

## The Centre Reporter

Centre Hall, Pa.

COUCH OF LUXURY.

The most perfect resting place ever devised for a human being is just beneath the roof, and then you must be able to see the shingle nails sticking through. If a gentle rain be falling, so much the better. Five minutes spent in that sweet retreat are enough to banish the memory of every trouble. Debt and death lose their terrors, and the peace that passes understanding comes upon you, says the Washington Post. You become a boy again and enter once more into the world that used to be. Soon the dark corners of the room are peopled with the images of childhood. Over where the old clothes are hanging you can see the outlines of a dismantled ship, while down the sandy shore come Robinson Crusoe and Man Friday. A swarthy face peeps from behind the big trunk. It is Faringhea, the stranger, creeping stealthily upon his victim. Faster and faster they come, some pleasing, some ferocious. You welcome them all and are not a bit afraid, and the rain drips, drips, with a steady, monotonous sound. Then comes a blank. Next morning the spell is broken, but the memory remains. You see the old clothes and the trunk, and find that the only goblin tapestry in the room is a cluster of cobwebs over the little dormer window. But you had slept the sleep of the just, and found it most refreshing.

The passenger traffic between the United States and Europe continues to offer most alluring inducements. Many of the big companies are adding the newest, largest and swiftest vessels to their fleets. One of the latest launches is that of a ship that is being built by a French line, to run to New York. This is one of the greatest craft yet completed, and when put in commission will be able to carry 2,020 passengers. The total cost will be about \$5,000,000. That is what foreign concerns are doing to get American trade. Had Americans permit them to monopolize a business that should be in American control and which should be a most important auxiliary in extending American commerce.

English owners of homing pigeons have lost so many of them this season that they believe there is an especial cause. This cause, many of them are inclined to suspect, is wireless telegraphy. Many will dismiss the indictment as fanciful, on account of the comparative weakness of the current which wireless telegraphy brings into play. The answer to this is that the current does not kill the birds, but only confuses them, causing them to miss their way. If the Marconi current affects pigeons, why not gulls? Indeed, it would seem not impossible that wireless telegraph stations may be the means of greater disaster to gulls than lighthouses.

From London comes the announcement of the death of the woman who claimed to be the original of "Little Dorrit," that famous character of Dickens. The lady was entitled to the benefit of the doubt, but it is a fact that similar claims have been made by others. It is also asserted that a brother of the woman who has just died was the original "Tiny Tim," and that he served in part as the model for "Paul Dombey." If all those assertions can be proved it would seem that the family formed a sort of trust for Dickens characters.

Perhaps if the truth were known a considerable proportion of the so-called automobile "accidents" would be found to have resulted from be-headed heads and unsteady nerves. The menace of a man under the influence of liquor and in an automobile is easily appreciated, and when it is demonstrated that crashes on the road are due to drunkenness the punishment should be severe. Those who insist upon running amuck on the highways should be made to pay a heavy penalty, whether they be sober or drunk.

The usual fate of get-rich-quick schemes is collapse at the end. And the "lamb" are reeled as a preliminary. A speculative scheme of this kind in Connecticut has brought up in the bankruptcy court, with unsecured claims of \$500,000 to be settled. And the further sequel no doubt will be the charging of the sum to the profit and loss account of those foolish enough to "invest."

A German musician says that our craze for ragtime is the great obstacle to creative work in American music. Ragtime? Sounds like a faint echo from our past. Our friend must have got his idea from old newspaper files.

Among airmen excessive avoirdupoise is at a discount, most of the successful atmosphere navigators being physical lightweights. In this as in some other matters good goods often come in small packages.

## GENERAL REYES LOYAL TO DIAZ

His Statement a Blow to the Revolutionary Leaders.

WIRED TO ALL PARTS OF MEXICO

For Standing By the President in the Crisis Diaz Will Likely Restore Reyes To His Former Position As Minister Of War In the New Administration—Ramon Corral May Resign the Vice-Presidency and Be Succeeded By Enrique Creel.

Mexico City (Special).—The statement which General Bernardo Reyes issued from Paris, France, in regard to the revolutionary situation in this country, and in which he reaffirms his loyalty to the administration of President Diaz and belittles the present uprisings, was widely published in Mexico. It was wired by the government to all parts of the republic and orders given to the authorities of the different districts that the people be made acquainted with the statement.

It came as a telling blow to the ardor and hopes of the revolutionary leaders, who have been diligently circulating the report that Reyes was back of the present movement and was even on his way to Mexico to assume command of the revolutionary forces. General Reyes' statement insures that the army will remain loyal to the present administration, no matter what the turn of events may be.

It is the express belief in high official circles that the stand which General Reyes has taken will cause a quick dissolution of the armed bands that are still roving some parts of the country.

The report is current that Diaz will restore Reyes to his former position as minister of war when he enters upon his new administration December 1. Ramon Corral, vice-president, is in ill health and has been at a hospital near this city for sometime. His physical condition gives rise to the report that he will resign his position as vice-president soon after his coming inauguration for a second term and that he will be succeeded by Enrique Creel, the present minister of foreign affairs.

Edoardo Chaix, consul of France in Puebla, has presented a claim against the government for \$3,000 damages done Julio Siblot, a merchant of that city, during the recent revolutionary disturbances there. Other claims for damages to the property of foreign residents will be presented, it is stated.

TO CIRCLE WORLD ON STILTS.

German Acrobats Are After Wager Of \$5,000.

New York (Special).—For a wager of \$5,000, two German acrobats will attempt to circle the world on stilts. They obtained a promise of police protection from Commissioner Crosby on the first leg of their journey through the crowded streets from the City Hall to the Jersey City ferry and from there they will make their way to Philadelphia. The hour of the start has not yet been decided. The young men are Albert Marder and Hans Hoeledamp, until recently employed as stewards on a transatlantic liner, and the purse they hope to win was raised by the Steamship Stewards Verein, of Hamburg. "We are expert stilt walkers," they said. "We expect to walk eleven hours a day, and we can travel five and a half miles an hour. We are not allowed to take any money with us, and count on making a living by selling picture post cards. We will work our passage on the ocean laps of the journey."

Walsh's Friends Still Have Hope.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—Officials of the Department of Justice state that the application for pardon of John R. Walsh, the Chicago banker who was sentenced to five years at Fort Leavenworth prison, Kansas, has not been received. This disproves the current reports that the Attorney-General has denied the application. President Taft, it is said, has given no intimation of his intention to refuse a pardon, and friends of the banker are hopeful. The application contains 5,000 names.

Two Children Suffocated.

Kalamazoo, Mich. (Special).—Edgar, 6 years old, and his 3-year-old sister, Mabel, children of Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Riley, of this city, were suffocated in an overheated room. The boy and girl had been left in the room by the mother, who, it is said, had failed to shut off the coal stove. Both children were unconscious when found and soon died. The mother went temporarily insane and is now in a hospital.

Gaynor Appoints Woman.

New York (Special).—Mayor Gaynor has appointed Miss Martha L. Draper, of 18 West Eighth street, a member of the Board of Education to fill one of the vacancies resulting recently from the expiration of the terms of several commissioners. Miss Draper is chairman of the local school board of the Ninth district, and has been interested for some years in educational work. She is the first woman to receive an appointment to the school board from Mayor Gaynor.

## MINISTER AND WIFE KILLED

Half-breed Negro Charged With the Crime.

Trenton, N. J. (Special).—The murder of Rev. Anzi L. Armstrong and his wife, Annie Armstrong, at their home at Dutch Neck Wednesday night has resulted in charges being preferred by County Detective James Kirkham, against John Sears, who was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Mills, and held without bail to answer two separate charges of homicide.

Rudolph Norhaus, who was brought to Trenton by the county authorities along with Sears, was allowed to go to his home in New Brunswick. Prosecutor Crossley stated that he was entirely satisfied that Norhaus was in no way connected with the murder of the aged couple.

Norhaus was not at any time under arrest, as the prosecutor expressed the opinion from the beginning that the man knew nothing of the crime and that his presence in Dutch Neck was the result of a pre-arrangement between himself and Sears to go on a gunning trip.

After having submitted Sears to a severe examination, Prosecutor Crossley and County Detective Kirkham went to Dutch Neck and, as the prosecutor expressed it himself, Sears' mother, the housekeeper in the Armstrong household, was impounded in the custody of constables at a house in Dutch Neck.

The investigation, it was stated, established the fact that the Rev. Armstrong and his wife were killed by shots from a double-barreled gun, which was found standing in a corner of the kitchen of the Armstrong home. This gun was borrowed by Sears two weeks ago from a neighbor for gunning purposes.

Sears is a half-breed and his mother is a negroess. Mrs. Sears has been housekeeper in the Armstrong family for more than 30 years, having been employed by the murdered man before the birth of her son, who is suspected of the murder and who is 23 years of age.

MUST BEGIN LIFE ANEW.

Surgical Operation Leaves Editor With Mentality Of A Child.

Fort Wayne, Ind. (Special).—Following a successful surgical operation at Chicago for the removal of a tumor from the brain, Jesse V. Taylor has been brought to his home in this city in the mental condition of a 5-year-old child.

Taylor was editor of an agricultural publication in Chicago when a strange development resulted in an almost complete loss of memory. Physicians say that Taylor must now begin to learn as a little child would, and that it will be necessary to start anew in teaching him. Physically he is as well as ever, but there is small hope of his complete mental recovery.

HELD FOR WIFE'S DEATH.

Leo Appleby, Aged 23, Is Accused Of Murder.

Wellsboro, Pa. (Special).—Leo Appleby, aged 23 years, was arrested here, charged with the murder of his wife, Mazie, aged 22 years, whose body was discovered Friday. The side of the woman's head had been blown off with a shotgun.

Appleby notified his neighbors that he had discovered his wife lying dead in the kitchen when he returned home. When neighbors entered the house they found the woman's body lying on the floor, while her infant was playing nearby soaked in her blood. The coroner was notified, and, after making an investigation, determined to hold Appleby to answer for his wife's death.

Elkins May Resume Work.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—Statements made by members of the family and the physicians of Senator Stephen B. Elkins, of West Virginia, indicate that the Senator may be able to resume his seat in Congress within 30 days. His physicians are insisting that he fully recuperate from his illness before attempting work of any kind.

New York 9,113,279.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—New York will gain from four to five Congressmen on the basis of the official figures for 1910, given out at the Census Bureau for that State. The total population of New York State is now given as 9,113,279, a net gain of 1,844,385 over 10 years ago.

Dropped Dead Eating Dinner.

Rockford, Ill. (Special).—George Kaut, a hardware merchant of Burlington, Ia., dropped dead while eating a Thanksgiving Day dinner.

Firemen Burned To Death.

Chicago (Special).—John Juday, of the fire company of Swift & Co., packers, was burned to death, fifty city firemen were overcome by smoke and \$75,000 damage was done to the lard refinery and grease storehouse of the packing firm by a fire which raged for three hours Thursday. Insufficient water supply for the extra fire engines called out and crowds which hindered the fire fighters was responsible for the extent of the damage.

## HOUSES WENT UP LIKE MAGIC

How Red Cross Aided Forest Fire Victims.

SHELTER PROVIDED FOR THE HOMELESS

The Race With Oncoming Winter Was a Thrilling One and Building "Bees" in Minnesota Broke All Records—Method Employed Was Unique, But It Produced the Results Aimed At.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—One of the strangest facts observed in the forest fires which occasionally sweep over the woods of Northern Michigan and Minnesota is the burning of the ground. Falling leaves, bark and twigs and dying plant life gradually accumulate in the forests. The rains and dense shade keep the mass damp. Mosses grow on the surface of the decaying vegetation. The half-rotted stuff settles down and hardens. Trees spring up and their roots take hold in the peaty substance.

Then comes a season of drought, and the dampness slowly evaporates. A hunter or woodman or farmer builds a fire, or a railway engine drops a spark. The dry surface of the ground is ignited and a slow cancer of fire eats deep among the roots of the trees, smouldering for weeks or months. Then one day a strong wind springs up. Trees, undermined by the fire, topple over, their roots throwing out showers of sparks and burning masses of tinder-like material. Flames burst out in every direction, and like a flash, a forest fire is in full sweep.

Trail Of The Fire Fiend.

The forest fire which occurred in Northern Minnesota a few weeks ago broke out in many places at once, because many of these smouldering fires were simply awaiting the rare which sprang up on October 7. In this fire about 1,600 square miles of country were burned. The thriving villages of Beaudette, with a population of 1,200, and Spooner, with 850, were swept out of existence in an hour. Hundreds of "homesteaders," carving their farms out of the forests, lost their homes and saved their lives by lowering themselves into wells, or plunging into streams or ponds. Thirty lives were lost, and 3,000 persons were left homeless, with food, live stock, farm crops and machinery all gone.

When the agents of the American Red Cross reached the burned district they realized that winter was at hand in this north country and that their greatest task was the swift construction of a large number of shelters. It was a big job, and it had to be quickly done. Here is the manner in which the Red Cross met the emergency:

Two simple designs for houses were prepared, of one and two rooms, respectively. These required only a few standard sizes of lumber, and tarpaper took the place of shingles and plaster. Lumber was rushed in from Canada, the Secretary of the Treasury at Washington having waived the customs duty on supplies required by the Red Cross. A half dozen carpenters were hurried to the scene. Then "building bees" were organized, with one carpenter in command of each. A half dozen neighbors, with saw and hammer, would help Ole Olson build his house. Then all, including Olson, would move along and build Hans Hanson's house, and so on.

Building "Bees" Hummed.

The speed with which these houses were erected, where several "bees" were "humming" at the same time, was startling. While this was going on the Red Cross was hurrying into the fire district from Duluth and St. Paul and Minneapolis big orders of doors, windows, stoves, bedding, chairs, kitchen utensils and provisions. As rapidly as the little houses were ready they were furnished and stocked up with food and the families moved in.

It was a desperate race with winter, and the Red Cross won. While the race was at its swiftest there was not a busier spot between the oceans than this black and desolate stretch of country along the northernmost rim of Minnesota. Much remains to be done, but nobody is going to freeze or starve.

Posing As Martyrs.

London (Special).—All of the suffragettes who were charged with assault and the wilful damage of property, as a result of their recent rioting were found guilty in the Bow Street Police Court, and sentenced to pay fines of from \$10 to \$25 or to spend two weeks or a month in jail, according to the seriousness of their offense. All of the prisoners elected to go to jail.

Airship Turns Over.

Mobile, Ala. (Special).—While descending from a 500-foot flight Aviator J. A. D. McCurdy dipped too near the earth, one of the wing shields striking the ground when going at a high rate of speed, and turning the machine over. The crowds rushed to the end of the field in which the accident happened, but found McCurdy walking about, smiling and uninjured. The aeroplane was badly damaged, although it fell but ten or fifteen feet.

## DREXEL FLIES UP 9,970 FEET

Makes a New World's Record in Bleriot Monoplane.

Philadelphia (Special).—J. Armstrong Drexel broke all aeroplane altitude records here Wednesday when he climbed above this city until his Bleriot monoplane was unable to make further progress in the rarefied atmosphere. The ink in the needle of his barograph ran out at 9,970 feet, which was accepted as a new world's record by Clifford B. Harmon, chairman of the National Council, Associated Aero Clubs of America, and James King Duffy, the secretary of that body.

The instrument is the same one which Johnstone carried when he made the former record of 9,714 feet at Belmont Park on October 31. It was brought to this city under seal by Mr. Duffy in order that the record made would be official.

Mr. Drexel left the aviation field at Point Breeze in the extreme southern part of this city at 3.23. He landed at Oreland, about 20 miles north of the spot where he had started, at 4.46.

MUTINY IN BRAZIL'S NAVY.

Revolters In Possession Of Minas Geraes and Sao Paulo.

Rio Janeiro (Special).—The government took prompt steps to placate the leaders of the sailors' revolt on the warships in this harbor.

The mutinous sailors, after seizing the battleships Sao Paulo and Minas Geraes and the cruisers Floriano and Bahia, killed several of the officers and then fired shells into the city. Not much damage was done.

The mutineers offered to surrender if granted more pay and the abolition of corporal punishment. The Senate unanimously approved a proposition for amnesty.

The mutiny started on board the two battleships, the largest vessels in the Brazilian navy.

They turned their guns upon the loyal ships and also threw a few shells into the city. During the outbreak several officers were killed. The fighting ceased at night, but the revolters remained in possession of the two vessels.

It is officially stated that the trouble is not of a political character and should be described as a mutiny among the sailors to enforce certain concessions from their officers, rather than a revolt against the administration of President Fonesca.

DR. CRIPPEN HANGED.

Pays the Penalty On The Gallows For the Murder Of His Wife, Belle Elmore.

London (Special).—Dr. Hawley Harvey Crippen was hanged early Wednesday morning for the murder of his wife, known as Belle Elmore. All preparations had been made within the gloomy walls of Pentonville Prison, which stands in one of the most dismal sections of London.

Public Executioner Ellis, of Rochdale, who hanged a wife murderer at Liverpool Tuesday, arrived in London on the evening train. A few tenements overlook the prison yard, and to bar the tenants from a glimpse of the tragedy a big canvas screen had been put up before the gallows.

Only a small group of official witnesses attended, and every effort was made to prevent morbid crowds from gathering in the neighborhood.

Father Carey, who has visited Crippen frequently, entered the prison at 6 o'clock Tuesday evening to spend the night with the condemned man and walk with Crippen to the scaffold.

Miss Le Neve, at the request of the prisoner, paid a farewell visit to Crippen in the afternoon. She reached the place in a closed cab and was accompanied by an elderly man, who remained outside.

WAR ON THE HATPIN.

The Berlin Police Warn Women Against Wearing Them.

Berlin (Special).—The police president of Berlin has declared war on the dangerously protruding hatpin. In a proclamation just issued he calls the attention of the women of the city to the many recent reports of injuries inflicted by hatpins that projected beyond the rims of women's hats. The accidents have been especially frequent in street cars, and usually men are the victims.

The president calls upon the women to either cease using long pins or turn the points so that they will not be a constant menace to the traveling public. He adds that while he expects that the women will comply with his reasonable request he is prepared in the event that they do not, to adopt compulsory measures.

Loses Her Life For Dog.

Mayfield, Mass. (Special).—In trying to save the life of a dog Miss Helen Herbert lost her own. She was walking with a dog, when a motor car rounded the bend of a road and came toward her. The dog jumped in front of the on-coming car and Miss Herbert at once sprang after the animal to save it from its impending fate. Her kindly effort was made at the cost of her life, for the car struck her, fracturing her skull, and she died shortly afterward at the home of a friend.

## LIVE NEWS OF THE STATE

Pittsburg.—The third largest telescope in the world has been placed in the Allegheny observatory. Director Frank Schlesinger, of the observatory, announced that the big instrument will be ready for use in 1912. The mounting is for a thirty-inch refractor, which is practically completed, but the large objective remains to be finished. This consists of two discs of glass, each thirty inches in diameter. The glass has been received from Germany and is being shaped by John A. Brashear, of Pittsburg. The telescope was built by funds raised from popular subscriptions in charge of the University of Pittsburg. The work was begun ten years ago, and the observatory for the instrument has been completed for several years.

Pottsville.—Thomas Dougherty, of Ravenrun, was acquitted of the murder of his brother, Michael Dougherty. Thomas admitted on the witness stand that he fired the shot which killed his brother. The evidence showed that Michael Dougherty not only shot at others, but treated his aged mother and brothers and sisters with great brutality and often threatened to take their lives. The jury was out only five minutes before they returned with a verdict of not guilty.

trains from Pittsburg. Screams of the frightened Italian laborers attracted the well-dressed throng to the scene, and, assuming command the wealthy business men brushed aside the laborers and delved into the clay. Their coolness saved Domenico's life. When he was dragged from the clay, which had covered him for twenty minutes, a physician was at hand to resuscitate him. A small pocket of air had formed at Domenico's head and this kept him alive.

Bellefonte.—When confronted with the fact that the authorities had found his razor with blood spots upon it, Bert Delige, in jail here for the murder of Mrs. John Baudis, of Scotia, on October 16, confessed that he did the deed when intoxicated. Mrs. Baudis was on her way home from visiting a neighbor, when Delige grabbed her, threw her down and cut her throat from ear to ear. His case will come up for trial in December.

Hollidaysburg.—Miss Ella Mitchell, a nurse, brought suit in the Blair County Court against Henry E. Mitchell, aged 70, a prominent merchant, who was formerly a patient under her care. Miss Mitchell alleges that the defendant promised her a home in Altoona if she safely nursed him through a lingering disease. She alleges that when he recovered he forgot his promise. She files her damages for the loss of the house at \$2,500.

Mauch Chunk.—John Yashlasky, of Nesquehoning, died at the Panther Creek Hospital from injuries received several days ago by being thrown out of Peter Delby's hotel, at Nesquehoning. He sustained concussion of the brain and never regained consciousness. The police authorities arrested Delby, who was placed under \$3,000 bail for court.

Pottsville.—The flour and feed store of H. B. Moyer, at Tamaqua, was burned to the ground by a fire which started through a crossed wire. Several dwellings and a lumber yard were ignited by sparks, but were extinguished before much damage was done. The loss will reach several thousand dollars, partially covered by insurance.

Pittsburg.—To show their appreciation of the recent gift of \$1,500,000 to the Carnegie Technical Schools and an endowment of \$2,000,000 by Andrew Carnegie, students of the institution purchased an immense solid silver tray, which was presented to him on his seventy-fifth birthday.

Pottsville.—Howard Witman, of Lebanon, was arrested by Constable Butz, at Schuylkill Haven for the theft of \$168 from a Lebanon horseman. Witman vigorously resisted arrest, and put up such a desperate fight that the officer was forced to knock him down several times.

Tamaqua.—While returning from work to his home in Lansford, Frank Dreisbach, aged 55, a carpenter, was run over and instantly killed by an automobile driven by George Allhouse, of Reading. The jury brought in a verdict of accidental death.

Carlisle.—President Reed, of Dickinson College, stated that by the will of the late Samuel W. Bowne, of New York city, Dickinson will receive an income equivalent to a money gift of \$50,000.

Pittsburg.—Bankers, professional men and residents of Oakmont, whose wealth is counted in six figures, welded picks and shovels to rescue Steve Donmino, an Italian laborer, who was buried under six feet of clay, when a ditch caved in on him near the Oakmont station, where hundreds of commuters had just left.

Tamaqua.—John Stahler, aged 55 years, a former Philadelphia & Reading engineer, while apparently in good health, dropped dead at his home at Hauto from heart failure.