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CENTRE HALL, PA., THURS, JUNE 20.

A MINE EXPLOSION.

Another Disaster in the Nottingham Colliery at Plymouth, Pa.

last Monday, when four lives were lost, most a total suspension of work in the

A number of Polish laborers, unable sign placed at the head of the slope. One of them removed it, and seven or eight of them entered the fourth, or Big Baltimore, gangway, at the east end of the largest mine in the region. The destruction of the warning of the fire boss caused the intelligent miners to follow, not knowing that there was any danger. The Polanders carried naked lights, and the gangway being filled with gas, which had accumulated throughout the wight at the state of night, a terrific explosion followed. Every man in the gangway was knocked down and injured. Some of them were frightfully burned.

Might Have Been Appalling. The injured number nine, four of whom will die. As all of them are Polanders, and went by numbers, their true names are not easily obtainable. One, a young man known as Frank Taylor, was burned to a crisp. His clothing, including his shoes, were torn completely from his body and the flesh from his bones, leaving little but a skeleton, and yet he lived for over an hour. The other three were taken to the hos-

pital and are at death's door. Had the accident occurred half an hour later, when the gangway would have been filled with miners, 900 being employed in the workings, the loss of life would have been appalling. Most of the miners were on their way into the slope when the explosion occurred, and thus avoided death.

Wales Backcaps Emperor William. Vienna, June 15.—The Nouvelle Revu will shortly publish a letter purporting to have been written by the Prince of Wales to King Leopold of Belgium, stating that the physical condition of Emperor William of Germany is deplorable. The letter says he cannot get any sleep except with the help of drugs, suffers intense headaches and is compelled to retense headaches and is compelled to re-sort to the use of morphine to find relief from pain. He loses his temper easily and with the slightest provocation. "I can never forgive nor forget," the letter concludes, "the treatment I received on the funeral journey from Berlin, nor the insults of the Reichsanzeiger."

An Aged Cut Throat.

CINCINNATI, June 18.—A ghastly sight was discovered in a house at 71 Turner alley, Brighton. It was that of an old woman lying dead with her throat cut from ear to ear, while near her lay an aged man wounded fatally in a similar manner. The two were man and wife, deeds discovered were the work of the latter. The old man, after being taken to the Oliver street station, told very briefly and in gasps his version of the affair. His name is Nicholas Pearl and he is 71 years of age. Pearl is insane without a doubt.

Oil Fired by Lightning. New York, June 17. — Lightning struck tank 18 in the National Dock Storage company's oil yard at Caven Point, Jersey City. A moment later the 400,000 gallons of oil in the tank exploded, blowing the iron top seventy feet in the air and shaking houses in La-

in this city lightning struck the spire of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, but no serious damage was done. Over 100 female worshipers in the church were badly frightened.

McDavitt Indorses Sullivan. LONDON, June 17.-In an interview on

Alexander Sullivan's arrest Michael Mc-Davitt says: "I have read of the arrest with the greatest astonishment. I have the highest opinion as to the character of Sullivan. I think the charge that he has been implicated in any way in the assassination of Dr. Cronin is absurd. I also think that the allegations that he ever misappropriated one penny of the funds of the National league are ground-less. I believe him to be the very soul

Fifteen Acres Burned Out. MONTREAL, June 18.—An extensive fire broke out at Mile End through the upsetting of a coal oil lamp at the Bushnell Oil refinery. The fire spread with great rapidity, and soon covered fifteen acres. The refinery being alongside the railroad track, the fire caused consider able havoc to cars, telegraph poles and the track. About ten cars were destroyed. The refinery was burned to the ground. Nothing was saved out a stack of empty barrels.

Ruthless Land Pirates.

CANTON, O., June 18.-Frank Ryan and Frank Saddler, under indictment on two counts for attempting to wreck the Fort Wayne limited near this city on April 2 and 9, pleaded guilty in common pleas court on the first count and were sentenced to ten years each and pay costs of prosecution. On the second count they were given five years and sentenced to pay \$300 each. They con-fessed that their object in wrecking the train was plunder.

Disemboweled by a Music Teacher. an Kirkwood, Va., June 18.-William Miller, a farmer, is dying from the effects of knife wounds inflicted by George Sell, a music teacher, at Stemple's Ridge. A few evenings ago Sell was conducting a song, when a son of Miller interrupted and a fight ensued. Sell whipped young Miller. The father interfered and Sell disemboweled the elder Miller with belief Miller with a knife.

The Ancient Order of Nobles. CHICAGO, June 18.—The annual convention of the imperial council of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine is being held in this city. About 400 nobles are in attendance as delegates from all parts of the United States and Canada, representing a mem-bership of 6,000, all Knights Templars or thirty-second degree Masons.

Gen. Hastings Expects to Finish His Labors in One Week.

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING.

Twenty-five Clergymen Will Be Requested to Go to Johnstown Next Sunday to Offer Up Praise for Her Deliverance-Residents Will Vote on the Constitutional Amendment.

Johnstown, Pa., June 17.-Johns-WILKESBARRE, Pa., June 18 .- An- town's citizens have settled down to other frightful accident, following that their routine life again. There was alhas occurred at the Nottingham mine of | Conemaugh valley yesterday, and the the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal com-pany at Plymouth. day was spent very quietly. There was no improvement in the weather. The mercury registered 80 degrees. Roto speak English, disregarded the danger sign placed at the least of the alger inations. Nearly all of the services were, from necessity, conducted in the open air. The sermons and addresses counseled the people to be brave and keep up heart.

The Dry or Wet Question. It is understood that polling places will be open here on Tuesday to give the residents a chance to vote on the con-stitutional amendment.

About 150 men were working at the gorge to make a wider opening in the debris. Seven hoisting engines were working all day, and as a result the channel is now over twenty feet wide. A hundred other men were engaged in searching for dead bodies and six were recovered during the day. None were identified.

Late last evening a large quantity of oil was poured over the debris below the stone railroad bridge and the torch applied. At 9 o'clock there was a sheet of flame twenty feet high and 200 yards in length along both banks of the river. A careful search for dead bodies was made before the torches were applied, Gen. Hastings having issued orders that no human remains shall be burned when it is possible to avoid it. it is possible to avoid it.

The Survivors Estimated at 25,000. Col. Rogers, who is in charge of the bureau of investigation, reports to Gen. Hastings that the average registration is 15,569 names; 2,500 survivors have left the locality without registering and many others are being entertained in the vicinity, who, because they were not affected by the flood, refuse to register as they think they are not legitimate survivors. Col. Rogers estimates the survivors at 25,000, and says: "These figures are presumably approximately correct. Deducting these 25,000 survivors from the total population, leave 4,125 lives lost.'

This estimate is as perfect as it will probably ever be possible to give as they are made up from careful research, house to house canvass and comparison with the proof sheets of the Johnstown directory, which was compiled just one month previous to the disaster and is now in the hands of the printer.

Encouragements to Build. Gen. Hastings has determined that where people desire to build immediately he will clear out their cellars and assist them to put up their buildings. A Chicago firm has been furnished money by the Chicago relief committee with which to send 150 houses here ready to place upon their foundations. These will be-

gin to arrive in a day or two. To facilitate building schemes the Baltimore and Ohio railroad and the Pennsylvania railroad will construct special switches for the accommodation of the lumber trains which are now arriving. The state is to furnish the carpenter tools, nails and all the requisitos for prompt work in rebuilding.

A Week Will Finish It.

Special orders were issued and arrangements made for rushing the work of clearing away the debris with all possible speed. If expectations are realized and a few days of favorable feet in the air and shaking houses in Lafayette, a mile away. Fire followed the explosion.

and the days of lavorable weather intervenes there will be but little work left undone by next Saturday night. So confident is Gen. Hastings of this that he has expressed the determin-



LOOKING TOWARD THE BURNING DEBRIS. atian of asking this week that twentyfive ministers of various denominations visit Johnstown next Sabbath and hold special thanksgiving services for the saved from the visitation.

Rapid Railroad Construction. Rapid Railroad Construction.

Pittsburg, June 17.—Yesterday a special train over the Pennsylvania railroad left here for South Fork. On board were fifty newspaper men of Philadelphia and Pittsburg and a number of railroad and city officials. The purpose of the excursion was to view what remained of the wrecked dam and the valley below. By the middle of next week ley below. By the middle of next week a double track will have been completed to Altoon, and the limited will run again in its regular schedule. About 4,000 men are at work on the construc-tion of the road. The progress of the work has been almost phenomenal.

The District Declared a Nuisance. HARRISBURG, June 15 .- Governor Beaver has received an official report from the state board of health, in which the district from the railroad bridge over the Conemaugh river at Johnstown to the mouth of Stony Creek river is declared a nuisauce. The governor now has the legal machinery and the fund to apply it, and the work will be apply it, and the work will be pushed without delay. The governor has issued a proclamation, of which the following is an abstract:

The Proclamation.

To the Public: The work of supplying the pressing bodily wants of the sufferers by the late floods in the Conemaugh valley goes on without interruption. Supplies for this purpose are furnished in abundance, and will continue to be so furnished without the state. nished without stint. Thanks to the generous donors the world over, no one has lacked, or will lack, if he makes his wants known, food,

clothing and shelter.

The problem which confronts the people of Johnstown and vicinity, and in the solution Oct. 6.

of which their well wishers everywhere must of which their well wishers everywhere must be deeply interested, is the restoration as early as possible of the usual channels of trade and the machinery of supply and demand. The merchants and tradespeople must be encouraged to begin the work of rehabilitation at once. If their property had been destroyed by fire they would probably have the insurance upon which to begin business.

Under present conditions, however, they have simply and absolutely nothing. The propriety of using the money contributed by generous donors for the benefit of individual sufferers for the purpose of starting men in business might be questioned, particularly if that business should prove remunerative here-

that business should prove remunerative here-

A Fund for Board Shanties. There can be little doubt, however, that the most useful and judicious expenditure at the present moment, for the entire people of the region, would be a fund which could be used for putting up simple board shanties, in which business might be commenced by the courageous business men of Johnstown, who have already signified their intention of remaining where they are, and assisting in building up the ruins, which speak so elo-quently in their behalf. Credit is tendered them to any extent by merchants in our great trading centers. What they need is simply a cover for their goods and wares. Contri-butions in kind, or specially designated for the



CONSTRUCTING A TRESTLE BRIDGE FOR THE PENNSYLVANIA RAILBOAD. ose of building board shantles in which business can be commenced, would be a great boon to the entire community, and will tend more than anything else at the present mo-ment to the restoration of the normal con-dition of affairs in that community.

Johnstown Will Be Rebuilt. Johnstown Will Be Rebuilt.

Johnstown will be rebuilt. Before that is done, however, legal steps must be taken to consolidate the several independent boroughs among which its municipal government was divided. It is understood that the people expect to consolidate their government under a city charter, and that legal steps will be taken looking towards this end. Until this is done streets cannot be laid out, grades cannot be established, the work of permanent rebuilding cannot go on. ing cannot go on.

Contributions of Lumber Acceptable. One locality in the far west offered days ago twenty-five car loads of lumber, with the expressed intention of doubling it. Such gifts would be more than acceptable at this time. They can be consigned to Gen. D. Hastings. Johnstown, Pa., who will see that they will be properly distributed if designated specially be properly distributed if designated specially for that purpose. If persons who have al-ready contributed desire that their contribu-tions should be appropriated toward this ob-ject, a simple intimation from them as to their wishes will be sufficient. This object is cor-dially commended, especially to the business men of Pennsylvania and to others who have trade relations with what was once one of the most thriving and populous regions of our great commonwealth.

road, carrying the United States mail, arrived in Broad street station last night a little after 12 o'clock, having come through from Johnstown in a little over

THE PROTOCOL SIGNED.

Self Government Assured to Samoa Under a Joint Protectorate-The Treaty Now Awaits the Senate's Action.

Berlin, June 15.—The Samoan agree-ment has been signed. The American delegates having withdrawn the principal objections they had raised to the agreement previously reached, it was only necessary for the plenipotentiaries to make some unimportant modifications in the wording of the draft of the treaty before it was ready to receive the signatures of the delegates of the contracting

The treaty guarantees an autonomous administration to the Samoan islands under the joint control of Germany and America, with England acting as arbitrator in the event of differences arising between the joint controlling powers. The Samoans Will Rule Themselves.

The Samoans are to elect their own king, a viceroy, and are to be representatives in a senate composed of the principal chiefs, and a chamber of repentatives to be elected by all the peo ple. The government so constituted will have the right of levying duties of every kind.

The treaty also provides that the Germans whose property was destroyed during the recent conflicts on the islands shall be indemnified by the Samoan government for their losses. A special court is to be appointed to take cognizance of the land question on the islands.

The Americans Signed Conditionally. The American adhesion to the agree ment is made conditionally and will only become absolute upon the ratifi-cation of the treaty by the United States senate. In view of this necessary delay the plenipotentiaries have reached an understanding that until December next the status quo shall be maintained.

Count Herbert Bismarck left for a three weeks' holiday to Koenigstein, among the Taumis mountains, and Mr. William Walter Phelps sails for New York from Bremen today taking the treaty with him.

Gin and Gunpowder Restricted. London, June 15.—The Times' Berlin special says that the gist of the Samoan agreement is that King Matietoa is to be reinstated and the control of affairs on the islands is to be left mainly to the Samoans themselves. On questions, however, affecting the life or property of subjects of a foreign government there will lie an appeal to a resident judge, to be appointed hereafter, and who will be either an American, a German or a British subject.

The importation of liquors and firearms is to be restricted.

The Shah Inspects Krupp's Gun Works. LONDON, June 17 .- The Shah of Persia arrived at Amsterdam last evening from Cassel. On the way he stopped at Essen and was shown through the extensive Krupp Gun works there.

The French General Elections. Paris, June 17.—The government has decided to hold the general elections on Sept. 23 and the scrutin ballatage on DIED IN PRISON.

Where He Languished for Selling Cider with a Stick in It.

of Martin's creek, died in the Easton jail. On Wednesday last he was convicted on a charge of selling liquor without a license, and was sent to prison for three months and directed to pay a fine of \$500. On Friday he became violent, and although sober when committed and apparently in good health, his trouble was pronounced delirium tremens, and he was treated accordingly by Dr. H. M. Cox, a prisoner serving a term for causing the death of Jennie Osborne by malpractice, and by the regular jail physician.

Sandt was 52 years of age, and leaves a wife and ten children. He was a shoemaker, and besides following that trade kept a small confectionery. He also sold cider, soft drinks, and a stomach bitters of his own manufacture. At the trial several young men testified that they had called at Sandt's shop and "drank cider with a stick in it." The "estick" they said was stomach hitters. HUMPHREYS' 'stick," they said, was stomach bitters, and it made them feel lively. That is the evidence upon which Sandt was

Washington, June 18.—The following fourth class postmasters have been appointed for Pennsylvania: D. R. Acker, Acker; W. D. Messimer, Blaine; N. C. Henderson, Dempseytown; Mrs. N. J. Temple, Donnelly's Mills; W. J. E. McLain, Dravosburg; J. T. Akers, Duncansville; R. G. Jones, Faunettsburg; Henry Kapp. Fertigs; E. R. Mershey, Florin; Nettie Fish, Hammersley's Fork; C. D. Andrews, Hudsondale; J. K. Eby, Intercourse: Ella Hosack, Kent: S. D. C. D. Andrews, Hudsondale; J. K. Eby, Intercourse: Ella Hosack, Kent; S. D. Labar, Lakin; J. W. Wingert, Landisburg; Mrs. A. W. Hill, Lumber City; F. P. McPeek, Mount Cobb; John C. Ferguson, Murray; J. T. Hickman, Northbrook, Franklin Schwartz, North Penn; H. H. Bodine, North Wales; F. R. Scofield, Penfield; U. Shreckingost, Putneyville; W. E. Hair, Roaring Spring; neyville; W. E. Hair, Roaring Spring; Hannah Steubgen, Sexonburg; W. P. Herrick, Sterling Run; W. H. Rapp. Union Deposit; H. H. Bean, Upper Black Eddy; J. M. Perrine, Utica.

Pennsylvania's Freight Traffic. EASTON, Pa., June 18 .- Owing to the great damage to the Pennsylvania rail-road in the Conemaugh valley, and the service of only one track at present in that section, the company has taken a new route to get its western freight to Erie. Most of the freight is now sent to Sunbury, thence to Wilkesbarre, and thence over the Pennsylvania and New York and Geneva, Ithaca, and Sayre divisions of the Lehigh Valley railroad to the Flatbrook railroad, which starts at a point east of Ithaca. In order to handle this freight the Lehigh Valley sent six locomotives to Wilkesbarre last week from Hazleton and Delano, and two yesterday, Nos. 199 and 482, from the shops at South Easten. The company has also put on two extra freight trains between Mauch Chunk and New York to carry goods from the west.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., June 18.-Daniel W. Fletcher, a freight conductor on the PHILADELPHIA, June 15.—The first train from Chicago and the west over the main line of the Pennsylvania railroad, carrying the United States mail, rendered unconscious for a while, and on recovering it was found that the lightning had left two red marks about the size of a silver dollar on his right side and on the left arm a red streak about eight inches long and an eighth of an inch in width. He was paralyzed by the shock, but has recovered from that. He was brought to his home in this city, and is in a fair way for speedy recovery.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., June 18.—Heavy showers prevailed again in this section causing the streams to rise rapidly. An eight foot flood in Lycoming creek swept away the trestles of bridge Nos. 9 and 18 at Bodine's and Ralston, on the Northern Central railway, completely between this city and Elmira. All trains on the Northern Central between will be for several days until the gaps can be closed.

A Prisoner Attempts Saicide. POTTSVILLE, Pa., June 18.-James Ross, who murderously assaulted Doeking Ross and Frank Stephens at Plymouth, attempted suicide in jail. He took a nickel spoon, which he sharpened on the flagging of his cell. He then tried to cut his throat but falling in this he to cut his throat, but failing in this, he opened an artery in his arm. He left a letter in which he stated that he intended plete and perfect in quality. to kill Stephens, and having failed in this determined to kill himself. A physician saved Ross' life.

A Law Library for Johnstown. PITTSBURG, June 18 .- The Pittsburg Bar association held their annual picnic at Rock Point. By resolution they do-nated \$1,000 to the erection of a library building and the purchase of a law li-brary for the attorneys of Johnstown. They will call on every bar association in the state to take similar action.

Traveled on the Wrong Pass. READING, Pa., June 18 .- A man who gave his name to the police authorities as Edward T. Taylor, and claimed to be traveling for a Philadelphia jeweler, is in jail here on the charge of traveling on a railroad pass belonging to some other

Miners Object to Company Stores. PITTSBURG, June 14 .-- At a delegate convention of railroad miners of western Pennsylvania, held in this city, a committee was appointed to draft resolutions demanding that the coal operators discontinue their stores.

W. W. Phelps for German Minister. fered the position

Mrs. Wagner Went Over Niagara. NIAGARA, N. Y., June 19 .- The body of the woman who went over the falls Friday afternoon has been identi-fied as Mrs. Wagner, of Buffalo.

Prince Louis Napoleon Resigns. Rome, June 18.—Prince Louis Napo-leon, at the request of his father, Prince Jerome, has resigned his commission in the Italian army.

John Gilbert Dead.

EASTON, Pa., June 18.-Josiah Sandt,

Pennsylvania Postmasters. WASHINGTON, June 18 .- The follow-10 Dyspepsia, Bibons Stomach.

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Berlin, June 17.—Mr. William Walter Phelps is regarded by every one as the coming United States minister, though he himself denies that he has been of-

Boston, June 18.—John Gilbert, the veteran actor, died yesterday afternoon.

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