

HUNTING AND FOOTBALL.

Thirteen men were killed while on hunting excursions in this state in the brief open season. That is the number of young men killed in football in the whole country this year, or as many Pennsylvanians as have died from this cause in a century.

A New York chauffeur, 17 years old, convicted of manslaughter in the second degree while on a joy ride, has been sentenced to spend 15 years in the Elmira reformatory.

Canada has custom house troubles also. It seems some of the fair damsels and matrons of the Dominion have the habit of coming over to "the States," getting new gowns and wearing them back across the border.

Proportionately, it is said, the number of insane people in this country is increasing faster than the population is growing.

A feminine scientist wants a mother's course established in colleges. Still, the old-fashioned mother apparently understood her business very well.

A prisoner who stole 15 cents was discharged by the judge. That is a great disappointment to the authors of weepy poetry, who naturally expected the offender to be sentenced to imprisonment for life.

French aviators fell 600 feet in an aeroplane and were not hurt. Fate favors the bold, but then fate is also notoriously capricious.

Two Chicago hotel waiters who came to this country penniless a few years ago have bought a million-dollar hotel for cash. This may give them a chance to begin over again, penniless once more.

The Harvard scientists have been notified that a clergyman in England has discovered a new star. This is one of the happy results of following the excellent advice to "look up and not down."

PLAGUE VICTIMS NEVER RECOVER

A Half a Mile of Coffins on the Frozen Ground.

DOZEN DOCTORS DIE OF THE DISEASE.

Japanese Have Checked the Spread of the Pest in South Mukden, But Its Ravages Continue in the Remainder of Manchuria—Reports Received From the American Consul General—The Homes of Refugees Being Burned—Aid From the Red Cross.

Washington, D. C.—That none of the plague-stricken people of China recovers, the lungs being infected followed by death in a few hours, was reported to the American National Red Cross in cablegrams just received from American Consul General Wilder, at Shanghai, on the conditions resulting from the pneumonic plague.

The Japanese have checked the plague in South Mukden, but the remainder of Manchuria is being ravaged by the disease. The pestilence is spreading in Shantung. A dozen doctors who attended the stricken people are dead.

The frozen ground makes burial impossible and half a mile of coffins are visible. The people have finally consented to the cremation of 4,000 bodies and 1,000 victims have been cremated at Kiangshantzu.

While there has been some improvement at the centers of the disease, the Consul General says it is spreading to the villages. The homes of refugees, he adds, are being burned.

Roger S. Greene, American consul at Harbin, reports that up to January 17 433 persons, including 12 Europeans, had died of plague, while at Fushia Tien, a suburb of Harbin, 1,803 have succumbed to the disease. Of the deaths at Harbin 267 had occurred in hospitals and 166 persons had been found dead in the streets and houses.

From statistics gathered at points along the Chinese Eastern Railway, the consul said that up to January 17 there have been 777 cases of plague among the Chinese and 25 cases among Europeans, resulting in 766 deaths of Chinese and 23 deaths of Europeans.

65,000 DEAD OF PEST.

Even Inside the Wall of China There Have Been 1,000.

Peking.—The Viceroy of Manchuria estimates that the fatalities in Manchuria from the bubonic plague already have reached 65,000, while the Foreign Office believes that inside the great wall there have been 1,000 more deaths.

The relief committee at Shanghai believes that the minimum number of deaths from famine is 10,000. The success which the anti-plague has met has been a surprise and a cause of gratification to the foreign legations and foreigners generally.

Many of the people in the famine-stricken district of Anhui are employed by the government in building levees. The financial drain on the government is most severe, and it is expected that it will be forced to negotiate more extensive loans than had been contemplated.

10,000 MINERS DESTITUTE.

Output Small and Little Work in Coal Fields of Indiana.

Indianapolis.—Reports from the Indiana coal fields to the headquarters of the miners' organization show there is much distress among the miners. Owing to the fact that work has been so scarce during the winter there are 10,000 miners destitute, and at no time has more than a third of them been employed.

Arrangements are now making to give relief to many of the miners' families and to arrange so that work may be so distributed that every miner will have at least a share of it. The miners' officers say that there was never a time in the history of the state when the winter output of the mines was as small, considering the number of men usually employed.

Admiral Arthur P. Nazzari.

Boston.—Rear Admiral Arthur P. Nazzari, U. S. N. (retired), died suddenly of apoplexy at his home in Jamaica Plain. He was born in Wisconsin in 1848.

Arizona Must Wait.

Washington, D. C.—Statehood for Arizona is impossible of accomplishment at this session of Congress for two reasons—primarily because the returns of the election held on February 9 cannot be canvassed and certified under the law in time to reach Washington for action by Congress, and, secondly, because this Congress is opposed to the constitution as drawn. Such is the view expressed by Delegate Ralph Cameron, from that territory.

\$500,000 For Labor War.

Washington, D. C.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, has sent to all labor organizations throughout the country a circular asking aid in raising a fund of half million dollars to be used in fighting opponents of organized labor at Los Angeles.

Bay State for Reciprocity.

Boston.—The resolution favoring reciprocity with Canada passed by the House was adopted in the Senate.

POISONERS FOUND GUILTY

Dr. Pantchenko and De Lassy Are Convicted.

St. Petersburg.—The sensational trial of Count Patrick O'Brien De Lassy, Dr. Pantchenko and Mme. Muravieff, charged with the murder of Count Vassilli Bouturlin, came to an end Thursday night when a verdict of guilty was rendered by the jury in the case of De Lassy and Pantchenko, and not guilty in the case of the woman.

De Lassy was sentenced to penal servitude for life and Pantchenko to 15 years' imprisonment. The jury noted extenuating circumstances in Pantchenko's favor which accounts for the lighter punishment meted out to him. The trial aroused enormous interest and brought out startling testimony. Prior to the beginning of the proceedings Pantchenko made a confession in which he accused De Lassy of hiring him to poison Count Vassilli, who was heir to General Bouturlin's millions.

On the witness stand Pantchenko denied the confession and made so many erratic statements that he came to be thought practically insane. Much evidence was adduced, however, to show that he and De Lassy had very intimate dealings together.

A REMARKABLE CASE.

Doctor Inoculated Victims With Cholera Bacilli.

The whole of Russia was started on February 2 last, when Dr. Pantchenko and Count O'Brien de Lassy were arraigned in St. Petersburg for murder, and the revelations at the trial interested the entire world. The doctor inoculated his victims with cholera and diphtheria serum and was accused of having started the cholera epidemic in St. Petersburg several years ago.

The poison doctor, who was said to be a professional poisoner who killed heirs, rivals in love and creditors for fees, some times as high as \$250,000, according to the police has admitted causing some 40 or more deaths. His method was to inoculate his victim with cholera bacilli after he had been called to the bedside in his professional capacity.

It was necessary that the intended victim should be caught while indisposed and by some ruse adopted to bring about Pantchenko's attendance.

CRIME IS A DISEASE.

Gov. Osborn, of Michigan, Believes in Corporal Punishment.

Lansing, Mich.—In an interview indorsing the use of corporal punishment to maintain discipline in extreme cases at the state prison at Marquette, Gov. Chase S. Osborn said: "Crime is a disease, and with the chronic criminal nothing will hold him but fear of physical suffering, and this fear is the greatest aid to discipline. If our mothers could paddle us when we were children, I don't think it is going to hurt a hardened criminal to be touched up."

MONKEY OVERTURNS HEATER.

Fire Results and Small Railroad Circus is Destroyed.

Pottsville, Pa.—A monkey overturning an oil heater in the winter quarters of a small railroad circus at Orwigsburg, Pa., caused the destruction of all the circus paraphernalia, including a cage of monkeys, trained apes, a pack of trained dogs, a den of snakes and several horses. One horse was the only thing taken out alive.

The owner was in Wilkes-Barre arranging for new additions to his show preparatory to getting into shape to start South.

Recluse Shot to Death.

Panama City, Fla.—The body of Richard Hancock, an aged recluse, was found at his home near here with three bullet wounds in the back. Richard McNeill, a negro, was arrested, and confessed to having committed the murder. Hancock was reputed to have been wealthy and is said to have kept large sums of money in the house.

Gives \$10,000 for Library.

New York.—Mrs. Russell Sage has donated \$10,000 for library purposes for the members of the New York Fire Department. Notice to that effect was received by Rev. Edward M. H. Knapp, chaplain of the department, who is designated as librarian.

Plague Sufferers Fight.

Vladivostok.—The effort to enforce sanitary regulations against the plague resulted in a fight between Russian soldiers and Chinese residents, during which six persons were killed and twenty others wounded.

Vote on Prohibition.

Augusta, Me.—The Maine Senate voted 23 to 7 to re-submit to the people the existing amendment to the Constitution prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor.

Burglars Break Into Jail.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa.—Two masked burglars broke into the town jail at Warrior Run, Pa., near here, and bursting open the door of the cell in which Stanley Jandus, the only prisoner, was confined, robbed him at the point of a revolver of \$29. The burglars then escaped, and Jandus, who was being held on a trivial charge, finding himself free, went out and notified the police. Like nearly all such places in small towns, the jail was not guarded.

NEAR CLASH WITH CHINA

Russia Will Make Military Demonstration on Frontier.

ASSERTS THE TREATY IS VIOLATED.

Free Trade in Mongolia, Extra Territorial Rights of Russians in China and Establishment of a Russian Consulate at Kobo the Vital Points Involved—Russian Press Characterizes It as "China's Persistent Flouting of the Treaty Stipulations."

London.—The relations of Russia and China are strained to the breaking point. Russia notified the governments of Great Britain, France and Germany of her intention to make a military demonstration on the Russo-Chinese frontier owing to China's persistent violation of the St. Petersburg treaty of 1881.

The extent of the demonstration, it is added in the diplomatic note, will depend entirely upon the attitude assumed by China. The vital questions involved are free trade in Mongolia, the extra-territorial rights of Russians in China, and the establishment of a Russian consulate at Kobo, Mongolia.

The greatest curiosity is manifested in diplomatic circles as to the role which Japan will play in the present crisis, and also respecting the attitude the United States is likely to adopt, should Russia carry out her threats. It is believed, however, that President Taft's cabinet will not go beyond gentle intervention.

DEMANDS OF RUSSIA.

Threatens to Sever Friendly Relations With China.

St. Petersburg.—The strained relations between Russia and China have finally resulted in decisive action by the Russian government. According to instructions, M. Korotovitz, the Russian minister to China, has presented to that government a note bearing on the treaty of 1881, which China has seemed disposed to abrogate. The note contains six points and Russia insists upon compliance on pain of complete cessation of friendly relations.

SURPRISE TO DIPLOMATS.

China Likely to Make an Appeal to United States.

Washington.—Notice of Russia's intention regarding China reached the State Department Thursday through the American Embassy at St. Petersburg. It appears that the Russian government, wearied of what it regards as persistent disregard by China of her treaty obligations toward Russia, is about to bring pressure to bear to enforce her rights, even to the extent of a military demonstration in the Province of III, the seat of the present trouble.

The Russian government promises the American Embassy to acquaint it with particulars of the indictment against China. The whole incident comes as a great surprise to the diplomatic service in Washington, for although it was known that sharp issues had arisen between Russia and China over conflicting claims of jurisdiction in Manchuria and in connection with commercial privileges in Mongolia, the situation was not regarded as critical and it generally was believed that in view of the deplorable conditions existing in China as a result of the famine and the ravages of the plague, Russia would generously defer pressing her claims to the extreme at this time.

SIGNS EXPOSITION BILL.

President Taft Uses Gold Pen Made For Purpose.

Washington, D. C.—President Taft signed the bill designating San Francisco as the city in which will be held in 1915 the exposition signaling the completion of the Panama Canal. With a gold pen made of precious metal mined in the State of California, and in the presence of the two United States senators and a number of the representatives from that state, the President attached his signature to the engrossed bill. Mr. Taft presented the pen to one of the members of the party, and it will be placed on exhibition at the exposition.

Zelaya Men Taken.

Washington, D. C.—Owing to a rumor that the explosion at Managua, Nicaragua, was the result of a plot, the Government authorities there have arrested several sympathizers of former President Zelaya.

Salary Increase For Judges.

Washington, D. C.—The House voted to increase the salary of the Chief Justice of the United States from \$13,500 to \$15,000 a year and the salaries of associate justices from \$12,500 to \$14,000.

Utah Feels Quakes.

Salt Lake City, Utah.—Four earthquake shocks were felt Wednesday night at intervals of about 15 minutes. No damage was done here.

Thirty-five Professors Resign.

St. Petersburg.—Thirty-five professors of the University of Moscow resigned in consequence of the dismissal of Rector Manuiloff, who was removed by the ministry of education as a result of the student rebellion.

Pass Referendum Bill.

Sacramento, Cal.—Senator Gates' resolution for the submission to the people of a constitutional amendment providing for the initiative and referendum, was passed by the Assembly.

Iowa Gets Oregon Plan Primary.

Des Moines, Iowa.—The Iowa Senate passed the Oregon plan primary bill, 21 to 16. It had passed the House last week.

PASSED BY THE SENATE

Forest Reserves For the East Now Assured.

Washington, D. C.—After many years of delay, the bill looking to the creation of national forest reserves in the White Mountains and the Southern Appalachians, passed the Senate, the vote standing 51 to 9. The negative vote was cast by Senators Bristow, Burton, Clark, of Wyoming; Cullom, Gronau and McCumber, Republicans, and Senators Davis, Paynter and Shively, Democrats. The bill passed the house of Representatives last session, and it was accepted by the Senate without change, it lacks only the signature of the President to elevate it into a statute.

The entire day was given to the subject by the Senate. Senators Brandegee, of Connecticut, and Gallinger, of New Hampshire, stood as the special sponsors of the measure. Mr. Brandegee made a brief speech in the interest of an early vote. Senators Simmons, of North Carolina, and Newlands, of Nevada, spoke in support of the bill, and Senators Burton, of Ohio, and Heyburn, of Idaho, in opposition. The supporters of the measure related all efforts at amendment on the theory that any change would imperil the bill in the House.

While it is understood on all sides that the purpose of the bill is the acquisition of lands in the White Mountains of New England and of the Appalachians, in the Southern States, for the creation of forest reserves, it contains no specific mention of such purpose. The authority for this proceeding is found in the general powers conferred by the bill.

The carrying into effect of the provisions of the bill is placed in the hands of a commission, to be composed of the Secretary of War, the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, two senators and two members of the House of Representatives.

The purchase of land is placed in the hands of the Secretary of Agriculture and is confined to such areas as may affect the head waters of navigable streams. No purchase is to be authorized until passed upon by the Geological Survey. The land once acquired, it is to be cut up into forest reserves, as may seem best for administrative purposes.

DEATH FOR TRIPLE CRIME.

Negro Who Wiped Out Sanders Family Is Electrocuted.

Raleigh, N. C.—In the death chamber at the state prison here Nathan Montague, the negro slayer, paid the death penalty in the electric chair. The negro's life was forfeited for a group of crimes committed in December last in Granville county. He not only committed a triple murder, but to this was added an assault on one of the victims, a highly respected young woman. His victims were J. L. Sanders, Miss Mattie Sanders, daughter of the murdered man, and his little granddaughter, Irene Overton.

COAL GAS KILLS COUPLE.

Murder Mystery at Cumberland, Maryland, Solved.

Cumberland, Md.—That Charles E. Twigg and Grace Elosser, the young couple found dead in the parlor of the Elosser home on December 31 last, the eve of their wedding day, came to their end from carbon monoxide (coal gas) poisoning, was the conclusion of the Washington and Baltimore chemists who tested the blood of the two victims.

Heretofore the authorities have maintained that the pair met their death by cyanide of potassium, the coroner's jury returning a verdict to that effect.

Daisy Drake.

Des Moines, Ia.—A cablegram announcing the death of Daisy Drake, accounted the most famous missionary ever sent out from Drake University, reached here from India. She was a resident of Hampton before entering mission work, fourteen years ago.

Train Kills Three Men.

Donora, Pa.—Three miners were killed at Blairs Station, near here, when they were struck by a passenger train on the Monongahela division of the Pennsylvania Railroad. The three started across the tracks to the company store and did not see the fast train approaching, owing to a sharp curve.

Maine May End Prohibition.

Augusta, Maine.—The Maine Senate voted 23 to 7 to re-submit to the people the existing amendment to the Constitution prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor. The vote was on strictly party lines, except that Senator Chandler, of Washington county, Republican, voted with the Democrats, who are in the majority. The re-submission resolution will go before the House tomorrow.

Publishers Favor Reciprocity.

Milwaukee, Wis.—The Milwaukee Publishers' Association, comprising all the daily newspapers of the city, unanimously adopted resolutions favoring the ratification by Congress of the proposed reciprocity agreement between the United States and Canada.

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SEVEN PERSONS PERISH BY FIRE

Father Only Survivor in Blaze in West Virginia.

THE MEANS OF ESCAPE CUT OFF

Wife of J. D. Hardin Jumps From Window and Dies a Short Time Afterward—The Six Children Are Incinerated in the House—The Catastrophe Caused by Natural Gas Fire—Man's Life Saved by Being Thrown Through a Door From the Stairs.

Charleston, W. Va.—The entire family of J. D. Hardin lost their lives in a fire which destroyed their home in the town of Sutton, Braxton county, early Sunday morning, Hardin alone escaping.

Shortly after midnight Mrs. Hardin awoke to find her room filled with smoke. She awoke her husband who, upon going to the head of the stairs, found the entire first floor wrapped in flames. Seizing his two eldest children he made a dash for the stairway, which collapsed, it being almost consumed by the fire.

Wife Jumps From Window.

Hardin lost his hold on both children, but rolled toward the door and escaped. Mrs. Hardin, seeing the stairway collapse, jumped from a second-story window and, owing to her delicate condition, received injuries which resulted in her death less than an hour afterward.

Though stunned by his awful experience, Hardin gave the alarm and tried to enter the building in an attempt to save his children, but the flames had made such progress that all efforts to rescue them were in vain. The bodies of the six children were incinerated.

In his efforts to spread the alarm, Hardin came upon his wife where she had fallen and she was able to recognize him before death came. Ada Green was an orphan and had been given a home with the Hardins.

Due to a Gas Fire.

The house was heated and lighted by natural gas and the fire is supposed to have originated from a gas fire. The fire spread to the home of State Senator Jake Fisher, but was extinguished without much damage.

Hardin is a member of the firm of Waggy Hardin Lumber Company, operating large lumber mills in Braxton county. He is a son of Squire C. F. Hardin, an attaché of the State Senate at the present session of the legislature.

FAST MAIL HELD UP.

Robbers Dynamite Safe and Disappear.

Gainesville, Ga.—Southern Railway train No. 36, the United States Fast Mail, bound from New Orleans to New York, was held up by five masked men at White Sulphur Springs, four miles from here, at 3.15 o'clock A. M. The express car safe was dynamited and the contents stolen. First reports said more than \$100,000 was taken, but Southern Railway officials declare the amount was \$700. None of the passengers were molested.

The robbers escaped in an automobile and are now thought to be in Hall county, where pursuit would be difficult. A posse is on the trail.

The robbers broke down the doors of the railroad station at White Sulphur, bound the night agent, and set the signal for the train to stop. As the locomotive slowed up, one of the men entered the cab and ordered the engineer to proceed to Lulu, a small station several miles away. After a stop was made, members of the gang entered the express car and while one held the conductor and express messenger at the point of a gun, the others blew open the door of the safe. Agent Terrill, of the Southern Express Company; Deputy United States Marshal Landers, Detective Haule, of the Southern Railway; Deputy Sheriff Little are with the posse with bloodhounds in pursuit.

Miss Hunt Wins Big Verdict.

St. Augustine, Fla.—Miss Helen Hunt, who was expelled from Stetson University three years ago, was awarded \$15,000 by a jury at DeLand in her suit against President Lincoln Hulley of the school. The trial of the case lasted seven days.

Gives 1,425 Bank Accounts.

Middlesboro, Ky.—Bank accounts for every school child in Middlesboro were started Saturday by J. H. Bartlett, of this city, who deposited a small sum to the credit of each of the children enrolled in the school here, in the recently established postal savings bank.

Hanged Himself With Shoestrings.

Dayton, O.—John Domokos, 28, a prisoner at the county jail, held for killing Mrs. Mary Illes on June 24 because she refused to elope with him, committed suicide in the county jail by hanging himself with his shoestrings. It was his third attempt.

Powder Explodes; Two Dead.

Uniontown, Pa.—Two men were killed and a third probably fatally injured when an explosion wrecked the corning department of the Dupont Powder Company, at Oliphant.

Breakfast Food For Horses.

Washington, D. C.—A new angle of the high cost of living problem has come to light. It is the increased cost of grain for horse feed, and as a substitute for oats the Bureau of Animal Industry has developed a sort of equine breakfast food composed of cocoanut and peanut meals.

A Rockefeller Dies at 90.

South Bend, Ind.—Joseph D. Rockefeller, cousin of John D. Rockefeller, died at his home here at the age of 90 years.

LIVE STATE CAPITAL NEWS

Notes That Are of Interest to Pennsylvanians.

Harrisburg Correspondence.

Erief Mention of Matters as They Occur at Harrisburg, Official and Otherwise.

NEW SCHOOL CODE.

The House Committee on Education, which has before it the new school code, is preparing to hold extra sessions in order to speed up its work. A new course of procedure has been adopted, which will eliminate some of the objectionable features and thereby save a prolonged fight on the floor when the code comes before the House. The new course is to interview all of the members of the legislature and hear what the objection of each may be and receive suggestions as to any improvement might be made. Then the school code was turned over to the last legislature, all of the objections were hurled at it when it made its appearance in the House, with the result that there was so much confusion no one fully comprehended the scope of the code. The present plan is to have every possible objection that may be raised against the present code aired before the committee, so that when it finally is reported out, most of the objectionable features will be eliminated and there will be more likelihood of success.

Would Bar Poor District.

The commission appointed by the last session of the Legislature to investigate the Independent poor houses of Philadelphia made its report. The conclusions of the commission, briefly stated, are: Your commission recommends the passage of an act repealing existing legislation for the care of the poor of Bristol, Germantown, Oxford, Lower Dublin and Roxborough, and the transfer of all the property of these poorhouses to the city of Philadelphia.

Good Roads Bill.

Senator William C. Sprout, of Delaware County, introduced in the Senate two bills in which he aims to provide a comprehensive plan for new highways throughout the State. With the bills he introduced a resolution for amendment to the constitution to authorize a \$50,000,000 bond issue promptly to carry out the construction of the system of State highways.

The bills would create a State Highway Commissioner at a salary of \$5,000 a year; first deputy at \$4,000; second deputy at \$2,000; chief engineer, at \$4,000; assistant engineer, at \$3,000; fifty civil engineers to be known as superintendents of highways, at \$1,500 each a year; six civil engineers to act as assistants to the chief engineer, at \$2,000 each a year; chief draughtsmen, at \$2,400; and eight assistants draughtsmen, at \$1,800 each; chief clerk, at \$2,400; two clerks and two stenographers, at \$1,200 each; two bookkeepers, at \$1,200 each.

Approves Mine Fire Probe.

Governor Tener announced his approval of the legislative resolution authorizing the appointment of a committee of three members of the House and two members of the Senate to investigate the mine fire razing under the city of Carbonado, Lackawanna County, and to report to the present General Assembly not later than March 15 the result of their investigation, with a recommendation as to what, if any, steps the State should take in the premises.

The Governor also approved the bill making an appropriation of \$10,000 to the Pittsburgh Sisters of Charity, this appropriation having been voted last session by mistake. The resolution favoring the Sullivan pension bill, now in Congress, was also approved.

Eight Sausage Suits.

Dairy and Food Commissioner Foust directed that eight suits be brought for the sale of sausage containing flour and water and very little meat. The actions were ordered brought in Berkes, Schuykill and Chester Counties.

Abolish February Election Holiday.

Governor Tener approved the bill abolishing the former February election day as a holiday and making Columbus Day, October 12, a legal holiday.

Hearing of Water Complaint.

Attorney General Bell gave a hearing on an application of Laura O'Connor Keller for a quo warranto against the Johnstown Water Company. The claim is made that the company is exceeding its charter rights in supplying water.

Will Quarantine Church.

The battle over the quarantine of the Jonestown Church, which refused to allow the town Board of Health to quarantine the building because of diphtheria.