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Riches Made and Lost

The Street is filled with stories of losses

were quoted today as declaring this has

without a doubt greatly weakened the sa-gregate purchasing power of the country's speculative public. The blow fell upon the

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millions to the manipu

strengthened the market position

speculative public. The blow fell amateurs largely and the country

again contributed mill lators of Wall street.



BOY ASSAILANT TO PAY JANE BONNER'S DOCTOR

Lad Who Slashed Daughter of Liquor Men's Agent Put on Probation

An echo of a serious Halloween escapade, ring which Jane Bonner, the sixteen-year-d daughter of Nell Bonner, president of le National Retsil Liquior Dealers' Assothe National Retail Liquor Dealers' Asso-ciation, of Twenty-second and Carpenter streets, was stabbed in the abdomen with a penknife by John Murtha, fifteen years old, of 2514 Kimball street, was heard in the Juvenile Court today, when Judge Mac-Neille summoned young Murtha for punish-ment. The father of the little girl did not wish to prosecute, being satisfied with the prombursement for medical expenses he had incursed. Incurred

Judge MacNeille thereupon placed the boy on probation and ordered him to pay the girl's father \$15 a month until a doc-tor's bill of \$200 and hespital expenses of \$60 are discharged.

On Halloween night, Jane Bonner, dressed in male attire, with several other masserading companions was frolicking on downtown streets. They met young Murtha, who feared he was about to be attacked. drew a penknife and stabbed at the nearest to him. The Bonner girl was the vic-

She was taken to the Polyclinte Hos-pital where she was competied to undergo an operation. For some time she was in a critical condition and her wound required forty-seven stitches.

CALLS FATHER SUICIDE. BUT IS HELD BY POLICE

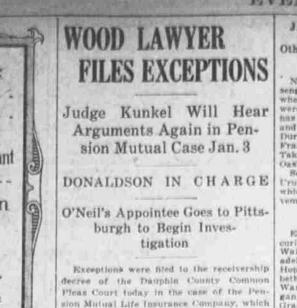
Found Dead Near Poison Bottle, Man but Drugs Did Not Cause

Death

Louis Brandt, sixty-four years old, war found dead today at the foot of the stairs is his home, 1916 East Oakdale street, with blood streaming from his mouth and a carbolic acid bottle beside his body

The police believed at first that he had ended his life, but further investigation showed that there were no adid burns on his mouth and that he had not swallowed the poison. Deputy Coroner Greenhalgh and the man positively has not committed

He said he could not explain, however, by the man thould have been carrying a acid bottle. Meanwhile the dead man's on August was held as a matrix where the deal many so by Magistrate Diets and sent to Moya-morsing Prison to await the result of the Coroner's inquest. The son had previously expressed the belief that his father had committed suicide while intoxicated. He bought a gun recently with such intention he said, and then sold it to buy liquor.



concern was dissolved last Monday. The exeptions were received by Judge Kunkel in is chambers, who granted arguments theren, setting January 3 as the date.

The exceptions were filed by ex-State enator Joseph H. Thompson, of Beaver Falls, Beaver County, attorney for the Penm Mutual

Questioning the constitutionality of the indestroying the constitution of the first state in the first state insurance lie-participant and also hald that "commissioner J. Donny O'Nell overstopped in asking for a decree of dissolution before, as receiver, he had opportunity of investigating the pos-abilities of placing the affairs of the com-native on a business basis pany on a business basis.

W. M. Hargest, Deputy Attorney General. appeared in chambers when the exceptions were read and urged that the Court sum-marily dismiss them.

In Pittsburgh today Receiver Donald-un, of the Pension Mutual Life Insurance sun, of the Pension Mutual Life Insurance Company, took charge of the offices of that company in Fifth avenue shortly before noon. Mr. Donaldson went to Pitts-burgh this morning from Philadelphia and made an impection of the office, but no actual work was accomplished until this afternoon. He wanted to arrange his force n such a manner as to get the best service ut of the employes and hasten his investigation into the conduct of the husiness Donaldson said that he would spend the greater part of his time here, but would compalled to make frequent trips to Philadelphia and Harrisburg. He said he had no idea what the books of the com-

pany would show. pany would show. Edwin R. Cox, candidate for Speaker of the House when the next General Assem-bly convenes at Harrisburg, writes to the EVENING LEDGER that he is in favor of im-proved theorem laws. Recently his rival for the speakership, Nichard J. Bathyin said he may in force

Richard J. Baldwin, said he was in favor better insurance laws, provided they re-needed.

Mr. Cox writes: 'I can assure you that the same motive which prompted me to work and vote for humane laws at the last session of the

egialature, namely the protective acts for he child as well as the adult, is as strong now as it was then, and 1 will cast my vote and influence for any remedial legis-lation that will correct conditions now hampering protection of the widows and or-

"I am not famillar with the insurance of New York, but if they are better than Pennsylvania's I am in favor of bringing our laws up to the same basis or better. "Should the information furnished to the next House show that an investigation of nsurance conditions be necessary, I will

insurance conditions vote for it. "Congratulating you on your efforts for the advancement of humanity. I am, "Very truly yours, "EDWIN R. COX."

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NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Among the pas-sengers on the French liner La Touraine when she arrived today from Bordeaux were Juliah Allen, a young American who has been fighting with the French nrmy and who was cited for bravery; Mrs. Nina Duryes, a novellat, who was decorated in France for war relief work, and General Takuda and Lieutenant Colonela Oneda and Oashi, of the Jappness army.

Oashi, of the Japanese army. Seventeen members of the crew of the Uruguayan steamship Presidente Viers, which went ashore on Oleron Island on Noember 23, also were on board.

Elkton Marriage Licenses

ELKTON, Md., Dec. 22.-Couples pro-curing marriage licenses here today were Waiter R Kally and Marie McDonald, Full-adelphia; George A. Thompson and Eisle Hopps, Baltimore; George Quay and Eliza-beth Adams, of Conshohocken, Pa., Adam Warmock, of Philadelphia, and Lydia Morgan, of Shamokin; William Grover and Grace Madden, of Mount Holly, N. J.; John Bonniville and Edna Goldeborough, of Chester; Michael Demar and Grace Bunhell, of Reading

TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES

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Divorce Granted Court No. 1 today granted a divorce to

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Freakish Electric in Wall Street Panic Storm Strikes City

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the number of small speculators wiped out fnancially in this week's panic-stricken market will reach far into the thousands. the rain and half mist Philadelphia had almost & London-like appearance. The lightning flashes were more unex

pected than Zeppelin bombs in the English apital.

"Not until now," said one broker, "has even Wall Street Reelf realized the enor-mous number of small speculators. It's going to be a tough Christmas for most of them." The first lightning flash was seen shortly after 6:30. From that hour until after 7 o clock they came in rapid succession. light-ing up the sky in bright flashes all over the city, but especially in the northeast and western sections. Thunderstorms are not very unusual at

me man, sixty-three years old, who made fortune in real estate before the panis t 1997 and who invested in stocks in 1998. pretorms are not very unusual a this time of year, according to the Weather Bureau. They almost invariably are fol-lowed by a very sharp drop in temperature and tomorrow will be much coider, it was of 1997 and who invested in atocks in 1995, was wiped out. He played Steel common off the boards, buying it a few weeks ago at 122, when reports were current that it would reach 150. Today he must start

said. This morning's storm was caused by ex-

This morning's storm was capsed by ex-cessive moisture in the air, which was brought by winds from the guif coast. A blizzard, accompanied by a heavy and driving znow and strong gales, is raging over the northern and eastern part of the rounity today. Traffic in nearly all the cilles in northern New York State and all the Great Lakes was impeded and in some instances held up altogether.

Rumors that big bankers planned to meet and form some plan for supporting the market today were denied, while big bankstances held up altogether. The weather bureau in Washington is-urd a warning that a storm was brewing ver Delaware and extending up the At-

in declared if yesterday's market was a anic, it was a "safe and same panic." The blissard and extending up the At-lattic coast, with strong gales all along the New England coast. The blissard extended westward into Chio and seriously handlcapped both east and west bound Christman trains. Some trains from the west are reported twelve hours late. Bernard M. Baruch and Burton Castles. cognized leaders of the professional bear rowd which started harmering prices

own when the German Chancellor pro posed peace, cleared immense sums, cover-ing their short selling by buying at bottom hours late. Northern New York State was hard hit Fifteen inches of snow, whipped by a sharp prices yesterday, according to reports on the Street today, German bankers and brokers were ranked among those who rode the

gale, utterly demoralized traffic and caused derailments of the cars which ventured out. Many persons were injured in minor acci-dents caused by the storm. Calling of loans by banks and demand for wide margine by brokers forced many "weak speculators" to throw their holdings upon the market. Bankers and hig traders

Held as Thief and Incendiary BETHLEHEM, Pa., Dec. 22. - Charged with attempting to set fire to the home of Walter Cooke, John Van Norman was mmitted to Jail. If is charged that he broke into the Cooke residence, cleaned out the family refrigerator, sprinkled coal oil over the kitchen floor and had just applied a match when Mrs. Cooke and her husband surprised him

Check for \$100 as Woman's Gran HARRISBURG, Ps., Dec. 12 .- An and the Lochiel wreck on the Pann Raitroad here in 1905 when Mrs. Ardella Anderson, or Putstant sent a check for \$100 to the Harris Hospital in memory of her husband W. Anderson, and son, Frank Ass who were cared for at the institution being injured.



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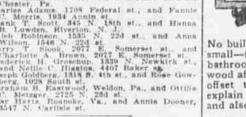
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anew.

crash to millions.



LANSDALE, Pa., Dec. 22.—There was a phenomenal thunderstorm accompanied by yivid lightning here and in other North brind lighthing here and in other North Penn communities early today. The thun-der peals were long and rumbling and one series lasted for three minutes and shock buildings. The celling at the Philadelphia & Reading Railway office was shaken loose and fell. Such a midwinter storm is un-precedented in this section.



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