

# The Centre Reporter

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## THE COOK.

Which of the happily married couple should be the cook, assuming that the income of neither is sufficient to warrant the hire of such a necessary piece of household furniture? The question has come up before the Chicago courts and they have met it with courage, or one of them has. It seems that one Burt Harkin was charged with disorderly conduct, says the Charleston News and Courier. He had, in fact, been drunk. This he admitted, but claimed that the circumstances were of such an extenuating nature that he ought to be discharged. "For some time," said he, "I've been taking care of our house and cooking meals for my wife and myself. The work was uninteresting and it got on my nerves. I was mighty glad to get a drink and forget my troubles." The judge looked wise. "Discharged," said he laconically. A number of questions naturally arise. But the salient point is the cooking. Is there really any reason under the sun, except custom, why the man should expect his wife to be the cook? It is not recorded that Eve dressed the beef, but we do know that Adam roasted her just after the exodus from the Garden of Eden. Here was a man who plainly did not go out and work for an income. Why should he loaf about the house while his wife attempted to economize on gas? To be sure he got tired of it, but probably she was just as tired. We really fear that the judge has set a bad precedent. Suppose the women take it into their heads that they have a right to get intoxicated just because they get tired of frying codfish.

Two things with regard to wireless telegraphy have been brought into renewed prominence by the disaster to the Titanic—the inestimable value of the service as a means of summoning assistance for sinking ships, and the necessity of regulations to prevent private telegraphers from interfering with irrelevant messages. The sinking of the Titanic occurred between two and three o'clock in the morning, an hour at which it might be supposed amateur wireless operators would all be in bed and asleep, says the Evening Wisconsin. Nevertheless there are complaints that the wireless messages from the Titanic were "taken" with difficulty, because of interference. In Europe as well as in the United States there will be legislation to put down what the London Times calls "these freaks of private vanity or levity or ostentation."

In Paris, the police dogs have now been given official rank and attack on one of them is classed as resistance to lawfully constituted authority. The situation has its element of humor, but as a matter of fact, their protection as regular members of the police, has been found necessary to save them from the lawless gangs whom they help the police in restraining. Still, the spectacle of a man arrested on the charge of resisting a police dog in the discharge of his duty is novel and odd enough to have its ludicrous side.

For a wager a Cincinnati man ate 30 dozen of bananas in 30 days, drank five glasses of beer and several large portions of whisky each night of the test, and finished off with five dozen hard-boiled eggs and two dozen raw oysters. The story is vouched for, yet it is almost as hard to swallow as the wager must have been.

Possibly a few supersensitive souls may suffer at the cruelty attendant upon the slaughter of flies now being urged, but the fly is one of the busy little pests that bring a swarm of evil upon us and a vast amount of discomfort. Its extermination is problematical, but inasmuch as this is an age when exercise is extolled let the swatting go on with vigor.

A woman in New York intends to sue a doctor who performed an operation on her because he sewed up inside of her a towel a yard long with a red border and marked with the name of the hospital where the operation was performed. Such carelessness with good hospital laundry ought to be looked into. It is hardly a degree less culpable than kleptomaniac.

The officers of the Massachusetts Infant asylum give legal notice that they have changed its name and adopted the name of Massachusetts Babies' hospital. Boston is progressive, too.

A Cincinnati capitalist declares that a family of five could live on \$15 a week and save some of it. Possibly he included hope as one of the articles of diet they could live on, if charity was out of the count.

A Harvard professor says that housework will make over a fat woman into a Venus. But in these emancipated days women cannot be lured back into the old paths of domestic servitude by such transparent bait.

# SANE AT TIME OF THE MURDER

Report of the Alienists Who Have Examined Richeson.

## MUST GO TO DEATH CHAIR

Physicians' Report Shows That Former Preacher's Family is Afflicted With Insanity, and That He is a Neurotic.

Boston.—Clarence V. T. Richeson's last hope of escaping the death chair for the murder of Avis Linnell, of Hyannis, expired when Governor Foss announced that he would not refer Richeson's petition for commutation of sentence to the executive council.

The statement from the governor followed closely the filing of the reports of a sanity commission which declared the condemned man sane, although subject to fits of hysterical insanity. The commission found that Richeson was sane at the time of the murder and that he is sane at present.

In the death chamber at Charlestown the prisoner has borne himself calmly since he was transferred from the Charles street jail. It was apparent that he still hoped that clemency would be extended to him, and it was believed this alone was keeping up his spirits.

The statement issued by Governor Foss shows that the alienists found that Richeson's family was afflicted very generally with insanity and that the condemned man himself is a neurotic, a somnambulist and a neurasthenic, and subject to hysterical insanity.

No Executive Clemency. The statement follows: "Executive clemency will not be extended in the case of Clarence V. T. Richeson. The prisoner was sentenced upon his own confession and without trial for a crime which it appears impossible that any normal man could commit.

"After his confession and sentence a plea of insanity was set up by his counsel and strongly supported by affidavits extending over his life. The character of these affidavits left no other course for the governor than to submit these and the prisoner himself to an examination by the leading alienists, in order to protect the commonwealth from the charges that the man was actually insane when the deed was committed, as well as at the present time.

"The evidence shows that Richeson's family is heavily afflicted with insanity, that he himself is a neurotic, a somnambulist and a neurasthenic; that he is subject to extreme emotional disturbances, marked by loss of memory, which two alienists have diagnosed as hysterical insanity, one physician adding the alternative term of hysterical delirium, and the majority opinion indicating that these attacks are hysterical attacks marked by emotional disturbances of brief duration, with loss of memory during the attack and for a varying period following it.

Held Accountable.

"The evidence, however, while clearly revealing these attacks, indicates that his crime was not committed by him during such an attack. Therefore, while there is some divergence of opinion among the alienists as to whether these attacks indicate actual insanity, there is sufficient ground for the conclusion that he is accountable for his crime, and that the exercise of executive clemency in this instance would be contrary to the public good."

## NOT TO PROBE MEAT INSPECTION

House Committee Postpones Action On Resolution.

Washington.—The House Committee on Expenditures in the Agricultural Department postponed indefinitely action on the Nelson resolution, to investigate the meat inspection service. At the hearing on the resolution held during this and last week various charges were made against the service.

## BREAKS JAIL; DROPS DEAD.

Seven Other Mexican Prisoners Still At Large.

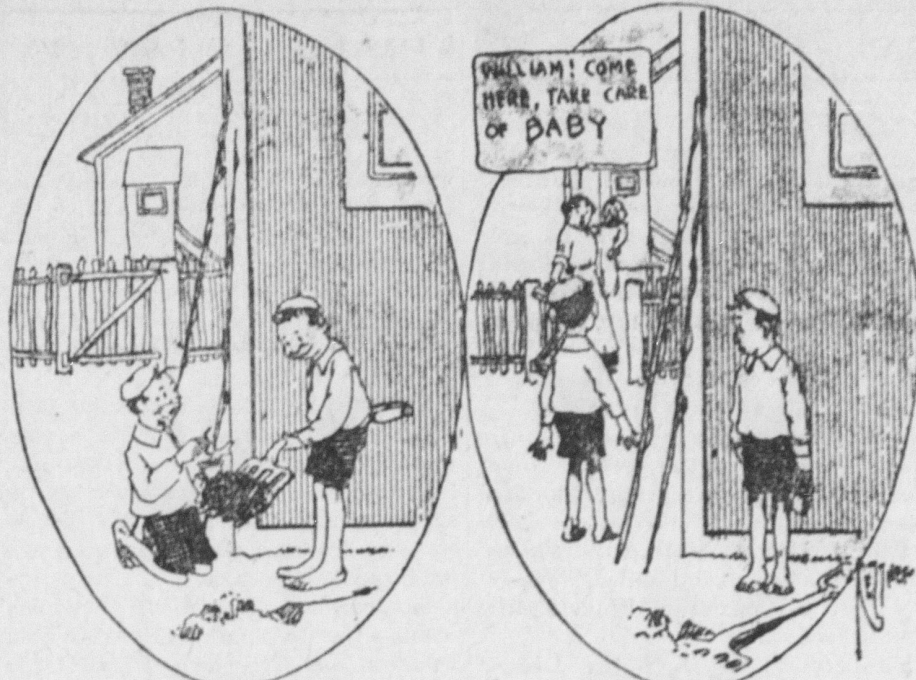
Laredo, Texas.—After 18 years' imprisonment Maximo Martinez escaped from jail at Nuevo Laredo late Wednesday night with seven other prisoners. Martinez dropped dead after he had run one block from the jail. The other seven are still at large. Jailer Fructuoso de Leon was killed.

## CHINA CONCEALS TERMS.

Fears Popular Disapproval Of Bankers' Exactions.

Peking.—Fearing popular disapproval, the rate of interest on the loan of \$300,000,000 by the six powers, just closed, was concealed. However, the toll exacted by the foreign bankers is said to have been huge. Only the most unimportant details of the loan remain to be settled and the first payment of 3,000,000 taels was begun today.

# LIFE'S DISAPPOINTMENTS



## FEEDING MINERS THROUGH A PIPE

Six Men Entombed by Cave-in in Michigan.

## SEVEN OF COMRADES KILLED

The Accident Happened At Midnight Without Any Warning—Many Men Were Working At the 2,000 Foot Level.

Duluth, Minn.—Six of the 13 men entombed at the 2,000 foot level of the Norris mine, at Ironwood, Mich., by a cave-in Monday night are grouped in a small space with five of their comrades dead beside them. Two other bodies have been brought to the surface. The men still alive are being fed by means of a little pipe driven through the earth that hems them in. Many rescuers are working to save them.

It is not known just what caused the accident. Some time before midnight Monday night something gave way on the 2,000-foot level. Many men were at work there. New timbers recently had been installed and the workings were considered in perfect condition.

When the cave-in occurred men scattered in both directions. The majority escaped up the right path, but 13 blundered into one of the many cross sections of the mine, considering themselves safe there. Then, with a roar that could be heard at the surface, the roof dropped down for yards and the 13 were trapped.

Two of them had started down the passageway and were killed at the edge of the cave-in. Later searching parties found them there. Five others were killed where they stood. Six backed close to the wall and stood still. The falling rock missed them.

Then from the outside a many sectioned pipe was started downward. Presently it reached the men and the mine officials learned that six were alive.

Double crews went to work to save the lives of these six men. But many yards of broken timbers, rock and ore must be lifted out of the passage and a new roof built as the diggers go before the entombed miners can be rescued. The mine is controlled by the Oliver Mining Company, a subsidiary of the United States Steel Corporation. At the offices of that company here it was asserted that there was some hope that the six living would be rescued.

## GEN. ALLEN IN THE AIR.

Signal Corps Head Makes Spectacular Aeroplane Flight.

New York.—Brigadier General James H. Allen, chief of the Signal Corps of the United States Army, made a spectacular flight in a hydro-aeroplane down the lower bay, past Governors Island and around the Statue of Liberty. The craft was guided by Charles C. Witmer. It dipped into the water from a great height, rose again and dropped once more, finally landing near the statue.

## Family Burned To Death.

Oacoma, S. D.—The charred bodies of seven persons were found in the ruins of the home of Chris Peterson near the town of Lund, in Lyman county. The bodies are supposed to be those of Peterson, his wife and five children. Whether the persons were murdered and their bodies burned or lost their lives in a fire is not known.

## SHOOTS MATRON OF HOME.

Inmate Wounds Woman Following Morning Prayer.

Des Moines, Iowa.—Immediately following early morning prayer services at Benedict Rescue Home, here, Mrs. Elizabeth Evans, mission worker and matron of the home, was shot and seriously wounded by George Robbins, 41, an inmate of the home. Robbins then turned the pistol on himself, but was only slightly injured. No reason for Robbins' act has been made public.

## DIED STARVING ON TITANIC RAFT

Two Others Probably Shared Same Fate.

## THEY HAD CHEWED CORK

One Of Victims Was Woman, Whose Rings Were Found On the Raft—Picked Up By Oceanic.

New York.—The White Star liner Oceanic, which arrived here Thursday, brought out of the deep the story of a tragic sequel to the foundering of the Titanic. Two hundred miles away from the point where the Titanic had gone down, the Oceanic came upon a collapsible raft containing the bodies of three men, who had died of exposure and starvation. The three victims, as well as another man and woman who had pulled off from the Titanic on the raft, as indicated by articles found on the craft, were buried at sea.

One of the victims was partially identified as Thompson Beattie, of Chicago; two others were members of the crew. A woman had evidently taken refuge upon the raft, for two women's rings were found. A far overcoat, with the name "William Williams" written in it, was also found upon the raft.

The woman to whom the rings belonged and the man named Williams had either fallen into the water from the raft or else had died and been buried at sea by their companions, as there were only three corpses upon the raft when it was found.

Little bits of chewed cork in the bottom of the raft showed how, in the extremity of their sufferings from starvation, the refugees had tried to swallow anything that came to hand.

## THAW'S DEATH LIST.

Had White, Gebhard and Davis Marked To Kill.

New York.—In a letter written by Harry K. Thaw and just made public for the first time, is contained the list of names of five persons with the word kill marked after the names of three. Stanford White's name was third on the list. The others named were Bancroft Davis, Frederick Gebhard, Craig Wadsworth and Reginald Francklyn.

This letter, which was written by Thaw in December, 1903, was addressed to one of his confidential agents in this city. The letter and facts contained therein will play an important part in the state's hands in the sanity hearing now pending.

Thaw's letter was written just after he and Evelyn Nesbit had returned from their first trip together to Europe. Of the persons referred to in his letter, J. C. Bancroft Davis, a member of the Knickerbocker Club, and now an official of the Standard Trust Company in this city, was at the head of the list of those marked "kill."

The word kill following the names of Mr. Davis, Mr. Gebhard and Mr. White is underscored in each instance. In the same list without the notation kill are the names of Craig Wadsworth and Reginald Francklyn. Mr. Wadsworth's name was mentioned in both of Thaw's trials.

No word has ever been written or spoken to the public which connected J. C. Bancroft Davis, Frederick Gebhard or Reginald Francklyn with the slayer of White in the tragedy of Madison Square Garden roof on June 25, 1906.

## SIXTY PATIENTS ESCAPE.

Sanitarium Burns Down and Inmates Get Away.

Memphis, Tenn.—Sixty patients in the James Sanitarium, at Raleigh Springs, escaped when the institution was destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at \$125,000. E. L. Griffith, an employe, who dashed into the burning building to save property belonging to one of the patients, is believed to have perished.

# TRAIN ROBBERS GET \$150,000

Masked Bandits Hold Up An Express Train.

## MADE GOOD THEIR ESCAPE

New York Limited Train Over Queen and Crescent Route Waylaid At Lonely Flag Station In Mississippi.

Hattiesburg, Miss.—A rich haul was made by two masked bandits who held up the Queen and Crescent New York Limited train near Okahola, a flag station, eight miles south of Hattiesburg, and blew open the safe in the Southern express car. The sum the robbers obtained is variously estimated at from \$50,000 to \$150,000. However, express officials deny that the sum obtained aggregated the latter figure. The bandits made their escape. Sheriff Bennett and a posse started in pursuit. Bloodhounds led the way.

The safe in the express car was secured by a time signal lock when the train left New Orleans and there was a guard in the car in addition to the regular messenger. It is said that in the rifled car there was one package of money representing the payroll of the Alabama and Vicksburg Railroad, at Meridian, and about 25 packages of cash, representing the remittances of agents of the Southern Express Company at points along the Vicksburg, Shreveport and Pacific Railroad. In addition to these there were two or more sacks of silver, containing \$1,000 each, other packages of currency and several packages of jewelry, valuable stock certificates and bonds.

## With Drawn Revolvers.

When the train was passing the flag station, Okahola, two masked bandits climbed over the tender, and with drawn revolvers called out to Engineer Maher and his firemen: "Obey orders." No resistance was offered, and after the train had rounded the curve above Okahola, the engineer was commanded to stop. He complied promptly. With guns pointed at their heads the engineer and fireman were marched back to the baggage car. Maher was ordered to call the express messenger. The engineer called out, and when the messenger, D. A. Gray, of Chattanooga, opened the door of his car he looked into the muzzle of a pistol. He did not hesitate to obey the orders to alight. Other trainmen were promptly lined up alongside the train, and, leaving them in charge of his partner, the commanding bandit jumped into the express car and began work on the large express safe. After applying a charge of nitroglycerine he got down and awaited the explosion. It was ineffective and successively five other charges of the high explosive were set off before the bandit accomplished his purpose. The sixth charge blew off the safe door and scattered silver coin and packages of currency and other valuables in every direction.

Except about \$300 in silver, everything in sight was hurriedly placed in a sack and the two men backed off into the darkness with their revolvers leveled at the train crew. After walking backward for about 100 yards the men dashed off. It is believed they fled on horses, which had been left in charge of a third robber. It is presumed the robbers are those who held up a Mobile and Ohio train near Corinth in February. None of the passengers was molested.

New Orleans.—Officials of the Southern Express Company here this noon declined to state the amount of money obtained by robbers who held up the Queen and Crescent train near Hattiesburg. They declared a thorough investigation would be necessary before the amount of the "haul" could be determined.

## Memorial To Titanic Heroes.

Washington.—A memorial to Major Archibald W. Butt and Frank D. Millet, the artist, who perished in the wreck of the Titanic, was proposed in a resolution introduced by Senator Bacon to permit the erection of a memorial to be paid for by private subscription in one of the government parks in Washington. Senators Borah and Townsend objected to the form of the resolution, asserting that it was unwise to single out any particular victims of the disaster. They favored a general memorial to all who lost their lives.

## Swedish Novelist Dead.

Stockholm, Sweden.—Auguste Strindberg, the noted Swedish novelist and dramatist, died from cancer.

## TEN-YEAR-OLD HERO.

Swims a Creek and Flags Train, Preventing a Wreck.

Charleston, W. Va.—Word reached here that Patterson Schilling, aged 10, probably saved the crew of a freight train from death on the Cabin Creek branch of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad by swimming the flooded water of Cabin Creek in order to flag the train. A huge rock had rolled upon the track at a high embankment.

# PENNSYLVANIA STATE NEWS

Newsy Items Gathered From All Parts of the State.

Weisport.—The town's new bank, capitalized at \$25,000, will open for business on June 15.

Allentown.—Mrs. Charles H. Kern, wife of a produce dealer, has reported to the police that her husband has been missing for nearly a week.

Allentown.—John Tritschler, who conducted a large bakery here, died suddenly of appendicitis. He was forty-four years old.

Allentown.—James Hoffman, owner of several fine farms and much real estate, died at the age of eighty-three years.

Bethlehem.—Andrew Galloway lost 160 Spring chickens when his henney at Mt. Bethel caught fire when a lamp exploded and destroyed the building.

South Bethlehem.—A blaze on the property of Mrs. Rose Gozystoni did \$500 damage and Firemen George Moritz and Michael Mellon were painfully burned.

South Bethlehem.—Mrs. Elizabeth M. Cann, of Salisbury, near South Bethlehem, celebrated her 100th birthday anniversary. She is still in good health.

Allentown.—Former Fire Chief C. M. Cohn was re-elected president of the seventeenth consecutive term of the Allentown Firemen's Relief Association.

South Bethlehem.—Stephen Pintz, a boy, was jolted from a lumber wagon on which he had jumped and had his skull crushed. He died on the way to the hospital.

Lebanon.—Professional safe crackers blew open the two-ton safe of the Cornwall Railroad Company, at Cornwall station, five miles south of here, but got nothing for their trouble.

Pine Grove.—The Superior Court has affirmed the decree of the Court of Schuylkill County admitting North Pine Grove, a village of 400 inhabitants, to Pine Grove Borough.

Boyetown.—Berkus County farmers are kept busy spraying their apple trees to prevent the great harm usually done to apples by the sodling moth and curculio.

Weisport.—While working on the Union Hill Cemetery, near Weisport, Robert Anthony found a watch chain that was lost forty-five years ago by the late Miles Horn.

Mauch Chunk.—George Brower, a conductor for the Mauch Chunk Switchback Railway Company, was badly squeezed between a car and one of the buildings, and narrowly escaped with his life.

Slatings.—The clothing of Pearl, the five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Eckert, of Lehigh Township, caught fire when she played with matches, and she is in a critical condition.

Allentown.—The Allentown Police Department adopted a rule that all unnecessary noises caused by whistles, gongs and bells after ten o'clock at night shall be curtailed as much as possible.

Mauch Chunk.—The Lehigh Coal & Navigation Company is dredging the Lehigh Canal and will get it in operation as soon as possible in expectation of resumption of work at the coal mines.

Pine Grove.—Mrs. Mary Carn Snyder, the oldest woman of this place, and widow of Rev. Louis Snyder, died at the residence of her granddaughter, Mrs. M. S. McElhinny, here, in her ninety-third year.

York.—Mrs. Mary Drescher, while whitewashing in the rear of her residence, fell a distance of sixteen feet. It is believed that her back is broken and that she cannot recover from her injuries.

Mauch Chunk.—Dr. G. K. Swank, of Mauch Chunk, a member of the State Livestock Sanitary Department, came here and established a dog quarantine for 100 days, in which time every dog running loose without a muzzle will be shot.

Bethlehem.—The newly organized Christian Endeavor Union of the Bethlehem held a mass meeting in Christ Reformed Church which was addressed by Rev. Paul S. Leinbach, of Easton, and Dr. Burton W. Swaze, of Allentown.

Carlisle.—Because the duties of the office of Burgess of Lemoine interfered with his business in Harrisburg, J. H. Kimmel resigned his office. In an order issued by Judge Wilber F. Sadler, the successor to Kimmel will be John Wesley Reeser.

Nesquehoning.—The new drainage tunnel constructed by the Lehigh Coal Navigation Company from Coalport to Nesquehoning is draining all the mines around Nesquehoning, enabling the company to do away with all its pumps and pumpmen.

South Bethlehem.—A clamp stolen from the Bethlehem Steel Works, was found wedged between the rails of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, opposite the steel works and was removed in time to prevent a serious passenger train wreck.

Allentown.—Mrs. J. A. Walbert, a widow, employed in an Allentown factory, appeals for information as to the whereabouts of her eighteen-year-old son, John Walbert, who disappeared two weeks ago from the home of his grandmother, Mrs. John Thomas, at Slatings, where he was living.