

Grandmother of Woman Slain In Lycoming Creek Gives Reason for Double Tragedy

### TAKES CHILD TO NEW YORK

#### By a Staff Correspondent

Williamsport, Pa., July 21. - The only person who might reveal the real cause of what police officials regard as the most amazing double slaying in Lycoming County's history left here this morning for New York.

It was Helen Marie Shearer, the twoand-one-half-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Shearer, of Attica, N. Y., whose bodies were found Wednesday night in Lycoming Creek

with their throats slashed. The child nestled in the arms of her reat-grandmother, Mrs. Mary Withe-reat-grandmother, Mrs. Mary Withe-Mrs. Mary Withe-Mrs. Mary Wither, Mrs. Mary Withe-Mrs. Mary Wither, Mrs. Mary Withe-Mrs. Mary Wither, Mrs. Mary Wither, failed to arrest her exclamations of de

"Granny, don't cry," she counseled. "You know you told me that mamma and dadiy would meet us, didn't you?" "Yes, dear." whispered the woman, and gazed in the direction of the bag-gage car ahead.

Woman's Body Taken to Hornell

There, incased in a mahogany casket, is the body of the child's mother, hearer's body is held here for his rents who are coming today from chmanville, twenty miles from Har-

With the arrival late last night of Mrs. Witherow, came what is cone double tragedy. Sitting in the dertaking parlors of Harold Tage, in Fourth street, the elderly woman-she a nearing sixty-unfolded to Sheriff Gray a story that had its inception in a ris, Negro, Forty-second street near mail community in New York. Green, was the driver of the wagon.

"I dislike to divulge personal sor-rows," she said, "but for the sake of my granddaughter I feel that I should." old, 325 North Twentieth street, was Then pointing towards the rear of the house she added :

the house she added: "That man whose body lies along-olde the woman he killed deserves no agmpathy. He lured her to the creek and did away with her." Tells of Marriage Four Years Aco

A recital of events that culminated romance of unusual fervor followed. "Henry Shearer married my grand-aughter four years ago this August in the home of her parents at Hornell. She was Ruth Webb. Her mother and father moved not long ago to Casca-dera. Calif. "They seemed to adore one another.

Many times after he came home late at night and tired from a hard day rested. Railroad he used to make her get out of bed to play with him.

"He was like a child that way-always wanting to cut up. He used to tease her about being a year older than he was. Then she would laugh back and say. Well, I'm still young and I wont' be twenty-nine until Oc. and I wont be twenty-nine until Oc-ber.' She meant this coming October. "About four months ago, shortly after they moved to Attica from Buf-alo, where they had been living, I no-Talo, where they had been living, 1 no-ticed Henry acted very strangely. He bad lost his former joviality. He flared up at every little thing that

didn't suit him. Thought He Was Losing Mind GIRL KILLED, THREE BOYS HURT IN ACCIDENTS FIGHT ON RECTOR **Overturn of Express Wagon Throws** MAY GO TO COURT Child Under Cart A three-year-old girl was instantly killed when a small express wagon with which she was playing overturned,

WHERE BODY OF

MAN WAS FOUND

which she was playing overturned, throwing her beneath the wheels of a city garbage wagon, and three small boys were seriously injured by auto-mobiles near their homes last night. The girl, Sarah Kelly, 4412 Lan-caster avenue, was dead when she was removed from under the wheels of the wagon. Her body was taken to the Presbyterian Hospital. William Har-MAY WRECK CONGREGATION

## Charges of Vestrymen of St. Jude and Nativity Get Denial

Instead of resigning from their posttions as vestrymen of the Church of St. Jude and the Nativity, Eleventh and struck by an automobile driven by James G. Gill, an attorney. The boy was taken to the Garretson Hospital. Mount Vernon streets, as requested by a majority vote of the congregation, the was taken to the Garretson Hospital. He has a fractured leg and possible internal injuries. Daniel McGary, two years old, was struck by an automobile in front of his home at 1935 North Twenty-second street. He has a broken leg. Nathan Sheffin, Twenty-second street near Somerset, was the motorist six vestrymen who yesterday started open warfare against the Rev. James C. Crosson, rector, may start legal proceedings to remove the minister.

BODY OF WOMAN WAS

FOUND 250 FT. BELOW

This was intimated today by F. J. street near Somerset, was the motorist. Jumping from behind a wagon on which he was said by police to have been "stealing" a ride and into the path of a taxi, Joseph Piccenpini, eight Smith, secretary of the church, when asked to make public the charges the vestrymen were holding against Mr. Crosson, in the absence of C. William years old. 2110 Mountain street, was struck and seriously injured. He was taken to St. Agnes Hospital. Umbert Melchiore, Beulah street near Oregon avenue, the driver of the taxi, was ar-rested. Speiss, accounting warden of the congregation and leader in the fight against the rector.

"Inasmuch as this institution is a corporation under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania," Mr. Smith said, TOURS STATE FOR PINCHOT

Mrs. E. L. Melick to Organize Women's Republican Clubs

A two weeks' tour of ten counties in the State is being made by Mrs. Elmer E. Melick, field secretary of the Repub-lican State Committee. In the interest of Gifford Pinchot for Governor. Her work will be mostly among women voters.

Mrs. Barclay H. Warburton, vice chairman of the Republican State Com-mittee, In announcing Mrs. Melick's messages of support from members of the near future. I have received many to the last twents of the congregation in the last twents. By way of reply to Judge Quigley it the congregation in the last



street, danced on the Parkway lac-night and won first prize. "And I never was so surprised in all my life." said Mrs. Copestick, as she laughingly told about it today. "It was nice and cool last night and so I said to Dad that I wanted to go over

and bave a dance. "'So away we went. It is the first time we have been over there this year, and Dad and I were dancing around when we were asked to go in the con-test. I sort of didn't want to, but

test: I sort of didn't want to, but anyhow we went, and I've never seen so many people before in my life. "But Dad put his arms around me and said, 'Come on, Jen, we can do just as good as any of the others.' Guess I forgot about the people when we once got going. Made me think of other days when Dad and I were keeping company.

"The other boys and girls did the new-fangled steps. We don't know those, but I like the plain waltz bet-ter'n anything I've seen the others doing.

Mrs. Copestick is not very tall/ has Mrs. Copestick is not very tail, has gray hair and blue eyes which half closed as she laughed. "You know, I taught Dad to dance, when we were going together, I lived in Germantown. One time we went to a dance and I wanted to dance, but Dad said he didn't know how. So I got him off in a corner and showed him the steps." Mr. and Mrs. Copestick have eight children and five grandchildren.

A for and Mrs. Copestick have eight children and five grandchildren. "Every time the phone rings, I ex-pect it to be one of my sons. I can just hear them, too. They'll say, "Mother, what have you been doing?" "But I don't care, we had fun, and I declare I'd like to frame the \$6, for it's the first thing we ever won." Miss Marguerite Walz, in charge of the Parkway dancing, had Mr. Cope-stick for a partner last night, "There were so many excellent dancers last night that it was extremely difficult to choose the best." she said. "But I danced with Mr. Copestick and he most certainly does dance very well." Director Warburton wrote a letter with the prize check in which he said, "It is a genuine plensure to hear Miss It is a genuine pleasure to hear Miss has traveled extensively. Miss Hagy said today that the mar-riage would take place soon, but that it would be a quiet affair, due to the fact that Mr. Yarrow's mother died re-

Walz's recommendation of your artistic efforts. We feel quite sure in award-ing these prizes they will be accepted as testimonials of your splendid danc-ing accomplishments." cently. Friends and relatives of Mr. Yarrow

MOST OF AGED SISTERS' 20 CATS ABANDON OLD HOME

Depart When Mistresses Are Taken to Public Institution

When Dr. J. A. Beek, Gloucester health officer, went to the home of the Misses Isabella and Mary Hartwell, Powell street near Third, today to remove the effects of the two aged women taken in charge by the health authorities, he found that fourteen of the twenty cats once kept in the establishment had departed.

Alonza and Harris.

PENSION 11 CITY WORKERS All Have Been in Service Twenty

**To Wed Clubman** 

MISS FRANCES HAGY

of Lansdowne, whose engagement to H. C. Yarrow, Jr., 2022 Walnut street, has been announced

HARRY C. YARROW. JR., WILL

WED MISS FRANCES HAGY

### Years or More

Eleven city employes were placed on the pension list today, having been twenty years or more in the municipal service.

They are : Peter R. Dietz and Ezra Hutchinson, guards in the House of Correction: Robert Robinson, George Bennett, Moses Ballantine, William Jefferis and Kennedy McNeal, of the Water Bureau; Thomas T. Haines, a carpenter: Louis Pfluger, a fireman; John McCabe, a boiler inspector, and Harry F. Barber, of the Court of Com-

mon Plens. They will receive monthly amount varying from \$41.81 to \$63.47.

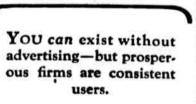
# NAME STEEL CO. RECEIVERS

Chester Plant Said to Have Failed for \$1,000,000

Judge Johnson, of Media, Today appointed E. Wallace Chadwick, a Chester attorney, and Howard M. Lutz, a Media attorney, as receivers for the Thurlow Steel Works, of Chester.

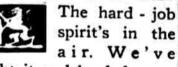
During the hearing Frank G. Mooreshead, one of the attorneys for the de-fendant company and also representing some of the creditors, informed them that the Thurlow Steel Company was Insolvent to the extent of \$1,000,000. The company was organized during the war, making munitions. Shortly after the signing of the armistice the com-pany failed.

Admitted to Ball on Attack Charge Harold Atkinson, a Negro, of Media, as admitted to \$5000 bail today by Judge Johnson. He is charged with an attack on Mrs. Elizabeth Hamilton.





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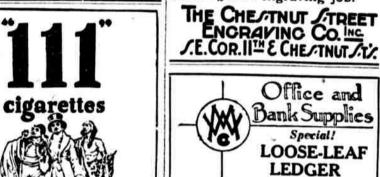
er, when appetites are so "finicky." It pays to trade

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caught it and landed some expressed surprise when informed of the engagement last night. In club circles it was said that "Harry has always been considered a seasoned bachelor." tough assignments in photoengravings lately. Send us your next difficult engraving job.



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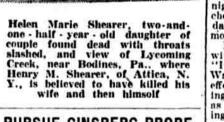
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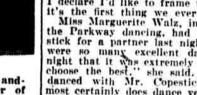
W. R. Nicholson Must Explain

Charges of Influence William R. Nicholson, Jr., secretary of

"whatever charges we have to prefer the Law Enforcement League, will be against Mr. Crosson will be made in asked to explain his charges that money the usual manner." Mr. Crosson said he was not seriand political influence played a part in ously concerned about the plans of the the parole by Judge Quigley of "Izzie"

Those remaining, according to Dr. Beek, are John, Jim, Harry, Allen,

According to a motorist, four of the cats were seen ambling along a road



## PURSUE GINSBERG PROBE

him to be losing his mind. H ften returned from work and took reat delight in saying nasty things t, my granddaughter. Once he told me that if anymore children ar-Once he

"Then he asked his wife to leave him, but she believed the man was run down from overwork. She insisted upon tanding by him.

Last Tuesday, Mrs. Witherow said, Shearer ordered his wife to pack up and take a trip with hum to his parents' some at Bachmanville.

"They had dinner with me before they left." they left," she continued. "He be-haved very strangely and I was fright-

ened. "I said to Ruth: 'Honey, hadn't 'You better postpone your trip? Henry seems to be brooding over something. Why, his eyes are bulging from his head. But she laughed and told me it

was his nerves. "I really believe he intended to kill her when they stopped alongside the creek. I believe he posed for his snap-shot by the side of the car, then took his wife to the edge of the water and rabbed to the edge of the water and peculiar noises, he continued to the third floor where unobserved he watched the operation of the distillery. stabled her to death and committed

### Called Murder and Suicide

The official conclusion in connection with the tragedy is murder and sui-fide. The bodies of Shearer and his wife were found in Lycoming Creek, near Bodine, twenty miles from Wil-liamsport, shortly before 7 o'clock, Wednesday evening, by a party of mo-

is Coroner Schneter's belief that It is Coroner's Schneider's belief that Shearer killed his wife when tempo-rarily insane by cutting her throat with the knife later found in his pocket clotted with b'ood, and that he then slashed his own throat, falling or jumping into the water.

Following a complete investigation ther county authorities agreed with the Coroner's theory. Sheriff Gray, accompanied by District Attorney Schug and Sergeant Zuber of the Police De-partment, spent the afternoon going

scene. Amos Shearer, father of the dead man, and Aaron his brother, arrived here by automobile this morning. They could assign no reason for they could assign no reason for Shearer's act and were inclined to accept Mrs. Witherow's version of the killings.

TRAINMAN LOSES LEG

M. Thomas, Camden Yardman,

Falls Beneath Wheels

Edwin M. Thomas, twenty-three rears old, a yardman in the Pennsyl-tania terminal at Federal street, Cam-

James Cooley, forty years old, a Negro, of 706 Cherry street, Camden, was held in default of \$1000 bail by Recorder Stackhouse today on the den, lost a leg early this morning when he fell under a coal-distributing car in the roundhouse. He is in the Cooper Hospital in a critical condition. charge of shooting Patrolman Thomas Cheesman, of Camden, on July 4.

Thomas was acting as a brakeman on the car when he slipped beneath the Wheels. At the hospital it was found Recessive to hospital it was found The shooting occurred when Chees-man attempted to arrest Cooley for discharging his revolver from the secnecessary to amputate one leg immedi-ately and physicians say that the other ond story of his house. Cheesman was struck in the foot. He summoned adbadly crushed that it will have to ken off. Thomas when ditional policemen, who wounded Cooley taken taken off. Thomas, who lives at four times. The prisoner's defense this morning was that he had "been drink-torkers who refused to go out on strike. Ing prohibition hooch."

#### New Girard Music Head

Prof. Bruce Carey, assistant director the State School for Music Super-tors, in summer session at West bester, has accepted a call to become The grocery store of the American Stores Company at 918 Broadway, Camden, was entered last night by thieves who "jimmied" the safe and director of music in Girard College, where he will begin his duties in Sep-tember. He has been for the last four rears director of music in the public whole of Hamilton. Ont.. Canada. where his his native city, and for sev-ral years has directed the famous Elgar Chair of 190 voices. s.ole \$90 in cash. THE NEW PREMIER OF CAPAN His attitude toward external affairs and particularly in relation to America is dis-cussed by former Ambasador Roland S. Morris. from an Intimate acquaintance with Kato. This appears in the Massafire Section of Sunday Public Luboan. "Make it a

"Mrs. Melick is making this trip in four hours." response to numerous requests from The other vestrymen are D. A. Republican leaders for an organizer. Knight, A. B. Melville, G. Erskine and women to be visited have no offi- E. L. Maize rived he would not keep them. He told clal recognition as yet on the county me I could have them. The original trouble, it is charged by committees. In addition to urging the women to get busy politically in the interest of the Republican ticket. Mrs. Mellek also will point to the the Rev.

Interest of the Republican ficket, Mrs. from Trinity Church, Configsance, as Melick also will point out to them the October, brought about the resignations necessity of organizing political clubs," of R. Norman Stokes, organist, and Among the cities to be visited are Miss M. V. Slaugh, parish worker, Montrose, Williamsport, Lock Haven, shortly after his arrival. Bellefonte, Milton, Danville, North-umberland, Bloomsburg, Sunbury, Sunbury, head June 28, when a congregational Wilkes-Barre, Hazleton, Pottsville, meeting was called and, at the request Lebanon and Lewisburg.

of the pastor, a "vote of confidence" was taken. The vote in favor of the

vestrymen are D. A.

rector's policies was 137 to 3, with thirty-cight members not voting. MAN HAS STILL IN A BAG Detective Finds It After Stumbling **Opposed** by Spless

Upon a Big One The Rev. Crosson today denied that

was responsible for the resignations Detective Pill, of the Third and Race streets station, stumbled last night ipon an illicit still at 241 Race street. of the organist and the parish worker, and further charged that he came to of Mr. Speiss, who had several other ministers in mind at the time. A sign on the door read: "The Uneedy Tin Company." He found the first and second floors descried but, attracted by

He then called the station house and twenty men were dispatched to raid

the place. While Pill was awaiting he saw a The deman carrying a heavy bag. The de-tective opened this and found a small tective opened this and found a small still. The man carrying the hag, who said he was John Sanay, of Front and New streets, was arrested along with two men who called themselves Louis

Wolfson and Louis Jessner. Jessner tried to jump from the third floor fire escape, but Pill caught him. TROLLEY REROUTING OFF

Public Service Commission Will Make No Changes for Present The Public Service Commission has

Chain Store Robbed

THE NEW PREMIER OF JAPAN

nounced that it will not make changes in the present routing of cars serving the Eighteenth Ward of Philadelphia. or order free transfers at Twelfth and Chirteenth streets and Girard avenue.

conditions as I found them and pre-sented them to the vestrymen at a meeting. It was from one of those reports that some of the vestrymen thought it advisable to ask Miss Slaugh to resign, but I told them that we should not be hasty, and that I was in favor of keeping her for a while, anyway. Snips ovidently consider the The complaint against skip-stops at Columbia and Thompson and Columbia and Girard are ordered sustained. This action is to be taken by September 1. The complaint against the skip-stop at Indiana and Broad was dismissed.

anyway. Spiess evidently carried that to Miss Slaugh, and rearranged it to mean that Miss Slaugh was to be asked to resign. At any rate, she did re-HOOCH BRINGS HIM LOW

thing out.

sign. "The organist quit because no one

Camden Man Shot Patrolman While showed enough interest in rehearsals to attend. I have a letter from Mr. Stokes

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Ile showed enough interest in rehearsals to attend. I have a letter from Mr. Stokes in which he makes his resignation and gives the reason. There was nothing but a friendly spirit between us. Won't Be "Office Boy" "It is unfortunate that affairs are reconciled to being Spiess' office boy. "I have the best of assurances that with my resignation more than once that of the congregation will leave the church, which will mean its breaking up entirely." State of the congregation will leave the church, which will mean its breaking up entirely." State of the congregation will be the state amounted to \$200,000 and upwards."

By way of reply to Judge Quigley it was intimated that Mr. Nicholson would maintain that he was misquoted, and that he did not mean to imply that

health officer he believes they were money and political influence was used Minnie, Kathryn, Jenny and Arabella. upon Judge Quigley, or upon former Judge Patterson, who recommended the

day he had heard from his son, who

"The letter," suid Mr. Nicholson, "came from Mackinac Island. My son may merely have stopped there for a short time. He did not say where he would be. He knows nothing about the Ginsberg inquiry. I suppose the mat-ter can wait until my son returns. He said nothing about the date of his between National Park and the Red Bank sanatorium by men walking along the river bank. The boy was of dark com-plection and wore a signet ring on the homecoming, but I expect him in about ten days." Mackinae Island is a summer resort. at the head of Lake Huron, within the

Michigan borders, and about 320 miles by water from Detroit.

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Several Philadelphians Included in Will of John Jameson, of Illinois In the will of John Jameson, former Mayor of Aurora, filed for probate in Bloomington, Ill., yesterday, several Philadelphians received bequests vary-ing from \$500 to \$3000. The will

sposes of an estate of \$135,000. an by Jurch
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beth, N. J., \$1000; Joseph Henry, Philadelphia, \$500; Mrs. Sara E. McNichols, Elizabeth, N. J., \$1000; Joseph Henry, Philadelphia, \$500; Manie Evit, Philadelphia, \$500; Mars. Smith, daughter of Mrs. Jane Spratt, Philadelphia, \$3000; Bella Coleman, Medill, Okla, here, \$3000; Mrs. Margaret Brangang Phila.

\$3000; Beila Coleman, Medili, Okia., \$3000; Mrs. Margaret Branagan, Phila-delphia, \$500; Annie Chambers, Ocean City, N. J., \$500; Mrs. Lizzie Me-Cauley, Philadelphia, \$500; Anna Mc-Cauley, Philadelphia, \$500; Anna Mc-Cauley, Philadelphia, \$500; Anna Mc-Cauley, Philadelphia, \$500; Annie Quigley, Philadelphia, \$1000; Anna Pierce, Montgomery, \$100; Effie Rob-inson, Aurora, \$600; Alice Bolton, Aurora, \$800; Mrs, Anna Worly, Au-rora, \$1000; Old Ladies' Home, Au-rora, \$1000; Old Ladies' Home, Aurora, \$1000; First Presbyterian Church, Aurora, \$500; Mrs. Dyson, West Philadelphia, \$500; Mrs. Matson, West Philadelphia, \$500; Jennie Chambers, Ocean City, N. J., \$500.

WILL OF MRS. C. F. BERWIND

Widow of Coal Operator Leaves \$370,567.94 to Four Daughters

Other inventories filed today include

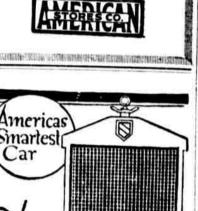
of desertion preferred by his wife, Mrs. Ella Diener, who lives in Haddonfield. Diener, who was ordered recently to obtained a divorce from her in this State. His wife says she never was notified s such proceedings. Diener is being field during an investigation.





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Former Haddonfield Man, However, Says He is Divorced Frank Diener, formerly of Haddon-field, N. J., and Lancaster, Pa., was of desertion preferred by his wife, Mrs. Ella Diener, who lives in Haddonfield. Diener, who was owdered remarks.

# NABBED FOR DESERTION

those of Sarah E. Rothschild, \$15 220.78, and Edward Gratz, \$5256.75.

The following wills were probated : Nellie C. Harvey, who died in Huron,

"But I was warned by the Bishop before coming here that I would have a fight on my hands. That is the reason the Rev. Mr. Caley left here two years ago. He saw the handwrit-ing on the wall. "It was not long after I came here

that I discovered that Spiess and others had formed a clique of their own by which they sought to run the church to suit themselves. Because I would not do everything they dictated to me they decided they would make it so hot that I would want to leave. But

I'm not quitting. When the storm broke some time ago, the Bishop told me that I had better get out, and promised me other work elsewhere. But I decided to stick and see the

"Spiess' assertion that I forced Miss Slaugh to resign is a falsehood. When I came here I made a summary of conditions as I found them and pre-