



LOST CHILD.—The police have been notified of the disappearance from home of Arthur Thatcher, the year-old son of S. A. Thatcher, of 221 Spruce street. When he left home he had on a blue suit and knee trousers. He has light hair and is freckled.

SHIRMP'S LEG BROKEN.—Fred Shrimp, of 777 Willow street, had his left leg broken while at work last night, in the Dodge mine. He was thrown from a mine car and his leg was squeezed between the car and the wall. He was taken to the Moses Taylor hospital.

CRUSHED BY FALLING ROCK.—John Molan, an Olyphant miner, was badly injured yesterday morning by being crushed under a fall of rock. He was taken to the Lackawanna hospital, where it was seen that his head was badly cut and that he had sustained a fracture of the leg.

TEACHERS' PAY.—Through some kind of a mistake it was announced in some of the papers that the city teachers would be paid today. This was an error. The teachers' pay roll will be passed at Monday night's meeting of the board and they will be paid the last part of next week.

ALMOST A TRAGEDY.—As one of the Eymouth Hill street cars was yesterday afternoon turning Wyoming avenue an intoxicated man ran out from the sidewalk and made a dash for the car. He ran plump into it and was thrown heavily to the ground. Several bruises were the extent of his injuries.

PAY DAYS.—The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad company yesterday paid the men at the Cuyahoga and Bribin collieries. Today the Stearns miners will receive their pay. The Delaware and Hudson company yesterday paid the men at the Grassy Island mine, in Olyphant, and at the Delaware mine, at Mill Creek.

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CITY NOTES

DONATION DAY.—Next Friday will be donation day at the Florence Mission.

IS RECOVERING.—William Spelman, of Monaca avenue, who was badly burned at Wednesday's fire at Matthews' feed mill, is well on the road to recovery, and the burns on his face and hands are rapidly healing.

MAIDEN FUNERAL.—The funeral of the late P. E. Madden will be held Sunday at 2 o'clock, from the residence, rear of 214 West Lackawanna avenue. Services at St. Patrick's Catholic church, Interment in Cathedral cemetery.

KELLY A CANDIDATE.—John J. Kelly has announced himself as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for common council in the Fourteenth ward to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of C. E. Wenzel.

ACCUSED OF ASSAULT.—Michael Slunkitis, of 1241 Price street, and his wife, Mrs. Mary Slunkitis, were each held in \$500 bail last night by Alderman Miller. They are accused of assault by Mrs. Eliza Llewellyn, of West Scranton.

SALE TUESDAY.—There will be a sale of desks and articles for Christmas at the residence of Mrs. Henry Bellin, Jr., Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 11, from 2 to 6 o'clock, for the benefit of the operating room of the Hahnemann hospital.

SCRANTON RAILWAY BULLETIN.—The bi-monthly Scranton Railway Bulletin, issued by the Wyoming Valley Goods company, has just been issued with the railway and trolley car time tables of this city and its vicinity corrected up to Dec. 2.

LABREY OF BRICK.—Joseph Inger and Valentine Simon were held in \$500 bail each by Alderman Miller yesterday, on the charge of the larceny of several diamond bricks. They waived a hearing and entered bail. Morgan Sweeney preferred the charge.

AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT.—The president and directors of the Lackawanna hospital acknowledge with sincere thanks the receipt of \$227.67 contributed by the children of the public schools of Scranton towards the endowment fund of the new children's ward.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.—At a regular meeting of the Woman's Relief corps, No. 29, last evening, the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Anna Strong; S. V. P., Mrs. Lizzie Whitmore; J. V. P., Mrs. Anna Haldeman; treasurer, Mrs.

BELIEVES FIRE WAS NOT AN ACCIDENT

Chief Zizelmann Made an Investigation of the Fires at the McLean House on Rock Avenue.

Chief Zizelmann, of the fire department, after a searching and thorough investigation made yesterday, is firmly convinced that the three fires which occurred during the past week in the house of Martin McLean, on Rock avenue, were of incendiary origin, and that the most deliberate plans were made to see that the fire would spread quickly.

The first fire in the McLean house, which is a two-story frame house lately built, occurred last Tuesday morning at 6:30 o'clock. The blaze at that time was confined to one of the lower rooms by the prompt work of the North Scranton firemen.

At 2:30 o'clock on the same day the blaze broke out again, and the companies again succeeded in extinguishing it before any serious damage was done or before it had a chance to spread.

The third fire occurred on Wednesday morning at 5 o'clock, and this time the whole back part of the house was burned out before the blaze was got under control. This Chief Zizelmann is thinking, and he went up yesterday afternoon and looked over the ground with Assistant Chief Miller.

They went through the house, and on the second floor found that the plaster had been stripped from the laths all around the baseboards in several rooms. The chief says that this was apparently done for the purpose of allowing the flames to get under the walls and right at the framework of the house.

Assistant Chief Miller, who accompanied him, said that on the morning of the last fire, when he entered the house he found that the bedclothes had been taken from the beds.

He says that after the fire on that morning McLean took him aside and asked him not to say anything about what he had seen.

"I am firmly convinced that that house was set on fire," said the chief. "McLean had \$1,200 insurance on the house in companies represented by Walter Christmas. He has sent for the general agent to come here and investigate."

CHILD FRIGHTFULLY BURNED.

Two-Year-Old Tot Enveloped in Flames Yesterday.

While Mrs. Burnock, of 214 Fourth street, was engaged in household duties yesterday morning she heard her 2-year-old son Joseph screaming upstairs, and when she went to his assistance she found the child enveloped in flames.

The little one had evidently secured a match and lighted it, unconscious of any danger and its clothing became ignited, burning the child's flesh in a frightful manner. The mother smoothed the flames with her clothing, but not before the baby suffered intense pain. Mrs. Burnock was also badly burned about the hands.

Dr. Walker was summoned and found the child in a critical condition, and did what he could to relieve its suffering. But little hopes are entertained for recovery.

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JURY HAD TO BE DISCHARGED

COULD NOT AGREE AS TO STATUTES OF GALLAGHER.

Nine Were Sure He Is Guilty and Three Are Quite as Certain That He Is Not—Judge Archibald Yesterday Morning Relieved the Jurors from Further Consideration of the Case—Number of Cases Disposed of Before the Three Judges—Other Court Matters.

Michael Gallagher will have to be tried again for selling liquor without a license. He lives in North Scranton and was tried on Wednesday. The jury retired at 4 o'clock that afternoon and came into court twice Thursday and asked to be discharged but Judge Archibald refused to grant the request. He caused the jury to be brought in again yesterday morning and finding that it was impossible for the jurors to reconcile the differences discharged them from further consideration of the case.

It is said that the jury stood nine for conviction and three for acquittal. Cases tried during the day were:

JUDGE ARCHIBALD.

A cross-case of perjury in which the parties and most of the witnesses were Syrians was given to the jury in Judge Archibald's court, just before adjourning time. Rev. Joseph Simon, pastor of the Catholic congregation of Syrians, was the one party, and Najib Etulue, one of his flock, the other.

The charges grow out of the priest's efforts to compel Etulue to support a woman claiming to be Mrs. Etulue, but who, according to Etulue, is Mrs. Mary Simon.

According to the story of Father Simon's witnesses, Etulue about a year ago was living with several of his brothers in the upper apartments of a house on Ninth street, in which Mrs. Mary Simon occupied the ground floor. Mrs. Simon was the widow of Etulue's uncle and fifteen years his senior, but he wanted to marry her and she consented. They went to Father Simon and asked him to perform the ceremony secretly as they did not want their relatives to know about it. Just then he refused to do so at first, but later accompanied the couple to the Greek Catholic church on the South Side, and performed the ceremony there in the presence of the Greek priest, Rev. Eugene Volka, and his housekeeper.

They did not disclose their marriage but secretly maintained the relations of man and wife for six months, when a disagreement of some kind occurred and Mary had Najib arrested for non-support.

The case was tried before Alderman Kellow, of the Fourteenth ward. Father Simon testified that he performed a marriage ceremony uniting Mary and Najib, and Najib swore that no such ceremony was ever performed. It was on these oaths that the charges of perjury were based.

At the trial yesterday Mary's claim that she was Mrs. Etulue was supported by Father Simon, Father Volka and the latter's housekeeper. Najib's denial was supported by statements of a raft of Syrian relatives to the effect that Mary and Najib had never lived as man and wife. It was admitted that no marriage license was secured.

The testimony also brought out the sensational incident of last summer, when Etulue was interrupted in his attempt to secure a license for his marriage to Mary Bennett, by Father Simon and the other Mary coming upon the scene with a protest and inducing the clerk of the courts to refuse to issue the license. A damage suit against the priest grew out of this later incident.

Elyses Myers pleaded guilty to a charge of larceny and receiving preferred by J. A. Taylor.

William Burke and Andrew Nealon, who pleaded guilty to larceny and receiving, were sentenced to pay a fine of \$1 and costs.

The case against the mayor and councilmen of Scranton charging them with not keeping a road in the Twenty-first ward in good condition, was postponed until next week.

John Koslovich was charged with libel by Joseph Gustafue, but the jury said not guilty. The costs were placed

on the prosecutor. Both are members of the congregation of the Lithuanian church of North Main avenue.

JUDGE EDWARDS.

The Porter jury brought in a verdict yesterday morning after the opening of court. As directed by the court a verdict of not guilty was returned as to Alamanno Porter, it being shown that he had nothing to do with the transactions that led to the prosecution. As to Alonzo Porter the jury found a verdict of guilty as to the charges of receiving stolen goods and buying from minors and not guilty as to the charge of failing to keep a record of the purchases of junk.

The trial of John Woelkers, charged with selling liquor without a license on West of not guilty in this city, which opened Thursday afternoon, was resumed. It was shown that two members of the Municipal league had bought liquor there and that they had seen children buy beer and carry it away in pails.

Woelkers said in his defence that he did not sell intoxicants. He has a place on Willow street, but sold only soft drinks and cigars. He called several witnesses to testify to his good character. A verdict of guilty was returned by the jury. A nol pro, was taken as to the charge of selling on Sunday.

George Spitz was indicted at the instance of Anthony Sholkowski for maintaining a public nuisance at Pricburg. The evidence disclosed that the nuisance was of a private nature and Judge Edwards said the proper remedy was in the civil courts. A verdict of not guilty was taken.

George Clum, Walter Reynolds and William Riverburg, who were convicted Thursday of larceny and receiving, were called up yesterday for sentence. Clum was sentenced to pay a fine of \$1 and costs and the other two to \$10 and costs.

TO VALIDATE THE SEWER BOND ISSUE

Suggestion That a Bill Be Introduced in the Legislature Validating All Municipal Bond Issues.

A suggestion has been made which if carried into effect would permit the city to hold R. L. Day & Co. to their bid for the \$125,000 issue of sewer bonds and it would appear that unless this suggestion is adopted or another special election held the bonds cannot be disposed of.

The suggestion is that the city should direct the city solicitor to prepare a bill to be presented at the coming session of the state legislature validating all municipal bond issues made since 1897.

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C. C. Donovan represented the contestants, and John R. Edwards the respondents. M. J. McAndrew acted as stenographer.

Exceptions will be filed by both sides and it is expected the arguments on the exceptions will be heard at the next term of argument court.

COURT HOUSE NEWS NOTES.

A marriage license was yesterday granted to John Inhoff and Maggie Rothbach, of Taylor.

The will of Mary Grove, late of this city, was yesterday admitted to probate and letters testamentary granted to C. R. Pletcher.

Mrs. Anna M. Probe yesterday began an action against John Stout to recover \$1,000 damages. She alleges that the defendant entered upon her land near Lake Scranton and tore down fences and barns.

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