Police Sergeant Expects Solution of Marder Mystery

TRACES THE CRIME TO A RESORT.

Mr. Krauss is Next to Certain That the Girl Was Killed at a Resort on the Outskirts of the City-She Was Followed Thither By Her Jealous Admirer, He Says, There the Mortal Wounds Were Inflicted.

Allentown, Pa. (Special).-Disclosure of the name of Mabel Bechtel's murderer and all the details of the mysterious tragedy are promised this week, according to the statement of one of the officers at work on the case under the direction of Capt. Jas. L. Schaadt, counsel for the Bechtel family.

This officer is Sergeant Edwin W Knauss, of the local police, who, from the hour Mabel's body was found in theory that the girl was not killed at her home. His views are now supported by more than 90 per cent, of the people here. When the murder was discovered Sergeant Knauss was one of the first officers on the ground and it was not long before he left the home of the Bechtels and began to look in other directions for clues. The Sergreant said:

"The Bechtel mystery is nearer solu tion now than most persons think and although the man at whom we point suspicion is free from the law, we pro pose to show the truth. We have es ablished the motive for the crime. We can show that only two days be-fore she was killed Mabel was threataned that if she did not marry a certain young man she would not marry anybody else. We can prove by reputa-The witnesses that the young man demight of the tragedy, but that he did not see Mabel then. That night in-stead of being in bed at 9 o'clock, as members of his family said, he was seen on the street shortly before 11 o'clock, when he gave a trolley car transfer to a

"Thus far there is not a flaw in our theories, but the rest is based upon inproof that is becoming stronger every day. The man whom we suspect has given us accounts of his movements after 11 o'clock of the night that pre-ceded the finding of the girl's body in the alley and this is the feature of the

Sergeant Knauss added that he is next to certain that the girl was killed at a resort on the outskirts of the city. She was followed thither by her jealous admirer, he says, there the mortal wounds were inflicted and later the dying girl was taken home in a hack.
"We have scattering pieces of evidence on these points," added Sergeant Knauss, "but in a few days we expect

to have the whole story and witnesses to prove it."

District Attorney Lichtenwalner characterizes the new theories of the friends of the Bechtels as a scheme to create public sentiment in favor of them and he sarcastically remarked:

"If those people who say they know Mabel's murderer don't soon reveal it, I will have them indicted as accessories after the fact to the murder for concealing the perpetrators of the crime. In connection with the agitation of the Bechtels there is promise of another

The story is going the rounds that half men paid liberally to be excused as witmesses in the case in order to escape ex-

TERRIBLE CRIME SHOCKS ROANOKE.

Colored Man Tries to Kill a Mother aud Her Child.

Roanoke, Va. (Special).-The wife and three-year-old daughter of George P. Shields are in a dying condition as result of a murderous assault made upon them by an unknown negro. It was one of the most fearful crimes ever committed in this city.

When Mr. Shields, who is a wellknown young business man, reached his them kill every foreign officer sent to residence in the center of the town at moon for luncheon, he discovered his three-year-old daughter Mildred lying on the floor of the reception hall in a wool of blood.

The child was still alive, and the father placed her on a lounge and began a he found stains of blood, which led to the second floor. Upstairs Mr. Shields found his wife lying in a clothes closet, with her throat cut from ear to ear and and several ghastly wounds in the head She was unconscious.

Physicians were summoned and, after njections of powerful stimulants, Mrs. Shields managed to gasp that she had been knocked down in the dining room by a negro, who made his entrance through the kitchen door. Further than this, Mrs. Shields has not been able to throw light on the crime. There wa every evidence in the dining room of a terrible struggle.

The physicians have but sam hopes for The recovery of either mother or child. The strange negro made a criminal as-sault on Mrs. Shields, after which he dealt her several blows on the head with a hatchet, fracturing the skull in two aces. He then dragged her upstairs to the second floor, where he took a e cut her throat and threw a closet, placing a chair against the putside knob. He then ransacked the se, carrying away a suit of clothes

Caught Making Bogus Money.

New York (Special).-Three men a re arrested and counterfeiting ma-- and dies were seized at a at the Greenpoint section of isrooklyn by United States Secret Serwice detectives. The men in custody gave their names as James with, William Smith and Frank Marshall. It is alleged that they were turn-Mexican coins of the same denomina-

Whitaker Wright's Burial.

ondon (By Cable).-The body of Whitaker Wright was buried in Witley Parish Churchyard after a brief serce at the graveside by the Vicar of Watley. Besides the relatives and a Vitley. Besides the relatives and a sumber of friends, the bulk of the population of the village, which is in sourning, turned out in a drenching ain to see the last of the remains of their late squire. The deceased's ton and two daughters were the principal mourners. The widow was too ill strend. Her wreath was inscribed:

VAST SHIPMENTS OF ARMY SUPPLIES.

Millions of Pounds of Ment Bought in Country By Russia and Japan.

San Francisco, Cal. (Special).-Railroad freight officials have additional advices relative to Russian and Japaiese mess and canned beef shipments from the East by way of this port to their respective depots in the Orient. Japan is ordering for shipment from Kansas City, Omaha and Chicago 2,-500,000 pounds of corned beef

She has already contracted in Cininnati for 12,000 cases of mess By February 15 next Japan will have taken from this country as food for her war forces about 7,000,000 pounds of mess and corned beek. Russian shipments of mess beef, up to February 15 next, from Chicago, Kansas City and Omaha, will have amounted to an aggregate of about 6,000,000 pounds, inclusive of 3,000,000 pounds now loaded on board ship in this harbor.

NEWS IN SHORT ORDER

the areaway of her home, clung to the The Setest Happenings Condensed for Rapid Reading.

Henry W. Miller, president of the Morris County Savings Bank, died in Morristown, N. J., aged 65 years. He was a graduate of the Naval Academy nd served through the Civil War.

A county judge and officials of the federal court were arrested on the charge of conspiring with Charles Cunningham, the sheep king, of Umatilla county, to defraud the government.

Mrs. Nannie Bryan, sister of William I. Bryan, died in Lincoln, Neb., before the arrival of her brother, who had tried hard to reach her bedside before death

intervened. Anna Reinders, a New York schoolgirl, who was sent home for writing a note to a boy, died from the effects of

arbolic acid she drank.
A party of 20 students from the University of Chicago sailed from Boston steamer Canopic on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Tom Caruthers, colored, was hanged

Abbeville, Ga., for the murder of H. L. Byrd, a plantation superintendent. As the result of an attempt to start fire with carbon oil, Mrs. A. F. Gray, f North Sewickly, Pa., is dead and six other members of her family are burned

The State of Illinois will erect in the National Military Park at Vicksburg. monument to the 35,000 Illi nois soldiers who participated in the ege of that city. The big plant of the Delaware Cot-

ton Company, employing 400 hands, has been closed because of the high price of the raw material. Mrs. Lulu Prince Kennedy Kramer was acquitted in Kansas City, Mo., of

the charge of killing her first husband. Albert M. Fragner, a Brooklyn lawyer pleaded guilty to the charge of stealing \$20,000 from a trust estate. American Association of Gen

eral Passenger Agents decided upon a season excursion rate to the St. Louis Exposition at 80 per cent, of double the one-way fare. The Illinois Telephone and Telegraph

Company has sold all its property to the Illinois Tunnel Company, with an authorized capital of \$30,000,000. A panic was caused on the ferry-oat Princeton, which was rammed in York harbor by the Savannah

Line steamer Nacoochee. President Mitchell, at a meeting of miners at Indianapolis, said he had no intention of accepting a government

I creign.

Oscar T. Crosby, the American explorer, who has completed a tour of Central Asia, including parts of Turkestan and Tibet, declares that China is now threatened by her rear door, and the United States, which is interested in the United States, which is interested in the integrity of China, must keep a watch in that direction.

Two years' imprisonment and perpetual exile was the sentence imposed on a Moscow student who struck a Russian gretteral.

The anniversary of the execution of steps to prevent its downfall. Charles I. of England was observed in said to be imminent, as President Mar-London and Boston. Turkey has notified Austria and Rus-

sia that the Macedonian committee have arranged with the Albanians to have reorganize the gendarmes.

Hundreds of homeless women and

calldren, as a result of the fire at Aale-sund, Norway, have been given quarters on the North German Lloyd steamer Weimar.

German physicians who organized movement against invalid insurance organizations have won their contention.

The Panama Canal Company filed in the Paris court a partial answer to the suit begun in behalf of Colombia. Interpellations as to the reports of

issensions in the French Cabinet were ostponed by a decisive vote. The English cotton spinners and canufacturers are uniting in a movement to fight gambling in cotton. The Rev. Sir Henry Hugh Courtenay, Earl of Devon, is dead.

The Far East.

It is said by Japanese government offi rials in Tokio that the presumption that Russia has made concessions does not in the least warrant the conclusion that a settlement is assured.

The British Foreign Office and the Japanese Legation in London state that o reply has been sent as yet by Russia Japan's last note and that nothing is nown as to its real nature. In official circles at Port Arthur the

feeling continues strong that there will be war. The fortification and field troops

The Port Arthur authorities express annoyance at the appointment of United States consuls at Mukden, Port Dalny and Antung.

I inancial. The boom in Baltimore & Ohio pre-sages a bond issue, don't forget that.

Pig iron prices are from 25 to 50 cents a ton below those of one month

Falling prices of falling bonds show what the financiers feel about the situ

ation in the East.

The average price of active railroad stocks is now 12 per cent, above the low point last year.

Union Pacific directors have declared the regular semi-annual dividend of the regular semi-annual dividend of the regular semi-annual dividend of per cent. on both common and pre-

Boston, which is regarded as the min-ing stock center of this country, is a steady seller of Amalgamated Copper

whenever it crosses 50.

If Gould gets to the Atlantic he win

If he doesn't get there he loses. President Ramsey, of the Wabash, says he will get there.

The "Iron Age" in its trade reports is decidedly bearish on the outlook for steel and that caused lively selling of United States Steel preferred.

The total production of pig iron last year, according to the American Iron & Steel Association, was 18,009,252 tons, against 17,821,307 in 1902 and 15,178 156 in 1901.

FOR PEACE IN FAR EAST

Russia's Reply to Japan Said to Be Satisfactory.

GREAT BRITAIN'S GOOD WORK. Important Information Received by the State Department at Washington-Russia, it is Understood, Has Mad: Certain Concessions Accept Them.

Washington, D. C. (Special).-It is said on the authority of the British Ambassador at St. Petersburg that the Russian reply is satisfactory. Although no further details are obtainable, it is assumed, if the information of the Ambassador is correct, that Russia has made certain concessions and that Great Britain will prevail on Japan to accept hem as satisfactory.

The statement of the British Ambassador went from St. Petersburg to the British Legation in Tokio, where Mr. Griscom heard of it and cabled the news to the State Department, the cablegram arriving overnight.

RUSSIAN ADMIRAL'S VIEWS.

Japan's Commercial Loss By Mobilization of

St. Petersburg (By Cable).-An Admiral who is influential in the councils of the empire was interviewed as fol-

"The enormous loss which the com The enormous loss which the com-merce of Japan is sustaining as a result of the mobilization of steamship for transport service probably accounts for the impatience the Japanese are dis-playing over the delay in the Russian reply, but this reply will go to Tokio next week. It will be so conciliatory that I do not foresee other than a perceit, attlement although it is difpeaceful settlement, although it is difficult to feel certain in this respect because of the erratic course of the Jap-anese government during the later stages of the negotiations. Japan has increased her demands while the negotiations were still in progress by in-sisting upon treaty recognition of the Chinese society in Manchuria. Russia has declared her intention not to annex danchuria, therefore why comply with demand that is tantamount to a hu-iliating reiteration of a former voluntary declaration?

'It is undeniable that the attitude of Japan is causing irritation in St. Petersburg, and that a feeling of impatience is growing throughout Russia. It is hard to account for Japan's persist ent aggressiveness, but this must be attributable to the incendiary influence of the Japanese press, which is acting under foreign inspiration. The Japanese government must know it stands no chance of defeating Russia, while Japan has much to lose if Russia is

forced back against the wall,
"Should Japan proceed to hostilities her first objective probably would be the cutting of the Siberian Railroad, for which purpose she would land troops in Korea. She could not, however, land more than 160,000 men, and Russia has an equal number of men in Manchuria to meet this attack, which I think would be quickly repulsed. I not believe in a naval war. Russian warships would make it impossible for the Japanese to endanger Port Arthur. But, let me repeat, war is improbable."

COLUMBIA WILL FIGHT PANAMA. Reported That the Former Government is About to Organize Expedition.

Panama (Special).-News has reached here from Bogota that insomuch as Generals Reyes and Caverillo have assured Colombia that the United States will only object to her landing forces in the canal zone, the Colombian govern-ment intends to organize and send an expedition against Panama.

The only explanation of this news from Bogota is that the government of roquin has lost all the prestige he ever had. There is much speculation in Bo gota as to the outcome of this move. should it be put through.

Colombian newspapers are complain ing that it cost more than \$15,000,000 in paper money (a Colombian dollar is worth about seven tenths of an Ameri can dollar) to move the troops Colombia has at Titumati, on the Gulf of Darien, from Cartegena to tout point. men are estimated at from 2,000 to 4,000. and at one time they were well supplied

Joaquin Velez, Perez y Soto and other nemies of Marroquin have been imprisoned for alleged conspiracy.

People arriving here from Colombia declare the situation in that country to

be growing worse every day, IS SCHOOLMARM THE HIGHWAYMAN?

Miss Hattie Pilcher Accused of Assisting in Holdup That Failed. Miller, S. D. (Special).-This town is

much wrought up over the mystery surrounding the arrest of Miss Hattie Pilcher, a pretty and popular schoolteacher, who is charged with having donned men's clothing and assisting in the holding up, drugging and attempted robbery of Wilbur Quirk, a clerk in Collins' drug store, one night about

a week ago.

Miss Pilcher the next day, it was learned, had a bullet wound in her shoulder and she was arrested as being the "short man" of the two.

Miss Pilcher's testimony was offered to show that she told the physician who attended her wound that she was shot with a noiseless gun, like that with which the robbers threatened Quirk.

Reported Firing on Russian Steamer.

London (By Cable).-The Chefoo correspondent of the Daily Mail says a foreigner who has arrived there reports that the Russian steamer Argun, upon which he was a passenger from Nagasaki to Port Dalny, was fired at by a Japanese warship outside of Che-mulpo harbor. Three shots were fired across the Argun's bows, but no fur ther attempt to stop her was made. Viceroy Alexiff is better, the correspondent says, but is still confined to his room.

Kentucky's Capital Feud Ended. Frankfort, Ky. (Special).-The passage through the Senate by unanimous vote of the House bill appropriating \$1,000,000 for a new capitol at Frankfort marked the end of a fight which had been waged for the removal of the seat of government since the days when Henry Clay came to the Legislature as a representative from Lexington and started a fight which has been the cher-ished ambition of that city until recently. At the present session Lexington, Louisville and other towns aided Frank-fort in support of the present bill.

MRS. MAYBRICK REPORTED FREE.

Powerful Influences Exerted for Her Relans -Widespread Sympathy.

London (By Cable).-Lloyd's Weekly Newspaper says that Mrs. Florence May brick, the American woman who wa serving a life sentence on the charge of having poisoned her husband, was released from the Aylesbury female convict prison at 6.45 o'clock on the mornand Great Britain Will Prevail on Japan to ing of January 25 on special license. Her mother, the paper says, had visited her Saturday, January 23, and evidently was the bearer of important news. The gov-ernor of the prison on Sunday conferred with the prison officials with a view to arranging for the departure of the pris

oner, which was carried out very quietly Maybrick, the paper concludes during the last few months in prison was employed in the lightest work as Of the 106 bodies recovered

a reward for good conduct. **LIVEWASHINGTON AFFAIRS**

Significant Action of Dr. Herran Colombian Charge.

To Kill Germs on Money.

Dr. Thomas Darlington, president of the New York Board of Health, appeared before the House Committee on Banking and Currency and heartily indorsed pending legislation for "clean

Dr. Darlington had begun an inves-tigation to ascertain scientifically that old bills transmit disease germs. Should these experiments show money in use in New York city is loaded with dis-ease germs, Dr. Darlington said, he will formulate a plan for its daily or weekly sterilization. He believes that good sterilization. He believes that good will result to the health of the city by getting the money from the great ar-teries of trade, such as the street-car companies and the great retail stores, and putting it through a germ-killing process. In this plan it is contem-plated to treat not only the paper money, but also the metal coins

Buckbannon's Successor.

It is now thought probable that W. W. Russell, a Marylander, but by resi-dence a citizen of the District of Cowill succeed William I. Buchanan as United States Minister to

Mr. Russell, who at present is secrehas been appointed Charge of the United States Legation at Panama, where he will represent this country after Minister Buchanan sails from Colon for home on next Tuesday. Mr. Buchanan will resign as soon as he reaches Washington, in accordance with the understanding he had when

he accepted the mission to Panama. No Gold in the Vaults.

For the first time in many years the Treasury finds itself without any gold coin in its vaults. It is explained that this condition is the result of an unprecented demand for gold certificates during the time when the mints have have been fully employed in coining Philippine silver and subsidiary silver for the United States. The increased demand for gold certificates, which could only be issued for gold coin in the Treasury, came about through the needs of the larger banking institutions in the great commercial centers, which had large amounts of notes of small denominations on hand which they wished to exchange for gold certificates of larger denominations Secretary has given instructions for the mints at Philadelphia and San Francisco to begin the coinage of double eagles on February 1, and to work vertime until a sufficient supply has been coined to meet all demands

Postmaster Gen ral's Livery.

Postmaster General Payne answered the inquiry of the House as to the "livery" of his department. He says there are no horses or carriages prothose for himself. He has four hores and three carriages maintained at government expense. Two men are paid to care for the "livery," one at the ing the shaft. The Briar Hill Company vided his department except rate of \$720 a year, on the rolls as a "watchman," and one at a salary of \$600 as a "laborer." The total cost of The total cost of horses, carriages and harness was

Charges Against Army Lieutenast. Second Lieutenant Frank Pratt, on duty at Fort Wayne, Mich., has been Terrible Resu't of a care of Gas Exp'osiondetained in this country, after having been ordered to the Philippines, because of more serious charges than those preferred against him in Manila. which he was returning to face. He is charged with gambling in Manila and with being short in his funds to the amount of \$7500. He has explained that the missing money was placed in an envelope and left at the place where the mail was collected.

Rear Admiral R. D. Evans, com-mander-in-chief of the Asiatic fleet, writes to the Navy Department that desertions in his comma d have been reduced to a minimum. He says the worst drawback to discipline has been the excessive use of alcoholic drinks. Admiral Evans recommends the estab-lishment of canteens in the navy, where here and light wines may be sold to beer and light wines may be sold to the men, to be taken with their meals or when coaling ship,

in the Lepartments. The House struck out the mileage appropriations for both House and Senate from the Urgency Deficiency Appropri-ation Bill, which was then adopted. The sentiment in the caucust of the than hitherto to the Panama Canal

Minister Thompson has secured from Brazil preferential rates on a number of American staple products.

The Senate adopted a resolution callng on President Rooseyelt for any additional facts bearing on the Panama matter that have not yet been communi-The report of the Commissioner of

Patents for the calcudar year 1903 show that the patent business transacted exceeded all previous records.

Evidence for the defense was connued in the postoffice trial in the Criminal Court.

Secretary Root and Governor Talt,

White House. The House Committee on Military Affairs listened to arguments in favor of Oakland, Md., Somerset. Pa., and Conewago Valley, Pa., three rival places for selection as a permanent

The Senate committee authorized a favorable report on the bill to prevent the desecration of the Amercian flag after amending it so as to

nilitary camp site.

DEAD TAKEN FROM MINE

Burial Processions and Rescuers Pass Each Other on Road.

THE FUNERALS OF MANY VICTIMS.

Of the 106 Bodies Recovered And Taken to the Schoolhouse Morgue Fifty-Six Have Been Identified and E'ghteen flave Been Buried-The Work of Recovering the Bodies Will Be Kept Up Un:ll All Are Found.

Pittsburg, Pa. (Special).-Burial proessions and rescue parties in charge of newly recovered bodies pass each other frequently on the road that leads rom the Harwick mine to the morgue and many are the pathetic scenes.

taken to the schoolhouse morgue fifty-six have been identified and eighteen ave been buried.

The first funerals of the victims were

held at 3.30 o'clock: Rev. E. O. Gra ham, of the Lutheran Church, and the ham, of the Lutheran Church, and the Rev. Vincent Manelli, of the Italian Catholic Church, of New Kensington, were in charge. Out in the open air in front of the blacksmith shop where the coffined bodies of the men have been placed, were gathered the friends and relatives of those that have been

The caskets were placed in a group along one side of the building with the ministers who were to perform the last rites standing by them. bodies of those miners who belonged to the Catholic Church were placed in a group by themselves and over then the priest stood until all were ready to be moved to the cemetery.

It was a short and simple service,

only a few words and a prayer and hen the journey to the cemetery began. There a short service was held, the caskets were lowered into the grave. and for the friends and surviving rela atives the last incident of the great disaster was over.

The foreign miners at Harwick alman refuse to enter the mine to assist in the rescue work, yet the volunteers from outside points are doing such good work that they are bringing out bodies faster than the corps of undertakers can handle them and the remains of the victims are be ing arranged in tiers outside the school The work of recovering the touse. of legation at Caracas, Venezuela, bodies will be kept up continuously un til all are found.

The following appeal was issued by the relief committee by telegraph:
"One hundred and eighty-four miners killed. Families destitute. The committee urges immediate and gener

Among those to whom the telegran was addressed are: Andrew Carnegie, New York President Roosevelt, Washington

ous aid.

given out.

Senator Hanna, Cleveland, O. John D. Rockefeller, New York. The message was also sent out by telegraph to the mayor of every inportant city in the country.

The relief fund now exceeds \$10,000 and contributions continue to come liberally Speaking of the disaster, James E Roderick, chief State mine inspector

"Laws could be framed that would prevent just such an accident, but the trouble lies at Harrisburg. The present bituminous mining laws seem to be a compromise arrangement between the mineworkers and the operators." "Nothing of our investigation will be ven out." he said, "until the day of

Brownsville, Pa. (Special).-Four men, all foreigners, were crushed to death in a new air shaft of the Briar Hill Coal Company, near here. The shaft was 685 feet deep and the men were being lowered in a bucket when a 400-pound pilot weight broke, precipitating the bucket and men to the bot-

is owned by the Republic Iron and Steel Company. It is claimed by the officials that the accident was due to the failure of the men to remove the weight

rom the lever before starting down. TWO KILLED AND SIX HURT. Caused By a Leak.

Pittsburg, Pa. (Special).-An explosion of natural gas in the cellar of the home of Henry Magel, in West Liberty, was the cause of the deaths of two persons and the severe injury of six others.

The dead are:
Henry Magel, aged 55 years; burned to death in the cellar.
Charles Magel, his son, aged 20; both legs burned off and caught under falling

Mrs. Henry Magel fell through to the cellar and was seriously injured. Her children, William, aged 13: Annie, 15, and Otto, 18, and Charles Almasy, a sonn-law, and his wife were all badly

bruised and cut. The explosion is supposed to have been caused by a leak from the gas main into the cellar, and when Mr. Magel wen: to the cellar for a bucket of coal, carry ing a lighted candle a terrific explosio followed, completely wrecking the house

That By Burglar.

St. Clairsville, O. (Special).-A negre burglar shot and probably (ataly wounded Albert Troll, cashier of the Second National Bank, and his brother, George Troll, manager of Troll's clothing store. The three Troll brothers, expecting a thief, were lying is wait in the store. They caught the buglar, but the latter, by using his rehands. A posse started in pursuit.

Entire Square Burned.

Mexico City (Special).-A great fire at Progreso, the chief port of Yucatan, has destroyed an entire square of business houses and public buildings, including the market. The loss is conservatively put at \$2,000,000. The railway offices were also wholly consumed The public buildings were not insured his successor as Secretary of War, took and the loss on them is estimated at luncheon with the President at the \$300,000. Fifteen thousand bales of and the loss on them is estimated at henequin were burned.

St. Louis Postal Cases

St. Louis, Mo. (Special).-Charles L Blanton, a clerk in the architectural division of the United States treasury department at Washington, and Dr. James B. Vernon, of St. Louis, formerly of Fayette; Mo., appeared before minimum punishment from \$50 to \$10.

Senator Cullom, chairman of Foreign
Relations Committee, will report a disagreement on the amendments to the
Panama Canal Treaty. This action is
equivalent to reporting the treaty in its
original form.

Judge Adams, in the United States
District Court, and gave hond in the
sum of \$5000 each to answer, on May
23, to indictments charging them with
receiving money for the location of
postoffice sites throughout the State.
There are four indictments against each
at them.

LIGHT PERSONS INJURED IN COLLISION Passenger Train Plows in Branch Which

sons, several of them fatally.

15 MEN KILLED IN MINE

Hurled Fifteen Hundred Feet and Dash

ed to Pieces.

Victor, Col. (Special).-By the falling

of a cage in the Stratton Independence

Mine, located near the center of this city

fifteen men are dead and one other se

In the main shaft sixteen men were

being hoisted in a cage from the sixth

seventh and eighth levels. When the

tangled in the timber rods near the to of the gallows frame.

the sheave wheel falling upon hir

while Bullbeck had a marvelous escal

from death, but received painful injuri

before he was rescued from his peri

The other fourteen men were hurle

death down the 1500-foot shaft.

As soon as possible the shaft bor and a number of miners went down int

the mine through another compartmen

of the shaft. They found all fiftee dead, the bodies scattered at differen

Arms and bodies had been torn, head

crushed and clothing stripped from th

victims. From the 700-foot level t

the bottom the shaft was spattered wit

blood, while here and there were foun pieces or flesh clinging o the projec

some of the men into the water

Jackson was crushed to death b

for their lives.

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points.

Had Stopped to Cont. St. Louis, Mo. (Special) .- A south-

bound passenger train on the St. Louis A delegation representing dairy in-terests called on Governor Pennypack-er to ask him to take action that will

> Dr. George I. McLeod, of Philadel-phia, who was appointed by the Board of Pardons to examine Charles E. Kruger, who is under sentence as Greensburg to be hanged February 11, made a verbal report to Governor Pennypacker. Dr. McLeod will sub-mit a written report to the Governor and for the present he declines to dis-close the result of his investigation into the mental condition of Kruger, whose mother claims he is insane, tor examined the Westmoreland Westmoreland tact with Kruger since his arrest and is convinced that there is no truth in his confession to having helped murder

cage reached the surface the engineer for some unexplained reason, was unable to stop the engine, and the cage, with it load of human freight, was drawn up into the gallows frame, where it becam lodged temporarily. The strain on the cable finally caused it to part, and the cage, released, shot down the shaft wit Two of the occupants, L. P. Jackso: and James Bullbeck, had become en

and drink for the Pennsylvania legisla-tors who went to the dedication of the Grant tomb in 1897, having been denied

March 1, rural free mail delivery will be established from the Coatesville office for Valley, West Cain, Salisburyville and Brandywine Townships. For the establishing of a canning factory \$10,000 has been subscribed at

One of those killed, W. B. Collins was a Baptist minister, who preaches on Sundays at Gold Field and during the week worked in the mines. He wa actory here to manufacture spuff. Dockramanon Wigwam, Improved Order of Red Men, has been instituted years old and came from Crom well, England, a few months ago. Mos of the victims had come here from the Coeur d'Alene, Lake Superior and other districts to take the place of the strik

Harry Geogen, one of the victims or three squares . The Dauphin County Court has leaves a widow and three children i Michigan. Frank Gelles, engineer is charge, surrendered himself to the mil tary officers in the district and was ocked up. He would not talk. The militia has taken charge of the mine.

and a rigid examination will be made.

Hospitals Under Ben. Chicago (Special).-Building Commissioner Williams has notified those in charge of eight prominent hospitals that they must receive no new patients in their institutions until certain specified changes are made. The hospitals involved are the Englewood, the Post Graduate, the West Side, the Chicage Woman's, the Homeopathic, the Emergency, the Baptist and the Hering Med ical College. "In issuing orders that no new patients be admitted into these hospitals I feel that I am giving a reasonabe time for the alteration which in some cases is not heavy, Commissioner Williams said.

Engineer Killed. Toronto, Ont. (Special),-The Chicoga express on the Grand Trunk Railroad crashed into two light engine near London East, killing the engineer of one of the light engines and prob ably fatally injuring the fireman. people in the passenger train were bad ly shaken, but none were seriously in-The accident occurred in a isred. The accident blinding snowstorm.

King Sends Lions. Port Said, Egypt (By Cable).-Unitd States Consul General Skinner sailed for his post at Marseilles, France on his return from his expedition to Abyssinia. The United States gunboat Machias is expected here from Jibut French Somaliland, with two and other gifts which Emperor Mene-lik is sending to President Roosevelt.

fligh Price of Cotton. Raleigh, N. C. (Special).-A special from Burlington says: "At a meeting of the representatives of the cotton mills of Alamence county held at Burington it was unanimously resolved to curtail the production one-fourth on account of present high prices of cotto and the inability to sell goods at a profit There are twenty cotton mills in this county, comprising about 168,000 spindles and 5000 looms, employing thou-sands of hands."

Egg Famine Threatened. Chicago (Special).-Unless the cold spell which burdens Kansas, Missouri Arkansas and other great egg producing States lossens its grip an egg fam-ine is probable. The present supply in the hands of Chicago merchants is en-tirely insufficient to meet demands. Re-ceipts have been reduced almost to the vanishing point. The effect has been to place eggs temporarily among luxuries. Eggs of the quality wi could be purchased last week at whole-sale for twenty-eight cents are now considered a bargain at thirty-three cents

New York (Special).—In the midst of the homeward crush on the uptown elevated railroad station a young woman who had tried to board a train was carried half a block clinging to the closed gate, then fell to the rails and was run over by six trains before the police managed to get a motorman to stop and take the body to a station farther up town. The elevated railroad employes at the station and on the trains maintained that they knew nothing of the matter, and the police were unable to identify either the number of the train, the men in charge of it or those on the platform at the time, New York (Special) .- In the midst of

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and Iron Mountain road ran into the White River branch passenger at Diaz compel Judge Miller, of Mercer, to sentence men who have been convictnear Newport, Ark., injuring eight per-The ed in his court of selling oleomargarine at retail. It is said that Judge Miller recently rejused to sentence a number branch train had just pulled onto the main line and stopped for coal when of convicted men on the ground that the fast train struck it and plowed enthey were innocent victims of the wholesalers and had not been given an tirely through the two coaches. That opportunity to learn that they were intringing the law. Other magistrates throughout the State have taken the same ground. Governor Pennypacker said that while he sympathized with the butter men and the farmers, yet he did there was not great loss of life was due to the fact that Joe Pennington, the news agent, saw the approach of the St. Louis train and ran through the coaches warning the passengers to jump not see how the executive could inter-fere with the judiciary, but he advised that legal proceedings be commenced to settle the matter.

City Treasurer Bievins, of New Cas

bed her, were arraigned in court at West Chester. The prisoners, Lewis Walters and John, Frank and Charles Hoopes, brothers, pleaded guilty to the charge of resisting the teacher, who had attempted to chastise them for unruly conduct, and Judge Butler sentenced Walters and John Hoopes to pay a fine of \$15 each and costs of prosecution, while Frank and Charles Hoopes were fined \$10 each and costs of prosecution Caterer Russ, who furnished the food

State appropriation for his pay, and taying been bowled out of court when he sought to sue the State, has issued a circular letter to the individual legis-lators and State officials who were on the junket, asking them to send hire \$15 as the share of the expenses.

Postmaster E. H. Graves received word from the postal authorities of Washington, stating that on Monday.

tions. At the bottom of the shai stands twenty-five feet of water, an into this the cage plunged, carrying Line Lexington.

A number of capitalists in Kennett Square are arranging to build a large

> at Kennett Square with forty members. Samuel Parker is sachem. A robber entered Bateman's grocery Chester, but was frightened off. Edward Dougherty, a neighbor, clad only in his night clothes, chased the robber

adopted the report of viewers condemning the Middletown and Harrisburg Turnpike road, a toll road leading out of this city. The taking of tolls ceased at once. Samuel G. Beckwith, the night watchnan at the Norristown Jail, who was

Sunday night, has left Charity Hospital and was taken to his home. He is still suffering from the many blows on ns head. Michael Collins, Clarence Carr and James McPherson, members of the Shirtwaist Gang, in Bridgeport, were committed to inil by Burgess Glisson, of that town, charged with being impli-

ated in several hold-ups. An attempt was made late the other a Pennsylvania Railroad train at Eckenrode Mills. A switch eading into an abandoned siding was brown open. The passenger train dashed into the siding, but the quick application of the brakes saved the pasengers. The engine sank the long uned track and toppled over. George Hibbs was badly scalded, but no one clse on the train received any in-

The Court at West Chester appoint ed John J. Gheen receiver for the old private banking firm of E. D. Haines-Co. Depositors and others having nterests in the bank are in a quan-lary, not being able to solve the problem as to what will be the outcome of

he receivership. The Court at Wilkes-Barre decided that an examining attorney has no right to ask a defendant who is on the stand f he has served time in jail. Because he question was asked and allowed by the trial Judge, the Court granted a new trial in the case of Walter Beach, con victed of robbery. Judge Ferris in de ciding the point said: "Tac natural ef-fect of such testimony would be to prej udice the jury against the prisoner. true that such questions have beer allowed, but the trend of judicial opinior against it and we think rightfully cedure in obtaining such informat produce the court records. said to be the first decision on the ques-

tion in this State. The seventh annual institute under the auspices of the directors and teach ers of Warminster township was held at Ivyland. The principal speakers were Professor Martin and Charles Windle.

Three persons were burned to death in an early morning fire which destroy ed three dwellings in Morningside, a suburb of Pittsburg. The dead are Michael Culley, aged 40 years; William Sawyer, and Mrs. William Sawyer. It is said the fire started in the kitchen of the house of the large o the house occupied by William Sawyer and spread so rapidly that the adjoinand spread so rapidly that the adjoining houses of Hugin Gallagher and Robert Lowhead were soon in flames and all were burned to the ground. It is said two sons of Gallagher lost \$3000 tash in the fire. The property loss was bout \$2000.

about \$5000. A leaking gas pipe caused the death, at Phoenixville, of Peter McNamee, an aged resident. He lived alone, and being missed by his neighbors, an investigation was made. He was found in his bed room, unconscious, and died soon after.

Richard McAvoy, who swore he intended to follow the life led by the Biddle brothers, has been sent to the Huntingdon Reformatory by the court. He was charged with carrying concealed deadly weapons.

No. 2 blast furnace of the Brooke Iron Company, Birdsboro, is being blown out for sepairs. About 125 men will be out of cuployment.