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Big Wreck at Tyrone.

Engineer G. K. Funk, of Harrisburg, was killed, and 146 persons were injured, a few badly, when a westbound Pennsylvania Railroad passenger train, No. 13, smashed into the rear of the Pittsburgh express, No. 15, which was just pulling out of the station at Tyrone at 2:40 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon.

George M. Dehass, State College, right hip hurt. Mrs. T. B. Iddins, Fleming, slightly bruised. Ward M. Showers, Pleasant Gap, right leg sprained.

Mrs. Ward M. Showers, Pleasant Gap, both limbs stiff. Miss Esther Noll, Pleasant Gap, bruise and sprain right leg.

Train No. 15 was four minutes late when it stopped at Tyrone. Flagman M. E. Wallace had gone back to protect the rear, as No. 13 was about due, but was summoned to join his train. He had signaled the engineer to proceed, and the train had not fairly started when the crash came.

Engineer Funk was caught in the wreckage of his cab. His fireman, W. H. Barton, of Harrisburg, has a bad wound in the side, and is in a serious condition in the Altoona hospital.

Riding in the cab with them was C. L. Miller, of Harrisburg, assistant road foreman of engines. He has a fractured skull and is in the Altoona hospital, with little hope of recovery.

Steel coaches again demonstrated their life-saving qualities, for they withstood the terrific impact with comparatively little damage, although the rear car of the front train, a Pullman, "Cape May" was crushed in.

Fifteen minutes after the wreck a relief train, made up at Altoona, was on its way to Tyrone. Nine of the injured persons were impaled in the cars and had to be removed through the shattered windows. As fast as the passengers were removed they were carried to the station and the Ward house nearby, where doctors gave first aid.

The more seriously hurt were sent to the Altoona hospital as soon as possible.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL NEWS.

Mrs. H. S. Taylor and young son were discharged from the Bellefonte hospital last Saturday and taken to their home on east Linn street.

BRIDGE CONTRACTS AWARDED.—The contract for straightening and re-flooring the inter-county bridge over Moshannon creek at Osceola Mills has been awarded to C. G. Thompson, of Clearfield, his bid being \$1763. The contract for building an iron bridge over Sinking Creek, near the red mill in Potter township, was awarded to William Bilger and son, of Pleasant Gap, for \$962.

HARVEY—GLENN.—A somewhat belated wedding announcement is that of Oscar Harvey, son of I. M. Harvey, of State College, and Miss Catharine Glenn, daughter of the late Andrew Glenn, of Curtin, who were married in Cleveland, Ohio, on June 21st. Following a ten days wedding trip through New York State they returned to State College and are now housekeeping in that place.

Dr. M. J. Locke and family closed their house yesterday morning and went up to the House of Lords on the top of Nittany mountain where they will be for a month. Since coming home from Haverford in June LeRoy Locke has not been in good health and the sojourn on the mountain is being made in the hope that it will prove beneficial to him.

MARTIN.—W. E. Martin died at the home of his mother, Mrs. Mary Martin, at State College, last Friday night, after a protracted illness with tuberculosis. He was 20 years, 8 months and 6 days old and for a number of years had been the only support of his widowed mother. In addition to his mother he is survived by three sisters. The funeral was held at ten o'clock on Monday morning, burial being made in the Meyers cemetery.

KELLEY.—Mrs. Mary Kelley, wife of John Kelley, died at her home at Valley View on Monday morning, after a protracted illness with carcinoma of the liver. Her maiden name was Mary Hinton and she was born at Howard on July 31st, 1857, hence was 55 years, 11 months and 27 days old. Surviving here are her husband and the following children: Mrs. George Robb, of Coleville; Robert and James at home. She also leaves one brother and two sisters, Samuel Hinton, Mrs. Washington Daughenbaugh and Mrs. John Butler, all of Howard. Rev. E. H. Yocum had charge of the funeral which was held at ten o'clock on Wednesday morning, burial being made in the Meyers cemetery.

Farmers are now busy cutting the golden grain.

KEPLER.—After a busy and fruitful life of over four-score years the venerable Jacob M. Kepler passed to his reward on the old Kepler homestead in the Glades at six o'clock last Thursday evening. He had been in declining health for some months but had been confined to his bed only ten days, his death being the result of a complication of diseases developed by an attack of stomach trouble.

Jacob Musser Kepler was a son of Jacob and Katharine Musser Kepler and was born on the farm where he died on March 9th, 1833, hence at his death was 80 years, 4 months and 15 days old. He was the third of a family of five children and the last one to pass away. His boyhood days were spent on the farm and attending the public school during the winter. His father was one of the trustees of the Pine Grove Mills Academy and it was in that institution the son fitted himself for teaching. For a number of years thereafter he taught school in Centre and Clearfield counties during the winter and worked on the farm in the summer. In 1859 he embarked in the hotel business at Philipsburg and during the twelve years he was there his hostelry was the popular place for the scores of farmers who made frequent trips to Philipsburg to market their produce.

In 1871 he sold his hotel business and went to Petroleum Centre, Venango county, and engaged in the oil business in which he was quite successful. Several years later he moved to Tionesta, Forest county, and became associated with N. S. Foreman in the lumbering business. He also became connected with the Solomon Creek Lumber and Mining company, of which he was superintendent seven years. In 1880 he founded the Forest National Democrat, the first Democratic newspaper in Forest county, which he conducted with a fair degree of success until 1892 when he suspended its operation on account of poor health. He then returned to Centre county and purchased the old homestead in the Glades and resumed farming. In this he was also remarkably successful and in later years purchased two more farms, which are now occupied by his son, Hon. J. Will Kepler, as well as a large tract of mountain land adjoining the old homestead. This property has been in the Kepler family for over a century and that it may continue to remain so was provided for by Mr. Kepler in his will, when he bequeathed it to his youngest son.

Deceased was a member of the Lutheran church since youth and was not only a good supporter of all church enterprises but took a great personal interest in religious work. In politics he was an unwavering Democrat, holding party fealty above personal ambition. While a resident of Forest county he was prominently mentioned as a candidate for Congress from that district but preferred to devote his energies to work for the party, serving several years as chairman of the county committee. He was the soul of honor in all his business dealings with his fellowmen, which won for him a reputation that few men acquire. He was one of the most genial and companionable of men and ardently enjoyed an exchange of wit and repartee. His one diversion from hard work was hunting, and he was an enthusiastic lover of this sport. Not a winter passed when he was in good health that he did not spend a week or two on the mountains and many a fleet-footed deer was brought to earth under his unerring aim. He was a staunch friend, a kind neighbor and a just man, and what more could any mortal be.

In 1863 Mr. Kepler was united in marriage to Miss Mary Jane Hutton, and for half a century they trod life's highways together. She is left to mourn the love and comfort of a faithful husband. Five children also survive, namely: Mrs. James D. Davis, of Tionesta, Forest county; Hon. J. Will Kepler, of Ferguson township; Mrs. Charles Graff, of Cincinnati, Ohio; Mrs. DeVoe Meade, of Alfred, N. Y.; and Charles Aaron, at home.

The funeral was held from his late home at 10:30 o'clock on Monday morning, and it was largely attended. The services were in charge of Dr. C. T. Aikens, president of Susquehanna University, assisted by Rev. L. S. Spangler. Burial was made in the new cemetery at Pine Grove Mills.

DAVIS.—Ira F. Davis, an aged and well known resident of Julian, died at his home in that place on Monday following an illness of some weeks with diseases incident to his advanced age, which was 78 years, 6 months and 11 days. He was in the undertaking business at Julian for many years but retired a few years ago. He was a soldier of the Civil war. Surviving him are his wife and the following children: James E., of Altoona; George, of Danville; Ira, of Pitcairn; Eva and Nina at home. The funeral was held yesterday morning, burial being made in Gray's cemetery, near Stormstown.

WHITE.—Jacob White died at his home in Tyrone last Friday morning as the result of a stroke of paralysis. He was fifty-five years old and was born at Orbisonia. He was married in 1887 and shortly thereafter moved to Bellefonte and lived here two years or more when he went to Tyrone and lived there ever since. His wife, one son and two sisters survive. The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon, burial being made in the Grandview cemetery, Tyrone.

FUREY.—Wharton Morris Furey departed this life very suddenly and unexpectedly last Saturday evening. He had been troubled with indigestion for several days but was around as usual and even ate a hearty dinner on Saturday. About the middle of the afternoon he complained about not feeling very well and said he would lie down on the couch for an hour or so. He apparently fell asleep and was left undisturbed until supper was ready, but when called for the evening meal he was unconscious and could not be aroused. Neighbors were hastily summoned but death followed in a few minutes—at 6.10 o'clock—without him regaining consciousness. Acute indigestion was assigned as the cause.

Morris Furey, as he was familiarly known, was a son of the late John M. and Margaret Morris Furey and was born in Benner township on February 3rd, 1845, so that at his death he was 68 years, 5 months and 23 days old. He grew up on the farm and when he arrived at man's estate he also engaged in tilling the soil, spending his entire life on farms in close proximity to Bellefonte. He was a progressive and successful farmer and eleven years ago he retired to a small country house south of this place which was the pride and comfort of his life during the past decade. Few men were better known throughout Centre county than Mr. Furey. In every act of his life he practiced the Golden Rule and the poor and distressed were never turned away from the door without assistance and kind words of comfort.

Forty-six years ago he was united in marriage to Annie M. English, a daughter of the late Rev. George W. English, of Milroy, Mifflin county, who survives with two sons and three daughters, namely: William M. Furey, of Pittsburgh; George English Furey, of Martinsville, Ill.; Mrs. S. Webb Kerstetter, of Curwensville; Mrs. John G. Larimer, of Mount Carmel, and Miss Margaret, at home.

Funeral services were held at his late home at two o'clock on Tuesday afternoon. Rev. John Hewitt, of the Episcopal church, officiated and was assisted by Rev. S. S. Clark, of the Baptist church, Milesburg. Interment was made in the Union cemetery in this place.

BATHURST.—Lawrence J. Bathurst, one of the oldest and best known residents of Curtin, died at 8:30 o'clock on Monday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. D. W. Varner, of Altoona, of general debility. Mr. Bathurst went to the Mountain city ten months ago on a visit and was taken sick shortly after arriving there. His condition was such that at no time was it possible to take him home. Six weeks ago he was compelled to take his bed and from that time he sank gradually until the end.

Deceased was a son of Henry and Margaret Bathurst and was born at Curtin on June 22nd, 1830, hence was 83 years, 1 month and 6 days old. He was the last survivor of a family of twelve children. Fifty-eight years ago he became a member of the Curtin Evangelical church and during fifty-five years of that time he was a class leader in the church. Mr. Bathurst was a laborer by occupation, honest and industrious, and a man whose integrity was unquestioned at all times.

Deceased was twice married. His first wife was Miss Eliza Hines to whom he had eight children, six of whom survive as follows: Jacob C., of Braddock; Mrs. Ella N. Henderson and Mrs. Anna Tierney, of Bellefonte; Mrs. Amanda Wheatley, of Chicago; John H., of Elizabeth Furnace, and Mrs. Cora Durkee, of Philadelphia. His second wife was Miss Ellen E. Rothrock, of Benner township. As a result of this union ten children survive, as follows: Mrs. Minnie Packard, of Lock Haven; Harry, Mrs. Linda Varner, William H., Blaine, Earle, Queen V., and Lawrence, all of Altoona, and Mrs. Armona Gehret and Albert, of Bellefonte. He also leaves forty-six grand-children and seven great grand-children.

Funeral services were held at the Mrs. Varner home in Altoona at eight o'clock on Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning the remains were taken to his late home at Curtin where final services were held at ten o'clock, after which burial was made in the Curtin cemetery.

LEMONT.

The steam thrasher is busy shelling the beautiful grain.

Robert F. Evey and family Sundayed at the home of Henry F. Evey.

James E. Lenker had a fresh coat of paint put on his residence this week.

The farmers are busy plowing and getting ready for the fall seeding.

The Atlantic Refining Co. moved their large storage tank from this place this week.

The stork called on Wilson Hoy's, this last week, and left a big son to brighten their home.

The blackberry crop is a good one in these parts, but there is a small crop of huckleberries.

Geo. W. Ralston and wife drove up from Centre Hill last Saturday to enjoy a few hours with old friends.

During the heavy rain last Thursday lightning struck John C. Hoy's residence but did not do much damage.

Green Corn Balls.—Beat a whipped egg, two teaspoons melted butter and one of white sugar and salt to taste into two cups green corn cut from the cob and put with mixture enough flour to enable you to handle it and form it into balls. Roll these in raw egg and then in flour and fry in deep fat.

Our Correspondents' Opinions.

This column is at the service of those of our people who desire to express their views on any subject of general or local interest. The "Watchman" will in no way be responsible for their ideas or state of mind. The real names of the authors must accompany all communications, but will be withheld from publication when the request is made.

Tariff Bill Accessory to Fraud. Sacrificing Life and Commonwealth.

The House of Representatives and Senate, Gentlemen:

Your calendar No. 62, U. S. Senate, in concurrence in part with the bill (H. R. 3221) to reduce tariff duties and to provide revenue for the government and for other purposes, "to wit, permits," page 7, section 27, coloring for brandy, wine, beer or other liquors, 40 per cent. ad valorem (wholesome wines don't need such nor beer, ale, porter and stout don't need any other coloring except roasted barley.) Page 67, section 250, "ale, porter, stout and beer, in bottles or jugs, 45 cents per gallon, but no separate or additional duty shall be assessed on the bottle or jug; otherwise than in bottles or jugs, 23 cents per gallon" (and the computed ad valorem rates are 46 and 75 per cent., and the latter is retained at 10 cents per half pint and of no certainty of its being wholesome food.)

The Senate alterations in part consist in placing all grade of pig iron \* \* \* iron in blooms, loops and slabs, steel ingots, blanks and billets, cast iron pipe and antimony are on the free list \* \* \* The United States Steel corporation \* \* \* are the only producers of ferromanganese in the country, but produce it only for its own use and consumption.

Wars of trade a monopoly by necessity, consolidations of banks, railroads and industries, caused by tariff incongruities of excluding commercial charges from being included in statistical values of imports, and including export valuations on that which is paid by Americans for foreign services transit, and with the decline of American merchant marine on sea in comparison with foreign carrying trade, to wit: "Year 1870, 35 1/2 per cent., and the year 1911, 8 1/2 per cent. and a tariff being a specific one-rate on charcoal and coke pig which are double different values, it forced closing up charcoal furnaces with vast mountain range of charcoal and pulp wood supply, with the near by suitable iron ore to produce every grade of steel.

The Underwood bill provides for an eight per cent tariff rate, that would be an advance of two per cent over present tariff rates on charcoal pig; this is progressive to encourage diversified employment of forests, farms and mills to reduce cost of living, that would build more railroads in the mountains, valleys, that would assemble labor and capital in union of betterments.)

"Section IV. Administration. The Committee deemed the amendment of the House entirely too drastic. We found the tax administration features of our government were scattered far and wide a century, here and there chaotic, somewhat confusing, but debatable points adjudicated and we thought it better to leave the law for the present substantially as it is, making a provision for a joint committee of the two Houses to revise, simplify and codify, and to report back to the House Ways and Means Committee by the first of January next."

The following are the contested claims as presumed by English American a day wage worker by thirty-five years plea, to consider the people are qualified of sovereignty, to rule by truth, equity, liberty; to know the amount we pay foreign services to land imported merchandise on its republic shores, or on board of American ships in foreign harbor, and on export credit valuations, to eliminate the freight charges foreign and duty that Americans pay on their bill whereby to compute same balance of trade on our foreign commerce. We are now wild on claims excess exports over imports and we are a debtor nation.

JAMES WOLFENDEN, Lamar, Pa., July 29, 1913.

Grindstone Kills Lad. Earnest Witmer, the eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Witmer, of near Carlisle, Pa., died from injuries received when a grindstone burst.

Two of the boy's brothers were engaged in sharpening a scythe on a grindstone geared to a bicycle. Earnest was pouring water on the stone. The whirling of the stone became so fast that it burst.

One piece weighing thirteen pounds struck young Witmer, crushing in his chest, breaking his jawbone and inflicting other injuries.

Find Headless Body at Sea. The finding of the headless body of an apparently well-to-do young woman at sea, thirty miles east of George's Bank, by Captain Charles White, of the Gloucester fishing schooner Jennie H. Gilbert, is believed to reveal a possible death by violence on a craft, perhaps a trans-Atlantic liner.

The body was found about 170 miles out from Boston. Corsets of apparently expensive make, black shirt-waist and high button boots were on the body.

Ax and Mule Kill Children. George Hogg, a farmer of Searle, near Birmingham, Ala., lost three of his children in a series of unusual accidents. While Hogg was at work cutting some wood his ax flew from the head and struck his infant in the head, killing it instantly. He carried the body to his home and there learned that two of his young sons had been kicked to death by a mule.

With the Churches of the county.

Notes of Interest to Church People of all Denominations in all Parts of the County.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY. Service Sunday 10:45 a. m. Wednesday 8 p. m., 9 1/2 E. High street.

There will be no services held in the Reformed church next Sunday. The pastor, Dr. Schmidt, left for Lancaster, Monday of this week, where he will attend the Spiritual Conference. From Lancaster, Dr. Schmidt expects to go to Ocean Grove, returning home for services Sunday morning, August 10th.

Miss Mary Glass will give a recital in M. E. churches at the following places: Stormstown—Saturday, August 2nd. Waddle—Tuesday, August 5th. Filmore—Wednesday, August 6th. The hour in each instance will be 8 o'clock p. m., and the admission 15 and 20 cents. The public is invited to attend.

The Holy Communion will be administered at both services of the Methodist Episcopal church of Bellefonte on the coming Sunday, August 3rd. A brief sermon by the pastor in the evening. All Methodists of the community are fully expected to be present, and all Christian people are cordially invited to join in this Mid-Summer communion.

PINE GROVE MENTION.

Miss Inez Brett, of Pittsburgh, is visiting her many friends hereabouts.

Ralph Illingsworth, of Tyrone, is a welcome visitor at the H. M. Snyder home.

D. L. Dennis is on a jaunt through Clearfield county among old friends and relatives.

Dr. S. S. McCormick, of Hubersburg, was here Tuesday on a professional mission.

Marvin and Charley Bloom were Sunday visitors at the Sallie Bloom home at Stormstown.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Louck and Mrs. Frank Lohr visited friends at Snow Shoe over Sunday.

Mrs. Samuel E. Goss, of Reading, with her two sons, Curtin and Jack, are here for a week's visit.

W. S. Ward and family in their new car came over from Ballewville and called at the Ward home.

Dr. J. E. Ward came up from Bellefonte Saturday and spent the Sabbath at the Ward home on Main street.

Rev. and Mrs. Geo. C. Hall, of Wilmington, Del., are at the old Keller home at Boalsburg for their annual outing.

Hon. John Hamilton is spending his summer vacation looking after his farm and fertile acres about State College.

After several weeks visit among old friends hereabouts Charley Smith returned to his home at Medina, Ohio, last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Sausserman and family, of Altoona, were over Sunday visitors at the home of Mrs. Henry Krebs.

In our last Mentions we noted the visit of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Marts and it should have been his brother Paul and wife who are still here.

Rev. and Mrs. A. A. Black came over from Clearfield and are visiting their old friends hereabouts, who have a glad hand for the Blacks.

Prof. S. C. Miller, wife and two interesting youngsters came up from Chester on their mid summer outing and vacation among the scenes of his childhood.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gardner and wife, of New York city, and Mrs. Thomas J. Gates, of Altoona, are guests at the well known Gardner home in the Glades.

John D. Dannelly and wife, after a very pleasant visit of two weeks among their Centre county friends, returned to their home in the Buckeye State Tuesday morning.

Daniel Houser, wife and son Paul took a spin Sunday down Pennsylvania and through Brush Valley to Sugar valley where they took lunch, returning home via Nittany valley.

H. M. Snyder, while driving his mowing machine over a rocky ledge, was jolted off and fell under the machine. Fortunately he got the team stopped before he was seriously injured.

A. C. Kepler and Dr. M. L. Schadman, former Ferguson township boys, now representative citizens of Lancaster, took a stroll about State College Tuesday and noted the great advance in that institution of learning.

It took two special trains in addition to the regular one to transport the teachers from State college to the foot of old Tussey mountain for their big basket picnic last Saturday. Dr. Sparks and many members of the faculty were in attendance.

Among those from a distance who attended the Kepler funeral Monday were, Hon. John Noll, Col. H. S. Taylor, D. Paul Fortney, Frank Bartley, ex-sheriff W. Miles Walker, George R. Meek, N. B. Spangler and J. Frank Smith, all of Bellefonte.

The Riley crowd while strolling over their old camping grounds in the Bear Meadows captured a Teddy Bear and brought it to Boalsburg, where they gave a Sunday afternoon exhibition. Hundreds of curious people gathered to see the cub's funny antics.

SPRING MILLS.

Mrs. J. C. Condo has been very seriously ill the last few days.

Wm. Pealer, having been on the sick list for the last month or six weeks, appears to be improving.

Our farmers are busy with their crops, although the scorching weather we have been having for the last few days makes the job up hill work.

The statement appearing in the WATCHMAN last week, regarding the destruction of the barn belonging to D. Geiss Wagner, near Linden Hall, according to my direct information was not exactly correct. The barn with all its contents was destroyed by lightning on Wednesday evening of last week. The barn was insured in the Centre County F. B. Co., and the contents insured by agent T. B. Jamison, of our town in the Lykens Valley Co., of Elizabethville, Pa. As an instance of prompt, active and quick settlement I will mention that Mr. Jamison was advised of the fire early on the following Thursday. He immediately sent a telegram to the Lykens Valley Co., informing them of the loss. James Miller, secretary and treasurer of the company, in answer to the message, arrived here on Friday morning. They both visited the scene of the fire, adjusted the loss and by noon of same day Mr. Wagner was in possession of the money for all he was insured in that company, 100 cents on every dollar. He had an insurance of over \$1000 on his stock, one item was \$500 for a horse. He also received \$90 for a lot of chickens consumed. In thirty-six hours after the alarm of fire, and while they were still throwing water on a pile of thrashed grain, Mr. Wagner had the insurance money in his pocket. If this isn't a prompt payment, I'd like to know what is.

Strike Averted on Big Railways

Award of Board to Be Effective October 1, Instead of Dating Back to May, as Asked.

The threatened strike of 80,000 trainmen and conductors on forty-five eastern railroads for higher wages and better working conditions faded away in New York city when the managers of the eastern trunk lines waived their claim to the right to ask arbitration of the roads' grievances.

As a consequence both sides will meet to select, under the Newlands act, two arbitrators apiece, whose meetings probably will begin in New York city not later than Sept. 15. Any award will date as of Oct. 1, and will be binding for one year.

The decision of the conference of railroad managers to abandon their claim was reached when it became clear that the men would not brook much further delay. They insisted that the railroads had "put one over" on them in the amendment of the Erdman law, and therefore they, the employees, would not arbitrate anything not mentioned in the list of grievances submitted many months ago.

The proposal that their own grievances against the men also should be arbitrated, the managers announced they had relinquished to "protect the public" from a tie-up which the employees said they intended to force if the railroads persisted in pressing their point.

The peaceful outcome of the dispute was the result of efforts made by the board of mediation and conciliation recently created in the hurriedly passed Newlands act to meet the situation. The board, consisting of Judge William Lee Chambers, Judge Martin A. Knapp and G. W. W. Hanger, brought about the agreement after conferences with the disputants, which continued more than a week.

With the elimination of the eight grievances for which the railroads desired consideration, the articles of arbitration comprise, without alteration, the sixteen original demands presented by the conductors and trainmen. The only point gained by the railroads was a provision that the award of the board of arbitration shall take effect Oct. 1 next, instead of May 1 last, the date requested by the employees.

The articles were signed on behalf of the men by W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, and A. B. Garretson, president of the Order of Railway Conductors, and for the railroads by Elisha Lee, chairman of the conference committee of railroad managers.

The members of the mediation board returned to Washington, where they will report to President Wilson. The board will not again be called into action unless the four arbitrators named by the railroads and the men fail to agree on a fifth and sixth to complete the arbitration board. In that contingency the mediation board will select two new members.

Will Extend Parcel Post.

Despite senatorial criticism of the proposed reduction in parcel post rates and the increase in the size of packages to twenty pounds, Postmaster General Burleson announced that he would issue the final orders at once, putting the proposed changes in effect Aug. 15.

The announcement came after the wisdom of making the changes had been subjected to a searching review before the senate postoffice committee.

Edgar E. Clark, chairman of the interstate commerce commission, explaining why the commission had sanctioned the proposed changes, said he believed the postmaster general had ample power under the law to make the changes.

"I am convinced that the postoffice department ought to, can and will extend the parcel post until it will carry all packages up to 100 pounds," he added.

In answer to criticism of his proposed changes the postmaster general appeared before the senate postoffice committee with Mr. Clark.

The postmaster general read a letter from the commission stating that it was satisfied conditions were such as to prevent the shipment by the parcel post of many articles, and that the proposed changes were "in order to promote the service to the public."

"Movie" Actor Burned.

Fernleigh Kutz, a former lieutenant in the United States army, and son of Charles M. Kutz, a retired banker, in Pottstown, Pa., was severely burned while a moving picture was being acted.

Kutz is manager of a film company, and was to take a leading role. A barrel of gunpowder was exploded prematurely when a fuse burned too quickly. Kutz was blown ten feet in the air, and when he came down his clothing was on fire. He was taken to a hospital, where his condition is serious. It is believed he will recover.

Oliver Roscoe and Bert Williams, also actors, were near the barrel of powder and were badly burned.

Wild West Creditors Sue.

An involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed in the United States court in Trenton, N. J., against the Buffalo Bill Wild West and Pawnee Bill Great Far East Shows.

Service in the proceedings was made upon Gordon W. Lillie, president of the company controlling the show. The company is a New Jersey corporation, with its principal office in Trenton.