

AN AWFUL EXPLOSION

Scores of People Enveloped in Burning Oil While Viewing Fire.

TWENTY-TWO BODIES RECOVERED

Freight Wreck On Erie Road Was Followed By Fire, Which Caused Tank Cars to Explode—Many Bodies Incinerated.

Olean, N. Y., March 10.—A score or more people were killed and a larger number were injured by an explosion of oil near here last night. A freight train on the Erie, made up principally of tank cars filled with oil, broke in two near this city at about 9 o'clock. The two sections came together with a crash and one of the oil tanks was demolished. Fire broke out almost instantly and the sky was lighted up for miles. A large crowd of people left this city for the scene of the fire.

While they were lined up along the tracks a terrific explosion occurred. The flames communicated quickly with the other tanks, and a second and a third explosion followed each other in rapid succession. Sheets of flame shot out in all directions. Scores of people were caught within the zone of the fire and enveloped in the flames. Men and boys ran screaming down the tracks with their clothing a mass of flames. Others fell where they stood, overcome by the awful heat. Just how many were killed is not known, as many of the bodies were incinerated.

Sydney Fish, a prominent business man, returned from the scene of the fire at midnight. He said: "I was attracted to the scene of the fire between 9.30 and 10 o'clock. When I was within a quarter of a mile of the wrecked train there was a terrific explosion. Flames shot outwards and upwards for a great distance. I saw several persons who started to run away drop on the railroad tracks, and they never moved again. Others, who had been standing close to the wreckage, were hurled through the air for hundreds of feet. The scene was awful. Half a dozen young boys ran down the tracks with their clothing on fire. They resembled human torches. I could hear their agonized screams distinctly from where I stood. They ran some distance down the track and then threw themselves to the ground, grovelling in the ditches in their frantic efforts to extinguish the flames. Then they lay still, some of them unconscious, others dead. I don't know how many were killed, but I counted 20 bodies before I came away."

Word was sent at once to Olean police headquarters by telephone. Every doctor and ambulance in the city was summoned. Grocery wagons and carriages of all kinds were pressed into service and everything possible was done to bring the injured without delay to the hospitals for treatment.

At midnight the first of the injured arrived at the hospital. They were four young boys. Their injuries were frightful. Great patches of flesh were burned off and hung in shreds from their bodies. Large crowds gathered at the hospital and the faces of the injured were anxiously scanned as they were borne into the building on stretchers. Heart-rending scenes were witnessed when one of the poor, blistered bodies was recognized by a father or a mother or a brother, and it was with difficulty that persons were restrained from invading the operating room.

Twenty-two bodies have been taken from the wreckage. It will be difficult to ascertain the names of the dead, as most of their bodies were burned to ashes in the intense heat.

BURGLAR SHOT BY COMPANION

Dispute Over Division of Plunder Will End Fatally.

New Brunswick, N. J., March 9.—A supposed burglar was fatally shot near here yesterday by a companion in the course of a dispute, apparently over the division of plunder. The victim of the shooting, accompanied by two other men, entered a saloon at Highland Park, and after a violent dispute, during which frequent reference was made to some property which one of them refused to share with his companions, they were ordered to leave the place. As they passed out of the door one of them drew a pistol and shot the man who had the valuables through the head, after which he and the third man fled and disappeared.

The wounded man was taken unconscious to a hospital, where it was found that a bullet had lodged in his brain. On him were found six watches, a revolver and a bunch of skeleton keys. The trio are supposed to have formed the gang who have committed many recent burglaries in this vicinity.

Unique Conscience Contribution.

Washington, March 10.—The secretary of the treasury has received from an unknown person a unique conscience contribution in the shape of a watch, with a gold-filled case. The watch came in a package postmarked Pittsfield, Mass. The sender says in an accompanying letter: "Such as I have I give unto you for the conscience fund. The money I gave for the watch is more than I consider I owe the government."

Director Merriam Resigns.

Washington, March 9.—Governor Merriam, director of the census, has placed his resignation in the hands of the President. It will take effect on May 15. Governor Merriam resigns to accept the vice presidency of the International Mercantile Agency of New York, and will remove from Washington to that city.

POLICEMAN MURDERED

Trolley Car at Waterbury, Conn., Attacked by Masked Men.

Waterbury, Conn., March 9.—Violence in its worst form has broken out anew in Waterbury as a result of the blizz feeling in connection with the strike of the motormen and conductors of the Connecticut Railway and Lighting Company. This time it is murder, and Policeman Paul Mendelsohn is the victim. John W. Chambers, a non-union motorman, was injured, and his conductor, George Weberdorfer, was wounded almost into insensibility.

The scene of the crime was at Forest Park, the terminus of the North Main street line. The spot is an isolated one, and when the car reached the end of the line the crew made preparations for the return trip. Immediately after the conductor turned the trolley pole and the motorman reversed his levers, eight masked men sprang from the bushes by the roadside, entered the car and discharged their revolvers, every man being armed. Officer Mendelsohn fell at the first shot, and a later examination showed that the first shot was fatal, having pierced his heart. The motorman was also hit and leaped from the car with a cry of pain. Some of the men followed him, while the remainder turned their attention to the conductor. He was thrown to the floor of the car and pounded and kicked until he was almost unconscious. The men then left him and joined their companions outside.

The conductor regained his feet with difficulty and went to the side of the wounded officer, but he saw that the officer was dead. Weberdorfer, hardly able to stand, went to the controller and started the car back toward the city with the dead officer. On the way he met another car, the crew of which relieved the injured man and hurried to the city for assistance.

An alarm was immediately sent around the city by the police, and in a few moments the entire detective department, accompanied by 13 policemen, went to the scene of the murder. Despite the diligent search of the policemen and detectives, not a clue could be found as to the perpetrators of the murder.

POPE'S REAL CONDITION

It is Said the Only Thing the Matter With Him is a Stubborn Cold.

Paris, March 10.—A special dispatch from Rome says a correspondent has obtained an interview with a prelate attached to the Vatican, showing the real state of the pope's health:

"The reception of 5000 pilgrims Sunday did not fatigue the pontiff seriously," the correspondent asserts. "In fact, the audiences and recent solemnities seemed to have the effect of stimulating the vital forces of the aged man. His chief source of fatigue have been the giving of long, private audiences and serious work with the cardinals and officials of the Vatican. The only thing the matter with the pope is a rather stubborn cold, which cannot be expected to be entirely cured before a fortnight. It is only then that Dr. Lapponi can form an opinion as to whether the pope's present prostration is accidental or a step in progressive weakness, the result of which may prove fatal. Although it has been denied, the symptom which is causing Dr. Lapponi the greatest anxiety recently is a slight disorder of digestive and intestinal functions. For the present the catarrh with which the pope has been suffering is slowly but continuously improving."

REPORT ON CANAL

Senate Committee Approves Treaty With Colombia.

Washington, March 10.—When the Senate met yesterday a letter was read from President pro tempore Frye appointing Mr. Kean (N. J.) as presiding officer in his absence. There being no legislative business to transact, the Senate went into executive session.

Mr. Cullom, of the Foreign Relations Committee, then favorably reported the Colombian Canal Treaty, and it was read at length, as the rules of the Senate required. Under the rules an objection carried the treaty over for one day before it could be considered, and Senator Morgan objected to its consideration. No action was taken on the Cuban reciprocity treaty.

It is pretty well understood here that most of the Democratic senators will obey the dictum of their new leader, Senator Gorman, to the effect that the Panama Canal treaty must not fail of ratification through their opposition.

Will Enter Henley Regatta.

Philadelphia, March 10.—At a meeting last night of the Vesper Boat Club it was decided to send the famous oarsman, James B. Juvenal, to England next summer to participate in the Henley regatta. It is the intention to have him compete as the representative of Philadelphia in the race for the diamond sculls. Although several Americans have endeavored to win this big event, Ned Ten Eyck, of the Massachusetts Boat Club, of Worcester, Mass., is the only oarsman who ever succeeded.

Will Paint Henderson's Portrait.

Washington, March 9.—Colonel Freeman Thorp has been commissioned to paint the portrait of ex-Speaker Henderson, to be hung in the lobby of the house of representatives. It is customary to have the portrait of each speaker added to the collection, already in the lobby, of previous presiding officers of the house.

Fatally Injured by Son.

Richmond, Va., March 10.—J. M. Webb, a prominent farmer of Floyd county, and his son had an altercation, which resulted in the son's shooting the father twice and fatally wounding him. Young Webb has fled.

A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED.

Wednesday, March 4.

Two trainmen were killed in a collision on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad near Huntington, W. Va., yesterday.

Arbor Days in Pennsylvania will be observed on April 3 and 17, in accordance with Governor Pennypacker's proclamation.

Dave Johnson, one of the best known bookmakers in New York, says he lost \$1,000,000 in the last few years, and will quit the turf for good.

The Olive Stove Company's plant at Rochester, N. Y., was completely destroyed by fire. Loss, \$75,000. One employe was fatally burned.

Thursday, March 5.

Six persons were hurt, two seriously, in a collision on the Manhattan Elevated Railroad in New York yesterday.

Fire of unknown origin yesterday destroyed the four-story tobacco warehouse of M. Abenheim & Co., at Farmville, Va. Loss, \$75,000.

Robert B. Armstrong, formerly private secretary to Secretary Shaw, yesterday took the oath of office as assistant secretary of the treasury.

A spark from a miner's lamp fell into a keg of powder at Big Mountain colliery at Shamokin, Pa., yesterday, causing an explosion in which two miners were horribly burned.

In a bloody fight near Huntersville, Ala., yesterday between the Taylor boys and Buckleys, one person was killed and three others seriously injured.

Friday, March 6.

The playing season of the American Base Ball League will open on April 20, with Philadelphia at Boston.

A person whose identity is not revealed has given Barnard College, New York, \$1,000,000 to purchase land adjoining the college.

The carpenters' strike at Wilkesbarre, Pa., was declared off yesterday, the men returning to work today. They received an increase in wages and an eight-hour day.

Owing to the refusal of the engineers to abide by an agreement with the manufacturers, 23 hat factories in Danbury, Bethel and New Milford, Conn., closed yesterday.

Saturday, March 7.

Fire on the water front of Fair Haven, Wash., yesterday, destroyed \$150,000 worth of property.

While blasting coal yesterday in a colliery near Wilkesbarre, Pa., William J. Nolan was instantly killed.

The planing mill of Billmyer & Small, at York, Pa., was damaged by fire yesterday to the extent of \$15,000.

Secretary of State Hay and wife have gone to Thomasville, Ga., to visit their daughter, Mrs. Payne Whitney, and infant daughter.

Captain William A. Winder, one of the most prominent government officials in the west, died at Omaha, Neb., yesterday. He was a brother-in-law of Admiral Dewey.

Monday, March 9.

The cruiser Chattanooga was launched Saturday afternoon at Elizabeth, N. J.

Saturday was the hottest March day in Atlanta, Ga., since 1878. The temperature was 72.

General William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, sailed, from New York for London Saturday.

A strike in the Illinois soft coal fields has been averted by the Miners' Union and the operators signing a wage agreement for one year.

Edwin L. Breinig, a farmer, of Egypt, Lehigh county, Pa., scratched his hand with a pin recently, and yesterday died in great agony from blood poisoning.

Tuesday, March 10.

The general officers of the W. C. T. U. have selected Cincinnati as this year's convention city.

The North Carolina general assembly has appropriated \$10,000 for an exhibit at the St. Louis Exposition.

Emperor William, of Germany, yesterday received President Francis, of the St. Louis Exposition, in audience.

Joseph I. Williams, who served four years as mayor of Cape May, N. J., died at his home there yesterday, aged 76 years.

The post office at Elizabeth, Tenn., was entered by burglars early yesterday morning and \$800 in cash and stamps were stolen.

William Smith, of Manchester, Conn., slashed his wife three times with a razor and then took a dose of laudanum. The woman may recover.

GENERAL MARKETS

Philadelphia, Pa., March 9.—Flour was steady; winter superfine, \$2.70@2.90; Pennsylvania roller, clear, \$3.10@3.25; city mills, extra, \$3.95@3.10. Rye flour was quiet, at \$3.15@3.20 per barrel. Wheat was firm; No. 2 Pennsylvania, red, new, 78@78½c. Corn was firm; No. 2 yellow, local, 51½c. Oats were quiet; No. 2 white, clipped, 43½c.; lower grades, 42½c. Hay was steady; No. 1 timothy, \$19 for large bales. Beef was steady; beef hams, \$16@20. Pork was firm; family, \$20. Live poultry, 12c. for hens, and 9@9½c. for old roosters. Dressed poultry, at 13½c. for choice fowls, and 10c. for old roosters. Butter was steady; creamery, 32c. per pound. Eggs were steady; New York and Pennsylvania, 17½c. per dozen. Potatoes steady; choice, 68@70c. per bushel.

Live Stock Markets.

East Buffalo, N. Y., March 9.—Cattle were steady; prime steers, \$5.25@5.50; heifers, \$5.00@5.25; cows, \$4.75@5.00; bulls, \$3.25@4.25; good to choice cows, \$4.65@5.50 per head. Veals steady; tops, \$6@8.50; common to good, \$4.50@7.75. Hogs active; heavy, \$7.00@7.85; mixed, \$7.20; medium, \$7.00@7.50. Yorkers, \$7.40@7.50; pigs, \$7@7.25. Sheep were steady; top mixed, \$5.50@5.75; culls, \$3@5.40. Lambs higher; top natives, \$12@12.75; culls, \$5.50@7.15; western, \$7.75@7.10; yearlings, \$5.50@6.50. East Liberty, Pa., March 9.—Cattle were slower; choice, \$5.15@5.30; prime, \$4@6.15; good, \$4.65@4.85; ovs were higher; prime heaves and mediums, \$7.70; heavy Yorkers, \$7.40@7.55; light Yorkers, \$7.30@7.35; pigs, \$7@7.15; roughs, \$5.50@7. Sheep were higher; best wethers, \$5.75@6; culls and common, \$2.75@3.50; choice lambs, \$6.50@7; veal calves, \$7@7.50.

It shows the inherent desire of a woman to be helpful that her chief complaint against suffering is often that she cannot work. What must such a condition mean to the woman who must work if she would live? There is no woman so independent of spirit as a working woman. And yet there are many self-dependent women struggling on day by day, knowing that they must soon break down and become dependent on others.

For weak, run-down, over-worked women there is new life and new strength in Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It cures backache, headache, nervousness, sleeplessness and other consequences of womanly diseases, by curing the diseases which cause these ills. It establishes regularity, dries weakening drains, heals inflammation and ulceration, and cures female weakness.

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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

All persons who have bills against the Road Supervisors, or of Howard twp., or hold notes bearing interest against said department are notified to present them at once to the supervisors or auditors.

BUCHHEIM BUTLER,
MICHAEL CONNER,
Supervisors
14 Ward
township

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of MARGARET DALEY, deceased, of Bellefonte town.

Letters testamentary upon said estate having been granted by the Register of Wills to the undersigned, all persons knowing themselves to be indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims, to present them for settlement.

PHILIP BEEZER, Exr.
116 Bellefonte, Pa.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of LUCY BRIAN, deceased, late of Gregg township.

Letters of administration having been duly granted on the above estate, they would respectfully request all persons knowing themselves indebted to the estate to make immediate payment and those having claims against the same to present them duly authenticated for settlement.

CALVIN RISHBEL, Adm'r.
Madisonburg, Pa.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

In the Orphans' Court of Centre County, in the matter of the estate of ADAM JORDAN, late of Haines township, deceased. The undersigned, an Auditor appointed by the Orphans' Court of Centre County, "to make distribution of the balance in the hands of the accountants as shown in the account filed, to and among those legally entitled to receive the same," will attend to the duties of his appointment at the office of Fortney & Walker, in Bellefonte, Pa., on Wednesday, the 25th day of April, A. D. 1903, at 10 a. m. when and where all parties interested may attend and present their claims or be forever debarred from coming in on said funds.

J. VICTOR ROYER, Auditor.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

In the Orphans' Court of Centre County, in the matter of the estate of CATHERINE STROGGS, late of Boggs township, deceased. The undersigned, an Auditor appointed by the Court to make distribution of the balance in the hands of the administrator of said decedent, to and among those legally entitled thereto, will attend to the duties of his appointment at his office in the borough of Bellefonte, Pa., on Saturday, March 28th, 1903, at 10 o'clock a. m., when and where all parties interested are requested to be present and prove their claims or be forever debarred from coming in on said funds.

JAMES A. B. MILLER, Auditor.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of FREDERICK HOUSER, deceased, late of College township.

Letters of administration having been duly granted on the above estate they would respectfully request all persons knowing themselves indebted to the estate to make immediate payment and those having claims against the same to present them duly authenticated for settlement.

R. M. HOUSER,
D. F. HOUSER, Admrs.
Houserville, Pa.
S. D. Gettler, Atty.
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ORPHANS' COURT SALE.

Pursuant to an order of the Orphans' Court of Centre county, Pennsylvania, will be sold at public sale, on the premises in Patton township in said county on

SATURDAY, MARCH 14th, 1903,

the following described real estate late of Wanda Kline, deceased, to wit:

All that certain lot or piece of ground situated in Patton township, Centre county, Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a post on the Buffalo Run road, thence by said road and land of Wm. Meyer north 7½ degrees east 41½ rods to a post, thence by land of Rachel Stine north 14 degrees west 19 rods to a post; thence by land of P. B. Waddle north 80½ degrees west 43½ rods to a post thence by land of Christian Hartsock south 9 degrees east 129 rods to a post, the place of beginning containing forty four perches net measure. The improvements are a two story frame dwelling house, stable and other outbuildings.

TERMS OF SALE.—One half the purchase money to be paid in cash on confirmation of sale, one half in one year thereafter, the deferred payment to bear interest and to be secured by bond and mortgage on the premises. Clement Dale, B. T. HARRIS, Atty. Administrator

WRIT IN PARTITION.

To the heirs and legal representatives of Sarah Schreck, late of College township, deceased:

Take notice that in pursuance of an order of the Orphans' Court of Centre county, Pennsylvania, a writ in partition has been issued from said Court to the sheriff of said county, returnable on Monday the 27th day of April, 1903, and that an inquest be held for the purpose of making partition of the real estate of said decedent on

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 1903, AT 10 A. M.

at the late residence of the decedent, at which time and place you can be present if you see proper: Emma Rishel, Alfred Rishel, Bellefonte, Pa.; Wm. Schreck, Lemont, Pa.; Sallie Moore, Robt. B. Moore, Philipsburg, Pa.; Alice Lucas, John S. Lucas, Kyertown, Pa.; John Schreck, Kyertown, Pa.; Ellen Ludwig, Felix Ludwig, Pittsburg, Pa.; Geo. McBeth, Kyertown, Pa.; Edward McBeth, Frank McBeth, May McBeth, Boyd McBeth, Elizabeth McBeth, Anna McBeth, Maude McBeth, all of Kyertown, Clearford, Pa.; W. W. Schreck, Geo. E. Elizabeth McBeth, Anna McBeth and Maud McBeth.

No. 1 All that certain message, tenement and tract of woodland situated on the north side of Nitany mountain in College township, county of Centre and state of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a stone corner of land of Christian Houts, thence by land of Christian Dale north 36½ degrees east 105½ rods to a stone, thence by land of Robert Valentine north 33½ degrees west 3½ perches to stone, thence by land of same south 86½ degrees west 85 rods to stone, thence by land of Christian Houts south 51½ degrees east 31 perches to the place of beginning, containing 20 acres and 48 perches. It being the same premises which Felix Shney et al. by their deed dated the 24th day of April A. D. 1884, granted the same unto Sarah Schreck.

No. 2 All those two certain messages, tenements, plantations and two several tracts of land situated in the township of Spring (New College) county of Centre and state of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows: The larger thereof, beginning at a stone corner of Jacob Houser's land thence along the same south 72 degrees east 133 perches to a white oak, on corner of land of which this a part intended to be conveyed to Abraham Halderman, thence along the same the four following courses and distances, to-wit: south 58 degrees west 15 perches to a stone, north 71 degrees west 16 perches to a white oak, thence south 42 degrees west 62 2/3 perches to a stone, a corner in line of George Whitehill's lands thence along the same north 55½ degrees west 38 perches to the place of beginning, containing 34 acres and 54 perches.

No. 3 The other thereof beginning at a post in a line of Werts land thence along the same south 72 degrees E 150 perches to a stone corner, thence by John Whitehill's land south 82 degrees west 81 5/8 perches to a post, a corner of land of which this is a part, intended to be conveyed to Abraham Halderman, thence along the same north 2 degrees west 8½ perches to a post, and north 25 degrees east 8 perches to the place of beginning, containing 23 acres 5 perches and allowance. It being the same two tracts of land which John Shney by his last will and testament, No. 916 and records in Centre county in Will Book "C" 585 where in and whereby he bequeathed the same unto his daughter Sarah Schreck.

Sheriff's Office,
Bellefonte, Feb. 23, 1903.
H. S. TAYLOR, Sheriff.

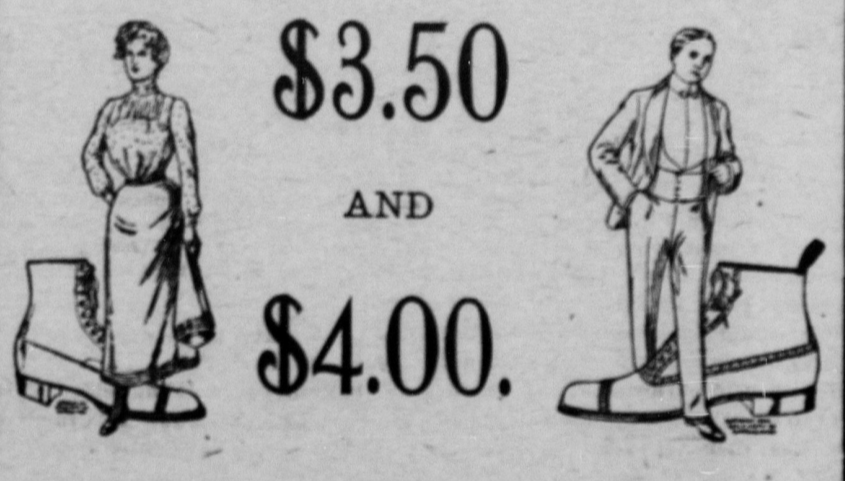
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