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THE EMINENT DIVINE'S SUNDAY DISCOURSE

Subject: Pillarsof Saoke-Trials of Truth Expressed With a Biblical Symbol-The Suffering of the Church of God Powerfully Set Porth.

(Copyright, Louis Klopsch, 1839.) WASHINGTON, D. C.—The trials through which the truth has struggled are by Dr. Talmage here set forth under a Bible symbol of great suggestiveness and power; text, Solomon's Song, iff., 6, "Who is this that cometh out of the wilderness like pillars of smoke?"

bol of great suggestiveness and power, text, Solomon's Song, ill., 6, "Who is this that cometh out of the wilderness like pillars of smoke?"

The architecture of the smoke is wondrous, whether God with His finger curves it into a cloud, or rounds it into a dome, or points it in a spire, or spreads it in a wing, or, as in the text, holsts it in a wing, or, as in the text, holsts it in a pillar. Watch it winding up from the country farmbouse in the sarly morning, showing that the partoral industries have begun, or see it ascending from the chimneys of the city, telling of the homes fed, the factories turning out valuable fabrics, the printing presses preparing book and newspaper and all the 10,000 wheels of work in motion. On a clear day this vapor spoken of mounts with such buoyancy and spreads such a delicate veit across the sky, and traces such graceful lines of circle and semicicle, and waves and sloses and sinks and soarts and scatters with such affluence of shape and color and suggestiveness that, if you have never noticed it, you are like a man who has all his life lived in Paris and yet hever seen the Luxembourg, or all his life in Rome and never seen the Vatican, or all his life at Lockport and never seen Niagara. Forty-four times the Bible speaks of the smoke, and it is about time that somebody preached a sermon recognizing this strange, weird, beautiful, clastic, charming, terrificand fascinating vapor. Across the Bible sky floats the smoke of the volcanic hills when God touches them, and in my text the glorious church of God coming up out of the wilderness like pillars of smoke in my text indicate the suffering the church of God has endured. What do I mean by the church? I mean not a building, not a seet, but those who in all ages and all lands and of all beliefs love God and are trying to do right. For many centries the heavens have been black with the smoke of martyrdom. If act side by side, you could girdle the oarth with the first places burned at Goucester, John Huss burned at Coustance, Lawrence

burned at Rouen. Protestants have represented Catholias as having a monopoly of persecutors, but both Protestant and Catholie have prac-ticed infamous cruefties. The Catholies during the reign of Hunneric were by Protestants put to the worst tortures, stripped of their clothing, hoisted in the air by pulleys with weights suspended from their feet, then let down, and ears and eyes

feet, then let down, and ears and eyes, nose and longue were amputated, and red hot plates of iron were put against the tenderest part of their bodies.

George Baneroft, the historian, says of the State of Maryiand: "In the land which Catholies had opened to Protestants mass might not be said publicly, no Catholie priest or bishop might atter his faith in a voice of persuasion, no Catholie might teach the young. If a wayward chill of a papist would become an apostate, the law wrested for him from his parents a share of their property. Such were the mothods adopted to prevent the growth of popery."

popery."
Catholicism, as well as Protestantism, has had its martyrs. It does seem as if when any one sect got complete dominancy in any land the devil of persecution and cruelty took possession of that seet. Then see the Catholics after the Huguenots. See see the Catholics after the Huguenots. See the gentiles after the Jews in Tournine, where a great pit was dug and fire lighted at the bottom of the pit, and 160 Jewish victims were consumed. See the Presbyterian parliament of England, more tyrannical in their treatment of opponents than had been the criminal courts. Persecution against the Baptists by Pado-Baptists, persecution of the Established Church against the Mathodist Church, persecution against the Mathodist Church persecution against the Methodist Church, persecution against the Quakers, persecution against the Pres-byterians. Under Emperor Diocletian 144,000 Christians were massacred, and 700,000 more of them died from banishment

700,000 more of them died from bankshiller, and exposure.

Witness the sufferings of the Waldenses, of the Albigenses, of the Nestorians. Witness St. Bartholomew's massacre. Witness the Duke of Alva driving out of life 18,000 Christians. Witness Herod and Nero and Declus and Hildebrand and Torquemada and Earl of Montfort and Lord Claverbanes, who when told that he must give and Earl of Montfort and Lord Claver-house, who, when told that he must give account for his cruelties, said, "I have no need to account to man, and as for God I will take Him in my own hands." A red line runs through the church history of 1900 years, a line of blood. Not by the hundreds of thousands, but by the millions, must we count those sinin for Christ's sake. No wonder John Milton put the groans of the martyrs to an immortal tune, writing Avenge, O Lord, Thy slaughtered saints

Lie scattered on the Alpine mountains

The smoke of martyrs' homes and martyrs' bodies if rolling up all at once would have eclipsed the noonday sun and turned the brightest day the world ever saw into a midnight. cometh up out of the wilderness like pil-lars of smoke?"

Has persecution ceased? Ask that young Has persecution ceased? Ask that young man who is trying to be a Christian in a store or factory, where from morning to night he is the butt of all the mean wittleisms of unbelieving employes. Ask that wife whose husband makes her fondness for the house of God and even he kneeling prayer by the bedside a derision and is no more fit for her holy companionship than a filthy crow would be fit companion for a robin or a golden orloic. Comprofer a robin or a golden orloic. Comprofers than a filthy crow would be lit companion for a robin or a golden oriole. Compromise with the world and surrender to its conventionalities and it may let you alone, but all who will live godly in Christ Jesus must suffer persecution. Be a theatre going, eard playing, wine drinking, round dancing Christian and you may escape criticism and social pressure. But be an up and down, out and out follower of Christ, and worldling will wink to worldling as he speaks your name, and you will be put in worldling will wink to worldling as he speaks your name, and you will be put in many a doggerel and snubbed by those not worthy to blacken your oldest shoes. When the bridge at Ashtabula broke and let down the most of the carload of passengers to instant death, Mr. P. P. Bliss was seated on one side of the asis of the car writing down a Christian song which he was composing, and on the other side a group of men were playing cards. Whose landing place in sternity would you prefer—that of P. P. Bliss, the gospel singer, or of the card players?

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A great complaint comes from the theatres about the ladies' high hats because they obstruct the view of the stage, and a dy reporter asked me what I thought, bout it, and I told berthat if the indecent pletures of actresses in the show windows were accurate pletures of what goes on in many of the theatres night by night, then it would be well if the ladies' hats were a mile high, so as to completely obstruct the vision. If professed Christians go to such places during the week, no one will even persecute them for their religion, for they

have none, and they are the joke of heil.
But let them live a consecrated and Christian life and they will soon run against sneering opposition.

For a compromise Christian character an easy time now, but for consecrated behavior, or in sec. havior, grimace and caricature. For the body, thanks to the God of free America, there are now no swords or flery stakes, but for the souls of thousands of the good, but for the souls of thousands of the good, in a figurative sense, rack and gibbet and Torquemada. The symbol of the domestic and social and private and public suffering of a great multitude of God's dear children, pillars of smoke. What an exciting scene in India when, during the sepoy rebellion, a regiment of highlanders came up and found the dead body of one of General Wheeler's daughters, who had been insulted and mauled and slain by the sepoys. So great was the wrath against these murderers that the Scotch regiment sat down, and, cutting off the hair of this dead daughter of General Wheeler, they divided it among them, and cach one counted the number of hairs given him, and each took an oath, which was executed, that for each hair of the murdered daughter they would dash out the life of a bestial sepoy. But as we look over the

for the truth, while we leave vengeance to the Lord, let us band together in one solemn vow, one tremendous oath, after having counted the host of the martyrs, that for each one of those glorious men and women who died for the truth an immortal shall live, live with God and live forever.

But, as I already hinted in the first sentence of this sermon, nothing can be more beautiful than the figures of smoke on a clear sky. You can see what you will in the contour of this volatile vapor, now enchanted castles, now troops of horsemen, now bannered procession, now winged couriers, now a black angel of wrath under a spear of the saushine turned to an angel of light, and now from horizon to horizon the air is a picture gallery filled with masterpieces of which God is the artist, burning clouds of smoke haid in the burnished sepulchers of the sunset.

The beauty of the transfigured smoke is a divine symbol of the beauty of the church. The fairest of all the fair is she. Do not call those persecutors of whom I spoks the church. They are the parasites of the church in the church with a supernatural gladness, to open all the prison doors, to balsam all the wounds, to moss all the

turni gladness, to open all the prison doors, to balsam all the wounds, to moss all the graves, to burn up the night in the fireplace

graves, to burn up the night in the fireplace of a great morning, to change from hand-cuffs into diamonded wristiets, to turn the whole race around and whereas it feed death, commanding it. "Right about face for heaven!" According to the number of the spires of the churches in all our cities, towns and neighborhoods are the good homes, the worldly prosperities and the pure morals and the happy souls.

Meet me at any depot the world over, and with my eyes closed take me by the hand and lend me so that my feet will not stumble, and without my once looking down or looking on the level take me to some high roof or tower and let me see the tops of the churches, and I will tell you the proportion of suicides, of arsons, of nurders, of thefts. According as the churches are numerous are the crimes few. According as the churches are few the crimes are numerous. The most beautiful organization the more death. merous. The most beautiful organization the world ever saw or ever will see is the much maligned church, the friend of all good, the foc of all evil, "fair as the moon and clear as the sun." Beautiful in her Author, beautiful in her mis fon, the hero-

and clear as the sun." Heantiful in her Author, beautiful in har mis ion, the heroine of the centuries, the bride of Christ, the queen of the nations!

Man may descrate it, as Cromwell, whoch is tabled his cavalry horses in St. Paul's Cathedral; or break off the image of Christ, as did the iconoclasts in York minster; or hurl against it august literary antipathics, as did Gibbon; or plot its overthrow, as do some in every community whose pride and hats and debanchery are reproved by the Ten Commandments which it thunders and the sermon on the mount which its breathes. But it will stand as long as the earth stands, the same unique and wonder working and heatific and miraculous thing for which God decreed it. Small with tax their brain to say things that will put her at disadvantage, but many of them will send for its condolence when dying, and their shilloren will be gathered up under its benedictions after the parental curse has been removed. Through her gates will march all the influences for good that shall ever reach our world. Take her membership as a mass, not speaking of the gates will march all the influences for good that shall ever reach our world. Take her membership as a mass, not speaking of the acknowledged exceptions, they are the noblest, grandest, kindest, best men and women of the ages. But for them the earth would long ago have been a burned out volcano. They have been the saft that has kept the human race from putrefaction insufferable either to human or angelle offactories.

You lying and hypocritical world, shut And tying and apportunities world, and ap those slanders about the church of Christ, an institution which, far from being what it ought to be and never pretending to be perfect, is 500 times better than any other institution that the world ever saw or ever dreamed of. The highest honor I ever had and the highest bonor I shall ever receive and the highest honor I ever want is to have my name on her records as a member. At her altars I repented, At her sacraments I believed. In her service let me die. From her doors let me be buried. O church of God! Thou home of the righteoust Thou harbor from tempess! Thou refuge for the weary! Thou lighthouse of many nations! Thou type of heaven! I could kiss thy very dust with cestasy of affection.

For her my tears shall fall, For her my prayers ascend, To her my toils and cares be given Till toils and cares shall end.

Ob, come into the church through Christ Ob, come into the church through Christ the door, a door more giorious than that of the temple of Hercules, which had two pillars, and one was gold and the other emerald! Come in to-day! The world you leave behind is a poor world, and it will burn and pass off like pillars of smoke. Whether the final conflagration will start in the coal mines of Pennsyl-vania, which in some places have tween vania, which in some places have for many years been burning and eating into the heart of the mountains, or whether it shall begin near the California geysers, or whether from out the furnaces of Cotopaxi and Vesuvius and Stromboli it shall burst forth upon the astonished nations I make no prophecy, but all geologists tell us that we stand on the lid of a world. the heart of which is a raging, roaring, awful flame, and some day God will let the red monsters out of their imprisonment of centuries, and New York on fire in 1835, and Charleston on fire in 1855, and Charleston on fire in 1872, and Boston on fire in 1873. on fire in 1872, and Boston on fire in 1873 were only like one spark from a black-smith's forge as compared with that last universal blaze which will be seen in other worlds. But gradually the flames will lessen, and the world will become a great living coal, and that will take on ashen hue, and then our rained planet will begin to smoke, and the mount ains will smoke, and the valleys will smoke, and the islands will smoke, and the seas will smoke, and the cities will smoke, and the five continents will be five pillars of will smoke, and the cities will smoke, and the five continents will be five pliars of smoke. But the black vapors will begin to lessen in height and density, and then will become hardly visible to those who look upon it from the sky galleries, and after awhile from just one point there will earl up a thin, solitary vapor, and then even that will vanish, and there will be nothing left except the charred rules of a burned out world, the corpse of a dead star, the ashes of an extinguished planet, a fallen pillar of smoke.

But that will not interfere with your in-

vestments if you have taken Christ as your Saviour. Secure heaven as your eternal home, and you can look down upon a dismantied, disrupted and demolished earth without any perturbation.

When wrapped in fire the realms of ether And heaven's last thunders shake the earth Thou, undismayed, shalt o'er the ruins

And light thy torch at Nature's funeral

The discovery of a case of the bubonic plague on a vessel which succeeded in reaching the New York quarantine grounds, is not a warrant for much fear on that ground, But it is alarming that the plague should have made its appearance in Brazil, and should have been stopped at the gates of New York by a very effective quarantine system. But what about other ports where the quarantine a not so strict, and what about other vessels, whose captains do not happen to be sick, and whose crew or passengers may be allowed to slip ashore? The incident, though, exceptionally enforces the necessity of the strictest surveillance over all foreign trade a all our ports.

It is estimated on good authority that the grand total circulation of American newspapers and publications is 3,500,000,000 copies. They contain 200,000 advertisements in each collective issue, and cost the advertisers each year \$150,000,000.

When Rudyard Kipling rubbed us down with his "White Man's Burden," he did not include in his mental vision the Boers of South Africa, who are as white as we are, and who want to divide the burden with the people

THE SABBATH SCHOOL

'NTERNATIONAL LESSON COMMENTS FOR DECEMBER 24.

Subject: Christ's Coming Foretold, Isa. ix., 2-7-Golden Text: Lake H., 11-Memory Verson: Isa. ix., 6, 7-Com mentary on the Day's Lesson.

mentary on the Day's Lesson.

2. "The people that walked in darkness," The people of Judah. They were at this time under a two-fold darkness (1) The darkness of outward trouble. See 2 Kings 15:37; 16:4-8, 17; 2 Chron. 28:5-8. (2) They were in moral darkness. They were attacked by the king of Israel and by the king of Damaseus, and afterward by the king of Damaseus, and afterward by the king of Assyria. Great multitudes were carried captives, or were slate. In this deep affliction of the Jewish nation her old form rose up against her. The Edomitas deep adliction of the Jewish nation her old fees rose up against her. The Edomites, on the southeast, and the Philistines, on the southwest, poured in their troops upon the devoted land and added to its calami-ties. The Philistines took permanent pos-session of the territory which they had overrun, occupying it and adding it to their dominion. Judah was indeed "brought low and made naked." 2 Chros. 23:18. Her country was desolate, her cities were burned with fre; her land—strangers devoured it. country was desolate, her cities were burned with fire; her land—strangers devoured it in her presence, isa, i:7. The territory that remained to her was truly but a very small remained, and even that was threatened. To escane from these troubles king Ahnz appealed to Tighath-Pileser II, of Assyria, for help. He came, and the result was that Ahnz had to rob the temple and his palace of their treasures in order to pay the required tribute; and, still more, he sacrificed the independence and honor of the reaim itself.—Peloubst.

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The prophet shows them the Messiah and
His times. He would move them to hope,
awaken faith, arouse to righteousness, by awaken faith, arouse to righteousness, by the vision of good times coming. The only way to such a bleased consummation was by the path of holiness, obedience and faith. "They joy before Thee." The prophet notes it to be a religious joy because it is said to be before God—that is, in His presence and with a grateful acknowledgment of His benefits. This seems to denote that the events predicted would be the source of greater joy to all true Israelites than any of their former deliverances; though, at the same time, the unbelleving Jews who constituted the bulk of the nation would be driven into darkness, as they were, both as to their outward misseries and their dark and blirded state in respect of their dark and blirded state in respect of spiritual concerns.

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4. "Thou hast broken the yoke." The lews were successively delivered from the burdensome and gailing yoke of the Assyrians, Chaldeans, Perslaus and Macedonians; but these deliverances were only a shadow of redemption from the yoke of Satan; and that redemption seems here especially predicted as if already accomplished. "As in the day of Midian." As Gideon with a handful of men conquered the hosts of Midian, so Messiah, the "child" (v. 6), shall prove to be the "Prince of pence," and the small company under Him shall overcome the mighty hosts of Anticarist, Soo the same contrast in Mic. Antichrist, See the same contrast in Mie

5. "Por every battle." It was the cus-tom of antiquity to pile the arms of pros-trate enemics, the spoils of less value, and their spotted garments, into a heap and then barn them. All that belongs to war shail be sweet away; the war fiself shall de. The Mossiah abolishes all war; but not until His foes are either sweet away by His judgments or melted into pentionee and His judgments or metted into pentionee and won over to submission by His love. These promises were a great comfort, not only for the promise of victory over the then threatening enemy, but from the assurance of final triumph and success. The tide from the ocean of future blessings flowed back upon the present. The light from Jesus Christ shone back on Judah all through the seven hundred years that lay between. The best things in life are but dimly seen and partly known. dimly seen and partly known.

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6. "Unto us." The prophet spake of the predicted blessings as if already communicated. Angels say. "Unto you," but this child was born for the benefit of us men, of us sinners, of all believers, to the end of the world. In toe far distance the prophet foresaw the Redeemer of the world. It is interesting to notice how this promise gradually dawned upon the world through the prochets. A little later came the vision of the suffering Saviour (Isa, 33); then the town where He should be born (Micah 5:3); a more complete reveiation came through Daulel. These prophecies were so spread abroad that at the time of His coming there prevailed throughout were so spread abroad that at the time of His coming there prevailed throughout the entire East an intense conviction that are long a powerful monarch would arise in Judea and gain dominion over the world. Virgil, who lived a little before this, owns that a child from heaven was looked for, who should restore the golden age and take away sin. "A son is given." God's gratultous gift, upon which man had no claim. John 218. A gift of love, of joy, of universal filness to our needs, of eternal enrichment, of forever increasing value, and this gift insures all other gifts. Bom. 8:32. As Son of man Jesus ing value; and this gift insures all other gifts. Rom. 8:32. A4 Son of man Jesus was "a child born;" as Son of God he was a "Son given." "Government." The ensign of government, the scoptre, the sword, or key, was borne upon or hung from the shoulder. All government shall be vested in him. "His name." A name stands for all that is in the man—his sharacter, his principles and his property. "Wonderful." Because His nature was both human and divine. Whoever refuses to believe in the supernatural must pause at the manger. Ha can go no farther, How Godhood and manhood could be knit logether in the person of Christ is beyond together in the person of Christ is beyond as. But things incomprehensible are not incredible. All divine works are wonder-ful. There are marvols enough in a drop of water to be wilder the wisest. "Counsel-One who has wisdom to guide himself and others. Jesus was the embodiment of the Wisdom of God. "Mighty God." God the mighty One. As He has wisdom, so He has trongth; He is able to save to the uttermost; and such is the work of the Mediator that no less a power than that of the nighty God could accomplish it. He has control of all forces for the salvation of control of all forces for the salvantanaken; He can conquer all enemies, make men; He can conquer all enemies, make His kingdom triumphant over all obstacles, can always stand before and above His propie, leading them on to higher and higher developments. "Everlasting Father." Expressing the divine leve and pity for men, a love that can never fall pity for men, a love that can never fall, for it is everlasting. The Father pitleth His shildren that are weak in knowledge, and instructs them; pitles thom when they are troward, and bears with them; pitles them when they are sick, and comforts them; when they are fallen, and helps them up again. "Prince of Peace." As a King He preserves, commands, creates peace. His peace both keeps the hearts of His people and rules in them. He is the Author of all peace both keeps the hearts of His people and rules in them. He is the Author of all that peace which is the present and future bliss of His subjects. Peace is used to express all the blessings that come to a ringdom where there is peace from outward enemies, peace between rulers and ruled, peace between the different members of the kingdom; no disorders, no idleness, no criminals.

A young man who had disapointed his grandfather by displaying no fondness for New England farm life made his way through college, and the law school, and in time became a judge. His grandfather watched his progress with a sort of unwilling pride, but never by word or look gave young John the least encouragement of praise. When the appointment to the judge's bench at last came, the grandson took heart and asked for the old man's congratulations, "Aren't you glad for me, grandfather?" he asked, almost wistfully, glancing at the stubborn old face beside him. "Well, yes, I am glad for ye, John," admitted the octogenarian in a grudging tone. "! am glad for ye, but I don't want you should feel set up and imagine you amount to any great shakes jest on account of being made jedge. I want you should always recall when anything like this comes to ye that there's plenty of folks that when they're in need of a stopper and haven't got any cork, they'll make shift with a corncob! You jest bear that in mind."

KEYSTONE STATE.

LATEST NEWS GLEANED FROM VARI-

OVER 100 DEER KILLED.

In the Star, sesson Allowed for Hunting Game Sportsmen Also Hagged 5,000 Quail and Many Rabbits and Pheasants Miner's Lamp Sets Fire to His Oil-Soaked Clothes Other Live News.

The hunting season in Centre county just osed, has been the best this section of the State experienced in years. During the one nonth for killing deer fully double the num ber of fleet-footed animals were secured that has been killed in any season for ten years past. No accurate count has been obtaina-ble, but conservative estimates place the number at not less than 100. Averaging this number at just 125 pounds weight apiece and there is given the aggregate of from five to six tons of venison secured by sportsmen in Centre County grounds. Aside from the deer killed small game has been unusually plentiful. There literally was no end to rab bits and phesants, while for wild turkeys, the woods were full of them, and the number killed was quite large. Probably the best sport indulged by the most experienced hunters was quall shooting. The bringing to Centre County of quall by the Nittany Gun Club not only gave that organization good shooting on its Nittany Valley preserve, but the birds have spread throughout the entire castern section of the county, so that quali shooting was quite as good on lands adjacent to the preserve as it was in the valley, and outside nimrods proved just as successful in bagging the birds as did the most expert of the club's members. It is a safe estimate that not less than 5000 quall and upward were secured in Centre County during the two months of the open season, and there are still left plenty of the birds for the Spring hatching, providing they weather the Winter in good shape. Among the most successful of the hunting clubs was the Modoes, of Boalsburg, who secured seven deer, one bear and a wagon load of small game in a wo weeks' hunt in the Seven Mountains

Coal Miner Incinerated.

John McMillan, a miner at the Dorrance colliery of the Lehigh Valley, met a horrible death. He was at work in the mines when his oil-soaked clothes caught fire from his lamp, and before the flames were extinguished by others who heard his cries he was horribly burned about the head and body. He was removed to City Hospital, where he died a few minutes after being admitted. The man's body was burned almost to a crisp. He was 60 years of age and leaves a large family.

Two Struck by Trains.

One killed and another fatally injured is the railroad accident record in the vicinity of Greensburg. Frank Alexander, 18 years old, of Donohoe, was walking on the track when he was hit by a fast express and killed instantly. Stewart Hendricks, 30 years, was caught on a crossing east of Bradenville with a wagon and team, when he was struck by an express and huried forty feet. He was fatally hurt and the horses were killed.

Fifty-four Killed in a Year.

Edward Brennan, inspector of the Seventh Anthracite Mining District, has issued his annual report. It shows ofty-four fatal and eighty-four non-fatal accidents. The deaths resulted in thirty-two widows and seventynine orphans. Most of the fatalities were caused by falls of top coal and state and premature explosions. The number employed in the district for 1895 was 19,557, as against 21,056 in 1897, a decrease of 1499. The coal production will run up to 6,000,060 tons, a large increase over last year.

Wife Murderer Sentenced.

Isaac Birrilo, who was convicted at the November term of court for the murder of his wife at Blossburg on July 5 by setting fire to her clothes and holding her hands while she burned, was brought into court at Wellsboro for sentence. Before Judge Mitchell pronounced his doom Birrile pro-tested his innocence. He received the sen-tence of death with composure.

Disastrons Fire. The most disastrous mine fire in the history of the Clearfield coal region occurred at Morrisdale, when tipple, derrick engine and belier house of the Morrisdale Coal Company shaft Number 1, were destroyed. The loss is about \$75,000. Four bundred men are thrown out of employment. The origin of fire not known. Should the fire from the burning timber which falls down the shaft set fire to the coal, the loss will be much greater.

To Rebuild Burned Asylum. A fund was started for the rebuilding of the Western Pennsylvania Institute for the Deaf and Dumb which was destroyed by fire at Edgewood Station, Pittsburg. Officials of the Monongohela Traction Company set the movement going. Mayor Diehl has cousented to act as treasurer for the fund. The insurance on the building was but \$75,000.

Girl Accidentally Killed.

A girl named Minhonski, residing at the Polish settlement on East Creek, was in-stantly killed by the accidental discharge of a gun. The weapon had been left lying on the table by her brother, and the giri was attempting to pick it up, when it was dis-enarged. The builet passed through her hody.

Constables Claim \$1,000.

The constables of Huntington county filed bills at the present term of court amounting to almost \$1000 for services rendered by nemselves and assistants in putting out for est fires within the last ninety days. taxpayers are up in arms against the law under which these excessive bills are flied.

Blast Blows Man to Pieces.

J. Oswald Parsons, 25 years old, was literally blown to pieces at the United States slate quarry at Pen Argyl. Parsons was preparing to set off a blast when powder that had been scattered by the high wind found its way into a crevice in the rock and became

Iron Merchant Dies. Edmund Losey, the head of the firm of Losey & Co., iron and steel merchants of Easton, died after suffering from a compliention of diseases for some time. He was 62 years of age. A widow survives him.

His House a Distillery. Internal Revenue Officers Evans, of Carbondale, and Slack, of Charleston, W. Va., have selzed an illicit distillery in Pike county five miles from Hawley

William Siefert, Jr., foreman at the Hubbard Furnace, Sharon, was fatally burned by a cinder explosion. Woman Drops Dead.

Foreman Fatally Burned by Explosion.

Mrs. Addie Johnson dropped dead at Doylestown. She was the widow of the late John Johnson and was about 50 years of age.

Natural Gas in England. Natural gas found at Heathfield, Susex, is being used to light the railroad station there. It is said to be the first practical use to which natural gas has been put in Europe.



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