CROWDED TRAIN JUMPS THE TRACK

One Man Killed and Fifty Persons Were Injured.

ESCAPE OF SCORES OF PEOPLE.

A Train of Twelve Coaches Carrying Five Hundred People on an Excursion Under the Auspices of a Michigan German Aid Society Runs With Disaster—Distressing Scenes.

Alpena, Mich., (Special).—An excursion train on the Detroit and Mackinaw Railway which left here at 7:25 for Saginaw, consisting of an engine and 12 coaches, and carrying over 500 people, was wrecked at Black River, while running 40 miles an hour. One man was instantly killed, three were probably fatally injured and nearly 50 others received injuries of various degrees of severity, ranging from bruises and cuts to broken limbs.

The excursion was under the auspices of the German Aid Society of Alpena. When the train reached Black River the tender jumped the track. Engineer Hopper instantly set the airbrakes and reversed his engine. The sudden stop threw the first three coaches off the tram off the track and into the ditch. The first car was thrown half around and the next two coaches plowed through it and cut it in two. August Gronisky, the only person killed, was seated in this coach with 40 other excursionists. His body was terribly crushed and death was instantaneous. The escape of the others in the car was well nigh miraculous. Gronisky's little son occupied the same seat with him, but the lad was uninjured. The three wrecked coaches were piled up in a heap and two hundred feet of the track was torn up. As soon as the occupants of the uninjured coaches recovered from the shock and surprise, they rushed to the wrecked cars and began aiding the injured. They were extricated from the wreck with frantic haste and given all possible relief, pending the arrival of the relief train. The train brought eight surgeons from Alpena. After temporary dressings had been made of the most serious wounds, all the injured were brought back to this city.

LEATHER FROM HUMAN SKIN.

A Wisconsin Tanner Experiments With Two Pieces of It.

Fond du Lac, Wis., (Special).—The Kemping Leather Company, of this city, has completed the tanning of a human skin.

The discovery was made through one of the company's employes. The skin is in two pieces—one about 10 by 20 inches in size, taken from the back, and one 12 inches square, taken from the breast. It was brought to this city about three weeks ago by a student of a Chicago medical college.

The president of the tanning company refused to have anything to do with it, but when one of the foremen was approached he agreed to run it through, as he said he wanted to know how it would come out.

The hide was labeled a "pigskin," and placed in a vat, where it was soaked for several days, when it was taken out, scraped and afterward put through the chrome process of tanning. The tanned skin has much the appearance of a dogskin, and the foreman said it would take an expert to tell the difference. Close inspection, however, reveals the pores and lines peculiar to the human epidermis.

Thieves Loot Burning Church.

Philadelphia, (Special).—Thieves fired the Broad Street Methodist Episcopal Church, making their escape with the solid silver communion service and offering plates, after looting every alms box and closet in the building. The loss to the congregation, by fire damage and property stolen, aggregates $2,000, while the grand organ, just being installed, is probably ruined by the heat. Rev. Henry Hess, the pastor, does not hesitate to attribute the damage to the church to the incendiaries who have during the past few months started fires in a dozen or more factories and dwellings in the neighborhood.

Her Beauty Won a Verdict.

St. Paul, Minn. (Special).—The Supreme Court of Minnesota has decided that a girl's beauty is not to be counted against her, and that if a jury is influenced by the comeliness of the plaintiff, it is not for the courts to deprive her of her natural advantages. This ruling was made indirectly in the case of Emma Lopher against the city of St. Paul. The girl was injured by an accident while on a coasting party and sued the city, alleging a defective wall. She was awarded a verdict of $200. The city appealed, alleging that her beauty had influenced the jury. The Supreme Court denied a new trial and the verdict stands.

Shot to Death From Ambush.

Griffithville, W. Va., (Special).—James Boster, a farmer and stockman, living here, was shot to death from ambush while riding along Little Hurt creek, in Lincoln county. The officials think they have a clue to the guilty person. Boster was 50 years old and prominently known.

Suicided by Waitresses.

New Albany, Ind., (Special).—Mrs. Alice Hanger, wife of Otto Hanger, a farmer, living about 30 miles west of the city, was taken from her home by a band of 20 whitecappers, tied to a tree in the yard, and severely scratched.

Her husband was held under guard in the house by a portion of the gang while she was flogged. After the whipping the woman was warned by the band to be more careful in her care of her stepchildren, or she would receive another visit from the mob.

Mother and Children Murdered.

St. Joseph, Mo., (Special).—A careful investigation into the death of Mrs. Belle Smith and her two children at Martin, Mo., who were found dead in the ruins of their home, revealed a triple murder that had prevented the robbery. Mrs. Smith was a widow and kept in her home $1,000, received on an insurance policy carried by her late husband. The victims had been killed with a hatchet, which was found in the ruins of the burned house. Several tramps were in the vicinity at the time the day before. Others have no clue.

SUMMARY OF THE LATEST NEWS.

Domestic.

An old man who gassed under the name of Charles Hill died at the hospital in Los Angeles, with no relatives, so far as known, for the $10,000 which he possessed.

Chief of Police S. A. Southright, of Winchester, Va., severely battered Prosecuting Attorney R. E. Byrd, and the latter swore out a warrant for his arrest.

"Bat" Masterson and several others were arrested in New York, accused of getting $2,000 by gambling in Chicago from George A. Snow, a Mormon elder.

In accordance with a threat made, Farmer W. H. Clark killed Dr. W. D. Duff because the latter returned to the village of Garden Grove, Ia.

Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Joseph E. Willard, of Virginia, sailed from New York to attend the coronation festivities in London.

John Singston, who was guide to Generals Lee and Jackson during the Civil War, died at his home in Fredericksburg, Va.

Two persons were fatally injured and 25 others hurt in a collision between a trolley car and a locomotive at St. Louis.

Henry Crawford, of Kansas City, says, in regard to the Blumbers-Crawford sensation in Paris, that the whole story was founded on fraud, and that no member of the family ever died possessed of a twenty-million-dollar estate.

Ada Jenkins, the five-year-old daughter of Arthur Jenkins, was fatally burned at Fredericksburg, Va.

The strike of the blast furnace workers was settled, the men receiving an increase of 10 per cent. for 12 hours' work.

Paul Emmett Goff, professor of horticulture at the University of Wisconsin, died suddenly at Madison, Wis.

William Armstrong, at the age of 70 years, committed suicide in Richmond, Ind.

Alexander C. Humphreys was elected president of Stevens Institute of Technology.

General Miles has accepted an invitation from Philadelphia's City Council to deliver the Fourth of July oration at Independence Hall. Admiral Schley will likely be the guest of Colonel McClure and be present at the celebration, it being the desire of the citizens of Philadelphia to show their friendship for the General and the Admiral.

United States Commissioner Bell, at Lexington, Va., held H. H. Mayer for court on the charge of forging the name of the postmaster at Langdale.

Oscar Wolfe, colored, shot and killed his wife and her mother and then himself in Germantown, a suburb of Philadelphia.

John Gleson, of Ellsworth, Ind., died in the Passavant Hospital, in Chicago, of rabies.

Governor Taft had a satisfactory conference with the Pope on the question of the relations of church and state in the Philippines. The Pope said he earnestly desired to help the American administration of the Philippines in every way, and that the Vatican would approach all questions raised in the broadest and most conciliatory spirit."

Foreign.

General Kitchener, in a dispatch to the British Government, announces that the progress made in the surrender of the Boers is satisfactory. They have dismantled the forts and given up their big guns.

The report of the British Committee on Military Education severely condemns the present system and says the officers are lamentably deficient in knowledge and zeal.

Dr. Paul Serre, of Berlin, in a pamphlet upon Germany's political alliances, expresses the hope that the United States will make the hand which Germany offers.

Chancellor von Bulow introduced in the Reichstag a bill abolishing the dictatorship paragraph in the Alsace-Lorraine Constitution.

The condition of King Albert of Saxony is believed to be worse than the official bulletins indicate.

Karl Gauchen, former chancellor of the exchequer, in a statement in the British House of Lords, after speaking of the increased value of cereals, said that after a costly war and the borrowing of £500,000,000, the country might congratulate itself upon a situation showing such economic stamina.

The captain of the ship Avanrus, at Queenstown from Portland, Ore., reports that on May 9 a severe vibration was felt throughout the vessel and the sea was violently agitated. Vessels leaving Hurrington have experienced similar agitations of the sea.

The British authorities have made plans to arrest Col. Arthur Lynch immediately on his setting foot in England if he tries to carry out his plan of coming to take his seat in Parliament.

The British government has waived its claim for the acknowledgment by Mr. Kruger of British sovereignty over the Transvaal, owing, it is said, to his age and infirmities.

A special court assembled at Sligo, Ireland, to try Patrick M. McHugh, M. P., on charges of intimidation and conspiracy.

Sir Robert Giffen testified before the House of Commons committee with reference to the decadence of British shipping.

Lionel E. O. Carlen was yesterday gazetted in London as British minister to the Republic of Chile.

Jean Bourgois, Radical Republican, was formerly elected president of the French Chamber of Deputies.

During a fight in the French Chamber of Deputies M. de Lanjuinais, a reactionary deputy, called the Republican socialists and said the President of the Republic was a thief. The members adjourned each other in vile terms and came to blows.

Representatives of the cotton manufacturers of Lancashire, England, just returned from a tour of investigation of cotton industries in the United States, say they found "the labor conditions in the South decidedly bad."

Financial.

It is estimated that about $20,000,000 gold will be sent from the Klondike this season.

The directors of the Atchison Company have declared the regular semi-annual dividend of 2½ per cent. on the preferred stock.

The old officers and directors of the Baltimore & Potomac Railroad Company have been re-elected.

The Frankford & Southwark Passenger Railroad Company has declared a dividend of $2.25 per share, payable July 1.

The St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad has declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1 per cent. on first preferred stock, payable July 1.

The Western Company of Pennsylvania has declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1½ per cent. on the 6 per cent. stock, payable July 1.

The stockholders of the Rock Island Railroad Company have voted to increase the capital stock from $20,000,000 to $75,000,000.

The Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad Company has declared the usual quarterly dividend of 1¾ per cent., payable August 1.

ABOUT 25,000 MEN NOW OUT

Strike Order in the Virginias Has a Wide Effect.

EARLY BLOODSHED REPORTED.

Every Important Mine in the Kanawha and New River Fields is Closed—Ten Thousand Struck at Tug River and 1,000 at Dingess—A Great Surprise Was the Quitting of the Hungarian Workers.

Wheeling, W. Va., (Special).—The strike order was generally obeyed at the coal mines in the two Virginias.

An exact estimate of the number involved is impossible. By the end of the week the operators predict an end to the struggle.

It may be stated as fairly accurate that three-fourths of the men are now on strike. This includes workers in the great mining region along the Norfolk and Western Railroad, in both Virginia and West Virginia and other sections of Southern West Virginia, about 25,000 men all told. A complete tie-up in the Pocahontas-Flatrop fields is practically certain. There was no response to the order in the Fairmont region, but several hundred struck at Clarksburg.

Every important mine in the Kanawha and New River fields is closed. Ten thousand struck at Tug River and 1,000 at Dingess. A great surprise was the quitting of the Hungarian workers in conjunction with the native miners at North Park, as 1,200 Hungarians at Cabin Creek had voted against it.

The United Mine Workers did not have over 5,000 members in the two Virginias three months ago, but "Mother" Jones and the national organizers have accomplished wonderful results. The recent accessions are not considered loyal by the operators. The latter are using the argument that the tie-up is fostered by the operators of other bituminous States, so as to win back the trade West Virginia secured in the memorable 1897 strike. The men have worked so steadily for three or four years that their employers think they are taking advantage of the situation now to get a rest.

Not all operators share in this roseate view. A number of them have offered to confer with the men as individuals, but some agree to recognize the union, and an early settlement will result in these localities.

SAFE CRACKERS IN NORTH CAROLINA.

They Ransack a Postoffice and a Railroad Station.

Charlotte, N. C., (Special).—Professional safecrackers gained entrance to the postoffice building at Kings Mountain, 40 miles from this city, and succeeded in blowing the safe open and made away with $700 worth of stamps and $100 in cash. The robbers did not attempt to drill a hole in the safe, but by some means used the explosive very effectively from the outside.

The same gang, it is supposed, robbed the station of the Southern Railway at Davidson, near this city. The amount secured at the latter place was not more than $100.

For sometime a gang of expert safeblowers has been operating in this section. The government has sent secret service men here, but so far they have been unable to apprehend the thieves.

NO ARMED INSURRECTION.

Filipinos, Except Moros, Are Ready for Civil Government.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—In a cablegram to Secretary Root, Acting Governor Wright says that outside of the Moro country the only portion of archipelago not organized under civil government are Lepanto, Bontoc, Batangas, Laguna, Principe, Infanta, Mindoro, Samar and the Paragman and other small groups. There is no armed insurrection in any of them, and no reason, so far as relates to peaceful conditions, why civil government in all may not be now established.

These districts are being organized as rapidly as possible, the chief delay being due to lack of boats to move back and forth among the smaller islands.

Bequeaths His Patriotism to Sons.

Sterling, Ill., (Special).—The will of the late Judge John D. Crabtree, of this place, after dividing his property, amounting to $200,000, among his eight children, says: "I enjoin upon my son John and all of my sons that should the occasion arise (which God forbid) when our country requires their services, they be as ready to devote their lives to her defense as their father was in the dark days of 1861 and 1865."

Will Live Kruger Alone.

London, (By Cable).—The Birmingham "Post," the organ of Colonial Secretary Chamberlain, says that owing to his age and infirmities the British Government has waived its claim for the acknowledgment by Mr. Kruger of British sovereignty over the Transvaal and has guaranteed to all the Boer delegates in Europe a safe conduct to their homes in South Africa.

Suicide With Fire and Bullet.

Richmond, Ind. (Special).—William Armstrong, 70 years old, saturated his clothing with kerosene and after igniting it, fired a bullet into his brain, dying instantly. He left a note asking the forgiveness of his wife and family. He had long been suffering from rheumatism.

Cost Morgan Half a Million.

London, (By Cable).—The Exchange Telegraph Company understands that the price paid by J. Pierpont Morgan for the famous Consul Gutmann collection of antique silver and bronzes, in Berlin, is £100,000.

Congressman Kern Renominated.

St. Louis, Mo., (Special).—Congressman Frederick J. Kern was renominated by Democrats of the Twenty-first Illinois Congressional district at East St. Louis, Ill.

Spain Sends New Minister.

Madrid, (By Cable).—Senor de Ojeda, the former Spanish Minister to Morocco, has been gazetted Minister of Spain at Washington, in succession to the Duke de Arcos, who has been appointed Minister to Belgium. Senor B. J. de Cologan, former Spanish Minister at Pekin, succeeds Senor de Ojeda at Tangiers.

Five Spanish Officers Drowned.

Gico, Spain, (By Cable).—A boat containing eight Spanish artillery officers was run down by a steamer and five of the officers were drowned.

LIVE NATIONAL CAPITAL AFFAIRS.

Chicago's Officers Were to Blame.

The Navy Department gave out the following statement concerning the Court of Inquiry which investigated the case of the American officers arrested at Venice:

"The Court of Inquiry recommends trial by court-martial of Lieut. John S. Doddridge, United States Navy; Capt. Robt. F. Wynne, United States Marine Corps, and Assistant Surgeon Robert E. Ledbetter, United States Navy, on the charge of unbecoming behavior in public and that no further action be taken in the case of Naval Cadet James C. Kress, United States Navy, and Private Wilfred Langley, United States Marine Corps. Admiral Crowninshield has disapproved the opinion and recommendation of the court of inquiry where it is adverse to the officers on the ground that the evidence is not sufficient."

There will be no further proceedings in this case, according to the present intention of the officials. The grounds upon which Admiral Crowninshield disapproved the findings, namely the insufficiency of evidence, would not, it is believed, give any cause for offense to the Italian government.

Proposed Southern Forest Reserve.

Mr. Depew, of New York, addressed the Senate in advocacy of the bill appropriating $10,000,000 for the purchase of 2,000,000 acres of land for a national forest reserve in Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee. It is stated by the committee reporting the measure that "it may fairly be urged that the establishment of this forest reserve in the region of the Southern Appalachian Mountains is a matter of great national importance; that owing to the peculiar conditions existing in this region the establishment of this reserve need not necessarily be accepted as a precedent for the establishment of similar reserves elsewhere in the East."

Mr. Depew said the project was favored by President Roosevelt and by the Secretary of Agriculture, and federal action was justified fully by public necessity. He said the most favorable results might be expected from the establishment of the reserve; that within ten years the great hardwood forests in the proposed reserve would be destroyed entirely. Such a result would be disastrous to the States affected and the entire country.

At the conclusion of Mr. Depew's remarks, Mr. Hale said that the Senate could not fail to be impressed by the great importance of the subject. He had not been aware of the extent of the land to be purchased, but he thought that some action ought to be taken upon the matter at this session.

New Diplomats.

Two important changes in the diplomatic representation in Washington were announced. The Hon. Michael Herbert succeeds the late Lord Pauncefote as British ambassador, and Senor de Ojeda succeeds the Duke de Arcos as Spanish minister.

Notice of Mr. Herbert's appointment came to the State Department through the British Embassy here. It simply confirmed the judgment of the officials as to the succession, and is welcomed by them. At present Mr. Herbert occupies a place without a counterpart in the American diplomatic service. He is first secretary of embassy at Paris, but with the rank of minister plenipotentiary.

Department of Commerce.

The House Committee on Commerce authorized Chairman Hepburn to confer with the President relative to the bill creating a department of commerce.

The committee is favorable on the measure, but many difficulties have arisen as to transferring bureaus to the new department.

Several bureaus have protested against the proposed change, and it is desired to know what the executive branch wants. The committee considered placing immigration affairs and Chinese exclusion under the new department.

Roosevelt Invited to Atlanta.

Julius L. Brown, of Atlanta, Ga., called at the White House with Senator Clay and Representative Livingston and invited the President to attend the unveiling of a monument to the Confederate General William H. T. Walker, at Atlanta, July 22. The President said he feared he would not be able to go, owing to the press of public business.

No Civil Service Crowding.

The Civil-Service Commission has decided that no person shall be re-instated in the Government service, who is a legal resident of a State which at the time has received at least 100 per cent. of the appointments to which it is entitled under the apportionment regulations.

Danish Treaty's Life Extended.

Secretary Hay and Mr. Brun, the Danish minister, signed a protocol, extending for twelve months the time allowed for the exchange of ratifications of the Danish West Indies treaty. This allows for the adjournment of the Danish Rigsdag over the summer months without final action on the treaty of cession.

Capital News in General.

It is stated that President Roosevelt has decided upon the appointment of Brigadier-Generals Bates and Davis for major-generals, and Col. William N. Forwood to succeed Brigadier-General Sternberg as surgeon-general of the Army.

Missionaries in Shantung Province are accused of forcing Chinese authorities to pay indemnities for which they are not liable.

In discussing the anti-anarchy bill in the House, Congressman Richardson severely criticised President Roosevelt's Memorial Day address.

Secretary Root sent to the Philippine committees of the Senate and House textual copies of the instructions given to Judge Taft for his guidance in dealing with the Vatican in reference to the friar lands in the Philippines.

President Roosevelt sent to the House the report of Colonel Crowder on the British camp at Port Chalmette, La., and the letter of Secretary Hay declaring that there was no violation of neutrality laws.

President Roosevelt and Secretary Root have selected successors to Generals Sternberg, Wheaton and Brooke.

The Navy Department has issued orders for the assembling of the North Atlantic, South Atlantic and European squadrons in the West Indies for extensive fleet drills.

Senator Hanna made an argument in the Senate strongly advocating the Panama Canal Bill, while Senator Mitchell spoke in favor of the Nicaragua route.

A delegation from Mt. Vernon Council, Junior Order United American Mechanics, District of Columbia, presented the President with a cane made of wood from San Juan Hill.

STEAMER SUNK, NINE MEN LOST

Whale-Back Boat Cut in Two in Collision in Canal.

MEN LEAP FROM SINKING VESSEL.

One Steamer About Entering the Duluth Canal and the Other Coming Out—The Whaleback Goes Down Instantly—The Other Boat, After Running Her Down, Also Partly Sinks.

Duluth, Minn., (Special).—The whaleback steamer Thomas Wilson, Captain Cameron, was cut almost in two by the steamer George G. Hadley, Captain Fitzgerald, a half-mile south of the Duluth Canal, and nine men went down. They were mostly men of the night crew, who had not time to get out of their bunks before the vessel sank.

The Wilson was coming toward the canal and the Hadley going out, both loaded. Just before reaching the canal, and when about opposite the Wilson, the Hadley was given orders by a tug to go to Superior. Immediately she sheered off for the Superior entry and crashed directly into the Wilson. The Wilson went down so quickly that it did not seem possible to save a life. One man on the Wilson threw life-preservers to those who had jumped into the water.

The crew of the Hadley also threw out preservers. As the Wilson went down the members of the crew rushed to the stern, jumping overboard as fast as they could free themselves from their clothing. The vessel did not float a minute after the collision. During this interval she seemed supported entirely by the Hadley's prow, which was sticking in through her plates. Two men who jumped last were seen struggling near the hull just before the plunge, and could not be seen afterwards.

The Hadley's steering apparatus seemed to be paralyzed after the collision. She swung round in a circle several times, and seemed utterly helpless. In a few moments it was apparent that the Hadley was going down, and the crew on it could be seen stripping themselves and lowering boats. Some of them got into the boats, but when the Hadley sunk to within a foot of her deck, she seemed to cease sinking for a few moments and the men clambered back on the boats. The race of the life-saving crew and the tugs for the wreck was thrilling.

SENTRY SHOOTS PRISONER.

"Dad" Cain, the Bad Man of Fort Sheridan, is Killed.

Chicago, (Special).—"Dad" Cain, a prisoner at Fort Sheridan, attempted to make his escape and was shot and mortally wounded by the sentry placed over him. The man who did the shooting was Lawrence Dunn, a private in the Twentieth Infantry, now stationed at the post. Dunn had ordered Cain and another prisoner to return to the guardhouse. Cain's companion obeyed, but Cain went in the opposite direction. Dunn could not go after him, as he had another prisoner in charge. Six times he called to Cain to halt, and when the latter finally started to run Dunn shot him down. Cain died within an hour after being shot.

Cain was under sentence of three years, and had three months yet to serve. He was considered the "bad" man of the post and had made much trouble.

Mark Twain Now an LL. D.

Columbia, Mo., (Special).—Missouri State University conferred the degree of doctor of laws on Sam L. Clemens (Mark Twain). A similar degree was also bestowed upon Secretary James Wilson, of the Department of Agriculture; Robert S. Brookings, of St. Louis; Secretary of the Interior E. A. Hitchcock, and B. T. Galloway, of the Agricultural Bureau at Washington. Mr. Clemens was invited to deliver the diplomas to the graduating class, which he did.

Man and Wife Whipped.

Bloomington, Ind. (Special).—A band of 50 men broke in the door of Henry Denming's home, six miles from here, took Denming and his wife out in their nightclothes and whipped them with buggy whips. The whitecappers accused Denming of brutally whipping his son and told him that he must leave the county if he did it again. Mrs. Denming is reported to be in a serious condition, and Denming is only able to walk about.

Trainers Badly Hurt by Animals.

Cleveland, (Special).—Joseph McPhee, Mme. Morelli and Herman Wadder, trainers and performers of an animal show, were seriously injured in transferring a lion, a bear and a leopard from a railroad car to cages. McPhee was probably fatally hurt by the lion, which mutilated his limbs and body. Mme. Morelli had her right arm and shoulder lacerated by the leopard and Wadder's right limb was crushed by the bear.

Miner Lynched.

Bluefield, W. Va. (Special).—John Wymick, a colored miner, charged with assaulting Mary Green, was arrested here and soon afterward taken from the jail at Bramwell and lynched. Wymick was dragged a short distance from the jail and riddled with bullets.

Three Men Struck by Lightning.

Columbus, Ga., (Special).—A heavy wind and thunder storm, which passed over this city caused the death of two people, perhaps fatally injuring a third, and did considerable damage to buildings. Willis was killed while standing near a large oak tree on upper First avenue. He was conversing with Cochrane, who was struck at the same time. The lightning struck Willis on the temple, the current passing entirely through his body. Louis McClain met death by the same bolt.

Sentenced to the Gallows.

Elkton, Md., (Special).—Lewis Green, colored, convicted of murder in the first degree for the killing of Carrie Price, colored, in Oxford, was sentenced by Chief Judge James A. Pearce to be hanged. When asked if there was any reason why sentence should not be imposed upon him, Lewis replied: "I killed Carrie Price, and everyone knows it, and I also tried to kill myself, but now that some time has elapsed since I did the deed, I see where the actions of Carrie drove me mad. I was crazed, and knew not what I did."

COMBINE OF SHIPYARDS.

Consolidation of Immense Plants is About Completed.

New York (Special).—Arrangements have been completed for the underwriting of bonds that will be issued by a corporation formed for the purpose of consolidating at least five of the largest shipbuilding yards in the United States. This is the same amalgamation which was attempted last year, and which then failed because of the dissatisfaction expressed by the investing public with the form of the securities offered.

The project was never abandoned, and since May, 1901, the plans have been slowly maturing. Among the yards known to be concerned in the deal are: Bath Iron Works and Bath Windlass Company, of Bath, Maine; Crescent Shipyards, Elizabethport, N. J., Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, Newport News, Va.; Union Iron Works, San Francisco; Harlan & Hollingsworth, Wilmington, Del.

At the head of this great concern as manager will be Lewis Nixon, of the Crescent Shipyards, who has labored hard to bring about the consolidation. From a source that is regarded as authoritative, it was learned that bonds will be issued to the amount of $25,000,000.

All the yards brought into the plan will be operated under a single management. Work will be distributed in a manner that will make it possible to construct all classes of ships at the least cost. Shipbuilders of foreign countries will be met in competition, it being the opinion of the Americans that the natural advantages which should result from the constant development of the steel industries in the United States will make it possible for ships to be built here cheaper and better than elsewhere, and that this can be done without a reduction of wages.

Bank Wrecker Convicted.

Whatcom, Wash. (Special).—The jury in the case of the State vs. John Dix, charged with wrecking two banks in this county, returned a verdict of guilty of larceny by embezzlement. The maximum sentence for this offense is ten years in the penitentiary. Dix was arrested in London, England, about four months ago, and, after a stubborn resistance, was extradited.

Kruger Declines England's Offer.

Amsterdam, (By Cable).—It is reported here that Mr. Kruger has declined the facilities offered by Great Britain for his return to South Africa, but has accepted Queen Wilhelmina's proffer of a Dutch vessel to convey him to South Africa when he decides to return there.

Western Federation Pledges Support.

Denver, Col., (Special).—The convention of the Western Federation of Miners, now in session in this city, has adopted a resolution pledging the United Mineworkers of America the moral support of the Western Federation of Miners in their strike throughout the anthracite coal region.

Shah Decorates Kaiser.

Berlin (By Cable).—The Shah of Persia, who is now here, has bestowed upon Emperor William a decoration of the highest Persian order. The insignia presented to the Emperor is set with diamonds which are valued at 22,000 marks.

ODDS AND ENDS OF THE NEWS.

Members of the Illinois Audubon Society served notice on the milliners of Chicago of their purpose to enforce the law.

The remains of President John Henry Barrows, of Oberlin College, were buried in Westwood Cemetery, Oberlin, Ohio.

Fred. A. M. Smith, for seventeen years principal of the Episcopal Female High School at Winchester, Va., retired.

In the presence of Emperor William and the Empress and other distinguished persons, the work of restoring the ancient Castle of Marienburg was officially completed.

The number of British troops dead or permanently incapacitated as a result of the war in South Africa is 16,434.

Sir Thomas Lipton has decided to challenge for the America's cup in 1903 with a yacht to be built by the Denny's.

Sir William James Richmond Cotton, chamberlain of the city of London and once the Lord Mayor, is dead.

At Albany Supreme Court Justice Chester granted an injunction restraining certain beef packing companies of the West from carrying on business in New York in violation of the provisions of the Donnelly Anti-Trust Law. The order was served upon the representatives of the concerns in New York City and Troy, and will be served on others throughout the state as quickly as they can be reached.

After having been in session for over three weeks the National Convention of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers adjourned in Norfolk, Va., until the second Tuesday in May, 1902, when they will convene in Los Angeles, Cal.

The Colombian government is hopeful that the civil war in Columbia, which was begun simultaneously with the Boer war, will soon have a similar peaceful termination.

Marshal So telegraphed to the Chinese government that he had captured Kwei Chau, on the Tonkin frontier, and defeated the rebels.

The Boer delegates have now become more friendly with the British leaders and the soldiers of the two armies are fraternizing. The vote on the question of surrender was 54 in favor of surrender and 6 against. Lord Kitchener made a speech to the Boer delegates that made a favorable impression.

PROMINENT PEOPLE.

The Prince of Monaco has lost his wife by judicial separation.

Secretary of War Root will go to Germany in August to bring home his family.

The Cuban Congress has granted General Maximo Gomez a pension of $10,000 a year.

President Roosevelt has promised to attend the Fair at San Antonio, Texas, in October, if possible.

Mr. Edison's new invention of an electric battery for automobiles has aroused much interest in Paris.

M. Santos-Dumont has abandoned his aeronautical experiments in England and will soon sail for the United States.

The Pacific University has decided to confer the degree of Doctor of Science on Professor Irwin W. Giles, of Yale University.

Field Marshal Lord Wolseley has unveiled a memorial tablet to Archibald Forbes, the war correspondent, in the crypt of St. Paul's Cathedral, London.

PENNSYLVANIA BRIEFLY TOLD.

Special Dispatches Boiled Down for Quick Reading.

PENSIONS AND PATENTS GRANTED.

Bank Robbers Lock Themselves Out—Bridegroom Was Absent—Boxer Acquitted of Manslaughter—Burns Cause a Woman's Death—Two Tragedies at a Railroad Bridge—Young Swimmer Shot.

Pennsylvania pensions: William H. Bogseath, Everett, $17; Jacob Schreenover, Shoemakers, $12; William Thomas Talley Cavey, $12; Edward E. Rockwell, Lawrenceville, $10; Daniel Sims, California, $20; Elizabeth J. Nail, Johnstown, $8; David S. Beard, Troxbridge, $12; Catherine Mull, Coal Run, $8; Angeline Thomas, Lewistown, $12; Anna C. Wiseman, Butler, $8; Abby Ruggles, Athens, $12; Frank Young, Allegheny, $6; Robert Morrison, New Galilee, $6; Robert Hunter, Erie, $8; Fry Roser, Pinetom, $8; William Beard, Bakersville, $12; John B. Hamm, Carnegie, $10; William H. Showman, Normalville, $8; David Moore, Oakland, $12; William Carson, Rural Valley, $8; William Malone, Orbisonia, $17; William Ayres, Grant, $17; Ira Richardson, Little Elk, $12; Charles W. Miller, Calvin, $8; Adolphus S. Libby, Hastings, $10; Henry P. Hughes, Newton Hamilton, $12; David Howel, West Alexander, $12; John S. Winner, Stonebero, $8; John W. Grant, Oil City, $8; Almino Wright, Litchield, $8; Alice Martin, Uniontown, $8.

Patents granted Pennsylvanians: Edwin J. Armstrong, Erie, valve mechanism; Robert A. Carter, Pittsburg, puddling iron; Thomas and J. R. Corley, Pittsburg, guide for punching presses; Charles A. Dully-Carnot, fuel burner; Hiram W. Eton, Jr., and A. Benson, Bradford, sand reel for oil or artesian wells; George H. Everson, Pittsburg, heating mandrels for rolling tubes; also machine for drilling spoke holes in metallic wheels felloes; Edward G. Gerber, Erie, stove; Winfield H. Gibson and H. Wessling, Hope Church, producing silica bribes; also silica brick; John M. Hansen, Pittsburg, metallic frame box cars; Hart Harris, Washington, lubricator; John B. Hales, Sugar Grove, spring hanger; George N. Johnson, Leraysville, game board; Louis E. Jones, Conshohocken, disinfecting device; Edward McGarvey, Bellefonte, weight and pressure recording apparatus; Robert E. McKinley, Curwensville, hair clipper; H. L. Phelps, Athens, street sweeper; Clayton J. Reynolds, Pittsburg, dental tool for slitting cap crowns; James J. Ryland, Millvale, valve; Henry C Stiefel, Pittsburg, pen-point-ejecting penholder.

Five men attempted to rob the Duncannon National Bank at an early hour the other morning. Access was gained to the interior of the building through a window, which was smashed. The dial on the vault door was broken off and nitro-glycerin was forced into the combination and exploded. This wrenched the lock so that the door was almost sealed shut, deterring entrance to the safe. A few dollars in silver from the counter drawers is all the money the robbers secured. Ex-Burgess Samuel B. Sheller, who resides opposite the bank, was awakened by the explosion and fired several shots at the robbers, scaring them off. Several heavy tools, stolen from the Duncannon Iron Company, were left behind by the thieves.

The wedding of Miss Elizabeth Hallam, living in the suburbs of Washington, and Walter G. Douk was fixed for Friday afternoon. The clergyman, Rev. J. G. Patton, of the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, was on hand to perform the ceremony and the guests had arrived, when it became known that Mr. Douk had not appeared. He was found dining in the lobby of a hotel. It is said he declared that he had changed his mind about getting married and sent word to Miss Hallam that she was released from the marriage engagement.

The fourth barn in that neighborhood to be destroyed by fire within two months, was that of Thomas W. Barlow, near Ambler, which was burned about 7 o'clock. Six horses, one calf and three pigs, together with the implements, were consumed. The high wind caused the sparks to ignite the home of the farmer Abram Rhoads, which was also burned, together with the greater part of the furniture. Incendiarism is suspected and Mr. Barlow has offered a reward of $1,000 for the conviction of the guilty parties. The loss is fully $7,000, partially covered by insurance.

John Sheetz, aged 13, of Ashley, while swimming in a pond on a farm leased by Joseph Hayden, in Hanover Township, was shot and badly wounded. Hayden was arrested and sent to jail to await the result of the boy's injuries. Hayden said he fired to scare the boy, as swimming was prohibited in the pond.

Hans Hermann, who was on trial for manslaughter in having caused the death of Frank Smith in a boxing contest before the Keystone Athletic Club five weeks ago, was acquitted at Allentown. He was ordered to pay the costs. Charges of participating in prize-fighting were brought against about fifteen others, but all were acquitted.

Mrs. Rhoda Roberson, wife of William L. Roberson, of Davenport, Ia., died at St. Joseph's Hospital, Lancaster, from burns sustained while the gowns of the family of J. T. Martin she wore a spent lamp and the blazing alcohol ran over her clothing.

Roy Weaver, 8 years old, fell through a railroad bridge at Lemont and was drowned. The boy had accompanied several men to the bridge because George Lenhart, of Harrisburg, a railroad brakeman, had been killed there the night before, having been knocked off his train.

The burial casket and planing mill factory of M. H. Madley & Sons, Altoona, together with the contents, was destroyed by fire. Two adjoining stables were also burned. The loss is $20,000; insurance $10,000.

The dead body of John Adam Straub, a Jackson Township farmer, was found in a fish dam on his father's farm. A bullet wound in the right temple indicated that Straub shot at the water and shot himself.

David J. Reese, of Lancaster, has received the appointment from this district to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis.

Nathan Wilson, a young man employed in the rigging gang at the Philadelphia Submarine Gun Works, in Chester, was crushed to death between a tank and a wall by the fall of a heavy casting that was being hoisted.

While playing with companions, Bessie Adams, aged 13 years, daughter of W. C. Adams, was shot and badly injured by a wayward bullet fired from a rifle by a young man who was shooting at pigeons.

John Morgan, colored, was arrested at Scranton on suspicion of being the murderer of Mary Quinn. He is held awaiting identification.