

# WEB SUFFERINGS ARE AT AN END

## Mrs. McKinley Sinks Into The Eternal Sleep.

### THE FUNERAL HELD WEDNESDAY.

President Roosevelt and Other Officials to Attend Last Rites—Last Office of One of America's Noblest of Women—Secretary Cortelyou and Members of the Family at the Old Canton Home.

#### MRS. MCKINLEY'S LIFE.

Born at Canton, O., August 8, 1847.

Daughter of James A. Saxton, banker, who died 1887.

Was cashier of the Stark County Bank, of which her father was president.

First met William McKinley while she was a teacher in the Presbyterian Sunday School at Canton, of which he was the superintendent.

Married William McKinley January 25, 1871, in the Presbyterian Church, Canton, Ohio.

Mother of two children, Kate born Christmas Day, 1872, died June, 1876; Ida, who lived only five months.

From 1877, when Major McKinley first took his seat in Congress, for 14 years she and her husband spent most of their time in Washington.

Was mistress of the White House from March 4, 1897, when her husband was inaugurated president until he died in September, 1901.

Died at Canton, O., May 26, 1907.

Canton, O. (Special).—At 1.05 o'clock Sunday afternoon Mrs. William McKinley fell into the sleep that knows no waking. The transition from life to death was so peaceful and gradual that it was with difficulty that the vigilant physicians and attendants noted when dissolution came.

There was no struggle—no pain. Mrs. McKinley never knew of the efforts made for days to prolong her life, nor of the solicitations hope against hope of her sister and other relatives and friends for her recovery. Mrs. McKinley's last words were for death. An attendant said: "Mrs. McKinley would say, 'why should I linger?' 'Please, God, if it is thy will, why defer it?' She would also say, 'He is gone and life is dark to me now.' Other kindred expressions would fall from her lips."

At the McKinley home when death came there were present Secretary Cortelyou, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Barber, Mrs. Sarah Duncan, Mrs. Luther Day, Justice and Mrs. William R. Day, Mrs. Portmann, Eymann and Rixey and the nurses.

"Mrs. McKinley lasted hours longer than we expected," said the Secretary. "Her vitality was wonderful," said Dr. Portmann. It was by Secretary Cortelyou that the announcement of the demise was given to the public.

### MAY HAVE MIXED DRINKS.

#### Scientist's Error Possibly Responsible For Deaths.

Manila (By Cable).—A committee of Filipinos appointed to investigate the inoculation of prisoners at Bilibid prison with contaminated serum while a series of experiments with cholera virus was conducted last November has made a report. The committee finds that no one was responsible, and exonerates Dr. R. P. Strong of the Bureau of Science, who was in charge of the bacteriological work of the laboratory system and was conducting the experiments. A scientist who was visiting Dr. Strong was left alone in his laboratory for a while, and he may have accidentally mixed other germs.

Thirteen prisoners out of 24 who were inoculated died.

#### Drought in West Broken.

Omaha, Neb. (Special).—The drought that has prevailed for many weeks was broken Thursday night, and steady rains are reported from all parts of Nebraska and Southern South Dakota. The rain will prove a salvation to the winter wheat in those sections and comes at a most opportune time for corn.

#### Woman Indicted For Murder.

Chattanooga, Tenn. (Special).—At Cookeville the Grand Jury returned a true bill against W. S. Bryant and Mrs. Sadie Vestal, charging them jointly with the murder of Chambers Vestal at Baxter last February. Mrs. Vestal stood high in society in the county before Vestal was killed.

#### President At Friends' School.

Washington (Special).—President Roosevelt delivered an address at the annual presentation exercises of the Friends' Select School, in this city, where Archie Roosevelt is a student. The President's subject was "The American Boy."

#### Big Fire in Mexico.

San Antonio, Tex. (Special).—A special to the Express from San Luis Potosi, Mexico, says: "The great machinery, supply and hardware house of Fogarty & Dickinson, one of the largest in northern Mexico, was completely destroyed by fire Sunday, causing a loss of about \$500,000, much of which is covered by insurance. The fire was of unknown origin and created a panic in the district in which the establishment was located. The building was one of the largest in the city."

#### Charges Against A Mayor.

Lexington, Ky. (Special).—The Citizens League, an independent organization, here filed an amended petition to the suit entered on Tuesday charging that Mayor Thomas A. Combs, City Auditor Moses Kaufman and City Treasurer Peter J. Garland had illegally and wrongfully diverted \$22,000 from the public school fund into other channels. As amended, the suit charges that Mayor Combs has not required bonds from the auditor and treasurer commensurate with the responsibility they are under.

# THE NEWS OF THE WEEK.

#### Domestic.

Commissioner Anthony, appointed by the Missouri Supreme Court to take testimony in the ouster suit of the state against the Standard Oil Company, made a report to the court that the evidence introduced before him is sufficient to oust the Standard Oil Company and tributary companies from Missouri.

The town of Hornell, N. Y., was terrorized by a gang of yeomen. Night Watchman John Henry was fatally shot and Night Watchman Thomas Kelley was badly beaten and others were injured. Three yeomen arrested after two of the gang had been shot.

Attorney General Jackson, of New York, applied to the Supreme Court for an order to cite the Consolidated Gas Company to show cause why the charter and franchises of the company should not be annulled as an alleged monopoly.

The South Omaha Live Stock Exchange decided not to sell heifers and cows to the packing houses on account of the heavy condemnation of this class of cattle.

The New York Tunnel Company, which is constructing the tunnel from the Battery to Brooklyn, was adjudged an involuntary bankrupt in the United States District Court.

The jury in the case of Judge James Hargis, Lexington, Ky., charged with the murder of Thomas Cockrill, returned a verdict of not guilty.

The auditors' report will show that large sums were advanced to the contractor who built the state capitol at Harrisburg, Pa.

John Bell, who shot and killed Dr. Charles Wilcox Townsend at New Brighton, S. I., was sentenced to be electrocuted.

Two persons were suffocated in the burning Metropolitan Hotel, in Utica, N. Y., and several persons were injured.

The charge is made that inferior rails made by the Steel Trust are responsible for many serious railroad disasters.

Mrs. Ella Farman Pratt, author of books for young people, died at her home in Philadelphia, Pa., of pneumonia.

The Philadelphia and Reading announced increases on its suburban rates from Philadelphia.

The body of Mrs. Louis B. Hall was recovered from the Eden Park Reservoir, in Cincinnati.

Theodore Tilton, the American editor and author, is dying in Paris of pneumonia.

The Switchmen's Union of America adopted resolutions denouncing President Roosevelt for his utterances on Haywood, Moyer and Pettibone, sympathizing with the miners on trial and demanding that their "kidnapping" from Colorado into Idaho be annulled.

Pinkerton detectives are looking for J. Edward Boeck, a prominent New York diamond broker, who is said to have jilted the daughter of a Pittsburgh steel king and disappeared with \$250,000 worth of jewels and cash.

John A. Burnham, indicted for larceny and forgery, has resigned as president of the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Society, Archibald E. Hayes, formerly general agent of the Equitable, has succeeded him.

The Jersey No. 2 breaker of the Jersey Coal Company at Old Forge, Pa., was destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of over \$125,000.

Harlow N. Higginbotham, of Chicago, who recently was elected a trustee of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, sent in his resignation to Secretary Dix. Mr. Higginbotham sharply criticizes the "indifference or delay" by the State of New York in enacting laws for the proper regulation of corporations.

The passenger steamer Naomi, plying between Chicago and Milwaukee, burned in midlake at 1 A. M. Four Milwaukee coalpassengers were burned to death and several passengers injured, among them J. M. Rhodes, of Detroit. The boat carried 50 passengers, who were taken off by the tugboat.

District Attorney Jerome and Police Commissioner Bingham, of New York, had a conference concerning the charges of a conspiracy against Mrs. Howard Gould in which police officers were alleged to be involved.

A director of the American Protective Tariff League says it will not support either Taft or Root for president because they are unstable on the tariff. The candidates are Leslie M. Shaw and the league's favorite.

#### Foreign.

Ambassador and Mrs. Reid gave a magnificent entertainment at Dorchester House, the special guests being the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, accompanied by Prince Arthur and Princess Patricia of Connaught.

The German Admiralty Court decides that the wreck of the Hamburg-American liner Princess Victoria Louise near Kingston, Jamaica, was due to the captain mistaking one light for another.

A bill introduced in the French Chamber of Deputies to reinstate Captain Reinach, who was dismissed from the army for connection with the Dreyfus case.

Six Russian students have been ordered to leave Russian territory, incriminating anarchistic pamphlets having been found in their rooms.

The Shah and his court followers are alarmed over the growth of the revolt led by his brother, Solar Dewleh.

Lord Curzon of Kedleston probably will be invited by the Unionists of Rutland to contest the parliamentary vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Finch, who had represented that constituency for 40 years.

E. H. Southern and Julia Mariowe are negotiating for the purchase of the house in which Joan of Arc once lived, at Orleans with the intention of presenting to New York City.

President Stolypin told the Duma that if the principle of the forcible expropriation of land was permitted a social upheaval would be precipitated.

Twenty members of the Russian Army Revolt League were arrested in St. Petersburg in connection with the revolutionary conspiracies.

Second ballots were cast throughout Austria in the elections which began last week under the new law providing for universal suffrage.

Four of the men who tried to kill President Cabrera of Guatemala, killed themselves when surrounded by soldiers.

Two hundred lives are reported to have been lost in a tidal wave, which swept over the Caroline islands.

# San Francisco's "Graft Quake."



—Cartoon Drawn by F. Bowers, for the Indianapolis News.

## GIVE BOND FOR HALF A MILLION

### The Indicted Frisco Capitalists In Court

#### --Schmitz Carries \$210,000.

San Francisco (Special).—The grand jury indicted six millionaires on charges of bribery and attempted bribery, and returned additional indictments against Abraham Ruef and Mayor E. E. Schmitz.

Frank G. Drum, Eugene De Saba, John Martin, Abraham Ruef and Mayor Schmitz were indicted on 14 counts, each charging that they jointly bribed 14 of the 18 supervisors in the sum of \$750 a man to fix the gas rate for 1906 at 85 cents instead of 75 cents.

G. H. Umbens, E. E. Green, W. L. Brobeck and Ruef were indicted on 14 counts, each charging that they jointly attempted to bribe 14 supervisors in the sum of \$1,000 a man to vote a trolley franchise to the Parkside Transit Company.

Judge Coffey fixed bail at \$1,000 on each of the 128 counts contained in the 28 indictments.

The grand jury adjourned until June 10, when investigation of alleged bribery by officers of the Home Telephone Company and by other persons will be resumed.

Millionaires and multimillionaires, presidents and vice presidents and lesser officers of great corporations thronged Judge Coffey's court room Saturday to give bail in excess of half a million dollars to procure personal liberty pending trial on felony indictments returned against them.

First came Louis Glass, vice president of the Pacific States Telephone and Telegraph Company, who gave bonds in the sum of \$20,000 on the charge of bribing two supervisors to vote for the granting of a competing telephone franchise in San Francisco.

President Patrick Calhoun and Assistant President Mullaly, of the United Railways Investment Company, and General Counsel Tiley L. Ford and Assistant Counsel William L. Abbott, of that corporation, each of them indicted on 14 counts on the charge of bribing 13 Supervisors and Mayor Schmitz to grant a trolley franchise under which the United Railways was electrified, had William H. Crocker, president of the Crocker National Bank and foremost capitalist of San Francisco, and President Henry T. Scott, of the Pacific States Telephone and Telegraph Company, in court to furnish personal bail of \$50,000. Arrangements, however, had already been made with a surety company of New York, whose attorney handed to Judge Coffey 56 bonds for \$10,000 each.

Attorney Schlessinger gave bail for Theodore V. Halsey, of the Pacific States Telephone and Telegraph Company, indicted upon the same charges brought against Vice President Glass. Schmitz had \$150,000 bail bonds in addition to the \$50,000 bonds already put up by him on five indictments charging extortion. After much delay the Mayor, accompanied by two attorneys, President Thomas Williams, of the New California Jockey Club, and President William A. Dineen, of the Costa Water Company, entered and offered 16 bonds of \$10,000 each. They were approved.

Before leaving the court room Mayor Schmitz said: "I have no statement to make at this time further than this: The charges brought against me are absolutely false and malicious. I shall prove my entire innocence in the court."

As Abraham Ruef is a prisoner on charges of extortion to which he pleaded guilty, he prefers Elisor Biggs's Fillmore Street prison house to liberty, and failed to appear in court Saturday.

### WRECKERS DITCH FLYING EXPRESS

#### Hid In Hills and Pulled Rails Apart With Wires.

##### ONE DEAD, TWENTY-TWO INJURED.

Southern Pacific Flyer Is Thrown From a Trestle Into a Ditch—The Tracks Loosened and Drawn Toward Outer Edge of Trestle as Train Approaches the Structure.

Los Angeles, Cal. (Special).—Train No. 20, one of the Southern Pacific's coast line flyers, due at 9 o'clock P. M., was wrecked at West Glendale, 10 miles north of here, at 12.30 A. M. The wreck was the deliberate work of trainwreckers. One man was killed and 22 persons injured, 3 probably fatally.

In accomplishing the wreck of the train, which was the Coast Line Limited, a devilish ingenuity had been exercised. At a point on a trestle over the Arroyo Seco the fish-plates and bolts of two connecting rails on the southbound track had been removed, and in the aperture whence the bolts were taken strands of heavy wire were fastened at the end of each rail. From the appearance of the track after the wreck it was evident that some person hidden on a hillside close to the trestle had pulled the rails toward the edge of the trestle, and the ends uniting in a single strand that led into the brush on the hillside. The injured were brought to this city.

#### Woman Under Pile Of Rocks.

Lexington, Ky. (Special).—A telegram from Sergeant, Ky., says that the body of Mrs. Ellen Flanary, aged 30 years, a widow, whose home was on Perry Creek, was discovered near her home beneath a heap of rocks. She had been stabbed in the breast, her throat was cut and several bones had been fractured. Floyd Frazier, aged 18 years, was arrested, charged with the murder. No motive for the crime is known.

#### Mrs. Harris Set Free.

Bath, N. Y. (Special).—Mrs. Bertha Harris, who was arrested in Buffalo on the charge of placing poison in tea drunk by her mother-in-law, Mrs. Samantha Harris, has been set free, there being no evidence on which to hold her. It is now the opinion that Mrs. Harris was poisoned by eating canned salmon.

A committee of experts of the Department of Commerce and Labor will visit the shipping offices at various ports to study the methods employed.

# MAY HAVE TAKEN A MILLION

## Boeck's Alleged Theft of Gems Steadily Growing.

New York (Special).—That the jewel thefts of J. Edward Boeck, club member, art expert, soldier of fortune and jewelry broker, who disappeared on May 10, will approximate a million dollars and may cause the ruin of several small dealers in precious stones, were the startling disclosures made Wednesday in what has already become one of the most remarkable criminal cases on record. Boeck was indicted on two counts by the grand jury.

That the smooth-tongued adventurer and friends of Eastern royalty had at least three women among his victims, one of whom worshipped him and wore a \$50,000 engagement ring which he had given to her, were other developments of one day's investigation. One of the women chased him around the world and finally discovered, it is alleged, that he had a criminal record in many countries, notably in China, where he was suspected of having looted the palace of a high Chinese family during the Boxer troubles. This woman recently appeared in New York and told the Pinkerton detectives what she had learned. She also said that she had been swindled by Boeck to the amount of \$35,000.

From one of Boeck's acquaintances it was learned that the man had frequently said he had been employed by the wife of Senator Thomas C. Platt to sell her home, Tioga Lodge, Highland Mills. He said he had for years been a close friend of Mrs. Platt, as well as of her husband, and that he had frequently made investments for her. He boasted of his friendship for the aged Senator.

Among bookmakers there was a report that Boeck was the "mysterious source" of a flood of money which poured into the betting ring to back Roseben, the favorite in the Metropolitan handicap at Belmont Park on May 10 last before the books closed. Boeck was a frequent bettor of the track, having become interested in the horses through women associates, who were related to a prominent bookmaker. It is declared Boeck was executing a grand coup to make up enormous losses he had sustained in various ventures. Roseben was lost. Boeck disappeared next day.

That he is the smoothest swindler that ever struck the Malden Lane district and could easily have obtained \$2,000,000 worth of precious stones was the opinion of all the large jewelers.

Interesting among the stories told of his remarkable career, which extends to many countries and includes experiences with nobility and Government officials of high rank, was one involving a smuggling venture which was participated in by an American Government employe in Cuba. According to the story, this man brought into America without paying the customs duties thousands of dollars' worth of rare Chinese porcelains and other objects of art. It had been arranged that Boeck, who was an expert in porcelains, should sell them at a big profit and divide with the Government employe. The sales were made, it is alleged, in a single fortune realized, but Boeck refused to surrender a penny of it to his accomplice, who was unable to take action to recover without revealing his own guilt.

Pawn tickets led to the recovery of something like \$85,000 worth of jewelry obtained by Boeck from various well-known houses on memoranda. Of it is the belief of the dealers that the most valuable of his supposed stealings he has with him. Many firms where it is known Boeck did business are disinclined to make known their losses for fear of sustaining injury to their credit.

It was stated by a representative of Marceline Pitt Co., of Malden Lane, that often Boeck had out for exhibition to prospective customers jewelry of the firm valued at \$200,000. Many of the larger firms had the same confidence in him.

#### WOULD WITHHOLD APPROVAL.

##### Presbyterian Marriage And Divorce Committee To Act.

Columbus, Ohio (Special).—The committee on marriage and divorce of the Presbyterian General Assembly (Northern) reported this important resolution:

"That Presbyterians are hereby enjoined to enforce the standards of our Church, to hold to strict account all ministers under their call, and to urge all ministers to regard the comity that should refrain from giving the sanction of our Church to members of another Church whose marriage is in violation of the laws of the Church whose communion they may have chosen."

#### Gave Him A Hundred Lashes.

Thomasville, Ga. (Special).—R. H. Milam, a white farmer, living near Moultrie, Ga., came to Thomasville to have his wounds dressed, which he asserted were received on him by a band of whitecaps. He tells a harrowing story of being given 100 lashes. He alleges that two men, one claiming to be a deputy sheriff, came to his home and told him he was under arrest, and carried him to the rest of the party. He was informed that the whipping was "because you won't work."

#### Halted Train At Flood's Edge.

Chicago (Special).—A passenger train on the Chicago and Alton railroad had a narrow escape from being wrecked at Lemont, Ill., where a rainstorm overflowed the sewer tunnel and loosened the rails on the railroad bridge. A few minutes before the train reached the bridge the water was 10 feet deep. The train was awakened by the telephone manager, ran down the tracks with a red flag and halted the train.

#### 1,000 Turkish Troops Desert.

Belgrade, Serbia (By Cable).—The Turkish garrison at Ukub, consisting of about 1,000 men, has deserted. The soldiers claimed that they were given bad food and that other conditions were unendurable. They carried off their arms, and thus far only 50 members have been captured.

One interesting street report was that New York Central is going to issue \$50,000,000 of short-term notes.

# NINETEEN MEN DOOMED TO DIE

## Protest Made Against Wholesale Execution.

### SITUATION SAID TO BE GRAVE.

#### Men Merely Suspected of Complicity in the Attempt to Assassinate President Cabrera of Guatemala Sentenced to Be Shot—Sentences Were Based Upon False Testimony.

Mexico City (Special).—News was received here of the imprisonment and sentencing to death of 19 men charged with complicity in the recent attempt to assassinate President Cabrera, of Guatemala.

The following telegram has been received from Dr. Rodriguez Parras, Mexican consul at Guatemala City, who is acting as charge d'affaires since the departure of Minister Gamba:

"The author of the plot to assassinate Cabrera committed suicide while the Guatemalan officials were in the act of arresting him. Despite this fact the Council of War passed upon the testimony of 19 persons charged with being suspected accomplices in the crime and sentenced them all to death. Among the doomed are two Italians, one Spaniard, one Belgian and two Mexicans."

"The diplomatic corps met and decided that each minister accredited to the Guatemalan government should ask President Estrada Cabrera for an annulment of the sentences which, they allege, were the result of irregularities and false testimony, and if this action on their part does not bring immediate results, the diplomatic corps will direct a collective note to President Cabrera. All the members of the corps were in accord with the decision reached, there being not a single dissenting voice."

The situation is considered by Mexican officers to be grave, but there is a prevailing opinion that if the pressure from foreign powers becomes sufficiently great Cabrera will pardon all the men doomed to death, thus endeavoring to nullify the stories of his alleged atrocities which have been sent broadcast. A high officer said that the greatest care would be taken by those entrusted with guarding Mexican interests, for an unwarmed word might have serious results. He continued:

"This last act of Cabrera's will convince doubting Thomases among the nations of the world of Mexico's great forbearance in this great crisis. In just 20 days after the alleged attempt was made on the life of President Cabrera three men killed themselves rather than submit to arrest and 19 are sentenced to be shot. Is it within the limits of reason that fair trials could have been given these men? Mexico thinks not, and we will not stand quietly by and see two officers shot in such a summary manner."

#### CREMATED IN FURNACE.

##### Five Men Lose Their Lives in a Pittsburgh Mill.

Pittsburg, Pa. (Special).—Two Americans, well known millmen, and three foreigners were cremated and four foreigners were seriously burned when an explosion occurred at the Eliza Furnace No. 1, of the Jones & Laughlin Steel Company, limited, in the Hazelwood district of the city. Of a crew of 16 men at the furnace when the accident happened only one, a foreman, escaped uninjured.

The names of the four foreigners who were injured are not known. They were hurried to a hospital horribly burned.

The accident occurred without a moment's warning. The 10 men were about ready to draw off the molten metal when the ore slipped, falling to the bottom of the furnace. The heavy weight of the ore forced the gas with terrific pressure through the first dust-catcher which was unable to stand the strain, and, therefore, burst.

A tremendous roar accompanied the breaking of the dust-catcher and before the men could escape they were caught by the flames. Willard West and the three foreigners were directly in front of the furnace. The five other men were back several yards.

For fully 10 minutes the flames shot out before the furnace for a great distance, and when finally the gas was turned off only a few bones of the five men were found.

The four injured men were caught by the first flash and severely burned, but were able to escape before they fell to the ground writhing in agony.

The uninjured foreman says that Willard's head was blown off by the force of the explosion.

Willard and West are said to be two of the most prominent furnace men in the country. They were experts at furnace work, and for this reason it is believed the accident was without warning, as these two men would have known there was something wrong.

The explosion is similar to the one that occurred at the Eliza Furnace No. 2 last January, when 15 men were burned to death and many injured.

# AT THE NATION'S CAPITAL

#### Some Interesting Happenings Briefly Told.

Brigadier General Constant Williams, until recently in command of the Department of the Colorado, will be placed on the retired list today.

Chairman Knapp, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, denies a published report that the commission has examined E. H. Harriman.

In the Senate investigation Amos Littlefield, ex-deputy sheriff, told his observations on the night of the shooting up of Brownsville.

The Bureau of Corporations has begun an investigation of the Lumber Trust.

President Fehsenfeld, of the Red C Oil Company, of Baltimore, testified before the Interstate Commerce Commission on the charges alleging railroad discrimination in favor of the Standard.

Chief Wilkie has little hope of recovering the \$173,000 stolen from the Chicago subway.

# STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

## Latest News Gleaned From Various Parts.

Returning from the cemetery, where she had just directed a force of men who were erecting a monument over the grave of her late husband, Mrs. Tigbman Bloese, of Slatington, was thrown from her carriage and instantly killed. The horse which the party was driving became frightened at a dog which ran out and barked and the team ran away, upsetting the carriage.

What is believed to be the last specimen of a gray wolf in Pennsylvania was killed a day or two ago by Jacob Royer and S. C. Long, at Beech Dana, ten miles below Hazlet. Gray wolves have been missing since for the past two years and never know the cause until Royer discovered the wolf with a lamb in his powerful jaws and shot it. A so-called "prairie wolf" killed last year in Bedford County, is supposed to have been the mate of the gray wolf killed by Royer and Long. The skeleton will be mounted at the Carnegie Museum, Pittsburg.

Fire originating from the furnace ruined four rooms in Pensberg's fine public school building. School was not in session at the time. In carrying a line of hose into one of the rooms, School Director Charles Fries broke through a burning floor. Rev. George W. Lutz, the principal, went to Mr. Fries' aid and attempted to hold the hose, but the nozzle was whirled about with such violence that he was thrown out of a window. The loss is \$2,000 and insured ample.

A few days ago Andrew Kippel received a crate of chickens from Center County and in the lot was a rooster with four legs. It cost him twenty-five cents. Thursday he was offered \$100 for the freak, which was wanted by a showman for exhibition purposes.

A slick check forger has been operating in Chester and as a result over fifteen merchants have been defrauded out of cash of money from \$7 to \$25. The checks were signed John Morlock, superintendent of the Prudential Insurance Company and bore the stencil mark of the insurance company.

Thomas McCauley, aged 60 years, died suddenly at his home in Upper Delaware County. Up until two years ago he was in business in Philadelphia and resided at Germantown.

Fred Davis, 18 years old, of Taylor, had his life crushed out by his clothes catching in the revolving shaft of a fan-wheel at the Holden colliery, and being whirled about until he was lifeless.

Harry Hartman, a son of William Hartman, of Loganville, had his left arm crushed by being caught in the cog wheels of a gasoline engine.

Harry S. Ebert, a York capitalist, has broken ground for thirty small dwelling houses valued at about \$2,000 and five \$10,000 residences.

Mrs. Ambrose Linebaugh was frightfully burned at her home at Davidburg, nine miles from York. The woman was rendering fat for the purpose of making soap and in feeding the fire the wind blew her clothing across the blaze. Taking fire in a minute her clothing was a mass of flames. She died of her injuries a few hours later.

Henry William Vandersteele, aged 32 years, a veteran of the Civil War, died at his home in Cabin Run, Columbia County, after an illness of several weeks from a complication of diseases. Mr. Vandersteele was a school teacher for many years.

The body of George Boehmer, a German, quite well known in Clearfield County, who disappeared last December, has been found in the brush near DuBois.

Clark D. Lamberton, of Carlisle, who was graduated from Dickinson High School, and who has been abroad for a year, has been appointed to the fellowship of Christian Archaeology by the American Institute of Archaeology having colleges in Rome, Athens and Palestine.

Three horses belonging to a gypsy camp decided to walk to Scranton by way of the railroad ties and while at a home bridge for through as a train was approaching. The engineer stopped the locomotive in time to avoid running over the animals, but all had broken legs and were shot.

A Pennsylvania Railroad engine and twenty-eight freight cars were piled up in the bed of Scotch Valley Run, near Bloomsburg, when the engine jumped the tracks at the bottom of a steep grade. The crew escaped injury by jumping from the engine. Near Duncannon a man was killed on the Pennsylvania Railroad and from a paper on his person he is believed to be John Christian Stein, of Cleveland, Ohio.

Caught under a fall of rock at the Sayre colliery, near Mount Carmel, West Virginia, aged 33, was instantly killed.

During a fight at Gilberton which followed a dispute on the relative strength of two men, George Ruvakusky was beaten with an iron pipe by five men who are under arrest. Ruvakusky's skull was fractured and his life is in danger.

John N. Meahs and wife, of Landenburg, were awarded \$100 damages in the Chester County Court against the supervisors of Loudon Britain Township for injuries received in an accident by the bad condition of the public roads in that township.

Ten-year-old William Law, of Bridgeport, at the risk of his life, rescued George E. Hummer, aged 5 years, from drowning. The child fell into the river below the bridge. Law saw the little one's plight, and removing his coat jumped into the stream, bringing George safely ashore.

Although 84 years old, William M. Griscom, who, after a residence of twenty-five years in Berlin, where he worked for the foreign interests of his company, now lives in a handsome home at Bryn Mawr, spends the greater part of every day at his desk, in Reading, where he is president of the Reading Hardware Company.

In his will, David Smith, a wealthy Westchester, Lehigh County, farmer, bequeathed his farm to his housekeeper, Jennie Schlicher.

The Cuban students at Schuykill Seminary celebrated the fifth anniversary of the independence of Cuba.