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SCOTCH-IRISH CONGRESS.

Preparations for a Great Gathering at Pittsburgh.

PITTSBURG, May 28.—The second congress of the Scotch-Irish society of America is to be held in this city on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 29, 30 and 31, and very extensive preparations have been made for the occasion...

Mr. Robert Bonner, of New York, president of the society, will preside over the organization of the congress...

Of the congress will occupy the forenoons and evenings of the days named, while the afternoons will be devoted to visiting the many notable sights and celebrities of the city and its vicinity...

SHELLENBERGER'S SENTENCE.

Twenty-two Years' Solitary Confinement—He Breaks Down.

DOYLESTOWN, Pa., May 28.—Broken hearted and dejected, J. Monroe Shellenberger, embezzler and forger, walked into the Bucks county court room to plead guilty to seventeen bills of indictment.

Mr. Stout took up one after another the bills of indictment against Shellenberger which the grand jury found to be true. They numbered seventeen, all told, and covered the crimes of forgery and embezzlement.

As the district attorney called them out loud groans and sobs came from the dock. Shellenberger at times acted like a mad man. He opened his handkerchief and threw it over his head, rubbing his head and face with it and nervously shook the railing of the dock with his hand and foot.

After the court decided that sufficient testimony had been heard to give an idea of the grade of the crime, the judge drew himself up and addressed himself to the prisoner in a low, husky voice, in which there seemed a slight tremor of emotion.

Finally the words dropped from the judge's lips, "twenty-two years of solitary confinement with hard labor." Shellenberger gave a groan of anguish that was more like a shriek and almost sank to the floor.

Lost His Life in the Lottery.

GREENSBURG, Pa., May 26.—Keyner Kemmerling, aged 50, the superintendent of the pattern department of the Kelly & Jones steel plant here, in a fit of despondency cut his throat from ear to ear with a razor. He lived five hours after he committed the deed.

Leaving the Reformed Church.

ALLENTOWN, Pa., May 26.—A sensation has been created in church circles here by the withdrawal of three prominent ministers of the Reformed church, within four days of each other, from the fold of that communion in order to connect themselves with the Protestant Episcopal church.

A Swindler Eludes the Law.

LANCASTER, Pa., May 26.—Isaac Miller, a Russian, doing business in Wrightsville for a short time, fled from Lancaster officers. He is charged by Philadelphia merchants with false pretense and larceny as he has been making a series of transactions may reach \$4,000.

Food for Sportsmen.

MEADVILLE, Pa., May 24.—One hundred thousand Striped Bass salmon fry were turned loose in Conneaut lake this week. They were from the Erie hatchery, and were placed in their new home by Col. D. S. Richmond, F. B. Shroyok and John Reynolds.

A DISASTROUS STORM

Lightning and Dynamite Conspire to Wreck an Ohio Town.

TWENTY-FIVE PERSONS INJURED.

Lightning Fires a Business Building and Explodes a Fifty Pound Can of Dynamite—Two Men Killed and Horribly Mangled—Rain Extinguishes the Fire.

MANSFIELD, O., May 26.—A powerful rain storm passed over this (Richland) county, accompanied with lightning and thunder. During the continuance of the storm lightning struck the John Charles block, in Lucas, six miles east of this city. The block was occupied by a hardware and general merchandises store.

The block took fire from the stroke and was entirely consumed, together with two dwellings adjoining. There is no fire apparatus in the village and the citizens turned out with buckets, but could do nothing toward extinguishing the flames.

An Explosion. While removing goods, about fifty pounds of dynamite which was kept in store exploded with disastrous effect. The bodies of John Smith and Jere Jones were horribly mangled and mutilated beyond recognition.

About twenty-five persons in all were more or less injured. The killed are: John Smith, aged about 54, leaves wife and family; Jeremiah Jones, aged 50, leaves wife and family.

Seriously injured: Joseph Hanna, badly cut on forehead, hands and legs; F. R. Russell, severe cut over left eye; John Gallagher, leg severely bruised, falling from ladder; F. Myers, badly hurt, struck by flying bricks.

Of the remaining persons injured none are considered seriously hurt. Physicians were quickly summoned who attended the injured.

Heard for Five Miles. The report of the explosion was heard five miles distant and the shock was so great that nearly all the windows in the village were broken.

The fire department of this city was called upon for assistance and the fire apparatus was put on a special train, but before they could start word reached them that the fire was under control. Rain came down in torrents, which put the fire out, otherwise half of the town would be in ruins. The loss is estimated at \$50,000 to \$80,000.

KEMMLER MUST DIE

The United States Supreme Court Indorses Execution.

WASHINGTON, May 24.—By a decision of the supreme court of the United States the last hope for life afforded William Kemmler, the New York murderer under sentence of death by electricity, was banished, and he will accordingly be executed in conformity with the new law governing executions in New York state.

The court was unanimous in denying the application for a writ of error. Chief Justice Fuller read the decision in full. He reviewed the case and severally went over the points made by Kemmler's counsel, and ended by stating that the court had no hesitation in saying that they could not, on the record as presented, reverse the decision of the New York court of appeals.

The court could not perceive that the state abridged Kemmler's privileges, or deprived him of due process of law.

Very Sharp Swindlers.

PHILADELPHIA, May 24.—With the lapse of time and the developments from day to day in regard to the modern operandi by which the American Life Insurance company and the Bank of America were wrecked, the lawyers interested for the shorn victims are looking in vain for the evidence necessary to justify a criminal action against the principals.

Struck by Lightning While Praying.

BERLIN, May 23.—While the people of the village of St. Mahlen, near Hildesheim, Hanover, were assembled in the church whither they had repaired to pray for the cessation of the hail storms which have of late prevailed in that locality with damaging effect the building was struck by lightning. Four persons were instantly killed, twenty were seriously injured and four were permanently blinded by the flash.

Attempted to Dethrone the Speaker.

FRANKFORD, Ky., May 26.—The legislative proceedings in the Kentucky house were marked by the disgraceful conduct of Representative Cooper, who during the debate on the general school bill attempted to drag Speaker pro tem. Cox from the speaker's chair. Members yelled to the sergeant-at-arms to throw Cooper out.

Wiped Out by a Strike.

FORT DODGE, Ia., May 26.—The little town of Kalo, south of here, has been wiped out by a miners strike. A month ago Kalo was a prosperous mining town of 500 inhabitants, today not a dozen houses are occupied. On May 11 all the coal miners struck for higher wages, the mine owners refused the demand and shut down the mines.

Can't Tax Sleeping Cars.

ATLANTA, Ga., May 26.—The United States circuit court, Judges Pardee and Newman presiding, granted a perpetual injunction restraining the comptroller general of Georgia from collecting a tax under the Georgia act of 1886 assessing tax on sleeping and palace cars doing business in Georgia, the act being declared unconstitutional.

CONGRESSIONAL RESUME.

Labors of the National Legislators at Washington.

WASHINGTON, May 22.—The house passed the McKinley tariff bill by the vote of 184 to 142, two Republicans voting against the bill.

In the senate the resignation of Mr. Canaday, sergeant-at-arms, was received. In discussing the silver bill Mr. Farwell said the Republican national platform (which he helped to construct) favored silver money at the market price of silver.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—After unimportant business the house went into committee of the whole on the river and harbor bill. The bill calls for \$30,000,000, based on estimates aggregating \$22,500,000.

Mr. Daniel addressed the senate at length on the silver bill. The credentials of Calvin S. Brice as senator from Ohio were presented. WASHINGTON, May 24.—The items on the river and harbor bill relating to improvements in eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware, were adopted in the house.

The silver bill was laid aside in the senate, and a number of bills of minor importance passed. The tariff bill was received from the house and referred to the committee on finance.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—The senate agreed to take up the liquor bill on Tuesday and continue its consideration until disposed of.

The house continued consideration of the river and harbor bill. The appropriation for the Hennepin canal was carried by a vote of 122 to 50.

WASHINGTON, May 27.—The house elected Mr. Burrows, of Michigan, speaker pro tem. in the absence of Mr. Reed. Several District of Columbia bills were passed.

Mr. Plumb offered in the senate a resolution instructing the finance committee to prepare and report in connection with the tariff bill a statement showing the duties levied under existing law, the duties as they would be under the house bill, and the duties under the bill to be reported by the committee.

ANARCHISTS AGAIN AT WORK Attempt to Blow Up the Chicago Haymarket Monument.

CHICAGO, May 26.—An unsuccessful attempt was made to blow up the Haymarket monument, erected in memory of the policemen who were killed by the bomb thrown May 4, 1886. The failure of the plans was due solely to the heavy rainfall. The discovery of the plot was made by Officer Slinger, of the Desplaines street station.

He next looked at the stone base and saw the mark of burned powder extending original length of three feet, which marked the original length of the fuse.

It is believed that the explosive was placed on the monument during the darkness preceding the storm, and that the rain coming up immediately it was extinguished.

Severe Earthquake in York State.

GLOVERSVILLE, N. Y., May 26.—At 7 o'clock Sunday morning the city was visited with a severe shock of earth quake. Large buildings were shaken, people were thrown out of chairs and out of bed and glass was shattered.

Eight Pleasure Seekers Drowned.

FALL RIVER, Mass., May 26.—A small boat containing a party of pleasure seekers was capsized in the rough water in the bay yesterday, and eight persons were drowned. The names are: Samuel Wittles, aged 50; Mrs. Wittles, aged 45; Henry Wittles, aged 10; Samuel Wittles, Jr., aged 12; Levia Buckley, aged 35; Frederick Buckley, aged 3; Willie Buckley, aged 8; Willie Turner, aged 8.

Original Packages in Pennsylvania.

LEEBURGH, Pa., May 26.—A carload of beer was delivered to Mr. Silverman in this place at 5 p. m. Saturday, who immediately began to dispose of it in "original packages." By 6 o'clock all but seven kegs were disposed of.

Died in His Chains.

GREENSBORO, N. C., May 26.—Jay Hill, the terror of the neighborhood and an idiot from his birth, died near Trin city college. He was 70 years old. For fifty years he had been chained to the floor of the house in which he died.

Jack the Ripper Again.

LOXON, May 26.—A young girl named Homer was found dead near Altonburg, and the body had been mutilated as were those of Jack the Ripper's victims. There is great excitement in the neighborhood.

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