

Facts About Cigarettes.

During last year the collections of internal revenue from cigarettes alone amounted to considerably over a million dollars.

Let us look now at the number of cigarettes this increase implies. During last year the boys, young men and a few women and old men consumed 2,131,515,360 of these little paper rolls.

Now as to the effects of constant cigarette smoking. First, as is sufficiently established, it creates a thirst for what has been called "the indiscriminate and useless consumption of liquors."

The cigarette smoker draws the smoke into his lungs and puffs it out again through his nostrils. If he were to blow it through a white handkerchief before inhaling it it would stain the handkerchief brown.

The cigar is not so bad as the cigarette, because it contains only one poison, nicotine. The reason, however, that the cigarette obtains so fatal a hold upon boys and young men is on account of the opium in it.

Royalty's New York Rents. Queen Victoria owns a considerable amount of real estate in New York city on which her tenants pay their rent without dreaming who their landlady is.

Boats Run by Electricity. It is of much interest to know that at length electric motors have been utilized on the river Thames to propel small boats and steam launches.

Occasionally Providence does something exactly right, even in the estimation of a sharp business man. One of these times was when he placed a vast and rich deposit of petroleum in the Rocky mountains nearly a mile above sea level.

The government survey for irrigation purposes will include the land lying between the mountains along the Pacific coast or a short distance inland from it, and what is called the line of twenty inch rainfall on the east.

A genuine electric vegetable has been discovered in India, in the depths of the forest. If a leaf is broken off, the hand breaking it receives a strong electric shock.

ELECTRICAL DEATH.

The Quadruple Electrocution at Sing Sing Prison

DESCRIBED BY AN EYE WITNESS.

The Four Murderers Pay the Penalty Within Two Hours—The Executions Entirely Successful, Both from a Scientific and Humane Standpoint—Death Instantaneous.

SING SING, N. Y., July 8.—All the witnesses of yesterday's electrocution at the state prison gave a pledge that they would not reveal the details of the execution before they were permitted to enter the chamber of death.

When the witnesses had gathered in the chamber some of them appeared very nervous, and all showed signs of a great strain on their sensibilities.

Five bells, the signal to "get ready," was soon followed by one toll, which signified "Turn on the current."

Warden Brown, Deputy Warden Connaughton and two deputy keepers then entered the death cell building to bring forth the trembling wretch who was first to pay the penalty of his crime.

The walk to death began. Following the warden and his deputy came Slocum, between the two priests, who held aloft in front of him a crucifix, at which he steadfastly gazed.

Slocum halted at the warden's command, just on the edge of the rubber mat which was to protect those who were watching his life go out.

Dr. MacDonald and Rockwell stood on either side of the chair. When everything was in readiness Warden Brown tapped on the secret closet.

Wood had been prepared by Fathers Croeden and Lynch while Smiler was going to his death, and he was all ready. He uttered no word when his time came. He walked to death supported by the priests.

It was becoming easy to kill men. The witness displayed no emotion. There was nothing to cause nausea, and death came to his victims so quickly that it was all over before they realized it.

The current was allowed to remain in the Jap's body about three seconds longer than the contact with the three others; accordingly his skull and leg were strongly marked by the electrodes.

Yacht Designer Burgess' Funeral. BOSTON, July 14.—The funeral services over the remains of Edward Burgess, the famous marine architect and designer, who made the models for the Puritan, Mayflower and Volunteer, and who died of typhoid fever, will take place tomorrow.

Tragedy at a Circus. CLINTON, Ia., July 14.—During the performance of Adam Forepaugh's show the crane broke upon which William Hanlon, of Hanlon brothers, gymnast, was performing. He fell to the ground, missing the net and striking upon his head, broke his neck, dying almost instantly.

THE HISTORY OF A WEEK

Wednesday, July 8.

The first national convention of Young People's Baptist societies is in session at Chicago.

Rev. Father Celsin Joseph Felix, S. J., the distinguished preacher and writer on ecclesiastical subjects, died in Paris, aged 71.

A cyclone at Madison, Miss., killed Wesley Young, colored, wounded several others and destroyed a number of buildings. The Presbyterian church and the school building were swept away.

Fifty mounted men, fully armed, broke into the jail at Blackshear, Ga., took there from Roland Brown, a negro, who had raped Mrs. O. Berry, took him one mile from town, led him to a pine sapling and riddled his body with bullets.

Thursday, July 9.

The education bill passed its third reading in the British house of commons.

The president has recognized Jose Carlos Fernandez as vice consul of Portugal at New Orleans.

James Runciman, the well known writer and critic, died in London. His attack upon Rider Haggard attracted considerable attention some time ago.

Turkey has prohibited the orthodox Greeks from using the northern entry to the Holy Grotto at Bethlehem. It is expected that Russia will protest.

Dispatches from London state that the health of Rev. Charles Spurgeon does not show signs of improvement. The sufferer is in an exceedingly prostrated condition.

Friday, July 10.

The flint glass workers of Pittsburgh are making demands which may cause a general lockout.

H. M. S. Thrush, with Prince George of Wales on board, will sail from Halifax for England on or about Sunday next.

The government of Buenos Ayres is taking vigorous measures to quell a threatened revolt in the provinces of Entre Rios, Corrientes and Catamarca.

Policeman Arlington, of San Francisco, was shot and killed by Annie Manning, his mistress. After shooting her lover the woman shot and killed herself.

Saturday, July 11.

"Frenchy," New York's "Jack the Ripper," was yesterday sentenced to imprisonment for life.

The Condensport National bank, of Condensport, Pa., has asked for authority to establish a national bank.

Secretary Foster has appointed a commission of Philadelphians to recommend to him a suitable site for a new mint.

Three Italians were fatally injured and one killed in a powder explosion on the railroad ten miles south of Vanceburg, Ky.

Ex-Postmaster General Key has accepted the position of dean of the law school of the Grant university, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Alderman Dillon, of Dublin, has visited John Dillon and William O'Brien in prison, and found them to be in excellent health. Messrs. Dillon and O'Brien will be released on July 30.

William Hobbs, a waiter in a Third avenue restaurant, died in Bellevue hospital, New York, from the effects of a thrust in the eye with an umbrella inflicted upon him by an unknown assailant.

Sunday, July 6.

It is now positively asserted that Fred Douglass will resign the mission to Haiti. The body of the sewer suicide at New York has been identified as that of Thomas Keady.

Mrs. Jefferson Davis has consented that her husband's remains shall be removed to Richmond, Va.

A threshing machine exploded at Bruceville, Ind., killing John Fleck and Dick Price and injuring five others.

Tuesday, July 7.

The Spanish cortes has approved the measure granting amnesty to all political exiles, including military offenders.

Count William Bismarck, second son of Prince Bismarck, has resigned his position of president of the regency of Hanover. It is his intention to return to Vargin, his father's estate.

A fire in the West Stanley colliery at Conant, near Durham, England, wrecked the pit head and destroyed most of the machinery. The loss will exceed \$300,000. About 500 men are thrown out of work.

The condition of Rev. Mr. Spurgeon is hourly growing worse. The Bishop of Ripon called and made inquiries concerning him, and Mr. Dwight L. Moody and Rev. Dr. Wayland cabled from Massachusetts their love, sympathy and prayers.

A special prayer meeting of two hours duration was held in the tabernacle to beseech the Almighty for his recovery.

PHILADELPHIA MARKETS.

Closing Quotations of the Stock and Produce Exchanges.

PHILADELPHIA, July 13.—The stock market was very quiet, but there was a good demand for some of the investment stocks, and they were in considerable strength.

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PENNSYLVANIA NEWS

Items of Real Interest Presented in Condensed Form.

WHAT OUR NEIGHBORS DO AND SAY

A Chapter of Accidents, Crimes and Local Happenings Picked Up Here and There in the State and Flashing Over the Busy Wires.

ALTOONA, Pa., July 14.—The stables of the Altoona City Passenger Railway company were destroyed by fire last night. All of the horses were rescued, but a number of cars were lost. Loss, \$5,000.

PLYMOUTH, Pa., July 11.—Paul Mutzka was killed yesterday by falling beneath the wheels of a freight train on which he was attempting to steal a ride. A passenger train following cut his body in pieces.

PHILADELPHIA, July 13.—Samuel Longher's boarding and exchange livery stable on Harvey street, Germantown, caught fire yesterday morning, and the entire building, twenty head of horses and carriages were destroyed by the flames.

WASHINGTON, Pa., July 13.—Mrs. Rosa Fleming, of this place, has sued the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis railroad for \$50,000 for the killing of her daughter Mary on that road last fall. Miss Fleming was crushed to death by falling under a car.

PHILADELPHIA, July 13.—The large three-story shoddy mill of Jeremiah Walworth & Sons, 4115 Ludlow street, was totally destroyed by fire last night, entailing a loss of \$20,000, which is partially covered by insurance. The fire is supposed to be of incendiary origin.

WEST CHESTER, Pa., July 13.—The safe at the Mansion house office was robbed of \$125 in notes and \$33 in checks. It was 11.30 o'clock when William Gallagher, the son of the proprietor, left the office to take the cash from the register in the bar room, and upon his return he found that some one had come in and taken the valuables.

TURKHAMNOCK, Pa., July 11.—The south bound train on the Montrose railroad last night cut loose from a freight car to run it into a switch at Springville station. Mrs. Edward Sherman, a lady 25 years of age, stepped on the track, not noticing the car approaching, and was struck by it and hurled to the side of the road in a dying condition.

PHILADELPHIA, July 13.—Smit has just been brought in court of common pleas No. 1 against Giovanni Nardiello, who is implicated in the murder of Paymaster McClure and his assistant, Flanigan, who were shot by five Italians three years ago, near Wilkesbarre. The claim is for \$350, with interest, from January, 1888. The plaintiff is Giuseppe Guerra.

DOYLESTOWN, Pa., July 14.—The Bucks county Republican convention selected the following delegates to the state convention to be held at Harrisburg Aug. 19: Edward Demere, of Durham; W. W. Hall, Danborough; Charles T. Warner, Wright Station. Resolutions endorsing Harrison's administration and the McKinley bill were unanimously adopted.

NAZARETH, Pa., July 14.—The new mill erected here by S. Freidberger, of Philadelphia, for the manufacture of laces and braids, is in operation. Twelve looms, capable of producing 84,000 yards per day, are running, which number will be increased as occasion arises. The new industry gives employment to a large number of hands, and will be quite a boom to this old Moravian town.

READING, Pa., July 13.—Owing to the prospects of an immense apple crop several applejack distilleries in the upper part of this county which have not been running for some years will resume operations this fall, and applications have already been made by several for the necessary authority from the internal revenue department. There are seven of these distilleries in the county and their products formerly had quite an extended reputation.

PITTSBURG, July 11.—The National Trade Assembly No. 143, Knights of Labor, comprising the glass bottle blowers of the United States and Canada, will, on the 13th inst., at St. Louis, demand changes in the existing state of affairs that will create a revolution in the bottle workers' will endeavor to sever their connection with the Knights and join the American Federation combination, with the American Flint Glass workers.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., July 14.—Two young men, William McFarlane and Frank Hartranft, were seriously hurt at the new culvert on the Pennsylvania railroad, a short distance below the Allen signal tower. They were at work underneath the railroad on a large pile driver when, by some misunderstanding on the part of the men at the ropes, the machine was pulled over upon McFarlane and Hartranft, the latter receiving injuries that will probably prove fatal.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., July 11.—Edward Jones, aged 12 years, a son of James Jones, of Renovo, had his face and eyes burned by powder. He and a number of other boys were along the river banks at the foot of Fifth street watching a man fishing in the river when he noticed a baking powder can lying on the ground. He approached the can, and his companions next observed flames suddenly flash into the boy's face. Both of the boy's eyes were destroyed by the explosion.

NORRISTOWN, Pa., July 14.—For some time past there has been complaint among the members of the bar to the effect that some of the court officials charge more than legal fees, and now the complaint has taken the shape of an accusation formally made. The Bar association has taken cognizance of the matter, and at its last meeting a committee of three was appointed to confer with the consors on the matter of alleged exorbitant fees charged by the sheriff, register of wills and clerk of courts.

EASTON, Pa., July 11.—The opening of Trinity cathedral, Easton, began by the benediction of the memorial gifts with which the church is embellished, participated in by these clergymen: Right Rev. W. F. Adams, Rev. A. R. Walker, Rev. William Munford, Rev. E. K. Miller, Rev. G. W. Lay and Rev. F. B. Adkins. The church itself, which is built of granite and is cruciform, is a memorial to the Right Rev. Henry Champlin Bay, to the Right Rev. Bishop of Easton. The windows and nearly everything in the church have been given as memorials to departed dear ones.

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