Should it give way, many business blocks are liable to be swept away.

GIVES REASON FOR ITS REFUSAL

Russian Foreign Office Makes Statement Regarding Petition of Americans.

OBJECTS TO INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS

Willing to Regard Incident as Closed and Continues to Cherish American Friendship—Circular of Police Commissary Regarding Kishineff Disturbances.

St. Petersburg, July 20.—The foreign office has authorized the statement that the reason for its refusal to accept the Kishineff petition was the unalterable objection of the Russian government to outside interference in the internal affairs of the empire, and that, even had the petition been acceptable as a diplomatic document, Russia would have regarded the publication of the text before transmission as unusual. The foreign office says it is willing to regard the incident as closed and adds that Russia continues to cherish American friendship.

The police commissary of the Kishineff district has transmitted to the police commissaries in his jurisdiction the following circular: "As a result of the disturbances at

WEATHER A GREAT FACTOR

It Not Only Helps Corn, But Better Trade Conditions.

The Situation in Commercial Lines as Viewed by the Leading Agencies.

New York, July 20.—Bradstreet's says: "Well-nigh perfect summer weather helps crops, increases confidence in fall trade and stimulates retail and summer resort business. Lower prices for many staples are really an encouraging development, because favorable to a wider and freer use of products heretofore impracticable under past abnormal conditions. Six months' railway earnings returns—two-thirds of the country's mileage represented—show a gain of over 13 per cent. over the best ever recorded, while roads thus far reporting for the first week of July show a gain of nearly 16 per cent. These figures confirm the claim that present business is the largest ever handled for a midsummer period. The salient features in trade reports this week are the better tone of trade advices from the southwest, where the feeling grows that a large business will be done. Unprecedented activity is noted in the anthracite coal trade. Final returns of foreign trade point to the largest aggregate on record, due, however, to 13 per cent. gain of imports, because exports fell off two per cent. from last year and five per cent. from the record of 1901. The iron trade is quiet enough on the surface, but production and consumption are alike enormous,

STORM SWEEPS SECTION OF STATE

At Least Five Lives Lost in Tornado at Streator, Ill., and Much Property Destroyed.

THREE OF THE VICTIMS MEET DEATH AT THE RACETRACK

Cyclone Strikes Central Portion of Mendota Wrecking Almost Every Building in Its Path and Killing Four Persons—Damage by Storms Elsewhere.

Streator, Ill., July 20.—At least five persons were killed, more than a score seriously if not fatally injured, and a property loss of \$500,000 is the result of a tornado which swept through Streator at six o'clock Friday evening. The dead are: Edward Bivens, William Brown, Harry Doyle, Charles Snyder and A. G. Purcell. Of the dead, Bivens, Brown and Doyle were killed at the racetrack, where the new grand stand was blown down onto a crowd which had sought shelter from the downpour. Most of the injured were taken from the ruins of this structure. Purcell was night watchman at the Vulcan Western works, and had not been on duty five minutes when he was killed.

Many Buildings Destroyed.

The storm, which came from the southwest, was about one-quarter of a mile wide, and in its path everything was swept. This includes the Vulcan Western works, the buildings being erected three years ago at a cost exceeding \$150,000; the Stauber pants factory, where 100 employes had left the building five minutes before it was struck. The three-story building, with all its machinery and stock on hand, amounting to \$50,000, is a total loss. The Dickermann schoolhouse, baseball park and amphitheater, Electric park, with all its buildings, numerous private residences, Schurmann's big icehouses and stock therein—are all down.

The splendid buildings of the Streator Racing association and which would have been completed within two or three days are a total wreck. This includes the amphitheater, judges' stand and the immense barn. It was here that the greater number lost their lives, all but one of the dead being race horse men. Nine trotting horses were killed. West of the town a couple of miles, in the dairy farm of A. J. Daugherty, his wife and three children and a man employed on the farm were all dangerously hurt, the residence being blown to atoms.

Other Towns Suffer.

Emington and Campus, two small towns on the Wabash railroad line, suffered severely from the storm. At Emington several houses were utterly demolished and four people were seriously injured. At Campus one man was killed, while two others sustained injuries which may prove fatal.

Four Killed at Mendota.

Mendota, Ill., July 20.—A cyclone which struck here at 5 o'clock Friday evening cut a swath a block wide through the central portion of the town, wrecking almost every building in its path. Four persons are known to have been killed and at least a score seriously injured. The dead are: Cora Boesdorf, Ora Lundy and two brothers named Schannel.

The storm started southwest of the town and extended for fifteen miles. It came up suddenly, but those out of doors could hear it fully five minutes before it broke, giving them ample time to get into cellars. The campus of the Advent college is a wreck, being a mass of trees all twisted. Several of the wounded are not expected to live. Many living in town and country have lost horses and cattle, and dozens of buildings were wrecked.

Storm Damages Crops.

La Crosse, Wis., July 20.—Reports were received here Saturday morning of a severe rainstorm which swept over the country 20 miles south of here late Friday afternoon, washing out many small bridges and doing damage to crops.

Near Clayton, Ia., on the Dubuque division of the Milwaukee road a freight train narrowly escaped going through a bridge which had been partly washed out. A couple of washouts occurred on the Burlington between here and Prairie du Chien.

Damage in Indiana.

Warsaw, Ind., July 20.—A severe storm and heavy rainfall early Saturday destroyed thousands of acres of growing corn. Whole fields east of this place, in an area with a radius of six miles, were ruined.

Storm Sweeps Cleveland.

Cleveland, O., July 20.—A fierce storm of wind and rain swept over this city early Saturday, causing much damage to trees and shrubbery, while telegraph and telephone wires were prostrated at many points. A heavy sea was kicked up on Lake Erie and all incoming passenger steamers arrived from one to three hours late as a result of the storm. A total of 1.66 inches of rain fell within three hours, while the wind blew at the rate of 40 miles an hour.

Heavy Loss by Fire.

Auburn, N. Y., July 20.—Fire which started in a large frame building in Garden street shortly before midnight, caused losses estimated at \$150,000, partially insured. The burned structures included the high school, erected a few years ago at a cost of \$75,000.

Sittings Are Suspended.

Madrid, July 20.—The chamber and senate have suspended their sittings on account of the government's announcement of a ministerial crisis.

THE LABOR TROUBLES IN CHICAGO.



Police Attempting to Force a Passage Through a Blockade at a Freight Depot.

Kishineff April 19 and 20, and in consequence, also, of the alarming reports in circulation and the possibility of fresh disorders, many Jewish families left Kishineff and settled in villages of the district, contrary to the law of May, 1882. Consequently, with a view to avoiding the very disagreeable results to which this might lead, I herewith instruct commissaries to take vigorous measures for the expulsion of such Jews from localities where they have no right to live. I think it my duty to add that if commissaries fail to carry out these instructions I will deem myself obliged to inform the government thereof."

Three Mills Resume.

Pittsburg, Pa., July 20.—Three mills of the Port Vue tinplate plant at McKeesport were in operation Saturday. Manager Lauck has issued an ultimatum declaring that the union will not be recognized or the scale signed, and President Shaffer, of the Amalgamated association, asserts that the strike will be fought to the bitter end. The workmen have been provided with revolvers in anticipation of an attack by the strikers, and the latter have armed sentries on duty on the road leading to the works, but no conflict has occurred, although trouble is feared.

River Continues to Rise.

Glogau, Germany, July 20.—The continuous rise of the Oder is causing the greatest alarm. The entire portion of Glogau in the neighborhood of the cathedral is submerged and the principal bridge crossing the Oder is threatened. Large areas of Sridemost, Schrotau, Bobering and other small towns are inundated, causing a number of fatalities.

Col. Barry Promoted.

Washington, July 20.—It was announced Saturday at the war department that Col. Thomas H. Barry, adjutant general's department, has been selected for brigadier general in the permanent service to fill the vacancy caused by the promotion of Gen. Leonard Wood.

Son Born to the Cleveleands.

Buzzards Bay, Mass., July 20.—A son was born to ex-President and Mrs. Grover Cleveland at their summer home here Saturday. The attendants say that all conditions affecting both mother and child are satisfactory.

Yates Arrives at New York.

New York, July 20.—Gov. Richard Yates, of Illinois, was a passenger on the steamer Campania which arrived Saturday from Liverpool.

Death of a Famous Artist.

London, July 20.—James McNeill Whistler, the famous American artist, is dead.

though pressure of the latter tends to ease quotations for iron and steel."

R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: "Conditions continue satisfactory outside the region of speculation, many reports indicating further improvement. During recent months the two disturbing factors have been labor controversies and weather conditions, but each week has brought better things in these two respects until the outlook contains much that is encouraging. Crops are making rapid progress, and the army of unemployed is diminishing. Railway traffic is heavy, earnings thus far reported for July exceeding last year's by 13.6 per cent., and those of 1901 by 19.2 per cent. Retail trade in seasonable merchandise is fully up to the average, and there is less than the customary midsummer quiet among wholesalers, while the preparations of jobbers and manufacturers indicate confidence in a large fall business.

"Failures this week were 213 in the United States against 213 last year, and 16 in Canada compared with 20 a year ago."

Funeral to Be Held Monday.

Cleveland, O., July 20.—The funeral services over the remains of the late Grand Chief P. M. Arthur, of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, who died suddenly in Winnipeg Thursday night, will be held at the family residence, No. 1429 Euclid avenue, this city, Monday afternoon at two o'clock. The burial will be private. No remarks will be made except by Rev. Paul F. Sutphen, of the Second Presbyterian church, of which the deceased was a member. The remains will arrive in Cleveland Sunday evening.

Contest for Field Trophy.

Milwaukee, July 20.—The great golf contest for the Marshall Field trophy opened at the links of the Milwaukee club Saturday forenoon. The trophy is now held by Exmore. Twelve teams are entered for the event as follows: Racine, Kenosha, Chicago Golf club, Belmonte, Riverside, Glenview, Exmoor, Onwentsla, Wheaton, Auburn Park, Midlothian and Milwaukee.

Injunction Granted.

Beloit, Wis., July 20.—Judge B. F. Dunwiddie, of the circuit court of Rock county, Saturday granted a restraining injunction against the picketing at the Berlin machine works. The injunction is very sweeping in its nature. The Machinists' union has been out on a strike for nine weeks.

Georgia Judge Dead.

Atlanta, Ga., July 20.—Justice Samuel Lumpkin, of the supreme court of Georgia, died in Washington, Ga., Friday night.