

Sought Death Before Classmates Because Mother Scolded Her.

NO HOPE FOR HER RECOVERY

Philadelphia, March 26.—Scaring her classmates almost to the verge of panic, Anna Dragnetti, a 15-year-old pupil in the Jackson public school, 12th and Federal streets, swallowed the contents of a one-ounce bottle of atropine, and is now in St. Agnes' hospital, where the physicians say there is practically no hope that she can recover.

The girl's action was a deliberate attempt at suicide, which, the police declare, came as a sequel to a quarrel with her mother at the Dragnetti home, 128 Ellsworth street.

Anna, they declare, had been out during the evening and did not return to her home until not long before midnight. Her mother was awaiting her arrival and upbraided her. A lively argument ensued, during which, it is alleged, Mrs. Dragnetti expressed her feelings strongly against the company in which her daughter had passed the evening. Anna went to bed after the reprimand, and when school time came she left the house as usual, and with no outward sign that her mother's words had left any sting.

She had gone, however, to a closet in the house wherein Mrs. Dragnetti kept a little stock of medicines, abstracting therefrom the vial of atropine, which she knew to be a deadly poison, it having been used some two or three years ago by her mother as an eye lotion.

Concealing the bottle in her dress the girl joined her schoolmates and gave no hint of her purpose as she took her seat in the classroom. The session was nearly at an end when Anna was seen to take the tiny bottle from its hiding place, and lift it to her lips. Her teacher and schoolmates saw the action simultaneously.

Confusion reigned in the classroom as the pupils screamed in terror or sat aghast at the fast-falling face of their comrade, who remained upright at her desk in a stupor. Her teacher hurriedly left the room, and ran to a telephone, calling up the police station, apprising them of what had taken place. The patrol wagon went to the schoolhouse on a gallop, and the girl, still unconscious, was hurried to St. Agnes' hospital at breakneck speed.

Her teacher made the ride with her, supporting the head of her pupil, who seemed to be fast sleeping to death. The other pupils, still greatly excited, were quieted by the principal, and as soon as some semblance of order had been restored, the little ones were dismissed from further attendance.

At the hospital every effort was made to revive the unconscious child, and the only hope held out by the doctors is that the atropine, which is one of the deadliest forms of poison known, has lost some of its potency from the long period during which it was kept in the Dragnetti house.

LOCAL OPTION BILL LOST

Pennsylvania House Declines to Place It On the Calendar.

Harrisburg, Pa., March 26.—The house of representatives by a vote of 96 ayes to 89 noes declined to place the Craven local option bill on the calendar, less than a constitutional majority of 104 voting in the affirmative. Mr. Craven, of Washington, called up the resolution offered last Friday to place the bill on the calendar, notwithstanding the negative report of the law and order committee. He said church members of the state demand such a bill and that the time has come for the Republican party to "stop, look and listen."

Mr. Schad, of Allegheny, chairman of the law and order committee, said the bill had been negative only after careful consideration and hearings of both sides.

TO RAISE FREIGHT RATES

Trunk Line Association to Make General Advance May 1.

New York, March 22.—Representatives of the Erie, Lackawanna, New Jersey Central, Pennsylvania, New York Central and other railways of the middle states having membership in the Trunk Line Association had a conference about general advances in railway freight rates which are to begin about May 1. These advances, it is said, will be made through new classifications. After the meeting it was said that no schedules had been completed and it might be a week or so before new schedules would be ready for the approval of the presidents of the various lines.

DELAWARE'S SPECIAL ELECTION

Voters Will Decide For Or Against Local Option.

Dover, Del., March 22.—A bill providing for a special election in Delaware to decide for or against local option in the state, which passed both houses of the legislature, was signed by Governor Lea. The Republican majority of the legislature passed the bill at the suggestion of the Republican state committee.

Big Fire at Minersville, Pa.

Pottsville, Pa., March 25.—Fire of unknown origin destroyed the brewery of the Union Brewing Company and the tenement houses of Thomas Wigmore, William Jones, George Reese and W. K. Shissler, at Minersville, entailing a loss of \$100,000. The firemen were sent to the scene of the blaze. The loss is partly covered by insurance.

HONDURAS CAPITAL CAPTURED

The Victorious Nicaraguans Occupy Tegucigalpa.

Washington, March 26.—Senor Coera, the Nicaraguan minister, received a dispatch from President Zelaya, of Nicaragua, announcing the capture and occupation of Tegucigalpa, the capital of Honduras.

President Bonilla, of Honduras, has reorganized his army, and intends to make a prolonged resistance to the Nicaraguan forces. This news reached the state department from Philip R. Brown, secretary to the American mission to Honduras and Guatemala, who is now at Tegucigalpa.

Two Hundred Killed in Battle.

Managua, Nicaragua, March 26.—A few details of the capture of the Honduran-Salvadorean position at Choluteca by the Nicaraguan forces have been received. The Nicaraguans captured 1500 rifles, a large amount of ammunition, and quantities of field equipment. The Hondurans and Salvadoreans had 200 men killed and about an equal number wounded. Some of the Nicaraguan wounded who were captured by the enemy before President Bonilla fled are reported to have been hanged and their bodies barbarously mutilated.

NO ARREST IN MARVIN CASE

Detectives Are Going Slow, As They Fear a Lynching.

Dover, Del., March 25.—The corps of detectives investigating the Marvin kidnapping case has been increased by the arrival of some Philadelphia detectives. They returned from their new line of investigation without making any arrests.

The rumor that some local men were implicated in the conspiracy attracted a crowd to the farm house. The detectives are going to renew the local investigation and are proceeding slowly in order to preclude a mistake, as the feeling runs so high that a lynching might result from the first arrest.

Some detectives are not satisfied with the theory that the child has been abducted, but believe the boy wandered away and fell into one of the many streams in this vicinity in which there is tide water. All these streams empty into Delaware bay.

The postal order issued by President Roosevelt to the 20,000 postmasters has had the effect of decreasing the Marvin mail from almost a pouch full to a dozen, these principally from business friends of the doctor.

HEADLESS MYSTERY SOLVED

Woman's Confession Clears Sunbury, Pa., Murder and Implicates Husband.

Sunbury, Pa., March 26.—The mystery surrounding the finding of the headless body of a man sewed in a bag, which was picked up in the Susquehanna river near Georgetown on Saturday, may be cleared up by the reported confession of a Mrs. Koomes, near Wilkes-Barre. According to the story which the authorities here have received, Michael Kropaskie was murdered on March 15. The body was hidden in the Koomes cellar until Sunday, March 17, when it was put in a bag and thrown into a creek which empties into the Susquehanna river. The body found in the bag at Georgetown in a general way answers the description of that of Kropaskie. Mrs. Koomes is alleged to have implicated her husband in the murder.

CHURCHES COMBINE

Congregational, United Brethren and Methodist Protestant Merge.

Chicago, March 22.—By an act of union, by which the Congregational, United Brethren and Methodist Protestant churches of 14 states are formed into one large religious organization to be known as the United Churches, was consummated here. The final vote was taken after the Methodist Protestant delegates from Louisiana and Mississippi "bolted" the conference. The unification of the three churches brings together more than 1,200,000 communicants, and the new church will be about the fifth largest Protestant organization in the United States.

MANY INJURED IN PANIC

Gas Explosion Wrecks a Moving Picture Show.

Greenfield, Ind., March 26.—Twenty-four persons were injured, some seriously, and a two-story building, occupied by a five-cent theatre, with moving pictures, were wrecked by an explosion of natural gas used to heat the building. About 200 persons were in the theatre at the time of the explosion, and in the panic that followed men, women and children rushed for the doors, trampling on one another.

Find Woman Drowned in Ditch.

York, Pa., March 25.—Searchers found the body of Mrs. Adam Rebling, 68 years old, who disappeared from her home in Hanover, this county, on Tuesday. It was partly submerged in the mud and water at the bottom of a ditch on a farm about two miles from her home. The finding of the body was followed by wild rumors of murder, but \$75 in water-soaked bills fished from the ditch dispelled this suspicion. The woman is believed to have wandered off in a fit of aberration.

Dying From a Fall.

New York, March 23.—John P. Kelly, a former member of the board of education, and prominent politically 10 years ago, was found unconscious at the entrance to the Brooklyn bridge. He was removed to a hospital, dying from a fracture at the base of the skull. It is believed that he was injured by a fall. Mr. Kelly had been connected with the Mutual Life insurance company for many years.

KIDNAPPER CAUGHT WITH VICTIM

Stole 9-Year-Old Boy and Kept Him a Prisoner For a Week.

Danville, Va., March 25.—James Childress, a young man, was arrested here on the charge of kidnapping and detaining through violence Clarence Jarrett, aged 9 years, the son of Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Jarrett, of this city, who mysteriously disappeared from his home last Monday morning. The little boy disappeared after starting for school, and since that time it is alleged he has been in the custody of Childress. Childress was leading the boy along a side street when arrested.

The boy was ragged, dazed and half-starved when found. It seems that he was lured from school by some promise by Childress, who carried him to his home. Childress resides on the outskirts of the city with his aged grandmother. The boy says that he was kept a prisoner here by Childress and his grandmother, and that at nights he was locked up in an outhouse like a dog. Childress, he declared, pointed a pistol at him when he cried. The alleged kidnapper had planned, it is said, to leave the city, when he heard that officers were on his track and was en route to the station when caught.

FIFTY HOUSES BURNED

Mill District of Spartansburg, S. C., Almost Destroyed.

Spartansburg, S. C., March 26.—Fanned by a fierce gale, fire destroyed 50 tenant houses in Spartans Mills, a cotton mill district in a remote part of the city. The fire spread over 25 acres. The Spartan Mills were saved by the wind carrying the flames in another direction. The mills shut down, and all its employes carried household goods from the buildings in the fire zone. Owners of houses which were burning made frantic efforts to save their property by drenching their roofs with water carried in buckets and pulling down fences and outbuildings. The fire burned half a mile from the starting point. The city fire department worked under difficulties, as the water had to be forced through lines of hose so long as to have little pressure at the nozzles. Besides the houses of mill operatives, several small stores were burned.

CHILD AIDED SUICIDE

Six-Year-Old Girl Attached Rubber Hose to Gas Jet For Father.

New York, March 26.—With the innocent aid of his little 6-year-old daughter Violet, Theodore Schmidt, a painter, who was partially paralyzed, committed suicide with illuminating gas in his home in East 138th street. Mrs. Schmidt left the child at home to care for her husband, and during her absence Schmidt instructed the child to bring a piece of rubber hose from the kitchen, attach it to a gas jet, wind the other end around his neck and place it in his mouth. He then told her to turn on the gas and go out to play. The child did as directed, and when Mrs. Schmidt returned her husband was dead. The little girl told her mother her unsuspecting part in the tragedy.

POISON IN TAINTED HASH

One Dead and 75 In Serious Condition at Soldiers' Home in Leavenworth.

Leavenworth, Kan., March 25.—One death resulted among the 900 old soldiers at the National Soldiers' Home here, who were poisoned by eating tainted meat hash. The victim was William J. Cook, aged 64 years, a member of the 14th Missouri cavalry. He leaves a widow at Mexico, Mo. About 75 of the veterans are still in a serious condition, but it is not thought any of these will die. The majority of the others made ill have recovered.

A report that some of those affected were missing was emphatically denied at the home. The government physician stated that only those who were already suffering of disabilities and were in a weakened condition were seriously affected.

FARMER'S DINNER WAS FATAL

James Collins, of Lancaster Co., Pa., Accidentally Choked to Death.

Lancaster, Pa., March 23.—James Collins, a prominent farmer of the lower end of Lancaster county, met a peculiar death. He went to Quarryville, where he had to transact some business. He was eating dinner at Conner's hotel, when he suddenly choked on a mouthful of food, and in a few minutes he was dead. Medical aid could do nothing for him. The coroner's jury decided that death was due to strangulation. He was about 80 years old and was prominent in politics, having at one time been county auditor.

Playful Cat Caused Death of Two.

New York, March 25.—Mrs. Dora Greenberg, 60 years old, and her nephew, Harry W. Greenberg, 25 years old, were found dead in their apartments in Brooklyn, where they had been asphyxiated by gas. A pet cat, which was found dead in the kitchen, had apparently in play disconnected a rubber tube through which gas was carried to a gas stove.

Boy Kidnapped For Ransom.

Salonika, European Turkey, March 25.—Robert Abbot, the son of a well-to-do British subject, was kidnapped from his father's garden, which is in the immediate vicinity of the British consulate general. It is believed the deed was done with a view to securing a ransom. The authorities are acting energetically.

Was Chicago's First White Child.

Chicago, March 26.—Alexander Beaubien, said to be the first white child born in Chicago, died after a long illness. Beaubien was born in Fort Dearborn on January 28, 1822.

BEAUTY IS PRICELESS, COMFORT A JOY. But beauty combined with comfort, durability and reasonable price produces entire satisfaction. That is what you get when you buy our shoes. NOTE THEM: The beauties from Edwin C. Burt Co. The Comfortable Noiseless Red Cross. The Famous Walk-Overs. A complete assortment of Children's goods in all grades, in fact everything to suit the buyer. Boys and Girls are requested to ask for the bag of marbles with each pair of shoes. Get ticket for dishes with each 50 cent purchase. YEAGER & DAVIS OPEN EVENINGS. HIGH STREET, BELLEFONTE.

Divorce in Ohio.

There were 7,500 divorces granted in the State of Ohio last year. Women who are unhealthy and unhappy often look to divorce as the one way of relief from a life of suffering. There is another way, and a better. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription cures the diseases which are commonly behind the irritation, unrest and misery of so many women. Ulceration, inflammation, bearing down pains and other diseases of the delicate womanly organs, yield promptly to this wonderful medicine. It contains no alcohol, no opium, cocaine or other narcotic and cannot disfigure with the weakest constitution.

It is estimated that \$1,500,000 is the annual expenditure for intoxicating liquors in Schuylkill county.

Coal and Wood.

EDWARD K. RHOADS Shipping and Commission Merchant. DEALER IN ANTHRACITE AND BITUMINOUS COALS. CORN EARS, SHELLED CORN, OATS and other grains. BALED HAY and STRAW.

BUILDERS' and PLASTERERS' SAND

KINDLING WOOD by the bunch or cord as may suit purchasers. Respectfully solicits the patronage of his friends and the public, at HIS COAL YARD near the Passenger Station.

Telephone Calls Commercial 1312, 16-15

PILES

A cure guaranteed if you use RUDYS PILE SUPPOSITORY. D. Matt. Thompson, Supt. Graded Schools, Statesville, N. C., writes: "I can say they do all you claim for them." Dr. S. M. Devore, Foven Rock, W. Va., writes: "They give universal satisfaction." Dr. H. D. McGill, Clarksville, Tenn., writes: "In a practice of 23 years I have found no remedy to equal yours." Price, 50 cents. Samples Free. Sold by Druggists, and in Bellefonte by C. M. Parrish. Call for Free Sample. MARTIN RUDY, Lancaster, Pa.

WE ARE FULLY PREPARED FOR THE NEW YEAR TRADE. Finest Florida and California Seedless Oranges—sweet fruit. Florida Grape Fruit. White Malaga Grapes, reasonable prices. Lemons. Bananas. Cranberries. Sweet Potatoes. Celery. Pure Maple Syrup. Finest Fall Cream Cheese. Fine Table Raisins. Canned Fruit of all kinds. Oysters. New Crop New Orleans Molasses. Almonds and Nuts of all kinds. Figs. Dates. Citron. Our Creamery Butter is as Fine as Silk. Mince Meat, our own make, and as fine as we can make it. Pure Olive Oil. Sauces, Pickles, Extracts, Olives, Sardines. We handle Schmidts Fine Bread, Shaker Dried Corn. Fine Cakes and Biscuit and a line of carefully selected Confectionery. We will have a full supply of all Seasonable Goods right along and can fill orders at any time. SECHLER & COMPANY, Bush House Block, Bellefonte, Pa.

Telephone. Plumbing etc. A. E. SCHAD Fine Sanitary Plumbing, Gas Fitting, Furnace, Steam and Hot Water Heating, Slatting, Roofing and Spouting, Tinware of all kinds made to order. Estimates cheerfully furnished. Both Phones. Eagle Block. 12-13-14 BELLEFONTE, PA. YOUR TELEPHONE is a door to your establishment through which much business enters. KEEP THIS DOOR OPEN by answering your calls promptly as you would have your own responded to and aid us in giving good service. If Your Time Has Commercial Value, If Promptness Secure Business, If Immediate Information is Required, If You Are Not in Business for Exercise stay at home and use your Long Distance Telephone. Our night rates leave small excuse for traveling. PENNA. TELEPHONE CO. 47-25-41