

MADMAN IN CHURCH.

MEET AT CATASAUQUA.

Bible Student Overstudies and Tries Lehigh Women's Foreign Missionto Preach.

Reading .--- Great excitement prevailed at the Salem United Brethren | nual meeting of the Women's For-Church, when a demented man, eign Missionary Society of the Presbreaking into the place, preached a bytery of Lehigh was held in the sermon to an imaginary audience. First Presbyterian Church. The Rev. S. B. Wengert, the pastor, re- opening meeting was in charge of sides in the parsonage adjoining the Rev. Charles Miller, of the First church, and while seated at the Church, and addresses were made by breakfast table heard the crash of falling glass.

Great was his suprise when he saw in the pulpit a young man, whom he recognized as Harry X. Rowe, a charge of Mrs. H. A. Croasdale, of member of his congregation. Rowe Delaware Water Gap, after which an was bare-footed and his trousers were rolled up above his knees. In Miss Kate McV. Smith. one hand he carried an immense butcher knife, and persons who were attracted to the place through the commotion were afraid to venture near him. The police were notified and Rowe was taken into custody. after some difficulty.

JAIL READING PREACHER.

Prominent Politician Convicted of Keeping Disorderly House.

Reading .- William D. Thompson, a former well-known Republican leader of this city, who served several terras in Select Councils, and who upon two occasions was defeated for the Republican nomination for Mayor, was found guilty before Judge Stevens of the charge of maintaining a disorderly house at his home. Witnesses testified that young men and women congregated there, drank liquor and raised a general disturbance.

He was sentence to pay a fine of \$50, the costs and to undergo a term of six months in prison. Thompson Reading train a mile from Mt.Car-is 70 years old, a Civil War veteran mel and instantly killed. He had and is well-known as a local preacher.

WELCOMES PRISON TERM.

Burglar Caught At Reading Claims Locust Gap when killed. This City As Home.

Reading .- Arrested at the home of Mrs. Emma R. Rick, a wealthy Harry Willard, of 625 North Seventh Street, Philadelphia, was sentenced to five years at hard labor in the Eastern Penitentiary. Willard says he is a morphine fiend and that this attempt to rob the Rick residence was his first offence. He expressed pleasure at being sent to prison, saying he hoped to become cured of the drug habit while confined.

CUT IN STEEL WAGES.

Cambria Company's Ten Per Cent.

ary Society Elects Officers. Catasauqua. - The thirtieth an-

Miss Belle Graham, missionary of India, and Rev. Dr. J. L. Potter, of Persia.

The second day's session was in address of welcome was given by

The following officers were elected: President, Miss Ellzabeth Webster, Mauch Chunk; honorary president, Mrs. A. B. Jack, Hazleton; vice-presidents, Mrs. L. B. Hapgood, Easton; Mrs. J. R. Castleberry, Hazleton; Mrs. M. L. Romig, Allentown; Rowe is a close student of the Mrs. H. A. Croasdale, Delaware Bible, and it is said that his mind has become effected through overstudy. Easton; and Miss C. McCool, Pottsville; secretary, Miss Marjory Deitz. Hazleton; secretary of Young People's Work, Miss M. H. Clyde, Easton; secretary of literature, Miss Margaret Marsh, Easton; treasurer, Miss Mary D. Garretson, Pottsville.

Absconding Cash Boy Caught.

Altoona .- With most of the \$200 spent, John Russ, the cash boy who absconded when sent to the bank by a clothing firm, was captured in Tyrone, where he was recognized by a former Altoonan, who learned of the affair through a newspaper. He had bought a lot of clothes and jewelry.

STATE ITEMS.

Valentine Mazare, age 40 years, was struck by a Philadelphia and Reading train a mile from Mt.Carbeen to Mt. Carmel to arrange for transportation to Austria, where his wife and five children reside, and was walking along the railroad to

The Nazareth High School Literary Society has elected these officers: President, Floyd Connell; vice-president, Frank Stocker; secretary, Miss widow, a burglar who says he is Helen Oswald; assistant secretary, Miss Minnie Kraemer; treasurer, Asher Kahler.

Thieves broke into William Anderson's hennery at Norwood and got away with fifty fancy chickens, which the owner values at \$500. The West End Free Library in Chester, has engaged Miss Lydia Smith to make a house to house canvas in the western section of the city with the view of getting everybody possible to join the library associa-

tion. Altoona has an epidemic of a new form of cold. Doctors report hun-



-Cartoon by C. R. Macauley, in the New York World.

NEW YORK CITY'S IDLE ARMY INCLUDES 120,000 UNION MEN

Startling Figures Furnished by Organizer Herman Robinson---Not Due to Strikes---Vast Percentage of Cases Due to Depression in Business.

110,000 unemployed men and women cannot secure work in York City

2700 men have been discharged from Blackwell's Island Workhouse before expiration of their sentences to make way for others sent in.

900 willing heads of families, unable to secure work, are being supported by the Association for the Improvement of the Poor. In 1907 the number was 19.

850 able men, unable to get work, were sent to the Workhouse in the last three months by City Magistrates on their own requests. 40,000 union men in New York State have been forced from

their organizations for lack of funds to pay dues.

York State last year.

A man willing to work and unable to find work is, perhaps, the saddest sight that fortune's inequality exhibits under the sun .- Thomas Carlyle.

New York City .--- Suppose a parade of the unemployed in Greater New York should start from the Battery to-day. How far up-town do you suppose its van would extend before the last man wheeled into line? The answer vouched for by the noted charity twelve years. I have committed, labor workers of New York gives

Herman Robinson, general organizer of the American Federation of Labor, states that at least forty per cent. of the members of the labor unions in New York City are unemployed. The latest report of the State Department of Labor gives the memhership of labor unions in this city The present memberas 290,000. ship should be well above 310,000, but inability to pay dues has caused tore than 40,000 union men to lose their membership cards.

Former Warden John M. Fox is authority for the statement that a majority of the men imprisoned in the Workhouse --- probably seventy-five per cent .-- would never have been

there could they have found employment. In this connection one magistrate said "My experience is that there is more distress among the worthy poor

now than at any time in the chiefly at their own request, more decent men this winter than I have sent there before in any five years of my term as magistrate.

Distress Among Women.

Mary E. Dreier, president of the Women's Trade Union League, said: "This year the distress among women workers has been greater than ever before. It is pitiful. The sav-



A woman's interest in a divorced man, thinks the Indianapolis News, never lets up until she discovers why he was divorced.

Mendelssohn lives in his wedding march, chirps the Atlanta Constitution, and makes the benedicts of the world step lively to live up to it.

When a man likes to go to a lecture it's because he'd have to spend the evening home if he didn't, confesses the New York Press.

When a man steals a watch and a lawyer takes the case, puns the Philadelphia Record, the latter isn't necessarily a receiver of stolen goods.

Optimism is that frame of mind, de fines the New York World, by which we rise to a belief that there are no trusts, that they are good things and that we've got them on the run.

Right here it seems appropriate for the Chicago Tribune to mention as an interesting fact that this country consumed \$14,000,000 worth of peanuts last year.

"Everybody says confidence is restored," reflected Uncle Allen Sparks, in the Chicago Tribune, "and I suppose it is; but I notice that the manufacture of cash registers still keeps a whole town busy."

Says the Providence Journal: It pressing demand for the preservation of the forests. While Congress hesitates the spoliation is going on. Already much injury that is well-nigh irreparable has been done.

Remarks the Chicago Record-Herald: "The American temperament" is often an excuse for fast automobile driving. How about the American temperament of the victims of such driving and of the magistrates who try the persistent offenders?

It costs money to live in the capitals of Europe and to live as the representatives of other nations do. The United States, asserts the St. Paul Pioneer Press, does not begrudge what it costs to have its own diplomats housed and to enable them to entertain in a becoming fashion.

Prof. Fisher, of Yale, suggests that life insurance companies should fight tuberculosis as a business proposition, looking for results in a diminished death rate. There is a good precedent for the plan in the temperance reform effected by corport tions and other large employers in insisting on total abstinence among their employees.

LAME IN THE MORNING.

Feels As If Your Back Would Surely Break.

LeRoy S. Currier, 46 Purchase St.,* Newburyport, Mass., says: "For years'

my kidneys gave me trouble. I had dull pains in the small of the back and felt lame every morning when getting out of bed. The kidney secretions passed too frequently, compelling me to get up often at night. After several remedies that

I tried had failed. I used a box of Doan's Kidney Pills. They did their work well. I now have no backache and can sleep splendidly."

Sold by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

Like Statues,

The old lady with the pale blue umbrella had been standing at the stationery counter for 10 minutes.

"I want to be waited on," she napped impatiently.

"Certainly, madam," hastened the tall floorwalker. "Do you wish a stationery clerk?"

"Stationery clerk? Gracious! They all seem stationery. They don't want to move.

Breakfast Table Talk.

"low-brow" was talking with A a girl from Beacon street.

"Do you like 'The Autocrat of the Breakfast Table?' " she inquired. "I don't know that I ever tried it

I'm not much of a hand for breakfast foods."-Success.

Electric Railway competition reduced the suburban traffic around London of the Great Eastern Railway by 3,292,817 passengers in the last half of 1908. In 1908 the Metropolitan (London) District Railway is idle to argue further as to the carried 91,000,000 passengers, the largest number of any years yet

> With a sword in his hand, a retired mariner named Richard Crick, age 85, was found dead in his bed at his residence, 10 Falconer Terrace, Plaistow, England.

> Austria-Hungary has the advantage of more abundant forests than most countries, its forest area being 311/2 per cent. as against 25 per cent, in Germany, 21 per cent. in Norway, 16 per cent. in France and 14 per cent. in Italy.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured

bylocal applications as they cannot reach the tiseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constatutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an mflamed condition of the inucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tubeis in-Gamed you have a rumbling sound or imper-fect hearing, and when it is entirely closed Geafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube re-stored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever. Nine cases out of ter are caused by catarrh, which is nothing butan inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces. We will give One Hundred Dollars for any

case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that can not be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for tirculars free. F.J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

\$34,542,000 were withdrawn from 138 savings banks in New

Central Park at least mnanimously, or a distance of about six miles.

Reduction Affects 18,000 Men.

ity employs 18,000 men, announced household is soon affected. a 10 per cent, reduction in wages to take effect April 1

ployees from the highest to the low-

Non-Suited In Slander Case.

Norristown .--- Mrs. James Eshbach and her husband were nonsuited in their trial for \$5000 dam- of Joseph B. Chandler, aged 77 ages against Burgess Hiram Culle, years, a veteran of the Civil War, of Pottstown, for slander and defamation of character. According to Ground, at Upper Darby. Judge Weand, the burgess had made the allegations without malice in the and George Alker, of Norristown, course of a judicial proceeding.

Killed By Falling Slate.

Pine Grove .-- William Lehr. a miner, of Pine Grove Township, 38 years old, employed at robbing pil-Jørs at the Philadelphia & Reading Foundry and Machine Company, at Ceal and Iron Company's Lincoln Colliery, was killed by a fall of top entailing a loss of \$100,000. The slate. A widow and four children survive him.

Well Known Mason Drops Dead.

Coatesville .--- J. Howard Coates, 21 years, chief of Washington Fire Company, No. 1, prominent in Ma- Berks County, aged about 40, was sonic and Knight Templar circles, dropped dead here while returning to garret of her home when they rehis home. He was secretary and turned from school. No cause is asfraughtencan for Hon. W. A. P. Thompson.

11-Year-Old Girl Killed By Express.

Reading .---- Edna, the 11-year-old daughter of Mrs. Elica Wentzel, of Frush Valley, this county, was struck by an express train on the East Peun branch of the Reading Rail-She was hurled a distance of road. forty-five feet and was instantly killed.

Mahanoy Tries Extinguisher. Mahanoy City. -- The fires which

broke out at midnight at Bear Run found for several hours.

and Maple Hill mines, of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company, from unknown causes, have been extinguished. Several hundred employes under the direction of D vision Superintendent Pollard and District Superintendent McDonald, aided in fighting the flames.

SUES HER MOTHER-IN-LAW.

in-law Mrs. Amelie Minzenberg, o. W. F. Zahn; manager, E. B. Bikle. Altoona, for \$25,000 damages for alienating the affections of her huz- member of the Berks Bar, and a band.

She says in her statement that she was married in New York, June 8. 1908, and lived happily with her While hanging up clothes in the husband until January 5 last, when yard at her home in Lower Saucon his mother persuaded him to desert Mrs. Annie L. Herman was fatally

dreds of cases. It is highly conta-Johnstown. - The Cambria Steel gious and where one member of the Company, which when in full activ- family is affected, everyone in the 'The board of health has guaran-

tined the Philadelphia Presbyterian The reduction will affect all em- Orphanage at Wallingford, on account of four young girls at the institution having contracted scarlet fever.

> Fourteen of his sixteen children, nearly all of his forty-four grandchildren and many of his great-grand. children were present at the funeral who was buried at Bethesda Burving Wilfred L. Stauffer, Irwin Fisher

were appointed by Court to assess damages for an acre of ground wanted by Lower Merion School District.

The ground belongs to the Wistar estate, on Montgomery Avenue, near Church Road.

The main building of the Easton West Easton, was destroyed by fire, building destroyed was 400 feet long and 80 feet wide, and contained the office, the machine, pattern and structural iron departments. Nearly 100 men are thrown out of employment

Mrs. Cyrus Sousley, of Albany, in found by her children hanging in the signed for the act.

The Workingmen's Relief Association, of Milton, has elected the following officers: President, A. Hester; vice-president, J. R. Bender; treasurer, D. W. S. Botts; secretary, A. H. Yerg; Board of Managers, John Fetzer, W. H. Davis, W. Ferry, Frank Derr, A. Wolhielter, 0. A. Meriz, James Moyer and L. Strine. While sawing lath at the portable saw mill near Selinsgrove, Charles Kratzer, 30 years old, was struck upon the head by a piece of timber and killed. Kratzer was alone at this mill, and his body was not

A large force of men have begun work on the completion of the roadbed between Parkesburg and Christiana, and the managers of the C. & L. Trolley Company say cars will be running between Coatesville and Lancaster by the Fourth of July.

The Orpheus Club, of Will'am?port, has elected the following offi-Altouna.---Mrs. Catherine Minzen-berg brought suit against her mother-berg brought suit against her mother-Morris H. Schaeffer, a prominent member of the law firm of Rieser & Schaeffer, died of pneumonia, aged 50 years.

> While hanging up clothes in the stricken with heart failure.

120,000 Idle Union Men.

According to Mr. Robinson there would then be at least 120,000 union men out of work in New York City. Of homeless men and vagrants the in two days, and are then dismissed. number is, under ordinary conditions, This is true in all branches of garabout 30,000. From such meagre facts as may be collected the total number of New York's unemployed is more than 200,000. Imagine such a most deplorable condition of affairs. host-enough to populate a city almost as large as Rochester.

That the cause of the astonishing number out of work at the end of ness, but rather to the depression of gest remedies, are meeting with genbusiness. It is represented by the eral approbation from all organizafollowing table:

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A Stupendous Army.

Never in the history of any great municipality has such a stupendous army of unemployed been collected at one time, according to the economic statiscians who have compiled the above figures, and others, for the information of the legislators at Albany.

The number of families applying for assistance to the Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor the last six months is fifty per for cent, more than for the corresponding months of a year ago. In three months, November, December and January, 900 able-bodied men, willing and anxious for work, came to this society for aid. The year previous only nineteen such requests were received.

Savings banks in the poorer section the city report extraordinary of drafts in recent months. The actuary of one of the largest insurance companies says:

Raise Cash on Policies.

over seventy per cent., while the num- | the country. prove conclusively that the holders of smaller policies are terribly affected by the present hard times." surance companies.

Eight Months' Coal Supply-One Company Has 2,500,000 Tons

Reading, Pa. - Figures computed here show that there is sufficient anthracite coal on the surface to supply at least.

It is said that the Reading Com-pany has at least 2,500,000 tons of coal at its storage yards at Abrams, Landingville and Mahanoy City, and that nearly a million more tons will be added by the end of March, if a strike does not interfere with the the dictates of his trade union rather plans.

ings of years have been exhausted. and to this misfortune is added a woman's constant dread of sickness. Others constantly fear being thrown out of work, and this is too often the case. Manufacturers do not now lay in a large stock which will keep these women busy. They fill orders on short notice. They want fifty girls at once. The girls complete the order ment trades. This high tension is making the women of New York physical and nervous wrecks. It is a Frank Julian Warne, whose efforts for a bill now pending in Albany, creating a commission to inquire into the causes and effects of the anem-1908 was not due to strikes or sick- ployed in New York State, and to sug-

tions, said: 'Not wishing to be sensational, but present industrial conditions, it is absolutely fair to say that more than 200,000 men are looking for work in New York City alone.

Crowded to the Roofs.

"Look at any city institution to-day where the indigent get aid. They are crowded to the roofs-the city can't care for more. The hospitals are filled and so are the insane asylums. Where will New York place her unfortunates in another year if the present ratio of unemployed keeps up?

It is a terrible question to face. "When a city's wardens turn out 2700 prisoners before their terms have expired to make room for incoming crowds, you may imagine what demands are made on the city's institutions."

Professor John Bates, of Columbia University, in suggesting a remedy for the economic ill, says:

"Loss of employment by large bodies of men personally fit is due to mal-adjustment, since there is never a time when there is not within the

Puts Union Above the Law and

U. S. Judge Refuses Citizenship. Danville, Ill .--- U. S. Judge Wright refused, naturalization to W. Strong, a member of the United Mine Workers the trade for the next eight months of America. When asked "If it came to the point that the union and the

laws of the United States differed which should you follow?" Strong answered: "The union, of course. Judge Wright says: "I can never grant the right of citizenship in the United States to any man who follows than the laws of our land."

British medical authorities are uttering warnings against the peril of spreading disease by kissing the Bible in his Majesty's courts. In some American States the "wise" witness kisses his own thumb instead of the Book, observes the Boston Post. Massachusetts has progressed so far beyond either that it's a reckless woman who dares kiss her own baby now. adays. All of which is a blow to sertiment but an aid to good health.

It has become plain, too, remarks the Washington Herald, that while the government has done something in the right direction by setting aside forest reservations and timber lands. the steps taken are not adequate to meet the exigency we face. It is such a big problem and so vitally important to our health as a nation that it is proving too big even for the federal government. It is patent that not only the national government must do what it can, but that the various State governments must help.

The prize for the longest sentence ever written may fairly be awarded to the elder Dumas, who probably holds a further record for fertility of production. In the seventh of the twenty-nine volumes which compose the "Impressions de Voyage," notes the London Chronicle, there is a sentence describing Benvenuto Cellini which fills three pages, or 108 lines, averaging forty-five letters aplece. The sentence is broken by sixty-eight commas and sixty semicolous; but as it contains 195 verbs and 122 proper names, the reader is somewhat bewildered before the end is reached.

When William Was Young.

This anecdote concerning one Wilhelm, Kaiser of Germany, bears inherent evidence of its truth. When the much-discussed monarch was a small boy he was discovered by one of his tutors drawing a map of Africa. When he had finished he wrote the word "Germany" across the pa-

"What are you doing?" asked the teacher. "That is not Germar territory."

"That is all right." retorted Wilhelm, "When I am Kaiser it will be." -Chicago Tribune.

It has been found that underlying the plain of Sharon, in Palestine, at various depths ranging from 18 to 80 feet, there is an inexhaustible supply of good water for all purposes.

Accounted For.

Barber (rather slow)-Beg pardon, sir, but your hair is turning a bit gray.

Victim-Shouldn't wonder. Look at the time I've been here .--- Chicago News.

A CURE FOR FITS.

The Treatment is to Accomplish What Science Has Beer Struggling to Attain for Centuries.

The intense interest that has been mani-sted throughout the country by the wonderful cures that are being accomplished daily by epilepticide still continues. It is It is really surprising the vast number of people who have already been cured of fits and nervousness. In order that everybody may a chance to test the medici ne, large trial bottles, valuable literature. History of Epilepsy and testimonials, will be sent by mail absolutely free to all who write to the Dr. May Laboratory, 548 Pearl Street, New York City.

The epilepticide cure is creating great public interest, as well as among Doctors, Students, Hospitals and visiting Physicians.

Germany has more than 300,000 brides a year.

COVERED WITH HIVES.

Child a Mass of Dreadful Sore, Itching, Irritating Humor for 2 Months -In Terrible Plight-Disease Cured by Cuticura.

"My six year old daughter had the dreadful disease called hives for two months. She became afflicted by playing with children who had it. By scretching she caused large sores which were irritating. Her body was a complete sore but it was worse on her arms and back. We employed a physician who left medicine but it did not help her and 1 tried several remedies but without avail. Seeing the Cuticura Remedies advertised, I thought I would try them. I gave her a bot bath daily with Cuticura Soap and anointed her body with Cuticura Ointment. The first treatment relieved the itching and in a short time the disease disappeared. Mrs. G. L. Fridhoff, Warren, Mich., June 30 and July 13, '08." Potter Drug & Chem. Corp., Sole Props. of Cuticura Remedies, Boston, Mass.

Uruguay is about to establish its first wireless telegraph station at Lobes Island

Brown's Bronchial Troches relieve Throat Irritations caused by cold or use of the voice. in boxes 25 cents. Samples mailed free. John L. Brown & Son, Buston, Mass.

There are only 55 female physicians in the German Empire.

Your working power depends upon your health! Garfield Tea corrects disorders of liver, kidneys, stomach and bowels; over-' comes constipation, purifies the blood---brings good health.

India has enacted a law for the rotection of wild animals and birds. The local government is empowered to declare a close time during which it will be unlawful to capture, kill or to deal in any specified kind of game or the plumage of any specified

has a responsibility for the unemployed and must discharge that responsibility, not by inflicting pains er, but by enabling him to find work."

figures speak for themselves, and growing feeling that the community This condition is general among in- and penalties upon the genuine work-

ber of lapsed policies increased to more than fifty per cent. The above employed," says: "There is a rapidly

'As compared with the season of chance to dispose of its produce. The 1907-1908, the loans for the season trouble would now be relieved by a of 1908-1909 have increased thus far migration from populous centres to

limits of society to which these men belong a need of their labor and a