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STEADILY FAILING.

Judge Kelley Will Probably Appear No More in Congress.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Dr. Stanton, the physician attending Judge Kelley, said of his patient: "He is a very sick man, and will have to be carefully watched. I fear that there is a very small chance of his being at the capitol this week."

Judge Kelley has probably been on the floor of the house for the last time. Since the day congress assembled he has not been in his seat more than two or three times.

Judge Kelley has been suffering for five years from an irritation on the inside of the right lower jaw, caused by an incessant use of tobacco.

The affected parts showing indications of a malignant tendency caused some apprehension on the part of the judge, and led him to consult the most eminent physicians in Washington, Philadelphia and New York.

For two years there was no recurrence of the trouble, and it was supposed that the threatened disease had been eradicated. Last spring the irritation showed signs of reappearance, and with the difficulty in eating the judge's health became so much impaired that he went to the seashore in the hope of finding relief.

Since his arrival in Washington Judge Kelley has been steadily failing. He made several visits to the house prior to the Christmas recess, but only to remain a short time, leaving very much exhausted by the exertion.

Jail Breakers at Large. WILKESBARRE, Pa., Jan. 7.—Thomas Conway and Michael Patterson, two members of a gang of six burglars, who were arrested at Freeland, this county, a short time ago, and confined in the Luzerne county prison, broke jail some time during the night.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., Jan. 7.—The mail train west bound on the Pennsylvania railroad killed two men at Tyrone last night, one of them being the train dispatcher. The other has not been identified.

A Fatal Mail Train. WILKESBARRE, Pa., Jan. 7.—A sad and terrible shooting accident took place at 311 Washington street, by which Mrs. Kate Bohart, aged about 30 years, will probably lose her life.

A Mother's Anguish. WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., Jan. 6.—A sad and terrible shooting accident took place at 311 Washington street, by which Mrs. Kate Bohart, aged about 30 years, will probably lose her life.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 7.—The deaths in the city for the last week were 497, being an increase of 85 over the previous week, and an increase of 126 over the corresponding period of last year.

More Pittsburg Players. PITTSBURG, Jan. 4.—Manager Hanlan has had Tommy Quinn, Baltimore's crack catcher, who signed with the Brooklyn Players League, transferred to this city, and will today sign Gumbert, of last year's Chicago League club, to play with the Pittsburg Players League this year.

A Big Slate Deal. ALLENTOWN, Pa., Jan. 2.—A syndicate composed of Philadelphia and New York capitalists begin the new year by investing \$1,500,000 in slate proprietors in the Lehigh region.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Jan. 4.—About 150 miners employed at the Hillman breaker, of the Abbott Hillman coal company, near Pittston, went out on strike yesterday. A demand of 5 per cent. advance in wages was refused them, and this caused the strike.

TRENTON'S MYSTERY

The Remarkable Murder Causes Much Discussion.

THE POLICE ARE NONPLUSSED.

Some Peculiar Features of the Case Which Make Mystery More Mysterious.

The Public Prosecutor Instructs the Examining Physicians Not to Talk of Their Discoveries—Queer Tactics for Burglars.

TRENTON, Jan. 6.—A pall of mystery envelops the Kniffin murder case. Excitement and interest have increased steadily since murdered Mrs. Kniffin was discovered in her bed in her husband's home until public feeling has reached a point rarely if ever before attained in this old town.

Miss Emma Purcell, the pretty typewriter who was found lying on the floor not many feet from the dead body of her murdered cousin, is still at the Kniffin house and has fully recovered.

County Physician Charles B. Leavitt, who made the post mortem examination, was assisted by Dr. Wadbury, coroner of this city. Three members of the coroner's jury were also present.

THE LATEST SENSATION. Dr. Kniffin Attempts to Commit Suicide by Poison and Razor.

TRENTON, Jan. 7.—Dr. A. S. Kniffin attempted to commit suicide at 3:30 o'clock in the morning. He used his pocket knife, and cut a jagged gash about three inches long in the right side of the throat, which bled profusely.

What have you been trying to do, Arthur? asked Murphy. "Trying to end my wretched life," said Kniffin.

The household was aroused, and Drs. Shepherd and Cooper at once sent for a messenger at once dispatched to the home of Druggist Patterson on Mercer street.

Many demand the arrest of Dr. Kniffin and Miss Purcell. They regard them as undoubtedly guilty of at least complicity in the murder of Mrs. Myra Kniffin.

The Coroner's Jury. The members of the coroner's jury are: Edward B. Sterling, broker; Benjamin Sholes, Alfred T. Osmond, carpet dealer; Philip Arnold, shoemaker; Charles H. Walker, coal dealer; William Pierson, superintendent; Charles B. Lawahe, dry goods merchant; R. Vanduyke, G. C. Larison, John E. Scudder, teamster; Charles Baumgartner, dry goods merchant.

Christianity in Africa. LONDON, Jan. 7.—In a letter to Mr. Bruce, son-in-law of the famous African explorer, Dr. Livingstone, Stanley describes the explosion of Mohammedanism by the combined efforts of the native Christians, and the subsequent conversion to Christianity of King Mwaga, the savage persecutor who murdered Bishop Harrington, and says: "The fact that the native Christians are strong enough to make a revolution in one of the most powerful of the African kingdoms would have made Livingstone content to die in peace."

The Ohio Senators. COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 7.—Telegrams sent to members of the Ohio delegation in congress say that Thomas will receive a complimentary vote on the first ballot, but Brice will then be nominated by acclamation. The senatorial convention will be held Thursday evening.

WILMINGTON, Del., Jan. 7.—The engagement is reported of Miss Ellen Bayard, youngest daughter of ex-Secretary Bayard, to Count Lewenhaupt, formerly an attaché of the Swedish legation at Washington.

THE NEW PLAGUE.

Influenza Has Become a Matter of Serious Concern.

New York, Jan. 6.—The record of deaths for the past week exhibits a frightful increase of mortality from pneumonia, bronchitis, phthisis and heart diseases, as well as from influenza. This record is as follows:

Table with columns: Cause of Death, etc., Week, Week Av. for End of Dec. 25, Past 5 Years.

It is thus seen that more than 39 out of every 1,000 people in New York city perished last week, making a grand total of registered deaths exceeding 1,300, against 708 in the preceding week.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—The sudden increase in the death rate of the city was made manifest to the undertakers on Sunday by the fact that most of them had more business on hand than they had facilities to handle.

A WIDESPREAD CONSPIRACY. Russians High in Imperial Favor Plotted Against the Czar's Life.

WARSAW, Jan. 4.—The arrest of the nihilist leader, Pierra Gross, has been productive of disclosures far more startling than any of the alarming revelations which have come to the police within the past few days.

Arrests are of daily and nightly occurrence, and there is a reign of terror among the suspected, no one knowing when he may be visited by the police.

Appointed Minister to Turkey. On Nov. 4, 1871, President Grant appointed Mr. Boker minister to Constantinople, vice Wayne MacVeagh resigned, and on the eve of his departure he was given reception at the league which will be ever memorable in the annals of that organization.

His Last Years. Upon Mr. Boker's relinquishment of diplomatic work he settled down at his home here and concerned himself with literature, with financial projects, and with social engagements.

Badly Burned by Mine Gas. WILKESBARRE, Pa., Jan. 6.—A serious explosion occurred in the Nottingham mine, Plymouth, on Thursday last.

A Persistent Elopee. WILKESBARRE, Pa., Jan. 4.—"Hancock" Peter, who keeps a boarding shanty at Lewiston, is possessed of a fair looking wife, who has numerous admirers among the boarders.

A Tempestuous Voyage. NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—All incoming steamers report terribly rough weather at sea. The steamer Crona, just arrived from Dundee with a cargo of pig iron, was almost wrecked in a hurricane Dec. 18.

The Engineer Acquitted. LANCASTER, Pa., Jan. 3.—In the case of William Rogers, a Pennsylvania railroad engineer, on trial for criminal negligence in causing the death of John C. Ryan, a conductor, the jury rendered a verdict of acquittal.

No More "Boodles" Trials. NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—District Attorney Fellows said in an interview that he believed it would be a waste of public money to try any more of the "boodle" cases, as an acquittal, or at least disagreement, would certainly result in every case.

GEORGE H. BOKER.

Death of the Distinguished Pennsylvanian at His Home.

OUR REPRESENTATIVE ABROAD.

He Rendered Signal Service to Americans Who Had Been Wronged by Syrians—His Services to American Literature—The Author of "Francesca da Rimini," "Calaynos" and Other Plays.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 4.—The Hon. George H. Boker, ex-minister to Turkey and Russia, and president of the park commission, died yesterday at his residence in this city, No. 1720 Walnut street, in the sixty-seventh year of his age.

Some eight weeks ago he was prostrated by an illness which it was supposed would readily yield to medical science. But such was not the case, for Mr. Boker was confined to his bed without relief for fully a month, and at one time brought to the verge of death.

Secretary Williams, of the Union League, at once issued notices for a special meeting to take suitable action, and the park commission was given similar word. Mr. Boker was the sixth president of that body.

George H. Boker graduated from Princeton college when only 19 years of age. Soon after leaving college he married Miss Riggs and went abroad for six months.

Two later tragedies, the "Betrothal" and "Francesca da Rimini," met with a similar success. "Annie Boloyne," which was not played, is also a strong and touching tragedy.

He remained at Constantinople four years, and during that time secured redress for wrongs done American subjects by the Syrians, and successfully negotiated two treaties—one having reference to the extradition of criminals, and the other to the naturalization of the subjects of either power in the dominions of the other.

On May 29, 1875, Mr. Boker resigned the Turkish mission, and was at once appointed by President Grant minister to Russia, and started at once for St. Petersburg, returning twice to this country on leave of absence.

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