

DEAD IN BURNING HOME

Holocaust at Farmer's Residence in Centre County, Pa.

FATHER MADE HEROIC RESCUES

Fire Was Caused By Overheated Stove and Burned Fiercely—Survivors Suffered Greatly From the Intense Cold.

Dubois, Pa., Dec. 23.—Word reached here yesterday of a terrible holocaust that occurred about three miles from Summerville, Jefferson county, Saturday morning. The home of John Ashbaugh, a farmer, was destroyed by fire and four persons were burned to death. One other is burned in such a manner that recovery is very doubtful, and four others are seriously burned and injured.

The dead are: William Ashbaugh, a brother of the owner of the Ashbaugh home; Mabel Ashbaugh, 12 years old; Harry Ashbaugh, 10 years old, and James Ashbaugh, 9 years old.

The injured are: Herman Ashbaugh, 8 years old, burned in such a manner that recovery is very doubtful; Mrs. Ashbaugh, seriously burned, leg broken and injured internally by jumping from a second-story window; John Ashbaugh, the husband and father, seriously burned and suffering from exposure; two young children, painfully burned.

The affair happened at an early hour in the morning and the fire was undoubtedly caused by an overheated stove. Mr. Ashbaugh had got up in the morning, replenished the fuel in the kitchen stove and then went back to bed. He was awakened a short time afterwards by smoke entering the room he occupied, and jumping from bed he found the lower part of the house ablaze. He ran through the house and awakened every one, and then made his way outside with his two smallest children. He hurried back and looked for his wife, brother and four other children, who were still in the house. He succeeded in reaching a room that had been occupied by the children, but only one, the 8-year-old boy, Herman, was there. He could hear the screams of the four others in a room across the hall, where it is supposed they were lured in their bewilderment, supposing it to be a way out of the house. Mr. Ashbaugh could not enter the room. The flames were so fierce that he was compelled to fight his way from the house. Meantime Mrs. Ashbaugh had jumped from an upper story window and was lying on the ground, with a broken leg and suffering from internal injuries and burns. Mr. Ashbaugh dragged his wife and the three children farther away from the burning house, the walls of which were now falling in. He carried bundles of hay, straw and feed sacks from the barn, with which he wrapped them up. Then, tying his own feet, which were badly burned and cut, in sacks, and with nothing on but his night clothes, and they having been partly burned off him, he ran over a mile through the snow and zero weather to the homes of neighbors and gave the alarm.

BOERS WILL NOT QUIT
Recent Conferences Were to Plan Summer Campaign.
London, Dec. 23.—Telegrams received here from South Africa still refer to the probable decision of the Boers to surrender, but a dispatch to The Daily News from Volksrust yesterday declares that the Boers are determined to continue the war, and that their recent conferences have been with the object of planning a summer campaign.

Big Profit in Old Ore Mines.
Stroudsburg, Pa., Dec. 23.—Pahaquarry's old ore mines, opposite Shawnee, this county, are to be boomed again. A meeting of the stockholders of the Pahaquarry Mining company was held upon the mining property. The secretary of the company said that \$158,000 worth of stock had been sold, and the first installments paid into the treasury. It is now given out that the ore pans out \$9.50 to the ton, leaving a margin of profit of \$7 a ton.

Cubans Entertain American Sailors.
Havana, Dec. 23.—The officers and sailors of the visiting American fleet, now in the harbor, are being royally entertained by the Cubans. Last night the Americans attended a Spanish opera at the Payret Theatre. General Wood tendered them a reception at the palace today. Senor Gener, the mayor of Havana, has presented each ship with 1,000 cigars.

Germany Threatens Venezuela.
Berlin, Dec. 23.—The German government is preparing for military action against Venezuela in order to compel a settlement of German claims against that country. It is said that Germany has sent an ultimatum to Venezuela, threatening forcible measures to compel the satisfaction of German creditors of that country.

Oldest Indian Dead.
La Crosse, Wis., Dec. 23.—Nuc-a-ga, the oldest Indian squaw in the United States, died in the Winnebago Indian camp, Barron's Island, aged 128 years. She was buried with the customary ceremonies in the presence of a large number of chiefs from all parts of the northwest.

Christmas Gifts For Boer Children.
Utrecht, Dec. 23.—The Rev. Mr. Schaeffer, a Protestant clergyman of Remscheid, Rhenish Prussia, presented to Mr. Kruger a purse of 19,000 marks subscribed as a Christmas gift to the Boer children by the children of the Rhine provinces and Westphalia.

GIRL BURNED TO DEATH

Fair Student at Bryn Mawr College Roasted Alive.

Philadelphia, Dec. 21.—Miss Lillian Vickers, of Los Angeles, Cal., a young student at Bryn Mawr College, was burned to death yesterday in her room in College Hall. The girl was fairly roasted alive, her entire body being charred to a crisp.

Just how the sad accident occurred no one is able to say. Miss Vickers retired to the bathroom, situated near her own apartment. Half an hour later she came rushing forth, enveloped in flames, screaming for help. Several of her fellow-students ran to her assistance and endeavored to beat out the flames, which were gradually but surely consuming the entire person of the young girl. Like a flaming torch the unfortunate girl ran about the hallway, while the frantic students who had responded to her cries for help, threw shawls, wraps and blankets over the burning girl in their efforts to smother the flames.

Medical assistance was promptly summoned, but when the physicians arrived Miss Vickers was unconscious from the terrible burns. The flames had been beaten out, but not before the skin was charred to a crisp.

The girl was taken to her room and everything possible was done to alleviate her suffering. Miss Vickers lingered for about five hours, and died without regaining consciousness.

It was said that Miss Vickers, believing that she was suffering from leprosy, covered her skin with alcohol to remove the disease. She poured a large quantity of the spirits on her, and while thus covered the alcohol caught fire, and before she could help herself was enveloped in a mass of flames. Another rumor had it that Miss Vickers committed suicide, but this was strongly denied.

SECRETARY GAGE WILL RESIGN

New Yorker Says He Will Give Up Portfolio Next Month.

New York, Dec. 20.—It is said that Lyman J. Gage, secretary of the treasury, has decided to leave the cabinet, and will give up his portfolio in about a month. A well-known financier in this city yesterday confirmed what has hitherto been simply rumor, to the effect that President Roosevelt would have to name Mr. Gage's successor very soon. Mr. Gage has, according to this same authority, fully made up his mind to leave Washington. On quitting the government service he will resume banking connections in the west.

Crane Offered Treasury Portfolio.

Boston, Dec. 23.—A close friend of Governor Crane confirmed the report from Washington that the governor had been offered the treasury portfolio by President Roosevelt, and said that the governor had asked for time before deciding whether or not he would accept. It is learned at Dalton that he has dispatched his decision to the president by a special messenger. What the governor has said to the president is left wholly to inference and no information can be obtained here.

ANOTHER WAR BREWING

Argentine Minister to Chili Has Been Recalled.

Buenos Ayres, Dec. 23.—General Mitre, president of the boundary commission and former president of Argentina, will approve the resolution of the Argentine government to withdraw Senor Portela, the Argentine minister to Chili.

The people are flocking to the public rifle ranges. Each citizen is allowed to shoot 25 cartridges from a Mauser rifle gratis. "Foreign legions" of soldiers are being organized. Senor Concha Subercaseaux, the Chilean minister here, had a conference with General Roca, president of Argentina. General Roca's demeanor to the Chilean minister was cold, and he spoke with energy. The conference became a little violent in character. General Roca severely criticized the proceedings of the Chilean administration.

Valparaiso, Dec. 23.—A proclamation was read yesterday throughout Chili, calling out another contingent of the national guard.

Trying to Evade Exclusion Law.

Port Townsend, Wash., Dec. 23.—Information has been received here by members of the local Chinese colony to the effect that a large number of stock companies are being organized in the southern provinces of China, and stock amounting to \$500,000 will be issued to Chinese coming to America, so they may show upon being examined by the customs officials at the port of entry that they belong to the exempt class of merchants. This action is said to be the result of the agitation for a more stringent exclusion law at the expiration of the present law next May.

Pennsylvania Mining Accidents.

Hazleton, Pa., Dec. 21.—Mine Inspector William Davies' annual report shows that during the last year 152 accidents, 59 of them fatal, occurred in the Fifth mining district, leaving 37 widows and 77 orphans. This year shows an increase of 17 fatal and 6 non-fatal accidents, and 12 more widows and three less orphans.

Roosevelt Father of Civil Service.

New York, Dec. 21.—The secretary of the National Civil Service Reform League, George McAneny, in addressing a meeting of the Madison Square Republican Club last night, referred to President Roosevelt as the real father of civil service reform.

Admiral Sampson's Condition.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The condition of Admiral Sampson is better than it has been for several days past, and if the cold weather moderates he hopes to be able to resume outdoor exercises.

Two Bodies Petrified.

Pleasantville, N. J., Dec. 18.—While a grave digger was disinterring the remains of George and Charles, young children of Joseph Stevens, of Elwood, he was surprised to find them in a perfectly natural condition, petrification having taken place. The bodies were interred five years ago, and since that time have turned to stone.

Senator Sewell's Condition.

Camden, N. J., Dec. 16.—The condition of United States Senator Sewell according to his physicians was more encouraging last night. The senator during yesterday rallied from his sinking spell of Saturday night and is now said to be in no immediate danger.

Two Killed in Maryland Wreck.

Cumberland, Md., Dec. 16.—J. P. Maxwell, engineer of Gratton, W. Va., and C. T. Sharp, brakeman, of Newburg, W. Va., were killed in a rear-end collision on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad at Keyser last night. Three cars were wrecked.

Miss Stone's Release Impending.

London, Dec. 2.—A dispatch to The Daily Telegraph from Sofia says that the surrender at Salonika of Miss Ellen M. Stone, the American missionary, and her companion, Mme. Tsilka, is impending.

Neuralgia.

The Prayer of a Nerve for More Blood.

Neuralgia may attack any part of the body but most frequently occurs where the nerves are most abundant.

In the head.
In the face.

Sometimes the heart nerves seem to twist
Twinging rheumatic pains of the extremities

Sharp and intense at times
In the intervals dull and heavy.

Neuralgia is the result of impoverished blood caused by impairment of the nerves—a lack of nerve force.

It is a disease of the nerve centers, and the pains accompanying it are a prayer for better nourishment. They are the danger signals which warn you against a total collapse of the nervous system.

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About five years ago my right ear began to ring, and this kept on getting worse, until I lost my hearing in this ear entirely.
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I then saw your advertisement accidently in a New York paper, and ordered your treatment. After I had used it only a few days according to your directions, the noises ceased, and today, after five weeks, my hearing in the diseased ear has been entirely restored. I thank you heartily and beg to remain Very truly yours,
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DYSPEPTICIDE

The greatest aid to DIGESTION.

Farmer Eaten by Hogs.
Oakland, Neb., Dec. 21.—J. Sandbloom, a farmer, 88 years old, living a mile south of town, was found by his son yesterday, lying helpless and unconscious in a hog yard, with the swine feeding on the flesh of his still living body. He is supposed to have become a victim of the frigid weather and fell in the hog yard while feeding the swine. It was with difficulty that the hungry animals were driven off.

Assaulted By Negro.

Philadelphia, Dec. 16.—Annie Hendrickson, a domestic in the employ of Henry Rodenstein, who resides near Merchantville, N. J., about five miles from Camden, was attacked on Saturday night by John Moore, a negro, who cut her throat with a razor. She is not expected to recover. Miss Hendrickson was returning home, when Moore seized her. She screamed, and the negro, drawing a razor, slashed her throat twice. Moore was arrested yesterday and identified by Miss Hendrickson. He is in jail at Mt. Holly.

Eczema for Forty Years.

The Unqualified Statement of a Well Known Attorney, St. Ignace, Mich.

Some of the cures made by Dr. A. W. Chase's Ointment of stubborn and long continued eczema and skin diseases are causing much comment.

People are beginning to realize that this Ointment is a wonder worker with all kinds of skin trouble. Attorney Jas. J. Brown, St. Ignace, Michigan writes as follows
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Yours truly,
JAS. J. BROWN.

Dr. Chase's Ointment is sold at 50 cents a box at all dealers or Dr. A. W. Chase's Medicine Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

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heals lungs and stops the cough.

Short Talks On Advertising

By Charles Austin Bates.

In most newspapers there is a dead level of advertising excellence, or rather lack of excellence.

The advertisements are generally of about the same degree of badness. Probably in every town there are two or three advertisers who secure distinct prominence for their announcements by giving them a little attention and infusing into them a little life and interest.

A man doesn't have to get his head very far above the sea of mediocrity to command wide attention. Nine cases in ten, when a man says that advertising doesn't pay, he has arrived at this conclusion because he has expected the newspaper to do it all.

If he were to neglect his show window and his store front as he neglects his advertising space he would have still other complaints to make about business in general. If the windows were never washed and the display of goods never changed, he would not expect many people to stop and lose themselves in an ecstasy of admiration; and yet he does seem to expect just this sort of thing for an old, moss covered advertisement.

There is nothing magical about advertising. It is one of the tools of trade, just as a chisel is a tool of carpentry. The man who handles the chisel properly can do many useful things with it. If he is careless and awkward he is likely to cut himself.

It's the same way with advertising.

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Plenty of References.
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