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ILLINOIS PARAGRAPHS

SPRINGFIELD—The federal court in session in Springfield knocked out the Illinois 2-cent passenger fare law so far as it concerns the operation of the Chicago, Peoria and St. Louis railroad, now in the hands of receivers, who were appointed by Judge J. Otis Humphrey, one of the judges who heard the case. Judges Baker and Sanborn sat with him. The judges hold that the law, so far as it relates to this road, is confiscatory. A permanent injunction was granted by the court to prevent the operation of the 2-cent law on that line.

STERLING—What were declared to be earthquake shocks were felt in several sections of Whiteside county. Pictures were shaken from the walls, doors were jarred open and dishes were scattered from shelves. The shocks caused considerable alarm. The vibration was from east to west, and the shocks were repeated during about five seconds. Foundations were loosened and cement silos damaged by the tremor. Reports of the quake came in from a radius of fifteen miles. No satisfactory explanation of the shocks has been made.

GALESBURG—The Rev. Joseph Costa, C. C. D. D., since 1877 in charge of the Roman Catholic parish at Galesburg, has announced his resignation. Father George Doubleday, head of Corpus Christi school here, has been appointed his successor by Bishop Rünne of Peoria and the Order of Charity of Italy. Father Costa will celebrate his ninetieth birthday Oct. 18.

EDWARDSVILLE—Upon learning that Emil Robins was driving with his wife, John Abbott obtained a buggy and started in pursuit. He overtook them at Staunton, Ill., fourteen miles north of here, and killed Robins with one shot. Abbott escaped. Mrs. Abbott is under arrest.

PLANO—The children of Nicholas Hen, living in Bristol, alleged their father has become affected by studying Dowle's teachings and, intends to give all his wealth to the church at Zion City. He has already disposed of \$10,000, they allege.

ALTON—The recent marriage of Naomi Serrambra to Joseph Serrambra was annulled in the district court. The girl came here from Irvington, Ill., and, it was charged, was forced to marry Serrambra, her parents being paid \$900.

GENEVA—Caleb French, who had admitted to the police that he robbed a business house, but was not indicted by the grand jury, asked the chief of police to turn over the proceeds. He did not get the money.

PEORIA—Most of the Chicago private bankers at the convention of the Illinois Bankers' association, issued a statement placing themselves on record as declaring for state supervision of their institutions.

BLOOMINGTON—X. H. Cornell, who was the former superintendent of the Chicago & Alton railroad, has been named superintendent of transportation of the Pere Marquette, effective Oct. 1.

ELBURN—The grafting of skin has proved successful, and Mrs. John Hall, wife of a farmer, who was scalped several weeks ago when her hair caught in the belt of a gasoline engine, will recover.

BLOOMINGTON—Suddenly falling under a loaded wagon near his home, Henry Wurzbarger, a farmer of Strawn, was almost instantly killed, the wheels of the wagon passing over his neck.

JOLIET—Joseph Dozsch, the little seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Dozsch, of Lemont, near here, is dead as the result of eating poison berries, which he mistook for wild grapes.

EAST ST. LOUIS—Being unwilling to attend school because she was so much larger than her classmates, Kathryn Jeffery, thirteen years old, 5 feet 9 inches tall, has disappeared.

LACON—Shortly after William W. Traver, night bridge tender, had pulled a revolver in an attempt to collect 5 cents toll from a stranger, he was thrown into the Illinois river.

EAST ST. LOUIS—Roy Schaeffer was held here on the charge of putting oil of mustard in the eyes of Paul Bennett, a saloon porter, while attempting to rob him of a quarter.

TUSCOLA—The Tuscola automobile dealers and proprietors of garages are engaged in a price-cutting war. One dealer has already retired from business.

PRAIRIEVILLE—The famous Rock River Horticultural society will have a ladies' day, when women will give addresses on canning fruit.

ALTON—Exactly five and one half hours after an insurance policy expired, the home of Robert Los, was destroyed by fire.

STERLING—Sixteen very valuable horses were killed here when a barn on the Thackberry stock farm was struck by lightning.

ODDITIES IN CLUBS

Some Curious Associations That Were Born in London.

FREAKS IN NAMES AND AIMS.

The Abduction Club Was Formed For the Purpose of Carrying Off Heiresses by Force and the Surly Club to Promote the Use of Abusive Language. One of the most extraordinary clubs London has ever known, says the Standard, was the Sighting club, the members of which were supposed to be wholly absorbed in thinking of their sweethearts. Each would hold in his hand a bit of ribbon, a lock of hair, a purse or some other article belonging to the object of his affections, and from time to time he would address this article in terms of endearment, no other speaking being allowed. On initiation the member had to compose and recite a poem in honor of his lady, and at the meetings a fine was imposed upon the member who did not sign five times within a quarter of an hour. Again, there was the Abduction club, organized in 1796 by some well connected Irish youths, who banded themselves together to abduct heiresses and good looking young women of gentle birth. As there was a large membership, many forced marriages took place in consequence of their exploits. The evil became eventually so serious that a special act of parliament was passed making abduction a capital offense. The members assisted each other by providing relays of horses and carriages whenever necessary. The wealth of the two sisters Kennedy, daughters of Richard Kennedy of Rathmenden manor, Waterford, caused the attention of the members to be drawn to them. Gerald Byrne, grandson of Sir Gregory Byrne, and James Strange Villard were drawn in the lottery, and the abduction took place on April 14, 1779. The principals were arrested, tried and condemned and they were executed in the following May, notwithstanding the fact that ministers of the court of Vienna, grandees of Spain and French nobles implored their pardon. The club was introduced into England in 1770, but disbanded in 1802, when twenty-nine members remained.

The No Nose club was founded by a gentleman who was an unwilling follower of the Egyptian fashion of flat faces. When the members dined to gettier and a young pig, the favorite dish, was the principal item on the menu the snout was always cut off. The Club of Ugly Faces was also founded by a gentleman who boasted an enormously large nose. Another member had a chin of the size and shape of a shoe horn, another a burrowing eye, and a fourth very large protruding nose. No one was eligible for membership who had not some facial malformation, and all members on initiation had to make a speech in praise of Aesop, whose portrait hung over the mantelpiece of the clubroom. The Surly club had its meeting place near Billingsgate fish market, and the membership was limited to cabmen, carmen and watermen, who used to meet once a week to exercise the art of abusive language in order that they might not lose the reputation they had gained. Any member found guilty of courtesy or politeness was promptly fined. The Split Farthing club was limited to membership to men who agreed to stint themselves to the utmost in order to increase their possessions. One member is reported to have had his garments so darned that there was not enough of the original material left to show the texture. The members presented so starved an appearance that it was said there was not an ounce of fat among the lot. The Everlasting club was limited in membership to a hundred, and the members divided the day among themselves in such a way that there were always some present upon the premises. The great fire of London put an end to this institution, as the premises were burned down, and the only member on the premises was nearly burned to death because he refused to leave until he had emptied all the bottles on the table. The fire for lighting the members' pipes was never allowed to go out, an old woman being kept solely for the purpose of attending to it. During the fifty years of its existence the members smoked fifty tons of tobacco, drank 30,000 butts of ale, 1,000 pipes of port and 200 barrels of brandy in addition to other liquors. The Man Killing club was limited in membership to men who had killed opponents in duels. The conversation at the gatherings was confined to bullets, wounds and slaughter. The president was said to have killed half a dozen men in single combat, and the seats at dinner were arranged according to the numbers the members had slain. At banquets a side table was provided for visitors who had only drawn blood. The club had not a lengthy existence, as nearly all the members were executed.

Suicides' clubs have been long in existence, and one existed recently in Kursk. The club had for its motto "Death is the cure for all ills," but, as set forth in its book of rules, candidates for membership had first of all to show that they had a substantial reason for wishing to die. A would be candidate who presented himself with the weight of ten or more years of an happy married life was received with open arms. Loss of fortune, incurable disease and a record of ill luck were also excellent qualifications for membership.

CENTRAL NEWS.

LAWRENCE, MASS.—Between 10,000 and 12,000 employees of the Washington mill, one of the local plants of the American Woollen company, struck as a protest against the trial on Monday of Joseph Eitor and Arturo Giovannitti as alleged accessories to the murder of Arna Lopez during a strike riot here last winter. This latest strike was without disorder and a meeting of the I. W. W. leaders was held to determine what action could be taken in view of the fact that the strike was against the wishes of both Eitor and Giovannitti and their supporters. The strike had its inception in the worst spinning department of the Washington mill.

WASHINGTON—Samuel Untermyer, of New York, representing the Waters-Pierce interests opposing the Standard Oil company, conferred with President Taft at the white house offices. Reports that the government was watching developments in the Waters-Pierce suit surrounded the conference with interest. It has been reported that testimony developed in the Waters-Pierce case, now on hearing in New York, might be used by the government as a basis for investigation of how the Standard Oil company is carrying out its decree of dissolution. Contempt of court proceedings have been reported pending.

MEXICO CITY, MEX.—A new movement to obtain peace in northern Mexico was made when President Madero and his cabinet instructed the minister of war to offer amnesty to the followers of Pascual Orozco, the rebel leaders. Measures such as the government's recent suspension of constitutional guarantees and the execution of numerous rebels failed to have the deterrent effect expected by the government. The revolution in the north, which two months ago was confined principally to the state of Chihuahua, has spread to Sonora, Coahuila and other states.

NEW YORK—Two hold highwaymen in a red touring car held up John Poppera, a cheese manufacturer, on the street opposite his place of business on West Seventeenth street, and robbed him of a valise containing \$500 in cash and \$1,000 in checks. Half a hundred pedestrians and a policeman, who witnessed the holdup, pursued the automobile and were fired upon three times by the highwaymen. No one read the auto license number. Poppera was on his way to a bank when robbed.

TOPEKA, KAN.—The deadly horse disease, which has been prevalent in Kansas for the last two months is subsiding rapidly, due to the vaccine treatment provided by the state agricultural college, and preventive measures put in force by the farmers at the recommendation of state and federal authorities according to J. H. Mercer, state live stock commissioner. The disease caused the death of \$25,000 horses in Kansas, an actual property loss of over \$2,500,000, Mr. Mercer said.

CLEVELAND, OHIO—While Postal Inspector Clement is searching the west for James and R. F. McNicholas to serve them with warrants charging misuse of the mails in promoting Oregon and Idaho mines, details of their operations in Cleveland and northern Ohio are being brought to light to show that rich and poor alike bought the \$1,000,000 in stock which the brothers are said to have distributed and on which hundreds of buyers claim to have lost heavily.

CHICAGO—Numerous trails which would have bothered a Sherlock Holmes were followed and led to the arrest in St. Louis of J. C. Adams, otherwise known as James W. Stacey and "Doc" Dalzell, who is declared to be one of the men who attacked Lieutenant B. J. Burns in Sidias' Chicago saloon, and who is believed to have been one of the men who robbed the branch bank of Montreal at New Westminster, B. C., of \$272,000.

NEW YORK—Explorer Vilhjalmur Eskimo in the Coronation gulf region, hopes to find a way to keep all kinds of civilization, including religion, away from them. He fears their speedy extinction if civilization gets to them, and he will go to Ottawa this week to ask the Canadian government to issue a proclamation of perpetual quarantine of the whole district.

ATHENS, GREECE—Turkey now is making elaborate military preparations to meet any hostile demonstrations in the Balkans, according to a semi-official statement published here. The Ottoman government has called up 100,000 men, forming eleven divisions, of the Redifs, or second reserves, for six weeks' training in field maneuvers.

PENSACOLA, FLA.—The big package containing \$55,000 in currency, which was mysteriously extracted from an express shipment from the First National bank here to the Louisville & Nashville pay car at Flomaton, Ala., was found at the rear of the bank by the negro janitor of the building.

CLEVELAND, OHIO—The gigantic glass industry of the country, following a strike of four months, will be resumed Oct. 15, when the workers will return to work with wages increased 15 per cent.

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