VERSATILITY IN THE ARMY.

Is there anything that cannot be done by officers of the United States army? And done exceptionally well? There is nothing. For example, take Colonel Goethals and watch him construct the Panama Canal with ease and grace after various civilians had tried their hands at the job without achieving any glittering success. Then take the five bachelor lieutenants at Fort Scriven, Georgia, who gave a chafing-dish party, the particulars of which we find in the Army and Navy Journal. It was a surprise party. It was given in the Bachelors' Club. The service publication which makes known the achievements of these heroes justly remarks that "a great deal of praise is due the bachelors for baving given such an elaborate party without the assistance of the ladies of the post," says the Chicago News. For example: "The dining-room and den, in themselves very handsome, were lavishly decorated with carnations and ferns. The beautiful pale pink flowers were massed in profusion on the mantel and library table in the den. In the dining-room a large vase, filled with the same gorgeous flowers adorned the table. As a souvenir of the occasion a large bouquet, tied with pink tulle, was presented to each of the young ladies present. A delightful Welsh rabbit was served with dainty sandwiches, and a mild punch was served during the evening." Is it not plain that these bachelors are artists and poets as well as warriors? What bachelor outside the service could tie a bow of pink tulle around a bouquet? Doubtless, also, any one of the five, like Cyrano, could compose a ballade while preparing to transfix an enemy on the point of his service sword. Gentlemen, a toast, standing. to the army men who can concoct a Welsh rabbit which will not kill either at close or long range.

*A little harmless flirting with nice people with whom you are acquainted will do much to rest the tired mind after the arduous duties of the schoolroom." This is one of the suggestions to young women schoolteachers made by an elderly lady on relinquishing detectives were notified and Mills' arher position as teacher in the Boston public schools after 49 years' service. "Be a live wire every minute, and don't eat too much," is another bit of advice. This kind of advice from a learned and experienced school "marm" will make most people "sit up and take notice," for in our opinion it is much worse than indiscreet, to say the least, says the New Orleans Picaqune. As a cure for brain fag, flirting is entirely new to us, though some years ago we heard it highly recommended for other all-"take." Wonder how this teacher held her job for 49 years? She must have had a strangle hold on it.

A Hindu philosopher and scholar who has been visiting this country declares we have all the heathens we can manage at home, and that the money sent abroad to make converts is wasted and could be better spent in missionary work among the "Greeks at our own doors." He also made some caustic comments on practical Christianity in the United States. Sometimes the oriental mind displays unexpected but comprehensive accuracy of observation of Western superfority.

The object of the organization which calls itself the Non-Smokers of America is to secure the enforcement of laws, ordinances, regulations and rules against smoking in public places endeavored to incorporate it in New educators. However, they were careless in drawing up their application. There was no statement from the would-be incorporators that they had not made application for incorporation before. For this reason, Judge Giegerich denied the application. But the non-smokers can begin over if they

A Brooklyn woman refused to obey an order of the Supreme court to allow her divorced husband to visit their baby, and the justice whose authority was thus defied, asked: "What are we going to do about it?" Being a jurist of wide experience and knowledge of human nature, he admitted that all the courts going were no match for a woman once her mind was made up.

The amount collected at the port of New York from fines, penalties and forfeitures amounted to over \$2,000,-000. Honesty, from this showing, is not only the best policy, but also the chespest in the end.

A Washington woman has applied to the courts to get her alimony increased because she is unable to live on \$600 a month. The courts might recommend a course in domestic economy for the lady.

Astronomers have not found out which way the new comet is going, but that need not prevent the hysterical from losing sleep about it.

Dictators of fashion have signed the death warrant of the hobble skirt, but it strikes us that it is dying a lingering death.

Shoemakers say that women's feet are getting larger. Maybe the women are merely wearing shoes that fit.

The Fulton County News WOMAN TRAPS **BLACK HANDER**

Gives Him \$500 When He Calls for Money.

DETECTIVES WERE WAITING.

Mrs. A. M. Billings, of Chicago, Aged 89 Years, Gets Threatening Letter Damanding Cash -- Police Were Waiting.

Chicago.-While C. K. G. Billings, driving his champion gelding, Uhlan, was hanging up a new world's trotting record at Cleveland his mother, Mrs. A. M. Billings, of Chicago, despite her 89 years, was making a little record of her own in capturing a would-be blackmailer, or blackmailers, who are alleged to have made threats in true Black Hand fashion.

John Mills, a colored man, who says Cairo, Ill., in his home, and John Hendricks, a white man, about 27 years old, and whom the police styled a "hobo" from his appearance. were arrested. Thursday Mrs. Billings received a letter demanding that \$500 be wrapped in a bundle of old clothes and given to a man who Perkins Says Corporations Department of Agricultural Iswould call today and ask for work, also a "package."

Mrs. Billings promptly notified a firm of private detectives, who called were secreted about the grounds of RED FLAG FOR BUSINESS. GREAT SLUMPS INDICATED. the official police to their aid. They the Billings home at 1424 West Lake

street today, when Mills appeared. "I want a job about the horses Steel Director Tells Congressmen here." Mills said to the maid who answered the door and who had been coached by Mrs. Billings in her

'We have no such work here," she 'Well, then, how about that pack-

age?" Mills is said to have asked. At this point the maid invited the mysterious visitor into the house and notified Mrs. Billings, who, owing to corporations. A witness before the the infirmities of her years, was in

The maid was given a bundle of old clothes but there was no money ness interests and their rigid enforce- 1901. coacealed within it, and this she handed to the negro, asking him to walt for a few moments. Then the

He expressed surprise at his detention. He declared that he came to tions, could no longer successfully Chicago from Cairo and that he met exist under the Sherman Anti-Trust a stranger who gave his name as Law as now rigidly enforced. John Hendricks at a saloon in West Madison street. Hendricks, he said. asked him if he wanted to earn \$50. Mills was willing, and, he said, he was told to visit the Billings home United States. and to ask the questions about work. and in particular about the package. He was to receive his pay upon the ment with reference to the control Winter Wheat-Preliminary re For several weeks his condition was completion of his mission.

man, and speaks a little English. He prices. was sullen and refused to answer the questions put to him by the police. Mills said that he was the tool of Hendricks and knew nothing of the violate the law without knowledge of 1910, and 15.5 bushels the average

PAINTED STOWAWAYS RED.

Steamship Officials Near Canal Zone Adopt Drastic Measures.

Washington.-Some of the vessels touching at ports of the Panama the Middle West loaning money on bushels in 1910 and 13.5 bushels, the Canal Zone are resorting to unique and drastic measures to discourage stowaways, a great number of whom in the past few weeks have attemped to reach the zone. The crew of a ship bound for Colon recently discovered several stowaways aboard. painted their heads and faces with red lead as a warning to others, and then landed them at the port from which they came.

As a result of extreme vigilance in the United States. The man who on the part of steamship officials, vessels are now entering the canal York include several distinguished ports practically free of stowaways.

Mutiny in Portugal.

Lisbon, Portugal.-In consequence of a few." of insubordination in the Sixteentn Infantry, quartered in this city, 18 sergeants were arrested and im- observations during the third day of prisoned in the fortress here. A part his examination by the steel commitof the Seventeenth Infantry at Beja tee inquisitor, and at times he was planned a mutiny, under the leader- eloquent and forceful in his declara- fication just completed by the Aero- scratched. ship of a sub lieutenant, who, upon tions. He frequently emphasized his nautical Society, of California, Frank being denounced, committed suicide remarks by waving his arms, pound- Champion, the local aviator, made by cutting his throat.

Bernardino, Cal. -- The most severe earthquake shock felt in this vicinity in years shook the business buildings with such severity that the occupants fled into the streets. The damage was trivial. A previous shock had been felt earlier

Army of the Philippines.

Detroit, Mich .- Gen. P. J. H. Farrell, of Chicago, past commander of aged 23 years, whose home is in the Army of the Philippines, was the Hudson, N. Y., is dead as the result principal speaker at the reunion of the organization, which is now being held here. General Farrell pleaded for more patriotic exercises in public "Something should be schools. done," he said, "to increase respect for the Stars and Stripes and kindle a stronger feeling of patriotism among the school children of the United States."

Artis Gets 18-Year Sentence. Huntington, W. Va.-Elbort Artis, joined the battleship Kindustan as convicted last week of murder in the a midshipman. He will receive 42 \$8,000,000 in damages, a commission second degree in connection with the cents a day, the regular pay, and to take testimony and fix indemnity house, killing the two men and death of Mrs. Elizabeth Hall, was aside from having his own cabin, sentenced by Judge Taylor to 18 will be treated just like the other the Madero revolution has been ap- a panic. The shock was felt for years in prison.

To Swim Across Atlantic. Springfield, Ill .- Dr. Julius W. M. Demmer announces that he will swim AVIATION MEET IN CHICAGO



A BIG DECLINE IN THE TRUSTS IN **CROP CONDITIONS** DIRE STRAITS

sues Corn Report.

Total Production of 2 620,221,400

Bushels Against 3,125,968,000

for Last Year--Oats Holds

Second Place.

Washington .- A tremendous de-

cline in the condition of crops, gen-

traceable to drouth and intense heat,

the Department of Agriculture. The

The area most seriously affected

extends from New York and Pennsyl-

vania westward to the Rocky Moun-

tains, embracing all of the great corn,

wheat and hay producing States in

Corn-Condition, 69.6 per cent. of

a normal, compared with 80.1 per

cent. on July 1; 79.3 per cent. on

Spring Wheat-Condition, 59.8 per

The amount of oats remaining on

Ninety-six Miles an Hour.

what is declared to have been the

country flight last Friday, when he

flew a distance of seven miles at a

Taft's Private Roof Garden,

Demands on Mexico.

Dies Over Pinochie.

five minutes.

only diners.

Cannot Exist.

That Corporations Cannot Continue Operations and Conform to the Statutes.

Washington.-George W. Perkins, financier and director of the United States Steel Corporation, made some striking recommendations with reference to the government's control of occurred during the last month, as House Steel Trust Investigating Committee, he declared that existing laws were seriously threatening big busi- issued for any single month since ment was rendering it impossible for corporations to continue operations in conformity with the statutes. Some of his observations follow:

"That great corporations, grown up under demands of existing condi- the country. The estimates follow:

warning to every corporation in the 22.6 bushels, compared with 27.4

nature must be done by the govern- five years. Mills, after his arrest, led the offi- present conditions to continue, it yield of about 455,149,000 bushels, ous. Up to last week he rested in

> Forced to Violate the Law. "That the very reason subsidiary The yield per acre is about 14.5 bush-

is the law which prevents such a cor- is 92.0 per cent., against 92.6 per poration from operating and ruling cent. last year. the subsidiary concerns instead of merely advising them.

That one great stride toward per cent, on July 1; 61.0 per cent, in averting financial panics in New York 1910, and 82.3 per cent. the ten-year could be made if the government average. Indicated yield per acre, would prevent banks in Chicago and 10.1 bushels, compared with 11.7 call in New York during the sum- average for the last five years. mer at cheap rates and suddenly calling it back in the fall for the crop acre, 12.8 bushels, compared with movement, making high money and 14.1 bushels in 1910, and 14.7 bushtrouble in the New York market.

els the five-year average. "That the establishment of a government bureau which could give a normal, compared with 68,8 per accurate information to the public as cent. on July 1; 81.5 per cent. in to the conditions of corporations 1910, and 82.2 per cent, the tenwould be an active inducement to the year average. acre, 23.2 bushels, compared with people to make wise investments.

"That one of the most striking de- 31.9 bushels in 1910, and 28.4 bushvelopments of the present system of els the five-year average. conducting business on a large scale is the dividing of great interests into farms until August 1 is estimated at

Witness Pounds Table. Mr. Perkins made the foregoing for the past five years.

ing upon the witness table with his fists and rising from his seat to ad- fastest time in America in a crossdress the committee. Mr. Perkins made other interest-

ing statements. He said there was speed of 96 miles per hour. Chamtoo much alarm over the cry of an pion used a racing monoplane purore monopoly in the country and that chased last winter from James Radvaluable ores constantly were being lev, the English aviator, and with the discovered, and ore yet unavailable wind at his back flew from Dominwas being studied and soon would guez field to Long Beach in less than be available.

Death at a Party.

Detroit, Mich .- Miss Ruth Bryan,

Legioss Man Swims

Pittsfield, Mass. - William Creegan, of Rocksprings, Wyo., who across the Atlantic. He expects to has been legiess for the last three make it in 200 days at 20 miles a years, swam two miles in Lake Pontoosuc.

Franch Steamer Emir Founders After Col islon---Twenty-seven of Crew Rescued.

Gibraltar.-The French steamer Emir foundered five miles east of Tarifa, Spain, in the Straits of Gibraltar.

Ninety-three persons were drowned. The ship sailed from here at 3 o'clock Wednesday morning for a Moroccan port. An hour later, in a dense fog, she collided with the British steamer Silverton, bound from Newport, England, for Taranto, Italy. The crew of the latter rescued 27

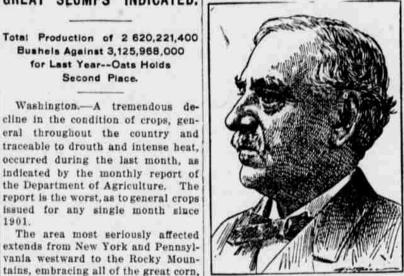
of the Emir's crew and passengers. The Silverton later put in here with her starboard bow stove in and her forepeak full of water.

The Emir floated only a few minutes after the collision. Sixtynine passengers and 24 of the crew went down with the ship. Those saved were 12 of the crew and 15 passengers. All the passengers were

SENATOR W. P. FRYE DEAD.

Had Been III Long, But End Was Unexpected.

Lewiston, Me.-The State of Maine ost its senior Senator and an almost lifelong, faithful servant when Wiliam Pierce Frye died Tuesday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Helen White, in this city. The end came at 3.55 P. M. At his bedside were Mrs. White and his other daughter, Mrs. Alice Briggs, who also resides in Lewiston. Although he had been ill for a long time, death came suddenly.



WILLIAM P. FRYE. United States Senator from Maine.

Forced by the condition of his health to resign his position as "That the government's dissolu- August 1, 1910, and 81.2 per cent. president pro tempore of the Senate tion of the Standard Oil Company the average for the past ten years on at the beginning of the present specserved as a waving of a 'red flag' of that date; indicated yield per acre, ial session of Congress, although he retained his membership in the senbushels, the 1910 final yield, and ate. Senator Frye soon afterward "That something of a constructive 27.1 bushels, the average for the last made his last journey to the city which always had been his home. of corporations, and rather than for turns indicate a total winter wheat not considered necessarily danger-450,130,000 bushels, the average an- some member of his family read to til finally the quivering body fell court. hual production in the past five years. him

Last week the Senator's illness companies of a great corporation can els compared with 15.8 bushels in took a serious turn, but he soon rallied, and this week his physicians exthreatening letter received by Mrs. the officers of the holding company, for the past five years. The quality pressed the hope that he might recover. As late as 3.15 Tuesday afternoon he appeared to be in a comfortable condition. Shortly aftercent. of a normal, compared with 73.8 ward it was seen that he was sinking rapidly, and at 3.55 he died.

Bids for the Cabras Islands.

Lisbon.-The Portuguese government is considering whether it will allow Senhor Abrel, owner of the All Wheat-Indicated yield per Cabras Islands, off the Portuguese coast, to sell them to a foreigner. Abrei says that an American capitallst has offered him \$200,000 for the Oats-Condition, 65.7 per cent. of property and that the same amount has been offered by the British Marconi Company. He says that a German also has made a bid for the Indicated yield per islands.

Ottawa, Ont .- The cabinet changes forecasted several days ago were made by order-in-council. Minister of Marine Bourdeur goes on the Supreme Court Bench in succession to Judge Girouard. The Hon. Rudolph Lemleux is transferred to the portfolio of marine and Dr. H. T. Beland, of Beauce, comes into the cabinet as postmaster general.

U. S. to Get Four Islands. Washington.-The United States Washington .- A new roof garden has been opened in Washington. It government will shortly come into is located at 1600 Pennsylvania ave- full possession of four islands-Naos, nue, where President Taft lives when Flamenco, Perico and Culebra-in Congress keeps him here and admis- Panama bay at the Pacific entrance sion is strictly by invitation. Every to the Panama canal. The Pacific mild evening since the President's Mail Steamship Company has acceptmiles north. While searching for family went away the White House ed the awards of a joint commission her pocketbook with a lighted lamp dinner has been served on the top of by which that company will receive she tripped over a rug. The lamp the west wing of the structure that \$44,000 for its half interest in and exploded, enveloping her in flames. connects the executive mansion with improvements on the islands. The the offices. The President, Secretary remainder of the title to the islands

> Dynamite Flends Kill Two. pointed by the Mexican government. miles. It is believed to be a Black Hand outrage.

> 331 Men Want Wives Louis.-Since Mrs. Blanche Mrs. Theresa L. Kilpatrick, so far as Hoyt wrote to the police chief of Chiknown the only woman officer in the cago to find her a husband she has

received 331 letters.

93 DROWN IN SHIPWRECK MOB MAKES PYRE OF HOSPITAL BED

Pennsylvania Mob Burns Negro at Stake.

HAD KILLED A POLICEMAN.

Desperado Taken Half a Mile Out of Town--Makes Piteous But Vain Appeal

Coatesville, Pa.-Zachariah Walker, a negro desperado, was carried on a cot from the hospital here Sunday night and burned to a crisp by

which had stirred the countryside. When the posse finally located him he was found hiding in a cherry tree, and with the last bullet in his revolver shot himself in the mouth, falling from the tree. He was removed to the hospital and placed

crowd numbering almost 1,000 persons appeared at the hospital. The leaders were unable to gain admission, but quickly smashed the window frames and crawled through the corridor. A policeman, who had been placed on duty to watch Walker, was the only person in the building besides the nurses and patients.

started for the country.

The negro was begging piteously to be released, but his pleadings fell upon deaf ears. A match was placed to the pile of grass and the flames shot up quickly, entirely enshrouding the screaming victim. That not a vestige of the murderer be left, the mob tore down the fence along the road and piled the rails upon the burning negro.

The lynching was accomplished nto the fire.

A curious feature of the burning was the fact that there were almost

NATIONAL FOOD PROSE BEGUN.

Third of its Kind Will Cover Period of Nine Months.

vestigation of the wholesale and retail prices of all foods, which will require nine months to complete and which will represent the most thorough inquiry of its kind yet attempted, has been begun by the Department of Commerce and Labor.

years 1908, 1909, 1910 and 1911, By comparison with records of the De the table of the consumer.

The present investigation is the third of its kind attempted by the Department of Commerce and Labor. Four experts, under the direction of F. V. Croxton, are now touring the country in search of data. Over all of the experts is A. W. A. Hanger, chief statistician, to whom the records will be first submitted before they are published.

Quakes in California. in the day.

of burns received while attending a party at Birmingham, a village 12 She was brought to a Detroit hospital, where her death occurred Hilles and Major Butt are usually the already rests in the Panama Railroad Thursday.

Prince Becomes Middy. London.-The Prince of Wales midshipmen.

Nashville, Tenn.-The excitement of a game of pinochle was fatal to Civil War. She was 78 years old,

Hat Pin Injures Eye. New Haven, Conn.-F. Carroll Bulkeley, a broker, may lose the the hands of many investors rather 64.342,000 bushels, compared with sight of one eye as the result of an than concentrating them in the hands 63,249,000 bushels on August 1, encounter with the hatpin of a wom-1910, and 52,663,000 bushels the an who sat next to him on a car from average amount on farms August 1 Southington. The pin reached several inches beyond the woman's hat, and when she turned to speak to a friend the point scraped Bulkeley's Los Angeles.-According to a veri- eyeball and the membrane was

Canadian Cabinet Changes.

Beckley, W. Va.-Dynamite placed Mexico City.-Facing demands of foreign governments for more than under the house of two Italian laborers at Slab Fork, wrecked the throwing the little mining town into claims for destruction of property in

Company.

For Mercy.

a frenzied mob of men and boys on a fire which they ignited about a half mile from town. The negro, who had shot and killed Edw. Rice, a special policeman of the Fort Worth Iron Mills Saturday night, was first dragged to the scene of the shooting, begging piteously for He had been arrested by a posse Sunday afternoon after a search

under police guard. A few minutes after 9 o'clock, a

The leader of the mob placed his hands over the policemen's eyes, while others, who had entered the building, set about to take their man from the hospital. When Walker was taken to the hospital he was strapped down in order to prevent his escape. The mob seeing this gathered up the bed and, placing it on the shoulders of four men,

only after the negro, mad from pain, had leaped from the blazing pyre built over him and tried to escape, dragging the bed to which he was bound by his handcuffs. The mob leaders beat him with fence rails and forced him, shricking, back into the cers to a West Side saloon, where he would be better to go to the limit of as compared with 464,644 900 bush- comparative comfort, spending much flames. Three times he bounded up ments, and we thought it pleasant to pointed out Hendricks, who is a Ger- permitting government regulation of els finally estimated last year, and of his time in reading or in having and three times was thrust back un-

> After waiting for half an hour the mob dispersed as quietly as it had

as many women in the crowd as men.

Washington .- A country-wide in-

This investigation will cover the partment of Agriculture for the same period it will be possible to know just what prices were paid for every commodity now used, from the time it left the producer until served at

Whether the data of this investigation will be made the subject of Congressional inquiry into the high cost of living or will be turned over to a committee of experts, who will seek from the figures at their command to evolve the solution of the high price of foods, will not be determined until some time next winter, when the report will be made

Paid to Pick Pockets

New York.-That she had been taught to pick pockets for a daily wage of 45 cents, turning over all of her stealings to her employers, was the assertion of the youngest pickpocket ever arrested in this city. She was Concetta Inglese, nine, fairhaired and pretty. She was arrested after detectives had watched her rob 13 persons and so cleverly did she work that none knew it. She told Judge Hoyt that a man, for whom the police are searching, taught her to steal.

Women to Work on Streets. Jackson, Miss.-Women prisoners

in the city jail were ordered to work on the public streets of Jackson in the same manner as male prisoners. The ordinance was issued by the city judge, who held that the municipal ordinance was mandatory and left no discretion on his part. The en forcement of the law will result in its modification, as much criticism has been aroused by the spectacle of female prisoners working on the

>>>>>∀∀∀€€€€€€ THE NEWS OF

PENNSYLVANIA

>>>>>>>>> Carlisle .- The discovery of coal in

the South Mountain, a few miles south of Carlisle, within the last few days, has caused quite a sensation here. While drilling for water on property leased from George Tanger, of Hatton, Pa., by Chester C. Bashore, of the Holly Sand Company, the latter company has run through a vein of coal for twenty-two feet which represents a deposit of what Chemist Wilbur F. Horn, of Carlisle, says is semi-bituminous coal of a quality something similar to the Clinton county, Pa., product. Dr. Horn has made careful analysis of the coal and believes that it is of great value. The samples partake of the qualities of asphaltum and burn like a petroleum product, Mr. Bashore, the lessee, is a local attorney. The find was entirely unexpected, although a member of the Ahl family, whose estate in the South Mountain was extensive years ago, said that some traces of coal were found three decades ago.

Pittsburgh.-Adeline Fraser, alias Smith, and Kathryn Harmen, two young women from Hazleton, who were arrested several weeks ago, charged with shoplifting at three different department stores here, pleaded guilty before Judge Davis and they were placed on parol for one year. During the hearing it was developed that the young girls came from excellent families, the Fraser girl being the daughter of a former superintendent of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company of Hazleton, who died last year,

Pottsville.-Warden Walton refused to allow Mrs. Susan Mesinck, of Tuscorara, to enter jail as a prisoner although the woman was accompanied by a constable with a commitment. Mrs. Mesinick is killing all the chickens belonging to her neighbors, who enter her yard, and this is the second time within a week she has been sent to jail for this offense District Attorney Lyons says such cases are too triffing to be listed for trial.

Allentown .- George Demuth was hustled into jail here on a charge of having attempted to dynamite the safe in the saddlery of P. J. Weider, at Emaus. The noise aroused the neighborhood and a chase followed through lumber yards and corn fields. He had apparently escaped when a dog that accompanied the pursuers sniffed the fugitive under a pig stye on the farm of Frank Moyer.

Pottsville.-Jacob H. Lightone, a St. Clair merchant, was arrested for selling a stove to Charles Tillip, which Tillip alleges would not take bread, notwithstanding he was assured it would do this. District Attorney Lyons was much amused when the case was sent to him and at once informed the prosecutor that the offense he charges would have to be tried in a civil and not a criminal

Belle Vernon.-The body of Jame Garrison, a wealthy real estate deal er, was found in a field near his home here. Wounds on the face and head prompt the belief by the police that he met with foul play. Garrison was known to have a considerable amount of money when he left home. There

was none on his body. Scranton.-Stanley Fortuna was battered to death with a pick handle which crashed through his skull sereral times, at Olyphant. Lawrence Mundor and Jacob Olish have been arrested as the murderers, the latter having been heard to threaten Fortuna for being attentive to his wife. The blood covered pick handle was found at Mundor's home.

Shenandoah.-Charles P. Well. Commissioner of Labor, notified all anthracite coal operators that according to the price of coal at tidewater points all anthracite mine workers were to be paid three per cent, above the basis for August, an increase of two per cent, over July.

Reading .- Fifteen hundred eightmakers of the Reading district were made happy over an announcement of an increase of wages. The new scale has been signed by all the union factories in the district. The men will receive from 50 cents to \$1,80 more on a thousand.

Homer City .- Fire destroyed the plant of the Prairie State Incubate Company and for a time threatened destruction to the entire town A number of buildings were dynamited to check the spread of the flames.

The loss is \$150,000. Lewistown. - Henry, ten-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Christian Lump man, was drowned in the Juniata River. The lad, with a number of others, was walking on a sandbar if less than two feet of water when he dropped out of sight.

News of an interesting suit by the Pure Food Department and its result ant refund of \$666 by a dishoned milk dealer was received here. seems that in Berks county a mail who had been supplying a State institution for some time with mill was found to have watered his profuct. When arrested he was told was known he had been engaged in the practice for several months and could be fined several thousand dellars or sent to jail for 234 days. offered to make refund and was allowed to go.

Altoona. - George, eightees months old son of W. W. McMulles. of Punxsutawney, who is visiting here with his mother may be the "White-Man's Hope." He weight thirty-three and a half pounds and is able to lift twenty-three pounds with ease. He does other athletic stunis that most lads of six years could get

do. Numerous details of State po men will be made in the next (sa) quests for this service have been fairly inundating the department,