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## Epitome of the World's News

Little Stories of the Week's Happenings in All Nations

### WASHINGTON.

The tariff conference voted to leave bananas on the free list.

Secretary Lane of the interior department is seriously ill in California.

Pres. Wilson has returned from his vacation, expecting the tariff bill to be ready for his signature soon.

American battleships probably will remain in Mexican waters despite Huerta's declaration that they will be unwelcome after this month.

### DOMESTIC.

Twenty passengers were injured, one probably fatally, when Rock Island passenger train number 40, east-bound, was derailed on a curve a mile west of Manhattan, Kan.

George H. Bixby, Long Beach millionaire, indicted some months ago on charges resulting from a morality crusade here, has been placed on trial in the superior court at Los Angeles.

Goldfield, Nev., was swept by a torrent from a cloudburst that caused the loss of at least five lives, carried away several scores of dwellings and damaged merchandise estimated at \$100,000.

Nearly 200 new Indian students from the five civilized tribes in Oklahoma enrolled at the opening of the term at Haskell institute. The number of new-comers is considerably in excess of any previous year.

A deadly dynamite bomb was mailed to H. G. Otis, owner of the Los Angeles Times, whose plant was blown up by officers of the iron workers' union three years ago. The box was discovered by his valet and a catastrophe averted.

The mysterious murder of an unidentified man, whose body was found in the White river, twelve miles from Des Arc, Ark., may be solved by the arrest of Mrs. Belle Delaney, aged 47, at Hot Springs, Ark. The motive of the crime is not known.

The Galveston water front strike, involving approximately 3,500 longshoremen, whites and colored cotton screwmen and draymen, was brought to a close when the local unions voted unanimously to accept the proposition that the International Colored Cotton Screwmen affiliate with the International Longshoremen's association under separate charter. Work was resumed on parts of the water front.

Members of the supreme council Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, comprising sixteen states north of Mason and Dixon line, were in Philadelphia to celebrate the one-hundredth anniversary of the founding of their organization.

One thousand quarters of Argentine beef, the first big shipment ever brought to the United States, were unloaded from the refrigerator store room of the steamer Van Dyck in Brooklyn, consigned to dealers in New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington.

Three employes of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad are held by Coroner Eli Mix to be criminally responsible for the disastrous wreck at North Haven on Sept. 2, when the White Mountain Express plunged through the second section of the Bar Harbor Express, exacting a toll of twenty-one lives.

Fire which gutted the three-story brick building of the Fletcher Coffee and Spice company at Little Rock, caused a loss which officers of the company estimate at \$15,000.

Two more crimes took their place on the police record of Hans Schmidt, the N. Y. priest who had confessed that he was a murderer and a counterfeiter. In ransacking Schmidt's room, detectives found evidence that Schmidt had stolen \$400 from the Easter collection at St. Joseph's church and that he had robbed a visiting priest who spent the night at St. Joseph's rectory as the guest of the local clergy.

Consolidation of all the freight and passenger traffic agencies of the Gould lines in St. Louis was announced. The lines concerned are the Missouri Pacific, the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern, Denver & Rio Grande and the Western Pacific.

Louis Mollanec, 39 years old, believed to be the largest man in the world, died in a hospital at Hancock, Mich., after an illness of a few days. He was 7 feet 8 inches tall, and at one time traveled with a circus.

Francis J. Heney, the famous graft prosecutor of San Francisco, has announced himself as a candidate for United States senator to succeed George C. Perkins of Oakland, whose term expires March 4, 1915. The only other candidate is James D. Phelan, democratic leader of San Francisco.

While Kansas City Southern passenger train number 4, northbound, was taking water at Sallisaw, Okla., a terrific storm broke and fireman A. O. Farmer of Mena, Ark., was killed. He was on the engine tender manipulating the spout when he was blown off.

Announcement was made in behalf of Major General Nelson A. Miles, U. S. A., retired, from his home in Westminister of his candidacy for the republican nomination for congress in the third district of Massachusetts. The seat was made vacant by the death of Congressman Wm. Henry Wilder.

Receivers for the St. Louis and San Francisco railroad system have been ordered by Judge Sanborn of the United States district court to make payments of approximately \$1,500,000 as principal and interest on bonds and mortgages of the company and for extensions and operating expenses.

Col. Francis J. Borchardt, 63 years old, a justice of the peace, well known in national guard circles and political circles throughout Wisconsin, was sentenced, to nine months to the house of correction by Judge Page for contributing to delinquency of girls. Four young girls told District Attorney Yerkey that the judge gave them money, made improper suggestions to them and had them appear nude before him.

L. P. Lucero, representative in the first New Mexico legislature, was put on trial in district court charged with the solicitation of a \$500 bribe in connection with the election of A. B. Fall to the United States senate last spring. Four legislators, Julian Trugillo, Manuel Cordova, Louis R. Montoya and the defendant, were tried by the house of representatives and acquitted but later were indicted by the grand jury.

### FOREIGN.

General Porfirio Diaz, former president of Mexico, celebrated his 84th birthday by a banquet at Biarritz.

There is every indication that women will shortly be given the parliamentary franchise in Holland.

Four persons were killed and six fatally injured in the collapse of a tenant house as the result of a gas explosion at Coburg, Germany.

A workman found on the sidewalk in London the entire pearl necklace, valued at \$650,000, which was stolen on July 10 while in transit by mail from Paris to London.

Prof. Heinrich Maass, court painter and social leader, today shot and killed Count Von Westendorp, a captain of the army reserves at Berlin, while trying to arrange for a duel.

The Italian commander, General Torrelli, and thirty-three Italian officers and men were killed in battle with Arab tribesmen. The Arab losses are not stated, but undoubtedly were very heavy.

A remarkable flight, establishing a new cross country record, was made by the French aviator Ernest Guillaux. With a passenger he covered 118 miles from his home at Savigny-Sur-Braye to Paris in fifty minutes. This was at the rate of nearly 142 miles an hour.

Dr. Aureliano Urrutia, Mexican minister of the interior, has resigned. Urrutia's anti-foreign sentiments have not been disguised during his term of office, and it is said that the foreign diplomats were opposed to his retention in the cabinet. David De La Fuente, provisional minister of communications, also presented his resignation.

Three hundred rebels of Francisco Villa's command were killed in a battle with the federal forces of Generals Marcelo Carcelo and Antonio Rojas at Bustillos, Chihuahua.

A list of rebel and bandit chiefs in San Luis Potosi and bordering states, compiled from reliable sources shows a total of forty-three at the head of bands ranging from thirty to 600 men each.

Sir Edward Carson, leader of the Irish Unionists, is making a visit in Ireland. His object, it was said, was to inspect the volunteer army being raised in Ulster to support the provisional government which will be brought into existence in case the home rule bill becomes a law.

One hundred Americans, including a number of women and children, refugees from Torreon, are reported to have fallen into the hands of rebels while proceeding overland to Saltillo. The authorities at Saltillo decline to take the responsibility of sending a force to their rescue, fearing, they say, that the rebels might commit atrocities on the refugees which otherwise might be avoided.

## FIRE PREVENTION DAY

Commemorating the disastrous fire at Chicago on October 9, 1871, Oklahoma will join in the movement of many of her sister states and observe October 9 as "Fire Prevention" day throughout the state. A proclamation designating that date as Fire Prevention day has been issued by Governor Cruce on the request of State Fire Marshal Hammond.

In his proclamation the governor calls attention to the great loss by fire in the state each year and points out why an "ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

Following is the proclamation:

"To the People of the State of Oklahoma—Greetings—  
"For the past two years the people of this state have observed in a general way Fire Prevention day. The results of the efforts on the part of the people of this state to reduce the waste from fire has been encouraging.

"Efficiency in fire prevention is not commensurate with efficiency in fire fighting. Oklahoma has learned how to discover and extinguish fire, but has not learned all that can be learned about preventing fires. The property in this state destroyed by fire in 1912 was valued at \$2,193,984.50, much of which might have been saved had our methods of fire preventing been as efficient as our methods of extinguishment. We have devoted ourselves as individuals and as a state to the task of preventing disease, crime, immorality and other ills which tend to kill and destroy. Is it not time that we should devote ourselves to the prevention of fire, the most common and the most destructive, perhaps, of all?

"It has paid the owners of property in the past to observe Fire Prevention day. Other states have adopted the custom of proclaiming October 9, the anniversary of the disastrous fire in Chicago in 1871, as Fire Prevention day. The advantage in having an early date is that the attention of the people may be called to the importance of the care in the prevention of fires at the very inception of the season when artificial heat is essential to the comfort of our people.

"Fires are easily prevented if simple paths of knowledge are followed. More thought of the loose match, the neglected stove, the rubbish pile and the oil rag in a dark corner will capitalize itself into dollars. Therefore, to the end that we may conserve not only our property but our lives and safeguard them to the best of our ability, I do hereby proclaim October 9 as Fire Prevention day in the state of Oklahoma and do call upon all citizens on that day to give personal attention to the removal of rubbish and debris from their premises; to set their heating appliances in safe and proper condition for winter use; to examine chimneys and flues that breakage and cracks may be properly repaired and that on all other days as well as this day they continue the removal of rubbish and combustible refuse, which by heat will cause spontaneous combustion.

"I would suggest that on this day instructions be given to the children in the public schools with reference to the fire hazard of matches, gasoline and other volatile oils and that simple methods for fire prevention and rescue work be taught. I would especially recommend that the mayor of each city and town within the state proclaim the above mentioned date as Fire Prevention day for his city or town and make a special effort to have all rubbish removed from the streets and alleys and the vacant lots.

"In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the state of Oklahoma to be hereunto affixed, in my office in Oklahoma City, Okla., this 11th day of September, 1913.

"LEE CRUCE, Governor."

### WILD CHICKENS ARE SCARCE.

Reports From Ellis County Are That Game Bird Has Practically Gone.

Arnett.—The open season for prairie chicken in Oklahoma is from September 1 to November 1 and many inquiries have been received here in regard to the prospects for the sportsmen in Ellis county, which has for several years been about the only place where the birds could be found in any great numbers.

Prairie chickens are very scarce in Ellis county this year. Inquiry made among the farmers in the southeast part of the county is very discouraging to the chicken hunter. There are very few chickens in the sand hills this year, due largely, it is claimed, to the late prairie fires last spring, which swept over that part of the county during the nesting season.

Several years ago these sand hills were literally alive with prairie chickens and old hunters say that it was no uncommon occurrence for them to go gunning for a couple of hours in the afternoon and return with all the chickens they wanted. The prairie chicken has drifted on west. They commenced leaving this country when the settlers came in and their passing in this county virtually means their passing in Oklahoma.

### City Marshal Acquitted.

McAlester.—H. H. Sherill, former city marshal of Kiowa, will not have to pay a penalty for the killing of Daniel Beatz, whose enemy he incurred by an arrest while he was serving as marshal. After two hours of deliberation the superior court jury before whom he was tried, returned a verdict of not guilty, and Sherill is freed of the charge of murder.

### Five Brothers' First Reunion.

Broken Arrow.—For the first time in their lives the five Goodson brothers, two of whom live here, were together at the same time when they met here last week. J. A. and J. R. Goodson live here. Another brother lives in Sherman, Tex., one in Northview, Mo., and another in Bakersfield, Calif. The two older brothers came here to visit their relatives, not knowing the youngest one had already arrived. This is the first time the oldest brother had ever seen the younger brother.

### After Holy Rollers.

Atoka.—Citizens here will probably take some action immediately to rid the community of a band of underlings calling themselves Holy Rollers. Ten members of the band camped here several days ago and the ranks were immediately recruited up to about twenty. Only a few days ago menaces broke out among them and an infant died, it is believed, without medical attention. A woman gave birth to a child but no doctor was called until afterwards. The gang is now being fumigated.

### HASKELL SECURES LEASES

Former Governor Purchases Rentals of Arkansas River Bed.

Former Governor Charles N. Haskell, representing the No. 1 Oil company of Muskogee, in which he is interested, got the lion's share of the oil and gas leases on the beds of the Arkansas and Cimarron river, according to announcement by the school land commissioners.

Governor Haskell's bid for leases on the bed of the Arkansas river below high water mark through range 11 and 12 with the exception of a small portion of about one mile and a half west of township 19 in range 12, was accepted by the school land commissioners. That part of the river covered by Governor Haskell's bid extends from about four miles west of Sand Springs to a point about four miles south of Tulsa.

Governor Haskell's bid gives the state a royalty of one-eighth on all the oil and gas produced on the leases and 25 per cent of all profits accruing to the lessee from the remaining seven-eighths of the oil and gas produced.

George Miller of Miller Brothers' 161 ranch, was given the lease on the Cimarron river in township 18 north, range 7 east of section 5, but later transferred it to Governor Haskell with the consent of the commissioners, Haskell taking over the bid made by Miller.

C. T. Belt of Muskogee got the same portion of the Cimarron river in the same township and range in section 8.

That portion of the Arkansas river bed in the western half of section 8, range 12, township 19 west, went to Charley Page of Tulsa, who proposes to give the state a royalty of seven-eighths working interest to aid the Sand Springs Orphans' home.

### First Hunting Accident.

Nowata.—The first accident of the hunting season occurred here in the death of James Beaubien, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Beaubien. The boy was out hunting and coming to a gate leaned his gun against a post. When he reached down to get the weapon again one of the hammers caught and the gun was discharged. The whole charge struck his arm, tearing it off. The boy lingered until the next day, and died from loss of blood.

### Same Old Story.

Durant.—Roy Hendrix, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hendrix of Caddo, aged 9 years, accidentally killed himself while playing with a schoolmate, a son of Jack Droke. While Droke was up stairs changing clothes he left the boy downstairs, and, hearing a shot, ran down to find the little boy with a wound in his side. He ran to the neighbors who summoned a doctor, but the boy was dead before they came. He had found a .45 caliber Colt.

## BIG CROWDS AT THE STATE FAIR

THOUSANDS OF VISITORS THROUGH STREETS OF THE STATE CAPITAL.

### PROGRAM FOR THE SECOND WEEK

Horse Show, Auto Polo, and Famous Automobile Racers Among Star Attractions Added to the Program.

Oklahoma City.—Record-breaking crowds from all parts of Oklahoma and the entire Southwest are swarming to the seventh annual State Fair, which opened on Tuesday, Sept. 23, for a period of twelve days. It is a better-than-ever fair, with the state's finest products on display, and there is every indication that the attendance will more than double the crowds of last year. Oklahoma City is putting forth every effort to make visitors and friends from all parts of Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, Texas and other points have the time of their lives.

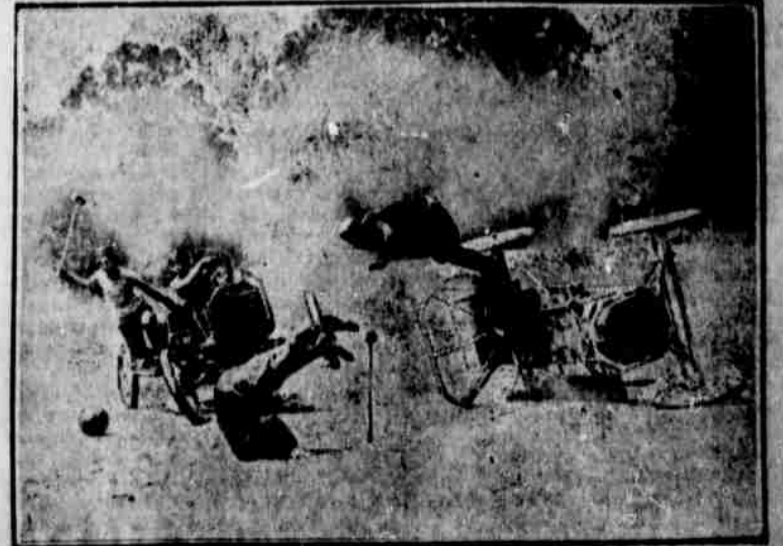
The opening day of the State Fair Tuesday was featured by the spectacular arrival of United States soldiers, a musical festival in which four bands took part, songs by world-famous grand opera singers, sensational harness and running races, many celebrated vaudeville acts and hundreds of other big, extraordinary and exciting events. A regimental band accompanied the troops and the Model Military Camp, located on eight acres, is thronged daily with people who are anxious to see Uncle Sam's best fighting men at close range. The soldiers give daily exhibitions of sensational drills and maneuvers.

One of the first things to impress the visitors in the splendid condition of State Fair Park. The grounds are in improved condition with regard to flowers and foliage. Gorgeous beds of canna, magnificent groves, miles of cement walks, thousands of brilliant electric lights at night and sixty big buildings and barns that are in the pink of condition just begin to tell the story of the general appearance of the grounds. In a word, the grounds of the Oklahoma State Fair and Exposition, consisting of 160 acres, have been converted into a garden of beauty.

The next idea of the State Fair and Exposition concerns the magnitude of the fair itself and finally the unusual quality and range of the attractions and exhibits. Displays and premiums and prizes are larger, competition is keener, races offer better sport, and in every respect the fair excels former exhibitions. The live stock show will doubtless be the greatest in the history of the Southwest. The poultry building is overflowing, swine barns are filled with all the breeds that thrive in the Southwest, the sheep show is fine and there is not room enough in the immense Agricultural Building for the county collective exhibits and individual displays of products from the farm, field and garden. Conditions in these departments are indicative of the conditions prevailing in all the other big buildings and departments.

Track events this week have included harness and running races, vaudeville acts between heats and races, concerts and novelties, such as chimes and bells, by Natiello's Band, solos by Miss Olive Elsom Scharf, a noted soprano, and Joseph C. Ramser, a famous baritone. At night, in front of the big grandstand, everything except the races has been repeated before great crowds that could hardly be accommodated.

## TORNADO SPORT AT STATE FAIR



An Exciting Moment at Sensational Auto Polo. The only original Hankinson's Auto Polo will be staged for the first time in Oklahoma at the Oklahoma State Fair and Exposition for four days of the second week.

### STATE FAIR FEATURES, SECOND WEEK.

- Sunday, Sept. 23.—Musical Festival. Inspection of grounds during day and Immense Night Show.
- Monday, Sept. 23.—Soldiers' Day; Boys' and Girls' Schools open; Horse Show week. Auto Polo for four days.
- Tuesday, Sept. 24.—Kentucky Day; Socialists' Day; Swiss Breeders' Day.
- Wednesday, Oct. 1.—Young Men's Democratic Clubs; Knights of Pythias Day.
- Thursday, Oct. 2.—Derby Day; Fire Insurance Agents' Day; Bee Keepers' Day.
- Friday, Oct. 3.—Mammoth parade of live stock worth nearly a million dollars.
- Saturday, Oct. 4.—Auto Races by world's champions. Awarding premiums in "Better Babies" Contest.

Hotel men, officers of the State Fair and others interested see indications by this week's attendance of an extraordinary crowd in Oklahoma City next week, when new and startling events will be added to the daily program of the State Fair and Exposition. The advance guard this week has been bigger than ever before and before the close of the fair on Saturday, October 4, Oklahoma City will entertain a throng of record-breaking proportions. With nearly one hundred hotels and thousands of boarding houses, Oklahoma City is in a position to accommodate half a million people.

An important feature of the second week of the fair, for four days beginning Monday, Sept. 23, will be Auto Polo, the world's most dangerous sport. This wonderful game, described as too fast for the movies, will take place in front of the grandstand Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week.

Still another great feature for the second week will be the brilliant automobile meet on the last two days, Sunday and Saturday, Oct. 3 and 4. Louis Diabrow, the world's circular dirt track champion; "Wild Bill" Endicot, dean of the famous Indianapolis speedway; "Heine" Ulbricht of New York; Joe Rihrent, the famous Los Angeles helmsman; Claude Newhouse, and others, will endeavor to make new gasoline records. Owing to the fact that the top rails of the inner and outer fences have to be removed, there will be no horse racing on the last two days.

The fourth annual Oklahoma Horse show will also feature the second week of Oklahoma's greatest fair. It will open Monday night, Sept. 23, in the mammoth Live Stock Pavilion and continue for five nights. Natiello's Band and grand opera singers, the Three Duttons, society equestrians; Alexander the Great, "the man monkey with the human brain"; Shaw's Comedy Animal Circus and other acts will be Horse Show features.

All things considered, the second week of the fair really holds out more big events than the first, notably the great auto polo games and the automobile meeting. All the great features that have thrilled this week will still be on the grounds and no person in Oklahoma can afford to miss the big show this year.

### Explanation of Potlatch.

The word potlatch is a corruption of an Indian word common among the Pacific coast tribes, meaning festival of gifts. At a potlatch (potlatch) celebration the more personal property an Indian gives away, blankets, ornaments, etc., the higher he stands in the estimation of his neighbors, and the more he expects to receive in return at the next potlatch. The festival is also accompanied by music, dancing and feasting.