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ALL THE SAME BULLFIGHT.

Americans ridicule Mexican bullfights; call them cruel, gory and uncivilized—yet look at the motor speedway, Indianapolis, yesterday. Oh, there were only one or two killed and a half dozen maimed for life, but even that is worse than the average bullfight where animals suffer more than human beings.

It is all the outcome of a mad desire to outdo, to master fellow men. Football fades into insignificance and other so-called reckless sports are but molehills compared with the mountains of danger and mortality marking international automobile races.

drivers. Next best, but less possible, would be to legislate against the "crazy" speed races.

Endurance races are less hazardous and afford greater tests of skill and nerve, with the chances of death diminished materially.

Yesterday's fatalities are but another proof that where there are mad efforts to break records there will be instances of broken necks.

SIR GILBERT LEFT REAL MUSIC

In the death by drowning near London this week of Sir W. S. Gilbert, the music world has lost an artist. "His Majesty's Ship Pinafore," presented in La Grande a few months ago by home talent, was penned by this same musician, being published as a part of the Savoy operas. Among the other operas he has written to the edification of hundreds of thousands are "Patience," "Lolanthe" and "The Mikado," two of which have been presented in La Grande in times past.

Sir Gilbert was the guiding star of the comic opera stage of the last generation and his operas written in collaboration with Sir Arthur Sullivan are still recognized as the highest form of the comic opera. Among his greatest successes are "H. M. S. Pinafore," "The Mikado," "The Pirates of Penzance," "Patience" and "Trial by Jury." His "Bab Ballads" and "Songs of a Cavoyard" are his chief contributions to the poetic literature of the English language and both have run through a number of editions.

Gilbert started out in life to be a lawyer graduating from the University of the city of London in his 19th year and taking his law degree shortly afterward. The success of his first play, "Dulcamara," turned him from the law and soon after he took to playwriting as a profession. His success with a total of 20 plays, all or partly to his credit, netted him an ample fortune, with which five years ago he retired to a country home out of London. Before his retirement he was dramatic critic of the London Illustrated Times and a frequent contributor to humorous periodicals. Outside of his operas, the whimsical humor poem, "The Yarn of the Nancy Bell" is his best-known work.

Yesterday's entertainment at the ball grounds was a good tonic. A well filled grand stand laughed itself hoarse at the expense of the players, young and old.

"THIS IS MY 51ST BIRTHDAY."

George William Brown, lieutenant-governor of the province of Saskatchewan, was born in Holstein, Ontario, May 31, 1860, of Irish parents. He attended college in Brantford and soon after completing his education he emigrated to the west. Upon his arrival in the new country he took up a homestead near what is now the flourishing city of Regina, but which at that time had not yet been laid out. By 1889, however, Regina has secured its place on the map, and Dr. Brown left the farm and added one to the population of the new city. He studied law and within a short time became prominent in the legal profession. For nearly 12 years he held a seat in the old northwest assembly. He remained a member of the assembly almost continuously until that body passed out

of existence upon the formation of the province in 1905. He then retired temporarily from public life and then spent several years in European travel. He was called to the office of lieutenant-governor last October. Despite his public duties and his large legal practice Mr. Brown has continued to take an active interest in agricultural operations and has several times held the presidency of the Regina Agricultural association.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

- 1609—Hudson in the Half Moon reached Faro island on his western voyage.
1740—Frederick William I of Prussia died. Born in 1688.
1819—Walt Whitman, famous poet, born near New York City. Died March 26, 1892.
1855—Charlotte Bronte, famous English novelist, died. Born April 21, 1816.
1862—Union troops forced to retreat in the battle of Fair Oaks, Va.
1880—The League of American Wheelmen was organized at Newport, R. I.
1889—Flood at Johnstown, Pa., caused by the breaking of a dam, resulted in the loss of 2,295 lives.
1902—Peace of Pretoria, ending the Boer war.
1910—The royal proclamation of the Union of South Africa was read at Pretoria.

NOTES FROM THE LABOR WORLD

The annual convention of the International Longshoremen's association will be held this year in Toledo, beginning July 10.

Since January 1st of the present year the employment of women at night in industrial establishments is prohibited in Sweden, under a law enacted on Nov. 20, 1909.

The cigarmakers' strike in Porto Rico, which started a short time ago, has spread to an extent which has cut down the supply of Porto Rican weeds some 20 per cent.

In Australia even the bushmen and other men who do odd jobs have a union of 60,000 members, and a large surplus of money, and own an evening newspaper of their own.

Indianapolis union men are making determined efforts to bring about the removal of the national headquarters of the Journeymen Tailors' union of America from Bloomington, Ill., to Indianapolis.

A proposition to hold a general convention of the Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paper Hangers of America, which was recently submitted to a referendum vote, was overwhelmingly defeated by the membership.

The recent convention of the Ohio Bricklayers, Masons and Plasterers' association by unanimous vote recommended the establishment in some city yet to be selected, of a home for aged or disabled members of the organization.

The International Brotherhood of Blacksmiths and Helpers will meet in Atlanta on the first Monday in October. The meeting is especially significant from the fact that the brotherhood was first formed in Atlanta 21 years ago.

The carpet weavers' union of Toronto, Canada, asserts that its members have been forced to quit work, because of a request of employers that before they can continue work each individual must sign an agreement he will not join or contribute to any labor union or organization.

The international marine strike, which will affect the world's ports, will, it is said, take place before the end of this month. A strike fund of \$300,000 for the British end has been raised. Seamen of all countries will join the strike, including Chinese, who have a separate union at Hong Kong.

The wages of the trainmen employed in the United States and Canada have been increased about \$37,000,000 in a year, according to the figures in the report made to the international convention of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen recently by W. G. Leo, president of the brotherhood.

The demise of the International Union of Flour and Cereal Mill Employees has been announced. The international headquarters were located in Minneapolis, Minn., and at one time, just previous to the disastrous strike of ten years ago, there were fully 1,800 members in the three locals in Minneapolis alone.

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