

ROOSEVELT'S HOMECOMING A PICTURESQUE EVENT

The Mighty Hunter Laughs and Weeps.

BRIEF OFFICIAL WELCOMING SPEECH.

From Beginning Of The Celebration In The Harbor Until He Starts For Oyster Bay, He Shows The Most Exuberant Spirit—Unconventional Greetings To Old Friends.

New York (Special).—Theodore Roosevelt is home, the happiest man alive. His reception in the gateway of his country went straight to his heart. He laughed like a boy. He wept unashamed.

Nothing in all his career—he said it with clenched jaws and a bang of his fist—so affected him as the fervency of the greeting he got on land and water.

From this year and a quarter of hunting and sightseeing and research-making he returns with no politics in his mind.

Theodore Roosevelt was no man's critic Saturday. His delight embraced them all. For the strenuous, the molasses, they of the soft body and the hard hand, he had a little in the world's estimation he had the same smile—and every degree of citizen cheered with the same enthusiasm. He said once that he felt like reaching out and giving the whole United States a hug.

In Fine Spirits.

He had an expansive smile for everybody, a cheer word for "the boys," his old friends, the newspaper men, a pat anecdote for the politicians, special greetings of affection for his old command, the Rough Riders, and a quick eye for absolutely everything.

"Roosevelt good luck" still followed its namesake. Though hot and sultry, the weather held fair until the marine parade, the exercises at the Battery and the march up Broadway and Fifth Avenue to Central Park had been carried through with punctuality and precision. Then a rain fell and a torrential shower, accompanied by a high wind that did much damage, swept suddenly downward on the homeward-bound visitors, but cleared again shortly before 5 o'clock, in plenty of time to give his eager fellow-citizens of Long Island ample chance to see him standing on the rear platform of his special train as he waved them a welcome.

Contrasts.

With a generation, the nation remembers three great welcomes before this of today—to General Grant in San Francisco, after his triumphal tour of the world, following the expiration of his two terms as President; to Admiral Dewey on his return from his capture of the Philippines and to William Jennings Bryan, also after a tour of the world. The welcome to Grant was the most tumultuous, that to Dewey the most elaborate and stately, but the welcome to Roosevelt was shot through with a dramatic expectancy, which long ago found popular expression in the typical phrase—"the return from Elba."

Out Of The Mists.

His welcome began when the Hamburg-American steamship Kaiserin Auguste Victoria at 6.45 A. M. seemed through the mists of Sandy Hook, and it ended, so far as this city is concerned, only when he went aboard his train for Oyster Bay at 4.30 P. M.

At 8 o'clock, off Quarantine, he was received by representatives of President Taft and of the Hughes and senators and governors and city fathers and private citizens of distinction were waiting to grasp his hand.

New York Bay, under a splendid sun, was dotted with ships of war and merchant vessels assembled to escort him up the North River and back to the Battery. The battleship South Carolina's guns were playing for him the heavy music that is reserved to honor the first citizen of the republic, and five of the most powerful torpedo-boat destroyers of the United States Navy were straining their anchor chains to show him the way home.

He came up the bay on the revenue cutter Androscoogin after greeting on board the cutter Manhattan his children who had remained in this country and a few intimate friends. The reception committee selected by Mayor Gaynor surrounded him on the Androscoogin and shook hands with him one by one as the steamer moved up the harbor. For nearly every man who passed him in the line he had a few words of greeting. He was like a man on springs. He joked. He went back over the years and recalled when this and that merry adventure had happened. Now and then he was sober in a flash. His jaw set hard greeting a few old friends. It was "I'm so glad!"

The fervency of his welcome grew as he approached the land. When he touched foot on Manhattan Island at 10.56 A. M., there were 100,000 people around the Park to greet a welcome. On the stand near Pier A Mayor Gaynor greeted him with the briefest of speeches, and Colonel Roosevelt, with almost equal brevity, assured the Mayor and his fellow-citizens that he was glad to be home and that no man could get such a reception without being made to feel very proud and very humble.

And presently he was on his way up Broadway through greater crowds

Holdup By Masked Men.

Cleveland, O. (Special).—Five masked men held up and robbed Elmer Demarest, superintendent, and Charles Peters, foreman, of the Cleveland Trinidad Paving Company, near Newburg, securing a pay check containing \$1,000, in an exciting pursuit by a sheriff's posse over 10 miles, during which shots were exchanged and one member of the posse wounded, one of the robbers was captured and the money recovered.

An Aviator's Terrible Death.

Stettin, Germany (Special).—Herr Robl, flying here in a Farman biplane, lost control of his machine while 250 feet in the air and plunged to the ground. The heavy engine in the aeroplane fell upon him and he was horribly crushed, dying almost instantly.

The production of wine in Italy for 1909 was 1,093,619,916 gallons, against 1,264,672,560 gallons in 1908. The Department of Piedmont supplied 129,047,954 and 146,076,180 gallons, respectively, for the two years.

than ever gathered in that canyon in any one's memory. With the Rough Riders ahead of him and 400 frock-coated and silk-hatted officials and prominent citizens in carriages behind him he moved along with Mayor Gaynor and Cornelius Vanderbilt, and there was no doubting his popularity.

The final scene of his welcome was as dramatic as any lover of sensations may hope for. These Rough Riders were drawn up facing down Fifth Avenue, and the first thing he did was to stride from horse to horse and shake hands with every rider of them. The Spanish War veterans of the whole country presented him an album of complimentary resolutions, in acceptance of which Mr. Roosevelt spoke a dozen earnest words. It was all over in a whiff and at 1.35 P. M. he was speeding down Fifth Avenue in a motor car on his way to lunch at 433 Fifth Avenue, the home of Mrs. H. A. Alexander, the mother of his son Theodore's fiancée. He went to Long Island City for his train in a furious storm of wind and rain, and the flags that had been on his way were nothing but sodden rags. But his luck, as the city said, had held. The fogs had rolled away for him. The sun had brightened his reception. For all of the celebration that counted there had been perfect weather. Thousands who were making homeward from Broadway and Fifth Avenue were drenched, but they took it in the best of humor. They had gazed and cheered and got excited and they had taken part in a spectacle that even New York will remember for many a day.

Killed While Joy Riding.

Trenton, N. J. (Special).—George Richardson, of Walnut Avenue, Trenton, one of three men who were joy riding in an automobile here, was killed in consequence of a wheel of the machine breaking down. Richardson was thrown out on his head and his skull was fractured. He died while being taken to a hospital.

Bank President A Suicide.

Wooster, O. (Special).—Louis E. Yocum, aged 60, president of the Wooster Citizens' National Bank, committed suicide by shooting himself in the mouth. Despondency over ill health is assigned as the cause.

For Monument To Garfield.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—A monument to the memory of James A. Garfield at Long Branch is provided for by a bill passed by the Senate. The measure appropriates \$10,000 and contemplates that a like amount shall be raised by the Garfield Monument Association. The bill has not passed the House.

WASHINGTON BY TELEGRAPH

The House Committee on Immigration took favorable action on the resolution providing for an investigation of conditions in New York City in connection with the naturalization of aliens.

The Public Buildings Bill, carrying appropriations for \$18,500,000, and an additional \$3,000,000 for continuing contracts, was passed by the House Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

The appropriation for raising or removing the wreck of the battleship Maine from the harbor of Havana was increased from \$100,000 to \$300,000 by an amendment to the Doolittle Bill.

The resignation of James Flynn, State Treasurer as American minister to Bolivia, it was stated at the State Department, was caused by family and business reasons.

A House bill materially amending and strengthening the general law regulating the construction of dams across navigable streams was passed by the Senate.

President Taft accepted an invitation to address the National Rivers and Harbors Congress in Washington next December.

The House Committee on Labor decided to favorably report a bill creating a department of labor.

A resolution for information from the Attorney-General tending to show a conspiracy in restraint of trade among the companies of the Steel Corporation was passed by the House.

The House and Senate Committee on the Judiciary favorably reported the bill to retire Justice Moody, of the Supreme Court.

James Stricklin, a supposed Cumberland crank, made a second attempt to see President Taft. He had a pistol in his pocket.

The bill to authorize the issuance of certificates of indebtedness to the amount of \$30,000,000 to complete reclamation projects was adopted by the Senate as a rider upon the pending administration land withdrawal bill.

Representative Shepherd, of Texas, introduced a resolution in the House to investigate the practicability and cost of an aeroplane or airship mail route.

The Secretary of the Navy has loaned the converted yacht Alleen to the State of Rhode Island for the use of the naval militia, of that state.

Senator Lodge introduced in the Senate a bill to retire Associate Justice Moody, of the Supreme Court, with full pay.

Richard Parr may get from the government \$100,000 as his reward for furnishing information in the sugar frauds.

Plans for the erection of a monument to Commodore John Barry have again been halted.

Finland has reimposed the duty on pulpwood, which was suspended last year for six months.

Senators Heyburn and Hughes opposed the conservation policy and sarcastically attacked former Chief Forester Pinchot.

The conference report on the Railroad Bill was presented to both the Senate and the House.

Senator Cullom introduced a resolution to postpone payment of the corporation tax.

CONGRESS MAKES TWO NEW STATES

Senate Passes Bill To Admit Arizona and New Mexico.

HOUSE WILL ACCEPT THE CHANGES.

As Amended By The Senate It Might Two And A Half Years Before The Law Would Become Operative, And The House Confers Want To Shorten The Time To The Spring Of 1911.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—The Statehood bill passed the Senate without a dissenting vote. It provides for the admission of Arizona and New Mexico into the Union as separate States. The bill had already passed the House in different form and will now go into conference, where, it is understood, the differences will be adjusted to the satisfaction of the Administration. The passage of the bill in a single afternoon is a surprise. It seemed impossible a few days ago. But President Taft insisted upon the passage of some sort of bill to admit the two new States, and the leaders made the agreement which will meet the President's wishes.

Senator Carter announced that it is the plan in conference to accept the House bill, with two provisions in the Senate bill. One of these provides that when the State Constitutions have been ratified by the people the same shall be submitted to the President and Congress for approval. If the President and Congress approve, or if the President approves and Congress fails to approve at the next regular session of Congress, the election of State officers, members of the Legislatures, Representatives in Congress and all other officers are to take place in 1911, instead of 1910, as the House bill provided.

The object is to allow President Taft and Congress to prevent the adoption of any constitutional provisions they do not approve. Senator Beveridge said in his speech: "The nation is as vitally interested in the form of government of the States which creates as are the new States themselves. This is not only a measure of justice, but of safety. It will prevent unound provisions in the Constitutions."

THREE HUNDRED KILLED.

Terrible Destruction By A Cloudburst In Hungary.

Budapest, Hungary (Special).—Nearly three hundred persons were killed and several villages annihilated by a cloudburst in Krasso-Szoreny, a county of Hungary, bordering on Transylvania, Rumania and Serbia. The capital of the county, which is mainly peopled by Rumanians, is Lugos.

It is expected that the death toll will be greatly increased when communications, which have been almost completely cut off, are restored. Bridges, telegraph and telephone wires in the district have been destroyed, and it is feared that many of the survivors of the flood will die of starvation or exposure before it is possible to send assistance.

MAIL BY AEROPLANE.

Congressman Wants Government To Make Trial Tests.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—The carrying of United States mail by airship aeroplane may be the next step in aerial navigation.

Representative Shepherd, of Texas, has introduced a resolution authorizing and directing the Postmaster General to investigate the practicability and cost of an aeroplane or airship mail route between the city of Washington and some other point suitable for experiment.

Mr. Shepherd's resolution provides that these experiments shall be made and report submitted at the next session of the present Congress in December as to whether "aerial navigation may be utilized for safe and more rapid transmission of the mails."

DISTURBED BEES' REVENGE.

Sting Two Horses To Death And Close Driver's Eyes.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—An army of 80,000 bees disturbed in their hives by a pair of horses made wild by a couple of bees, which had been stinging them, which then ran in among the hives, upsetting them, caused the death of the horses. The next driver was terribly stung, but lives. His face is swollen to twice its natural size and both eyes are closed. When the bees began to pour out of their hives he ran, but was pursued by hundreds of the honey gatherers.

Floods Drown Hundreds.

Constantinople (Special).—Despatches received here say that terrible floods have swept over the province of Erzurum, in Turkish Armenia. Half the town of Hasankaleh has been wrecked by the torrents, hundreds of persons having drowned. The rise of the waters resulted from heavy rains.

Took Poison And Drowned.

Anderson, S. C. (Special).—Deprived as the result of an attack of pellagra, Mrs. J. E. Pilgrim ended her life by drinking laudanum and afterward jumping into a pond. Recently Mrs. Pilgrim asked her husband where the pond was deepest. He told her, and when she was missed the pond was dragged, and her body was found at the spot indicated. An empty laudanum bottle was found on the bank near by.

John A. Stevens Dead.

Newport, R. I. (Special).—John Austin Stevens, a well-known New York merchant of a generation ago, founder and first president of the Sons of the Revolution and a writer of note on historical and financial subjects, died at his home here. In addition to founding the Sons of the Revolution, Mr. Stevens founded the first issue of the Magazine of American History and was the founder of the Loyal National League.

Parr To Get \$100,000.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—Richard Parr, the customs deputy at New York, who materially assisted the government in recovering over \$2,000,000 in the sugar underweighting frauds, is to be given a reward of \$100,000. Parr discovered the secret spring on the deck of the American Sugar Refining Company by which the underweighting practice was carried on. The final discovery of fraud was made in 1907, in which time the government has been engaged in collecting the duties out of which it had been defrauded.

WILD ANIMALS ARE FREED IN WRECK

Pennsylvania Farmers in a State of Terror.

Circus Train Derailed Near Ebensburg, Pa., And Two Lions An Elephant, A Leopard, A Hyena, Jaguar And An Ibez Escaped—Circus Employees Captured All The Beasts But The Hyena.

Ebensburg, Pa. (Special).—Wild animals from a traveling circus were liberated by the heavy wagon cages striking a girder of a low bridge as the train was running from this place to Gallitzin, on the Cresson and Cambria Branch of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Three flat cars were derailed and three wagon cars were demolished. The report that the animals infested the country excited the neighborhood, and the frightened farmers refused to aid in rounding up the menagerie. Two circus employees caught in the wreckage were fatally hurt, but seriously hurt, and were taken to a hospital at Altoona. Later in the day all the animals were captured except the hyena.

Two lions, an elephant, one leopard, one hyena, one jaguar and one ibex were at large as a result of the derailment.

At the scene of the wreck a low bridge spans a deep gully. As the circus train passed over the bridge three of the wagons which contained the animals struck low hanging girders and were overturned. The cars carrying the wagon cages were derailed and thrown over the embankment leading to the bridge. In the darkness of the early morning the confusion following the derailment of the menagerie cars was terrifying. The howls of the wild animals, which fled in every direction, were mingled with the cries of the injured men pinned under the wreckage. At the time of the accident the train was making better than 20 miles an hour on a down grade. The engineer stated that he threw on his emergency brakes when he felt the first shock of the cars against the bridge girders. His act probably saved many lives.

A special train, sent from here, with physicians and nurses, assisted in the care of the injured.

BLEACHED FLOUR EXPLODES.

Everybody At The Government Hearing Much Frightened.

Kansas City, Mo. (Special).—The contents of a bottle, said by government attorneys to have contained bleached flour, exploded during the progress of the flour case, startling jurors, attorneys and spectators.

It was while S. F. Acree, of the chemistry department of the Johns Hopkins University, was on the witness stand that the contents of the bottle exploded. "What caused that?" asked an attorney.

"The formation of nitrogen peroxide gas in the flour," answered Mr. Acree.

Decomposition as well as bleaching would cause gas to form in flour, explained the witness. On cross examination the professor admitted that there were nitrates in air, rainwater and melted snow.

CLOUDBURST IN BERLIN.

Twenty Persons Struck By Lightning And Great Damage.

Berlin (Special).—The worst cloudburst in many years caused hundreds of thousands of dollars damage in Berlin, Germany, where streets were flooded and street cars, omnibuses and other traffic stopped. The subway was filled with water. The tables and chairs of outdoor restaurants were swept away.

For a time the water was three feet deep in most of the principal thoroughfares. Twenty persons were struck by lightning, but so far as is reported none was fatally injured.

W. J. Bryan For Senate.

Lincoln, Neb. (Special).—A concerted movement, looking to the entry of W. J. Bryan in the Nebraska senatorial race, was begun when certain Democratic leaders sent all over the State petitions asking Mr. Bryan to enter the contest. These petitions are to be signed and returned by the time Mr. Bryan returns from Europe.

The circular is signed by I. H. Hatfield, of Lincoln, and among the names mentioned as sponsors for the movement is Dr. P. L. Hall, vice-chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

May Prohibit White Phosphorus.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—President Taft has referred to Representative Mann the question of prohibiting the use of white phosphorus in the manufacture of matches in the United States. It is claimed that harm is done by the poison in phosphorus matches, which sometimes brings about necrosis of the jaw.

Queen Mary Possible Recent.

London (Special).—Premier Asquith introduced in the House of Commons a bill appointing Queen Mary, recent, in the event of the demise of King George during the minority of the Duke of Cornwall.

Hatpin Wound May Kill.

Globe, Ariz. (Special).—Although Deputy Marshal G. W. Morris was dangerously wounded by a hatpin which penetrated his abdomen Monday while attempting to arrest a woman, he did not realize the fact. The woman fought desperately, beating the officer over the head with a bottle, and he did not notice the hatpin wound in which the steel had broken open until examined recently by a physician. Morris probably will die.

Look Out For Straw Itch.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—People who use straw mattresses run the risk of being attacked by the straw itch, a disease said to be new to American physicians. It is a peculiar itching eruptive disease which has been proved to be due to the attack of a small straw and grain infesting mite. Public attention has been called to the subject by a publication in the last issue of the Government public health reports by Joseph Goldberger.

THE WORLD'S GREAT MISSION ARMY

International Conference Opens at Edinburgh.

1,000 AMERICANS ARE ATTENDING.

Over 3,000 Representatives of Missions And Churches Taking Part In The Proceedings—All Phases Of Missionary Work To Be Considered—No Discussion Of Denominational Differences—Delegates Honored With Degrees.

Edinburgh, Scotland (Special).—The World's Missionary Conference, a representative gathering of Protestant churches, opened here under the presidency of Lord Balfour, of Burleigh. There are 1,200 accredited delegates and 2,000 other representatives of churches and missions present. All civilized races are represented.

The sessions will continue until June 23, and all phases of missionary work among non-Christian peoples will be considered. The conference is unique in that it is designed to give representatives of all Christian churches an opportunity for an open discussion of missionary problems without binding the delegates as a whole to any particular policy. Those attending will confer, but will not take any definite action to permit their deliberations to lead them into a discussion of denominational differences.

Two similar conferences have been held, one in London in 1888 and the second in New York City in 1906. The conference was arranged by executive committees representing different countries and acting jointly.

There are 500 official American delegates present and 500 representatives of American missionary societies.

The University of Edinburgh has conferred the degree of doctor of laws on six of the delegates, including Seth Low, the former president of Columbia University, New York; John R. Mott, Gen. James A. Beaver, of Bellefonte, Pa., and the Archbishop of Canterbury. Eight of the delegates received the degree of doctor of divinity, among whom were three Americans, William Douglas Mackenzie, president of Hartford Theological Seminary; Robert Elliott Spear, secretary of the Presbyterian board of foreign missions, and the Rev. F. L. Hawksport, principal of St. John's College, Shanghai, China.

Lord Balfour of Burleigh, read a telegram which King George addressed to the conference, expressive of His Majesty's deep interest and gratification and his appreciation of the supreme importance of missionary work in cementing international friendship and peace.

Twelve-Year-Old Safe-cracker.

Denver, Col. (Special).—Postoffice inspectors have been ordered from this city to Palmerlee, N. M., to take charge of one of the youngest safe-cracker in criminal history. The prisoner, who has confessed to the robbery of the Palmerlee Postoffice, is a 12-year-old Mexican lad. He broke open the safe like an experienced yegman, took what money it contained, but left the stamps and other government papers. According to the boy's story, he was carefully trained to the robbery by a gang of Mexicans.

Killed By Rattlesnake.

Chicago (Special).—Death caused by a rattlesnake bite ended nearly a week of torture endured through religious fanaticism by Oliver Pugh, 60 years old, of the Snake Lake, Pugh was bitten by the snake last Wednesday, but true to the teachings of his creed, refused to take antidotes for the poison or medicine of any kind, relying on the prayers of his fellow-religionists to cure him. Pugh was a former alderman of Zion City, going to Zion in the days when John Alexander Dowie was overseer.

To Reduce Rate Of Mail Matter.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—Postmaster-General Hitchcock appointed a special committee to investigate and report upon the feasibility of increasing the limit of weight and reducing the rate of postage on fourth-class mail matter. The committee is composed of Charles H. Falloway, Herbert S. Wood and Charles H. McBride.

Ate Himself To Death.

Marton, O. (Special).—Dr. H. L. Bonner, 69 years old, big eater and ready digester, died of diabetes brought on by his many eating contests, it is said. In one contest he ate a double steak as heavy as a roast, 12 large potatoes, two dishes of onions, two loaves of bread, a pound of butter and finished with three dozen hard-boiled eggs.

Wife Of Vice President III.

Iowa City, Ia. (Special).—Vice President James S. Sherman, on account of his wife's illness, has cancelled his engagement to deliver the Iowa University commencement address. President Northrup, of Minnesota University, will speak in his stead.

Wasn't Cured; Shot Doctor.

St. Louis (Special).—Dr. John M. Grant, one of the best known physicians of this city, was shot twice by Aloysius W. Rayne, a driver for a department store. One of the bullets passed through Dr. Grant's body. The other struck his head. Rayne, at the police station, said he had been a patient of Dr. Grant, and that the treatment he had received had failed to cure him of a nervous trouble. He said the physician seemed to neglect him. Dr. Grant will probably recover.

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State of Pennsylvania

Unique Suicide.

Pottsville.—Most unique was the suicide of John Fisher, aged 52 years, a gigantic farmer, said to be the largest and most powerful tiler of the soil in Schuylkill County, at his farm in North Mannheim Township, several miles south of this place. He had been despondent for some time and frequently spoke of ending his life.

Waiting until his wife and seven children had left the house, he went into the kitchen and put heavy charges into his double-barreled shotgun. Then seating himself on a chair, he placed the butt of the gun on the floor with the muzzle pressing against his abdomen.

Bringing his feet suddenly down on the trigger, the weapon was discharged, almost blowing away his abdomen. Death soon followed.

Muhlenberg's Degrees.

Allentown.—Muhlenberg College graduated twenty-one men and conferred these honorary degrees: Doctor of laws, Judge Frank M. Trester, Allentown; Rev. C. E. Lindberg, president of Augustana College, at Rock Island, Ill.

Doctor of literature, Captain H. M. Richards, Lebanon.

Doctor of divinity, Rev. S. A. K. Francis, Philadelphia, and Rev. C. M. Esbjorn, New Haven, Conn.

Master of Arts, P. C. L. Gruver, Keystone State Normal School, Kutztown.

The orator of the day was Dr. Merrill Edwards Gates, of Washington, former president of Rutgers and Amherst Colleges, now secretary of the United States Indian Commission.

Held For Man's Death.

Lebanon.—Oscar A. Stauffer, of Palmyra, was arrested on a charge of manslaughter and furnished \$2,000 bail before Mayor George S. Marquart for his appearance at a hearing here before Alderman Robert L. Miller.

Stauffer is charged with having run down and killed Harry Dennis, of Sunnyside, on the Berks and Dauphin Turnpike, while driving his automobile at high speed. After striking Dennis the automobilist did not stop, but continued his run westward.

Election Board Held.

Wilkes-Barre.—In court here Judge Fuller held the five members of the Election Board of Warrior Run Borough in \$1000 bail each for trial to answer the charge of making a fraudulent return at the primary election.

According to the testimony at the hearing citizens were recorded as voters who did not vote, and others were not residents of the district and still others were on the list of voters who swore they had not voted. It was also alleged that the return sheets were padded.

Form Sunshine Club.

Reading.—A. L. Reichenbach, of Allentown, potentate of Rajah Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of this city, is urging the formation of a Sunshine Club. The qualifications for membership is first that the member own an automobile and that the owner give an auto ride to at least one poor man, woman or child, who would not otherwise visit in favor, in each of the months from June to October.

It is conservatively estimated that there are 100 machines owned by members of Rajah Temple.

Big Theatre Deal.

Norristown.—According to advices from New York, Klav and Erlanger, exercising negotiations with Nathan Appell for the purchase of his entire interest in the Grand Opera House, Norristown; Academy of Music, Lebanon; leases of the Academy of Music, Reading, and half interest in Majestic Theatre, Harrisburg.

It is expected that the quality of the plays to be produced here will be improved.

Score Chester Athletes' Attire.

Chester.—The church element of this city is up in arms against the practice of young boys who belong to the Chester Young Men's Christian Association's athletic department, exercising on the streets with nothing on but a sort of bathing suit. The complainants declare that the appearance of the scantily attired boys is indecent and should be prohibited by the police authorities.

Steel Company's Dividend.

Pittsburg.—The Board of Directors of the Crucible Steel Company declared a regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/2 per cent, together with 1/2 per cent, both in cash, and in addition a scrip dividend of 10 per cent, payable to holders of preferred stock as of record June 21. The payment of the 10 per cent. is the first payment against 26 per cent. deferred dividends.

Ball Player Seriously Injured.

Shennadoah.—Oliver Capper, a Sunday School base ball player, while about to bat, was struck by the ball on the left temple. He was unconscious for some time. He suffered from shock and bruises of the face, and it is feared his skull is fractured.

Infant Dies Of Lockjaw.

South Bethlehem.—Katherine Kevopka, aged three weeks, died of lockjaw. She is the youngest person in local medical annals to succumb to tetanus.

Joy Kills Aged Woman.

Bethlehem.—The joy following the unexpected arrival of a relative from the West whom she had not seen for 21 years, proved fatal to Mrs. Emeline Moyer. The aged woman, who was 68