

## BLOOMSBURG SENSATION.

### Wintersteen-Knorr Trial Is Opened by Judge Ermentrout.

#### SELECTION OF THE JURY

Composed of Eleven Farmers and One Lumberman.

#### A Formidable Array of Counsel.

Knorr Pleads Guilty and Wintersteen Not Guilty to the Counts of the Indictment--Court Adjourns for the Day on the Selection of the Jury--Wintersteen Assists His Counsel in the Selection of the Jury, and Takes Keen Interest in the Proceedings, but Knorr is Kept Out of Sight in an Ante-Room--Story of the Crime that Caused an Uproar in the Vicinity of Bloomsburg.

prove to be one of the most sensational stories in the criminal annals of Pennsylvania was begun today in the county court here. The principal defendant is L. P. Wintersteen, a prominent business man and lawyer of this county. Clifton Knorr, his co-prisoner and alleged catpaw, is the son of Colonel Samuel Knorr, for many years one of the leaders of the Columbia county and one of Bloomsburg's wealthiest citizens.



#### THE HOME OF L. E. WALLER.

The Building That Was Wrecked by Dynamite on September 10, 1895.

At the commonwealth's desk, beside District Attorney Harman and Prosecutor Waller, sit Waller's counsel, George S. Graham, district attorney of Philadelphia; James Searlett, of Danville; W. H. Rhawn, of Catawissa; and Grant Herring, of Bloomsburg.

Associated with Frederick Ikel, local counsel for Wintersteen, are, A. S. L. Shields, the celebrated criminal lawyer, of Philadelphia; J. H. Jacobs, of Reading, and his partner, H. H. Keister, Wintersteen was first placed on trial and the selection of a jury began. Long before the noon recess was over every seat in the court house was occupied, and the aisles were densely packed with a crowd of persons called for trial was that technically charging an "attempt to wound with intent to commit murder by lighting a dynamite bomb, and attempt to commit murder by exploding a dynamite bomb." Judge Ermentrout, of Berks county, is trying the case, because of the fact that Judge Ikel, the regular county judge, is interested in the case and will be called as a witness.

During the proceedings, Wintersteen, who is himself a shrewd lawyer, sat at his counsel's elbow, occasionally making a suggestion to them in reference to the juror about to be drawn.

Clifton Knorr, whose confession implicated Wintersteen as the chief conspirator in the plot to blow up Mr. Waller's residence, kept out of sight most of the time in an ante-room. After the work of drawing the jury had been completed court adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock, when the taking of testimony will begin.

Then began, which examination took up the rest of the morning. Court adjourned at 12 o'clock but five jurors accepted the challenge.

#### BRUTAL WIFE MURDER.

**Peter Monahan Brains the Woman Who Supported Him for Years.**

Baltimore, Md., May 25.—Kate Monahan, aged 59 years, was brutally murdered this morning by her husband, Peter, aged 61. The weapon used was a rusty axe, and the unfortunate woman's head was crushed to a jelly by the blow. Monahan made his escape days ago, and was followed by several days and quarrelled with his wife, who ran into the basement followed by her husband, Julia Burns, who lives with the couple followed and reached the scene just as Monahan brought the axe down upon the head of the unfortunate woman, who was then prostrate on the floor from the effect of a blow administered by him before the arrival of Miss Burns. Monahan is well known to the police, having been arrested several times during the past year for drunkenness. He has done no work for fifteen years, but has lived upon the proceeds of his wife's labors as washerwoman.

#### THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

**Germany and the Powers--The Identical Note Was Presented to the Turkish Government.**

Constantinople, May 25.—The identical note of the powers on the subject of the Turkish demands upon Greece was presented to the government today. It was delayed owing to the fact that the German ambassador at Constantinople, Baron Saurma von Jeltch, had been forbidden to sign it until Greece consented to the peace terms. It is further understood that Germany declares she will withdraw altogether from mediating should the other powers do the same.

#### MR. POTTS TO MR. GIVEN.

**The Conspicuous Adherent of the Palmer and Buckner Ticket Has Been Tempted to Offer Suggestions.**

Media, Pa., May 25.—E. C. Potts, of this place, who was a conspicuous adherent of the Palmer and Buckner ticket in the recent national campaign, has sent the following letter to William B. Given, chairman of the National Democratic party of Pennsylvania:

On behalf of a number of those who voted for Palmer and Buckner last fall, I am tempted to address you through the press of the present time, to voice a general expression of views by all who sustain the platform adopted at Indianapolis and are in accord with the suggestions of this party's executive committee. It seems to me and to those with whom I have talked, that we are losing valuable time. The Republican party in Pennsylvania do not intend to offer any hope of good government. The treasury deposits in selected banks belonging to the state amount to nearly \$15,000,000 of "idle money," the interest on which, Mr. Wanamaker charges, is virtually kept on tap for the purpose of feeding the committees of the Republican party. There is open revolt against the management of the state government, but its leaders do not propose any remedy they do not even intend to nominate a ticket in opposition to that of Mr. Quay's convention. The result is a chaotic state of affairs has already disappointed all Democrats and Republicans alike—who voted for McKinley, expecting a wise effort to reform the currency and the banking laws instead of tinkering the tariff and postponing prosperity. There is nothing to hope for either in federal or state affairs as long as the dominant party, and unless the party of Palmer and Buckner and the Indianapolis platform is elected to office in a campaign of this nature, chaos will come again.

#### FIRST COUSINS MUSTN'T MARRY.

**Mr. Donaldson and His Wife Indicted for Violating the Law.**

Carlisle, Ill., May 25.—William Donaldson and his wife, who recently married, are charged with violating the law which prohibits such marriages. No arrests have been made.

#### MADE HIS SHORTAGE GOOD.

Memphis, Tenn., May 25.—The case of R. B. Armour, former postmaster at Memphis, charged with the embezzlement of government funds, has been dropped by the United States district attorney for the reason that the entire shortage, amounting to several thousand dollars, has been made good.

#### DROPPED DEAD IN THE MOUNTAINS.

Seattle, May 25.—In the mountains, six miles from Skykomish and three miles from a trail, Charles W. Frisbee, general auditor of the Peninsula railroad, fell dead of heart disease last Sunday afternoon. He leaves a wife and three children.

#### HEAVY RAINS IN THE ADIRONDACKS.

Saratoga, May 25.—Heavy rains have raised the upper Hudson and Sacandaga rivers to an unusual height for this date. Indian Lake ascender taken in the Adirondacks today were staidly to float logs to Glens Falls and Sandy Hill mills.

#### CHILD INSURANCE EVIL.

**Investigating Committee Holds Its First Open Session.**

Harrisburg, Pa., May 25.—The joint legislative committee that has for its function the investigating of the child insurance scandal held its first open session this afternoon. Representatives Wilson, president; Scott, Kauffman, and others were present.

#### OFFICERS HAVE ABOUT COMPLETED ARRANGEMENTS FOR INDUSTRIAL CONGRESS.

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#### MAY LOSE THOUSANDS ON TEA.

**Western Dealers Caught Short by the New Tariff.**

Dubuque, Ia., May 25.—The wholesale grocers of Iowa who have been caught on the short side of tea have sent a delegation to Washington. Before the tariff of 10 cents a pound on tea was publicly stated these grocers sold for future delivery in such quantities that one Chicago house stands to lose \$100,000 if compelled to furnish tea, and Iowa houses will lose heavily also. The importers have discounted the future, and have sold their stock at a liberal discount at former prices.

#### SENATOR EDMUNDS' DENIAL.

**He States That He Has Not Been Offered the Spanish Ministry.**

Philadelphia, May 25.—Ex-United States senator George F. Edmunds today emphatically denied the published report that he had been offered the Spanish ministry by President McKinley. When asked if he would accept the position if it was offered him he said: "I would understand my sentiments in reference to holding public office, I retired from the United States senate to enjoy the rest and quiet of private life. I am averse to holding any public office, and have no inclination to go abroad in any capacity."

#### SIXTEEN MEN MISSING.

Provincetown, Mass., May 25.—Of the nineteen men of this town who sailed on the schooner Joseph E. Johnson for the fishing grounds about 200 miles off Nova Scotia last week only three came back on the schooner when she rounded the point this morning with her flag at half mast. The other sixteen men are still absent in their quest of the western bank, and have found water graves or happily have been picked up by some passing steamer. The missing are Joseph E. Johnson, John C. Frank, Joseph L. Frank, Joe Frank, Manuel Souza, Jesse Cabral, George Silvera, August Lina, Frank Joseph, Joe Frank, Frank Alver, Joe Rose and Henry F. Silver.

#### Mrs. Romeyn Thanks the President.

Washington, May 25.—Mrs. Romeyn, wife of Captain Romeyn, called at the white house today and expressed her thanks to the president and later at the war department to Secretary Alger, for the clemency extended to her husband.

#### SAVANNAH GROCERIES BURNED.

Savannah, May 25.—Fire this morning destroyed the wholesale grocery store of Smith Brothers, and badly damaged the grocery stock of J. M. Dixon & Co., on Bay street. Loss, \$40,000, fully insured.

#### BOILER EXPLOSION KILLS FOUR MEN.

**And Many Others Are Seriously, if Not Fatally, Injured.**

**A MILL IS TOTALLY WRECKED.**

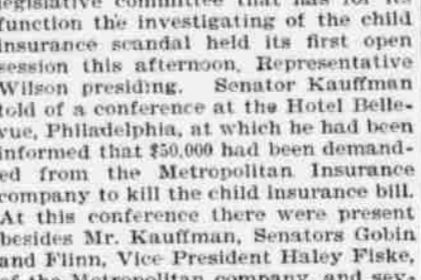
**All the Bodies Are Horribly Mutilated--One of the Boilers Blown Through the Saw Mill Roof--Another Blown 100 Feet in the Yard--List of the Dead.**

Lowelltown, Maine, May 25.—Cassell's mill at this place were blown up today. Four men were killed and several were injured. The mill is a total wreck, and the loss will be heavy. The dead are: F. W. GUSHEA, engineer of Burlington, Vermont. ERNEST NICHOLS, edger of Island Falls, Vermont. FREDERICK CHEVERIER, watchman, Maxwell, Ont. KING, laborer, St. Cecil, Que.

#### THE KNIGHTS AT EASTON.

**Convention Opens with an Impposing Parade--Nearly 2,000 Men Are in Line. Candidates for Junior Warden.**

Easton, May 25.—The Knights Templar convention opened here today with an imposing parade. Every street in the route was packed by enthusiastic crowds. There were nearly 2,000 men in line. All the grand officers of the state occupied places on the reviewing line. All the grand officers of the grand commandery of New Jersey rode in the line. They were escorted by



Grand Officer.

engaged in a life and death struggle. Finding himself unable to serve the weapon he carried for help. Paul Hines was in an adjoining room, and, although his hearing is defective, he became aware of the struggle, because others were rushing to the door, which was securely locked. The ex-base ball player grasped the situation, rushed into a room for a small table, and with that as a battering ram, he broke in the door. The men were struggling in the middle of the room, the lawyer bent backward and about to fall. Hines salied in and smashed the intruder over the right ear and jerked the revolver from his hand. The intruder was stunned and fell to the floor, while the lawyer also fell in a faint. The assailant was arrested, and is charged with assault with intent to kill.

#### DEBATE ON TARIFF BILL.

**The Senate Galleries Are Overflowing with Spectators.**

**ALDRICH TALKS AN HOUR.**

**Mr. Vest Tersely Reviews the Situation.**

Washington, May 25.—The debate on the tariff bill began in the senate today with crowded galleries, a large attendance of senators and the tariff leaders of the house.

#### GOVERNOR BLACK RESTING.

**On His Return to Albany He Will Take Up the Parker Case.**

Albany, May 25.—Governor Black has decided not to come to the executive chamber for several days and will remain in Troy for a rest. His private secretary, Mr. Griffith, announces that the case of Police Commissioner Parker will not be taken up until next week. It will not be a public hearing, but merely a review of the case by the governor with a decision.

#### RESCUED BY A BALL PLAYER.

**Paul Hines Saves the Life of a Washington Lawyer by Quick Action.**

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#### STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

New York, May 25.—Cleared: Britannic, Liverpool; St. Paul, Southampton; sailed: Travu, Bremen.

#### CHAIN OF EVIDENCE.

**An Important Witness Gives Testimony in the Luettgen Case.**

Chicago, May 25.—In the Luettgen murder trial today Frank Schultz, a smoker in the sausage factory testified to having assisted in preparing the solution in the vat where the rings alleged to belong to the missing woman were found. As he was removing the chemicals from a barrel, Luettgen, the witness said, told him to be careful or he would burn himself.

#### THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

**Weather Indications Today:**

Generally Fair; Cooler.

- General--Bloomsburg Dynamite Sensation.
- Boiler Explosion Kills Four Men, Tariff Debate Will Open Today.
- (Sport)--Eastern, National and Atlantic League Games.
- Old Time Rivalry Between Wilkes-Barre and Scranton.
- (State)--Parr Labor Bill Defeated in the Legislature.

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