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STRUGGLE OF THE MINERS

Strikers Hold Out Pluckily Against Discouraging Opposition.

MEETINGS ARE HELD DAILY

And Many Recruits Are Enrolled.

Resolutions Passed at Wadsworth. Ottumwa Miners Will Contribute Towards the Support of Strikers. Monster Meetings That Will Be Addressed by Eugene Debs--Several Strikers in Jail at Pittsburg on Various Charges.

Pittsburg, Aug. 9.—Appeals for food and provisions were numerous at the headquarters of the miners' officials in this city today. It appeared as if there was a wail from every section of the district, and miners in person were present to ask that the suffering ones be looked after. Secretary Warner was kept busy answering the appeals. He said tonight that he had sent more than $1,000 worth of groceries and provisions into various parts of the district. The appeals are now coming in from families, the heads of which are at the various mining camps using their influence to keep other men from working.

A series of meetings are to be held all over the district. It is expected to keep up the interest in every section and strengthen every point where there is the least indication of weakness. The vigils on the mines of the New York and Cleveland Gas Coal company are to be kept up and the vigor increased from day to day.

The following was issued by President Patrick Dolan and Secretary Warner today:

There will be a mass meeting of all the miners at Canonsburg Wednesday, Aug. 11, at 9 a. m. All miners of the above named places will call meetings and prepare to go. The meeting will be addressed by the district officials and others. Every miner is requested to attend. The campaign in Westmoreland county will begin at Irwin on Wednesday. At 2 p. m. a monster meeting will be held, at which Eugene V. Debs, Patrick Dolan, M. P. Carrick and others are expected to make addresses. A march is to be made from Turtle Creek.

A number of brass bands will be in the procession. The strikers desire to awaken an interest in that section, as they claim the mines that are working are an injury to their cause.

MINERS IN JAIL.

At the instigation of Thomas E. Sutton, of Willocks, Henry Ulrich, Emil Nagel, Henry Huser and Gustav Rings, miners, were committed to jail for a hearing before Alderman J. B. McMasters, of various charges today. Ulrich is charged with aggravated assault and battery; Nagel, with assault and battery, and Huser and Rings with unlawful assemblage. The arrests are the result of an altercation at Willocks July 26 on account of the strike. Warrants are out for a number of others.

Early this morning the miners of West Elizabeth made a march on the mines of the Elizabeth Mining company, formerly operated by Horner & Roberts. About fifty men were going to work. After a consultation the men asked that they be allowed to finish loading a flat. They agreed to go out as soon as it was loaded, which will take several days. The officials of the company made an effort this afternoon to get permission from the mining officials to continue work on a 69-cent basis. This was not given, and it is expected that the mine will be idle as soon as the flat is loaded.

Thomas B. De Armitt, superintendent of the New York and Cleveland Gas Coal company, worked hard today to get the miners at Oak Hill to return to work. By a house to house canvass he succeeded in getting a few more diggers than has been at work. Thirty-seven miners went in. The men were told by Mr. De Armitt they would lose all they had earned if they would not work, and would be given five days to vacate the company houses.

The strikers say only 75 men out of 285 were at work in the Plum Creek mine today. The company claims that almost a full force was working.

The strikers are hopeful that the remaining diggers will quit work after getting their pay. The Plum Creek men were not paid today and it is expected the company will require the men to sign a new agreement before they are given their envelopes.

HAVE FAITH IN THE COURTS.

The Sandy Creek miners are awaiting developments. They are hopeful the courts will set aside the contracts of the company which the men were obliged to sign.

Hunger is doing more injury to the cause of the miners than any other one thing, and the efforts of the commissary department is doing everything possible to provide against this contingency.

President Dolan will go to the Canonsburg region and defy the injunctions by speaking at a meeting scheduled for the 11th inst.

It is said only thirteen gondolas were loaded at Plum Creek today.

There is to be a big demonstration in the morning at Plum Creek, when the strikers believe they will be able to close down the mine.

J. C. Dysart, a member of the uniformity commission, returned to the city today after a week's absence. He says the work of securing signatures will be pushed earnestly, and he believes the required number will be secured. The miners, he says, cannot possibly win the strike, as the mines still in operation can supply the demand.

Some of the coal operators are getting restless, and threaten to attempt to start their mines this week. W. H. Simmons, a large coal dealer, says there is no scarcity of coal. Last night 250 cars of coal came into Pittsburg from West Virginia, and large quantities are being shipped to Pittsburg from the mines along the Pennsylvania railroad.

MEETING AT WADSWORTH.

Wadsworth, O., Aug. 9.—Sunday afternoon and night, over 1,500 miners, on foot, in wagons, carriages and vehicles of all description carrying banners and flags, had arrived here. A monster meeting was held in the Hinesdale orchard attended by 2,000 people this morning

Speeches were made by district officers of the miners' organization and the following resolutions adopted:

Resolved, That we, the miners of the Massilon district, have assembled, and be it

Resolved, That no coal whatever be produced in this district until the trouble is settled.

As a result of the meeting, eighty miners from Card and Bretts mine and Loomis No. 3, have quit work and joined the strikers.

Fairmont, W. Va., Aug. 9.—Still another effort is to be made to get the Fairmont district miners out. Samuel Gompers, Henry Lloyd and James Wood will address mass meetings at this place Wednesday and at Monongah Thursday. The organizers are greatly encouraged, as all of the Clarksburg end of the district is out.

Ottumwa, Ia., Aug. 9.—At the meeting of the Iowa miners today, it was decided not to strike in sympathy for the easterners but to assess all men 25 cents per week for the aid of the strikers The meeting was poorly attended, only one-fourth of the miners in the state being represented. The agitators from Illinois worked hard to get the men to declare a strike, but the men decided they could do no good in ordering a strike with such a small number, and passed a resolution ordering notices to be sent out to all camps in the state for another meeting at Oskaloosa on August 19. If two-thirds of the mines in the state signify their intention of sending delegates, the meeting will be held, if not it will be called off. It is very probable that the meeting will occur and that each camp will settle its own scale and grievance with the operators.

STATE REPUBLICAN LEAGUE CONVENTION

List of Prominent Orators Who Will Address the Meeting at Williamsport--Mr. Sobel Has No Rivals for the Office of President.

Philadelphia, Aug. 9.—President Isador Sobel, of the State League of Republican clubs; Auditor General Mylin and State Treasurer Haywood were among the visitors to Senator Durham in his office today. Mr. Sobel said that as the state convention of the league at Williamsport on September 8 and 9 would be about the opening of the campaign, all the county chairmen would be invited to meet State Chairman Elkin there.

Those who had promised to address the convention, Mr. Sobel said, included Governor Hastings, Secretary of Internal Affairs Latta, Senator Wellington, of Maryland; President Herman Tiepke, of the Rhode Island league, and National League President J. L. Crawford, of Newport, Ky. There were 222 clubs in the league last year, but it is said that many of the nine hundred McKinley campaign clubs have been made permanent and added to the organization. Nobody is mentioned yet against Mr. Sobel as a candidate for re-election to the presidency.

The announcement of Mr. Martin favoring Beacom and McCauley for the Republican state ticket is followed by calculations that there will be less than fifty delegates against Mr. Beacom in the state convention. Senator Magee, who is for McCauley, is expected to have an Allegheny candidate for state treasurer, supported by all the Magee delegates, and these, with scattering votes for Candidate Shindel, of York, constitute the only opposition to Beacom yet in sight.

HE INHALED GAS.

Suicide of Carl Neuberger, a New York Wholesale Merchant.

New York, Aug. 9.—Carl S. Neuberger, 53 years old, a member of the firm of Emden, Gerstle & Co., importers of curtains and embroideries, and one of the best known merchants in that trade in New York, committed suicide last night by inhaling gas. His body was found this morning in his apartment. He was fully dressed. In his mouth was the end of a long rubber tube, which was connected with a gas jet. The other gas jets in the room were turned on. In his pocket was found a newspaper clipping more than three years old, containing the account of a suicide. Neuberger's business was prosperous. He leaves a widow and daughter.

CYCLE COMPANY FAILS.

Cut-Rate War Fatal to the Interests of a Philadelphia Firm.

Philadelphia, Aug. 9.—The F. W. Dampman Cycle company, 44 North Tenth street, made a general assignment today for the benefit of its creditors, allowing a preference to Rouse, Hazard & Co., of Peoria Ill., and the Kirk, Young company, of Toledo, O.

Mr. Dampman said the failure was due not alone to general depression, but because of the cut rate war now going on among the large dealers. The Peoria company's claim is for $10,000. Assets and liabilities have not yet been estimated.

An Offer to Captain Skinner.

Chambersburg, Pa., Aug. 9.—It is given out that Captain George W. Skinner, United States pension agent at Pittsburg, has been offered the position of superintendent of the Soldiers' Orphans' Industrial school at Scotland, to succeed Colonel James M. Clark. A member of the commission said he thought Captain Skinner would accept, as he expected to give way to a Republican at Pittsburg, and is deeply interested in the success of the Scotland school.

Grand Trunk Trouble Settled.

Montreal, Aug. 9.—It is officially announced that the trouble between the Grand Trunk system and their employes has been satisfactorily settled, but the terms of settlement have not yet been made public, by reason of a special arrangement between th railway and the Brotherhood of Engineers and Trainmen.

IN REGARD TO THE YUKON COUNTRY

The Dominion Government Renders Several Important Decisions.

SOME NEW MINING REGULATIONS

The Miner Can Now Stake Out but 100 Feet as a Claim Instead of 500 Feet as Heretofore--A Party of Mounted Police to Leave Manitoba Next Week.

Ottawa, Ont., Aug. 9.—The Dominion government has reached several important decisions in regard to the Yukon country and the working of the gold fields there.

It has been decided to appoint an administrator for the district, who will have entire charge of all the Canadian officials there, and be the chief executive officer of the government. Major Walsh, a former commander of the Northwest Mounted police, is to be appointed to the position.

The party of mounted police to leave Manitoba next week for the gold country has been increased from 20 to 35. They will take with them two maxim guns.

The mining regulations have been amended in an important particular. The present a miner is at liberty to stake out a claim of 500 feet running along with the stream and back to the bank. This has been reduced to 100 feet, and the new regulation will go into force immediately.

A court for the ministration of civil and criminal justice for the gold district has also been decided upon. Justice McGuire, of Prince Albert, is to preside over the court.

DOYLESTON CONVENTION.

Silverites Control the Democratic Organization--Delegates Elected.

Doylestown, Pa., Aug. 9.—The Democratic convention here today nominated seven delegates to the state convention at Reading, was marked by unusual harmony. The silverites were in control, but no outbreak upon the part of the gold faction occurred. County Chairman Warren S. Loung, a gold man, opened the meeting, and ex-State Senator Charles S. Vandegrift, of Eddington, a silver man, was permanent chairman, and Wynne James, also for silver, secretary.

There was some little stir when a delegate suggested that the financial views of the committee on resolutions be obtained before they drafted resolutions, but the chairman at once declared a recess.

The delegates from the upper and middle district and the delegates-at-large were elected by acclamation, but a ballot was necessary to settle a contest in the lower district. The delegates elected were E. C. Leidy, of Telford; Isaac O. Connell, of Nockamixon; Abel M. Griffith, of New Britain; Newton E. Worthington, of Buckingham; James L. Fabian, of Falls; Benjamin S. Johnson, of Bristol, and Willis Wall, of Doylestown, the latter being delegate-at-large. The resolutions, after pledging faith to alleged Democratic principles, declare the Dingley tariff bill a vicious measure and condemn the record of the state legislature.

ELK REPUBLICANS.

Ticket Nominated at the County Convention Yesterday.

Ridgway, Pa., Aug. 9.—The Elk county Republican convention was held at the court house this afternoon.

The following nominations were unanimously made:

Associate judge—D. K. Condon. Wilcox: district attorney, A. W. Morningstar, Johnsonburg; jury commissioner, J. C. Millin, Ridgway; county chairman, W. M. Thomas, Ridgway; delegate to the state convention, John T. Wrathall, Johnsonburg; alternate, L. Brown Fox.

Resolutions were adopted praising the administration of President McKinley, congratulating the country on the return of prosperity and indorsing the candidacy of Congressman Arnold for governor.

BURGLARS AT ALTOONA.

Bachelor Brothers Visited by Four Robbers--A Young Man Attacked.

Altoona, Pa., Aug. 9.—Last Friday four burglars entered the house of Philip and John Dever, bachelor brothers, in Munster township, Cambria county, and tortured the old men with fire brands in the hope of getting money. A nephew, James W. Dever, of Altoona, who was visiting his uncle at the time, had his jaw shattered by a blow from a revolver in the hand of one of the villians. The burglars had to depart without getting any money.

The Devers sold coal right for $1,600, but the money is not due till October. It was this sum that the burglars were probably after. James Dever is now in the Altoona hospital. The old men were painfully, but not seriously injured.

DYNAMITE FIENDS AT WORK.

An Attempt Is Made to Blow Up the Residence of Charles Kanacy.

Shenandoah, Pa., Aug. 9.—An attempt was made last evening to blow up the residence and saloon of Charles Kanacy, on East Lloyd street. A large piece of dynamite was placed on the porch and exploded, badly shattering the porch and front of the building.

Bric-a-brac, tables, chairs in the saloon and residence were toppled over and a number of the family and some visitors stunned for the time, but fortunately no one was injured seriously. The proprietor attributes the attempt to spite work. Arrests will follow.

WILKES-BARRE DELEGATES.

Wilkes-Barre, Aug. 9.—Delegates to the Republican state convention were elected today. They are: First district, W. J. Harvey, Byron Hahn; Second district, I. M. Harrison, George Benfield; Third district, John Maxwell, Charles F. Swallow; Fourth district, F. M. Smith, N. B. Morgan; Fifth district, Howell Williams; Sixth district, William Straw.

John Gordon Lynched.

Vicksburg, Miss., Aug. 9.—John Gordon, alias Lewis Nelson, the negro who murdered William Allen at Brunswick on July 15 by clubbing him with a gun barrel, and who was captured in Louisiana yesterday, was hanged by lynchers some time last night. He confessed his guilt, as well as two other murders.

The Guest of the Sultan.

Constantinople, Aug. 9.—Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria, accompanied by the Bulgarian premier, M. Stoiloff, arrived here this morning and proceeded to the Yildiz palace, where the prince will be the guest of the sultan until Wednesday next.

HORRORS OF CHINESE SLAVERY.

Appeal to the President in Behalf of Chinese Women and Girls.

New York, Aug. 9.—A San Francisco special to The Sun says:

The leaders in the Chinese mission work here are circulating a petition to be sent to President McKinley asking him to request congress to appoint a commission to investigate the horrors of human slavery that are perpetrated by those who hold Chinese girls in bondage.

The petition, after reciting the provisions of the Fourteenth Amendment to the constitution, declares that there is now in this city and California a condition of slavery under which "more than 1,000 women are held in bondage, bought and sold as chattels, and kept in involuntary servitude. These slaves are scourged, beaten, tortured, and even killed by their owners in defiance of the laws. The number of these slaves is annually recruited by importations from China in violation to the exclusion act.

"Workers in Christian missions receive constant appeals from these women calling for aid to escape. But it is difficult to secure their escape, and those instrumental in this good work have recently been threatened with death by the traffickers in human beings."

If the president acts on this petition congress will surely appoint a commission to ascertain what federal officials are responsible for this illicit traffic that means such large profits to the Chinese slave dealers. In this city it is estimated that 800 women and girls are held as slaves. Most of these are inmates of disorderly houses, and are kept in close confinement in damp, unwholesome alleys, so that the mortality is excessive. Others are slaves in families, but are liable at any time to be sent into prostitution.

Throughout the state there are at least 200 more women whom only death can release from bondage. The system is perfected, and a constant stream of recruits is coming in from China to supply the vacancies created by cruelty, disease and death. Recently some aggravated cases of cruelty and the bold threats of the slave dealers against the mission workers have led to this appeal to the president to stamp out the vile form of Oriental slavery which has gained a firm foothold in California.

A FIEND STRUNG UP.

Boasted That He Had a Lock of His Victim's Hair.

Houston, Tex. Aug. 9.—A mob of 500 men broke into the jail at Nacogdoches last night, secured Esseck White and hanged him on an improvised scaffold made of scantling, piled tepee shape.

White and a man named Phillips attempted a criminal assault upon two young ladies last Wednesday night, and White boasted that he had a lock of hair from the head of one of them, which led to his capture.

White admitted that he was implicated in the crime, but he laid the blame on others. The governor has ordered out the Stone Fort Reserves, but they nor the sheriff could do anything to either overawe or dissuade the men, who were bent on hanging the would-be assailant. A threat to fire was made, but if it had been carried out a very bloody conflict would have ensued.

FIRE AT OIL WORKS.

The Spanish Bark La Viguesa Badly Damaged.

Chester, Pa., Aug. 9.—Fire destroyed the wharf of the Bear Creek Oil works, at Marcus Hock, this afternoon. Loss, $12,000, scovered by insurance. The Spanish bark La Viguesa, which was lying at the wharf, caught fire and the crew deserted her. She was towed away from the wharf by the tug Satalle and the flames were extinguished. The damage to the bark is estimated at $800.

The British steamer Prudentia pulled away from the wharf without injury. The fire is supposed to have been caused by a spark from a workman's pipe.

TORE OFF THEIR JEWELS.

An Exciting Meeting Contributes $70,000 for Missions.

Old Orchard, Me., Aug. 9.—There was a remarkable scene at the Christian Alliance meeting yesterday, when Rev. Dr. A. B. Simpson, of New York, the Alliance leader, started to raise money for foreign missions. He worked up his audience to a high pitch.

Some tore off their jewelry and threw it into the boxes while others gave deeds of real estate. Some emptied their pocketbooks, with the combined result that the 20,000 persons present contributed $70,000. Last year $100,000 was raised in a day.

GRAND CIRCUIT RACES.

Opening Meeting at Fort Wayne Quite Successful.

Fort Wayne, Ind., Aug. 9.—The opening meeting of the grand circuit races today was quite successful. There were three events on the card, but no sensational time was made. Sommaries:

Three-year-old trot, purse $1,000.

Jack Miller, b. g., by Ashley (Wilson)	1	1	1
Fannie Foley	2	3	2
Intact	3	2	3
Estella	dis.		
Ou Critillo	dis.		

Time, 2.17¼, 2.23½, 2.17½.

2.28 trot, purse $2,000.

Pastoral, b. m., by Acolyte (Starr)	5	4	4	1	1
Standre	2	6	1	4	6
Medium Weight	4	2	2	3	2
Nancy Timee	6	3	5	2	5
Nobby	7	7	6	5	3
White Points	8	8	7	6	4
Wynema	3	5	8	dr	
The Abbott	1	1	3	dis	

Time, 2.13¾, 2.13¼, 2.13½, 2.15¾, 2.21½.

2.20 pace, purse $2,000.

Silver Chimes, g. g., by Almy-Chimes (Brooks)	1	1	2	5	1
Ambidexter	10	9	1	1	2
Elsinaro	8	2	3	7	3
Mojada	9	4	5	3	4
Vernon S	3	5	7	4	5
Egosen	6	6	4	2	6
Pentland	7	8	6	6	7
Hermitie	2	3	8	2	8
Miss Margaret	4	7	10	dr	
Walnut Lad	5	10	9	dr	

Time, 2.11¼, 2.11½, 2.11¼, 2.13, 2.14½.

SUICIDE OF A FARMER.

Oswego, Aug. 9.—Sylvester Turner, 70 years old, a retired farmer living in the town of Scriba, this county, committed suicide this morning by sending a bullet into his brain. He had been an invalid for many years, and it is supposed that he became insane and killed himself. He was well-to-do and lived upon his investments. His wife survives him.

English Runner Wins.

London, Aug. 9.—At Stamford Bridge today the second of the series of three races between Charles H. Kilpatrick, the American champion runner, and E. C. Bredin, the English champion, was decided in favor of Bredin. The distance was half a mile. Bredin won by three yards. Time, 1.55¾. The first race was run on July 21 at Rochdale, the distance being 600 yards. Bredin then won by four yard in 1.12 2-5 seconds. The third race between these two men will be at 1,000 yards.

THE HIBERNIANS GETTING TOGETHER

Boards of Erin and America Are to Consolidate.

BISHOP M'FAUL THE ARBITRATOR

Boards of the Ancient Order of Hibernians Promise to Cease Their Warfare and Dwell Peacefully. John P. Quinnan, of Scranton, State President, Is Among the Delegates. Other Representatives.

Trenton, N. J., Aug. 9—The conference between the representatives of the two factions of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, with Bishop McFaul as arbitrator, for the purpose of agreeing upon a plan of consolidation, began this afternoon, at the bishop's residence, behind closed doors.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians were represented by P. J. O'Connor, of Savannah, Ga., national president; J. C. Weedock, of Bay City, Mich., national vice-president; James O. Sullivan, of Philadelphia, national secretary; Maurice F. Wilhere, of Philadelphia, chairman of the national board of directors; John B. Murphy, Norwich, Conn., and Rev. William McLaughlin, of Jersey City, chaplain of the Hudson county organization.

The Ancient Order of Hiberians, Board of Erin, were represented by Rev. E. S. Hayes, of New Brunswick, N. J., national secretary; Miles McPartland, New York, Joseph McLaughlin, Philadelphia, members of the national board of directors, and John P. Quinnon, of Scranton, state president of Pennsylvania.

THE CONFERENCE.

The conference began at 4 o'clock and lasted until 7 when a recess for an hour was taken and the visitors were entertained at lunch by the bishop After lunch the conference was resumed. The matter which will come before the bishop embraces the whole plan of consolidation. Maurice F. Wilhere, spenking for the American branch, and Edward R. Hayes, for the board of Erin, both stated before the conference that the entire plan of consolidation would depend upon the bishop's decision. They said that at the preliminary conference held in Atlantic City last week no plan or portion of a plan was agreed upon, notwithstanding reports to the contrary. The only thing determined at that conference was that the two branches should consolidate and that Bishop McFaul should be invited to act as arbitrator to determine upon the consolidation plan, his decision to be final. Two of the principal matters to be decided will be as to the officering of the consolidated organizations and the matter of eligibility of Irish descent from either parent may become members while in the board of Erin branch, person may become members only when both parents are Irish.

THE DISTRICT CONVENTIONS.

Who Were Elected Delegates to the State Convention.

Wilkes-Barre, Aug. 9.—At the convention of the Second istrict Republicans at Dallas this afternoon I. M. Harrison, of Fairmount, and George Benfield, of West Pittston, were elected by acclamation as delegates to the Republican state convention. There was no other business of consequence transacted.

The Fifth district convention, which was held in Pittston, was called to order by Chairman John Clark, of Hughestown. Edward Griffith, of Laflin, and H. H. James, of Parsons, were secretaries. There were twenty-seven delegates present. Howell Williams, of Pittston, was elected delegate to the state convention by acclamation.

At the Sixth district convention held at Nescopeck this afternoon William Straw, a brother of Cyrus Straw, of this city, was elected, by acclamation, delegate to the state convention. Dr. F. M. Brundage was elected temporary district chairman. It was the largest convention of its kind ever held in Nescopeck, every voting precinct in the district, except Dorrance, being represented.

STORM IN THE JUNIATA.

Immense Damage Done to Crops in the Valley.

Huntingdon, Pa., Aug. 9.—A terrific storm which developed north of here, swept through the Juniata valley this evening, doing immense destruction to outstanding crops and property. The full force of the storm centered at Mount Union, twelve miles east of here, where the East Broad Top Railroad company's engine house was demolished and the borough brick school building was partly blown down.

Orchards were leveled and the growing oats and corn ruined in many localities. West of here the telegraph and telephone lines were blown down, suspending all communication.

AN OLD MINER INJURED.

Martin Holleran Fatally Crushed in the Stanton Mines.

Wilkes-Barre, Aug. 9.—Martin Holleran, a well-known resident of Rolling Mill Hill, was probably fatally injured in the Stanton mine at noon today by a fall of top rock. Holleran was a miner and had been in the employ of the company for many years. He was removed to his home corner of Loomis and Holland streets and physicians summoned who found that two ribs, an arm and a shoulder blade were broken and he was otherwise badly injured.

Mr. Holleran is 66 years old and that with the serious nature of his injuries make his recovery very doubtful. Mr. Holleran has a wife and eight children.

SPIES OUT MASONIC SECRETS.

Sat on a Fire Escape and Watched Lodge Proceedings.

Yonkers, N. Y., Aug. 9.—While Algonquin and Shateruck Tribes of Red Men, of Yonkers, were instituting a new lodge, known as Shateruck tribe, Friday night, Mrs. Thomas O'Meara, who lives on the floor below, was seen sitting on the fire-escape and watching the proceedings. The police were called to take her away.

The woman declared she had seen all the private work of the Odd Felows and Masons, who meet in the same hall.

New National Bank.

Washington, Aug. 9.—The First National bank of Ebensburg, Pa., has been authorized to begin business. Capital, $50,000.

NOVEL MELON CONTEST.

Two Jersey Farmers Start a Perfect Fever of Betting.

New Brunswick, N. J., Aug. 9.—All Jacksonville is excited over the outcome. The peaceful hamlet down in the southeastern end of Middlesex county has never before been so stirred up in the memory of the oldest inhabitant, and two small watermelon seeds are responsible for the whole affair.

Jacksonville farmers pride themselves upon the watermelons that are raised in that vicinity. Consequently when John Henry Marsh gave up his truck farm in Cape May county and settled near Jacksonville he was astonished by the size of the melons grown in that neighborhood. This spring Farmer Marsh decided to show the farmers of Jacksonville that a South Jerseyman knew something about raising watermelons. He accordingly ordered a package of 'Green Giant watermelon" seeds when he sent for his yearly supply.

About a week later when Marsh went to the postoffice he found the precious watermelon seed awaiting him. As he opened the package he observed for the benefit of some of the Jacksonville farmers who had gathered at the postoffice that evening to discuss the crops: "These seeds will beat anything raised in this country, and I know it."

Abner Cornwell heard the remark. Instantly his local pride was aflame. "'Pride of Jacksonville' was good enough for my grandfather, and it's good enough for me, by gosh. I'll bet you six dozen eggs that I can raise a bigger melon than you can."

Not to be outdone John Henry Marsh accepted the bet, and it was duly recorded by the local postmaster, and witnessed by a score of Jacksonvillians. It was decided that each man should plant a seed on the same day, and the weight and size would determine the winner of the prize.

Marsh had the start of Cornwell so far as the vine was concerned, as his was through the ground first. However, the 'Pride of Jacksonville' came along in good shape, and it has been a close contest so far as could be judged from the size of the melons. The greatest of interest has been manifested in the novel rivalry. From betting eggs the two men have raised their bets until bushels of potatoes, tomatoes and even chickens have figured as wagers.

Less than a month ago the other villagers began to get interested in the contest. Sides were formed, and now every villager is either a "Green Giant" or a "Pride of Jacksonville."

Yesterday, however, Marsh capped the climax by offering to bet a load of hay that he would win the prize. This staggered the Jacksonvillians at first, but finally Cornwell, not to be defied, said that he would bet his spotted brindle cow against the hay.

After this bet was made each man feared that some miscreant would attempt to destroy his melon. As a consequence the melons are being carefully guarded by men hired for that purpose, and armed with shot guns.

BIG BICYCLE EVENT AT WILKES-BARRE

Thursday's L. A. W. National Circuit Races Will Bring Out the Professional and Amateur Cracks.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Aug. 9.—The National Circuit race meet, under the auspices of the West End Wheelmen here Thursday promises to rival the great National Annual meet just closed at Philadelphia Saturday. All the professionals who appeared at Philadelphia—and they were all there—and nearly all of the amateurs will be in this city to battle for the very liberal cash and diamond prizes hung up for the winners.

This meet will be far more important to the flyers than the ordinary circuit meet; in fact it will be second in importance as the event of the year to only the annual League of American Wheelmen meet, as two National professional championships, one amateur National, and one state amateur championship will be decided.

Eddie Bald and Tom Cooper will certainly make a desperate attempt to land the championships, as it will be their last chance for National honors for the year. Longhead Kiser, Mertens, Gardiner, Becker and the other flyers will certainly do the best to prevent last year's champions from carrying off the laurels and a battle royal will certainly ensue.

Achade, Dawson, Powell and the other crack amateurs will be present and sport galore will be the result. The races will start at 1.30 sharp.

SHOVER WANTS TO DIE.

The Easton Hacker Makes Two Attempts to Commit Suicide.

Easton, Pa., Aug. 9.—Henry Shover, who a month ago nearly hacked the life out of his housekeeper at Wind Gap, and who was bailed out of jail, has made two desperate attempts to end his life.

On Saturday he jumped from a second-story window and was badly hurt, and today he jumped into a deep well. His relatives heard the noise and rescued him. His bail was surrendered and he was taken to jail. He will be tried for the attempted murder next month.

THE CORNING MURDER.

Poughkeepsie, Aug. 9.—Charles Layman, who was arrested here last night on suspicion of being concerned in the murder of Moses E. Banks, at Corning, was today sent to jail for ten days, in order to give the police time to look up his record. Layman says his home is in the Newsboys' lodging house, New York city.

Minister to Switzerland.

Berne, Aug. 9.—John L. Peake, the retiring United States minister to Switzerland, handed his letters of recall to President Deucher today, and John G. A. Leishmann, of Pittsburg, the new minister, presented his credentials.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

Weather Indications Today:

Local Showers.

1 Telegraph—Struggle of the Striking Miners.
The Murderer of Canovas Confesses the Motive of His Crime.
Dominion Regulations for Yukon Gold Fields.
Hibernians to Consolidate.
2 Sport — Scranton Makes It Three Straight from Providence.
Eastern, National and Atlantic League Scores.
The Wilkes-Barre Bicycle Meet.
3 Local—Board of Control's Lively Session
Several Contractors Concede to the Demands of the Striking Lathers.
4 Editorial.
One Lesson of the Bituminous Strike.
5 Local—Dodgetown Rioters Are Fined $15.
Shaffer Arrested for Burglary.
6 Local—West Side and City Suburban.
7 Lackawanna County News.
8 Neighboring County Happenings.
Financial and Commercial.

THE SLAYER OF CANOVAS

Anarchist Golli Confesses the Motive of His Terrible Crime.

TO AVENGE DON JOSE RIZAL

And Also the Barcelona Anarchists.

It Is Believed That He Was Implicated in the Crime of the Celebration of Corpus Christi--Evidence of Mischief Found in His Apartments--An Opinion of Canovas from an Insurgent Standpoint.

Madrid, Aug. 9.—Anarchist Golli has confessed that he killed Senor Canovas to avenge the Barcelona anarchists and the insurgent, Don Jose Rizal, who was executed at Manila, Philippine Islands, on Dec. 30 last, as the instigator of the Philippine rebellion. Dr. Rizal denied that he was a rebel leader but he admitted that he had drawn up the statutes of the Philippine league.

In Golli's room the police found today a large double barrelled pistol. It appears that when he left the house yesterday, he carried a parcel which is believed to have contained a bomb. The theory is that he hid it somewhere in the fields.

A dispatch from Barcelona says that Golli arrived there in December, 1895, coming from Marseilles. He was employed in the printing office of the Review Social Science managed by the anarchist engineer, Tarrida Marmel, formerly imprisoned in Montjuich for tress, at Barcelona.

Golli was implicated in the terrible crime of the celebration of Corpus Christi, although he left Barcelona a few days before it occurred. He was denounced to the police for complicity, but he had already disappeared.

OPINION OF CANOVAS.

Dr. Palma Thinks the Premier Was Largely Responsible for Outrages.

New York, Aug. 9.—At the headquarters of the Cuban Junta today Delegate T. Estrada Palma said that in his opinion Canovas was more responsible for the outrages in Cuba than was Weyler, and his killing seemed to be an act of retribution. At the same time the Cuban party had nothing whatever to do with the death of Canovas and had had no knowledge that such an act was even contemplated by anarchists or any one else.

Dr. Palma said that from every view, the confusion caused by the death of Canovas could not but help the Cuban cause. The Cubans had no expression of sympathy to make for the act of the assassin, but at the same time Cubans could not but feel that they would benefit by it.

THE NILE EXPEDITION.

Two British Officers Killed at Abu Hamid.

Cairo, Aug. 9.—The column of troops commanded by Colonel Hunter, of the Anglo-Egyptian expedition up the Nile, which left Merani on July 29, attacked Abu Hamid at 5.30 o'clock on the morning of August 7 after eighteen hours' march. Some severe house to house fighting followed and the place was captured by the expeditionary force.

Two British officers were killed during the fighting, Major H. M. Sidney and Lieutenant E. Fitz Clarence.

ARMENIANS FROM PERSIA.

Invade Turkey and Torture Inhabitants of the Frontier.

Constantinople, Aug. 9.—An official dispatch received here says that on Friday last several thousand Armenian agitators from Persia invaded Turkey.

They killed 200 of the Migdiki tribe, including women and children. The wife of the chief was put to death with the most cruel tortures and several other victims had their noses and ears cut off. The authorities have taken measures to capture the marauders.

Joe Fife's Confession.

Richmond, Va., Aug. 9.—Joe Fife, the negro who is under sentence of death here for attempted criminal assault upon Mrs. Marks, and who was also indicted for attempting to criminally assault a young lady near Chestnut Hill, in the suburbs of this city, has confessed both crimes.

Harrisburg Delegates.

Harrisburg, Aug. 9.—Senator S. J. M. McCarrell, Representative George Kunkel and Frisby C. Battis, of Harrisburg, were unanimously elected delegates to the state Republican convention from the First legislative district of Dauphin county at the city convention held tonight in the court house.

Case of Suicide.

Lancaster, Pa., Aug. 9.—It has just been learned that the death of James V. Galt, one of the best known citizens of Lancaster county, which occurred Sunday, was caused by a dose of laudanum taken with suicidal intent. A few years ago he was worth $100,000, but lost his money.

Rev. Angell Declines a Call.

Harrisburg, Aug. 9.—Rev. Dr. Thomas B. Angell, pastor of St. Stephens' Episcopal church, of this city, has declined the call to the chair of philosophy at Lehigh university, made to him by the trustees a week ago.

The Herald's Weather Forecast.

New York, Aug. 10.—In the middle states and New England, today, fair to partly cloudy, warmer and more sultry weather will prevail with light or fresh southerly or southwesterly winds, followed probably by local rain or thunder storms in the lake region and southwest to the Delaware valley by this afternoon or tonight. On Wednesday, in both of these sections, less sultry weather will prevail with a slight fall in temperature and fresh westerly winds.