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ARRESTED FOR LIGHTING FIRE

First Seizures Made by State for Alleged Carelessness.

NORTH SHORE ABLAZE NOW

Special Prayers to Be Offered in Duluth—Range Is Given Relief.

BULLETIN

Duluth, Sept. 11.—The town of Grand Marais now is on fire. Latest reports say the fire has overwhelmed the fighters and the outskirts of the town are on fire. The town appears to be doomed, and it is feared that before morning the 1,500 people will be homeless.

The first arrests in connection with the forest fires were reported to Gen. C. C. Andrews, forestry commissioner, yesterday afternoon. He received information that Peter K. Olson and Jack Cischart will be tried at Cariton Sept. 15 for starting the fire which threatened Wrenshall and burned a number of square miles of forests.

The men were burning a right of way for a railroad and permitted the fire to get beyond their control. The fire occurred in Carlton county.

A farmer near Hibbing will be arrested by the county attorney for starting one of the fires four miles south of Hibbing. He was burning over his land, and the fire got into the forests.

Gen. Andrews experiences much difficulty in enforcing the law against starting fires by the refusals of justices of the peace to convict men when they confess that they started fires which got beyond their control and burned much valuable property.

Exonerates the Aliens.

Race prejudice is the charge Edward Peterson brings against the Americans on the range who have been accusing the Montenegrins of causing the fires fires. He has spent several days on the range, and was unable to trace any of the reports that the foreigners had started forest fires. He was bent on looking for incendiaries, but could find none.

He says that the foreigners are not liked and are blamed for many things they don't do.

From the reports of Mrs. Wyatt Stone of Chicago, who is visiting at the home of Frank Mooore, 881 Lincoln avenue, after returning from Isle Royale, this island is perfectly safe, contrary to the reports sent out that it was in danger.

On the way from Isle Royale to Duluth the boat made frequent stops to pick up people, who lost everything and were on their way to Duluth. Upon arriving at Duluth the smoke from the fires was so dense that everything was hidden in the haze.

Gov. Johnson received word from William Engles, paymaster of the naval reserves, that the Gopher had rescued forty-three people who were in danger of fire with no other escape available at Chicago Bay. The Gopher was on the way to Grand Marais. The Gopher is at Grand Marais caring for 150 women and children driven out by fire in the woods back of the town. The fire then had not reached the settlement itself.

Special Prayer Composed.

Duluth, Special, Sept. 11.—Unless rain falls in the Lake Superior region within the next forty-eight hours every settlement on the north shore will be wiped out by the forest fires that are now raging there. The wind has favored the towns so far, but it is only a question of a little while until the flames will extend to the shore.

To-morrow at noon, if it does not rain before that time, there will be servives at the Trinity pro-cathedral at which special prayers will be offered up for rain to quench the threatening fires throughout the north country, Rev. Arthur H. Wurtele and Rev. Dickerman conducting the service. If it should rain before that time without the prayers of the Episcopal congregation the service will be held as a thanksgiving service. The following prayer has been composed by the dean and is recommended by him to all parishioners:

"O, eternal God, by whose word the heavens and earth were made and the rain and the sunshine come in due seasons, hasten, we beseech thee, the needed showers of rain and quench all threatening fires, and of thine abundant mercy strengthen all thy servants who are in sore distress this day. And may we ever in life and death acknowledge thy supreme power and thine everlasting love."

Families Reported Dead.

Many fires are raging in the interior of Lake county and it is reported that several families have been wiped out, but the rumors cannot be confirmed until the refugees from the burned districts arrive at Two Harbors. Thousands of acres of standing timber have been burned and the fires are burning over a wide area unchecked.

No rain has fallen in this district since July 10, and everything in the woods is as dry as parchment. All of the many valuable tracts of white and Norway pine in this district have already or are being rapidly devastated by the flames, and this evening great walls of fire with a heavy land wind

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DIGEST OF THE NEWS

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WEATHER FORECASTS.

For Minnesota, Upper Michigan and Wisconsin: Generally fair Saturday and Sunday; light, variable winds.

For South Dakota and North Dakota: Fair and cooler Saturday. Sunday fair.

For Montana: Fair Saturday and Sunday.

Daily Means.

Relative humidity, 54. Weather, clear. Maximum temperature, 86. Minimum temperature,, 60. Daily range, 26. Mean temperature, 73. Temperature at 7 p. m., 78. Wind at 7 p. m., north.

River at 7 a. m.

Stations—	Flood Stage.	Gauge R'd'g.	Change in 24 hrs.
St. Paul	14	3.3	—0.2
La Crosse	12	2.4	...
Davenport	15	2.3	—0.1
St. Louis	30	7.2	—0.4

—Fall.

The Mississippi river at St. Paul will fall slowly.

Temperatures.

United States weather bureau observations, taken at 8 p. m., seventy-fifth meridian time, at all stations:

Place—	Ther.	Place—	Ther.
St. Paul, clear	78	Des Moines	84
Duluth, clear	68	Galveston	78
Pierre, clear	70	Jacksonville	76
Bismarck, clear	86	Kansas City	82
Dev. Lake, cldy	78	Los Angeles	78
Helena, cloudy	70	New Orleans	78
Winnipeg, pt cdy	74	New York	72
Yel. Park, raining	55	San Francisco	66
Madison, clear	84	St. Louis	88
Jupiter (8 a. m.)	82	Salt Lake	72
Boston	78	San Diego	76
Chicago	86	Washington	70
Denver	80		

TWIN CITIES.

Attorney General Young, in Minneapolis & St. Louis rate hearing, argues company does not give Minnesota proper credit in its report with regard to expenses and traffic. Page 4.

Mayor Lawler tells First ward committee that high school site question will be cleared up soon. Page 4.

Appraisers appointed to value condemned property for addition to university campus report to court. Page 7.

Charles W. Turner, appointed ancillary receiver for A. Booth & Co., says concern is in excellent shape. Page 5.

Subcommittee reports that complaint be verified so state tax commission be authorized to hold hearing on city tax matter. Page 4.

General conference of Swedish Baptist Church of America plans to increase efficiency of Bethel academy. Page 5.

St. Paul people respond to appeal for aid in behalf of Brisette family, who lost five children in New Brighton fire. Page 7.

NORTHWEST.

North shore region is ablaze; range fires dying. Page 1.

Traffic through St. Mary's canals has greatly decreased during the present season. Page 12.

Montana operators and miners may not agree upon wage scale and strike is possible. Page 12.

Postmaster Price at Lake Crystal is charged with burning campaign letters. Page 2.

DOMESTIC.

Treasury officials disturbed over possible exhaustion of fund for shipping subsidiary coin to banks. Page 2.

Orville Wright once more breaks time and distance records in flight with aeroplane. Page 1.

Geologist reports one of biggest reserves of iron ore in country is located in New York State. Page 1.

Gigantic frauds are hinted at in receivership of A. Booth & Co. Page 1.

Charles Davis collapses when arraigned for murder of Dr. Rustin. Page 2.

St. Louis women flat dwellers kill rattlesnake under baby's crib; hot water and hat pin used. Page 1.

Congressional paper probe will be resumed Sept. 15 at Appleton. Page 2.

POLITICAL.

Eastern Republicans not alarmed at the coming advent of Bryan in their territory. Page 8.

West will have first chance to hear Taft. Page 2.

Bryan arrives at Wheeling (W. Va.) after a notable speaking trip through Ohio. Page 2.

FOREIGN.

Hurricane sweep Turks islands, killing many and doing great property damage. Page 1.

Chairman Gary of Steel corporation praises Roosevelt and urges steel men in London to work together. Page 8.

Germany takes precautions to prevent spread of cholera across the Russian border. Page 9.

Tolstoi's eightieth birthday anniversary is celebrated in Russia without disturbances. Page 9.

Louis Gregori, who fired upon Maj. Dreyfus at the Zola celebration, is acquitted. Page 1.

SPORT.

St. Paul is defeated by Milwaukee by score of 12 to 7. Page 6.

Coach George Dutcher arrives at St. Thomas college and takes charge of football squad. Page 6.

Dryden trophy won by marine corps gunners at Sea Girt. Page 6.

Lourent Grosse wins fifty-mile automobile race at Brighton Beach. Page 8.

MARKETS.

Wall Street—Advent of dearer money occupies attention of speculators in stocks. Page 10.

Grain—Urgent demand for cash wheat causes strong opening; prices ease at Chicago on profit taking. Page 10.

Live Stock—Cattle steady, hogs 5c to 10c higher, sheep weak. Page 10.

OCEAN TRAVEL.

Arrived.	Port.
TITAN	Holyhead
K. AUGUSTE VICTORIA	New York
PRINZ FRIED. WILHELM	Cherbourg
FLORIDA	Havre
STATENDAM	Rotterdam
ARABIC	New York
HAMBURG	New York
AMERIKA	Cherbourg
SICILIAN	London
ADMIRAL DUPERE	St. Vincent
BALTIC	Liverpool
SYLVANIA	Liverpool
Sailed.	**Port.**
NECKAR	Bremen
DEUTSCHLAND	Suthampton
VIRGINIAN	Liverpool
LAURENTIAN	Boston
CELTIC	Queenstown

FIRE LOSS WORST OF YEAR

ATTRACTS OFFICIAL'S ATTENTION.

Washington, Sept. 11.—The forest fires which have laid waste whole counties in Minnesota, Michigan and extended into Wisconsin, destroying whole towns and making thousands of persons homeless, have roused the attention of government officials here, as well as state forest officers, on the enormous losses of forest wealth which will be on record for the year 1908.

In the whole northern half of the United States from coast to coast it is likely that the year will go down as one of the worst in the last quarter century. The latest disasters in Minnesota, Michigan and Wisconsin are the worst of the many that have visited the lake states this year.

WRIGHT FLIES FARTHER YET

Breaks His Own Record by Staying Up Over 70 Minutes.

NEARLY 40 MILES AN HOUR

Aeroplanist Has Conquered Air, Say French—Herring Is Ready.

In a flight lasting 1 hour, 10 minutes and 26 seconds, Orville Wright late to-day surpassed all his previous exploits for a time and distance flight for a heavier than air machine. Two flights were made at Fort Myer today, the first being of 10 minutes and 50 seconds duration, for the purpose of showing what rate of speed he had been traveling during his long flights of the last three days.

To-day's test demonstrated, according to the aviator's calculation, that the speed of the aeroplane during the record-breaking flights of Wednesday and Thursday was 39.55 miles an hour.

Mr. Wright arrived at the testing grounds at Fort Myer at 4 o'clock and immediately prepared to make a flight. He had been in conference with Lieut. Sweet, the representative of the navy at the aeronautical trials, in connection with the plans of the naval branch of the service for adopting aeroplanes.

Tried for Speed.

The weather conditions were ideal and Mr. Wright lost no time in having the machine placed on the starting track. Before making the first flight Mr. Wright said:

"I want to make a flight of about ten minutes in order to see how my present speed compares with what I made at Kittyhawk, N. C. I have a time and distance appartus attached to the agroplane, but as it registers only ten kilometers without repeating, I have to make a short flight in order to determine the speed at which the machine travels through the air."

Starting at 4:41, the aeroplane made nine rounds of the drill grounds, and then, landing within a few feet of the thousand or more spectators, Mr. Wright computed the speed of his record-breaking flights.

Nearly Forty Miles.

As finally computed the speed was announced as 39.55 miles an hour.

To those who have witnessed Mr. Wright's flights from the beginning, the results, marvelous as they are, are now regarded as a matter of course, but the majority of those who witnessed to-day's long flight were roused to great enthusiasm when the aviator for the third successive day broke his best previous record. Fifty-seven times the machine passed over the starting point during the 70 minutes and 26 seconds that it was up.

Twice the aeroplanist described the figure eight, showing for the first time during his Fort Myer flights that he could control his machine in any direction. A feature of the landing was that he did not stop the motor until the machine touched the ground.

Before making another ascension at Fort Myer, Mr. Wright will make a few changes in his machine in order to secure greater speed.

Say Air Is Conquered.

Paris, Sept. 11.—Expert writers on aviation this morning devote columns in the newspapers to the importance of Orville Wright's flying feats at Fort Myer and liken the effect produced throughout the world by this masterful demonstration to the circling of the Eiffel tower by Santos-Dumont in 1900. With practical unanimity they hail the Fort Myer performance as marking the definite conquest of the air by man. A majority of the writers think it is now only a question of a short time before the Wrights or some other aeroplanists will win the London Daily Mail's prize of $50,000 for a flight from London to Manchester and M. Michelin's prize of $20,000 for a flight from Paris to the dome of the cathedral at Clermont-Forrand. This latter competition is open until 1918.

Says He Can Beat Wright.

New York, Sept. 11.—A. M. Herring of this city, who has asked for an extension of time for the government tests of his aeroplane, said today that his machine was ready for the tests, but he desired additional time to make improvements. Mr. Herring said he was not surprised at the record-breaking flights of Orville Wright at Fort Myer, and spoke confidently of the possibility of taking a trip to Chicago in his aeroplane.

"With my engines working as I fully expect them to," he said, "I could fly to Chicago without a stop."

Mr. Herring believes the question of equilibrium has been solved by him in this machine, which, he said, is stronger than the Wright aeroplane and weighs much less.

DE REUS' JOB NOW IS VACANT

MINISTER "HONORABLY RELIEVED."

Victim of Castro's Displeasure Is Placed on Unattached List by Holland.

The Hague, Sept. 11.—It was announced here to-day that J. H. De Reus, the former minister of the Netherlands to the Republic of Venezuela who was expelled from that Republic by President Castro in July of this year because of a letter he wrote to a commercial society of Amsterdam, criticising adversely the Venezuelan administration has been "honorably relieved" of his duties and placed on the unattached list.

THE CAMPAIGN HAS BROKEN OUT AGAIN.

STORM PLAYS HAVOC

Turks Islands Are Swept by Severe Hurricane.

SEVERAL LIVES ARE LOST

Vessels Lying in Harbors Are Blown Into Ocean.

Grand Turk, Turks Islands, B. W. I., Sept. 11.—A hurricane of great fury swept over Turks Islands last night and this morning and at daybreak to-day the town of Grand Turk was devastated. A number of lives have been lost and grave anxiety is felt for the safety of Dr. T. R. Robertson, district commissioner of Caicos, who was making a tour of the islands when the storm broke.

The hurricane reached here at 9 o'clock last night. At 4 o'clock this morning the wind had reached a velocity of nearly 100 miles an hour. Much damage has been done to property here and the streets of Grand Turk are a mass of wreckage. Trees have been uprooted, portions of buildings blown away and many houses have been partially wrecked.

The Haitien sloop Telegraph, which had taken shelter at Hawks Nest, foundered with all hands. The schooner Dan Leon, owned by the East Caicos Fiber company, broke away from her anchorage and has not been seen since. All the salt lighters which were moored yesterday at the riding ground and the Hawks Nest are missing.

Turks and Caicos islands lie between 21 and 22 degrees north latitude and 71 degrees and 72 degrees 37 minutes west longitude. Their area is 169 square miles. The most important island, Grand Turk, is six and one-half miles long and two miles broad. According to the census of 1901. Grand Turk contained 1,171 inhabitants. It is the capital of the group.

KEEP JAPS OUT OF HAWAII.

Head of Immigration Bureau Put Lid on Laborers.

Honolulu, Sept. 11.—According to word received to-day Miki Sato, formerly Japanese consul to Hawaii, and now head of the emigration bureau of the foreign office, has prohibited further emigration into Hawaii, on the ground that there are now sufficient laborers there already. An increase, he says, would result in replacing the weak by the stronger. Japanese who have returned to their native country will be unable to get back to the islands.

HEALTH FAILING IN PRISON.

Former Danish Minister Cannot Live Out a Long Term.

Copenhagen, Sept. 11.—The health of M. Alberti, ex-minister of justice, who is under arrest charged with extensive frauds, has declined markedly in the last forty-eight hours. He had been attacked by a disease of the kidneys, and it is believed that he is not strong enough to live out a long term of imprisonment. In accordance with a request made by the judges, Alberti has commenced to write a report of the frauds of which he is accused, giving the exact figures of his alleged peculations.

BOUNDLESS RESERVE OF MINEABLE IRON ORE

GEOLOGISTS REPORT BIG FIND IN NEW YORK STATE.

Estimates the Volume of the Clinton Formation at 600,000,000 Tons—Based on Diamond Drillings.

Albany, N. Y., Sept. 11.—One of the largest iron ore reserves in the present field of iron mining is located in New York State, according to a report submitted to Andrew S. Draper, state commissioner of education, by Dr. John M. Clarke, the state geologist. Dr. Clarke has just completed an investigation into the iron mining fields in this state and reports that a field is presented for exploitation in the so-called Clinton formation, situated in the central and western sections of the state, which, according to conservative estimates, carries a volume of mineable ore of not less than 600,000,000 tons.

Dr. Clarke's report is chiefly based upon a series of diamond drilling across an extensive belt of territory lying along trunk railroad lines, which have been carried out in pursuance of a special appropriation made for that purpose by the legislature of 1907. He says:

"The deposits with which the report is concerned are hematities of good to excellent iron percentages and are deposited in beds in the Clinton formation. The succession of rock strata takes its name from Clinton, Oneida county, but is represented by a continuous belt that stretches across the central and western parts of the state from Otsego county to the Niagara river. The formation with its characteristic ore beds occurs as well in Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana and Wisconsin and in many of the Southern States, attaining special prominence in Tennessee and Albama, where the deposits are the main support of the iron manufacturing industry of that section."

WOMAN DEAD; DOOR LOCKED

KILLED BY BLOW; CHOKED BY VEIL.

Husband Missing for Two Days—Murder in New York Apartment.

New York, Sept. 11.—Evidence of a murder was revealed to-day when the body of Mrs. Anna Mauro, 22 years of age, the wife of an employe of one of the traction companies, was found in her apartments in East Forty-fifth street. The woman had been rendered unconscious by a blow on the head, strangled with a veil and her hands tied to her waist by another veil. There were many bruises on her face and body.

The body was fully dressed and appearances indicated that the woman had been dead two days. There was a padlock on the outside of the door leading to the apartment, the door was locked, and the police had to break it open to obtain admission. Mrs. Mauro's husband was not at home and the coroner was informed that he had been absent for two days.

WANTS MICHIGAN RECOUNT.

Lansing, Mich., Sept. 11.—Dr. James B. Bradley, state auditor general, to-day announced that he will on Monday ask for a recount of the votes cast for the Republican candidate for governor in a number of counties at the primary election ten days ago.

GREGORI FREE MAN

Acquitted of Firing Upon Major Dreyfus in June.

INCIDENT FOREVER CLOSED

Jury Puts Affair Out of Reach of Factions.

Paris, Sept. 11.—With the acquittal to-night by a jury in the assize court of Louis A. Gregori, who fired upon Maj. Dreyfus during the ceremonies last June incident to the placing of the body of Emile Zola in the Pantheon, the Dreyfus affair, which has divided France into two camps for the last twelve years, may be said to have been buried beyond all possibility of resurrection.

The government, it was evident from the remarks of the advocate general in the summing up, did not want a severe sentence, which would make a martyr of M. Gregori, but merely a correctional sentence, which would allow the matter to die out.

Acquittal Not Expected.

It was generally anticipated that the court would condemn Gregori to six months' imprisonment, and his complete acquittal partook of the nature of an ante-climax.

Those present in the court room gave vent to their feelings according to their political views, and the court room resounded with mingled hoots and cheers. The president of the court, however, soon quelled the disturbance by ordering the court room cleared. An attempt was made to start a manifestation outside the building, but this also was frustrated by the police.

The day's proceedings in the court room were uneventful, and only once was there a possibility of a sensational incident. This was when Col. Du Paty de Clam passed Dreyfus on his way from the witness stand to his seat in the body of the house.

Looked Like Attack.

As he reached Dreyfus, the colonel paused perceptibly. A thrill ran through the court, and there was an audible muttering of "He's going to strike him," but the colonel suddenly drew himself to his full height, shrugged his shoulders contemptuously and passed on to his chair.

BONDS FOR BOGUS CHECK.

Boston Brokers Fleeced Out of $30,000 In Securities.

Boston, Mass., Sept. 11.—A theft of negotiable bonds to the face value of $30,000 became known to-day when A. B. Turner & Co., brokers, gave out a list of the missing securities. The bonds were obtained by some person, who, representing himself as a prospective purchaser, presented in payment for the bonds a certified check, which is alleged to be worthless, and disappeared with the bonds.

WILL EXCLUDE LABORERS.

Chilean Government Decides to Keep Foreign Workmen Out.

Santiago, Chile, Sept. 11.—The government has had such poor success with the foreign laborers brought into the country for agricultural purposes that it has decided to put an end to the coming of workmen from abroad.

FRAUD IN THE FISH TRUST?

Gigantic Misdealings Are Hinted at Through Receivership.

"WHERE IS THAT MILLION?"

Minor Stockholders Organize to Learn About the Affairs.

Pioneer Press Special Service.

Chicago, Sept. 11.—Startling developments following the failure of the biggest fish house in the world, the firm of A. Booth & Co., indicate that the simple receivership procceding may uncover some gigantic frauds.

Chicago bankers were chary to-day in discussing this new and sensational phase of the matter. All that they would say for publication was that the authorized statements of the company used as a basis in asking loans were a tissue of falsehood.

But this disclosure is qualified, the unique explanation being made that the heads of the great fish business did not themselves know that the balance sheet of the fish trust was packed with misleading items.

Leaders Were Misled.

W. Vernon Booth, the president of A. Booth & Co.; Alfred E. Booth, his brother, who acted as president when W. Vernon Booth was absent, and Mrs. Gaylor, a married sister, held 60 per cent of the preferred stock of A. Booth & Co. and 50 per cent of the common. They were the first persons misled by the fictitious statement of company finances, and actually invested an additional $800,000 in the preferred stock of the concern last October, when the shadow of impending failure was over the old fish house.

Several days ago auditors who had been put on the books of A. Booth & Co. at the demand of Eastern creditors discovered many alleged instances of fraud between the published statements of the company and the existing facts.

Each branch has been in the hands of a manager. These men have been paid a percentage on their gross sales. Certain of them are charged by the accountants with padding their sales to increase this percentaage.

Banks Furnished Funds.

As a fisherman, W. Vernon Booth and his brother, with their immediate relatives, were very successful in Chicago, landing some of the biggest fish ever caught in La Salle street. It was admitted to-day that of the tremendous amount of money handed over to A. Booth & Co in short time loans, the Chicago banks have furnished at least two-thirds. The remaining one-third was loaned by New York and other Eastern bankers, the last to be heard from being the National Park bank, with a claim for $220,000.

Much has been made of the disappearance of a certain million dollars loaned to the A. Booth company by the banks. This is an inaccuracy. The million dollars referred to is the $800,000 paid in by the Booths themselves, and $212,000 additional taken out of the business.

Stockholders Are Uniting.

Minor stockholders of A. Booth & Co. are now organizing to get at the truth about this million dollars. The money was subscribed by the Booths, with an understanding that certain pressing indebtedness was to be paid.

But the million dollars, it is said, was diverted to other purposes. Just what those purposes were is what the banks are most anxious to find out.

Receivers in Massachusetts.

Boston, Sept. 11.—William J. Chalmers of Chicago and Maurice P. Shaw of this city were to-day appointed ancillary receivers in Massachusetts for A. Booth & Co., of Chicago.

It was stated here to-day that New England banks hold Booth & Co.'s paper to an aggregate of about $500,000.

BOILING WATER AND HAT PINS SUBDUE SNAKE

Great Commotion for While Among St. Louis Flat Dwellers—Child's Cooing Brought Mother to Rescue.

Pioneer Press Special Service.

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 11.—A three-foot rattlesnake coiled almost within arm's length of a crib containing a cooing infant, was routed and killed by two women to-day, after a fight. Hat pins and boiling water were the weapons used against the reptile.

Mrs. F. H. Jordan of Garfield avenue was working in her kitchen when she heard her six months old babe cooing and laughing in its crib, on the floor in the front room. She stepped to the floor and saw the snake coiled ready to spring, and the bady reaching out his hands to grasp it. She screamed and started toward the crib. This turned the serpant's attention from the baby, and it sprang at her. She fled to the kitchen and grabbed a pot of boiling water from the range, returning to the room, where the baby lay. Her scream attracted Mrs. L. J. Nichols, who lives in the flat above, and who ran downstairs with a large hat pin in her hand..

Directing the pot so as not to hit the baby, Mrs. Jordan, poured a stream of scalding water on the snake. The reptile writhed and hissed in pain and leaped at the women. They retreated, and Mrs. Nichols rushed at it from behind with a hat pin. She pierced its body and retreated before it could turn on her. A second well directed stream of water ended the battle and the snake fled, only to be crushed to death under Mrs Jordan's heel.