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NORTHCLIFFE ILLNESS BAFFLES PHYSICIANS

LONDON, July 22.—(U. P.)—Lord Northcliffe, owner of the London Times, is critically ill. His surgeons are baffled. They are apparently unable to diagnose the illness.

RED SCHOOL HOUSE DOOMED
SACRAMENTO, July 22.—The little red school house is doomed. It is picturesque but inefficient. Such was the statement of Sam H. Cohn, Assistant State Superintendent of State Instruction, in announcing the outcome of comparative tests recently held by the State Department of Education to determine the effectiveness of the rural educational system.

FIRST AID GIVEN.
STOCKHOLM, July 22.—(A. P.)—The Swedish Red Cross has decided to erect a series of first aid shelter stations over the sparsely inhabited northern part of the country. It will care for the residents of this section whose homes are dozens of miles from the nearest doctor. Already seven of these lodges have been erected, and are in operation. Sick persons and those who have met with accidents are to be taken to the first-aid posts for preliminary treatment, and then sent, if necessary, to the nearest hospital.

RIDDLE!
CLEARFIELD, Pa., July 22.—Horticulturists are puzzled over the variety of fruit produced by a tree on William Bagley's farm, near the Ocoila Mills community. Last year the tree is said to have borne three apples. This year, according to Bagley, the tree produced many cherries. Bagley purchased the tree five years ago from a tree nursery, he says, and it has never been grafted.

"Win or Lose"

Chapter twelve of "White Eagle," adapted by Herbert Crooker from the Pathe photoplay serial, starring Ruth Roland. Original story by Val Cleveland.

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When Phil tumbled from the automobile into the road, he was, as he described it later, "knocked silly" for a moment. When he regained his senses he found himself in the strong grasp of one of his enemies, galloping over the plains on the back of a horse. His captor, realizing this, and knowing also that he was far enough away from Ruth Randolph to prevent him from giving the girl aid, shoved the young man from the horse and left him sitting in a rather awkward position on the ground.

Phil stared stupidly at the disappearing horseman and then struggled to his feet. He didn't know what to do next. There was little use in trudging back to where he had left Ruth. He figured that by this time she had probably escaped her pursuers and was driving the car toward San Mario. He started in that direction.

About an hour later, as he was entering the outskirts of the town, the White Rider galloped up in a cloud of dust.

"Miss Randolph is waiting for you at the hotel in San Mario," the mysterious horseman told him. "She had a narrow escape from death at the hands of your enemies. I appeared on the scene just in time. You should compel her to be more careful."

"She is safe then?" inquired Phil, anxiously.

"She is never safe while she is in this country," came the answer. "Another thing," the White Rider added, "tell Miss Randolph that Julia Wells has the Wampum Belt and intends to put it in the bank vault at San Mario. That's all." Before Phil could ask another question, the man of mystery struck his horse with his quirt and dashed away.

"I wonder who in the dickens this bird is?" Phil asked himself as he continued his journey. "He's the most helpful little fellow I've ever seen. He must be related to Santa Claus."

Meanwhile, at the San Mario Hotel, a big business deal was being transacted. Sheldon, representing the banking interests in the East, had succeeded in securing half of Jim Loomis' interest in the Golden Pool. After accomplishing this, the enterprising young man decided to hunt up Miss Randolph and persuade her to give the Golden Pool to the Blue Hawks.

But at that moment she was being addressed by both Gray Wolf and Standing Bear, who were pleading their cause for the ownership of the pool.

"If you will decide in favor of the Blue Hawks," Gray Wolf was saying, "we will convert the pool into cash and my tribe will become rich and happy."

"Gray Wolf is wrong," interrupted Standing Bear, who were pleading their cause for the ownership of the pool. "But if the white people owned the Golden Pool," retorted the chief of the Blue Hawks, "they would turn it into money just as we intend to do."

"Gray Wolf intends to sell the Golden Pool to a group of Eastern bankers," explained Standing Bear, turning to the girl. "Only a few men will benefit. Then gold and silver will be plentiful and the world will have a new standard of value. The rich will become poor and the poor will become paupers. All industry will stop. No one will have an incentive to work, because too much gold will reduce the value of everything to nothing."

The girl listened attentively to both chiefs as they pleaded with her. Then, turning to Standing Bear, she asked, "What would you do with the Golden Pool should I award it to your tribe?"

"If you decide in favor of the Buffaloes," answered Standing Bear, "I will give the gold to the government. Then taxation will become unnecessary and poverty will be wiped out. The government elected by the people will use the vast golden treasure wisely and for the people. Our country will possess the greatest gold reserve in the world and become financially invincible."

Ruth considered for a moment, then: "I cannot decide this question until I find the Wampum Belt and learn its secret by which I will be guided," she answered.

Gray Wolf left the room angrily. Outside he encountered Loomis and told him what had occurred. "Standing Bear has a great influence over her," he said, "I fear the Blue Hawks have little chance."

"Then we must keep the girl from the Golden Canyon," Loomis replied. "If she fails to appear there in time to render judgment, the Golden Pool will be divided between the two tribes."

(To be continued)

ONE LITTLE SPARK CAUSED BIG BLAZE

The weather was hot and dry. No rain for a month. The east wind moaned through the trees. Pine needles snapped underfoot. July in the forest.

The crash of falling trees. The ring of axes. The saw-blush of saws. Logs, long everywhere. Dry tops, branches and slashings. And amidst all these a puffing dokey engine.

A glowing spark from the stack. A whisp of smoke. The hiss of burning pine. Crackling flames sweeping forward, skyward, a living wall of vivid fire. Black death and destruction.

One little spark—and in its wake 20,000 acres of fire-swept land; 11,000,000 feet of burnish timber; four logging camps, 15 dokey engines, one locomotive, 35 flat cars, 20 houses, and three automobiles in ashes, and \$50,000 worth of property gone up in smoke.

It all happened this summer in the state of Washington. It could happen any summer in any forest. Prevent forest fires—it pays.

DEEDS.
L. W. Warner to J. F. Seaton, \$19, SW 1-4 NE 1-4 & SE 1-4 NW 1-4, Sec. 2, T. 2, N. R. 24.

Wm. Nichols to A. Milby \$400.

MUST MAINTAIN SOIL FERTILITY, MEN SAY

WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE, Pullman, July 22.—That present farming methods are causing a gradual drop in the wheat yield of the country, and that growers must fertilize the soil to counteract this condition, was the conclusion of Prof. Henry Holtz of the State College of Washington recently in an address before the annual agronomic conference of the 11 western states. He was speaking on "Results of the Different Crop Residues on Organic Matter Maintenance in the Soil."

Discontinuance of the evening train from Spokane and a morning train from Lewiston delayed the arrival of delegates so that the conference program was somewhat disrupted. Other speakers of the afternoon were D. S. Jennings of Lomax, Utah, on determination of organic carbon, total water and loss of nitrogen in arid soils; M. D. Thomas, Logan, on a new method of mechanical analysis and its application to soil structure study; D. W. Pittman, Logan, on irrigation experiments; and Dr. E. Stephens, Moro, Ore., on water requirements as influenced by tillage methods. E. J. Stevers, W. S. C., and G. R. McDole, Idaho University, discussed Mr. Stephens' paper, and R. E. Welding, Idaho, discussed that of Mr. Jennings.

"Soil investigators in other wheat growing sections of the United States have found that nitrogen and organic matter are fast being depleted," said Prof. Holtz in his talk. "Analysis by the soils department shows that 22 percent of the nitrogen and 34 percent of the organic matter have been lost in 40 years of cropping by the summer-fallow and wheat system of farming. The organic matter that is left is becoming more resistant to decay, and consequently less available nitrogen is had under the same climatic and soil conditions. This has had the result that wheat yields will gradually drop under present farming methods."

"Straw, considered valuable in organic matter maintenance, has been found, on the contrary, to be of little value in this regard. In order to increase organic matter and nitrogen, crop residues and fertilizers containing a high percent of nitrogen must be returned to the soil, as nitrogen is the fundamental basis on which organic matter maintenance depends. This can best be done by growing legumes, which have a high nitrogen content, or supplying a high nitrogen fertilizer to supplant straw."

HOOPER IS SUMMONED BY PRESIDENT HARDING

WASHINGTON, July 22.—(U. P.)—President Harding today summoned Hooper, chairman of the railroad labor board, to come to Washington for a conference. He talked over long distance telegraph today. Following the Hooper conference, the president may summon rail and strike leaders to the Washington peace conference, it was indicated. The cabinet took up the entire session today with a discussion of the two strikes.

Congress which has been leaving the critical strike situation up to Harding, today took steps to bring about a settlement of the two nation-wide disputes. Republican senate leaders assured the president congress is ready to enact any legislation pointing a way out of the crisis and bringing permanent industrial peace. Senator King of Utah, is preparing a bill providing for the appointment of a commission of five members empowered to invite all controversial parties to submit their grievances aimed toward negotiation and settlement. Senator Borah is planning to push the Kenyon bill providing an industrial court. Senator Cummins and other leaders, conferred with both rail and union heads.

LONGSHOREMAN STRIKE NOW FULLY SETTLED

PORTLAND, Ore., July 22.—(U. P.)—The strike of the International Longshoremen's association, which retarded work of this port early in the summer, has been effectively settled, port authorities announced. They declared that conditions are now back on a normal basis.

The longshoremen struck when employers agreed to not wages for trucking and to no longer hire their men through the union hall by list, organizing a hall of their own for the purpose.

Considerable difficulty was experienced by the state board of mediation, which acted as peacemaker in effecting a return of tranquility, but this was finally done by employers and men agreeing to a joint waterfront employment hall supervised by a committee of three, one member to represent the unions, one the employers, and one the longshoremen who are not affiliated with the longshoremen's union.

This system of hiring men for dock work is now in active operation, to the apparent satisfaction of both parties to the original controversy. A revised scale of wages was also effected.

Mite Champ



Miss Mary Whelan, Los Angeles, won the national endurance junior swimming title at the recent meeting at Santa Barbara, Cal. Her time was 22:54.5.

