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SPEED MANIACS ARE DOOMED

New York Police Commissioners Start Crusade Against Reckless Drivers.

LAWS MUST BE MORE STRINGENT

Death of Alice Mohen by Towing Car and Brutality of Driver, Indites Commissioners to Action—Mass Meeting of Citizens Called to Urge Legislation—Autos Restricted Less Than Donkey Engines and Steam Rollers.

New York, Nov. 25.—Angered by the continued disregard for human life by drivers of automobiles in New York the police commissioners have issued a call for a mass meeting to urge legislative action. The particular case to arouse the ire of the commissioners was that of Alice Mohen, who was struck down by a touring car, and when the driver found the body clogged his wheels, stopped long enough to jolt his machine free, and then sped away at great speed. The statement of Commissioner Baker says: "It is time there is a radical change in the laws regarding speed. It is time for citizens of New York to hold a mass meeting to protest to the legislature against manslaughter. The engineer who runs a harmless donkey engine in this city gets a license from the police department. If an accident occurs he is responsible and the license is revoked. Why, even with asphalt rollers the law requires a man to go ahead of one of them to wave a danger signal, but sixty horse power automobiles can run wild through the streets."

FATAL TENEMENT FIRE.

Six Dead and Many Injured as Result of Disastrous Blaze.

Brooklyn, Nov. 25.—Six persons, two women, one man and three children, were burned to death and ten injured, one fatally, and one woman is missing as a result of a tenement house fire in Havens Place yesterday. Ruins are being searched to ascertain if any other bodies are in the ashes. The building was occupied by eight families, although only intended to house four. When the blaze started the lodgers became frightened, and firing revolvers from the windows started a panic, many jumping from the windows. Scores were rescued by firemen. Mrs. Rose Caravalla was rescued but afterward rushed into the house for her two children. Her body was found later. There were a hundred in the building when the fire broke out.

STANDARD OIL RETURNS TO ITS NATIVE GROUND

Bakersfield, Calif., Nov. 25.—A million barrels of oil, the property of the Standard Oil company, is being lost by seepage and is slowly finding its way back into the sands from which it was extracted. The oil was stored in earthen tanks and it was some time before officers became aware that a vast amount was being lost through leakage and the sides of the earthen reservoirs are being drilled in a vain search for the cause. It is believed the lost oil has moved down through the sand. Owners of adjacent property are making preparations to sink a number of wells in the hope of locating pools of the missing oil.

EUGENE'S MAYOR ADOPTS ROLE OF BLACK KNIGHT

At a recent congregation of exponents of a dry town at Weiser, Idaho, 26 of the prominent citizens of that place subscribed \$1000 a piece and a total fund of \$27,200 was raised to be used in fighting for the suppression of "blind pigs" and bootleggers. This was the information conveyed by Howard Miller, subscription agent of the Portland Journal, who has been traveling in that section. Mr. Miller tells of an amusing incident which transpired on the train as he was en route to this city. With several other passengers he became involved in a friendly dispute on the relative merits and evils of a dry and a wet town. The words battle waxed long and loud and the wet element was gradually getting the better of the argument, when a new champion of prohibition threw himself into the fray. He was an elderly gentleman, with a mild expressioned face, but with a deter-

RAINFALL IS ABOVE SEASON'S AVERAGE

NOW NEARLY AN INCH OVER NORMAL

Total Precipitation for Season Is 4.51 Inches—Normal Is 3.59—October Rainfall Makes Up September Deficiency.

Pendleton's rainfall for the months of September, October and November, is now nearly an inch greater than the normal and with four more days left in the month it is not altogether improbable that the excess rainfall for this period this year will be as great as the deficiency for the same period last year.

The total amount of rainfall for the wet season thus far is 4.51 inches. The normal precipitation for the same period is 3.59, leaving a balance in favor of this year of .92 or but .01 of an inch less than the total amount of rainfall for the month of November last year.

As the precipitation for the three months in 1908 was but 3.21 of an inch the difference in the rainfall for the two seasons is 2.22 of an inch. Within almost an inch of the normal rainfall for the three months.

The following table shows the rainfall by months:

Table with 4 columns: Month, Normal, 1909, 1908. Rows: September, October, November.

It will be seen from this table that the precipitation for September of this year was far below the average but with the arrival of the month of October, the drought which has prevailed during the past two seasons seems to have been broken and since that time there has been a steady increase in the amount of rainfall until the present month is far ahead of the average.

The table also shows that last year's wet season started off well. September was only one-tenth of an inch below the average while for Oct. the excess was 27. It will be remembered, however, that the month of October practically ended the wet season, as there was no further precipitation until the heavy snow in January.

Therefore with the present excess in moisture and the prospects exceedingly bright for more, it would seem that the farmers of Umatilla county are amply justified in looking for a bumper crop next season.

STORM PILES VESSELS ON BEACH IN HARBOR

Nov. 23.—A big three masted schooner, its name unknown, is ashore at Stevens Flat in this harbor, and the lives of the crew are threatened. Every boat excepting two in the harbor has been piled on the beach and some are badly shattered as the result of the worst storm in years.

SHERIFF ASKS TROOPS TO ASSIST HIM

Indianapolis, Nov. 25.—Governor Marshall has received a request from Sheriff Todd of Lawrence county for troops to be sent to Bedford. He stated that conditions were bad as a result of a quarrymen's strike and that the present force of deputies is insufficient to maintain order.

One Ticket at Hood River.

Hood River, Nov. 25.—The Hood River city election will be held Tuesday, December 7. There will be but one ticket in the field. City politics are usually not very strenuously contested, and the citizens believe that the retiring councilmen should be re-elected on account of the fact that under their regime the city was launched into the proposition of securing municipal ownership of water, and for which the city voted \$20,000 bonds at a recent election.

PRESIDENT TAFT'S THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION.

"By the president of the United States of America. A proclamation: "The season of the year has arrived when, in accordance with the revered custom established by our forefathers, the people of the United States are wont to meet in their usual places of worship on a day of thanksgiving appointed by the civil magistrate to return thanks to God for the great mercies and benefits which they have enjoyed. "During this past year we have been highly blessed. No great calamities or flood or tempest or epidemic of sickness has befallen us. We have lived in quietness, undisturbed by wars or rumors of wars. Peace and the plenty of bounteous crops and of great industrial production animate a cheerful and resolute people to all the renewed energies of beneficial industry and material and moral progress. It is altogether fitting that we should humbly and gratefully acknowledge the divine source of these blessings. "Therefore, I hereby appoint Thursday, the twenty-fifth day of November, as a day of general thanks, and I call upon the people on that day, laying aside their usual vocations, to repair to their churches and unite in appropriate service of praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God. "In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed. "Done at the city of Washington this fifteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and nine, and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and thirty-fourth. (Signed) "WILLIAM TAFT. "By the President, "P. C. KNOX, Secretary of State."

WHOLE NATION IS THANKFUL MAY BE NEW DEPARTMENT

From Atlantic to Pacific People of America Render Thanks for Prosperity.

NEW YORK FEEDS ITS COUNTLESS POOR

Hundreds of Thousands in Gotham Are Made Happy by Free Dinners—Children of Proletariat Reap Harvest by Begging—Tons of Turkeys Consumed in Philadelphia—Europeans Celebrate—Taft Deluged With Delicacies.

New York, Nov. 25.—"Please, Mister, give me something for Thanksgiving."

This appeal with which smutty-faced boys and girls clad in outlandish costumes, greeted New Yorkers on almost every street corner in the city today, was as sure a sign as the prevalence of turkey that the holiday had arrived.

From early morning children in all kinds of costumes, with faces either blackened or painted in rancid hues, besetted passersby or sang in doorways and in courtyards of apartment buildings. Many were the pennies, nickels and dimes that the Thanksgiving spirit drew from the purses of men and women and placed in the youngsters' grimy hands.

It is a real Thanksgiving, and almost everybody has something for

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PRESIDENT TAFT EXPECTED TO TAKE SOME ACTION

Increasing Complexity of Health Problems Demands That at Least Bureau Be Created—Supervision Now Diffused Through Several Departments—Much Aversion to Increasing Size of Cabinet—Enforcement of Pure Food Law Accomplishes Much.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 25.—In his annual message to congress it is expected that President Taft will recommend the establishment of a new bureau or department of Public Health.

If a sufficient showing is made he will recommend the creation of a "department" the head of which will be a cabinet officer. Otherwise he will probably content himself with recommending a "bureau" under one of the departments now existing. There are already nine departments with cabinet officers and a prejudice exists in congress against increasing that number. Once a department is created its field of usefulness, and incidentally the number of employes and expense of conducting it, seems to increase by leaps and bounds. On the other hand, those

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LOCAL GLADIATORS LOCKED IN COMBAT

HIGH SCHOOL AND ACADEMY ARE OPPOSED

City Championship Is at Stake—Captain Devine Will Be Out and His Absence Equalizes Chances—Contest Will Be An Open Game.

With the city championship at stake the football elevens of the high school and academy are battling on the Court street gridiron this afternoon. The two teams have lined up for practice scrimmages several times before this year, but this is the first time they have lined up for a real championship struggle.

Always before the high school has the better of the scrimmages, but always before the eleven from the school on the hill has had the mighty Devine in at fullback. Today the captain with a badly wrenched knee will be compelled to stay on the sidelines, while the team will be weakened by his absence and the general shift of players made necessary thereby.

Manager Hawley Bean, who has been playing a strong game at half all season, has been shifted to the fullback position while Nat Kimball, the speediest man on the team has been taken from quarter to fill Bean's place at half. Carrol, an untied man in a regular game, will go in at quarter.

Another advantage which the academy players will have is that they know every single play the high school team has worked or tried to work during the season. Many of the signals are familiar to them and they will be able to tell in many instances just which way the play of their opponents is going. Knowing the trickery of the high school players with the forward pass, they will also be looking for this and it is doubtful if it can be worked as successfully as it has been in the past.

Both teams are coached to play the new game as well as the old and the contest will no doubt prove to be an interesting exhibition of the modern game. The contest was to be called at 3 o'clock so as to give the turkey dinners a chance to digest. Mark Moorhouse will referee.

JAPAN TO MAKE INCREASE IN ARMY

Tokio, Nov. 25.—Supported by a patriotic sentiment which grips the heart of the empire, following the successful conclusion of the autumn maneuvers, the military council is preparing plans for an increase in the army which will add fifty regiments of infantry to the imperial force, according to confidential information. The wave of resentment which swept over the empire during the past summer when scores of soldiers succumbed to sunstroke as a consequence of exhibition drills and maneuvers held at that time has been succeeded by an awakening military spirit since the autumn maneuvers has brought the national realization that an army is being perfected for an inevitable struggle with the Russians.

And sometimes a man gets married in order to get some one to believe his talk.

SENDS DATA TO DENMARK

Dr. Frederick Cook Will Prove His Claim to Discovery of North Pole.

UNIVERSITY OF COPENHAGEN WILL PASS ON RECORDS

All polar Data of Explorer Leaves on Steamer Today—Sends Analysis Which Will Obviate Necessity of Personal Presence—Will Submit All Records and Instruments to National Geographic Society Under Conditions.

New York, Nov. 25.—Among the passengers on the Scandinavian-American liner United States, sailing from New York today, was a special messenger bearing the polar records of Dr. Frederick A. Cook to Copenhagen. In addition to the original data, Dr. Cook is sending an analysis which, he hopes, will render it unnecessary for him to appear personally before the experts of the University of Copenhagen, who will pass upon his claims of the discovery of the north pole. In regard to the matter, Dr. Cook said:

"The object of accompanying my original fieldbooks with a comprehensive detail of my journey to the pole is to explain all questions which in my belief, I could explain if I were personally present before the Danish scientists. My unaltered original field notes and my instruments, when I recover them, will, of course, be available for examination by the National Geographic society, upon the condition that Commander Peary agree to submit his original data and instruments for examination at the University of Copenhagen.

"An expedition will be organized to go to Greenland next spring for the two Eskimos who accompanied me to the pole and to recover the instruments which Mr. Whitney left at Etah. I will ask Dr. Thomas S. Dredrick of Washington, N. J., who was surgeon on a former Peary expedition; Knud Rasmussen, the Danish explorer, and Roscoe Mitchell, a personal friend of New York, to go on this expedition, which will start from St. Johns, N. F., the latter part of next May."

PRICE OF CHICAGO TURKEY TAKES SOAR

Chicago, Nov. 25.—The price of Thanksgiving turkey in Chicago has again been advanced. In 1907 it could be bought for 25 cents a pound. In 1908 it climbed a little higher, selling at 26 and 27 cents. This year it costs from 28 to 30 cents a pound. Ten years ago a Chicago department store advertised the following bill of fare for \$1.95: Nine pound turkey. Enough plum pudding for three pies. Bunch of celery. Turkey seasoning. Pound of parsley.

OFFICER KEARNEY PREVENTS A BOLD NIGHT ROBBERY

Through the good work of Night Officer John Kearney at an early hour this morning, he not only prevented a bold burglary but caught the two would-be burglars in the act and has them landed safely in jail.

Bond Bros' store on Main street was the place to be burglarized and 2:30 was the hour set for the crime. M. R. Stickney and Mike O'Connor are the men Kearney says he caught in the act and they are the ones now lodged in the city jail.

Kearney was on Alta street when he heard the sound of crashing glass in the rear of the Bond brothers store in the John Schmidt block. Rushing to the blind alley which extends between the city hall and the Schmidt building he saw a man in his shirt sleeves, standing just behind the Bond brothers store. At the same instant this fellow was joined by a second, both in their shirt sleeves. They appeared to be startled about something and immediately started for the back stairs of the Columbia lodging house.

Not being able to pass through the alley from Alta street to the rear of the store, because the way is intercepted by the fencing of iron bars, the officer hustly made a detour around the city hall and started into the doorway leading up to the Columbia rooming house. Here he found the two men crouching in the shadow of a doorway, and immediately placed them under arrest.

Stickney, the older of the two men, must be past 40 years of age and is nearly bald. O'Connor is much younger, being about 28 or 24. The two men had room 12 in the Columbia lodging house and their coats and hats were found at the top of the stairs. The younger of the two had his shoes off when caught.

When seen this morning by a reporter the two men said they had been about Pendleton, working on farms, for several days. Stickney was the spokesman of the two but he failed to name any of the farmers for whom he had been working. He said they were just getting ready to go to bed when they heard the noise of breaking glass in the alley almost under their room and started down to investigate, thinking it was a fight. They said that just as they started to go out the door the officer came in and placed them under arrest.

As this is a holiday the accused men will not be given a hearing until tomorrow.

Bond Brothers are not only congratulating themselves on their narrow escape from having their store burglarized, but they are also giving high praise to Officer Kearney for his prompt action and for the fearless manner in which he took after the fleeing men. Had he stopped in hesitate or consider the danger of running in onto two strong men in a dark doorway, they would probably have made good their escape.



THE GOBBLER'S REQUIEM.

HIS SUN OF LIFE IS SETTING FAST. THE GRINDSTONE SOUNDS HIS DOOM. HIS BODY SOON WILL BE INTERRED WITHIN A HUMAN TOMB. HE DIES NOT WITH A BROKEN HEART NOR BY DISEASE, HIS FALL BUT SADLY YIELDS HIS FLESH AND BONES TO GRACE A BANQUET HALL.