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#### THE KEYSTONE STATE.

NEWS TOPICS OF LOCAL INTEREST TO PENNSYLVANIANS.

Facts and Fancies Gleaned from Many Sources and Boiled Down to Brief Paragraphs for the Benefit of Busy Readers.

PHILADELPHIA, July 12.—The Reading railroad has introduced a system of economy in the operation of its general traffic on South Fourth street and its local stations which has resulted in the dismissal of many

employes and a heavy reduction of expenses. At the general office President Corbin has introduced a system of bookkeeping which enables a few men to do the work of a large force without the necessity of increasing the salary of a single clerk. In pursuance of this policy a number of men have been laid off at the Reading office, and a saving of \$50,000 to \$75,000 a year effected in the item of salary alone.

Changes have been made in the handling of coal at Third and Berks and Ninth and Green streets stations, which have enabled the company to dispense with the services of righty to one hundred laborers. At Port Bichinond the force of laborers has been reduced over three hundred.

About \$2,000,000 a year are saved in the item of wages to these laborers. Proportionate reductions are to be made in other departments of the road, and the managers of the company say that they intend to save every possible dollar in expenses.

An Old Colliery Starts Up. SHAMOKIN, Pa., July 12 .- Buck Ridge colliery, owned by the Reading company, which has been idle since the disaster of 1883 at which time soven mea wore smothered by fire damp, has again resumed operations Employment will be given to 400 men

Exploding Gas in a Colliery. SHAMOKIN, Pa., July 14.—A terrific explosion of gas occurred at the Stirling collery in which miners Anthony Rudoski, Joseph Clamac, Joseph Filer and an unknown driver boy were terribly burned, the two first named supposed fatally. The gas came in contact with a lamp hanging on the cap of Clamac as the party were entering a gangway of the mine. The damage to the mine is very heavy. The Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron company own the working.

A Wonderful Gas Well. PITTSBURG, July 14.-A party of Pitts burgers, who have visited the now roaring gas well of the Philadelphia company, back of Canonsburg, say that according to the registered pressure the well is the largest in the world. The gas looks like a solid Floquet had kept piece of blue steel for some distance pointed straight at after it comes out of the pipe. Solid at him. A terrible masonry, thirteen feet thick, was put gash in the throat around the top of the well to hold the cap on. The tools and rope thrown out were perhaps the heaviest of any yet moved in that way. The iron in the tools weighed 3,000 pounds. The wet rope, nearly 2,000 feet long, weighed as much more, but all was thrown up like a rocket, the rope coiling around the ruins of the derrick like so much

Mother and Daughter Killed by a Train, LATROBE, Pa., July 14.-Mrs. James Crusan, aged 40, and her 15-year-old daughter were struck and instantly killed by the east bound mail train, about half a mile west of town. They were gathering coal from the north track, and had just stepped to the south track to escape a west bound freight train, when the mail train came around the curve in the opposite direction, striking and grinding them to pieces. Mrs. Crusan leaves a husband and six children.

To Unite the Lutheran Church. GETTYSBURG, Pa., July 14.—Committees from three branches of the Lutheran church are in session here, arranging to publish a are in session here, arranging to publish a revised translation of the "Augsbury Confession" and Luther's small catechism. Revs. Drs. A. C. Wadekind, of New York; F. W. Conrad, Philadelphia; E. J. Wolff and U. Valentino, Gettysburg, represent the general synod; Roys. Drs. B. M. Schmucker, Pottsville; J. A. Seiss and H. E. Jacobs, Philadelphia; E. J. A. phia, the general council, and Rev Dr. Herkle, Newmarket, Va., the united synod of the south. Their labors are for the purpose of bringing together the several branches of the church.

More Firms Signing the Scale, PITTSBURG, July 14.—President Keating and Secretary Joseph D. Weeks, of the Manufacturers' Iron and Steel association teny all reports that were current to the effect that a special meeting of manufacturers had been called to reconsider their action in reference to signing the Amalgamated scale. Both gentlemen assert that no special meeting has been called for that or any other purpose, and that no "general break" in their ranks is feared. The Amalgamated their ranks is feared. The Amalgamated scale has been signed by three mills—Brown & Co. (The Wayne Iron works); the 600 employes will resume work immediately. Long & Co., at Chartiers, Pa., have also signed, and their 400 men will go to work on Monday; and the Licking Iron company, Covington, Ky., employing 1,000 men, signed the scale yesterday.

Arrested for Conspiracy. CARLISLE, Pa., July 16 .- Dr. M. C. Smith cartisle, Pa., July 16.—Dr. M. C. Smith, a prominent physician of this city; Abram Marquart, a justice of the peace of Newville, and Andrew J. Stone, of the same place, who are charged with perjury, fraud and conspiracy to defraud the Old People's Mutual Benefit society of Elkhart, Ind., have been arrested at their homes.

Aslatic Cholera. PITTSBURG, July 14.—Dr. McCandless pro-nounces the disease of which Peter Mack died on Thursday Asiatic cholera. Mack died on Thursday Asiatic cholera. Mack was taken ill very suddenly on Wednesday and grew worse rapidly, dying in forty-eight hours after he was taken down. There was every symptom of cholera. After death spots broke out all over his body.

A Reduction at the Bethlehem Mills. PHILADELPHIA, July 16.—A prominent iron merchant says that the Bethlehem iron works will resume work in their iron mills to-day under a new scale, which reduces the wages from 5 to 20 per cent, and guarantees continuous work until January. The men will probably accept the reduction in preference to continued idleness. The puddle department has been closed indefinitely.

Narrow Escapes at a Fire. PATERSON, N. J., July 16.—There was a fire in the basement of the tenement No. 25½ Willis street, about 3 o'clock Sunday morning. The smoke filled the narrow stairway, ing. The smoke has cut off.

# The Warrior Defeated.

Gen. Boulanger Wounded in a Duel with Floquet.

HIS OWN AWKWARDNESS DID IT.

He Foll Upon His Adversary's Sword After Making a Desperate Thrust. The Result is a Cut in His Neck Which May Prove Fatal.

PARIS, July 14.—As anticipated, the stormy scene between Prime Minister Floquet and Gen. Boulanger in the chamber of deputies culminated in a duel yesterday. The encounter took place on Count Dillon's estate at Neuillysur-Seine, within an easy drive of the city. M. Clemenceau, who is a cousin and former bosom friend of Boulanger, was the second of M. Floquet, and was associated in the affair with M. Perrin, while MM. Le Henisse and Laisaut rendered a similar service to the general.

The duel only lasted four minutes. Bou-langer, who displayed great excitement,



GEN. BOULANGER.

forced the fighting from the very first, and made a number of deadly thrusts at his adversary. The prime minister, it was easy to see, was totally unused to handling a sword, and it is a matter of the greatest astonish ment that so unskilful a fencer should have been able to parry his adversary's lunges so successfully. It was easy to see that the general was determined to inflict most serious injury on the premier, who was very

At the second encounter M. Floquet was slightly wounded in the hand, and as the blood began; o flow freely the seconds proposed to stop the duel.

Boulanger had also been slightly wounded in the leg. Neither of the principals, how-ever, would consent to stop the fighting, which was then renewed with increased intensity.

Gen. Boulanger made a desperate lunge forward, slightly wounding the prime minis ter's left breast. Unable to recover from the Impetus of his lunge, the general actualy ran his neck onto the

was the result, the blood spurted forth torrents, and Boulanger fell unarms of his seconds.
The surgeons in attance immediance ures to stop the flow of blood, and

FLOQUET. later on conveyed him into Count Dillon's house on the estate, where he now lies in a precarious condition, M. Floquet's sword having penetrated six centimetres at a point between the jugular vein and carotid Dr. Monod, who is attending on the gen-

eral, issued a bulletin regarding his condition yesterday afternoon. It says there is a deep wound in the right side of the general's neck, and that it causes marked difficulty in his respiration. At present the doctor is unable to give an opinion as to what turn the case may take.

The general's condition is now reported as worse, fever having set in, and his chances of recovery are regarded as very precarious. M. Floquet's colleagues in the ministry were waiting at his house for news of the duel, and were overjoyed to see the prime minister return safe. He was given an ovation by the immense crowd which has been surrounding his residence all day long. Mme. Floquet knew nothing about the matter until her husband's return, after it was all over.

HURLED TO DESTRUCTION.

An Express Train Crashes Through Virginia Trestle.

WASHINGTON, July 13 .- Express train No 2, on the Virginia Midland railroad, went through the loose trestle two miles from Orange Court House yesterday. Several persons were killed and twenty-four badly njured, two of whom will probably die. The train pulled out at the Sixth street station, this city, on time. It consisted of en-gine No. 604, manned by John Watkins, engineer, and John Kelly, fireman; one mail car, one baggage, two coaches and three Pullman sleepers. Conductor Neil Taylor was in charge. The run to "Big Nancy" trestle, about two miles the other side of Orange Court House, was made in three

hours.

For some time the Midland road has been mgaged in repairing its bridges and treatles. and men had been at work on the "Big Nazcy\* for days. But the weak point in the treatle had evidently been overlooked, for the engine had hardly crossed it before there was a shiver and trembling of the structure and the upper part collapsed. The engine, mail and baggage car and day coaches went over the side, two of the Pullman's alone remaining on the track. A terrific crash followed. and it was a wonder any one escaped alive.

The scene that followed was of indescribable horror. The shricks and moans of the injured, the shouts of the wildly excited pasengers and the hissing of the steam were terrible to hear. The cars in the middle of the train went down first, the engine and one sleeper falling on top. The baggage car was completely wrecked and smashed into kindling wood, and not a soul could have escaped. The passenger cars were crushed

out of all shape.

The wark of rescue was carried on by the survivors in the dark. Perhaps She Was Murdered. PROVIDENCE, July 17.—Attorney General Rogers has ordered an autopsy on the body of Mamie Nickerson, aged 18 months, who

disappeared ten days ago from the home of her grandparents in Olneyville, and whose body was found with the neck broken last Friday in the privy vault on the grand-parent's premises. An inquest will probably follow.

HIRAM SIBLEY DEAD.

The Founder of the Western Union Telegraph Company—A Philanthrepist.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., July 18.—Mr. Hiram Sibley, the famous philanthrepist of Rochester, died at his home in that city yesterday in the Sist year of his age. He was well known throughout the county. known throughout the country through his many deeds of charity, and was a generou donor to the Rochester university and to the city of Rochester. He founded the Sibley College of Mechanic Arts of Cornell university, endowing it with \$100,000, and built Sibley hall, in Rochester, at an equal cost.

Mr. Sibley was born in North Adams,

already made a name and fortune for him-An early associate of Professor Morse in establishing and promoting the electric telegraph business, he, in co-operation with Morse and Ezra Cornell, had much to do with obtaining, in 1860, the famous appropriation from congress of a subsidy for ten years of \$40,000 per year for constructing

Mass., and took up his permanent residence

in Rochester in 1843, at which time he had

and operating a line to the Pacific. The Overland Telegraph company was organized about the same time in Sau Fran-The two companies, uniting their interests, formed the Pacific Telegraph com-pany. Meanwhile the work of building was begun, and on Nov. 15, 1861, it was an nounced that the line from ocean to ocean was open for business—just four months and eleven days from the time work upon its construction was first begun. This line was a profitable one from the start, and on March 17, 1864, it became the property of the Western Union company.

Mr. Sibley had been mainly instrumental in organizing the New York and Mississippi Valley Printing company, which in 1854 leased the lines of the Lake Eric Telegraph company. At this time Ezra Cornell was in possession of valuable grants under the Morse patent and had control of the Erie and Michgan Telegraph company. After much negotiation the two companies controlled by Mr. Sibley and Mr. Cornell were united by an act of the Wisconsin legislature dated March 4, 1856, and of the New York legislature a month later, under the name of the Western

Union Telegraph company.

After the completion of the Pacific line
Mr. Sibley devoted his energies to the scheme of the overland route to Russia. Surveys were made and the line was built as far as Skeena river in Alaska, when the laying of the Atlantic cable put an end to the enterprise, and it was abandoned.

Mr. Sibley was president of the Western Union company sixteen years, resigning on account of ill health. During that period the share capital of the company had advanced from \$500,000 to more than \$40,000,000. In 1869 he went into the seed business in Roches ter and Chicago. In addition to this he had many other important enterprises.

(LOOKS BAD FOR THE STRIKERS. Damaging Testimony Against the Alleged

Dynamite Conspirators' CHICAGO, July 14 .- The managers of the Burlington made public yesterday their entire case against the alleged dynamiters. It was a most extraordinary showing.

When Mr. Ewing got up there was perfect silence in the court room. He was about to tell the long promised story of the dynamite

"Or, or about the 15th of May," he began impressively, "at the town of Eola, four or five miles from Aurora, a dynamite cartridge was placed on the track of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad and exoded by a train passing over it. of the explosion was enough to break the flange from the engine's driving wheel and seriously wreck it. June 14 another dynamite cartridge was exploded on the Burlington track at South Aurora and another engine injured. A plot existed to blow up more engines and more property of the company, but it was frustrated before it could be carried out. The man who was the chief agent in the plot and in causing the two explosions was the defendant, J. O. Bowles.

"Some days before the explosion at Eola he went to the room of S. E. Hoge, chairman of the grievance committee of the Burlington engineers, and who was then at the Grand Pacific hotel, in Chicago, and showed him a number of dynamite cartridges. They discussed the best way of using the cartridges to injure the company's property. A few days after this conversation Bowles met the defendant Smith at Aurora, and talked with him also about using dynamite to blow up the company's property; told him how it could be used, how much damage it could do and invited him to go out into the country and see it tested.

"At 9 o'clock on the night of May 29 Bowles got a buggy at Aurora, and took Smith with him to Eola. On the way Bowles exhibited dynamite cartridges exactly like those that were found upon the prisoners when they were arrested on the railroad train. He opened the end of the cartridge, inserted a fumigating cap, such as is used for exploding cartridges, and attached to the cap a piece of fuse and explained the whole matter. They drove down to this little town, crossed the track, and came back again over the track; drove fifty or sixty yards from the track. Bowles got out of the buggy, and put the cartridge on the railway, and reported that he had done so when he came back, They drove back to Aurora, and just as they were entering the town the explosion took place, and part of that engine was wrecked. "As they were going home Bowles told Smith that he was going over into Indiana to get some more dynamite. He would send him some, and he must put it on the Burlington track. Bowles sent the dynamite through the defendant Bauereisen. June 14 Smith took the dynamite and, by Bauereisen's advice, put it on the track at South Aurora and caused the second explosion. Between June 14 and July 1 Bowles was in Indiana, and much correspondence passed between him Bauere sen. Part of that correspondence will be exhibited. It is in the handwriting of Bauereisen, and shows that Bowles was doing some business of a very secret nature and re quired great care. One letter says that if he thought 'the man was following him to shoot the ----,' and then told him to 'not buy any more stuff at present, for obvious

"Wilson, Broderick and Gooding, who were Brotherhood men in Aurora, come into the story now. July 5 Smith met these men in Aurora and talked with them about using dynamite against the Burlington. It came out that Gooding had been storing the dynamite in his house. Some use of the stuff was to be made in Chicago, Gooding took Smith to his house, and from a closet brought out four cartridges, such as were captured with the prisoners on the train. Smith took the cartridges to the hall of the Brotherhood, and in the antercom delivered them to Bowles, Wilson, Broderick and Bauereisen. They all went down to the train together, Smith carrying the dynamite under his arm. At the train he gave it to Bowles. Broderick, Wilson and Bowles took the train to Chicago and

were arrested upon it with this very dynamite in their possession.

"Yesterday one of these cartridges was exploded to test it. It blew a quarter-inch iron pipe to pieces, dug a hole a foot deep in the earth and blew fragments a distance of eighty-one feet, showing that the explosive was of the highest power. Every one of these statements will be proved by abundant testimony."

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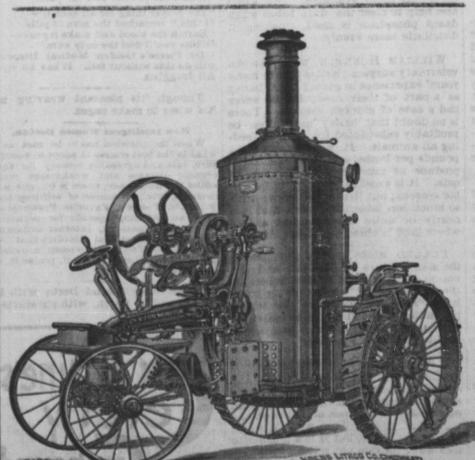
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