

Baby Falls 20 Feet and Sleeps.

St. Paul. — "A baby at 276 University avenue fell from a porch! Send a doctor! Send the ambulance!" This urgent appeal over the telephone stirred Desk Surgeant Murnane to action yesterday afternoon. At No. 276 a woman—her face chalk colored—held an infant in her arms. She fell—off—the back porch. The mother said. Then she explained that the baby had not regained consciousness. The ambulance surgeon tore some of the child's clothing from her body and investigated for broken bones. He could find none. He felt of the infant's pulse. It was beating naturally. Then he lifted her eyelids. The baby yawned a few times and opened her eyes, displaying two beautiful orbs. "Coo-chee, coo-chee," said the police surgeon, tickling the baby's feet. There was some hesitation on the infant's part, and then: "Goo goo," replied the baby. Dr. Rutherford told the mother of Mildred Reno—eleven months old—that the fall had not awakened the baby, which had been sleeping on the back porch—almost 20 feet from the ground, before her fall. And you believed all the while that she was unconscious," he added. The happy mother drew the baby to her and kissed her. Dr. Rutherford went out the door.

RECKLESS RACER IS KILLED.

His Ambition to Drive an Aeroplane at the Rate of 200 Miles an Hour.

Milwaukee, June 26. — Lewis P. Strang, one of the most daring and reckless automobile racing drivers in America, and who recently began to carry his dare-deviltry aloft in aeroplanes, paid the penalty of his "always-take-a-chance" motto to-day.

Strang was killed beneath his car at Blue River, Wis., while participating in the State Reliability Tour. Going along at a high speed, he "took a chance" by endeavoring to steer his machine between a team of horses and a ditch, to avoid slowing down.

His car went over the edge of a steep embankment and turned turtle, crushing him to death. Three companions, Jaegersberger and Lester Clark, racing drivers, and another man whose name is not known, jumped and escaped injury, but Strang was held fast by his steering wheel.

Warned He Would be Killed. Throughout the tour Strang's recklessness had been noticed and commented on. The original occupants of his machine a couple of days ago refused to ride any longer with him and warned him he would be killed. But he merely laughed.

Strang came into prominence first as the winner of the Briarcliff road race in Westchester county, New York, and of the Savannah road race in 1907, driving the Isotta car of John H. Tyson, a young Connecticut millionaire, also famed for his terrific speed.

Strang practically unknown before that, being merely a chauffeur for Tyson, but he became a hero all of a sudden, and commanded a high salary as a professional driver of Buick, Renault and other racing cars.

He entered road and track races, Vanderbilt and Grand Prix and had a triumphant career for several years, breaking all sorts of records and many a time nearly breaking his neck. Two of his mechanicals were killed—Emile Stricker, at Birmingham, Ala., and W. F. Bradley, at Brighton Beach. But Strang, sitting beside them seemed to have a charmed life.

One of his most spectacular feats was to drive a racing machine at sixty miles an hour on a high banked bicycle track only one-twelfth of a mile in circumference, smaller than the one in Madison Square Garden.

200 Miles an Hour His Pace. Strang turned to ballooning for excitement in 1909 and sailed several creditable races. Then when aeroplanes became more or less familiar, he tackled that game, saying: "One hundred miles an hour on the ground is too slow; I want to drive 200 miles an hour in the air." He made several flights in a Eleriot and in a Wilcox biplane at Mineola last year, but never really got to be a great aviator.

MRS LEA RUSHED TO DENVER.

Senator's Wife Hurried West on Special Train in Effort to Save Her Life.

Washington, July 15.—Mrs. Luke Lea, wife of Senator Lea, of Tennessee, is being rushed across the continent in a special car in a race against death. Senator Lea, a physician and nurse are with the sick woman who is being hurried to Colorado as a last resort in fighting an attack of pneumonia.

It was only a few weeks ago that Senator Lea's wife was near death as the result of an operation in the Georgetown hospital. At that the doctors declared that a fresh supply of blood was the only thing that would save her. Senator Lea offered his own blood.

The urgency of the case was such that the physicians did not wait to analyze the husband's blood to ascertain if it was fusible with that of the patient. An artery in Senator Lea's arm was opened and two quarts of his blood allowed to flow into the veins of his wife. The transfusion was a success and Mrs. Lea promptly rallied. The loss of blood left Senator Lea very weak. He fainted after the operation was over and was confined to bed for several days.

Mrs. Lea continued to gain and was moved to Deer Park, Md. Last Monday, however, she had a turn for the worse. She developed pneumonia and in Wednesday night the physicians said there was no hope of saving her life unless she could be taken at once into a rarer air. Senator Lea chartered a car, ob-

tained a physician and nurse and started for Denver, where they are due to-night.

HAS UNION OFFICER'S SWORD.

Orangeburg Man Offers to Return Weapon Found on Battlefield.

Milford, Mass., July 19. — Special: Commander Henry Alonzo Pond, of Major Ammons F. Fletcher, Post, No. 22, G. A. R., to-night received a letter from O. K. Wilson, of Orangeburg, S. C., which reads in part: "I can place in possession of John Reed, of Milford, Mass., if he is living or any of his relatives, a sword picked up on the battlefield after either the battle of the Wilderness or Cold Harbor. The sword is engraved John Reed, Milford, Mass. L. H. Beckwith, who was first sergeant of Company B., South Carolina cavalry, under Gen. Wade Hampton, the noted Confederate officer, picked up the sword and his son now has it."

Mr. Wilson also writes that he is a Massachusetts boy, who went South nine years ago from Chicopee, and he inclosed a clipping from a newspaper, which says he is a candidate for mayor of Orangeburg.

The John Reed referred to formerly lived in Milford. He is dead. He served two enlistments in the Civil War and had the rank of first lieutenant. First, he was with the 48th Massachusetts regiment, and later with the 57th Massachusetts regiment. He had an excellent war record. His only known living relative is Lawrence Reed, who, for a number of years, was mayor of Woburn. Commander Pond said to-night that he will at once get into communication with Mayor Reed, and acquaint him with the offer.

ELLERBE JOINS RIVER PARTY.

House Committee Inspecting Allegheny and Ohio Streams.

Washington, July 19.—Special: Representatives J. Edwin Ellerbe, accompanied by Mrs. and Miss Ellerbe, arrived here to-day and left here this evening on a ten-day trip with the rivers and harbors committee of the House, of which Mr. Ellerbe is a member, to the Allegheny and Ohio river section, as the guests of the city of Pittsburgh, which appropriated \$15,000 for this trip on account of its interest in improvement projects in those waters.

The tour will be by special train and steamers, and the party includes about sixty in all. Representatives Small and Faison, of North Carolina, also went on the trip.

THINKS COUNTIES SHOULD ASSIST.

Columbia Unable to Finance Soldiers' Reunion, States Mayor.

Columbia, July 17. — Special: If the Red Shirt reunion, to be held here August 9-10, simultaneously with the reunion of the South Carolina division, United Confederate Veterans, is to be successful as its promoters hope it will be, some such supplemental mode of financing the Convention as the raising of popular subscriptions in the several counties will have to be resorted to in the opinion of Mayor Gibbs. At this time the city finds itself unable to undertake, unaided, the entertainment of conventions as those of the Confederate Veterans have a State appropriation of \$1,500, but it is said that amount will not be adequate for the proper entertainment of the division and more funds, perhaps as much as \$1,000, will have to be provided, somehow. There is no State aid for the Red Shirts.

The mayor's idea is that inasmuch as neither of the reunions is a local affair, both being in fact of State-wide interest, the burden of financing these gatherings should be distributed over the whole State, rather than be imposed upon the one local community of Columbia; "more especially," the mayor points out, "because it was in fact Columbia, as the Capital of the State, which suffered most, materially and otherwise, from the War Between the Sections and the troubles of the Reconstruction era." Mayor Gibbs says that Columbia, however, is not for that reason disposed to stand back or withhold any evidence of hospitality. "The issue," he says, "is one of means, not of will."

Found Out His Man.

A Southerner who was visiting in St. Louis wandered into the dining room of the hotel, and seeing a negro servant who had all the importance of an army officer standing near the door, asked him who the "head-nigger" was around there. The negro stretched himself up to his full height and pompously replied that "there ain't no niggers in St. Louis, sah. We is all gentlemen of color."

"Well," said the Southerner, drawing out a \$100 bill from his pocket and fingering it, "I expect to be at this hotel for some time and want to make sure that I will be taken care of."

"Oh, sah," said the negro whose eyes were popping from his head, did you want to know who the head 'nigger waiter' is? That's me."

Statue Came to Life.

John Anderson, of Roseland, was walking in Michigan avenue, in Chicago at daylight when a stranger accosted him with:

"Say, what do they mean by having another rider on the horse at the Logan monument?"

Anderson expressed doubt. They walked over to the statue and there, sure enough, Anderson saw another figure perched on the bronze horse behind the figure of General Logan.

He walked up to make more detailed investigation. As he did so the figure jumped from the horse and landed on top of Anderson. Both men overpowered him and took \$160 and his watch.

They tied Anderson with his suspenders to the tail of the bronze horse and escaped.

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