

KEYSTONE STATE NEWS.

Items Which Are of Particular Interest to Pennsylvanians.

IN THIS AND NEARBY COUNTIES.

Brief Mention of Matters Which Everybody Should Know About—A Week's Accidents and Crimes Accurately and Concisely Chronicled.

BUTLER, July 14.—Adam Minger fired five bullets into the body of his brother John in Jefferson township, fatally wounding him. Bad blood has existed between the brothers for some time. Last night John drove to Adam's barn to feed his horse. Adam refused him permission to do so. John then insulted Adam's wife and advanced toward his brother in a threatening manner when Adam fired.

She Swore Revenge and Had It. ERIE, July 14.—A few months ago Lafayette Leland was convicted of stealing ten head of cattle and sent to state prison. His mother swore vengeance upon all who had testified against her son. Since then there has been an unaccountable and wholesale mortality among the horses and cattle in her neighborhood. Yesterday morning Mrs. Leland was detected through her latest piece of fiendish work—the poisoning of a valuable horse—and arrested. After her arrest she fought like a tigress. Her daughter, armed with an ax, drove the officer away and attempted to chop the handcuffs from her mother's wrists. Thousands of dollars worth of valuable live stock have fallen victims to Mrs. Leland's thirst for revenge. She is a sister of the prominent Pittsburg criminal lawyer, George W. Decamp.

A Dozen Incendiary Fires. READING, July 14.—Within a radius of three miles in Hereford township, this county, a dozen buildings, including dwellings, barns, mills, etc., have been burned down within the past few weeks. The loss will aggregate over \$50,000. Officers are being specially employed to run down the firebugs.

Editor Morgan Arrested. SCRANTON, July 14.—Editor Fallie Morgan, of The People, the state prohibitionists' organ, has been arrested charged with libeling Charles E. Steel, of Minersville, the state secretary of the Good Templars. Morgan had published a statement to the effect that Steel, upon his recent return from Scotland, had been banqueting by saloon keepers.

Killed by a Four-year-old Boy. GREENSBURG, July 15.—Herbert McGinnis, the four-year-old son of John McGinnis, accidentally shot his father in the head with a Winchester rifle. Mr. McGinnis dying two hours later. The rifle was lying on the floor in a room above the kitchen, while Mr. McGinnis was seated by the kitchen stove. Herbert picked up the gun and discharged it. The ball passed through the floor and lodged in Mr. McGinnis' brain.

Killed by a Horse Kick. LANCASTER, July 15.—The six-year-old daughter of Scott Evans, a farmer of Providence township, was killed by being kicked by a horse which she had struck while her father was leading it to water.

Drowned in the Susquehanna. YORK, July 16.—Jacob S. King, of this city, was drowned in the Susquehanna river at York Haven.

Lebanon Mills Resume Work. LEBANON, July 16.—The Pennsylvania's Belt and Nut works' 8-inch mill has resumed work with its full quota of men. The 10-inch mills are also working, the 18-inch mill being the only one now idle. The 16-inch mill will soon be started with a full complement of men.

One Killed, One Will Die. ERIE, July 16.—A thunderbolt struck the residence of G. S. Kelly, at Union City, while Mr. Kelly and his son Willis, aged twenty years, were standing on the veranda. The young man was killed outright and the father so badly shocked that he will die.

Two Sisters Drowned. PITTSBURG, July 16.—A very sad drowning accident occurred here last night. Kate and Mary McGowan, sisters, were out sailing on the Susquehanna, when the boat upset and they were thrown into the water and drowned.

They Will Not Consider the Scale. HARRISBURG, July 16.—The Pennsylvania Steel company declined to consider the scale presented by the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers, and a strike will probably be ordered soon.

A Pretty Blunt Answer. STEELTON, July 18.—A new scale of wages, demanding an increase of 30 to 35 per cent. over the reduction of last fall, was presented by the Amalgamated association to the management of the Pennsylvania steel works, and a notice was subsequently posted by the management stating that neither the scale nor the organization that issued it would be recognized.

Charges Against Brien. PHILADELPHIA, July 18.—John W. Post, of New York, general manager of the Steel Tubular Castings company, has lodged complaint here against Josiah W. Brien, a Philadelphia architect, who is superintending the erection of buildings for the card company at Braddock, Pa. Mr. Post caused a warrant to be issued for Brien for embezzlement.

Mrs. Little Claims \$50,000. PITTSBURG, July 19.—Mrs. Little has filed a statement in her suit for damages against the South Fort Fishing and Hunting club, of Pittsburg. Mrs. Little claims in behalf of herself and eight children \$50,000 damages for the death of her husband, John A. Little, a traveling salesman, who was lost in the Johnstown flood.

Cowardly Murder. POTTSVILLE, July 20.—Michael Mulvey, employed by the Reading railroad as a repairman, residing at Palo Alto, was fatally murdered by a man known as Hungarian while on his way home. The Hungarian crept up behind him and struck him two terrible blows on the head with a shovel. Mulvey dropped, and when he was picked up life was extinct. The murderer escaped.

The Lehigh Road's Reply. PHILADELPHIA, July 20.—The Lehigh Valley Railroad company has filed in the United States circuit court its answer to the interstate commerce commission's petition relative to the suit of Coxe Brothers. It is denied that the charges were unjust and the right of the commission to so declare is disputed.

Killed While Blasting. WRITE HAVEN, July 20.—At Pond Creek, a small mining village near here, John Brogan, a miner, while in the act of blasting a rock was caught by a fall of coal and killed instantly. About the same time another miner while firing off a blast in the same mine failed to reach a safe distance and was fatally burned.

BRIEF MENTION OF NEWS

Happenings of the World from Pole to Pole.

TOLD IN A FEW SECONDS OF TIME.

The Developments of Each Day During the Week Caught Fresh from the Busy Wires and Carefully Edited and Condensed for Our Readers.

Jersey Streitt, the boy sleeper of Columbus, Ind., awoke after a continuous nap of 109 hours.

Rev. Charles S. St. John, of the Northampton (Mass.) Unitarian church, has accepted a call to Pittsburg.

Judge Rumsey, at Rochester, has dismissed the indictments against the clothing manufacturers for conspiracy.

There is a strong prospect of a strike of conductors all over the Illinois Central system on account of the recent wholesale discharges.

Broker Samuel W. Lewis was convicted at New York of swindling Mrs. Bostwick out of \$50,000 on the plea of investing the money in stocks. He squandered the money when it was all gone he married his victim.

The New York Press states that Recorder Smyth, of New York, is on Inspector Byrnes' bond, and that despite this fact the recorder presided over the trial of "Frenchy," whose conviction of murder in the second degree was greatly desired by Inspector Byrnes.

The customers of Hop Sing, the New York laundryman who has leprosy, have deserted him and he is in danger of being left without means of support.

Frank Sherman, who declares he is an American citizen, was ordered to be imprisoned and sent back to England by General O'Beirne at New York, because he came here as a stowaway.

Mrs. J. C. Carson, an aged widow, worth \$1,000,000, has been induced to give large amounts to Mrs. Naunie Darling, a spiritualistic medium, who has since confessed to shoplifting.

Mrs. Lochridge, of Spring Hill, Tenn., killed herself and her three children.

There are fears in London that other failures will follow that of the English River Plate bank.

At Bayreuth "Parsifal" was given under the management of Frau Wagner.

Four of the Chilian insurgents' warships are outside Coquimbo, and an outbreak is expected. Intense excitement rules in the town, many of whose residents are fleeing to the interior.

Seventy millions of dollars in gold and any amount of valuable gold ornaments and precious stones have been found in an old castle in Rio Janeiro, according to a South American newspaper. The castle was formerly a monastery.

Byron W. Cohen, one of the conspirators in the Robertson bogus widow case, has fled to Canada.

The Itata has paid the \$500 fine imposed for evading the customs laws. She will shortly give bonds for \$100,000 and will sail for San Francisco for repairs.

The national educational convention has adjourned, to meet next at Helena, Mon.

Henry Smith, a truckman at the Erie depot, Suspension Bridge, was killed by a passenger train while wheeling a truck across the tracks. He was sixty years old.

A syndicate has purchased all the leading mines of tin in Colorado. The price paid is \$500,000.

Articles of incorporation of the American Master Mechanics' association have been filed. Its purpose is for the advancement of knowledge concerning the principles, construction, repair and service of the rolling stock of railroads.

Hart Houghton, a well known resident of Victor, N. Y., committed suicide by hanging.

Mr. Balfour proposes to increase the grant for the relief of distress in Ireland during the coming financial year by £100,000.

Santiago, Chili, was swept by a two million dollar fire.

Mrs. Jefferson Davis has written a letter to Governor Buckner giving her reasons for selecting Virginia as the final resting place of her husband's body.

Five-sixths of the stock of the Pittsburgh Commercial Gazette has been sold to John Dunlap, a wealthy tin importer and free trader, for \$500,000.

The New York Herald prints what it calls an exposure of George W. Dunn's "Standard Chemical company," organizing with a capital of \$1,000,000, which The Herald claims is nearly all "wind."

It is proposed at New York to erect a monument to General John A. Dix, who filled successively the offices of postmaster at New York, secretary of the treasury, major general of volunteers in the war of the rebellion and governor of the state of New York.

Hon. John G. Carlisle says, "Some of the Kentucky papers have been throwing dirt at me, saying that I had been presented with a house and lot by the Frankfort lottery on account of my opposition to the adoption of a new constitution; but I will survive their slanders and attend to business at the old stand."

In the French chamber of deputies July 17 M. Ribot demanded a vote of confidence in the government and got it by a vote of 319 to 103.

Mr. Parnell has not yet paid the costs in the O'Shea divorce case, and an order in bankruptcy has been issued against him.

A MILLIONAIRE'S RUIN.

The Messenger Waited for an Answer. That's the Reason.

Every one has admired the superb residence, 999 Faralome street. It belongs—or rather did—to Parnell McCorken, the capitalist. About three months ago he resolved to take his family on a European tour. When about to leave his office for the train he sent a messenger boy out to his residence with a note, which he thought might possibly reach his wife before she left the house. The boy was instructed to wait for an answer—bear that in mind—"wait for an answer."

It is supposed that the said boy reached his destination some time early in the following week. At all events, as he did not return McCorken forgot the circumstance and proceeded east with his family. McCorken was not a superstitious man, but he had hardly been insulated into his berth by the Pullman porter before he was filled with a presentiment of evil.

In vain he endeavored to shake off the foreboding of disaster that depressed him. It followed him to London, Paris, Switzerland, everywhere. Worn to a shadow, he finally turned his face homeward. As he stepped from the ferry on his arrival here he sprang into a carriage and was rapidly driven to his dwelling, which he approached with a feeling of inexplicable terror.

As he ascended his steps he beheld calmly slumbering before the door a messenger boy—McCorken's note of three months back still protruding from his pocket. He had been provided with a couple of blankets by the company, which also furnished him with three coffee and doughnut rations per diem.

He was waiting for an answer! With a loud shriek the once happy capitalist fell to the earth a ruined man.

But why linger upon the sad facts? Any clever school boy can in a few hours figure the amount of the District Messenger Company's bill against McCorken, including "car fare both ways." That miserable victim's estate is now in the hands of the sheriff, and according to a computation made by that gentleman with a piece of chalk on the almshouse fence he is still \$1,000,042.23 in debt to the company, although there is some talk of the superintendent throwing off the odd 23 cents.—[San Francisco Examiner.]

Here is a Sensible Woman.

There is a sensible woman up town—there may be more who are sensible in this respect, but this one stands out, in the writer's acquaintance, as a rarity—who instructs her two daughters as regularly in the science of shopping as she teaches them cooking and healthful living. "I consider shopping a science," she says, "and an important one in the household economy. How one respects a clear headed, sensible woman who knows how to shop rapidly, economically, and well, and how few such one meets. I take my girls with me in my rounds of buying, teach them the different fabrics and discrimination in the choice as regards the use required. Nobody taught me this; I acquired my knowledge by a long line of mortifying and expensive experiences, which I have determined my daughters shall be saved from.

"I have taught them to avoid bargain counters as they would a plague and never to be drawn into the pushing, jamming crowd which strives to buy a pair of gloves for 98 cents at an expense of 25 cents worth of vital force and self respect, to say nothing of time wasted and the possibility, after all, that they have paid 98 cents for a 75 cent pair. I have taught them, too, that the best is the cheapest, which does not imply always the most fashionable nor the most expensive. Flimsy, ill made articles I consider almost immoral—the influence of a pair of honest shoes or a yard of first quality cloth I think outranks many a sermon.

"My girls have had their personal allowance since they were 15, and they have learned to use it most judiciously. And I am never afraid they will drive to the dry goods shop for 'a paper of darning needles,' as the girl in the story did."—[New York Times.]

A Filthy Habit.

One of the vilest habits tolerated in the United States publicly and privately is wholly unknown in other countries. It is obtrusive expectoration. The disgusting vice is on the decline in large cities, but it is still too prevalent, and persons in authority ought to insist upon its repression. Smokers who can not smoke without making themselves offensive ought always smoke in strict seclusion. Men riding in public vehicles pay for transportation, but it does not include the right to defile floors, soil the garments of other persons in the vehicle, and sicken the stomachs of the sensitive. The bespattering of sidewalks, railway stations, foyers, and other places with salivary discharges is as foul as it is unnecessary. Conductors, janitors, and porters ought directly remind men guilty of this barbarity that it must be stopped. If a quiet protest will not be heeded let the policeman be called.

Secretions of the respiratory, salivary, or digestive organs are properly deposited in pocket handkerchiefs if they can not be more satisfactorily disposed of. Men who can not afford pocket handkerchiefs should receive gifts of them from their friends. A vigorous and persistent effort to stop this filthy practice in public at least should be made and kept up.—[Chicago Herald.]

Bad Temper Mostly Involuntary.

Many people consider that "bad temper" is entirely voluntary on the part of the person who displays it. As a matter of fact, it is often to a very great extent involuntary, and no one is more angry at it than the bad tempered person himself. Of course every one, whether he is born with a bad temper or has acquired one from habit, or has been visited with one as the result of disease or injury, should at least try to control it. But his friends should also bear in mind that bad temper may be, and often is, an affliction to be sympathized with—not an offense to be punished.—[New York Ledger.]

A church with a poor foundation never gains anything by having a very tall steeple.—[Ram's Horn.]

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