

THE MIDDLEBURGH POST.

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Goggles are now supplied by the British Admiralty to the officers and sailors serving on fast torpedo boats...

Frank Leslie's Weekly says: We learn with satisfaction that a movement has been started in New Orleans for the erection in that city of a statue of the late General Hancock...

Public Opinion observes: "Whether it be regarded more as a chance coincidence, or whether it be taken as evidence of a widespread awakening upon the liquor question, it is certainly a noteworthy fact that both in England and in the United States there is at this time unusual, if not unprecedented, interest in this problem, especially in its political aspect."

In the great horse-raising State of Wyoming the lower grades of horses are now being sold for \$3 a dozen, while sound, unbroken mustangs can be had for \$1 each, and a thoroughly broken horse, found in every way, for from \$3 to \$5...

Southern California boasts of possessing deposits of a large number of minerals; among other things, gypsum, salt, borax, bitumen, gold and silver. Much attention is being paid to the development of gold mines in Southern California and excellent results are looked for, although in many cases the ore is of very low grade...

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OUR INDUSTRIAL REVIEW.

WORK AND WAGES.

The First Week of the Fall Season Promises Continued Prosperity.

The state of business during the past week, the first one of the fall season, fully justifies the hopeful views taken for the past few months in these columns. On every hand it is admitted that restored prosperity is not a matter of anticipation, but that it is an assured fact, and it is steadily but surely covering every branch of industry.

Furnacemen Want More Wages. The furnacemen at a meeting at Sharpville, Pa., decided to ask for another advance in wages. They want the same rate as paid New Castle. This will make the fourth increase in wages in three months.

Boiling Mill Starts. The new rolling mill at Hyde Park, Pa., started up with two sheet mills and a hot mill. The entire plant will be put in operation, giving employment to nearly 2,000 men and boys. Houses at the little settlement are at a premium.

Refrigerator Full Capacity. Orders have been accumulated recently to such an extent that the American porcelain company, of New Brighton have had to put on a second man to run the works to their full capacity.

LABOR NOTES.

All the mines of the South Fork, Pa., district have been working steadily for the past week. J. C. Scott's mine, at Ehrenfeld, and the mines at Dunlo are also running full time.

The employees of the upper Pigeon Run coal company at Massillon struck because the company refused to accept of the equality of objections to the operators, was not reinstated. This makes two big mines in the valley idle because of trivial differences.

The Niles Tool Works, of Hamilton, O., has equipped the shops of the Kansas City, Pittsburg and Gulf Railroad at Pittsburg, Kas., with a complete outfit of shop tools.

A big force of men was put to work Aug. 27 in the plant of the newly-organized American Plate Glass Company at Alexandria, Ind. By this time the entire factory is in operation, with 1,500 men. The plant at New Albany, Ind., will be started late in September.

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The "Trade-man," Chattanooga, says "the furnace industry in the South are being overhauled, and several plants in Alabama, Virginia, Kentucky, and Tennessee will be put in blast within the next sixty days."

The Chappaquas (N. Y.) shoe factory has started up again with a full force of hands and on full time.

It is reported from Philadelphia, Pa., that the intricate carpet manufacturers, whose weavers are on a strike, have resolved to resume work in their mills at once. It was agreed that each firm should make such arrangements with its buyers as would do to induce the latter to return to work.

STRANGLER BY GAS.

Forty Men Entombed by Fire in the Osceola Copper Mines.

Fire broke out Saturday afternoon in the shaft of the Osceola copper mine at Houghton, Mich. The fire is still burning, and it is believed that from 40 to 50 miners are entombed, without any possible hope of recovery.

The fire started in shaft No. 3, on a level 275 feet below the surface. This is the shaft used to carry the men to the surface. All the 200 miners made a rush for the lifts, but the fire was too quick for them, and all chances of escape by that way were cut off by gas and smoke.

The majority of the miners who escaped did so by going through a cross-cut, and in the way managed to reach another shaft, from which they were taken to the top. Within a short time after they had reached the surface, smoke began pouring from all the shafts, and the escape was entirely cut off. The scene at the Osceola shaft, where many of the men came up, was deeply heart-rending, thousands having gathered around the mouth of the shaft, many women and children standing around looking for their husbands and fathers. Searching parties went down in numbers one and two shafts, trying to reach the men by the drift ledge above the twenty-seventh level, but were unsuccessful. The moments of the shaft have now been all battered up to stop all draught.

When the fire started Charles Wenzel, a drill boy, went to the bottom of the burning shaft and told the miners of their danger. They did not think it was so bad, and some of them came up the ladders to the seventeenth level, where they thought they would have time to eat lunch. They were there only three minutes when the smoke became intensely dense. Michael Harrington took out some matches to light the candles which had gone out, and the oxygen had been consumed and the candles would not burn.

TELEGRAPHIC TICKETS.

Richard Bland says he is out of politics for good.

Hungary is increasing in her grain exports.

The Durant trial may drag along for months.

Bicycles are used in laying military telegraph lines.

The leader of the Ku-Cheng massacre has been captured.

Fifteen persons were injured by a train wreck near Parsons, Kan.

The Dominion Trades and Labor Congress has decided to admit Socialists.

Nine hundred nihilists have been arrested in St. Petersburg and Moscow.

A box containing 2,000 forgotten indictments was found in New York.

The Chinese rebellion in the province of Kan-Suh is becoming formidable.

Five buses in the coal mines in the Pittsburg district will ask for more wages.

Many of the negro colonists from America who went to Liberia have died of fever.

The Tagpost, a Socialist paper of Nuremberg, Germany, has been seized for insulting the Kaiser.

A 19-year-old murderer, Mary Pierce, has been convicted of manslaughter at Grand Haven, Mich.

The Masonic temple at Boston was burned. Loss about \$300,000. Three firemen were seriously hurt.

Cuban insurgents are still burning plantation buildings and using dynamite to blow up railroad bridges.

A furious wind and thunder storm at Ishpeming, Mich., covered the soldier's camp with branches of trees.

The Defender beat Valkyrie III, in the first yacht race for the America's cup, by 8 minutes and 47 seconds.

Protest, the absconding clerk of the Supreme Court of Victoria, Australia, was captured at Rochester Harbor.

Fire in the Osceola copper mine, at Houghton, Mich., imprisoned about 40 miners, who have undoubtedly perished.

A vivisectioner dispatched to the Novo Vremys says that cholera is raging in China, and that 2,000 deaths occur daily in Peking.

It is the policy of the present British Government to pay less naval attention to the Pacific and more to her interests nearer home.

Four young Japanese who visited a Chinese restaurant in San Francisco were poisoned. One is already dead and the others are dying.

Benny McKee, ex-President Harrison's grandson, saved Mrs. Russell B. Harrison's little daughter from drowning at Old Forge, N. Y.

There is a Cuban revolutionary club in Chicago, numbering 78 members, each of whom contribute \$4 a month, to the cause of the revolution.

At Fayetteville, Tenn., Thursday night, Dock King, colored, arrested on a charge of attempted assault, was taken from jail by a mob and hanged.

Seix Indians at the Rosebud agency, S. D., have notified Agent Wright to leave in 21 days, and threaten to burn the buildings. The Indians are determined to have the rates reduced for hauling freight.

Dr. Orlando E. Bradford, one of the counterfeiters who escaped from Brockway and others were captured in New York, recently, was arrested Saturday, with three other men. Bradford had copper plates for making \$100 treasury notes.

The Sioux at the Rosebud agency, under the leadership of Hollow Horn Bear, a powerful and influential chief, have warned Indian Agent Wright and the employees to vacate the agency within 21 days, and threaten to burn the agency buildings.

United States Consul S. P. Reed, at Tientsin, the Commander Francis M. Barber, United States naval attaché at Tokio, and an American missionary will make the independent investigation of the Chinese riots at Chung-Fu for the United States.

FIRE BY CLOCKWORK.

Great Arson Conspiracy Uncovered at Montreal.

The greatest arson conspiracy that has ever been conducted in America has been unearthed at Montreal. Warrants are out for ten of the most prominent merchants in the city, and three of them have already been arrested.

The thing started with the arrest of three men, Jenkins, Moore and Gless, in Montreal. About five weeks ago, these men were arrested for setting fire to the wholesale stationery store of Boyd, Gillies & Co., Boyd, the senior member, suddenly left for Europe, and when Gless, after his arrest, turned over a copy of a letter which he had written to Jenkins, Moore and Gless, it was found that Boyd was connected with the matter, approved of it and procured part of the receipts which the insurance adjusters awarded as damages.

The evidence showed that there was a widespread conspiracy, which has ramifications in the states all through Canada. It was found that the conspirators were in the habit of setting fire to the places by means of a clock work arrangement. This was made of an alarm clock with the bell taken off. On top was a thin glass bowl of sulphuric acid and below it a bowl containing methylated spirits. When the hour came for the clock to strike the alarm the hammer broke the glass bowl and as the sulphuric acid was precipitated on the methylated spirits the combination burst out in flames.

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PROCLAIMED A REPUBLIC.

Cubans Form A Provisional Government at Najasa.

A Havana dispatch says that the meeting of insurgent delegates at Najasa proclaiming a constitution for the republic on a federal basis of five states.

They also elected the marquis of Santa Lucia, president, and appointed various officers, as well as confirming the nomination of Antonio Maceo, to be general commander in Santiago de Cuba, Maximo Gomez in Puerto Principe, and Rodoil in Santa Clara. Najasa was proclaimed as the provisional federal capital. A resolution was adopted permitting farmers to sell their produce in the towns on the payment of 25 per cent ad valorem duty.

A proposal to proclaim Maceo dictator of Cuba was abandoned after six days, and was finally withdrawn.

The Autonomist party intend to petition Spain for self government on Canadian lines. It is stated that Gomez is inclined to accept conditional autonomy, but Maceo declines any compromise.

OREGON'S CHOLERA SCARE.

Health Officials Say the Honolulu Outbreak Means the Coast.

KEYSTONE STATE COLLINGS.

OVERSIGHT OF SUPERIORS.

No Instructions Given to an Engine and a Collision Results.

A south-bound freight train over the Erie division of the New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio Railroad collided with a yard engine Sunday morning, reducing both engines to scrap iron and demolishing beyond repair four cars. A yard engine was detained to haul over twenty cars of ore to the Sharpville furnaces. The crew had no special instructions, and were unaware of the extra freight train, which carried twenty-three cars of iron. The freight train was going at the rate of 23 miles an hour, while the yard engine, No. 651, was going at a slow rate of speed. In coming around a curve between Sharon and Sharpville both train crews saw the danger, and the yard engine stopped. The two engines and four cars were piled in a heap.

HORTON MURDER SOLVED.

The shooting of a burglar, and the arrest of two others at Ft. Wayne, Ind., have revealed the mystery surrounding the robbery of O. S. Horton and his aged wife near Union City, a year ago. The old man was so badly beaten he died shortly after the robbery. The Ft. Wayne burglar, in his dying statement, implicated Jack McDerrott, of Union City, as the leader of the gang. McDerrott is now under arrest, and a requisition has been issued for the two Ft. Wayne robbers. All three will be tried for the murder of Horton.

A HORRIBLE ACCIDENT HAPPENED AT BACKTON, SOMERSET COUNTY.

While Henry Spangler and a companion were hunting, the latter's shoe was accidentally discharged, the entire head of the entering young Spangler's face, mutilating it in a horrible manner. It was necessary to remove a large part of the lower jaw. Spangler cannot recover.

CHRIST H. HIECK WAS CONVICTED OF MURDER AT EMBURY, FOR THE MURDER OF WILLIAM A. STAYER AT JOHNSTOWN.

John Argue, of Donegal township, Butler county, took a smoke, then a drink of cold water, and a tooth exposed badly incrating his mouth.

The Patton county Democratic committee indicted Judge John M. Reynolds for the superior court.

Benjamin Dean, a New Castle restaurant man, scratched his hand while cleaning a turtle a week ago and it resulted in blood-poisoning from which he died.

Michael Hackness, colored, aged 104, the oldest man in Washington county, died in West Finley township.

The mining outlook about Grove City is anything but encouraging. There is no probability of a strike, but the mines are doing little or nothing in shipping. In the last few months the output of this locality have not been averaging three days a week. When the harbor at Conanso, O., was completed the railroad company immediately began to ship iron ore to the vicinity of Pittsburg. They load cars in the Pittsburg district going with a better grade of coal than is found here.

In a few weeks the manufacture of steel by the direct process will be commenced at the Cambria works, Johnstown.

William Hart, a brakeman of the Ft. Wayne road, was killed at the Conway yards, Rochester by falling under the wheels.

The death of Mrs. Owen Cassidy, of Conneville, August 31, wrongly stated to have been a suicide, was caused by heart failure.

James Kinney, an insane man, near Darlington, Beaver county, took to the woods where he was confined, and was killed by a lightning bolt. He is dangerous and a posse is looking after him.

Scarlet fever is epidemic in Sharon. The school board, at a meeting, introduced rigid restrictions to prevent the spread of the disease in the public schools.

Charles Thurner and Annie Hall, of Wharftown, Fayette county, eloped and were married at Cumberland, Md., after driving all the distance in a sulky with one horse.

J. J. Baker, the defaulting tax collector of Greensburg, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to one year to the workhouse. Lena Wardfield, of Mt. Pleasant charged with the murder of her infant, pleaded guilty to murder in the second degree.

Finley Gilson, of Sharpville, borrowed a knife and sharpened it carefully and then cut his throat before a companion could stop him. He cannot recover.

The Beaver county Afro-American league elected the following delegates to the state convention of the league at Harrisburg, held on September 11: James Webster, of New Brighton; Frank McDonald, of Beaver Falls; J. W. Butler, of Beaver; Messrs. Costley, Wagoner and Pollard were elected alternates.

Typoid fever is still epidemic at Venice, a village a few miles north of Washington. Two deaths have occurred within a few days and there are many cases.

Two mad dogs were killed in "Coon Hollow," Uniontown, but not until several other dogs were bitten. In consequence there is a man-dog scare now in the village.

Both the Beech Creek and the Pennsylvania railroad companies are after rich coal lands in the Black Lick district, north and west of Ebersburg. The plans of the former were anticipated by the Pennsylvania, which sent a corps of engineers to survey a route a few days ago.

At Uniontown David Heck was found guilty of malicious injury to a railroad train. John G. Hoover, charged with the same offense, pleaded guilty to it. They got a passing car on the Pennsylvania railroad at Scottdale in two and a disastrous collision was narrowly averted. The maximum penalty for the offense is \$10,000 fine or 10 years imprisonment.

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War Balloons That Will Deliver Explosives.

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FOR FREEDOM.

The official call for the convention of the new Irish movement to be held in Chicago, September 24, 25 and 26, has been issued from the headquarters of the Executive Committee of the new Irish movement. It is as follows:

"The Irish struggle for freedom has reached a momentous period. Ireland, attacked in the crisis of her history by the Liberal leaders, is told by the Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant that the British Government is sternly and unalterably opposed to the granting of any measure of home rule whatever. This is the old policy, and the old language employed by successive English Governments toward Ireland. She has been alternately betrayed by the Whigs and dragged by the Tories. Nothing worth her acceptance is to be expected from either of the leading English parties.

"Ireland must, therefore, look to her own children and their descendants for support in her great extremity. Parliamentary agitation has had a long and patient trial, but has utterly failed to accomplish its object. It remains for us to consider what other method of procedure or arrangement can be devised to achieve her liberation. The Irish race in America cannot afford to be neutral, or passive, while the mother land is being slowly but surely done to death by the usurping element of a foreign and hostile power. In union with thousands of our race, distributed throughout the island, and after mature deliberation, we, the undersigned, have decided to call a convention of Irish Americans in the city of Chicago to take into consideration the present status of the Irish struggle for freedom, and to devise ways and means best suited to the accomplishment of Ireland's independence.

"Now, therefore, said Convention is called to meet in the City of Chicago, Ill., at the hall of the Young Men's Christian Association, September 24, 25 and 26, 1903.

AN AXLE BROKE.

And a Passenger Train Was Precipitated Into the Creek.

The smoking car and coach attached to the west bound passenger train on the Parsons division of the Memphis road jumped the track Saturday morning, derailed the cars and injuring 20 persons, several of whom are reported seriously hurt. The wreck occurred at Lightning Creek, about a mile west of Monmouth, and was caused by the breaking of an axle on the rear coach. The break occurred at a point 200 feet west of the bridge. The car broke loose from the train after being dragged 200 feet and rolled over into the ditch, which was filled with backwater from the creek.

BLOWN TO DEATH.

A Stray Shot Strikes a Big Store of Dynamite—Five People Killed.

Five persons were blown to instant death and three injured by an explosion of dynamite at Specitt's Ferry, ten miles from Darlington, Pa., on Saturday night. The dynamite was taken to Fort Scott on a special train to the scene of the wreck. Those who were able to be moved have been sent to their homes.

TRADE REVIEW.

A Decided Increase Over Last Year, Although Prices Average Lower.

R. G. Dun & Co., in their "Weekly Review of Trade" say: There is no real reaction in business. Gains which were recognized as temporary are vanishing, but there remains a decided increase over last year at date, although prices average 8.8 per cent lower than a year ago. It needs no keen observer to see that the reaction against the rapid advances in prices is strong. Cotton is strong, but has placed.

The general tendency to curtail purchases where prices have notably advanced grows clearer in boots and shoes, in wool and some products of iron. Imports are large, but it is stated that Bradford manufacturers find it hard to get labor enough to fill their orders, so that delay may cause many contracts, as inferior quality has cancelled some already. The cotton manufacturer has rising cotton and a strong market to help, but a great chance of a great strike for higher wages.

The brightest feature on all the horizon is the certainty that the crop of cotton will be on a par with the best of the past few years. Frosts now can only affect a small fraction, and the surplus will go into the manufacture of meals, because at 35.7c at New York, nearly 50 per cent lower than a week ago, there is no other profitable use for corn.

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IMPROVEMENT CONTINUES.

The Question Now is That the Rise in Prices May go too Far.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s, Weekly Review of Trade says:

Improvement in markets and prices continues, and whereas a few months ago everybody was nursing the faintest hopes of recovery, it has now come to be the only question, who breaks it, any, the way goes too far. A strong, conservative feeling is finding expression, not as yet controlling the markets or industries, but warning against too rapid expansion and rise. In some directions the advances in prices clearly indicate future business. But encouraging checks have great power. Exports of gold continue, but are not by syndicate deposits, and are expected to cease soon. Anxieties about the monetary future no longer hinder. Crop prospects, except for cotton, have somewhat improved during the week. Important steps toward reorganization of great railroad systems have been taken. Labor troubles are, for the moment, less threatening, and some of importance have been definitely settled. The industries are not only doing better than anybody had expected, but are counting upon a great business for the rest of the year.

Wool has been speculatively hoisted, so that sales have fallen below last year's. The demand for raw goods is still large.

The prospect for wheat has hardly improved this week, though the price has advanced. Western receipts have decidedly increased, but are still below last year's. Corn is coming forward more freely. Under favorable conditions the price of December pig iron has now reached 17.50. Per ton above the low record made last year. Some of the largest producers have been prominent buyers up to the top notch of actual sale figures. Failures for the week were 186 in the United States, against 219 last year, and in Canada, against 47 last year.

BURNED ALIVE.

Eliza Bowman, wife of a home, was a train conductor, near Elgin, W. Va., met a train of horses, took fright and became unmanageable. They rushed towards the bridge, and the wagon caught fire. Bowman, in an effort to save his team and wagon, had his body struck by the train, and his body badly injured. The horses and wagon were also destroyed. In his terrible condition, he succeeded in reaching a house, but died twelve hours of great agony.

FISHING VESSELS SEIZED.

A Virginia lake mail steamer from Lake Ontario reports that one of the Canadian fishing crafters, arrived at the teeth with fishing gear, canvas and other paraphernalia, all the Newfoundland fishing vessels found in Canadian waters, and is conveying them to headquarters in the straits of Belle Isle.

MARKETS.

PITTSBURGH.

Table with columns for Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, Flour, and other commodities. Includes sub-section for Grain, Flour and Feed.

Dairy Products.

Fruit and Vegetables.

Poultry, Etc.

Miscellaneous.

CINCINNATI.

PHILADELPHIA.

NEW YORK.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE.

HOGS.

SHEEP.

CHICKENS.

DUCKS.

GOOSE.

PORK.

BEEF.

LAMB.

BUTTER.

EGGS.

WHEAT.

CORN.

OATS.

RYE.

BARLEY.