# **DEATH AND RUIN** IN FLOODED AREA

North Topeka, Kansas, Scene of Terrible Destruction.

200 PEOPLE DEAD AND 200 MISSING.

Numbers of People Drowned or Unaccounted For in Other Parts of Flooded Districts in Three States-Many Fatalities Feared From the Suffering and Exposure Endured by Hundreds of Women and Children-The Property Losses in Topeka Estimated at \$4,000,000 Public Buildings Turned Into Shelters for the Homeless.

More than 200 lives lost, 20,000 people homeless, property valued at \$6,000,000 to \$8,000,000 destroyed, crops damaged to the extent of several million dollars. thousands of sheep and other livestock drowned, great industries like the Armour, Swift and Cudahy packing plants temporarily stopped and railroad traffic interrupted make up the terrible record of the flood and fire disasters in Kansas, Iowa, Missouri and Nebraska.

Hundreds of miles of country and numbers of small towns are flooded, but the indications are that the waters have done their worst, and the Kansas River and other streams are slowly receding.

North Topeka, Kan., the center of the havoe of the combined destroying elements, presents a deplorable spectacle. The conditions at that point are these:

Dead by drowning, 170 to 200. Homeless, 8,000,

People missing, 200. Property losses, \$4,000,000,

Houses burned, 200. At Kansas City, Mo., and Kansas City. Kan.

Dead by drowning, 15. People homeless, 10,000.

Property losses, \$2,000,000 to \$4,000,-

The death list is increased by fatalities in other sections of the flooded districts in the several states, and the estimated property losses may be largely increased. Prompt measures of relief have been taken. The Convention Hall at Kansas City and other large public buildings have been turned into shelters for the homeless. It is feared that much sickness and many deaths will result from the suffering and exposure endured during the past 48 hours by thousands of women and children.

## Scores of People Perish at Topeka.

Topeka, Kans. (Special).-There is ground for hope that the worst has passed. The Kansas River is so slowly receding as to be hardly perceptible, but the five-mile-wide stream is gradually settling back into its rightful channel Up and down the official gauge has fluttered all day. At night City Engineer McCabe issued a bulletin giving out the cheering intelligence that the waters had subsided to the extent of exactly seven and a half inches. It may be some hours before another drop may be noticed. With 175 or 200 lives lost; millions of

dollars of property destroyed; with hundreds of pistols-shots as signals of distress, blended with the agonizing cross of unwilling inhabitants of treetops and roofs of houses, and the waters creeping upward, and then slowly subsiding, and alternately changing hope to dispair, the city has passed the most memorable Sunday of its existence. Through all this discomforting condition of affairs was added the presence of a cold, dismai

The work of the heroic rescuers was not abated in the least by the conditions which confronted them. For long, dreary hours knee-deep in water, and sometimes in water up to their necks, they worked with might and main.

## Short of Food and Fuel.

Des Moines, Ia. (Special).-The relief authorities announced that they were confronted with a food and fuel famine. Meat markets all over the city declare they have but two or three days' stock on hand. There is no train entering the city and no prospect of getting a ship-ment of freight into Des Moines. Bakeries are overtaxed by reason of the mand of the six thousand flood refugees through the relief association. The temperature of the past three

days has been such as to cause great suffering and to threaten great loss of life through exposure. Now it transpires that there is but a meager coasupply, and that the light and power plant and the waterworks have an in-sufficient supply. Roads are impassable for team-hauling and no coal can be shipped in. At the water company's office it was

stated that the situation was alarming Notice was sent to every resident in the city to draw an extra supply of water to provide against the closing of the plant. Owing to the breaking of another levee, the commons, on which to tents were placed for flood refugees was flooded, completely submerging the tents. The occupants escaped.

Hope has been inspired in the breasts of the 6000 flood refugees by the report

that the river has begun to slowly de-cline. The condition of the sufferers has been slightly alleviated by the bet-ter organization of the relief forces.

## Indictments for Peonage.

Montgomery, Ala. (Special), - The United States Grand Jury returned 36 indictments against white residents of Coosa and Tallapoosa counties, charging peonage, or holding negroes in servitude

## Hundreds Die of Plague.

Hongkong (By Cable).-Consul General McWade, of the United States. writes that the famine situation it Kwangsi is appalling. Hundreds are dying. The people are uttering many anti-foreign threats and much alarm is felt in the district. Plague has occurred at Yokohama. A stoker of a Bombay steamer was quarantined with the dis-ease on May 4 and two fatalities oc-curred. The area in which the plague victims lived has been quarantined.

## Prayed as Fire Raged.

London (By Cable) -A telegram from Grimsby says the Huddersfield carried 29 emigrants and five other steerage passengers. All except 22 were taken ashore with the crew of the Huddersfield.

## President of Liberia.

Mexico City (Special).-President Porfirio Diaz, with reference to the gitation for his re-election, said it was the duty of all citizens to serve the country if called upon, "even at a permal sacrifice," THE LATEST NEWS IN SHORT ORDER.

Edwin Gould offered \$1000 reward for the capture of John Heffernan's nurderer, and said nine other members of the Ardsley Club would offer a simdar amount, making the total amount \$10,000.

A petition was filed in the United States Circuit Court in San Francisco to declare the Copper King Mining Company, a London corporation, to be bankrupt.

lphia which was erected in memory the German soldiers who participated in the Franco-Prussian war The miners of the Continental Coal Company near Meyersdale, Pa., struck upon receiving notice of five cents in the pay for mining coal.

The statue in memory of General Sherman was unveiled in New York.

Secretary of War Elihu Root delivering e oration

Every brick contractor in Pittsburg has shut down on account of the squab-ble between the bricklayers and the Ten persons were injured in a colli-

trolley cars in Charleston. Two of the victims are expect-All the grand officers of the Brotherood of Railway Trainmen were re-

The Fay-Sholes Typewriter Company closed down its plant because the vorkmen demanded more wages.

It is now reported that in addition to the eight trainmen who were killed in the Southern Railway freight wreck at Bryan, Ala., Wednesday, five tramps (four colored and one white) were killed and their bodies burned. The United States Agricultural De-

partment is making a map of the Unit-ed States which will cover five and onetenth acres of ground at the St. Louis

Frederick Munch, of Philadelphia, just elected grand junior warden of the Grand Commandery of Knights Tem-plar of Pennsylvania, died of typhoid-

Col. Johnston L. DePeyster, who raised the first flag over the fallen cap-itol at Richmond, Va., died at his home at Tivoli-on-Hudson. Harsh epithets were applied in the

House against the members of the cab-inet of British Colombia and the govrnment was defeated. M. Leopold Mabilleau, while lectur-

ing in Chicago, referred to the Amer-ican college professor as "a hired man The Presbyterian General Assembly adopted by a unanimous vote the report of the revision committee as a whole.

Mrs. H. A. Brown, an actress, will cek a divorce from her husband, a iillionaire broker of Boston. Citizen George Francis Train is very ill from smallpox in the pesthouse near Stamford, Conn.

At a meeting of the directors of the Pennsylvania Railroad in Philadelphia, J. R. Wood was appointed passenger traffic manager, which is a new office. leorge W. Boyd, assistant general passenger agent, was promoted to the office of general passenger agent, to succeed Mr. Wood. J. B. Thayer, Jr., elected fifth vice-president, a new

The New York Clearinghouse Assoation is considering the advisability own g making public the weekly statement create. the trust companies which clear

brough it. Col. Albert Brewer, a millionaire Tiffin, O., is dead. He was accused nurder in a saloon row a year ago. His trial was postponed from time to

Hierbert Gladstone, the chief Liberal ip in English politics, warns the Libconcerning Chamberlain's proteconist policy, stating that "the governnent is hopelessly discredited and it is prison. impossible to assume that a general election will be long delayed."

uscless in the recent fight between the

It is reported that Elizabeth Weiss private institution she keeps to persons

Prime Minister Balfour, in replying band and burned the body. Sir Charles Dilke in the House o ommons, urged that the time had ome when the question should be pub-cly discussed whether the doctrine that evenue should never be raised except r purposes of expenditure must not be

Lady Margaret Cowell-Stepney, laughter of Lord de Tabley, was grant-d in the London courts a judicial sep-gration from her husband, Sir Arthur Towell-Stepney, who is now an Amerian ettizen, residing in Idaho.

The Town of Melazgherd, in the Vilayet of Van, Astatic Turkey, has

destroyed by an earthquake and he loss of life heavy, one report giv-ng it at 2000, but the United States ce consul places it at 500. On account of the revolution Presi-

Castro has closed a number of enezuelan ports, nearly all of which The British government approved the action of the consul at Tahiti, who seiz-ed three small islands near Piteairn re-

The program has been arranged for the international concert to be given in Berlin during the Wagner commemora-

tion week.

The Spanish government aroused the indignation of the press and the people by agreeing to return to Morocco a runaway from the Sultan's harem.

## Fignacial.

Pennsy now has five vice-presidents more than any other railroad. International Paper has declared its uarterly dividend of 1 1-2 per cent. Paris for the first time in a long while

paying any attention to American H. E. Huntingdon is coming East to alk over Southern Pacific matters with H. Harriman.

Diamond Steel preferred is reputed by some interests in the company to be worth considerably more than it now

If Rockefeller should get \$8,000,000 o Pennsylvania stock it would make him one of the largest individual sharehold-

It is reported that the reorganizers of Mexican Central finances will scale the general mortgage bonds 25 per cent., which will effect a reduction in fixed charges of nearly \$700,000 per annum.

A leading Boston banking house has received official information from the

# FOR PEACE OF THE WORLD

Review of the Recent Mehawk Conference.

BRILLIANT ARRAY OF SPEAKERS.

Ex-Secretary Foster, Edward Everett Hale-Dr. Josiah Strong, Dr. Lyman Abbott, Solictor Penfield, Japanese Consul and Others Make Addresses-Platform Declares for Obligatory Arbitration.

Lake Mohonk (Special) .- A fast significant in itself of the growth of the ninth annual Conference on International Arbitration this year. The largest previous attendance had been about 200. This year it was 250. These Mohonk gatherings have been made up of a chosen number of the leaders of American thought and action, men and women of large hearts and broad minds, but of the body brought together this year this might be said more truly than ever be-fore. It would be hardly possible, indeed, to call together an equal number of persons more truly representative of the best thought, the noblest spirit and the most progressive tendencies of the American people than this assembly at An analysis of the list of its nembers shows that there were present ome 20 judges and prominent jurists, o preachers and teachers of religion, nearly all of national reputation: 42 educational leaders, including five presidents of colleges; over 25 editors of magazines and newspapers, and about 50 "captains of industry," financiers, manufacturers and men of large affairs.

The conference had an ideal presiding officer in the person of the Hon. John W. Foster, whose long and distinguished career as a diplomat, statesman and peace commissioner gave him unique

qualifications for the place.
In his opening address Mr. Foster said that the most edifying and auspicious event to come under the observation of believers in arbitration had come from a quarter of the world to which Anglohad not been inclined to look for helpful examples in good government. He referred to Chili and Argen-A controversy over a boundary torch of war and thrust these two prosperous peoples into sanguinary cor But better counsels prevailed, and Chili and Argentina agreed to submit their differences to the arbitration of the King of England. His award was accepted by

Referring to the Venezuelan imbroglio, Mr. Foster said the event showed some of the evil effects of transforming the populous nations into great military powers and also served to bring into prominence the value of arbitration and the utility of The Hague tribunal. was a high compliment to President Roosevelt to be solicited to act as arbi-trator of that dispute," said the speaker, "but it enhanced his reputation still more to decline the offer and to refer the contending parties to the tribunal which his own government had done so much to

## MRS. TAYLOR FOUND GUILTY.

### The Condemned Woman Shows Anger When the Verdict is Announced.

Kate Taylor was found guilty of murder in the first degree for causing the and the department communicated with death of her husband. She was sentenced to death and her execution fixed for the week of July 5 at Dannemorra

Mrs. Taylor was arrested and lodged in jail at Monticello on February 8, charged with having killed her hus-Seventeen men, including three oul-garian officers, killed themselves upon realizing that further resistance was aperial forces and insurgent bands in a Bulgarian village of Mogil.

According to the confession of her 16-year-old daughter, Ida May Taylor, the woman afterward that the confession of her 16-year-old daughter, Ida May Taylor, the woman afterward the confession of her 16-year-old daughter. the woman afterward dismembered the body and put it in the cook stove. It as been arrested at Hamburg, accus- was said that afterward she threw the ed of having supplied babies from a charred bones into the chicken yard. rivate institution she keeps to persons Two weeks afterward the disappear-esiring to use infants for fraudulent ance of Taylor began to excite com-

Taylor told neighbors that Capt. Sir Edward Hulse, press censor her husband had gone over the mounourg. Transvaal, was found in his on business. When trying to make a deal with Peter Yerkins, her uncle, Mrs. Taylor was forced into a confession that she had killed her hus-

# The Orange Home.

Philadelphia (Special).- Representative Orangemen from all parts of the country, numbering more than 2000. were present at the dedication of the Orange Home, an institution for orphan children and infirm Orangemen, at Hatboro, near here. Thirty-six orthan boys, 28 girls and 42 old couples from Maine, Ohio, New York and New Jersey, were entered upon the books as the first charges of the home. The following officers were elected: Rev. George Worrell, Philadelphia, President; Thomas Milligan, Boston, ice president; Dr. J. W. Carroll, Hat resident physician; Mrs. sum of \$63,000 has been expended upon the institution.

# Plot Against Italy's King.

Paris (By Cable) .- A dispatch to the Patrie from Marseilles says three anarchists have been arrested at Mentone on suspicion of being engaged in a plot arrested men.

## A Duel With Raplers.

Toledo, O. (Special) -A duel with rapiers has been fought near Adrian, Mich. The combatants were a young man of Adrian, who under the name of "Prince Robert," is a frequent contributor to the magazines and F. O. Ellis, of New York. Mr. Ellis was the challenged party, the affair being over an alleged insult offered to the fiancee of "Prince Robert." At the first on-siaught Mr. Ellis was slightly wounded and gave up the fight.

## Pive Tramps Killed.

Birmingham, Ala. (Special).-It is now reported that in addition to the eight trainmen who were killed in the Southern Railway freight wreck at Bryan, five tramps, four colored and one white, were killed

## Eleven Children Drowned.

Posen, Prussia (By Cable).-The Aichison management that there is no present intention of issuing additional bonds.

In the year which ended April 30 Pacific Mail's net earnings were \$323,int against \$16,847, the previous year.

## NATIONAL CAPITAL AFFAIRS.

August W. Machen Arrested.

August W. Machen, general superintendent of the free delivery system of the Postoffice Department, and whose summer home is at Westminster, Md., was arrested here charged with receiving bribes in connection with a contract held by Groff Brothers, of Washington, D. C., for a patent fastener used on street letter boxes.

The arrest of Mr. Machen took place at the Postoffice Department about 1 o'clock, after Mr. Machen had been in sentiment in favor of international arbi- the office of Fourth Assistant Posttration and the grip it has secured upon master General Bristow all morning the minds of thinking men was seen in and under sharp cross-examination, the largely increased attendance at the conducted by Mr. Bristow and Assistant Attorney General Robb, of the Postoffice Department.

Diller B. Groff, one of the partners in the firm of Groff Brothers, accused of having bribed Mr. Machen, called at police headquarters and stated that he had heard a warrant for his arrest was out. He was served with the warrant and was released on \$10,000 bond. Samuel A. Groff, the other member of the Groff firm, was taken into custody later and was released on receipt of

bail in the sum of \$5000.

During this interview it was shown to Mr. Machen that the department had sufficient, evidence, most of it documentary, to cause his arrest on the charge of receiving bribes amounting to about \$22,000 or 40 per cent, of the amount paid during the last three years by the government under its contract to Groff Brothers, the owners of the patent known as the "Groff fastener." Mr. Machen throughout the entire proceedings in Mr. Bristow's office remarkably cool. He admitted noth-In fact, he declared his innocence of any wrong conduct on his part, at one time characterizing the charges and arrest as a grandstand play on the part of the department.'

### Naval Conling Stations.

President Palma states that the naval coaling station leases will be definitely negotiated this week. He says the matter will not be delayed on account of the absence from Cuba of Secretary of State Zaldo, as Secretary of the Treasury Montes will act in Senor Zaldo's

President Palma says the government has been waiting to secure an approximate idea of the cost of securing from private owners the land re-The shock was strongly felt in Erzerum, a journey of 38 hours, and threw the people into a panic. Many of them turned their stables, which are built level quired for the stations and that such information is now forthcoming, so the oney consideration and other details necessary to formulate the terms of the leases will soon be in the President's

It is the President's desire that the Senate, when it ratifies the original naval station agreement, shall add to it provisions authorizing the President to conclude the details thereof without referring them to the Senate. This probably will be done. The Isle of Pines Treaty has already been drawn. and its conclusion, it is expected, will be quickly accomplished.

## Adulterations of Hemp.

The War Department is giving attention to representations which have been made in Washington and in Manila, to the effect that the adulteration Monticello, N. Y. (Special).-Mrs. of Manila hemp is threatening to destroy the industry of hemp-growing, Governor Taft on the subject. The

following cable message was received: "Ask for conference with cordage manufacturers to learn how many, if any, competent expert inspectors of hemp before baling we could secure from the United States, and what sal-

## General Wood's Discrepancy.

Regarding a statement published in New York that there is a \$3,000,000 discrepancy between the reports of General Leonard Wood and his secretary of finance of the total disbursements of instances." the American military government in Cuba, it is stated on the highest authorty that the discrepancy will be accounted for in the final settlement be-tween the War Department and Senor Quesada, Cuban Minister at Washing-

Collector Cruzen Censured. A. R. Cruzen, Collector of Customs at the Port of San Juan, P. R., whose office was recently investigated by a special agent of the Treasury Department, and against whom charges of irregularities in the administration of his ffice are made, has been exonerated on all allegations of dishonesty by Secretary Shaw. Collector Cruzen has been censured by the Department, but he will be allowed to continue in office.

## Military Training on the Decline.

Incoming reports of army inspectors of military colleges are said to show a generally unsatisfactory state of affairs so far as the military training of the students is concerned and the In-spector-General is about to send a circular letter to the heads of the colleges demanding remedial measures.

# Major Howze Exonerated.

The Secretary of War will make pubon suspicion of being engaged in a piot against King Victor Emmanuel on the occasion of his approaching visit to Paris. Five other suspects escaped. The police found incriminating papers on the that the charges are not sustained.

## In the Departments.

Decoration Day exercises were more elaborate than usual. There were ex-ercises, with orations, at all the ceme-At Arlington Charles Emory teries. Smith was the orator. A monument and bust of the late Senator Cushman K. Davis was unveiled. The European squadron will go to

Orders have been issued for the Kearsarge to be gotten ready to pro-ceed as the flagship of Rear Admiral Cotton, with the European Squadron, to the regatta at Kiel.

The Treasury Department has de-cided that Japanese Geisha girls are en-titled to admission as artists. The Secretary of War has decided

that the charges brought by Major Hunter against Major Howze of cruelty toward the Filipinos are not sustained The War Department has had 50 3-inch guns made in Dusseldorf, Germany.

Senators Alger and Burrows and Representative Lucking, of Mich., presented to Secretary Hay the resolutions adopted at a Detroit mass-meeting protesting against the massacre of Jews at Kisheneff.

Sir J. Miller's Rock Island, riden by Maher, the American jockey, won the classic Derby at Epsom. The King and Queen and other distinguished per-

### 2000 PERSONS ARE KILLED WILL APPEAL TO SUPREME COURT.

Earthquake Destroys Town of Melazgherd

in Turkey.

not far from Lake Van.

garrison of Melazgerd.

boring villages collapsed,

In addition, over 400 houses in neigh-

felt here, but no damage was done.

lasting 30 seconds was felt in the morn-

sian frontier and as far west at Kharnut.

The telegraph operator who sent the news of the catastrophe said he himself

was badly injured, and that his wife and

subscriptions for the relief of the des-titute Mohammedans and Christians of

Washington, D. C. (Special),—Vice-onsul Ojalvo, at Erzerum, Turkey,

Consul Ojalvo, at Erzerum, Turkey, sends to the State Department an ac-

count of an earthquake at Melazgerd on April 29. He says 520 people were kille l

with the ground, into sleeping apart-

RUSSIA CAN BE HELD GUILTY

Guilty is government. First, ex-

The Foreign Office has appealed for

sister had been killed.

the Melazgerd district.

ince November 8, 1901.

ments for greater security.

answered by cable:

London (By Cable) .- The

Competition in Beef.

THE ENTIRE POPULATION IS DEAD. Troops in Garrison and 700 Armenians Among the Number Killed-409 Houses in Nearby

Villages Also Collapsed-Severe Shock Was Felt at Constantinople - Stables Tura. resenting all the packers, gave notice of ed Into Sleeping Apartments by the People an appeal from the decree, and the case will be taken to the United States Su-Constantinople (By Cable).-Advices preme Court.

which reached here from Asiatic Turkey show that a terrible earthquake occurred tion permanent might have been done at Melazgerd, on the eastern branch of the headwaters of the Euphrates, in the bine chosen to take the full time allow-Vilayet of Bitlis, 80 miles southeast of Erzerum, the capital of Armenia, and The town of Melazgerd was totally destroyed, with its entire population, num-

bering 2000 souls, including 700 Armen-Sixty days from date are allowed the ombine to perfect its appeal to the ians, as well as the troops forming the higher court. It is believed that much stress will be laid upon Judge Grosscup's interpretation of the legal charac-ter of interstate commerce. This point A somewhat severe earth shock was constituted the burden of Attorney Miller's argument when the demurrer to the Government's bill of complaint was

Office here received some details from the British Consul at Erzerum regard-The final order of injunction does not ing the recent earthquake at Melazgerd, according to which a strong earth shock ing of April 29 throughout the entire dis-trict between Lake Van and the Rustown of Melazgerd, consisting of 500 houses, was destroyed, and much havoc was wrought in the surrounding villages. Col. Khalil Bey, commanding the garrison of Melazgerd, with his

Briefly put, the decree enjoins the packers and their representatives from

Jersey.

The effect of the decree is to insist on free competition in the meat mar-kets. Secret meetings to agree on uniform prices are prohibited. The packers must not arbitrarily raise, lower or fix prices by agreement. They are enand the city is in ruins. Earthquake shocks have been almost continuous of credit to dealers and they must not have a common blacklist of customers who are delinquent in payment for goods. In case of violation of any of these provisions of the decree they are to be brought into court and punished

# For the Massacre of Jews in Kishenef-Count

Cassini Makes Reply. Philadelphia, Pa. (Special).-A cablegram was sent to Count Tolstoi, at ond appeal in the case of James Wil-Moscow, asking him if the Russian cox, sentenced in March, 1902, to be government could be held guilty of the hanged, and who, on a new trial grantmassacre of the Jews in Kisheneff. He ed by the Supreme Court, was sentenc-

luding Jews from common rights, making the separate caste; secondly, inculcating by force in Russians an idolecuted in forma pauperis. atrous faith instead of Christianity." Count Cassini, the Russian ambassaor at Washington, listened attentively to the reading of Count Tolstoi's cablegram and in answer said:

"I will say this much: The unfortunate calamity to a number of Jewish subits of Russia is deeply deplored, and measures have been taken not only to mish the perpetrators, but to prevent the recurrence of the misfortune. Now. what good can result from the campaign waged against Russia in the United States?

"The two governments are traditional friends, the friendship is too old and too well founded to be seriously disturbed. Such calamities have occurred in other countries, and will, unfortu-nately, occur again, I need not specify

Haitian Cabinet. Port au Prince, Haiti (By Cable). President Nord has refused to accept the resignation of the Haytien cabinet. The ministers retain their portfolios with the understanding that the cabinet will continue the investigation into the alleged extensive frauds in the issuing of Haitian government securities amounting to \$2,000,000. It was the opposition of the cabinet to a continuance of this investigation which caused the ministers to tender their resignations,

Must Serve His Country. New York (Special).-Three children perished with their mother in a fire in the five-story apartment house at 306 West One Hundred and Thirtyfifth street. The father, a fourth child and another tenant were seriously burn-ed. The fire, it is believed, was started by an incendiary. The police are searching for a man who, with his hands covered with oil, was seen running from the place.

## Steamers Crash, 22 Lost.

Antwerp (By Cable) .- The British steamer Huddersfield, which sailed from this port for Grimsby, England, ollided with the Norwegian steamer Twenty-two Austrian and Italian emi-grants were drowned. The crew was grants were drowned. saved. The bows of the Uto were damaged.

## Venezuelan Ports Closed.

Caracas, Venezuela (By Cable) .- The Official Gazette published a Presidential decree temporarily suppressing the Custom-houses at La Vela, Quanta, Puerto Sucre, La Guayra, Cano, Colotado and Ciudad Bolivar, and allowing steamers from the United States 15 days and sailing vessels 30 days. These allowances count from June 1.

There is no clue to the identity the man who shot and killed John Hel-ferman near the Ardsley Clubhouse, at Irvington, N. Y.

## Wins New Office.

Pekin (By Cable) .- An imperial edict just issued appoints Wu Ting-fang, the former Chinese minister at Washington, to be a member of the foreign office. His rank will be below that of the five officers designated in the pro-tocol. The appointment practically cre-ates a new office.

# Permanent Restraint From Stifling

Chicago (Special).-The beef combine was permanently enjoined by Judge Peter S. Grosscup, of the United States Circuit Court, from continuing any agreement in restraint of trade.

Special Counsel John S. Miller, rep-

The making of the temporary injuncin the middle of April had not the comed by law before submitting to the recording of the decree. There was no delay in the final adjudication of the case, because in no event could it have been considered by the Supreme Court before the October term.

made last December. Foreign.

differ materially from the temporary order which has been in force against the packers since last May. The death of Gustavus F. Swift, which occurred subsequent to the granting of the temorary injunction, was suggested to the ourt by the Government attorneys, and is name was eliminated from the final decree as one of the individual defend-ants, though the packing concern of Swift & Co. is still covered by the Court's order.

whole family; three other officers and eighty soldiers perished in the ruins. Lieutenant Colonel Tayib Bey, whose family perished, became insane. doing anything in violation of the provisions of the Sherman Anti-Trust act of 1890. It covers Armour & Co., Swift & Co., Nelson, Morris & Co., the Schwarzchild and Sulzberger Company and the Hammond Packing Company. The last named is now a part of the National Packing Company, incorpor-ated recently under the laws of New

## WILCOX APPEAL ARGUED. Contended There Was Never Satisfactory Evi-

dence Against Him. Raleigh, N. C. (Special).-The seced in January, 1903, to 30 years in prison for the murder of Miss Ella Cropsey at Elizabeth City, N. C., was heard by the Supreme Court. The appeal was pros-

E. F. Aydlett, of Elizabeth City, and W. M. Bond, of Edenton, appeared for Wilcox, and Attorney-General Gilmer for the State. The petition for a new trial was based on the ground that there never has been evidence enough against Wilcox for the case to go to the jury and that the Judge should have so directed. Other contentions were that there was enough evidence tending to show suicide to leave the matter in doubt as to murder having been com-

The Supreme Court has the matter under advisement and it will be some days, perhaps weeks, before an opinion

# is rendered.

Threatened the President. Walla Walla, Wash. (Special) .-- Joseph Becker, a radical Socialist, is in jail here on suspicion of having intended to kill President Roosevelt. The episode was kept quiet until after the President's departure. Becker is accused of having remarked at Pendleton, Ore, last week that he had one bullet for President Roosevelt and another for Emperor William, of Germany. He left for la Walla with a rifle, and his Pendleton partner, Patrick Kine, followed him here, notifying the police. Becker was found working in a butcher shop. He was arrested, and on being questioned disclosed the location of his rifle, which was hidden in a farmer's barn on the line of march. Becker is a Swiss,

Big Fire in New Hampshire City. Laconia, N. H. (Special).-This city is in darkness, nearly 100 buildings have been burned, 350 persons made homeless and a loss of between \$350,000 and \$400,000 inflicted as the result of a fire in the Lakeport section, the area burned being about 150 acres. The city fire department was helpless to stay the pro-gress of the flames and the destruction went on until the fire actually burned it-

## self out for want of material

Love and Poison. Waterbury, Ct. (Special).-Because his sweetheart failed to return his affec tion David Fitzpatrick, a 17-year-old boy swallowed half an ounce of carbolic acid at his home here. The pain made him rush from his room shrieking for aid Two physicians saved his life.

# Laborer Inherits \$20,000

York, Pa. (Special).-Intelligence that he is the sole heir to his father's estate of \$20,000 at Stuttgart, Germany, reached Charles Geiger, who since 1882 has been a day laborer. Geiger left his home in Germany when a youth and his father lost track of him. Geiger recently wrote to Stuttgart to inquire of his father's fate and the letter fell inte the hands of attorneys, who have been trying for several years to locate the heir to the Geiger money.

## Four Killed by Gas.

Pittsburg, Pa. (Special).-An explosion of gas in the Chartiers Coal and Coke Company mine at Federal, Pa., killed four men instantly, badly burned seven and slightly injured a number of others Several more are missing and are believed to be still in the mine. As the mine is on fire it is feared they will be burned to death or suffocated by the smoke. The injured are foreigners and their names are not known. Five are believed to be fatally hurt. About 75 men were at work when the explosion occurred.

# THE KEYSTONE STATE

## Latest News of Pennsylvania Told in Short Order.

granted:-Henry Patents granted:—Henry Alken, Pittsburg, tongs operating mechanism; J. M. Anderson, Pittsburg, uniting metals; Biddle Arthurs, Pittsburg, burglar alarm; John W. Bayne and C. C. Durborrow, Altoona, liquid and gaseous fuel burner; Malcolm H. Baker, East Liberty, alternating current are lamp; Charles O. Beatley, McKees Rocks, cigaret former; Arthur B. Bellows, Pittsburg, steel gondola cars: Patents Rocks, cigaret former; Artnur B. Bellows, Pittsburg, steel gondola cars; Resin B. Benford, Sharpsburg, crupper blinds, Milton H. Bolsinger, Windber, envelope fastener; Charles W. Bray, Pittsburg, apparatus for rolling plates, where Asthur I. Briggs, Alleghene. or sheets; Arthur J. Briggs, Alleghens, telephone receiver holder; Charles F. Buente, Allegheny, fireproof floor con-struction; Edgar H. Beyer, Waynes-boro, vise; Cyrus M. Carnahan, Alle-gheny, brake beam; Charles S. Clark, Altoona, skimming regular for ice machines; William E. Coyan, Homestead, making steel castings; George M. Ervin, Johnstown, railway track structure; Reginald A. Feccendon, Pittsburg, receiver for electro-magnetic waves; Ar-thur L. George, Johnstown, railway track structure

Pensions granted:-Samuel F. Dickson, Tyrone, \$10; Jerome Bowman, Johnstown, \$55; Etta C. Farrelly, Townville, \$8: Martha E. Hench, Mc-Allisterville, \$8; Margaret Keller, Alle-

gheny, \$12. Ohio-Christian Gille, Zanesville, \$12; John Weaver, Beaver Dam, \$40; Lyman M. Cole, Geneva, \$40; George Lyman M. Cole, Geneva, \$40; George E. Farmer, Salem, \$45; Josiah Gamble, Martins Ferry, \$40; Nathan B. Smith, Dennison, \$55; David B. Long, Belaire, \$55; Elisha P. Wise, Warren, \$55; William Cunningham, Bridgeport, \$40; Horace M. Cook, Conneaut, \$40; lesse Frasier, Middleport, \$55; John Heston, Cambridge, \$46; Sarah E. Fay, Jefferson, \$8; Ella Potts, Çadiz, \$12; George W. Cypher, Saxton, \$15; Frantis R. Bausman, Pittsburg, \$12; Elijah A. Leech, Allegheny, \$55; Lonathea A. Leech, Allegheny, \$55: Jonathan Davis, Washington, \$12: Charles M Brown, Dunkard, \$12: John J. Pritts. Garrett, \$10: John B. Clark, Beaver, \$24: minor of Henry A. Wise, Butler, \$10: Caroline Peters, Brookville, \$8: Sarah Quest, Green Castle, \$8: Emma Hill, Altoona \$8 Hill, Altoona, \$8.

James Kerr, of Clearfield says that plans have been made to extend the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad to every coal-bearing district n Pennsylvania, John V. Thompson, of New Castle,

cit there with his son Carl, aged 10, on 1 journey, overland, to California, They will travel in a wagon and will be abent at least three years. Leo Aranzo, one of the three Italians the were wounded in a shooting affray it Freedom on Sunday evening, died rom the effects of his wounds at the Beaver County General Hospital at

Rochester.

James Gilmarton was bound over for ourt at Sharon on a charge of aggra-rated assault and battery. It is alleged hat he beat Joseph Nometh, a forigner, on the head with a piece of iron. Samuel Leaston, the colored sexton of the First Baptist Church of Altoona, ired two shots at Harry Norman, aged to, also colored, both of which took ciect, inflicting perhaps fatal injuries.

Three new cases of smallpox have een reported at Butler.

Fire broke out in the hotel at Bear Lake and destroyed all the buildings on the east side of Main street. Loss, \$25,000. The insurance is small.

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During a storm the Samuel Lina ouse, near Canonsburg, was struck by ightning and badly damaged. The value of an education to the avtrage boy is \$1800 a year, according to the arguments presented by ex-Superin-endent of Schools Lamb, of Braddock in an address before the public school

rachers of New Castle.
Thomas Sitricz, a self-confessed mur-Clearneld jail awailing rial. Some weeks ago, according to the story of the prisoner, he hit a fellow workman at Smoke Run with a shovel during a quarrel. The blow was shovel during a quarrel. such a heavy one that the victim died. Sitricz escaped and made his way to Chicago, where he secured employment. The thoughts of his crime preyed on his mind to such an extent that he could not rest, and after receiving his wages, he boarded a train and upon his arrival in Clearfield gave himself up to Sheriff McCullough. Sitricz came from Hungary about 11 years ago and can talk English fluently. He is unmarried and rather good looking and aged about 25. Pietro Diana, wanted as one of the

ringleaders of the riot at Hillsville limestone quarries last winter, was captured at Braddock and placed in jail at New Castle by Sheriff Brown. It is claimed that Diana carried a sho with which he fired at the officers. Burglars blew open the safe in the Herminic postoffice and secured about

\$400 in stamps and \$75.

A lamp exploded at the residence of Robert Morris, in New Castle. The amily had a narrow escape. Charters were issued by the State Department to the following corpora-tions: Shenango Valley Flour and Produce Company, Sharon; capital, \$25,000; Standard Iron Mining and Furnace Company, Philadelphia, capital, \$10,000; Inter-State Conduit and Brick Company, Scranton; capital \$150,000; Rodgers & Hill, Incorporated, Conshohocken; capital, \$50,000; Brighton Fire Brick Company, New Brighton, capital, \$30,000; Scott Coal and Coke Company, Somerset; capital \$100,000; Stoney Mount Land Com-pany, Philadelphia; capital, \$50,000; pany, Philadelphia; capital, \$50,000, Mt. Penn Water Company, Mt. Penn: capital, \$10,000; Confluence Water Company, Confluence; capital, \$20,000; Fishing Creek Manufacturing Company, Carbondale; capital \$7500; Frank P. Held & Company, Philadelphia;

capital, \$50,000 The Pennsylvania Railroad Company will close three of its four large green-houses at Altoona. The railroad company is gradually abandoning the growth of flowers.

While on his way to work Frederick Stevenson, fire boss at No. 10 celliery. was attacked by two men on the out-skirts of Lansford, and brutally beaten. He was knocked down with a stone from ambush, which cut a hole in his head and rendered him unconscious He was then trampled upon and left for dead. Stevenson worked during the mine strike, and is supposed to be the victim of enemies made then.

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A thief walked into the jewelry store of Mrs. M. Arnheim at Pittslurg and without the least hesitancy walked to the window, lifted some silverware that was in his way and, picking up a tray containing 29 rings, walked out of the store and disappeared. Mrs. Arnheim, who was alone in the store, rushed to the door and called for help, but the thief had escaped. His plunder was vafued at about \$300.

Scranton is troubled with horse thieves. Four steeds have been taken within the last two nights. Joseph Jermyn, a millionaire coal operator, lost a pacer valued at \$500, and his stable boss' horse is also gone.