

# TWENTY-TWO DEAD.

TEN WHITE, TWELVE COLORED MEN VICTIMS OF DISASTER.

## CAUSED BY FIRE - DAMP.

Explosion Occurred in Cumcock Coal Mines in North Carolina. The Superintendent Was Among Those Who Lost Their Lives—All Bodies, With One Exception, Recovered.

Raleigh, N. C., (Special).—Twenty-two miners, ten white and twelve negroes, lost their lives in an explosion at Cumcock Coal Mines, Chatham county, N. C. The explosion is supposed to have been caused by a broken guage in a safety lamp.

Forty or fifty men were in the mine at the time. The accident was in what is known as the East Heading. Five were brought out alive from the East Heading, while none of the men in the other parts of the mine was injured.

Within an hour after the explosion the work of rescue began, and by daylight all the bodies except one, that of Sam McIntrye, had been brought to the top. All the bodies were horribly burned.

The scenes at the entrance to the mine, where many of the widows and children of the dead men were gathered, were heart-rending. The bodies of the victims of the explosion were prepared for burial and the funerals of several took place.

John Connolly, the mine superintendent, came to this State about three years ago from Pittsburg, Pa. He leaves a widow and three children.

The mines are situated at Cumcock, Chatham county, about six miles from Sanford. The mine has been long used in a desultory way, but in 1898 Samuel A. Henry, of Philadelphia, organized a company and put in modern machinery.

There are two shafts, one a small shaft for ventilation, and the other, the main working shaft, is 8x12 feet, and is considerably more than 800 feet in depth.

In December, 1898, an explosion took place at the same time, in which 43 lives were lost. This explosion was caused by fire damp, though many of those killed on this occasion lost their lives from the resulting explosion of almost 250 pounds of dynamite that was stored in the mines. Two other explosions occurred here many years ago.

## LACKED NERVE.

A Planned Double Tragedy Half Completed—End of an Unhappy Life. Syracuse, N. Y., (Special).—Louise Foster was murdered in the Collins Block by Ernest Hecht. Hecht first chloroformed her and then attempted to take his own life. He confessed the crime, saying:

"She started it and I ended it. I saw her dead and then attempted to kill myself. Mrs. Foster was found in her room by Mrs. Mary Wilbur, who lives in the block. Hecht was sitting in a chair in the room. Mrs. Wilbur saw that Mrs. Foster was dead. A red rose lay upon her throat.

Chloroform was the means used by Hecht to kill Mrs. Foster.

The police found the following letter on Hecht:

"My sweetheart—This is my first and last love letter to you. When you arrive here I will be ready for you. I will be all your own until you are ready to keep your promise. Will ask but one thing of you: Do it well and quickly, and if there is a hereafter I will wait for you. We will go hand in hand to meet whatever the beyond holds for us.

"My darling, you thought me cruel, but I was kind. If I had done as you wished, it would have been so much harder to have given it all up. I don't suffer. I have died a hundred deaths, but I am tired of the struggle. Fate is stronger than I.

"Take me in your arms; hold me close to your warm, loving heart, until mine grows cold. Let your love be the last thing that I will realize in this world, so that I can take it with me into the next. Your lips take my last breath only to give it back when we meet again, for meet we certainly will, if it be in heaven or hell. I will go where you go.

"I will write no more now, as words are but empty sounds. Be brave, for I will destroy this letter, for we must leave nothing behind for the world to gloat over. My darling, I kiss you.

Hecht said he committed the crime at 1 A. M., and the woman died at 1:30.

He then took a dose of the poison, became ill and lay down. He recovered shortly and made up his mind to blow his brains out with a revolver, but could not nerve himself to the deed.

Hecht is a dyer and has been in the city only a few months. He is a rover and was born in the Akron, and Cynthia Falls, Rapid Transit (electric) Suburban Line.

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Three men stuck to the cars until they jumped the track at the bottom of the hill and were killed in the wreck.

## A RUSH DOWN GRADE.

Frightful Accident to a Work-Train—3 Killed and Others Badly Hurt. Akron, O., (Special).—Three men were killed and a number of others seriously injured, as a result of an accident to a work-train on the Akron and Cuyahoga Falls Rapid Transit (electric) Suburban Line.

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## William of Hesse Dead.

Berlin, (By Cable).—Prince William of Hesse, uncle of Grand Duke Ernest Louis, is dead.

## Many Lives Lost.

Chicago, Ill., (Special).—A special from Victoria, B. C. says:

The steamer Kinshu, which left Yokohama May 7, brings the latest advices of a catastrophe on the Akron and Cuyahoga Falls Rapid Transit (electric) Suburban Line.

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## Consuls Confirmed.

Washington, (Special).—Confirmations by the State:

To be consuls: T. Haynes, of South Carolina, at Rouen, France; E. E. Bailey, of Illinois, at Ensenada, Mexico.

## Followed Friend's Example.

Reading, Pa., (Special).—Ernest A. Behren, aged 35 years, a native of Hanover, Germany, committed suicide by taking poison. He was found in the City Park in a dying condition and expired before reaching a hospital. Behren was a friend of Theodore Koib, a German musician and composer, who also committed suicide a week ago by taking poison.

## He Drank Wood Alcohol.

Wheeling, W. Va., (Special).—Blaha Church, a farmer, who lived two miles from Pennington, Ritchie county, died from the effects of drinking wood alcohol.

# NEELY IN JAIL.

Re-arrested on a Civil Warrant Issued by Uncle Sam—To Recover a Balance Due.

New York, (Special).—Charles F. W. Neely, former chief financial agent of the postoffice department at Havana, Cuba, was re-arrested on a civil warrant issued by United States Circuit Judge Jackson, in a suit against Neely, by the United States. He is charged with the wrongful conversion of \$45,300.26. His bail was fixed at \$50,000. The arrest was made on information furnished by George H. Burton, and the order of arrest was endorsed by Edward K. Jones, special attorney general, and Frederick P. Smith.

The prisoner was taken to the United States marshal's office, and later was arraigned before Judge Lacombe. Counsel for the prisoner made application for a reduction of the bail, but it was denied. Neely was then taken to the Ludlow Street Jail.

Attached to the order is the affidavit of Inspector Burton, who states that on April 24, 1900, he was ordered by Major General Wood to examine accounts and vouchers in the Department of Posts in Cuba. He examined the accounts, and found irregularities that made it necessary for him to visit Neely's office. He saw a Mr. Reynolds in Neely's office, and this man, he says, had frequently whispered talks with his superior. After Neely learned his accounts were to be examined he left Havana on the steamship Mexico.

Mr. Burton further alleges that he learned from E. G. Bathbone, director of posts in Cuba, that Neely had gone to the Waldorf-Astoria, in New York. A cable dispatch was sent to Neely to return, but he paid no attention to it.

Continuing, Colonel Burton says: "The duties of the chief of the Bureau of Finance, Charles F. Neely, were to collect all the revenues derived from the postal department of the island of Cuba, including the sale of stamped paper, box rents and the fees from the postal money-order business, and to deposit the same to the credit of the director of posts with the treasurer of the island of Cuba, in Havana. In order to ascertain the amount of said revenues I demanded the cash book, ledger and the entire records of office from January 1 to April 30, 1900, which were in the possession of the director of posts, handed me a book which he stated was Mr. Neely's ledger, and also stated that the ledger was all the record that Neely had left pertaining to postal earnings, which statement Mr. Bathbone corroborated. The ledger contained a statement of the receipts for stamped paper, box rents and some receipts from the fees of the money-order business from January 1, 1900, to April 30, 1900, with the exception of the receipts of the Havana postoffice from March 15, 1900, to April 30, 1900, of which there was no record. I asked Rich if he had in the office any postal earnings not yet deposited, and he answered in the negative, but stated that he had receipts of \$5,000 since Neely's departure, which money he produced. Rich also stated that all the money received by Neely had been deposited with the treasurer of the island of Cuba before April 30."

Mr. Burton then goes into details, and shows that the difference between Neely's receipts and deposits was \$45,300.26.

## NOTE TO PORTE.

Griseom Again Probes Sick Man of the East—Not an Ultimatum. Constantinople, (By Cable).—The United States Legation having vainly waited four weeks for a reply to the note of April 24, regarding the American indemnity claims, Mr. Floyd C. Griseom, United States Charge d'Affaires, handed to Tewfik Pasha, Minister of Foreign Affairs, a new note, couched in more precise terms and insisting upon a prompt settlement.

The note produced a great impression, as the Porte thought the matter postponed, if not abandoned. It is believed that the United States will not wait so long this time for an answer, American indignance thus far not having made a satisfactory impression upon the Porte.

## Not Denied in Washington.

Washington, (Special).—Beyond the statement that the department is still earnestly prosecuting the indemnity claims against the Turkish government the officials of the State Department decline to indicate the character of the latest instructions sent to Charge d'Affaires in relation to these claims. It certainly is not an ultimatum, but it is believed to be as strong in its representations as a diplomatic note could be made without actually becoming an ultimatum.

It is probable that before taking this step the President might call upon Congress, the war-making power, for an indication of its wish in the matter, so as to ensure full support in the execution of any policy which he may feel called upon to adopt.

The fact that this latest note by Griseom was eabled the very day that Ahmed Pasha landed in New York, reputedly clothed with some mission in connection with these indemnity claims, has given rise to a belief here that the United States government will not give its sanction to any such compromise of the claims as has been suggested.

## Hanged for Killing His Sweetheart.

Allentown, Pa., (Special).—Frank J. Krause was hanged in the county jail for the murder of his sweetheart, Maggie Guth, at Cedarville, on March 3, 1899, on which occasion he also fatally wounded Owen Kern. Krause was hanged in a hotel kept by Kern, and the girl was employed as a servant.

## A Brakeman Killed.

Hanover, Pa., (Special).—John F. Dezenberg, a Western Maryland Railroad brakeman, met death in a peculiar accident at Spring Grove, near here. Two cars in charge of the unfortunate man were run on a switch over the coal chutes at the paper mill. So great was their momentum that they tore away the buffers at the end of the trestle, tearing into the walls of the mill and completely wrecking the trestle.

## Mules for South Africa.

New Orleans, (Special).—The steamer Monarch sailed for Cape Town, Africa, with 1,500 mules, and the steamer Corinthia cleared for the same port with 1,450 mules, all the animals being consigned to British army officials.

## Arm Torn Off.

Hambledon, W. Va., (Special).—Thomas Williams, aged 62 years, employed by Otter Creek Lumber Company, while taking his coat off to go to work, had his right arm caught in the live rollers, and it was torn off just below the elbow. Physicians amputated the arm above the elbow.

## Drug Store Wrecked.

Chicago, (Special).—A terrific explosion at 4 P. M. wrecked the third and fourth floors of the Dale & Company drug store, and at present the business district here and seriously injured three men.

## Judge Advocate to Porto Rico.

Albany, N. Y., (Special).—It is understood here on excellent authority that President McKinley has offered to Charles T. Saxton, formerly lieutenant governor of the state, and at present judge of the Court of Claims, the position of Judge Advocate of the Island of Porto Rico. He will probably accept.

## The Cuban Flag at Paris.

Washington, (Special).—President McKinley has received the following cablegram, dated Manzanillo, Cuba:

"The City Council applauds the noble course taken by your government in hoisting the Cuban flag at Paris." (Signed) "Cavazos."

# THE NEWS.

Chicago police state that one of two men arrested in Leipzig, Germany, charged with stealing gems valued at \$15,000, is Charles Woodward, with many aliases, known as the "diamond swallower," who, in his notorious career, has stolen half a million dollars' worth of diamonds.

It was reported that the Kentucky Democrats had planned to kidnap in Indiana and take to Kentucky a witness very important in the local investigation conducted by the three bank burglar-dynamited the South Berwick (Me.) National Bank, but were frightened off by a whistle blown by a woman to attract the police.

Rev. C. W. McCully, acting pastor of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, in Holyoke, Mass., was dismissed after having confessed indulging in dissipation.

James Fitzharris and Joseph Mullett, the Irish Fenians who arrived in New York after being released from an Irish prison, were ordered to be deported.

The New York City Chapter of the Daughters of the Revolution decorated the graves of the Revolutionary soldiers lying in Trinity Graveyard.

Elaborate arrangements have been made in Louisville for the annual reunion of the United Confederate Veterans.

The Probate Court in Milwaukee dissolved an injunction issued to prevent Mrs. Mian Olsen from marrying.

Eddie Teabot died in Bridgeport, Conn., from the effects of a blow received in the prize-ring.

Mr. Arthur Behan, a brother of Miss Ada Behan, died in Brooklyn.

Ernest Hecht admitted, in Syracuse, N. Y., that he chloroformed Mrs. Louise Foster with her consent and was to commit suicide but his nerve failed him.

Mrs. Henrietta Tusker, wife of ex-Congressman Harry St. George Tucker, died at Lexington, Va., after being operated on for appendicitis.

The Ingrain Carpet Loom Fixers and Weavers' Union decided not to insist upon their recently made demand in Philadelphia for an increase.

Signor Giuseppe del Puente, the widely known baritone, died suddenly at his home in Philadelphia. Death was due to apoplexy.

Walter Lovett, a mulatto of eighteen, was arrested at Chambersburg on the charge of committing a number of burglaries.

Three men were killed and others injured in an accident to a work train in Akron, O. A fire of incendiary origin destroyed 13 buildings in York.

The labor unions of St. Louis are showing their sympathy for the striking street-car men by contributing to their support and furnishing means for riding on the cars.

A movement was recommended in the Southern General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church to raise a twentieth-century fund of \$1,000,000 for the endowment of educational institutions.

President Frick, of the Norfolk and Western, countermanded an order for five hundred new cars, on account of the high prices demanded for materials.

Robbers dynamited the Pentecostal Bank at Williamsburg, Va., and got away with \$25,000 in cash and securities and other valuables.

Three Japanese children were taken into custody by the Gerry School in New York on suspicion that they had been kidnapped.

Miss Maryette Brittle was sent to the grand jury in Richmond, Va., for robbing W. E. Tinsley, of Petersburg.

Harry Pix shot at a eatment at Norfolk Church neighborhood, in Virginia, and seriously wounded Samuel Tyler.

Stephen Baptist was sentenced in Mecklenburg county, Va., to be hanged for the murder of old Peter Jones.

Four fishermen were drowned during the gale that suddenly sprang up on the Oregon coast.

Risha Church, a farmer of Ritchie county, W. Va., died from drinking wood alcohol. D. B. Dyer, president of the Augusta (Ga.) Railway and Electric Company, and E. C. Jefferson, a conductor, were arrested for violation of the Jim Crow law.

The Associated Press secured a charter in New York, the recent decision of the Supreme Court of Illinois making doubtful in that State.

Monsignor Sbarretti petitioned against the confabulation of General Brooks' decree regarding a civil ceremony to make marriages legal.

Twenty-two miners—ten whites and twelve negroes—were killed by a mine explosion at Cumcock, N. C.

The Methodist Episcopal General Conference at Chicago voted to abolish the time limit on pastors.

Neely's shortage, according to an estimate by the prosecuting attorney, may be as much as \$40,000.

The Wheeling and Bridge Terminal Railroad Company went to foreclosure sale, and was bought by Kahn, Loeb & Co., of New York, for \$1,515,000. It is stated on reliable authority that the purchase was in the interests of the Pennsylvania.

Announcement has been made that the Pennsylvania Railroad has secured control of the Lehigh Valley Railroad by the purchase of 66,600 shares through outside parties. The price paid is given as \$22.50 a share.

A monument to Father Ryan, the poet of the Confederacy, was unveiled at Norfolk as part of the exercises of Confederate Memorial Day. The monument is a rough granite cross seven feet high.

The Norfolk-bound Old Point express ran into an open switch, injuring the train crew. The passengers were badly shaken up, but none were injured.

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The engineer-in-chief of the Turkish Navy is expected at Newport News to look after the construction of the cruisers for the Turkish Navy.

Several large tobacco warehouses were burned in Danville, Va. Nearly a million pounds of choice leaf, valued at \$115,000, were consumed.

Dr. J. W. Hamilton and D. H. Moore were elected bishops by the Methodist Episcopal General Conference at Chicago.

# THE PASSION PLAY.

ANTON LANG, AN CHRIST, OVERCOME BY NERVOUSNESS.

## GRAND SCENIC EFFECTS.

The New Impersonator Goes Through the Crucifixion Scene With Perfect Self-Possession—Johann Zwink, as Jesus, a Great Improvement Over His Predecessor in the Role.

Oberammergau, (By Cable).—The initial performance of the Passion play, following the grand rehearsal of Sunday, took place Thursday. The attendance was enormous, despite the fact that the day was cold, cloudy and generally unfavorable. The representation as a whole, according to the opinion of competent judges, surpasses that of 1899. Herr Joseph Mayer, who recited the prologue, was, as on previous occasions, a majestic figure.

Herr Anton Lang, as Christ, was excellent, although nervous. His voice is clear and his face seems to fit the character, although not so refined as the face of Mayer, who was long the Christ of these representations. Lang, however, showed improvement as the performance progressed, his gestures being particularly graceful. During the Bethany scene a weird effect was produced by the sun breaking suddenly from the clouds and casting a brilliant beam on Christ's robe.

Franklin Anna Flunger, the Mary of the representation, has a fine, well-rounded face and is a good actress, but she lacks the pathos that Rosa Lang was wont to display. The player now taking the part of Judas, Johann Zwink, is very fine—a vast improvement upon his predecessor in the role. On the other hand, Thomas Bendt, the Peter of the east, scarcely equals Herr's portrayal. Fraulein Bertha Wolf, as Mary Magdalene, is striking in appearance, and made a profound impression. Sebastian Lang, as Calphurnius, realized the ideal impersonation of that reluctant priest, Franklin Mathilde Rate, the soprano, was greatly admired and young Bold shows decided promise.

During the afternoon performance Herr Anton Lang was repeatedly overcome by nervousness, but he went through the crucifixion scene with perfect self-possession, and the memorable seven words of the Saviour could be distinctly heard by the vast concourse. During the taking of the Christ from the cross the whistling of a locomotive jarred unpleasantly upon the ear. The scenic effects throughout were beautiful.

## CHARGES OF EXTRAVAGANCE.

American Officials in Cuba Enter Protest—Justice Criticized. Havana, (Special).—American officials here feel that they have been unjustly treated by certain newspapers in the United States, which have published the sweeping statement that they all live extravagantly. Army officers point out that if they have to live in cities their expenses are much greater than when at home. Moreover, very few care to risk the health of their families by keeping them in Cuba during the summer. Thus two establishments are necessary. As they do not receive pay during the tropical climate, they feel that the United States government, like other governments under similar conditions, should pay additional stipends.

So far as the officers of high rank are concerned, it should be pointed out that General Wood occupies only a small portion of the palace for residential purposes, the rest of the building being utilized not only for the division offices, but also for all the municipal offices. A number of employees have to be kept at General Wood's expense—cleaners and helpers generally—and he says that if he did not have some private resources to eke out his pay and his allowance it would be next to impossible for him to live in the palace at all.

Collector Bliss lives quietly in a single room at the Hotel Telegrafo, going to and returning from his office in a hired vehicle and in a hired carriage. Major J. M. Ladd, chief quartermaster, lives at El Vedado, in a house which he shares with three other families. General Lee lives at headquarters at Quemados, where do all his staff officers, who are unmarried. General Wilson, governor of Mantanzas-Santa Clara lives in a house for which he pays a small rental. Colonel Whitehead, at Santiago, lives in a little wooden bungalow, formerly occupied by General Wood and leased from Mrs. Ramsden, wife of the former British consul. General Humphrey, Colonel Black, Major Scott, Captain Pilcher and many other officers live in buildings used by the government either as offices or police barracks.

General Wood, when asked what he thought of such charges, replied that he considered charges of extravagance in departments, except the postal, unfounded, adding that he believed no other department had anything to fear on that score and that all could endure the closest investigation possible.

## BIG BATTLE ON GOLD COAST.

Many are Killed on Both Sides at Kumasi. Accra, (By Cable).—It is reported that three European officers were killed and Captain Apin and 100 Hausers were wounded in a recent effort by the Lagos Hausers to break the investing lines of tribesmen at Kumasi.

The cabinet loss is reported to have been great, as the Hausers had three Maxim guns, although themselves greatly outnumbered. Three hundred Asantans are said to have been killed in a previous action. The rising is still spreading.

## WAITED 74 YEARS TO WED.

Bride-to-be 86, Groom 86, and Bridal Party All Over 60 Years. Toledo, O., (Special).—August Croft, aged 86 years, and Miss Kate Putnam, aged 88, were married at South Bloomfield.

The wedding party was a large one, but no one whose age was less than 60 years was invited.

At the age of 15 and 17 they were devoted lovers, but they did not become formally engaged until January 8, 1826. Neither the bride nor groom-to-be has ever married.

## Sentenced to Be Hanged.

Wheeling, W. Va., (Special).—In the Circuit Court Judge Hughes sentenced John Mooney and Frank Friday to be hanged at the State penitentiary at Moundsville, on July 13. Mooney and Friday, on March 1 last, while attempting to rob the home of James Harvey, shot and killed him. They were convicted on circumstantial evidence.

## Want an Explanation.

Pekin, (By Cable).—The diplomatic corps has decided to ask the Tang-Li-Yamen (Chinese Foreign Office) to define explicitly the measures which the government intends to take in dealing with "Boxers."

## Revolver Duel Between Brothers.

Huntington, W. Va., (Special).—Guy Harris and Menard Holten, brother-in-laws, living on Wilsons Creek, Wayne county, have been enemies for several months. They met in the public highway, and a fight ensued, both using revolvers. Each is dangerously injured, Holten being shot in the head, and Harris in the back. The latter will probably die.

## Killed While Sawing Wood.

Charlotte, N. C., (Special).—Brother Andrew, of St. Mary's College at Belmont, N. C., was instantly killed while sawing wood with a circular saw. The saw burst and almost severed his body.

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LATEST NEWS GLEANED FROM VARIOUS PARTS.

## EVADDED RAIDS 20 YEARS.

"Bill" Pritts, Long Sought as an Alleged Moonshiner, is Finally Captured—Accused of Murder in 1880—Was Surprised at the Home of a Friend in the Fayette County Mountains—Other News.

"Bill" Pritts, aged 63 years, who has evaded the raids of revenue officers during the past twenty years, and against whom are pending charges of murder and moonshining, was captured by two Government officers at Connelistville, who, single-handed, made a swift descent upon their man and carried him off to prison out of a region filled with his sympathizers. Pritts was lodged in the borough prison. He is wanted for the shooting of "Yoney" Hostetter, whom he is accused of having killed because Hostetter divulged the secrets of the illegal distillers. Pritts' two sons are also in the toils of the law, having been tried at Prittsburg recently on the charge of moonshining. The jury disagreed, and the boys will be tried again in October. Pritts was captured in the wilds of the Chestnut Ridge. The capture was made by County Detective Alexander McElbeth and Revenue Officer Dickson, of Pittsburg. The officers learned that Pritts had gone from his home to that of John Trinke, four miles across the mountains. Thither the officers went. When near the house they suddenly came across Pritts, sitting on the edge of a field. He ran about half a mile before the officers caught up to him. The officers threw him down and by main strength put handcuffs on him. Pritts' still was found one mile from his home when his sons were arrested some months ago.

Snake in the Bed. About 10 o'clock, when Mr. and Mrs. John E. Kirov, of Lambertville, were about to retire, they were horrified upon turning down the covers to find coiled up in the center of the bed a two-foot pit snake. Mrs. Kirov's screams aroused the neighbors, many of whom entered the house. The snake was pulled from the bed with a garden rake and killed by a few well-directed blows. Mrs. Kirov has been prostrated by the shock.

## Died at Prayer Meeting.

Mrs. Louise Schuyler, widow of Dr. Jacob Schuyler, died suddenly while attending a prayer meeting at the Market Street Presbyterian Church, Bloomsburg. Mrs. Schuyler had been in apparently good health and was thought at first to have fainted. A physician was hastily summoned, who found her dead upon her arrival.

## Killed by Blow of Jack Handle.

Vincent Topper, of Hanover, a section hand on the Pennsylvania Railroad, endeavored to lift the track with a jack, when a slipped, causing the handle of the jack to strike him on the side of the head with terrific force, knocking him senseless. He died before he could receive medical attention.

## Naked Lamps Caused Explosion.

By an explosion of gas in the Cayuga mine of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Company, three men were so badly injured that they will probably die. The injured are Benjamin Amos, Adam Miller and Bolan Poncey, all of them married. The men encountered a body of gas which was ignited by their naked lamps.

## Monument to Gridley.

A committee of citizens is engaged in raising a fund for the erection of a monument in Lake Side Cemetery, Erie, in honor of Captain Charles V. Gridley, commander of the flag ship Olympia, in the battle of Manila Bay. J. F. Lowing is chairman of the committee, and will duly acknowledge the receipt of contributions.

## Tot Hilled Down Precipice.

Foster, the 2-year-old son of Michael Rowe, at the corner of one banks, strayed from home alone and rolled down the almost perpendicular side of the "Johnson cut," in the middle hill, a distance of fully 125 feet. The boy escaped injury, except slight wounds on the head and back. There the child lay all night, but he was bright and laughing when the father discovered him behind a big rock.

## In Brief.

Sparks from a mill at Rankin set fire to a car in a passing freight train on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. The car was burned and nineteen head of cattle which it contained perished.

County Treasurer T. S. Nevin, of Chambersburg, received \$22.50 conscience money sent to him by a person who said it was county tax due on an estate which had never been properly returned for taxation.

The York County Pomona Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, at Grangeville, instructed Senator Haines to request President McKinley to retain United States District Attorney Beck in office.

The commencement exercises of the Millford High School were held. The graduating class was composed of Jennie Struthers, Valerietta; Har