

# HOPSI SNAKE DANCE IS FOLLOWED BY EXTENSIVE STORM

CHICAGO, Aug. 20.—(A. P.)—Storms, cloudbursts, hail and wind, damaging crops, telephone lines and property in Arizona, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa and New York's dairy country were the seeming answers to the prayers for rain of the Hopi Indians in their snake dance ceremonial yesterday.

Today the hot blasts were moving eastward, and moderating. Heavy downpours, reaching cloudburst proportions, in northern Arizona, came almost on the heels of the Hopi snake dance, which ended a nine-day religious ceremonial. In the ancient pueblo of Waisi, the braves and squaws gathered for the rite, which is one of the few which is permitted. Poisonous reptiles sprinkled with sacred meal were held in the mouths and wreathed the necks and bodies of the Indian dancers during the ceremony. Prayers were bestowed on them and they were turned loose to carry the "benedictions" to the "snake mother" and the "spider woman of the underworld," who is the "weaver of the clouds."

Little damage was caused by the Arizona downpours, but other sections were not so fortunate. In the East and in Illinois, crop damage was considerable. Hundreds of acres of grain and potatoes in the New York dairy country were ruined by hail. Trees were uprooted, telephone and power lines were put out of commission and automobiles upset. Acres of corn in Illinois were leveled.

Damage to property and power lines near Glens Falls, N. Y., was estimated at about \$20,000. Five persons were injured. Wind broke 48 panes of glass in a single house at Cassville, south of Utica.

One death resulted indirectly from the storm in Indiana. At Merome, Mrs. Katherine Scott, 59, was electrocuted when she stepped from an automobile on a live wire which had been blown down. Two women were injured when a tree fell on a passenger train near Peoria, Ill., smashing all windows on one side of a coach.

## President Leaves for Summer White House

PLYMOUTH, Vt., Aug. 20.—(A. P.)—With weather ideal for motoring President and Mrs. Coolidge left here today for their old home in Northampton, Mass. After an overnight stay there, they will continue to Swampscott, arriving at the summer White House probably late tomorrow.

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# DEATH LIST IN BOAT DISASTER MAY REACH 50

NEWPORT, R. I., Aug. 20.—(A. P.)—The death toll of the Mackinac disaster was raised to forty today when three more of the injured died. Those who succumbed today were Pauline Stephens, Darlington, R. I.; Jean McCarthy, 29, Pawtucket, R. I.; and Mrs. Mary G. Wiblehain, Pawtucket, R. I.

Four separate investigations are under way to determine the responsibility for the explosion of the boiler on the excursion steamer in Newport Harbor Tuesday evening which has claimed forty lives already with several other victims fighting for their last slim chance of life with probabilities against them.

Four other persons are still missing and it is believed that they may have jumped overboard and drowned. Hospital authorities, who still have many sufferers from the scalding steam which enveloped the boat, said that the death list probably would exceed fifty.

State boiler inspectors who visited the death ship yesterday said that the boiler while exploded was cracked and in a weakened condition.

Their findings are being checked by the Rhode Island attorney general's office and federal steamboat inspectors, and Newport police are conducting an independent investigation. The state officials will decide whether any persons will be prosecuted for it.

Physicians at the naval hospital where most of the seriously injured were taken and at the Newport hospital, said it probably would be a week before it could be definitely stated how many of the injured would recover.

## WHEAT MARKET IS JOY TO FARMERS

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 20.—Wheat growers, not only in this state, but throughout the entire country, are jubilant over the price outlook. The coveted \$1.50 price has not only been obtained but future options are well above the \$1.60 level on the Chicago grain exchange with the market showing a strong undertone.

In the Pacific Northwest the winter wheat harvest is nearing completion. Threshing is well advanced and the grain hauled to warehouses. Very little is actually being sold.

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# Sports 7 YEARS PROVES FATAL JINX FOR ATHLETIC STARS

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—Monarchs of athletics come and go.

Certain limits to the championship span may be noted in most every branch of competition though the search for them also reveals many a startling exception, such as the long regime of Willie Hoppe in billiards, of Jay Gould in court tennis and the marvelous endurance of such baseball stars as Ty Cobb and Walter Johnson, maintaining the peaks for a score of years.

Perhaps the most astonishing exception to the theory of championship limitation is the case of John Ball, Jr., who from 1888 to 1922 captured the British golf title eight times.

Baseball provides a bundle of evidence for the belief that the average champion's rule is a short and merry one. It has come to be something of a tradition in the national game that no club can win more than four major league pennants in a row. The Giants, setting a modern record and duplicating a feat performed twice in the old days, did it last season. They still have a fighting chance to break the jinx, but the odds right now are against them. The disintegration of the Yankees is further proof that the championship race has its limit. From a pennant winning combination in 1927, 1922 and 1923 the clan slid back to second place last year and this season is in seventh place. McGraw's champions of 1913 fell back to second place in 1914 and to last place in 1915. Connie Mack's title-winning outfit of 1914 was broken up and dropped to the cellar in one season. The old Baltimore Orioles, Chicago Cubs, Pittsburgh Pirates and Detroit Tigers found it impossible to win more than three times in a row.

Another turn of the pages of sports seems to show a mystic quality in the number "seven." Jim Jeffries and Jack Johnson held the heavyweight boxing crown for seven years, while Jack Dempsey is now in his seventh year at the top. Bennie Leonard retired after seven seasons as a lightweight king. R. D. Sears, the first recognized American tennis champion, won the title seven years in a row. William A. Larned captured the same crown seven times. The seven-year span of 1897 to 1914 saw Australia mainly at the top of the tennis heap in Davis cup play.

The same influence of coincidence has been at work in the women's tennis division where Suzanne Lenglen, barring an exception or two due more or less to illness and temperament than any lapse on playing supremacy, has been at the top through seven seasons, while Mrs. Molla Mallory was queen of American courts seven times.

It is unusual for a golf champion to win twice in succession. No competitor has repeated in the American open since 1912 or the amateur since 1912.

## HELEN WILLS HAS LUCKY DRAW IN TENNIS TOURNEY

FOREST HILLS, N. Y., Aug. 20.—(A. P.)—Favored by the luck of the draw which placed her in one-half of the tourney with three of her outstanding rivals in the other half, Miss Helen Wills, national tennis champion, has only two more obstacles in her way to the final round of the title tournament.

While the young California title holder faced a formidable opponent today in Miss Joan Fry, 19-year-old English girl, the two women who rank as the outstanding title contenders will fight it out in the feature match of the tournament. These are Miss Elizabeth Ryan, Californian, and Miss Kathleen McKane, ranking British ace.

Miss Ryan, probably the greatest strategist in the tournament is favored to win, but Miss McKane may come through if she continues the sensational streak of playing that enabled her to vanquish Mrs. Marlon Jessup yesterday in two love sets.

## SOUTH CALIFORNIA FOOTBALL TEAMS HAVE NEW STAFFS

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 20.—Football fans will see many new faces during the 1925 season on coaching staffs of four Southern California intercollegiate and one Pacific conference institution. The University of Southern California coaching staff has been replaced in its entirety. Headed by Howard Jones, former University of Iowa mentor who last year succeeded Gus Henderson, the Trojan gridiron destinies will be headed by Aubrey Devine, chosen in 1922 by the late Walter Camp as All-American quarterback; Paul Minnick, former Iowa star; Chet Dolley, Harlow Galloway and Lowell Lindley, all former University of Southern California players,

and Clifford Herd, who will be head freshman coach.

At the University of California, southern branch, in the Southern California conference, William Spaulding, former University of Minnesota coach, will take over the football reins, assisted by Fred Oster, a former Minnesota player.

Whittier College will have for its gridiron mentor Leo Calland, former University of Southern California center and guard. His assistant will be Kay Johns, a former Quaker three-sport athlete.

"Hoge" Workman, Ohio State University player, replaces Cecil Cushman as head gridiron mentor at the University of Redlands.

Pomona College signed Colvin Heath, former Sage Hen star.

Yesterday's Results.  
At Salt Lake 29-4; Portland, 9-9.  
At Oakland, 6; San Francisco, 5.  
At Vernon, 9; Los Angeles, 5.  
At Sacramento, 6; Seattle, 10.

## BRANDS HIS INITIALS UPON FACE OF RIVAL

CHICAGO, Aug. 20.—(A. P.)—Enraged at the intentions Walter Johnson, 25, paid to Mrs. Rose Felet, 19, her husband, Victor, branded his initials "V. P." on Johnson's cheek with a wire heated over a gas flame, as the victim lay, tied hand and foot, before him.

Police men heard the story when Johnson, his face seared with the three-inch high letters, stumbled into a police station. Felet could not be found.

## The Markets

Livestock  
PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 20.—Cattle nominally steady; receipts cattle 95; calves 29.  
Hogs nominally steady; receipts 200. Feeder and stocker pigs (70 to 120 lbs.) medium, good and choice \$13.00@14.00.  
Sheep strong to shade higher; receipts 250. Lambs, medium to good (valley) \$10.50@12.50; ewes, common to choice \$2.00@6.00.

Eggs  
PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 20.—Eggs—Receipts eggs half cent higher; graded stocks steady. Current receipts 29 1/2c; pullets 27 1/2c@28c; firsts 30c@29 1/2c; extras 33c@33 1/2c delivered Portland.

Butter  
Butter—Cubes easier. Extra cubes city 50c; standards 48c; prime firsts 46c; firsts 45c; undergrades nominal; prints 53c; carsons 54c.  
Butterfat steady. Boat churning cream 52c net shipper's track in zone one.

Poultry  
PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 20.—Better tone in poultry. Market shade higher. Heavy hens 23c; light 14c@15c; springs 21c@25c; young white ducks 24c.

Potatoes  
PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 20.—Potatoes unchanged \$2.00@2.15.  
Onions unchanged, \$2.50@2.75.

Portland Wheat  
PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 20.—Wheat bids: Hard white, bluestem, hard, \$1.53; soft white, \$1.57; western white, \$1.55; hard winter, northern spring, \$1.55; western red, \$1.53; BBB hard white, \$1.61.  
Today's car receipts—Wheat, 48; barley, 2; flour, 7; corn, 2; oats, 1; hay, 10.

San Francisco Market  
SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 20.—(U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics.)—Prices on young leghorn broilers continued to climb under light receipts and good demand today. Leghorn chickens weighing from 1 to 1 1/2 lbs. were quoted at 36c@38c per lb., an advance of about 2c per lb.  
Broilers—Leghorn 1 to 1 1/2 lbs. 36c@38c; 1 1/2 to 2 lbs. 35c@36c. Colored 1 1/2 to 2 lbs. 29c@30c.  
Fryers—Leghorn 2 to 2 1/2 lbs. 30c@32c; colored 2 to 2 1/2 lbs. 28c@30c.

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