## **MURDER AND BIGAMY**

The Mania of Liverpool's Bloodthirsty Bluebeard Just Identified.

THE MYSTERY CLEARING.

the Rascal of Rain Hill.

SCHNEIDER, THE VIENNA VILLIAN.

Dies a Most Horrible Death at the Hands of Outraged Justice.

NEWS FROM THE FOREIGN CAPITALS

LIVERPOOL, March 17. -It has transpired that, before coming to England, Williams, the man whose arrest at Melbourne led to the unearthing of the bodies, was living in Sydney, N. S. W. Shortly after he left his wife and four children disappeared, and it was supposed they followed Williams to

Rumors of his intended marriage to a young girl named Mather had reached Sydney, and it was naturally supposed that Mrs. Williams and her children had left Liverpool to prevent the consummation of this crime. The police expect to prove that the bodies found yesterday are those of the wife and children, and that Williams killed them in order to carry out his intention to marry Miss Mather without molestation. Williams did marry the girl and took her to Melbourne, where he killed her in order to marry another girl, for which crime he was arrested there.

The body of the woman found under the fireplace was to-day identified as that of Mrs. Denham, who formerly resided at Birkenhead with her family.

Not Married to the Liverpool Victim. It is believed that Mrs. Denham was not married to the murderer, Williams. It has also come to light that boxes containing bedding, which, it is supposed, bore evidence of the commission of the crimes, were forwarded to Plymouth by Williams.

The police have discovered a child's copy-book in the house at Rain Hill, in which is Mr. inscribed the name Bertha Deening. It is known that Williams used the alias Deening when he was in Australia.

To-day a gardener who lives next door to Dinham Villa, where the bodies were found, recognized the eldest body as that of a woman he had seen in the back yard of Din-ham Villa August 9. The next day he heard children screaming. He paid no tention, thinking perhaps some of the chil-dren had been hurt. He never saw the woman or children afterward. Another man recog-nized the body as that of Marie Deeming, who had been in the employ of a Liverpoo fishmonger. Williams had married he under the name of Deeming at that time, describing himself as a mining engineer. Williams and his wife, the man said, after-ward went to Hull, where Williams was arrested and convicted of forgery.

More Matrimonial Exploits. The man believed that Williams was the assuming the name of Harry Lawson. He then described himself as a large farmer in Australia. After his marriage to Miss Matheson he described her and absconded to South America. Miss Matheson swore out a warrant against him, charging him with the theft of the presents he had given her, and he was arrested in Uruguay. Williams was brought back to Hull and was sent to jail for nine months. During the time he was in prison it was ascertained that he had arried and deserted a lady in Birkenstead

The more the facts in this strange case are brought to light the stronger grows the belief that Williams is the most consummate cold-blooded villain that this or any other country has ever produced. A theory has been advanced that he is insune, but there has been too much method in his madness for this theory to gain many supporters. He certainly appears to have had a mania for marrying, and nothing seems to have deterred him from putting his wives out of the way did they prove obstacles to his contracting other bigamous marriages

Other Murders Are Suspected. The police believe that he has committed other murders than those known and the authorities at every place he is known or supposed to have ever visited have been

notified to trace his movements in their respective localities. It has been learned that the name of Williams is an assumed one, and that the murderer's proper name is Deeming, the name under which he warried the woman whose mutilated body was found under the hearthstone at Dinhanville. Deeming has a brother who lives in Birkenhead, across the river from Liverpool, and he was summoned to attend the Coroner's inquest on the bodies of Mrs. Deeming and the four children. He arrived at Rain Hill this afternoon. He bears a most striking resem-blance to his brother, and some of the peo-ple in the crowd thought it was the mur-derer himself. The news spread with lightning-like rapidity that the murderer had returned, in the excitement no one recalling that he was safely in the custody of the po-lice at Melbourne.

Narrowly Escaped a Lynching. The crowd hooted and velled and finally nade a threatening rush for Deeming. The latter thought that his life was in danger, and wasted no time in trying to explain matters to the infuriated mob. He sought safety in flight, which was, no doubt, the wisest thing to do under the circumstances, and rushed to a hotel in which he found

It was ascertained that the murderer, Frederick Deeming, is a member of a good family residing in Birkenhead. He has always been of a restless disposition, and has led a roving, unsettled life. He mar-ried the woman Marie James in 1880, and she accompanied him to Australia. She re-mained in that country for a number of years, and returned to England in July, bringing with her four children. The woman and her children remained with her sisters until they mysteriously disappeared.
The excavations in Rain Hill Villa were continued throughout the day, but, in spite of the closest search, no turther discovery

MR. DEACON'S TRIAL SET.

Americans in France Still Think He Will

Be Leniently Treated. NICE, March 17 .- The trial of Edward Parker Deacon for the killing of Abeille, the Frenchman whom he discovered in his wife's bedroom at the Hotel Splendide at Cannes, has been set down for May 16 in this city.

Notwithstanding the attacks made upon

Mr. Deacon by a section of the French press, it is still the opinion of the Americans here, and also of a large number of Frenchmen, that the courts will justify Mr. Deacon in slaying A beille.

## THE POPE WEARING SAAMROCK

Neat Compliments Exchanged Between His Holiness and an Irish Prior.

ROME, March 17 .- Prior Glynn, of the Rome, March 17.—Prior Glynn, of the Irish National Church of Rome, was given a special audience yesterday by the Pope. The prior presented to His Holmess a number of shaurocks that had been sent from ber of shaurocks that had been sent from the prior presented to his home on Eighteenth street.

Ireland. They were inclosed in a coffer of crystal bearing the Papal arms.

The Pope expressed his gratification for the gift, and promised to wear a sprig of the shamrook on his heart to-day.

## SCHNEIDER STRANGLED.

VIENNA, March 17 .- Schneider, the mur-

The Vienna Murderer of Servant Girls Struggles Against the Law's Grasp in Vain-He Dies in Frightful Agony-Worse Than an Electrocution.

derer of servant girls, paid the penalty of More Matrimonial Exploits Laid to his crimes to-day. At 7 o'clock Seyfried, the executioner, with his assistants, entered the courtyard. Then came Schneider, his strong frame trembling and his face ghastly pale. His features had lost their look of repulsive ferocity. He was attended by a

priest, who sought to administer the conso-lation of religion to him, but Schneider's mind was dazed with fear and it is doubtful if he heard. When the condemned man had reached a point in front of the stake, the executioner stepped up to him and dexterously pinioned his hands. The executioner's assistants, who

were two horse slaughterers, then seized Schneider and placed him directly in front of the stake. The condemned man was lifted from the ground and a fearful scene followed. Schneider immediately kicked his legs in every direction and tried frantically to every direction and tried frantically to escape. But his efforts were useless. This scene did not last long, however, for Seyfried rushed up a set of steps that stood behind the stake, and threw the free end of the silken loop, which was attached to the stake, around Schneider's throat; in fact, lassoing him, as he was held aloft by the assistants. No black cap was used, the executioner making his hands do duty in its stead.

As the poose passed around Schneider's

As the noose passed around Schneider's neck the two horse slaughterers dropped him. Seyfried pressed his left hand heavily over the jaw and mouth of the victim, while his right hand covered the forehead and his right hand covered the forehead and eyes. At the same time the assistants grasped the hanging man by his arms and legs, and pulled downward with all their strength. Held in this position Schneider was unable to move and he was slowly strangled to death. The doctors in attendance say that he was dead in four minutes. The face of the dying man could be seen between the fingers of the executioner, and every change in the color of the flesh was discernible. It was a horrible sight, and discernible. It was a horrible sight, and many of the spectators were compelled to turn away.

#### PARNELL REMEMBERED

At the St. Patrick's Day Banquet Given by London Irishmen.

LONDON, March 17 .- Mr. Justin Mc Carthy presided at a banquet given in this city this evening in celebration of St. Patrick's Day. In responding to the toast "Ireland, a Nation," Mr. McCarthy made a sympathetic reference to the late Charles Stewart Parallel 19 to the control of nell. In the course of his remarks Mr. Mc-Carthy predicted that the friends of Ireland in the English Democracy would soon en-able the Nationalists to attain the object for which they had so long, so earnestly and so perseveringly struggled—the recognition of

Irish nationality.

The Parnellitie members of the House of The Parnellitie members of the House of Commons had a separate celebration of the great national holiday. They also observed the feast of their patron saint with a banquet at which Mr. John E. Redmond, the Parnellite leader, presided. A list of patriotic toasts had been prepared for the occasion and appropriate responses were made to them. appropriate responses were made to them, which were received in a most enthusiastic manner. The toast to the memory of Mr. Parnell was drunk in deep silence, all the guests arising from their seats when the name of the loved leader was pronounced.

#### BLOODTHIRSTY GENERAL GOURKO.

In Case of War He Would Depopulate the Capital of Poland,

BERLIN, March 16 .- The Vossiche Zeitung says that General Kozmin, the Governor of Warsaw, has resigned because he differed with General Gourko, the Russian Commander in Chief, in relation to the repressive measures which Gourko desired to take for keeping down the Polish agitation. General Gourko advocated that if war should break out all the civilians should be expelled from the city, leaving the pro-visions to be devoted to the support of the

military.
"Let the civil pack die," he exclaimed.
"Let them perish miserably. What care To this Kozmin objected with the remark

that, before starving, the people might en-danger the army. Gourko answered: "I will level 50 cannon at Warsaw, and then they will die quietly."

## MINERS RESUME WORK MONDAY.

They Confer With Employers and Will Have No Trouble Getting Back.

LONDON, March 17 .- The delegates to the conference of the Miners' Federation to-day unanimously adopted a resolution declaring that, in view of the fact that the object for which the pits had been stopped had been achieved, the conference advises to resume work on Monday. The conference will next consider the number of days in a week the men shall work.

There was some question as to whether the masters would allow the men to return to work at the time decided upon by the Miners' Federation, but it has been prac-Miners recertation, but it has been practically solved at a meeting to-day of the Lancashire and Cheshire coal mine owners, who employ 160,000 men, which was held to consider the matter. It was decided to allow work to be resumed Monday.

From Lands Beyond the Sea.

Berlin police are arresting Anarchists. EMPLOYMENT on public works has been

Non-outhoox churches in Russia are be ing rapidly closed. Parts police continue to find explosives in the houses of Anarchists.

DESPITE popular clamor the two English poachers were hanged yesterday. FOUR HUNDRED Hebrews and 100 peasants emigrated from Lithuania to America last week.

ANARCHISTS at Liege placed a bomb at the door of a Judge who had decided a criminal case against them.

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY ACCIDENTS.

A Rather Short List and None of Them Prove Fatal.

Yesterday's accidents were not many, and none of them proved fatal. The list is as

YOUNGER-Joseph Younger was found lying on the railroad track at Jeannette yesterday. He had been knocked down by a car run out on a switch, rendered unconscious run out on a switch, rendered unconscious and sustained a severe scalp wound. He was brought to the West Penn Hospital.

Goff-Scott Goff,65 years of age, was brought to the West Penn Hospital from Braddock last night. He had been struck by a coasting sled and had his arm broken and was hurt about the back and head. On account of his age, it is feared he cannot recover.

O'Donnell.—Patrick O'Donnell, of Four Mile Run, Twenty-third ward, fell from the rear of a Second avenue electric car, near Greenfield avenue yesterday afternoon. His right shoulder was dislocated and his face badly cut. His injuries were dressed and he was removed to his home in Patrol Wagon No. 4.

No. 4.

CONRAD—W. F. Conrad, a brakeman on the Pennsylvania Railroad, was struck by a train at Wilkinsburg yesterday morning and seriously injured. He was removed to the West Penn Hospital.

GANBLE—Mrs. Gamble, an old lady who lives at No. 18t South Eighteenth street, fell on the icy pavement and suffered a severe scalp wound and a fracture of the left arm. She was removed to the SouthSide Hospital. BOLLMAN—Willie Bollman, a son of J. S. Bollman, of the Mechanics' Bank, was bitten on the cheek and legs by a dog belonging to John Zimmerly. of Mt. Washington, yesterday. The child was resting easy at last reports.

RAN OUT OF TIGHTS.

That's Why Mrs. Potter and Kyrle Bellew Left South Africa.

THEIR WARDROBES BURNED UP

and Then the Manager Tried to Have the

Men of the Company

WEAR STRETCHED, DYED UNDERCLOTHES

IBY CABLE TO THE DISPATCH. LONDON, March 17 .- Your representa tive called to-day upon Mrs. James Brown Potter, whom he found looking careworn and thin, with the omnipresent Kyrle Bellew at her elbow, occasionally adding his observations to the lady's remarks. Mrs. Potter has had a hard time of it, and seems much broken up. Being asked to tell her

own story, in her own way, she said: "Toward the close of last year, when we returned to London after our tour in Australia, I received an offer from Mr. Luscombe Searelle, which induced Mr. Bellew and myself to go to South Africa, a country which offered good and tempting prosof success, being a veritable terra incognito to artists of first-rate ability. But Mr. Searelle's account of the possibilities was as dazzling as the diamonds of Kimberly. He said that money could be made in piles, and that the business that could be done was simply wonderful. The people of the country and wonderful. The people of the country and the country itself, he said, were charming, and Johannisberg, the golden city, would go into raptures over me and yield at least £1,300 a week for six months. According to Mr. Searelle, there was one good theater already there, and another, the Standard, was going to be opened and was a building like the Savoy, of London, or the Lyceum, of New York. of New York.

Excellent Business at Cape Town. "Then there was the great diamond field of Kimberly near by, in which the world-renowned DeBeers mines were situated. There was also Port Elizabeth, the great

There was also Port Elizabeth, the great ostrich-tarming center, in both of which places money, being easily earned, was spent as easily, and with a light heart.

"I believed the ruffian and went to Cape Town, where I arrived on the 21st of January, and on the 23d opened the largest house ever seen in that city. I selected Romeo and Juliet' for the first piece. I was received with a partect ovarious and was received with a perfect ovation, and everything angured a triumphant success. We played in Cape Town a month, changing the bill occasionally, and business was good. We had begun our fifth week, the booking for which was wonderful, and were about to make arrangements for opening in Johannisberg, when on Sunday afternoon the town was alarmed by the report that the

theater was in flames. "Mr. Bellew and I rushed into the street. and found that the evil tidings were true. The building was doomed, and nothing could avert its complete destruction. With could avert its complete destruction. With
the theater went the greater part of my
wardrobe and all my stage properties. Poor
Kyrle lost every stitch of clothes he had in
the world, as all his stage wardrobe was at
the theater. As a rule I don't like to see a
man cry, but my heart went out to Kyrle as
he stood and watched his clothes go while
the big tears rolled down his cheeks."

Bellew Not So Sympathetic, Mrs. Potter turned and looked at Mr. Bel-lew as she said this, but there was rather a scornful light in his eyes, and he moved un-comfortably first on one foot and then on

the other.

"A very curious circumstance in connection with this catastrophe," Mrs. Potter continued, "was the fact that during the week preceding the fire I received two anonymous letters hinting that something of the kind was about to take place, and advising me to look out for it during the last weak of my appropriate. last week of my engagement. And now I come to the part that Searelle played in the affair. After the fire Searelle—or I should affair. After the fire Searelle-or I should rather say his brother, for of Luscombe Searelle we saw nothing after reached the Cape-suggested that, as a tion of my dresses had escaped destruction, I should appear in costume and act as usual, while the rest of the company should present themselves on the stage in their ordisent themselves on the stage in their orn-nary attire, and Mr. Bellew might be ac-commodated with a pair of tights improvised from men's underclothing stretched and dyed. I decided not to wound Mr. Bellew's feelings by repeating this proposition, but on the following day Mr. Searelle called and said he had received a telegram from his brother insisting that Mr. Bellew and the other members of the company should proother members of the company should provide themselves with gentlemen's underclothing instead of tights and resume playing. When this proposition was made to
Mr. Bellew, he rejected it with indignation
and horror, and for my part, I refused to
consent to impose and swindle the public,
and insisted that the entire agreement
should be canceled which was done.

should be canceled, which was done. Troubled in Getting Away. "After this came a telegram from Luscombe Searelle repudiating the cancelation of the contract and insisting on its fulfillment, offering also to pay for the entire set of underwear for the company and for Mr. Bellew, and threatening to have me arrested if I refused. All this, however, came to nothing, and we decided to return home immediately, and booked passage on the steamer Durham Castle, which left on Wednesday following the fire. We paid the members of our company, bade them goodby, and told them they should receive their salaries in the future through the nothing, and we decided to return home im-

Standard Bank, South Africa. "Our troubles, however, were not yet over. After we went on board the steamer, which was lying at anchor in the bay wait-ing for her mails, the Sheriff came up and arrested Mr. Bellew and myself, under a warrant sworn out by two members of the company, Mr. and Mrs. Lorraine, who company, Mr. and Mrs. Lorraine, who claimed £400. Their salary had been paid in full up to the morning following the fire, but they now demanded four months' pay in advance. There was nothing for it but to go on shore with the Sheriff, unless we could induce someone to give bonds for us. At last Mr. Beit, one of the directors of the DeBeers Diamond Mine, came on board and generously, although we were perfect strangers to him, relieved us from arrest by going our bond, and the vessel soon afterward steamed off."

Mrs. Potter is endeavoring to obtain an opening in London, and says that she will then go back to America. Meantime, Kyrle Bellew is buying new trousers.

## GOOGINS AN EASY WINNER.

How Clark's Men Got the Worst of It in the

Convention. The mass meeting of the colored Republicans of Allegheny county, to suggest an alternate delegate to the National Republican Convention, was held last evening in Common Council chamber and resulted in a complete victory for Lemuel Googins. The meeting was in a continual uproar from start to finish, and it was impossible for anyone to be heard or to hear. The Googins people arrived early on the scene and organized by electing Broadax Smith Chairman, and when the Clark faction arrived they found the convention in the hands of they found the convention in the hands of the enemy. On every motion that was made the cries of Mr. Chairman increased. Broadax kept continually pounding the gavel for order, without effect. At the mention of either Googins' or Clark's name the yells increased. Finally, Attorney Holmes gained the attention of the convention, and, in a neat speech, placed in nomination the name of John M. Clark.

Then amid repeated cries for Randolph. Then amid repeated cries for Randolph,

Scott Tapir was recognized by the Chair. The storm of whistles and calls for Ran-

lolph increased until the Chair finally made doipn increased until the Ghair many made himself heard. He announced that he had recognized Mr. Tapir and he was entitled to the floor, and until he had been heard no further business would be done. Mr. Tapir then tried to make himself heard, but it was impossible to do so, as at the mention of Googins' name even the pounding of the gavel was inaudible. Several others tried to gain the floor, and when their efforts to gain the Chairman's approval failed, they addressed the meeting anyhow, but their efforts were unavailing, as they could not be heard.

R. W. Scott then mounted the Secretary's desk and moved that all the Googins dele-

desk and moved that all the Googins dele desk and moved that all the Googins delegates take the right side of the house and the Clark delegates the left. It was carried with a hurrah, and Googins' crowd swept with a mighty rush to the right, completely hemming in all the Clark men and leaving not more than 40 on the left to 200 on the right. Men on both sides kept motioning and calling to each other to join their respective sides. During the excitement Mr. Clark perceiving his cause was hopeless, moved to make the nomination of Mr. Googins unanimous, which was put Mr. Googins unanimous, which was put and declared carried by the Chair. He then declared the convention adjourned

#### WORKHOUSE WORKINGS.

Annual Report of the Affairs of That Institution-Increase in Number of Prisoners, Cost of Maintenance and Revenue-Great Improvements in the Library.

Superintendent Hill, of the county workhouse, sent out the twenty-second annual report of that institution for the year ending December 23, 1891. The cooperage department shows a decline in earnings on account of the depression in the barrel trade. The manuracture of ice was a success and the manufacture of brooms has, increased as also that of small cooperage. The farm was productive and furnished a change for the prisoners. The increase in cost of maintenance was due to the advance in supplies, fuel and light and to repairs, all of which have been included in the amount from which the pro rata expense was calculated. The daily average population for 1891 was 732 185-365, as against 702 306-365 for 1890, The average cost of each inmate was 36 83-100 cents, against 33 63-100 cents in 1890. The earnings were \$39,447, against \$47,885 05 for 1890. The average net cost per prisoner per day, after deducting earnings, was 22.08 cents.

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The total number of prisoners received since August 6, 1869, was 57,286, who were disposed of as follows:

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Discharged by expiration of sentence, 52,613; by order of Court, 1,666; reduction of time, 1,701; pardoned, 111; escaped, 192; died, 142; removed to hospitals, 51; total, 56,476, leaving in confinement on December 31, 1891, 810. Of the total prisoners over 30,000 were confined but once, which graduates down to one for the sixty-fifth time. ates down to one for the sixty-fifth time. The total number of prisoners received dur-ing the year was 4,503, of which 1,900 were committed for disorderly conduct, 344 for drunkenness, 340 suspicious characters and 851 vagrancy, with a scattering for every crime in the catalogue. Thirty days was the favorite sentence, 3,015 having been con-

chaplain Bradshaw reports having adopted the Western Penitentiary system in the library, which has been a success, with an increased interest in it by the pris oners. The total number of letters received by prisoners was 6,865 and the number sent by prisoners was 6,865 and the number sent out, 3,535. Over 30,000 papers are received annually. The night school is in good condition, the percentage of attendance being 9159-301. Services are conducted every Sunday. While the attendance is not what it might be, it is good. None are compelled to attend. The Chaplain says that placing

a man behind prison bars does not make a bad heart good, or a good heart bad. What will save men in the world will save them in a prison. Physician Kelly reports the total number of patients treated during the year as 7,062, and the number of surgical operations performed, 24.

## CELEBRATED THE DAY.

A Pleasant Programme Given Last Night by the Randall Club.

The Randall Club gave a delightful "St. Patrick's Reception" last evening at their rooms on Duquesne way. A large number of guests were warmly welcomed and accorded the hospitality of the Club to the highest degree. President Duncan was absent, but Prof. W. W. McClelland acted as 31, at 36 Broadway. naster of ceremonies and introduced pleas antly those who had part in the musical and literary part of the entertainment.

Among those who participated were Otto and Henry Schutte, piano and violin and the Hooper Brothers Mandolin Quartet. William R. Burress recited two selections, "The Revival of the Sinners" and "The Irish Philosopher." Mr. E. S. McClelland re-cited "Orphaned Annie" with considerable pathos, and "Aulize Italiane" was recited by J. D. Bryson. Mr. J. Shields sang several Irish songs in a happy manner. They were followed by N. Reilly and E. E. Ainor in vocal duets. David Timothy recited "Shamus O'Brien" and "The Wheel." Others also gave their talent for the occasion, and a bright and cheerful program was concluded by a delicious repast. was concluded by a delicious repast.

## ENCOURAGING REPORTS.

They Society on University Extension Will Organize a Council at Once.

The Council of the Society for University Extension of Western Pennsylvania met in the Academy of Science last night to consult as to the best methods for putting forward the work. The reports showed that several hundred names have been sent in for membership. Communications from Me-Keesport, Steubenville, Washington, Wheeling and many other towns were read asking for information. It was determined to employ a competent person to act as agent in soliciting mem-

bers for the organization, who shall devote his entire time to presenting the matter to the influential persons of the two cities. Committees were also appointed to prepare courses of study in as many branches pare courses of study in as many branches as shall be demanded, and to secure com-petent lecturers and teachers, to circulate literature bearing upon the subject and to determine the best time for the organiza-tion and beginning work in the different

Persons who wish information in regard to the movement may correspond with the Secretary, Prof. W. H. Dodds, of the Alle-gheny High School.

#### WORK OF OHIO'S LAWMAKERS. Storm Sheds Are Recommended for the

Front of Street Cars.

COLUMBUS, O., March 17.—[Special.]—The Senate to-day passed Mr. McMaken's bill to regulate the practice of dentistry in Ohio. It provides for the appointment of a board of dental examiners of five practicing dentists by the Governor. The House considered a bill to prevent double taxation, and passed

The Senate committee on corporations other than municipal has recommended the passage of Mr. Abbott's bill providing that "storm sheds" shall be erected on the front of street cars for the protection of em-

## SOME WEATHER SOUTH.

Heavy Snow as Far Down as Mississippi Makes It Shiver.

COLUMBUS, MISS., March 17.-Another eold wave struck this place yesterday, and it has been growing colder ever since. This morning it began sleeting and then snow fell for several hours. A strong wind has been blowing from due north all day, and to-night the thermometer registers 300 and Snow also fell at Memphis, Nashville and

other points South. The storm is the most severe experienced in many years, and rail-way travel is greatly impeded. Denmark's Mite for the World's Fair.

COPENHAGEN, March 17. - The Folething has granted 250,000 kroer (about \$66,000) for the expenses of Denmark's participation in the World's Fair.

THE BUSINESS WORLD. News of Interest to Capitalists and People Who Speculate.

THE COAL DEAL UNDER FIRE.

The Standard Company to Add Millions to Its Capital.

FAILURES, RAIL NOTES AND FIRES

ALBANY, N. Y., March 17 .- The special committee to investigate the coal deal today made its preliminary report to the Senate. The report says that from testimony taken it so far appears that agreements have been made whereby the Central Railroad of New Jersey has been leased for 999 years to the Port Reading Railroad Company, and the Lehigh Valley road for a similar term to the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company; that the Philadelphia and Reading and the Port Reading, the lessors of the lines referred to, through the instrumentality of other companies, namely, the Reading Construction Company and Reading Coal and Iron Company, are identified in interest, and that the combinations thus made through the various companies which are in fact the lessors of the property referred to will control about 55 per cent of the carrying trade in coal, and, with the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, more than 75 per cent. The roads heretofore named, with the Erie, the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company and the Pennsylvania Company, control the whole of the anthracite coal transportation from the Pennsylvania coal fields.

It was claimed strenuously that the self-interest of Reading was ample guarantee on business principles against any advance in the price of coal, and maintained that there was not now, nor would there be hereafter, any desire upon the part of the management of the combined roads to increase the price to the comsumer, and that, with the excep-tion of a few points, whether coal was un-duly low, the price was more likely to be reduced than advanced; that this was to be done and could be done by the eliminabe done and could be done by the elimina-tion of middleman, whose profits at some points were disproportionately large, and fell both upon the producer and the consumer; that is, if the amounts paid to middlemen could go to producing and carrying compa-nies, some part at least of the saving would inure to the benefit of the consumer.

It is plain, however, to the committee that this is a matter that would rest largely in the discretion of the carrying companies, and in case the roads not now in the combination should become a part of it there would be under existing laws no protection for the consumer, who would be at the mercy of the carrying companies, and the limit as to price would be fixed according to the views of such companies as to their

wn best interests. The representatives of the middlemen and of some of the large dealers in anthracite coal have asked to be heard, and for this purpose the committee was continued with authority to sit during recess. This course was further recommended, inasmuch as it is brought to the knowledge of the committee that there exist in some quarters and that there exists in some quarters an ap-prehension, whether well or ill grounded, that upon the adjournment of the Legislature the price of coal may be materially advanced, notwithstanding the disclaimers which appear in the testimony.

#### THE STANDARD TRUST.

When It Is Dissolved the Company Will Add to Its Capitalization.

NEW YORK, March 17 .- William Rockefeller, John D. Archbold and W. H. Tilford, as directors, have issued a call for a special meeting of the stockholders of the Standard Oil Company, of New York, to determinate whether the capital stock of the company shall be increased to a total amount of \$7,000,000, to consist of 70,000 shares of a par value of \$100 each. The meeting is to be held at 11 A. M., on March

S. C. T. Todd, Counsel for the Standard Oil Company, said-to-day that this action will be an immediate result of the disso-lution of the Standard Oil Trust, which is to take place at the meeting to be held on March 21. The present capitalization of the New York Standard Oil Company is \$5,000,000.

It is likely some of the Standard Oil Companies in other States may be re-capitalized as a result of the dissolution of the trust. The breaking up of the latter will unlock the securities of those com-panies, and it may be decided to increase the capitalization in order to bring them more nearly to represent the value of the property of these companies since the trust was formed, and to aid in a scheme of redistribution incidental to dissolution.

## BRUSH PEOPLE WIN.

A Preliminary Injunction Granted in an

Important Patent Suit. TRENTON, N.J., March 17 .- Judge Green, in the United States Circuit Court, to-day granted a preliminary injunction against the Accumulator Company, of Newark, restraining it from infringing on patents held by the Brush Electric Company. The defendants opposed the granting of the injunction, claiming new evidence had been discovered since the decisions against them by Judge Coxe in the Southern Circuit of New York, which decisions led Judge Green to grant the injunction to-day. The evidence submitted was that 20 years before the invention of Brush's electric tery the same had been discovered by Dr.

Blanchard, of Vermout.

Judge Green, in his decision, said that as the New York cases have been appealed the injunction granted to-day will be dissolved should the appealed decision reverse the decisions given by Judge Coxe. The complaining company is required to give bonds to sustain damages to the defendant in case he New York decisions are reversed.

Two Chicago Failures

CHICAGO, March 17.—Enough noses were pressed against window panes of the defunct Schweisthal Bank, on La Salle street, to-day to leave the dingy glass looking like a checker-board. The banker remained ina checker-board. The banker remained in-accessible, no one seeming to know his whereabouts, even his family. Assignee Linehart was busily figuring on the assets, and expressed himself as already most sat-isfied that the bank will pay dollar for dollar, though it was dubious if anything will be left for Schweisthal. As an outcome of the failure, together with the re-cent failure of Behm & Co. at Denver, the assignment is announced of Nagle & Brecher, whisky and champagne commission merchants. The assignee thinks the assets and liabilities will be each about \$50,000, and promises a speedy settlement.

## BUSINESS BREVITIES.

THE retail implement dealers of Pennsylvania will meet in Harrisburg Tuesday to organize a State association. JOHN A. MATHIEU, of Detroit, owner of a wool alcohol refinery, has assigned to the Union Trust Company. Liabilities, about \$50,000; assets unknown. An \$11,000 attach-ment precipitated the laflure.

THE Treasury Department has notified the New York custom authorities to suspend all action in regard to the imposition of duties on the products or Haiti, Venezuela and the United States of Colombia, under the recent proclymation of the President, until further orders from the department.

THE first step toward the closing of the ical for the sale of the Lake street "L" road it Chicago to a New York syndicate was taken yesterday, when John A. Christie, a Wall street banker, and Colonel Alberger, one of the owners, had a conference to satisfy New York lawyers as to the legal status of the road.

A QUO WARRANTO proceeding has been in stituted by the Attorney General against

the Philadelphia Inquirer, which is alleged to be doing an insurance business in viola-tion of the insurance laws by offering to pay a fixed sum to the heirs of anyone killed with an Inquirer on his person within 24 hours after its issue. The writ is returnable March 29.

THE latest information regarding the affairs of the St. Petersburg banker, Guenzburg, places the liabilities at between 15,000,-000 and 20.000,000 roubles. The assets are which securities and property to the amount of 10,000,000 roubles can be easily converted into cash. The remainder will be difficult to realize on.

GOVERNOR ABBETT, of New Jersey, has signed a new law, taxing telegraph, cable, telephone and express companies 2 per cent upon gross receipts; gas and electric light companies, one-half of 1 per cent on gross receipts; oil pipe line companies, eight-tenths of 1 per cent on gross receipts; life in-surance companies, 1 per cent on surplus since last December; other insurance com-panies, 1 per cent of gross receipts.

A JUDGMENT for \$90,326 has been entered against the Brookhaven Rubber Shoe Com-pany, of Setauket, Long Island, in favor of the New York Commercial Company, bal-ance of account for money loaned, goods sold, etc. The company was incorporated in August, 1885; succeeded the L. K. Smith Rubber Company, and had a capital stock of \$433,000. It leased its plant to the Manhattan Rubber Company about 15 months ago. against the Brookhaven Rubber Shoe Com-

THE general assignment of Peter Pitkin & Son, dealers in and manufacturers of cut stone and monumental work, Rochester, N. Stone and monumental work, Rochester, N.

Y., was filed yesterday. For 53 years Peter
Pitkin has been engaged in the manufacture
of monumental work. Pitkin & Son have an
\$57,000 contract to supply the stone for the
new Troy postofilee, and inability to obtain
payments on the work as it progressed from
the chief contractor was the direct cause of
the assignment. The assignee will continue
the work.

#### RAILWAY INTERESTS.

Mexican railroads and steamship lines are

at war. THE Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad is building gradually toward the Black Hills. THE Northern Pacific will have a double

A MOVEMENT is on foot to reduce the fare between St. Louis and Chicago to \$4, but the Alton threatens a rate war if such action is

daily service to the Pacific coast after April I.

THE stockholders of the Roanoke and Southern Railroad have ratified the lease of that road to the Norfolk and Western for a period of 99 years. THE conductors and brakemen on the

Canadian Pacific Railway went out on a strike yesterday. The passenger trains are moving, but no freight trains are in opera-THE management of the Chicago and Eric Railroad, in order to curtail expenses, has

ordered the suspension of work in the com-pany's shop at Huntington. One hundred and sixty men were laid off. THE Eastern roads seem to be united in their fight on the Grand Trunk because of its action in abolishing switching charges in Chicago and allowing Western roads a division of the through rate on traffic to and from points on their lines in the city limits.

THOMAS WALL, as agent of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul road, is buying the stock of the bankrupt Oshkosh and Missis-sippi line at \$10 a share, and has purchased a considerable amount. His object is un-known. The St. Paul road holds claims against the line amounting to \$50,000. The New York Sheriff yesterday visited

the offices of the Monterey and Mexican

Gulf Railroad Company to levy upon its property under executions for \$20,400 in favor of J. W. Wilson & Co. He could find no property to attach, being informed that it was hypothecated by railroad contractors, THE transportation committee of the Boston Chamber of Commerce reported yester-day a recommendation that the Chamber enter suit in the United States Court, praying that the Lake Shore Railroad be en-joined from maintaining their present east-bound freight tariff, on the ground that it unlawfully discriminated against Boston in favor of rival cities.

## THE FIRE RECORD.

Ar Avondale, Pa., John Heindman's dwellng. Loss, \$9,000; insured.

AT Eddville, N. Y., 13 buildings, including Schuman's Hotel and Torrey's Hotel, four dwellings and seven barns. Loss, \$50,000. AT Washington, Pa., Clay Baker's dwelling. Loss, \$1,000. The Washington Manufacturing Company's buildings and lumber yards narrowly escaped.

Ar Philadelphia, the Philadelphia market house was damaged yesterday morning, owing to imperfect insulation of an electric wire. Loss, \$75,000, insured. Ar Haddonfield, N. J., the institution of Messrs. Bancroft & Cox for feeble minded

# children. The 14 pupils of the institution were moved in safety. Loss, \$8,000; insurance, \$2,500. Cause, a defective flue.

NEARLY ALL ENDED. The Tax Revision Is Completed in Almost All of the Wards-Will Wind Up the Job Next Week-Some High Valuations Nearly Cut in Two-Rural Lands Much

The assessors' office clerks have turned over to the City Treasurer the tax books of all wards in the city but those in the Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Eighteenth, Nineteenth, Twenty-first, Twenty-second and Twenty-third wards. The Twenty-first and Twenty-third books will be sent over tomorrow morning. The others are being held back by the application of the new rule for classification, but Chief Clerk Jenkins expects to have the work com-

pleted by the middle of next week. The Board of Assessors in their revision of the Second district of the Twenty-second ward have completed the main thorough-

fares and the reductions thus far made are given below. Property on the same streets, not mentioned in this list, will be given the same valuation per acre or front foot as the case may be. There are still several streets

to be revised in this district. The list completed is as follows: Peter Aldred, 13/4 acres rear of Penn avenue between Homestead and Lexington avenues, reduced from \$10,000 to \$6,000 per

on avenues, cut from \$7,000 to \$2,500. Mrs. F. N. Bradley, 3 acres, Dallas avenue, cut from \$8,000 to \$5,500 an acre. Some Big Reductions Made.

Elizabeth Allen, 4% acres, Park and Edger-

Some Big Reductions Made.

James M. Berger, 4.97 aeres, Homewood avenue, cut from \$10,000 to \$5,000 an aere.

Mary F. Ballman, I aere, Park avenue, cut from \$10,000 to \$8,000 an aere.

William Coleman, 15 aeres, Dallas avenue, reduced from \$5,500 to \$4,000 an aere.

James Chartiers, lot on Beynold street, cut from \$30 to \$20 per front foot.

Eli Davis, Jr., lots on Juniata street, corner Selwyn street, cut from \$38 to \$20 per front foot.

Gustav Dalte, two acres, rear Lang avenue, between Willard and Homewood avenues, reduced from \$5,000 to \$3,500 an aere.

Jacob Eyrick, lots, Linden avenue, cut from \$35 to \$30 per front foot.

Mrs. Margaret Fulton, 3% acres, Fifth and Shady avenues, out from \$15,000 to \$11,000 an aere.

H. C. Frick, Lacre & perches, Homewood

acre.

H. C. Frick, 1 acre 64 perches, Homewood avenue, cut from \$10,000 to \$6,000 an acre; 2 acres \$6 perches, Edgerton avenue, cut from \$8,000 to \$3,000; 1.54 acres, Penn and Homewood avenues, cut from \$20,500 to \$15,000 an acre; 68 perches, Tuscarora street, cut from \$10,000 to \$5,000 an acre.

Margaret Ferguson, lots on Juniata street, cut from \$80 t \$30 per front foot.

Maggie Goettman, lots, Elysian and Selwyn streets, cut from \$35 to \$30 per front foot.

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J. M. Force, lots on Inwood street, cut from \$45 to \$25 per front foot; lots on Beechwood street, same rate.

George E. Geyer, lots on Elysian avenue, cut from \$35 to \$30 per front foot.

Elizbeath Goodwin, lots Juninta street, cut from \$60 to \$30 per front foot.

Thomas A. Gillespie, 1 acre 125 perches, Penn and Lexington avenues, cut from \$20,000 to \$15,000 an acre; 2½ acres back from Penn avenue, "Woodlawn Farm," cut from \$8,000 to \$6,000; 1½ acres adjoining "Woodrow," cut from \$8,000 to \$6,000;

Romewood Properties Reduced Mrs. Caroline Hamilton, 11/2 acres, Penn

and Dallas avenues, out from \$20,000 to \$15,-00 an acre. John H. Holmes, 1 acre Fifth and Holmes avenues, cut from \$20,000 to \$15 000 an acre; 167 avenues, cut from \$20,000 to \$15 000 an acre; 167 perches in rear, cut from \$20 000 to \$10,000.

Francis C. Myers, 2 acres, Penn and Dallas avenues, cut from \$20,000 to \$15,000 an acre; balance \$10,000 an acre. Samuel McDonald, 6% acres, Park avenue, cut from \$3,000 to \$1,500 an acre. Matilda Rea, 14, acres, cut from \$18,600 to \$15,000 an acre; balance, \$6,000 an acre.

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James E. Schwartz, 134 acres, Penn and Lexington avenues, cut from \$20,000 to \$5,000 an acre. Mary C. Thaw, 2 acres, Fifth and Holmes avenue, cut from \$20,000 to \$15,000 an acre: 1734 acres in rear cut from \$5,000 to \$4,000 an acre. J. J. Vandegrift, 8 acres. Shady avenue, cut from \$6,000 to \$5,000 an acre. Joseph Woodwelli 74 acres, rear Penn avenue, near Dallas avenue, cut from \$7,000 to \$5,000 an acre. Carrie R. Wainwright, 148 perches, Penn avenue, cut from \$20,000 to \$5,000 per acre; balance reduced from \$5,000 to \$5,000 an acre. Aaron French, two acres 100 perches, Penn and Linden avenues, cut from \$20,000 to \$15,000 an acre. Aaron French, two acres cut from \$10,000 to \$6,500. Emily N. Frew, 44 acres, Fitth avenue, cut from \$20,000 to \$15,000 an acre. \$8,000 to \$5,000. Emily N. Frew, 44 acres, Fitth avenue, cut from \$20,000 to \$15,000 an acres. Shady avenue, cut from \$20,000 to \$15,000 an acres, Shady avenue, cut from \$6,000 to \$5,000. F. B. Laurhlin, two acres, Penn avenue, cut from \$6,000 to \$5,000. F. B. Laurhlin, two acres, Penn avenue, cut from \$6,000 to \$16,000; 2 acres 27 perches, cut to \$6,000.

Where the Ax Cut Very Feep.

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M. P. Howley, 5 acres, Park avenue, cut from \$2,500 to \$1,600 an acre. J. W. Houston and L. Reed, lots on Lang avenue, cut from \$30 per front foot. Charles Hitchcock, lot on Lang avenue, cut from \$35 to \$30 per foot front T. R. Hostetter, 5 acres. Sindy and Homewood avenues, cut from \$5,000 to \$5,000 an acre. an acre.
S. H. Keller, 8½ acres, Park avenue, at city
line, cut from \$2,500 to \$1,000 an acre. Joseph
G. Lloyd, lots on Lang avenue, cut from \$10
to \$30 per front foot; lots on Juniata street,
cut from \$30. Mary Morris, Jacres, Palias
avenue and Reynolds street, cut from \$10,000

to \$5,600 an acre. George Monroe, nine acres, Edgerton ave-George Monroe, nine acres, Edgerton ave-nue, cut from \$4,00 to \$2,000 an acre. Mrs. E. J. Ma-hey, two acres, Penn avenue, cut from \$20,000 to \$15,000 an acre; three and one-half acres in rear, \$10,000 an acre. John C. Robin-son, lot on Park avenue, cut from \$40 to \$15 per front foot. Judge James P. Sterritt, 35 perches, Penn, near Lexington avenue, cut perches, Penn, near Lexington avenue, cut from \$2,240 to \$1,200 in full: three and one-fourth acres, cut from \$10,000 to \$6,000 an acre. George Singer, Penn and Fifth ave-nnes, four and one-half acres, cut from \$20,-000 to \$12,000 an acre. J. L. Schwartz, 14 000 to \$12,000 an acre. J. L. Schwartz, 14 acres on Furk avenue, opposite Forbes street, cut from \$6,500 to \$5,000 on acre. McK. Speer, nine and one-quarter acres, Dallas avenue, cut from \$7,000 to \$4,500 an acre. Lizzle Schoyer, three acres, Dallas avenue, cut from \$7,000 to \$5,000 an acre. Nicholas Snyder, two and three-quarter acres, Shady avenue, cut from \$6,000 to \$5,000 an acre. Owen Smith, lots on Hastings avenue, cut from \$10 to \$20 per front foot. H. G. Squire, two acres, Reynolds and Dumfermline streets, cut from \$8,000 to \$4,500 an acre.

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