

# The Centre Reporter

CENTRE HALL, PA.

WHEN THE PETS SUFFER.

A large gray cat leaped to death from a 13-story window of a New York hotel, and a telegram gives the explanation that the animal committed suicide in this way because its mistress had sailed for Europe, leaving it behind, says the Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph. Whether the cat committed suicide or not is immaterial, but the incident does serve a purpose in calling attention to a pathetic side of the vacation season. In thousands of homes all over the country there are household pets, such as dogs and cats and birds, and as many of these homes are closed during the summer, or at least for several weeks, the pets are in most instances left to shift for themselves. For the sake of the songs there are neighbors who will take charge of the canaries during the absence of their owners, but for the dogs and the cats there are, as a rule, only harsh words and buffetings from the neighbors, and sticks and stones from the urchins of the community, and the poor creatures, homeless, friendless, and abused, are indeed objects of pity. It would be much more humane for the owners of these pets to put them to death before going away on their vacation trips, instead of leaving them to their fate, but the practice of deserting them goes on year after year.

A bulletin recently issued by the census department shows that the United States leads the world in manufacturing silk, with the possible exception of China, from which no figures are obtainable. We took first place from France in 1905, and have maintained our lead. We not only are the greatest manufacturers of silk goods, but the greatest consumers. Although we manufactured in 1909 silk worth \$196,425,000, we exported less than one per cent. of the goods we made. Our silk industry in 1869 amounted to \$12,210,000. It was more than \$41,000,000 ten years later. It had more than doubled again in 1889, when it was \$87,298,000. It was \$107,256,000 in 1909 and more than \$133,000,000 five years later.

The instruction of school children on the danger of railroad trespassing is a good thing to take up. Much of the danger is incurred through childish thoughtlessness and failure of requisite attention of parents and instructors to the matter. The fact that cars and trains have the right of way on railway tracks cannot be too strongly impressed on the youthful mind. In fact, it might with advantage be brought to some adult attention. At the same time, much danger, particularly to the young and to the aged and feeble, might be lessened by more attention on the part of car and train crews to the laws governing the rate of speed in cities, particularly the ordinances applying to the street crossings.

Surgeon B. M. Brown, U. S. N., has discovered a method of treating atmospheric air so that it shall sustain life for us as much as a week in an enclosure of moderate size even though no fresh air is introduced. If the scheme really works, we shall hear of public men and fashionable women seeking the rest cure by a week's vacation in a submarine immersed say a hundred miles off shore.

Somebody who claims to have conducted a scientific investigation announces that music will quench a man's thirst for strong liquor. If this is the case the bands that have been maintained by some of the fashionable cafes are likely to be compelled to look elsewhere for engagements.

Another comet has been sighted. It creates all the commotion ascribed in this sphere to Halley's comet, its discoverer ought to be jailed on the charge of disorderly conduct, so that other seekers after these mischievous celestial vagrants may be discouraged from breaking the public's peace of mind.

Now a scientist announces that the halo is a real thing, and that a faint glow can actually come from the brain, the result of radium stored there. This explanation, however, will destroy the value of halos, as some brains radiate nothing but faint glows.

Confectioners say the bonbon has passed and that young women's appetites must be figured upon in candy making. Time was when an oyster stew, at least, was a certain and additional obligation.

As you step up to the marble topped counter in the drug store and call for your favorite fix, ask the young man if he mixes saccharin with his soda water, and watch his face as he answers.

## TO STAY PANIC SOLD TO TRUST

### Tennessee Coal and Iron Company Deal.

#### STORY OF A PLOT IS DENIED.

Brother of Mark Hanna Tells the House Investigating Committee That the Transaction Saved the Day.

New York.—No ulterior motives lurked behind the taking over of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company by the United States Steel Corporation during the financial panic of 1907, in the opinion of L. C. Hanna, of Cleveland, one of the syndicate owners of the Tennessee concern before the merger, who spent the day on the witness-stand before the Steel Trust Investigating Committee of the House of Representatives. That surreptitious motives had been suggested, Mr. Hanna, who is a brother of the late Senator Mark Hanna, admitted, but he never had credited the reports. He believed the transaction was necessary to avert the failure of the New York banking and brokerage firm of Moore & Schley, who held too much Tennessee Coal and Iron stock as collateral for loans, and to avert wild spreading of threatening business disaster.

In answer to a series of questions by Representative Beall, of Texas, Mr. Hanna said he thought the Congressman believed a plot had been framed whereby the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company would be gobbled up by the steel interests, but he had no knowledge of such a plot, and did not credit such an idea.

"Before the threatened failure of Moore & Schley," asked Representative Beall, "had not the United States Treasury poured \$50,000,000 into New York to stop the panic?" "I think so," Mr. Hanna replied. "Also before that time," Mr. Beall continued, "had not Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan and his associates advanced \$60,000,000 to relieve the financial situation?" "I heard it so stated," said Mr. Hanna.

"After all that the panic was not averted," Mr. Beall resumed, "and can you tell me why the taking up of only \$6,000,000 in loans on the Tennessee Coal and Iron collateral of Moore & Schley affected that restoration of confidence in the business world which the United States Treasury and the Morgan millions had been unable to do?"

"The only explanation," Mr. Hanna replied, after some hesitation, "is that the panic up to that time had not reached that character of business houses which were involved in this transaction. I think from your line of questions that you believe the sale of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company was a plot. I never thought so. I still wish I could have held on to my stock, but it seemed absolutely necessary to sell it to avert serious trouble."

### BUTTED TO DEATH BY RAM

#### Mrs. Antonette Zoll Found Dead in Her Cowshed.

Muskegon, Mich.—That Mrs. Antonette Zoll, of Conklin, who was found dead in a cowshed in the rear of her farm home was not murdered, but came to her death by being butted by a ram, is the conclusion practically arrived at by officers investigating the case.

The sheep was found in the fields, its horns bloody and a large patch of blood on the back of its neck. The theory is that the ram attacked Mrs. Zoll as she ran around the house in terror and finally knocked her down. When it left her, it is thought she managed to drag herself into the shed, where she died.

### Fright Cures Cripple.

Harrisonburg, Va.—A cripple from birth, Joseph Summers Friday threw away his crutches and, crazed with fright after accidentally shooting a small girl, ran in his bare feet into the country. He fled so rapidly that he has not yet been overtaken. The child, Ruth Enswiler, five years old, may die. The shooting occurred while Summers was cleaning a revolver, which was discharged.

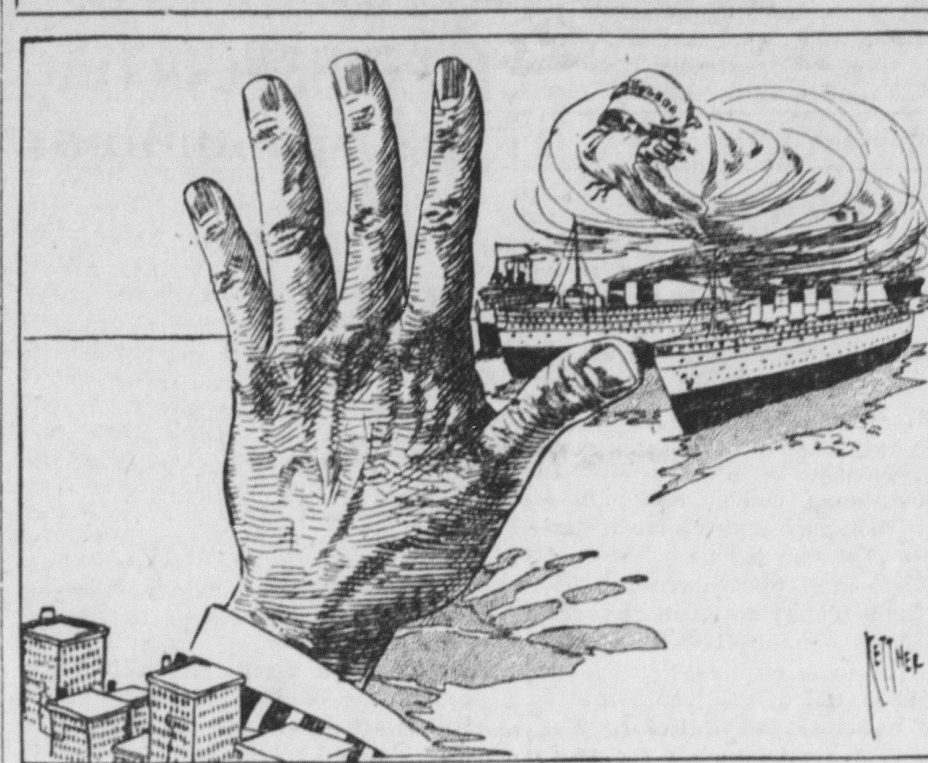
### Fell Dead at Card Table.

Paris.—Naoum Pacha, Turkish ambassador to France, fell dead at the Union Diplomats' Club. Naoum had taken a place at a card table and was in the act of taking up a hand when he fell backward. Death was due to congestion of the brain, caused by the intense heat.

### Historic Ship Saved.

Washington.—The oil sailing naval vessel Portsmouth, now used as a quarantine ship at Norfolk, Va., will not be dismantled or disturbed in any way until Congress passes upon the proposition to fit her out in condition to sail around to San Francisco to be preserved there as a relic. The Portsmouth raised the American flag at Buena Yerba, now San Francisco, in the war with Mexico. It is estimated the repairs will cost \$25,000.

## STOP!



## RICH BANKER SLAIN IN HOTEL

### Wm. H. Jackson Dead on Bedroom Floor.

### BELLBOY IS UNDER ARREST.

Jackson, Aroused by Attempts to Chloroform Him, Makes a Brave Fight for Life—First Stunned by a Blow.

New York.—Paul Geidel, a 17 year old boy of Hartford, Conn., who was employed as a bellboy at the Hotel Iroquois, was arrested in connection with the murder of William Henry Jackson, an aged and well-to-do Wall street broker, who was found strangled to death in his room at the hotel.

Geidel was taken to police headquarters, where, according to Deputy Police Commissioner Dougherty, he will be charged with the murder.

Four other persons, three men and a woman, who it is believed can shed some light on the tragedy, were also taken to police headquarters.

It was declared at headquarters that Paul Geidel confessed to Deputy Commissioner Dougherty and District Attorney Whitman that he chloroformed and robbed Jackson.

Mr. Jackson was murdered in the midst of the hotel and club district, where the night life is almost as active as the day.

In some manner which the police do not attempt to explain the man effected an entrance to Mr. Jackson's room on the Tenth floor of the Hotel Iroquois, at 49 West Forty-fourth street. While he was rifling the apartment the broker evidently awoke and attacked him. The struggle must have been a short one, for the evidence is that the thief was a powerful man and Mr. Jackson was not only feeble, but had been in bad health for some time.

Three terrific blows over the head, which left ugly gashes, evidently floored the old man. Not content with this, the murderer then stuffed a washcloth half way down Mr. Jackson's throat and with his bare hands throttled the little remaining life out of him.

The price of this crime was about \$50 in money, a watch that was an heirloom in Jackson's family and a few small trinkets, such as scarfpin, cuff buttons and shirt studs.

While Mr. Jackson was not a rich man, he was generally reputed to be wealthy. Connected with the Wall street firm of Van Schaick & Co., a member of the New York Yacht and other exclusive clubs, and much given to extreme liberality in his tips to the employees of the hotel, he gained the reputation of being a man of means.

### MORE MONEY FOR THE MAINE

#### Whole Vessel May Have to be Removed Piece-meal.

Washington.—Congress is to be asked by the War Department to appropriate more money for the removal of the Maine.

Though the exact amount to be asked for is not known, it is understood that it will be more than \$200,000. Thus far, more than \$400,000 has been expended on the task.

## PRESIDENT TAFT REBUKES DEFAMERS

### Controller Bay Message to the Point.

### MUCH HARM DONE ALASKA.

Says There is No Danger of the Controller Railway and Navigation Company Monopolizing the Field.

### Scorn for Scandal-mongers.

The acrimony of spirit and the intense malice that have been engendered in respect of the administration of the government in Alaska and in the consideration of measures proposed for her relief and the wanton recklessness and eagerness with which attempts have been made to besmirch the characters of high officials having to do with the Alaskan government, and even of persons not in public life, present a condition that calls for condemnation and requires that the public be warned of the demoralization that has been produced by the hysterical suspicions of good people and the unscrupulous and corrupt mis-representations of the wicked. The helpless state to which the credulity of some and the malevolent scandal-mongering of others have brought the people of Alaska in their struggle for its development ought to give the public pause.

(From the President's Controller Bay Message.)

### IN AIR OVER FOUR HOURS

#### Johnstone Breaks All American Endurance Records.

Hempstead, L. I.—St. Croix Johnstone, in a monoplane, broke all American endurance records for both biplane and monoplane on the Hempstead Plains.

Mr. Johnstone remained continuously in the air for four hours one minute and a fraction. In this time his machine flew more than 195 miles. His official time was 4:01.53 4-5. He had planned to fly for seven hours, but a leak in one of the three gasoline tanks caused much of the fuel to be lost, and this compelled the aviator to descend after he had made 29 laps of the five-mile course.

### Tidal Wave Kills Forty.

Tokio.—Forty persons are known to be dead in the Province of Tokio, part of which was overwhelmed by a tidal wave following in the wake of a devastating typhoon which had raged for 24 hours. Part of the embankment in the Fukagawa district was washed away. The Suzuki quarter was inundated and scores of houses demolished. The damage is estimated at \$1,000,000.

### Lives With a Broken Neck.

Minneapolis.—Sixteen-year-old Martin Gray is at a hospital in Minneapolis with a broken neck and the father, Fred L. Gray, president of the Fred L. Gray Company, is plowing through seas on a fast liner toward the bedside of his injured son. The boy struck a dredge heap head first while diving at Lake Calhoun. His case is proving a puzzle to surgeons.

### More Germs Than Ice-cream.

Boston.—Announcement that 55,000,000 bacteria had been found in a half spoonful of ice-cream by the Boston health authorities caused the declaration by Prof. James O. Jordan, of the Board of Health, that he would ask the Legislature to pass an emergency measure providing that the frozen delicacy must hereafter be sold and served only in original packages. The sample was purchased in the North End tenement district.

### Find Watch in Alligator.

Forsyth, Ga.—A gold watch bearing the monogram "J. T." was found in the stomach of a giant alligator killed near here. Residents believe this explains the disappearance of Janet Thornton, 12 years ago.

### City's Auto Bill Etc.

New York.—The 100 automobiles of the city cost \$220,505.78 and were repaired last year at an expense of \$176,570.91. Joy riding cost the city a pretty penny.

## THE WIRE TRUST MEN FINED

Thirty Seven Manufacturers Plead Guilty - Joined to Restrict Trade.

New York.—Thirty-seven of the 84 wire manufacturers and their employees, who were indicted by the grand jury here on June 29 on the charge of combining in nine pools to the restraint of trade in the wire business, entered pleas of nolo contendere before Judge Archbald, in the criminal branch of the United States Circuit Court here, and each was fined \$1,000 on the initial count and \$100 on every additional count in the indictment against him. The total amount of the fines imposed is \$42,700, and of this sum \$21,000 was paid to Commissioner Shields before he closed his office for the night.

In the case of most of the 37 appearing before Judge Archbald the nolo contendere was entered to supplant the original plea of not guilty already made; for a few the nolo contendere was the initial plea. District Attorney Wise has heard from the lawyer representing several other indicted wire men that they, too, will come into court and enter the plea of nolo contendere.

Those who pleaded and were sentenced to be fined, some of them on as high as six and eight convictions, represented the following, alleged by the government to have participated in the nine pooling associations: Lead Encased Rubber Cable Association, Fine Magnet Wire Association, Rubber-covered Wire Association, Wire Rope Association, Weather-proof and Magnet Wire Association, Underground Power Cable Association, Telephone Cable Association, Horse-shoe Manufacturers' Association and Bare Copper Wire Association. Though several who paid up today were listed under scattering indictments as representatives of the Bare Copper Wire Association, William Palmer, the president of the American Steel and Wire Company, whose name headed the list under the Bare Copper Wire Association, and who was indicted seven times, was not one of those to appear.

### MERELY ADMONISHMENT

#### Wilson Does Not Ask for Condon Punishment for Willey.

Washington.—It is known here that Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, in a report to President Taft, has recommended that Dr. Harvey W. Willey, the pure food expert, be admonished, but not dismissed. Secretary Wilson, it is understood, declares leniency must be shown Dr. Willey because of his valued services to the government in the past and his usefulness for the future. For this reason he apparently does not believe that "condign punishment" should be meted out in the case.

Under the recommendation the President will be able to retain Dr. Willey in his position, as it has been believed all the time he would do, without seeming to ignore the advice of his attorney general. Thus an embarrassing situation will be avoided.

### Lancaster Road Survey.

Surveys of roads in Lancaster county, which will form part of the main highway system of the State and connect Harrisburg with Philadelphia by way of Lancaster city, were ordered by State Highway Commissioner E. M. Bigelow. The commissioner has made an inspection of the road between this city and Lancaster and this week a corps of engineers under the direction of John T. Gephart, Lancaster, one of the assistant engineers of the department, will start work. The survey will be preliminary to taking over the roads and will embrace most of the routes in the county. Later on surveys will be made in Chester and Berks counties. The commissioner also directed that work on the surveys of the road connecting this city and Gettysburg and on Adams county roads be inaugurated immediately. The highway commissioner sent word to all the engineers to have their corps ready to take up road surveys this week. In all fourteen corps will begin surveys and every section of the State will be covered.

### Chestnut Blight.

State Forestry Commissioner Robert S. Conklin states that the chestnut tree blight had been found on State forestry reservations in Pike, Franklin and Perry counties. Immediate steps to eradicate the pest will be taken by the State Foresters and the students at the State Forestry Academy will study the methods.

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## STATE CAPITAL CHART

Leader of Guard.

Company I of the Tenth Regiment, commanded by Captain Wade T. Kline and stationed at Greensburg, Westmoreland county, is shown to lead the National Guard again as the result of the inspection held this year. The Greensburg organization led the Guard in ratings made in the inspection at the division encampment last year and the figures of the Spring inspection made in the armories show that it stands at the head with a general average of 98.25 and a figure of efficiency of 98.77 both being at the top.

Company I, of the Thirteenth Regiment, commanded by Captain Frank M. Godley and stationed at Easton, stands second, having a general average of 97.75 and a figure of efficiency of 98.43. Third place is held by Company E, of the Twelfth Regiment, commanded by Captain William H. Novin and stationed at Sunbury, which is given a general average of 97.62 and a figure of efficiency of 98.34.

Companies A and D, Thirteenth Regiment, Scranton, follow with a figure of 98.68 for efficiency; Company N, Sixteenth Regiment, Grave City, Captain C. Blaine Smathers, has 97.75 efficiency; Company I, Eighth Regiment, Harrisburg, Captain Frank E. Zeigler, has 97.20.

Regimental leaders in addition to the above are First Company I, 92.23 efficiency; Second, Company C, 93.34; Third, Company H, 95.89; Fourth, Company F, 96.58; Sixth, Company A, 91.38; Ninth, Company G, 96.80; Fourteenth, Company A, 92.87; Eighteenth, Company N, 95.72.

Division headquarters ranks 94 in efficiency; First brigade headquarters, 99.3; Second, not given; Third, 100; Fourth, 100. The signal corps company, Pittsburgh, is rated at 87.29; Company A, Engineers, Scranton, 97.48 and Company B, Philadelphia, 92.49.

Battery B, Pittsburgh, leads artillery with general average of 93.18 and 91.81 efficiency and battery C, Phoenixville, 93 and 90.15.

### Animals Valued at \$147,371,000.

Domestic animals, poultry and bees increased \$28,923,000 in value, or from \$102,439,000 to \$141,371,000 during the ten years from 1900 to 1910 in Pennsylvania. The increase was a growth of 28 per cent.

The total value of the domestic animals was reported as \$133,219,000 in 1910, as against \$97,424,000 in 1900, the increase amounting to \$35,795,000, or 36.7 per cent.

The poultry were valued at \$7,674,000 in 1910, as compared with \$4,483,000 in 1900, the gain being \$3,191,000, or 71.2 per cent.

The bees were valued at \$478,000 in 1910, and \$532,000 in 1900, a decrease of \$54,000, or 10 per cent.

These figures are gleaned from the statistics relative to domestic animals poultry and bees on farms in the State in the thirteenth decennial census, just issued by Acting Director Falkner.

The report is based on summaries prepared under the direction of Dr. Le Grand Powers, chief statistician for agriculture in the Bureau of Census. The figures are preliminary and subject to slight revision later, when a few other farms, whose returns, now incomplete, are included in the final tables. It is not expected that these additions will materially modify the amounts or rates stated herein. Special attention is called to the fact that the present statement relates only to live stock on farms and ranches and does not give the figures for the cities and towns of the State.

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