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Fine and warm today. Sunday, fine.

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WELL KNOWN FREDERICTON MAN DIED THIS MORNING

Thomas W. Smith an Old Resident of the Capitol Passed Away in the Hospital---Preparations for Liberal Convention This Afternoon.

Fredericton, N. B., Sept. 19—(Special).—Thomas W. Smith, an old resident of this city, who returned a few days ago from Oak Point, where he has been spending the summer, died at the Victoria hospital this morning after a brief illness from heart failure. He was eighty-one years of age, and leaves one daughter, Miss Minnie Smith, of this city, and two sons, Lebaron and Alfred A., of San Francisco. Deceased was a native of Kings county, but left there when a young man. After several years' residence in this city, he removed to Woodstock, where he carried on a hotel business for a time. Upon returning to Fredericton he engaged in the dry goods and tailoring business, which he carried on successfully until the year 1890, when he sold out and removed to California. He returned to Fredericton ten years ago, and has since resided here. His wife, who was a sister of Dr. Atherton, died some years ago. Mr. Smith was at one time an active figure in civic politics, having represented Carleton Ward in the city council for several terms. He is survived by one brother, Benjamin Smith of Jerusalem, Queens county, and five sisters, Mrs. Thomas Machum, Mrs. William Harrison, Mrs. Samuel Harrison, of Jerusalem; Mrs. George Inch, of Oak Point, and Mrs. James Gorving, of M---ville.

Rev. J. H. MacDonald left this morning for Plaster Rock, where he will preach at the re-opening of the Baptist church tomorrow.

A meeting of those interested in the Laymen's Missionary Movement will be held here on Tuesday evening in the Baptist church. Rev. W. V. Higgins and prominent laymen from Toronto and St. John will deliver addresses.

Revs. Dr. McLeod and J. W. McConnell will address a mass temperance meeting in the Opera House Sunday evening.

The Liberals of York are gathering in force here today for the party convention to be held at the Opera House this afternoon. It seems to be the general feeling that Nelson W. Brown, of Southampton, late school inspector, will be tendered the unanimous nomination. Dr. Pugsley arrived from St. John this morning and was met at the depot by a delegation of prominent Liberals, composed of Edward Moore, John Palmer, Mayor Chestnut, W. T. Whitehead, Alex. Little and R. W. McLellan and driven to the Queen hotel. The minister and E. H. McAlpine will address the electors at the Opera House this afternoon.

WRIGHT'S AEROPLANE WAS SEVENTY FIVE FEET IN THE AIR WHEN IT FELL TO THE GROUND

Report of Board of Inquiry Was Filed Yesterday and Says That Accident in Which Lieut. Selfridge Was Killed Was Unavoidable.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 20.—Fort Myer, the scene of yesterday's aeroplane disaster, which resulted in the death of Lieutenant Thomas E. Selfridge, of the signal corps, and serious injury of Orville Wright, presented a cheerless aspect today. The air of gloom that pervaded the army post was in marked contrast to the scene of bustle and excitement that had attended the flight of Wright's aeroplane, with its tragic climax. This gloom was reflected in the faces of the brother officers of the unfortunate lieutenant when they met at the fort to make an official investigation of the accident, in the manner in which the usual morning cavalry drill was gone through with over the very ground upon which the fated aerial ship was wrecked, and in the words of appreciation by members of the signal corps balloon squad which had been under the direct charge of Selfridge.

Lieutenant Selfridge's body was removed from the hospital at Fort Myer to an undertaker's, where it will remain until the arrival of the young officer's father, who wired from San Francisco that he would like to have his son buried either at Arlington or West Point. The funeral arrangements have not yet been made, but a military funeral will be held and burial will probably be at Arlington National cemetery. Professor Alexander Graham Bell, president of the Aerial Equipment Association, of which Lieutenant Selfridge was secretary, will come from Nova Scotia to attend the funeral.

Miss Catherine Wright, the sister of the injured aeroplanist, has arrived here from Dayton, Ohio, and accompanied by Chas. R. Flint, the Wright Brothers' financial agent, visited her brother at the hospital. Octave Chanute, a close friend and adviser of the Wright brothers, and C. E. Taylor and C. W. Furness, Orville Wright's mechanics, were the only other persons permitted to see him.

Major George Squier, acting chief signal officer of the army, convened the Board of Signal Officers for the purpose of making an official inquiry into the death of Lieutenant Selfridge.

The finding of the Board of Inquiry was given out by Major Squier, as follows:

"The board finds that the accident which occurred in an official flight made at Fort Myer, Va., at about 5.18 p. m., on September 17, 1908, was due to the accidental breaking of a propeller blade and a consequent unavoidable loss of control which resulted in the machine's falling to the ground from a height of 75 feet.

"The board finds that first, Lieut. Thomas Selfridge, 1st Field Artillery, (attached to the signal corps by War Department orders, and assigned to aeronautical duty) accompanied Mr. Wright, by authority, on the aeroplane, for the purpose of officially receiving instruction, received injuries by the falling of the machine which resulted in this death.'

The signal corps will proceed with its aeronautical work and it is understood that the Wright brothers will be permitted to make their official trials whenever they are ready without endangering their chance of receiving the contract price of $25,000 for their aeroplane.

Mr. Wright's assistants, Taylor and Furness, took with them to the hospital today, two of the broken parts of the aeroplane. They showed these to Mr. Wright, who said to Taylor: "The machine was already recovering its balance when it struck and I am sure if we had 25 feet further to go we would have landed on the skids without serious damage."

Speaking for Mr. Wright, Mr. Taylor later said:

"The accident was caused by an extraordinary vibration of one of the wires running from the main planes to the upper steel fitting of the rudder. This vibration was so great that it got in range of the propeller and was struck by the blade. This caused the blade to break. The other blade of the propeller flew around and, in turn, struck the same wire, breaking it. This made Mr. Wright lose control of his rudder entirely and the loss of both blades of the propeller and the breaking of the wire caused him to lose control of the planes. Shutting off the power to stop the remaining propeller, he steadied the machine somewhat, but the distance to the ground was not great enough to restore the equilibrium."

Numerous telegrams of sympathy were received at the Fort Myer Hospital today, but they were withheld from Mr. Wright.

ALL ATTENDANCE RECORDS SHOULD BE BROKEN TODAY

With Fine Weather and Added Attractions Great Exhibition Crowds are Expected This Afternoon ---Result of Butter Competition.

This afternoon children will be admitted to the exhibition for ten cents.

The smile that won't come off was again noticeable on the face of Manager Arnold and others directly interested in the exhibition when this morning dawned bright and clear. The management of the fair has indeed been lucky in having such a brand of weather as has been served up this week, and unless the signs fail the attendance today should put the figures of the 1906 fair considerably in the background. The announcement that the diving horses would give two performances again today, afternoon and evening, has awakened considerable interest, and a big crowd is looked for. The programme at the large amusement hall will be varied this afternoon by the appearance of Bunth and Rudd, comedy talking and acrobatic act.

The exhibits in the main building, the agricultrual and carriage halls will remain intact until the closing hour. The pike will also be in full swing and band concerts will be given afternoon and evening by the City Cornet Band.

The judging in the butter making competition that has been carried on in the dairy hall during the past three days, was completed this morning. The result was as follows:

Maritime Dairy Company, St. John, 1st; Mrs. B. Lester, Apohoqui, N. B., 2nd; F. E. Robinson, St. John, 3rd; Roseland Farm, Urbinia, Hants Co., N. S., 4th.

Considerable interest was taken in this competition and there was a large attendance each day to watch the workers.

It is quite evident that on outdoor feature in front of the grandstand, such as the diving horses, will have to be a fixture in future exhibitions, as the receipts from the sale of tickets for the grandstand is far and away ahead of other years there is no doubt that this act had its effect on the attendance through the main gates.

ONCE A LAUNDRYMAN AN ENGINEER NOW

How a 50 Year Old Chinaman Succeeded in Solving the Problem of Success.

(From the Butte, Montana, Evening News.)

Carrying a Theodolite, with a notebook in the outside pocket of his oriental jacket, a studious look in his eye and an air of setter-like fixity of purpose, a Chinaman has been roaming about the hills back of the School of Mines for the entire summer.

He was no favored son of the moon, no high-born mandarin, no rich man's son, neither was he anybody's servant. He carried the theodolite for no one but himself. Hum Ku Chee, who for years, like Uriah Heep, has been one of the lowly of Butte, serving noodles, getting out the washee-washee, or selling vegetables from the great wicker baskets.

By incessant saving, ceaseless economy, and tireless energy, Hum Ku Chee, poor but ambitious, a Chinaman but industrious, a servant but dignified, has succeeded in securing his diploma as a civil engineer for a correspondence school.

There are more glorious possibilities in store for Hum Ku Chee. He leaves for China, where he will at once enter the service of the Chinese government and will undertake the work of a national survey which, up to this time, has never been completed or thoroughly carried out by the subjects of the Empress Dowager.

When most Chinamen were playing fantan in the gambling houses of West Galena and West Mercury streets or smoking hop in the bunks of many a Chinese hovel, Hum Ku Chee was craning by the light of a rush dip in his dingy cabin the same problems which Euclid designed to puzzle the wits of a succeeding generation.

That Hum, and he is 48 years old, succeeded in his studies, may best be gathered by the fact that when he took his examination he received 99 per cent in geometry and trigonometry, and not less than 95 in any other study.

Hum is bright, bright as a dollar, and there has been no intellectual impediment in his education. His lack of knowledge of the English language has been the only stumbling block in his career. Nevertheless, Hum's English is passable, but the technical terms worry him until he becomes familiar with them.

T. M. Bracking, division superintendent of the I. C. S., takes great pride in his pupil. Hum is the brightest boy he has ever had. Hum enrolled as a student in August 14, 1906, in mapping and surveying, and finished it with credit in November, 1907.

He immediately enrolled in a course of civil engineering, which he finished February 4, 1908, and received his diploma.

All summer Hum has worked around the School of Mines, viewing with wonder that school of learning where the more favored made less progress, and which proved that "to learning there is no royal road."

He drove transits, figured cuts and fills, and laid an entire city addition, graded streets and figured on sewers west of the city on the barren hills. Laboriously he drove his posts and spikes until he had demonstrated to his own satisfaction the practice and theory of his studies.

China is painfully deficient in engineers. The government up to a short time ago has been negligent of the most primitive means of surveying. Hum is going to be a wheel in the machine of progress that the sleeping and flowery kingdom is going to start in motion.

From his miserable home at 102 China Alley he is going to occupy governmental offices at Pekin, and he will be given a send-off that will make his 50-year-old heart feel like a boy's.

NEWFOUNDLAND ELECTIONS

St. John, Nf. Sept. 19.—The Newfoundland legislature was dissolved yesterday and Monday, Sept. 2, was named as the date of the general elections.

Premier Robert Bond will be the government leader during the campaign and the opposition will be headed by Sir Edward Morris, who until last year was attorney general in the Bond cabinet.

The elections occur just one week after the general elections in Canada.

Courts are a great expense to New York city. The jurors alone last year cost $415,168. The year before the cost was $321,203.

DEFENDANT ONLY FORTY DAYS OLD

Julia Cote Youngest on Record to Appear in Court---The Charge is Neglected Child.

Salem, Sept. 19.—The youngest defendant on record appeared before Judge Sears in the local court yesterday in the person of Julia Cote, only 40 days old. The girl was charged with being a neglected child, and appeared in court in the arms of a nurse. It was not the baby's fault that she was in court, but immediately after her birth her mother died, and the father had shaken his responsibility and departed for parts unknown. After hearing the case the justice remanded the child to the care of the State Board of Charity.

THE SIX DAYS BICYCLE RACE

Furious Sprinting Marked Last Night's Riding in the Madison Square Garden.

New York, Sept. 19.—A furious spurt by Moran, who was later relieved as pacemaker by Clark, resulted in the gaining of a lap by 6 of the 12 teams participating in the six days bicycle race now in progress at Madison Square Garden.

The Kramer-Bedell team, which, owing to being penalized, was one lap behind the other regained it on six of the contestants by keeping up with the leaders with last night's sprint but is still one lap behind the other five.

The standing last night was as follows: McFarland-Downing, Mayer-Anderson, Collins-Logan, Clarke-Lawson, Moran-Root, each 240 miles, 3 laps; Mitten-Williams, Krebs-Vanoni, Sherwood-Rupprecht Devonovich-Walker, Demarah-Hollister, Halgin-Ashurst, Kramer-Bedell, 240 miles 2 laps.

QUAKER MEDITATIONS.

(From the Philadelphia Record.)

Girls look upon all young widows as hopeless flirts.

An honest dollar isn't to be blamed for its tainted associates.

Every time you break a record you are really making a new one.

It's a good thing to call a spade a spade, but a club is sometimes called a speak-easy.

You can reach a man's heart through his stomach, but you must feed a woman's vanity.

Sillicus—"It doesn't cost anything to accept gratuitous advice." Cynicus—"No; not unless you act upon it."

Nell—"I am saving my money for a rainy day." Belle—"Then I suppose you'll go off and buy silk stockings with it."

"Time is money," quoted the Wise Guy. "Yes; but it is often difficult to effect the exchange," added the Simple Mug.

The worst about most young people is that they don't begin to think seriously about marriage until after it has happened.

Wig—"Harduppe says he would go through fire and water for Miss Gotrox." Wagg—"I don't doubt it. He would even go through her fortune for her."

"I trust we shall make you feel quite at home," remarked the hotel proprietor. "Don't you try it," expostulated the married man. "I'm away for a good time."

MOTHER'S ADVICE.

During a certain battle the colonel of an Irish regiment noticed that one of the men was extremely devoted to him, and following him everywhere. At length he remarked:

"Well, my man, you have stuck by me well today."

"Yes, sorr," replied Pat. "Shure it was my mother said to me, says she, 'Just you stick to the colonel, Patrick, my bhoy, and you'll be all roight. Them colonels never get hurted.'"—Philadelphia Inquirer.

NEW YORK STATE IS NOW THREATENED WITH VERY SERIOUS FOREST FIRES

Albany, N. Y., Sept. 19.—New York state is threatened with forest fires which may equal those in 1903, when several lives were lost and millions of dollars' worth of property destroyed, according to a statement made to-day by John Ward, counsel to the forest, fish and game commission. The forest fires raging in the Adirondacks are spreading rapidly and if the present drought up-state continues for a few more weeks, Mr. Ward says a very serious situation is sure to develop. In 1903 the fires extended over 100,000 acres of forest lands.

An unusually large number of forest fires have occurred within the last few months, due to the dry condition of the woods. The fires now extend over 10,000 acres of land in the Adirondacks and nearly 100 acres in the Catskills. Appeals for help from the state authorities are being received daily at the office of the state forest, fish and game commission.

The fires are principally located along the Mohawk and Malone and the Ottawa railroads in Hamilton, Herkimer, St. Lawrence and Franklin counties and along the Delaware and Hudson in Essex county. Nearly all are on land covered with brush and from which the lumber has been cut.

In only a few places, it is reported, have they reached the timbered state lands, being confined practically to private lands. They are, however, rapidly encroaching on the timbered state lands.

The most threatening fires appear to be at Beaver River, partly on private and partly on state lands, in the town of Minerva, Essex county, near where the Cedar river empties into the Hudson, Piercefield, Nehsane and Kilder.

Mr. Ward says the fires generally result from sparks from passing locomotives and the carelessness of hunters in failing to properly extinguish camp fires. He recommends the proper screening of the smokestacks of locomotives in the mountains.

Mr. Ward believes that outside of rain, the only thing that may prevent the present fires from reaching the proportions of some forest fires is the excellent state fire patrol, established by the state forest, fish and game commission. Every town in the forest preserve counties is divided into districts, each of which has a fire warden, who has the power by law to order every able-bodied man and boy to assist in putting out forest fires. The men thus drafted are paid jointly by the state and towns. The present fires, however, are spreading so rapidly that the fire wardens have difficulty in getting a sufficient number of men.

AN EXCEPTION

He had a habit of unexpectedly bringing home guests to dinner, and his wife finally determined to put a stop to it.

So when he called up the other afternoon and said he wanted to entertain a friend from out of town she said it wasn't at all convenient.

"But," he argued, "I'm very anxious to please this party. It means something to me, you understand."

"No," she answered. "We haven't a thing fit to eat and I told the cook to get as simple a dinner as possible."

"Then I can't bring my friend with me?" he mournfully asked.

"No, you can't. I'm tired of being bothered. I told you so this very morning."

"I remember," he said, "but I thought perhaps you would make an exception."

"Well, I won't."

"Not even when the friend is your own mother?"

"Who! Mother! Is mother there? Oh, you wretched——"

But before she could add the epithet he had rung off with a wild chuckle.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

McGUIRE GOES TO CLEVELAND.

Cleveland, Ohio, Sept. 18.—James McGuire, former catcher and manager of the Boston American League baseball team today signed with the Cleveland organization for the balance of the season.

Bread, cheese and beer was the supper given to a 3-months-old baby, it was stated in a case in Brentford (London) police court.

UNCLE SAM'S NAVY VERY SHORT OF TORPEDOES

Compared With Great Britain, Germany and Japan the United States Has Very Few Snbmarines.

New York, Sept. 19.—A Tribune special from Newport, R. I., says: In accordance with figures that have leaked out here, there appears to be a shortage of torpedoes in the navy, especially those of Whitehead make, compared with those on hand in the navies of other countries. It is said that the United States is far behind Great Britain, Germany and Japan.

It is understood that this country has less than 500 submarine torpedoes on hand, while Great Britain has ten thousand stored away. Germany and Japan are each said to have four thousand. The government supply has been increased one hundred during the year and will go up more when the new torpedo factory here is started about the first of the year.

Rufus Jennings, farmer, of Marksboro, N. J., was drawn from under the feet of an enraged bull by his plucky 12-year-old daughter.

A MORNING CALL

Can't stop to talk this mornin',
I'm busy as kin be;
Can't stop for news nur gossip
Nur nuthin', no-sir-ee.
I've got to keep a hoein',
This garden is a sight;
Good-bye! Jes' come 'round later,
Say after dark to-night.

You didn't come fur talkin,'
You didn't come to stay?
Well, what in thunder 'n' blazes
Might you hev come fur, hey?
What's that? You're going fishin'
Down in old Bulhead Hole?
All right! Plague take the farmin'—
Wait till I git my pole!
—Joe Cone, in The New York Sun.

WOULD LEAVE FIRST.

It is best to keep one's personal dignity at whatever cost. A befitting sense of what is due one never comes amiss, even within prison precincts. This truth was appreciated by an Irishman whose expression of it is quoted by Michael MacDonagh, in "Irish Life and Character." The prisoner, refractory and obstinate, flatly refused to work in the treadmill.

The man was brought before the governor of the prison for disobedience. The governor asked him what reason he could give for not following out his orders.

"Me go on the treadmill!" exclaimed the prisoner, drawing himself up to his full height of offended dignity. "Never, sir! I'd rather lave the jail first!"

In Massachusetts alone there is more neglected water-power going to waste than is available at Niagara Falls.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

HIRAM ON POLITICS.

"Well," said Mr. Hiram Hornbeam to the Times new reporter this morning, "I see they're beginnin' to stir up the animals. These politicians is great fellers. I call'late about this time next week the pot'll be bilin' in great shape. I'm glad the exhibition's over this week, fer a feller can't do jestice to the Pike and politics at the same time. I s'pose the Pike fakers aint any funnier than the politicians, but they're a little different, an' a feller likes a change once in a while. You kin tell my friends that I'm on the fair grounds till she shets up tonight. After that I'll be ready to consider reasons why I should deliver the goods in October. Great weather, aint it?"

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SMELLS OF SULPHUR.

Telegrams from Sussex, Fredericton, St. Stephen, Chatham, Woodstock and other points in the province to the Times new reporter, state that the atmosphere is charged with smoke in all directions, and that it is distinctly sulphurous in character. This is evidently not the smoke of forest fires, but of the political battle that is being waged from Blue Rock to Plaster Rock, and from Perce to Pisarinco.

NO HOPE THERE.

The rumor that Wun Lung and Wun Gondy will be converted into floating elevators is denied by the ferry committee. Until Ald. Scully gets the Navy Island bridge these craft will continue as auxiliaries to the Ludlow.

BORDEN'S TOUR IN PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

Programme for His Meetings as Far as They Have Been Arranged.

Toronto, Sept. 19 (Special).—R. L. Borden's programme for Ontario so far as arranged is as follows: Monday afternoon, Sept. 21, Pembrooke; Tuesday night, London; Wednesday night, Toronto; Friday night, Peterboro; Saturday afternoon, Picton; Monday afternoon, September 23, Ingersoll; Monday evening, Galt; Tuesday, Guelph; Wednesday, St. Marys; Thursday afternoon, October 1, Hanover; Friday, Simcoe; Saturday afternoon, St. Catherines; Saturday evening, Niagara Falls. Hon. R. P. Roblin will accompany Mr. Borden at the Peterboro and Picton meetings.

JOURNALISTIC ENTERPRISE

Booth Tarkington says that in no state have the newspapers more "journalistic enterprise" than in his native Indiana. While stopping at a little Hoosier hotel in the course of a hunting trip Mr. Tarkington lost one of his dogs.

"Have you a newspaper in town?" he asked of the landlord.

"Right across the way, there, back of the shoemaker's," the landlord told him. "The Daily News"—best little paper of its size in the state.'

The editor, the printer and the printer's devil, were all busy doing justice to Mr. Tarkington with an in-our-midst paragraph when the novelist arrived.

"'I've lost a dog.' Tarkington explained, after he had introduced himself, 'and I'd like to have you insert this ad. for me: "Fifty dollars reward for the return of a pointer dog answering to the name of Rex. Disappeared from the yard of the Mansion House on Monday night.'"

"Why we were just going to press, sir," the editor said, "but we'll be only too glad to hold the edition for your ad."

Mr. Tarkington returned to the hotel. After a few minutes he decided, however, that it might be well to add "No questions asked" to his advertisement, and returned it to "The Daily News" office.

The place was deserted, save for the skinny little freckle-faced devil, who sat perched on a high stool, gazing wistfully out of the window.

"Where is everybody?" Tarkington asked.

"Gawn to hunt for th' dawg," replied the boy, without removing his gaze from the distant fields.—Everybody's Magazine.

FOREIGN RECIPES

Viennese Chicken.—Clean and cut a fat chicken. Cover it for three hours with a mixture of lemon juice and olive oil, parsley, a bayleaf and seasoning. Drain, dip each piece in egg and breadcrumbs and fry brown. Mix one cupful of white stock with one cupful of rich milk, the yolk of an egg and ten small mushrooms. Season and cook carefully and pour around the chicken, first adding a little chopped parsley and the juice of a lemon to the sauce.

French Cheese Sandwiches.—Slice Brown bread very thin, spread with a layer of jam or marmalade, strawberry or peach preferred, and over this a layer of cream cheese, very fresh. Cover this with another slice of bread. Serve for afternoon tea.

German Onions.—Parboil six large onions Drain them, cut out the centres, and chop them with a cupful of breadcrumbs, six mushrooms, two tablespoonfuls of sausage meat, four tablespoonfuls of capers, and one of pickles, minced parsley, salt and pepper. Mix with half a cupful of stewed tomatoes, fill closely and bake twenty minutes. Serve with a good white sauce.

Flanders soup.—Wash, scrape and slice twelve fine young carrots; cook in one ounce of butter with one spoonful of chopped ham or bacon, an onion, a turnip and some bayleaves, parsley and sweeet marjoram. Stir while cooking, add one quart of stock and simmer two hours. press through a sieve, and salt, pepper and nutmeg and croutons.

Mutton Scallop.—If the meat is tender, cut in thin slices; if not, chop it fine. Season palatably with salt and pepper. Put a layer of meat into a buttered pan, then one of tomatoes, continuing until the pan is full, the top layer being tomatoes. Bake in the oven for half an hour and serve hot with baked potatoes.

An unsuccessful attempt has been made to give the Indian city of Delhi electric lighting and street car service.

YORK COUNTY HAS A REAL LIVE GHOST

Remarkable Story Told by Visitors From York County This Morning.

It was gleaned from visitors to the city this morning by a Times representative that York county has a real live ghost.

The residents of the village of Canterbury, York county and surrounding district are greatly agitated over the reports circulated that the ghost of a man had been perceived on the road leading to the station. Five farmers, who traverse that section of the thoroughfare late at night, at different times have corroborated the extraordinary statements made by each other. They declare that the apparition is in the habit of clutching the bridles of the horses as they cross the bridge over Risteen Lake, emerging from the shrubbery and vanishing into space. Every horse that passes the bridge becomes restless and excited, and it is only by the free use of the whip that many of the horses can be persuaded to approach the bridge.

Some years ago an old man named Gibson disappeared from his home several yards from the bridge, presumably to seek the whereabouts of his cow, but since that time he has not been seen, and up to the present many of the farmers in the vicinity are thoroughly convinced that Gibson was the victim of foul play. Two men, who are said to have persecuted the old man, are mentioned in connection with the disappearance. Last winter in a lumber camp during a quarrel one of these men is alleged to have said: "You won't kill me as you did old Gibson and sink him in the Risteen Lake."

It is further claimed that the men have been seen with property belonging to the missing man, but as the residents fear vengeance will be wreaked on them if action is taken, they are reluctant to prefer accusations.

A NURSE'S CARELESSNESS THE CAUSE OF A TRAGEDY

San Diego, Cal., Sept. 18.—Carelessness of a nurse in leaving water containing atropine, where it was accidentally used in taking medicine, has up to tonight caused three deaths among patients at the county hospital. A fourth death is expected and four other persons are seriously ill.

ZEPPELIN WILL BUILD EIGHT AIRSHIPS A YEAR

Friedrichshafen, Sept. 18.—Count Zeppelin has decided to erect an airship manufactory and turn out eight dirigible balloons annually. He intends to make his next flight in October.

A COLONY WITHOUT CRIME.

St. Helena, our little Napoleonic colony in mid-Atlantic, is a model community. Its governor, Colonel Gallwey, is also its judge, but in the latter capacity he has little or nothing to do. He holds courts at stated times, but the only business is the presentation of white gloves. Nevertheless, St. Helena has an "Inspector of Police," and as the withdrawal of the garrison, hitherto the chief consumer of local products, has adversely affected the finances, the St. Helena Guardian urges the abolition of this "unnecessary official who has practically nothing to do." His salary should go to a "much-wanted assistant surgeon." There is only one surgeon in St. Helena, and if he became incapacitated the little community on the lonely Napoleonic rock would be in a perilous state.

BUT THIS IS IN FRANCE.

They have a drastic way of curing carelessness on the part of railway employees in France. A child of 9, Emile Remilly, travelling in a train with his parents, fell from the coach, the door of which had not been properly shut at the last station, St. Cyr, and lost both his legs. The St. Cyr stationmaster has been sentenced to two months' imprisonment, and the Western railway will have to pay $3,000 damages as well as an annuity of $1,200 to the boy.

E. C. Laston, an Englishman, who has just issued a challenge to the world for the memory championship, although only a young man of 23 years, is a veritable walking encyclopedia, for he has memorized 40,000 dates of the principal events in the world's history since the creation.