

WORLD GROWING BETTER.

Every issue of a newspaper which tries to record the most important events of the day seems to be on its face an indictment of the human race and modern civilization. Stories of greed, oppression, wrongs and crime often take up most of the space in its columns. The effect upon the reader is sometimes to make him think, for the moment at least, that the world is growing more hard and cruel, and that society, as it is constituted, is a failure. But such a view is all wrong, and the thoughtful reader soon realizes it. The world is growing better all the time, and humanity is steadily advancing from one plane of life to another. The reason there seems more wickedness is that the people of the earth are in closer communication with one another than they were only a few years ago, says the Cleveland Leader. Crimes which once remained unknown to all but a comparatively few are now revealed to the entire civilized world, that it may know the sort of men it must suppress, the extent of the harm they inflict and the manner in which they are dealt with. Wrongs which once flourished because they were hidden are now dragged into the light of day and exposed in all their meanness in the pages of the newspapers. Modern civilization, through its most powerful agency for progress, the public press, lays bare the hitherto hidden wounds inflicted upon society, that they may be cured and their repetition prevented. No, the world is not growing worse. There is less of poverty, crime and suffering than existed only a few years ago. Life is easier, more profitable and more full of joy. The man with the shovel gets more out of it than did the man with the two-handed sword in his castle, a brief remove back in the life of the race.

Exchanging professors with American institutions of learning is an increasing practice among educators abroad. For several years the interchange has been going on between this country and Germany, and some of the ablest of our teachers have served in Berlin and elsewhere, while German professors have done similar work in American universities and colleges, says the Troy Times. Now a prominent business man of Copenhagen has given \$100,000 to the Scandinavian-American Society to promote the interchange of professors between American and Danish universities. The Rhodes scholarships, through which American students receive the benefit of advanced courses at England's great university of Oxford, furnish another illustration of the solidarity of learning which incidentally must tend to draw nations nearer to one another.

Runaway matches have been known to turn out ideally, but not often. Their average course is toward wreckage and wretchedness. The very need of secrecy and flight is generally indicative of a fault in the scheme somewhere, and young girls who are willing to defy parental love and care and marry by stealth need feel no surprise when their idols' feet turn out to be clay, and a poor variety of that. Spite of the jokesmiths, the cartoonists and the waggy poets, marriage is the most serious step in the lives of men and women, says the Boston Post. Even the mature ought to give it at least as respectable consideration as they would any other investment. Boys and girls need to take advice on the matter, not railroad trains to a quick-service city clerk's "vice somewhere across the line."

The many exposures of smuggling by rich women shows a curious cast of the feminine mind. In nearly every instance the culprit was aware of the law and that she was violating it; but few, if any, regarded the statute seriously and doubted even in the event of detection that it would be applicable to her own individual instance. Most women of this class have never come in contact with the law, having lived in a realm in which their own will was sovereign. That the law is no respecter of persons they have had to learn, and those who will take to themselves the lesson should be better citizens and certainly more familiar with the institutions of their country.

Among the fashion notes of the day is one to the effect that there is war between the large and the small bonnets. In such a strife no doubt the principal weapon of offense and defense wielded by the ladies will be the hatpin.

When the czar and the kaiser met they kissed; but the salutation of the governor of North Carolina and the governor of South Carolina had far more spirit to it.

Some of the aviators have recently been exhibiting rather poor sportsmanship. We hope they will adjust their differences as gentlemen should, so that they may aviate more and second each other less.

A Canadian has been fined \$50 in Milwaukee for hugging a trained nurse. It seems to be the hardest thing in the world for some men to keep from falling in love with trained nurses.

### MANY ARRESTED IN POSTAL RAIDS

#### Fraudulent Use of the Mails Charged.

#### IN NEW JERSEY AND PENNSYLVANIA.

Arrests Ordered by Postmaster General, Who Had Inspectors At Work On Cases for Month and a Half—Seven of the Defendants Given Hearing in Philadelphia—Physician Is Also Accused of Making Fraudulent Statements Through the Mails.

Philadelphia (Special).—Nineteen arrests were made Friday in towns in Pennsylvania and New Jersey in the government's crusade against persons accused of using the mails to defraud. The arrests were made by postal inspectors and all the defendants were given hearings before United States Commissioners and held in bail for trial or for further hearings, on charges of "using the mails to defraud."

Seven of the defendants were given hearings in Philadelphia. These were four officials of the Chain Shoe Store syndicate with offices in this city; two constitute the Pine Heights Company, a New Jersey land improvement concern with Philadelphia connections and the seventh is a local physician. The complete list of defendants with the results of their hearings follow:

Chain Shoe Store Syndicate, Louis L. Rice, president, Philadelphia; Andrew C. Patterson, first vice-president, also president of the Excelsior Trust Company of Philadelphia; Edgar Phling, the second vice-president and treasurer; George H. Brooks, third vice-president, Philadelphia. Each was held in \$1,000 for further hearing.

Pine Heights Company, Harry F. Stanton, Ocean City, N. J. Waived hearing and held in \$500 bail for trial.

Others arrested were:

Dr. J. B. Hornstein, Philadelphia, \$500 for court.

Charles B. McKee, Huntingdon, Pa., \$1,000 for a further hearing.

John S. Leepach, Ridgway, Pa., \$2,500 for further hearing.

John A. Weitzel, Lancaster, Pa., \$1,000 for trial.

Abram G. Stauffer and Oscar A. Stauffer, Palmyra, Pa., \$5,500 each for court.

William S. Leam, Lebanon, Pa., \$500 for court.

Abram S. Stauffer, Palmyra, Pa., \$4,500 for court.

Ira C. Webster, Newark, N. J., \$1,000 for further hearing.

Oscar Gustavson, Jersey City, N. J., \$1,500 for further hearing.

S. Joseph Silverman, Pittsburg, Pa., \$2,500 for court.

Lewis Conrad, Conrad Lotz and William Bingham, officers of the Correspondence Institute of America, at Scranton, \$1,000 each for further hearing. This organization has no connection with the International Correspondence Schools.

The government alleges that the Chain Shoe Stores Syndicate sold stock through fraudulent representations.

Abram G. Stauffer, Oscar A. Stauffer and Abram S. Stauffer, prominent residents of Palmyra, Lebanon county, are said to have obtained thousands of dollars and to have employed 25 clerks and stenographers at their office in Palmyra, where they own handsome homes. Their operations are said to have been in several States. The Stauffers are charged with having been selling instruments to locate hidden wealth, one of the articles being the "Spanish needle." They were sold at from \$10 to \$15 each and about 1,500 are alleged to have been sold in the last year. Charges of sale of obscene literature through the mails have also been made. The first two men are said to have been doing business under the names of Prospectors and Miners Agency, Hall Co., Electric Motor Company, Diamond Publishing Company, Gem Novelty Company, Franklin Drug Company, Smith Remedy Company and Stauffer & Co. Abram S. Stauffer is said to have been interested in a concern known as the Miners' Supply Company.

Another Military Cable. Seattle, Wash. (Special).—The laying of another military cable between Seattle and Alaska at an estimated cost of \$2,000,000 is being considered by the War Department, according to information received Friday. The present cable is inadequate to handle the business. The projected new cable is to run direct from Seattle to Cordova, a distance of 1,384 miles.

Whole College Arrested. Gainesville, Ga. (Special).—The entire student body of the North Georgia Agricultural College, at Dahlonega, was arrested, following the bursting of the big Government cannon in the barracks Friday morning, resulting in the wrecking of the barracks. It is said that the cannon was loaded with 50 pounds of giant powder, with a 50-foot fuse attached. The college is under \$6,000 bond to the Government as a guarantee for security of the cannon.

Dumb Woman Speaks and Dies. Columbus, Ind. (Special).—Recovering her voice suddenly after having been dumb many weeks, Mrs. Albert Hook, aged 20, called her husband and other members of her family to her bedside Friday, bade them farewell in a firm tone and died. She had been ill for a year, and her voice strangely ringing through the house startled the family to believing she had been miraculously restored to health, but when they reached her she was dying.

### WITH CONGRESS

#### Urgent Deficiency Bill.

The Urgent Deficiency Appropriation Bill, carrying \$50,000 needed for the current fiscal year, was reported to the House by the Appropriations Committee. Among the items are \$100,000 for continuing the investigation of the mineral resources in Alaska, \$500,000 to continue drydock work at the New York Navy Yard, \$17,500 for the salaries of the recently appointed five additional judges for the half-year beginning January 1 next, at \$7,000 per annum each, together with \$1,500 per annum expense allowance for each additional judge in connection with their service on the United States Court of Commerce, and \$36,000 for the expenses of the court during its first six months of existence, beginning January 1.

#### Both Want Exposition.

Advocates of New Orleans and of San Francisco for the exposition of 1915 to celebrate the opening of the Panama Canal were given a hearing before the House Committee on Rules. Governor Gillette, Representative Theodore A. Bell, and Joseph H. Scott, of Los Angeles, spoke for California, urging early action to permit the institution of the preliminary work, appointment of foreign commissioners and making of representations to state legislatures.

#### For Reappointment of Congress.

Three joint resolutions were proposed providing for amendments to the Federal Constitution by abrogating that part prohibiting an export tax relating to House procedure, and providing for reappointment of Congress so as to make the House consist of 400 members. Representative Foelker, of New York, fathered all three.

#### House Passes Pension Bill.

The 18 pension agencies throughout the country will be centralized in one agency if the Senate agrees to the Pension Appropriation bill as passed by the House of Representatives. Attempts have been made for many years to have these offices abolished, but without success, although last year the House conferees bill "fought to the last ditch," as it was expressed by Representative Kalfar, to have the Senate conferees agree to the abolishment of the agencies. The bill, as passed by the House, carries \$13,614,000, \$74,000 less than was recommended in the bill as presented.

#### \$6,000 Salary Too Small.

"I could not save anything out of a salary of \$6,000 a year and I have a family," said Librarian of Congress Herbert Putnam, in arguing before the House Committee on Appropriations for an increase of his salary from \$6,000 to \$7,500. Mr. Putnam failed in his effort. He pointed out that he had no other source of income, and while admitting that the Librarian of Congress does not have to entertain largely, he declared he ought to be able to meet certain social obligations incurred because of his official position.

#### For Memorial To Lincoln.

A national memorial to Abraham Lincoln to be erected in Washington at a cost of \$2,000,000 is proposed in a bill introduced by Senator Cullom, of Illinois. The bill names a permanent commission to be composed of President Taft, Senators Wetmore, of Rhode Island, and Money, of Mississippi; Representatives McCall, of Massachusetts, and Champ Clark, of Missouri. The sum of \$100,000 is to be immediately available under the bill.

#### More For U. S. Judges.

To increase salaries of Supreme Court Justices \$5,000 and to increase proportionately the compensation of all Federal judges is the purpose of a bill introduced by Senator Dewey, of New York.

The salary of the Chief Justice is fixed by the bill at \$18,000; and those of associate justices of that court at \$17,500. These salaries are now respectively \$13,000 and \$12,500. It is proposed to increase circuit judges' salaries by \$7,000 to \$10,000; and Federal district judges from \$6,000 to \$9,000.

#### Ink For Communion Wine.

Mount Sterling, Ky. (Special).—Many members of the Pleasant Valley Christian Church were made ill Sunday as the result of some unknown persons substituting indelible ink for the communion wine, which was kept in the church. The officers of the church passed the supposed wine at communion before it was found that the change had been made.

#### Laughed Himself To Death.

Lacrosse, Wis. (Special).—Laughing heartily at the joke of a friend, Albert Sommers, 58 years old, gasped and sank to the ground. He died a few hours later. Physicians are of the opinion that the strain of laughing induced a stroke of paralysis.

At present the 2,500,000 population of Manhattan is increased to 3,000,000 during business hours.

#### Woman Fasted Two Months.

Aberdeen, S. D. (Special).—After a fast of over two months, during which time she smoked a pipeful of tobacco every night and morning, Mrs. Susannah Cooper died here, aged 91 years. Mrs. Cooper fasted in the belief that it would benefit her health.

There are cattle ranchers in Argentina with so many buildings that they almost form a town in themselves.

### SWOOP DOWN ON STOCK COMPANY

#### Government Agents Raid a Chicago Concern.

#### GOING AFTER THE 26 BRANCHES.

#### Secret Service Men Confiscate Records and Papers of Capital Investment Company—Get-Rich-Quick Firm Did a Business of \$10,000,000 Annually—Made \$800,000 in One Day On a Deal—Got Ahead of Ticker.

Chicago (Special).—Federal agents are prepared to swoop down upon 26 branches of the Capital Investment Company scattered through eight Middle Western States. Following the sensational raid on the main offices and four branches of this company in Chicago and branches in Joliet and Aurora, Ill., Thursday this roundup will mark one of the most extensive movements in the history of the government's war against alleged get-rich-quick concerns. Immediate action, it is said, will be taken in the following cities:

Milwaukee, Racine and Green Bay, Wis.; Detroit, Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo and Lansing, Mich.; Davenport and Muscatine, Iowa; Rockford, Elgin, Monmouth, Galesburg, East St. Louis, Belvidere and Dekalb, Ill.; Indianapolis, Anderson, Kokomo, Muncie and Lafayette, Ind.; Louisville, Ky., and Cincinnati, O., and St. Louis, Mo.

#### Made \$10,000,000 a Year.

According to agents of the Department of Justice, the Capital Investment Company controlled 5,000 miles of leased wires to supply these branches with news of the New York stock market, and was doing a business of more than \$10,000,000 annually. It is said that on one 16-point break in the market the concern netted \$600,000 in a single day. The government alleges that the firm dealt with its customers on a basis of "heads I win; tails you lose." In this connection Federal agents say that the company controlled two fast New York wires which were beating the "ticker" with regular market quotations by from three to five minutes. With this advance information the men in charge of the company's offices would decide if orders would be filled. The government charges that the concern bought no stocks outright, but took a commission on all orders and then played the "longs" against the "shorts."

Although operated at a loss six months in the year, because of its extended wire service and many branches, the concern is said to have been a big payer at the end of the year. It has recently been dealing heavily in cotton.

#### Successor To Hammond Co.

This concern is a successor to the Hammond Elevator Company, which did a big bucket shop business for a number of years. The principal offices of the elevator company were in Hammond, Ind., until the operation of such a concern in that State was made a felony. The Hammond Elevator Company was then dissolved and the Capital Investment Company was organized under the laws of Illinois.

Among the warrants that have been served in connection with the case are those for Sidon McHie, and William R. Holligan, of New York, and William J. Lloyd, district traffic manager for the Western Union Telegraph Company in Chicago. It is expected that 17 more arrests will be made here.

### MAYOR KILLED AT FIRE.

#### Embers Of One Blaze Cause Another.

La Grange, Ky. (Special).—Fire which broke out from the smouldering embers of the blaze, which did \$30,000 damage Tuesday night, cost the life of Mayor Collis McDowell. Mayor McDowell was killed by a falling chimney while directing the fire against the flames. Charles and Alfred Fisher fell through a floor and were perhaps fatally injured. The loss is \$25,000.

### BALLINGER FOE ACQUITTED.

Louis R. Glavis Was Accused Of Starting Forest Fire. Golden Gate, Wash. (Special).—Louis R. Glavis, principal witness in the Pinchot-Ballinger hearing was acquitted here on the charge of having started a forest fire. The jury was out twenty minutes. The evidence showed that Glavis had nothing to do with a big forest fire near White Salmon, alleged to have been caused by a small fire started on his own land.

### KILLED LIGHTING LAMP.

Farmhouse Burned and Two Children May Die. Jamestown, N. Y. (Special).—The farmhouse of Amel Nelson, of Russell, Pa., was destroyed by fire. Nelson's five-year-old daughter was cremated and two other children, aged two and three years, respectively, were seriously, and it is feared, fatally burned. The fire was caused by the explosion of an oil lamp, which the daughter was lighting.

### CAUGHT BY EXPLOSION.

Denver (Special).—An explosion in the Leyden coal mine, owned by the Leyden Coal Company, 14 miles west of Denver, entombed at least 12 men, and possibly more in the lower workings. The fate of the men is unknown, but it is feared all may have been killed by the explosion or burned to death in the fire which followed.

### BIG FUND TO END WAR

#### Mr. Carnegie Gives \$11,500,000 to Promote Peace.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—President Taft has consented to become honorary president of the \$11,500,000 International Peace Foundation, which was presented to a board of 20 trustees composed of men of international reputation by Andrew Carnegie.

The gift is in the form of \$10,000,000 in 5 per cent. first mortgage bonds which have a market value of \$11,500,000.

The transfer was made at a meeting in the rooms of the Carnegie Research Foundation. The trustees chose Senator Elhu Root, of New York, as their president. Senator Root is also permanent representative of the United States at The Hague Tribunal. The purpose of the foundation is the abolition of war.

#### His Plan World-Wide.

While Mr. Carnegie refused to disclose his entire plan, it is known that he expects to see a world-wide organization which will be created by this vast gift.

The distribution of \$500,000 a year which the \$10,000,000 endowment will yield, is to be left entirely in the hands of the trustees. It is considered possible that the trustees will cooperate with Secretary of State Knox to promote the proposed peace court.

While Carnegie's gift was unexpected, it caused no great surprise among the promoters of the world peace movement in Washington, as in recent years he has shown an increasing interest in the work. It is known that he has been putting aside other activity to devote himself almost wholly to the cause.

### Carnegie's Purpose.

In the trust deed Mr. Carnegie says:

"Although we no longer eat out fellowmen, we still kill each other in war like barbarians. Only wild beasts are excusable for doing that in this, the twentieth century of the Christian era, for the crime of war is inherent, since it decides not in favor of the right, but always of the strong. The nation is criminal which refuses arbitration and deceives its adversary, which knows nothing of righteous judgment."

### REBELS WIN IN MEXICO.

#### Federal Troops Reported Defeated In Battle At Minaca.

El Paso, Texas (Special).—Federal troops were completely overthrown in an engagement lasting several hours at La Junta, a small town near Minaca, on the Mexican Northwestern and Orient railroads, according to information received by railroad officials here.

At 4:30 P. M., the remnant of the Federal troops, numbering 150, surrendered their arms and ammunition and were allowed to depart in the direction of Chihuahua.

As telegraph wires were cut in many places, no details of the battle can be secured. A telephone wire running north through the mountains brought the news to the Juarez branch of the Mexican Northwestern that the Federals were overwhelmingly defeated and that the survivors had surrendered.

### RICHES TO MOTHER CHURCH.

Mrs. Eddy's Will Shows Estate May Reach \$2,000,000. Concord, N. H. (Special).—Gen. Henry M. Baker, executor of the estate of Mary Baker G. Eddy, filed her will in the probate court in this city Wednesday afternoon. Judge Charles R. Corning presiding.

Under the terms of the will, the mother church at Boston is to get the bulk of Mrs. Eddy's enormous fortune. This church, in addition to special bequests aggregating \$150,000, is also made the residuary legatee.

There is every reason to believe that the value of Mrs. Eddy's estate has been underestimated and that it will reach, if it does not exceed, \$2,000,000.

### LE BLANC GIRL ACQUITTED.

Takes Hour and Half For the Jurors To Agree. East Cambridge, Mass. (Special).—After deliberating an hour and thirty minutes the jury, which for the last 10 days has been sitting in the case of Hattie Le Blanc, the 17-year-old French-Canadian girl, accused of the murder of Clarence F. Glover, of Waltham, Wednesday morning returned a verdict of "not guilty."

The courtroom was crowded, as it has been since the beginning of the trial, and the spectators cheered loudly when the foreman of the jury made known its verdict.

### Hens Worth \$22,000.

Philadelphia (Special).—Winner over all others of her breed, Lady Washington, a raven black Orpington hen, worth \$12,000, has only one of her kind as a rival—her own daughter. Her offspring is worth \$10,000. Whenever either chooses to do the commonplace thing of laying an egg that egg is worth \$25. Both chickens were on exhibition at the Fifth Annual Poultry Show in this city.

Woman Burned To Death. Chicago (Special).—Fondness for her corn cob pipe cost the life of Mrs. Bertha H. Byers, 81 years old. Daniel Lynch, 72 years old, who was smoking with her in the front room of his flat was severely burned, trying to save her. The fire partially destroyed the tenement and 17 families were forced into the street. Mrs. Byers went into the Lynch apartment, as was her custom, for a quiet smoke with her old friend. She sat by the window and fire from her pipe dropped into the lace curtain.

### STATE CAPITAL NEWS

#### State To Supervise Orchards.

State Zoologist Surface announced that, with the conclusion of the orchard demonstrations for the control of fruit tree pests last Saturday, the demonstrators would undertake the supervision of about 1,000 orchards which have been placed under the care of the State. The list of orchards so put within the control of the State authorities is the largest ever known and includes every county. The supervision of orchards will include inspections and advice and assistance to farmers and fruit growers for the extermination of San Jose scale and other pests, which cost the State an annual loss of hundreds of thousands of dollars, according to Dr. Surface's estimates. Where possible preventive measures will be taken to show owners how to care for trees. It is proposed to resume the demonstrations in orchards of the State in February or March and 300 orchards are listed to be visited before the buds burst. This work has been in progress several years and has resulted in marked success in holding down damage from pests in many sections of the State. Numerous fruit exhibits from farms where State methods have been followed will be shown here next month during the meeting of the State Horticultural Association.

#### Answer League's Call.

Eight of the third class cities of Pennsylvania have given notice that they will be represented at the conference of the third class city League, in this city, December 30, when legislation to be presented to the next General Assembly will be discussed. York will send 6 representatives, including the Mayor; New Castle 5, Bradford 3, McKeesport 3, Wilkes-Barre 3, Easton 3, Allentown 1, the Mayor of the city, and Harrisburg 3. It is expected that other cities will announce their delegations this week. The delegates will be entertained by a committee of Harrisburg Councils. Among the important matters to be presented will be bills relative to reduction of size of Councils, and it is possible that some effort will be made to have the commission form of government, or a single chamber of councils recommended. Taxation of real estate of public utility companies, underground wires, personal notice in damage suits, and other subjects will be discussed and bills drafted for submission to the Legislature.

#### Governor Writes Message.

Governor Stuart is devoting himself to his message, which he expects to have ready a week or more in advance of the assembling of the Legislature. The message will not only contain a summary of the work of departments, with recommendations, but also one of the Governor's financial statements, showing the exact condition of the finances and what may be expected in the way of revenue.

#### Charters Granted.

The following Philadelphia charters were issued: Ontario Land Company, capital \$100,000; Seaboard Coal and Coke Company, capital \$5,000; New Branson Knitting Company, capital \$10,000; Pearson & Ludacher Company, capital \$100,000; Carlton Company, capital \$10,000; Samuel R. Sharp Company, capital \$20,000.

#### State Scribes To Talk Shop.

The Executive Committee of the Pennsylvania State Editorial Association changed the date of the annual meeting in this city from January 17 and 18 to January 24 and 25. It is planned to have five papers presented on topics relative to newspaper work and to conclude with a banquet at which men of national and State prominence will be present.

#### Milk Inspection.

The city's campaign for milk inspection has ended in an ordinance for inspection being approved by Mayor E. S. Meads. The Mayor signed the bill Wednesday and an inspector will be named shortly.

#### Complains Of P. R. T. Cars.

Stockton W. Jones has made a complaint to the State Railroad Commission that the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company's Doylestown line cars are poorly heated and uncomfortable.

The French government is seriously considering a plan to explore Algiers and the Soudan by means of aeroplanes, for the purpose of ascertaining the most desirable locations for airship stations.

The foreign trade of the United Kingdom showed still further increases in both imports and exports during the month of August. Exports of British merchandise aggregated \$188,000,000, an increase of \$32,000,000 over August, 1909. Imports aggregating \$253,000,000 were \$18,000,000 higher.

In the foothills of Mount Tacana, a Guatemalan volcano, there is an almost inexhaustible supply of sulphur in huge blocks, which is taken out from time to time by Indians.

The Norwegian steamer Helm has brought to Manila a cargo of coal from Labuan, Island of Borneo. Cargoes are also arriving from Newcastle, Australia. This coal is retailed at \$6.50 per ton in Manila.

That the prosperity of the railroads is intimately associated with that of the whole country is proved by the fact that in the 12 months that followed the panic the railroads suffered a loss of over \$30,000,000 in gross earnings.

### STATE NEWS.

Media.—Miss Amanda Carey, a woman well along in years, bled to death at her home here. She was working in the kitchen of her home and apparently struck her leg against the door of the stove. An artery was broken, but she walked across the room to a chair, where she sat down and tried to stem the flow of blood. A trail of blood was left from the stove to the chair. She gave a call and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Elwood Carey, arose from bed and came downstairs. Miss Carey tried to talk to her, but her lips quivered and she could not speak. Dr. Trimble Pratt was summoned, but when he reached the house Miss Carey was dead.

Ebensburg.—John R. Edwards, of Johnstown, who shot and killed his wife last June, appeared in court here and pleaded guilty. Testimony was taken so Judge O'Connor could fix the degree of guilt which will be either first or second degree murder. The Court's decision will be made known January 17. Edwards parted from his wife in May. He went to his home June 21 and killed her. In an effort to induce the Court to fix the crime at second degree murder, Edwards' attorneys pleaded that he was under the influence of liquor when he committed the act.

Pittsburg.—Helen Boyle, who is serving a 25-year term in the Western Penitentiary here for her connection with the kidnapping of Willie Whitla, will ask the Pennsylvania Pardon Board to release her from further confinement. Mrs. Boyle was convicted for a crime committed in Ohio, she having taken care of the stolen boy at her apartment in Cleveland while the search was on. The claim of her attorneys for pardon is based on this fact.

Doylestown.—Mrs. Maggie Byers, the aged woman who was convicted in November, 1909, of setting fire to the barn on the Robert Beatty farm and sentenced to not less than two and a half or more than ten years in the Eastern Penitentiary, will be free in a few days, as the Superior Court has ordered her discharge.

York.—Upon a plea of guilty to a charge of embezzlement, Harry Pierpont, a young bank clerk and expert accountant, was sentenced to the Eastern Penitentiary for a term of not less than six months nor more than two years. Pierpont, while cashier of the Pullman Motor Car Company, took \$500.

Pottsville.—Having declared that she had a premonition that she had attended her last service, Miss Annie Moyer, of Orwigburg, aged 35 years, a devout member of the Reformed Church, dropped dead midway between the church and her home. She had attended a public preaching service.

Pittsburg.—H. W. McMaster and F. H. Skelding, receivers of the Washburn-Pittsburg Terminal Railroad, were granted permission in the United States District Court to spend \$2,000,000 for gondolas to be used in the lake coal carrying traffic. It is said that bids will be asked at once and the orders placed as soon as possible. The money will buy 2000 cars.

Bristol.—By the discovery of an extensive stratum of fine white sand on the old Simons farm, the Pennsylvania Railroad has saved itself one dollar per yard in the construction of the new elevated line through here. When the work began the steam shovels unearthed the layer of sand.

Reading.—Robert Forrikey, aged 56, a puddler, plead guilty before Judge Endich to setting a satchel containing \$5,000 worth of bonds and other valuables from a passenger train on the Reading Road a month ago. The grip was later recovered. He was given a term of one year in jail.

Bristol.—Borough Council authorized the borough solicitor to advertise for bids for the erection of a municipal water works and the construction of a sewerage system. Thus, after several years of legislation and litigation, the borough is to own and maintain these two important utilities.

Beaver.—While standing on a bank watching a companion digging for a rabbit near his home, Wilber Bevington, aged 16, slipped and fell. The gun he carried was discharged and the shot entered his neck. He died almost instantly.

Ashtand.—Engelbert Loper, a carpenter, aged 48 years, fell down a stairway at a new building here and received injuries from which he died an hour later at the Miners' Hospital. In the fall his head came in contact with a railing, crushing his skull.

Seranton.—Three Polanders, miner and laborers in Cayuga mine, North Seranton, while eating their dinner were caught by a fall of roof coal and killed. Another was seriously injured.

Economy Expert. An expert in municipal economies will be secured for Harrisburg, the Board of Trade having agreed to bring such a man to this city to study its problems. Fire departments and other matters will come up.

It has just been learned from an apparently reliable source that the Canadian Pacific Railway has already figured out an estimate for the bridging of Seymour Narrows, and that this estimate falls considerably short of the \$16,000,000 which it has been stated it would take to complete the work.

Buenos Ayres has only recently completed a new and extensive system of docks and port equipment, yet so rapid has been the increase of the commerce that complaint of congestion is already heard.