



## SANER FOURTH IS EVIDENCED SO FAR

### Deaths and Accidents Greatly Decreased.

## CHICAGO HAS NO FATALITIES

### Police Regulations in Large Cities Are Drastic.

## CANNON CRACKER LEADS

### Toy Pistol Next as Cause of Casualties, Being Responsible for Eight Blind Children This Year in Various Parts of Country.

**RECORD OF 1908 AND PARTIAL RECORD OF 1909.**  
July Fourth record of 1908—Total deaths, 163; injured, 6490; property loss, \$1,257,290.  
Record July 3 and 4 (up to midnight), 1909—Total deaths, 15; total injured, 167; property loss, \$541,970.  
Causes of injury—Fireworks, 54; cannon, 11; firearms, 14; gunpowder, 52; toy pistols, 46; runaway, 11.

CHICAGO, July 4.—(Special.)—With two days already gone of the three-day celebration of July 4 this year, there are indications from every quarter that the "sane and safe" idea has taken firm root throughout the country. In this city drastic measures were adopted, with the result that there were no premature celebrations. Heretofore July 4 and the preceding and subsequent days have been a bedlam, causing timid citizens to flee the city until it was over, crowding the hospitals with the dying and injured, destroying property by fire and explosives and turning the city streets and parks generally into a field of carnage. This year strict ordinances were adopted and the police swooped down in force upon the first violators.

**No Deaths in Chicago.**  
Chicago, with more than 2,000,000 inhabitants, had no deaths and only three injuries. Omaha did not have a single injury. Pittsburg, where the carnage in previous years has been fearful, had but one minor injury. Indianapolis had three minor injuries, none was killed or fatally injured in Philadelphia. At Camden, N. J., a little girl was burned to death by a firecracker thrown in her clothing.

The deaths and injuries seem confined to the smaller towns, where the police regulations are less strict. All the large cities have apparently learned their costly lesson and are profiting from it.

**Decrease in Injuries.**  
Dispatches tonight from every center in the country show a remarkable decrease in deaths and injuries. It is true that the actual celebration of July 4 is to come tomorrow, when it is expected the lists will be swelled to a considerable degree, but there are hopes from the advices tonight that the casualties will be below those of former years to a marked degree.

In the table of casualties no account is taken of drownings, which properly belong in the list of July 4 casualties, but are not due to the careless use of explosives. Dispatches received up to midnight tonight reported a total of 11 drownings.

**Cannon Cracker Leads.**  
The deadly cannon cracker, as usual, leads the list and closely following it is the innocent toy pistol. Aside from the dead or dying due to the pistols, there are tonight at various points in the country, eight children blinded for life from this cause. At Goshen, Ind., a skyrocket fired a barb and burned to death a tired man who was trying to get away from the confusion and find sleep. At Neodesha, Kan., Tom Armour essayed to fire a giant cracker from a crowded excursion train and fell off. He was ground to death. Bert Dillinger, of Sand Point, Idaho, played with a giant cracker and will go through life with but one hand as a result.

At Wilkesbarre, Pa., four boys were seriously injured by the explosion of a toy cannon and one little girl was fatally burned when a fire cracker was thrown into her clothes.  
Automobile and fishing accidents were reported as seven, with two fatalities, due to carelessness and too much liquor. Extraordinary precautions had been taken by police and fire departments everywhere and costly fires were prevented this year.  
The real celebration tomorrow, however, may upset all the optimistic calculations based on two "sane" days.

## JOKE COSTS MAN RIGHT HAND

### Thinks Giant Cracker Is Imitation and Tries to Scare Crowd.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., July 4.—W. H. Gardner, a real estate man, had his right hand blown off this morning by an explosion of a giant firecracker.  
Gardner thought the explosive was only an imitation and sought to create a panic

## CALVIN MAY DIE FROM OPERATION

### SOUTHERN PACIFIC GENERAL MANAGER DOES NOT RALLY.

### Stricken With Appendicitis at His Desk and Weakened Condition Cannot Stand Shock.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 4.—(Special.)—It is feared that E. E. Calvin, vice-president and general manager of the Southern Pacific Company, may die as a result of an operation for appendicitis performed today by surgeons at the new railroad hospital in this city.  
Calvin did not rally well from the operation and the doctors tonight express grave doubts of his recovery. Mr. Calvin was stricken with appendicitis June 21, at his desk and was taken at once to his home but the doctors did not dare to operate because of the patient's weakened condition, due to overwork. His strength has been materially built up since then, and yesterday the surgeons decided he was strong enough to stand the operation, which had become imperative.

E. E. Calvin has been with the Harriman lines for many years and is regarded as one of the best railroad traffic managers in the country. He has been in charge of the Southern Pacific here for several years and has made friends by his ability and fairness.

## MAN FALLS INTO ASPHALT

### Four Men Required to Pull Out Mexican From Barrel.

LOS ANGELES, July 4.—Buried almost up to his nose in a barrel of liquid asphalt, Salvador Talamantes, a laborer, was found early this morning almost suffocated. It required four men to get him out.  
Talamantes fell into the barrel while crossing a railroad trestle. Trying to extricate himself he plunged both arms into the asphalt and sank deeper. He was found by Deputy Constable Miklaus, who wrenched his back trying to save the man.  
He called three policemen and with the combined aid of the four men, the Mexican was finally extricated.

## MOTHER OF ACTOR PASSES

### Mrs. C. H. Blinn, Wife of Deputy Collector Dies in Bay City.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 5.—Mrs. C. H. Blinn, wife of the Deputy Collector of the Port of San Francisco, and mother of Hubert C. H. Blinn, leading man for Mrs. Flske in "Salvation Nell," died at her home in this city early today.  
Mrs. Blinn was formerly well-known as an actress and concert singer, and later as a speaker on woman's suffrage. She made several lecture tours in company with Susan B. Anthony and Anna B. Shaw.  
Just before her death Mrs. Blinn saw her son act for the first time.

## FILIPINOS GO TO HAWAII

### Party of 250 Leaves to Labor on Sugar Plantations.

MANILA, July 5.—A message from Cebu states that 250 islanders have left that port bound for Hawaii to work on the sugar plantations under contract made with the agents of the Hawaiian Planters' Association. Other parties are being recruited in various parts of the islands and will leave for Hawaii soon.  
The departure of these laborers has excited a great deal of unfriendly criticism here, as for years the labor supply in the Philippines has been unequal to the demand.

## AUTO ROLLS FOR 150 FEET

### Four Californians Just Miss Death When Car Skids.

SAN JOSE, Cal., July 4.—J. G. Morrison and wife and L. A. Orfield, principal of the Santa Clara High School, and his wife, had a narrow escape from death last evening while crossing the Santa Cruz Mountains.  
The automobile in which they were riding skidded on the newly sprinkled road and went over an embankment, rolling fully 150 feet. The car was completely demolished, but none of the occupants received more than superficial injuries. The accident occurred just beyond Alma, Cal.

## LITTLE TOWN WIPED OUT

### Fire Destroys Prattville, Cal., With One Fatality Believed.

RENO, Nev., July 4.—The little town of Prattville, Plumas County, California, was entirely wiped out by a fire Saturday. One man is supposed to have been burned to death.  
Prattville was a village of 800 inhabitants, 80 miles north of Reno. The origin of the fire is unknown. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

## BALLOON MAKES FLIGHT

### Zeppelin I Lands Safely After Being Detained.

METZ, Germany, July 4.—The dirigible Zeppelin I landed here safely today.  
The balloon left Friederichshafen last Monday, but was detained for several days by an accident to her machinery and by gales.

## CUSHMAN SHOWS NO IMPROVEMENT

### Condition of Sick Man Is Critical.

## MANY READY FOR HIS PLACE

### Aspirants for Congressional Honors Are Made Known.

## MEANS POLITICAL STRIFE

### If Popular Representative Succumbs to Illness, Campaign for Selection of Successor Will Revolve Republican Factions.

**DOCTOR EXPECTS RECOVERY.**  
NEW YORK, July 4.—(Special.)—While a report was circulated today that Congressman Cushman had suffered a relapse, this was denied by the physician in charge of the case at Roosevelt Hospital. He declared there had been little perceptible change in Mr. Cushman's condition, but that on the whole it was favorable, and he counted on the patient's recovery.

TACOMA, Wash., July 4.—(Special.)—The critical illness of Congressman Francis W. Cushman, of this district, is causing speculation as to his probable successor in the event of his demise, and, if death results, it seems probable that the Southwest Washington will have several strong candidates in the field for his honors in the special election that would be called.  
During the past few months the probability of Cushman seeking the primary election endorsement as United States Senator to succeed Sam H. Piles next year has caused several aspirants for the Congressional job to get busy.  
Several men have been mentioned who are said to want the place in the event of a vacancy from any cause.  
Tacoma Offers Judge Reid.  
It was understood some time ago that Tacoma would have one strong candidate in the person of Judge George T. Reid, of that city. Judge Reid has a strong liking for legislative work. He was a member of the Washington House of Representatives from Pierce County for two terms and became a recognized leader. When a vacancy occurred on the Superior Bench in Pierce County Reid was appointed by Governor Mead to fill it. He did not seek re-election, however, and not many months ago was appointed Western counsel for the Northern Pacific Railway Company to succeed B. S. Grosscup. Whether Reid still wants to go to Congress, in view of his present lucrative legal business, is problematical, but at present he is still looked upon by politicians as a possibility.  
Metcalf Also Mentioned.  
State Senator Ralph Metcalf, of Tacoma, is also known to aspire to Congressional honors. Metcalf, during the regular and special sessions of the Legislature, was one of the most dependable of the administration faction in the Senate, but was present during only the last two or three days of the special session. It is possible that in view of his record in the Legislature he would have the administration backing. He also has the money to make a strong primary campaign. Senator Metcalf also has lumbering in

## WESTON FOUR DAYS BEHIND

### Aged Pedestrian Appears to Be Tiring as He Nears Coast.

RENO, Nev., July 4.—Edward Payson Weston, who spent today at Lovelock, leaves at 12:30 o'clock tomorrow morning. He appeared to be tiring rapidly and to be showing signs of illness.  
The aged pedestrian probably will reach Hazen, 413 miles from San Francisco, some time tomorrow. He is now four days behind his schedule.

## FEAR DARK ENUMERATORS

### Democratic Congressmen Desire White Census-Takers.

WASHINGTON, July 4.—Concerned about what they suppose to be the possibility that negroes may be sent into the homes of white residents of the South as census enumerators, Democratic members of Congress will urge President Taft to give instructions that only white enumerators be employed in districts South of the Mason and Dixon line.  
The President leaves early Monday morning for Boston, whence he goes to Norwich, Conn., to participate in the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of that city. He then goes to Lake Champlain for the bicentennial celebration there, and will reach Washington late in the afternoon of July 9, to remain until Congress adjourns.  
President Taft's summer home is known locally as the Evans cottage, and is situated near an end of Woodbury Point, which projects far into Salem Bay, and forms the northern boundary for Beverly Harbor. The cottage is set among towering elms, the view from its wide verandas commanding a splendid sweep of wood.

## FOURTH COOL IN NEW YORK

### Lowest Temperature Since 1871 Is Recorded.

NEW YORK, July 4.—For Independence day in New York, the weather was unseasonably cool. At 7 o'clock this morning the thermometer registered 58 degrees, the lowest mark for the Fourth of July recorded since 1871.  
The first case of death by tetanus, that of a 10-year-old boy, was recorded tonight. He shot himself in the hand with a pistol.

## RHODESIA TO BE BOUGHT?

### Reported \$100,000,000 Will Be Offered by United South Africa.

CAPETOWN, Cape Colony, July 4.—It is reported from Bulawayo, Rhodesia, that General Louis Botha, Premier of the Transvaal, at the request of the South African national convention will offer the chartered South African Company \$100,000,000 for the purchase of Rhodesia, by United South Africa.  
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## WOMAN IS KILLED TURNING ON LIGHT

### STANDING ON WET FLOOR, SHE FORMS SHORT CIRCUIT.

### Mrs. Edward Benson, of Hillsboro, Receives Shock Which Brings Instant Death.

HILLSBORO, Or., July 4.—(Special.)—Mrs. Edward Benson, aged 35 years, wife of a local confectioner, while turning on an electric light, was electrocuted here shortly after 8 o'clock tonight, dying within a few minutes.  
Mrs. Benson went into a rear room of the Benson ice cream parlors and made an attempt to turn on an electric light. Upon receiving the shock, she called out to her husband, "I am dying," and sank to the floor. Her husband rushed to her, but she was beyond aid.  
Mrs. Benson had grasped the brass of an electric lamp with her left hand and the floor being wet from melted ice, a short circuit was at once formed, the current being of sufficient force to cause electrocution. The woman's hand was badly burned in the palm and one finger showed the effect of the current. In falling, the woman tore the wiring from the ceiling.  
Dr. Tammie arrived within a few minutes and worked with the woman for over an hour without result.  
Mr. and Mrs. Benson came here three years ago from California and purchased a farm near town. They sold the farm last fall and since then had been conducting a confectionery store here. Mrs. Benson was popular and took an active interest in local affairs.

## Taft Domiciled IN SUMMER HOME

### Welcomed as Resident of Beverley.

### MRS. TAFT STANDS TRIP WELL

### Bracing Air Is Expected to Restore Her Health.

### FULL PROGRAMME AHEAD

### President to Leave Early Today on Round of Duties and Will Not Return Till After Congress Adjourns at Washington.

BEVERLEY, Mass., July 4.—President and Mrs. Taft arrived at their summer home at Woodberry Point at 9 A. M. today from Washington, after an uneventful trip.  
The President spent the day quietly, attending church and receiving a few callers. He will leave early Monday morning for Norwich, Conn.  
President Taft was welcomed as a full-fledged resident of Beverley. The Mayor called to pay his respects and to make the greeting official. Business buildings and homes were decorated. Nearly the entire city had attended meeting the President at the station, but he came earlier than expected. Later the President attended church in Beverley, and throughout the service the edifice was crowded.  
Place Will Cure Mrs. Taft.  
President Taft came to Beverley to bring Mrs. Taft to the summer home. Although the trip from Washington was as quiet a summer as possible, and the President, too, when he finally takes up his abode here, will try to have as complete a vacation as work on plans of governmental reform which he has in mind will allow.  
Busy Time Ahead.  
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## DOG IS HARBINGER OF QUADRUPLTS

### DAY OF BIRTH IT SAVES WOMAN FROM THUGS.

### Nurse Engaged for August 1 Then Heeds Premonition to Report Before Time.

GOSHEN, Mass., July 4.—(Special.)—To be attacked by burglars and saved by a faithful dog; to be visited by a nurse who had a premonition that she was wanted and to give birth to quadruplets; two girls and two boys, and all to happen in one night between midnight and dawn, is the record of Mrs. Secombe, wife of Rev. S. H. Secombe, the new pastor of the local Congregational Church.  
Shortly after her husband had left Chicago to come to Goshen, Mrs. Secombe one day found a large mastiff dog lying on the doorstep of her home. The animal was hungry and suffering from wounds and she took it in. Recently Mrs. Secombe was awakened by noises in the rear of the house. As she opened the back door in the kitchen she was attacked by two men, one of whom knocked her down by a heavy blow. The dog rushed to Mrs. Secombe's assistance and the men fled.  
Mrs. Secombe made her way with difficulty to her bedroom. She sent her eldest boy for a physician. The boy had been gone only a few minutes when there arrived a nurse whom Mrs. Secombe had engaged for August 1.  
"I have been unable to sleep all the evening," the nurse said. "I finally decided that I would have to come and see if you needed me."  
Four children were born to Mrs. Secombe before dawn. One of the boys had been badly bruised by the blow struck by the burglar.

## PORTLAND MAN IS MULCTED BY LOEB

### Sol Blumauer Pays Big Fine at New York.

### HE FAILS TO DECLARE GOODS

### Customs Collector Takes \$2300 for Forgetfulness.

### "OVERSIGHT," HE EXPLAINS

### Uses Wireless to Warn Daughter and Husband, Who Are Following on Next Steamer, Not to Make Error of Same Sort.

NEW YORK, July 4.—(Special.)—Not until the baggage of Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Litt, of Portland, Or., was examined early this morning on the American Line pier were the customs officers sure that the young couple had not committed an error similar to one that had cost the bride's father a mother more than \$2300 when the latter arrived in New York a week ago.  
Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Blumauer, of Portland, arrived on the Kaiserin Augusta Victoria, and when their trunks were opened goods to the value of \$1500 were discovered which caused the trunks to be taken into custody.  
Protest Is Vain.  
In vain Mr. Blumauer, who is a wealthy wholesale liquor dealer in Portland, protested. The trunks had furs and wearing apparel for Mr. and Mrs. Blumauer, which he admitted had been purchased abroad, but he said he had no intention of smuggling or evading duty and was ready to pay the lack of declaring his purchases was due to an oversight on his part, he explained.  
Loeb Exacts Fine.  
Collector Loeb decided that Mr. Blumauer could have his trunks on payment of the duties and a fine amounting to the full foreign value of the purchases. When the sum was footed up it was a trifle more than \$2300. It was paid.  
Litt Couple Warned.  
But this seemed to be the least that worried Mr. Blumauer, according to the customs officials. His daughter and her husband were on their way from Paris on the St. Paul, and he was afraid that the young bridegroom, not being conversant with customs rules, might fall into the same trap.  
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## ATTEMPT RECORD CATCH

### "Happy" Hogan Will Tackle Ball Dropped 800 Feet From Balloon.

LOS ANGELES, July 4.—(Special.)—"Happy" Hogan, captain of the Vernon's, will make an attempt to catch a ball dropped 800 feet from a balloon. He wants to beat the record of Catcher Charles Street, who successfully held the sphere dropped 500 feet from the Washington monument.  
If the wind is favorable he will try it at Chutes Park tomorrow afternoon when Captain Colby will drop the ball. If he is unable to make the attempt then, he will put it off until Elks week, when the Vernon team will be at home again. Many of Hogan's friends are trying to dissuade him from attempting the feat, fearing he will injure his hand.

## LEON BELIEVED ON TRAMP

### Thought to Have Taken Passage at Philadelphia After Murder.

NEW YORK, July 4.—Word reached here tonight through the Philadelphia police that evidence had been found in that city tending to show that Leon Ling, the Chinaman accused of the murder of Elsie Sigel, had sailed from Philadelphia on a tramp steamer on June 10.  
This is one day after the murder is supposed to have been committed. The name of the vessel has not been announced here, but it is understood the police have given instructions to have her searched at the port of destination.

## 15 HORSES PERISH IN FIRE

### Stables of Warren Improvement Company Destroyed in Bay City.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 5.—At an early hour today the stables of the Warren Improvement Company, of this city, destroyed by fire and 15 horses were burned to death. The stables were not of great value, but the animals were valued at \$120 each, and the total loss was estimated at \$175,000.  
Charles Howard, who spent much time about the stables, is missing, and it is feared that he perished in the blaze.

## THUGS GET \$700 IN CASH

### Two Masked Men Hold Up Depot Agent at Bamberger.

OGDEN, Utah, July 4.—At 10 o'clock tonight two young men, masked and heavily armed, surprised and held up the agent in charge of the local depot of the Bamberger Railroad and got away with something over \$700 in cash.  
They did not touch the tickets or other valuables in the office, confining their efforts entirely to the ready money in the safe and drawer.  
The robbers escaped before the authorities could be notified.

## SEVEN SHOCKS AT MESSINA

### Populace Is Kept in State of Terror by Quakes.

MESSINA, July 4.—Seven earthquake shocks during the last 24 hours have kept the populace in a state of alarm.



Francis W. Cushman, Representative from Washington.

E. E. Calvin, Vice-President and Manager Southern Pacific Company.