

EXETER HORROR

Twenty-nine Killed in an Awful Railroad Crash.

A REAR END COLLISION.

Excursion Train From Harrisburg Crashed Into Express.

CAR COMPLETELY TELESCOPE.

of the Victims of the Disaster Sixteen Were Residents of Norristown, While Three More Residents of That City Are Lying at the Point of Death. Accident the Result of Somebody's Blunder, and the Coroner Will Conduct a Rigid Investigation in an Endeavor to Place the Responsibility.

Reading, Pa., May 15.—Shortly before 10 o'clock last Friday night a collision of passenger trains occurred on the Philadelphia and Reading railway at Exeter Station, six miles below Reading. The express train which should have left here at 8:30 p. m. for Philadelphia was behind schedule time in leaving, and stopped at Exeter for orders. A special train from Harrisburg, bearing excursionists who had attended the Hartranft monument unveiling at the capital, left here 20 minutes later than the express train, and at Exeter, while proceeding at a rapid speed, crashed into the express. The engineer of the express train was Dan W. Herdum, of Conshohocken, and Fireman John Kemmerer. In the cab of the excursion train's locomotive were Engineer Harry Orrell, of Philadelphia, and Fireman Everett. Both escaped death by jumping, and Everett declared that Orrell jumped but an instant before the crash.

The work of rescue was proceeded with promptly by the train crews, policemen and soldiers who were returning from the Harrisburg parade, but the work was very slow. For, opposed to and resisting the frenzied efforts of the rescuers, ton after ton of weight was piled one on the other and welded one with the other by being hurled through space at the rate of 50 miles an hour. The monster Wooten locomotive had plowed through the two day coaches in the rear of the express, completely telescoping them, and had then leaped with terrific energy, on top of the Pullman parlor car, the Orpheus, completely shattering the latter, and sending a rain of splinters over all.

Under this great mass were pinioned many of the passengers, and under the debris of the first three coaches of the special were other passengers, for, their momentum, suddenly stopped by the resistance offered the locomotive, these coaches were literally shivered into chunks and splinters.

The other coaches of this train escaped, as did also that portion of the express ahead of the Pullman. This car evidently had acted as a sort of buffer for the coaches ahead, and so the occupants escaped with only a severe shaking up.

Thus, ever toiling to remove this weight and get at the men underneath, the rescuers were away the night. The engine, dismantled of all appurtenances, was lifted from the Pullman at midnight, and then the cars were jacked up and the victims were got at more rapidly. As fast as the bleeding, lifeless and all but lifeless bodies were released from the tons of weight upon them they were carried by tender hands to the Exeter Station hotel, and placed on the porch and inside.

One of the most pathetic incidents at the wreck occurred when W. E. Holmes, of Norristown, was taken from the debris. As soon as he could gain power of speech he gasped: "My boy, where is he? Where is my boy?" No one had the heart to tell the father that George had been removed from near his side a corpse, horribly mutilated. And so through the hours there arose the unanswerable moan: "My boy, my little George, where is he?"

The total number of dead as a result of the collision reached 29 yesterday. William D. Jenkins, of Norristown, dying at the Charity hospital at Norristown. Norristown suffered the most severely by the disaster, 16 of the dead having lived in that city. They are: William Stahl, druggist; William Camm, retired; Colonel George Schall, retired; John Slinghuff, chief of fire department; William H. Lewis, produce dealer; F. D. Sowers, proprietor of book store; Harry C. Wentz, real estate dealer; Charles H. White, real estate dealer; John Kuntz, milk dealer; Henry J. Coulson, iron worker; Joseph Taylor, colored porter; Harry Thompson, watchman; Samuel McCarthy, contractor; Isaac M. Fillman, fireman; Norman Holmes, aged 9; William D. Jenkins, laborer.

The other 13 victims were: Lucien J. Custer, aged 20, and Daniel H. Yoder, 40, both of Pottstown; Jacob W. Markley, Philadelphia; John Johnson, Mt. Carmel, Pa.; H. C. Hartford, Philadelphia; Captain Charles Leaf, Fort Washington, Pa.; H. L. Hunsberger, Conshohocken, Pa.; C. L. Laverty, Harrisburg; E. E. Shelley, Hatboro, Pa.; C. H. Powell, Phoenixville, Pa.; Michael Lawn, 57, Germantown; Captain C. W. Eicholtz, Downingtown, Pa.; Samuel W. Beatty, Conshohocken.

At least 10,000 persons visited the scene of the wreck yesterday. They came from places 20 and 30 miles distant. Railroad trains brought crowds, others came by carriages and bicycles, and hundreds came on foot. Relief hunters kept the police busy. Almost everybody was bent on carrying away some kind of memento. Many of the people did not hesitate to take away with them pieces of wood thoroughly saturated with human blood. Everything in the neighborhood of the wreck is bespattered with blood, and the sight was a gruesome one.

Exeter, where the catastrophe occurred, consists principally of a diminutive, boxlike railroad station, a two-story brick hotel and a distillery. Incidentally, a few dwelling houses are

scattered here and there. The hamlet could not muster more than 50 inhabitants. The scenery at this point is extremely picturesque.

THE CORONER'S INVESTIGATION.

Accident Probably Caused by a Mistake as to Signals.

Reading, Pa., May 16.—Coroner Rothermel last night announced his intention of beginning the inquiry into the cause of the wreck on the Philadelphia and Reading railway at Exeter on Monday next. He spent the greater portion of yesterday in Philadelphia subpoenaing witnesses and making general inquiries concerning the wreck. It is said that the district attorney may assist in the investigation. The coroner, while in Philadelphia, saw Harry Orrell, the engineer of the ill fated second section of the wrecked train, and his fireman, Everett, and notified them to be present. It is said that United States Senator Penrose, who was a passenger on the wrecked section, will also be a witness.

It is the generally expressed opinion, although not from any official source, that the cause of the accident was a misunderstanding or mistake as to signals. Train Dispatcher Rourke, it is said, ordered the tower man below Reading to turn the red light against the second section, and when the train came in sight to give him the green, or cautionary signal. This was obeyed, but Orrell, running slow, saw a white signal about a mile north of Exeter and put on high speed, which was the fearful result of 29 killed and 50 injured.

All but seven of the injured have been discharged from the hospitals in this city. Although several of those still in the hospitals are in a serious condition, it is believed by the physicians that they will recover. The injured in the hospital at Norristown are reported to be doing well, with the exception of Amandus Gorges, who is still in a dangerous condition.

ROSSELL P. FLOWER DEAD.

New York's Ex-Governor a Victim of Acute Indigestion.

New York, May 15.—Former Governor Roswell P. Flower died at 10:30 last night at the Eastport Country club, Eastport, L. I. Mr. Flower was taken ill early in the day with a severe attack of acute indigestion. In the afternoon symptoms of heart failure supervened, and he grew steadily worse until the time of his death. The attack of heart failure was accompanied by a fainting spell, and Mr.



THE LATE ROSWELL P. FLOWER.

Flower's family in New York city were quickly notified. Mrs. Flower and the former governor's nephew, Frederick S. Flower, accompanied by Dr. Thomas H. Allen, Mr. Flower's physician, left at once on a special train for Eastport. When they arrived there Mr. Flower had somewhat recovered, but last night the attack of heart failure was marked and Mr. Flower became unconscious an hour or more before his death.

The Buffalo Strike Spreads.

Buffalo, May 16.—The dock situation is worse today than at any time since the opening of the season. The monthly men, the men who work inside of the elevators, are out, and have agreed to remain out until the grain shovellers and the freight handlers' strikers are settled. Every elevator here is idle. Bishop Quigley and the leaders of the grain shovellers held a conference yesterday that lasted until 9 o'clock last night. The grain shovellers claimed that Mr. Conners had violated all the essential provisions of the agreement that the Lake Carriers' association had made with the union. The bishop summoned many witnesses before him, and after a thorough investigation expressed the opinion that the men were in the right.

Dewey's Washington Home.

Washington, May 15.—F. A. Vanderbilt, assistant secretary of the treasury; Charles H. Allen, assistant secretary of the navy; Perry S. Heath, assistant postmaster general; Brigadier General Corbin and Ellis H. Roberts, treasurer of the United States, who have been appointed a national committee to take charge of the funds with which to purchase a home for Admiral Dewey in Washington, held a meeting yesterday. The members of the committee are enthusiastic over the idea. A formal address to the public probably will be issued soon. The first subscription to the fund, \$250, was received yesterday from General Felix Agnus, of Baltimore.

Dr. Briggs an Episcopal Clergyman.

New York, May 15.—In the Pro-Cathedral on Stanton street yesterday Rev. Dr. Charles A. Briggs, who was suspended for heresy by the Presbyterian assembly, was ordained a priest of the Episcopal church. He was ordained together with the Rev. Charles A. Snedeker, and the ordination ceremonies were conducted by Bishop Potter. The little church was crowded with people, and the ceremonies were notable for the quietness that prevailed. Those who expected, from the great outcry of the past three or four weeks, some sensational features were disappointed. There was no scene, no excitement, and no protest was filed at the beginning, during or at the close of the ordination.

The Price of Hay Advanced.

Canajoharie, N. Y., May 16.—A summary of 25 reports from the leading seaboard and interior markets received by the Hay Trade Journal shows an advance in the price of hay of from 20 per cent over the average price for the year ending May 12, 1899.

OTIS WILL MEET REBELS

They Appeal For a Conference to Discuss Peace Terms.

TEN MEN ROUT TWO HUNDRED.

A Squad of General Lawton's Scouts Enter San Miguel, and the Rebels Retreat—President Schurman's Farewell to Admiral Dewey.

Manila, May 15.—The civilian members of the United States Philippine commission are favorable to the meeting with a Filipino commission, which was suggested Saturday, on behalf of Aguinaldo, by Lieutenant Reyes, of the staff of General Gregorio del Pilar, who came to General Lawton under a flag of truce, bearing the proposal. It is thought by the American commissioners that the idea may have resulted from a recent meeting of the so-called Filipino congress at San Isidro. Definite information on this point, however, cannot yet be obtained, though the local Filipino committee, which is in close communication with the leaders of the rebellion, is doing its utmost to secure peace. General Otis has consented to receive the Filipino envoys.

Ten members of Major General Lawton's band of scouts, under Major W. M. Young, the old Indian fighter, entered the town of San Miguel, about 15 miles north of Norzagaray, not aware of what place it was. They found 200 Filipinos there, but the rebels, taking the scouts for the advance of General Lawton's army, fled, after firing a few shots. Young and another scout were wounded and have been brought to Manila.

Professor Schurman, president of the United States Philippine commission, gave a farewell luncheon yesterday to Admiral Dewey, at which Professor Dean C. Worcester and Colonel Charles Denby, of the commission, with General MacArthur, Mrs. Lawton and others, were present. The health of the admiral was drunk with the utmost cordiality.

AGUINALDO'S BLUSTER.

He Declares Filipinos Will "Fight to the Bitter End."

London, May 16.—The Filipino junta here has received the following message from Aguinaldo, cabled from Hong Kong under date of May 12: "The Filipino government, in accordance with the general feeling of the country, has decided to continue the war, at all costs, until independence is secured."

"The Filipinos energetically refuse the American peace overtures, based on restricted autonomy, coupled with promises of subsequent self government. "The Filipinos demand a strict fulfillment of the articles of the American constitution and treaties contracted by the American representatives when imploring a Filipino alliance in combating the Spaniards.

"All of the Filipino generals support Aguinaldo. General Luna's reported overtures for peace are untrue. Our army is near Manila, simultaneously attacking the whole American line. "The heat and rains are causing many casualties in the American army. All the hospitals are crowded with sick and wounded. Four hundred of the Cincinnati (?) regiment have been imprisoned by General Otis for insubordination in refusing to fight. The regular troops quartered in Manila and other towns are quiet. The volunteers are abused, and are always at the front, with scanty rations.

"This discontent between the Americans and Europeans is general. "The general accuracy of the information received in London may be gauged by the reference to the Cincinnati regiment. The state of Ohio has never had a body of soldiers so accredited in the Philippine islands.

ALL WANT TO HONOR DEWEY.

The Ships of Foreign Nations Will Salute Our Admiral.

Washington, May 15.—Admiral Dewey's home coming by way of the Mediterranean is likely to give occasion for distinguished honors from the navies of Europe, most of them being represented by extensive squadrons in those waters, and some of them having their chief naval stations at Mediterranean ports. Already Ambassador Cambon, of France, has called the attention of the authorities at Paris to the return of Admiral Dewey by way of the Mediterranean and the probable sailing of his flagship Olympia past the French naval ports at Algiers. These are opposite the British possessions of Gibraltar and Malta, at the entrance to the Mediterranean, and are easy and natural stopping places along that route. It is hardly expected that the admiral will touch at Toulon, the great naval depot of France. At the ports of French Algiers he will be accorded every honor due not only to his high rank, but to the universal esteem in which he is held by the naval fraternity.

The British authorities have taken no steps thus far to have the admiral stop at British ports, but it was stated today by one of the British officials that Dewey would be assured a most enthusiastic greeting if he stopped at any British station. In the event that the admiral can be induced to stop in England en route home, it is said that he will probably be met at Aden or Port Said by a British escort.

Admiral Dewey's Welcome Home.

New York, May 16.—That New York's welcome to Admiral Dewey is to be conducted on a grand scale was shown yesterday when the joint committee of the city councils decided to call on the municipal assembly to authorize an appropriation of \$150,000 for the city's part in the welcome. Mayor Van Wyck heartily approves of such an appropriation. Resolutions providing for the expenditure of this amount were introduced in each branch today. The charter makes it necessary that these resolutions be referred to the finance committee. They will be reported upon favorably next week, and will probably be adopted without a dissenting vote. It was decided that the official reception shall be held on the day after Admiral Dewey arrives. He is not expected before late in September.

1. WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED.

Wednesday, May 10.

The Michigan senate passed an income tax bill which includes corporation incomes.

The New York health board is preparing for a vigorous prosecution of Christian scientists and similar "healers."

At the disarmament conference America and England will stand together for international arbitration in settling disputes.

Filipinos who arrived at San Francisco for exhibition in a New York dime museum, claiming to be actors, were excluded.

It is officially declared in Washington that Italy is taking vigorous measures to prevent Italian criminals from coming to this country.

The Toledo (O.) council voted to sell a street railway franchise to the highest bidder, defeating Mayor Jones' municipal ownership scheme.

Thursday, May 11.

Hon. George Earle, first assistant postmaster general under President Grant, died in Washington last night.

The commissioners from the United States, Great Britain and Germany are in Samoa, and marines have been withdrawn.

William N. Boggs, defaulting teller of the Dover (Del.) bank, was sentenced to six years' imprisonment and \$5,500 fine.

Kang Yu Wel, the Chinese reformer, had a long interview with Sir Wilfred Laurier, the Canadian premier, at Ottawa yesterday.

Iowa's supreme court decides that a note or account for moneys involved in board of trade deals cannot be collected at law in that state.

Whites and blacks of Albany, Ga., a town of 8,000 inhabitants, suspended business to attend the funeral of F. W. McCarthy, a prominent negro.

Mrs. Anna George, recently acquitted of a charge of killing George Saxton, at Canton, O., lectured in Steubenville, O., only 14 paid to hear her.

Friday, May 12.

General Otis cables to Washington his belief that the Filipino insurrection is nearly ended.

The Catholic Knights of America, in convention at Kansas City, Mo., decided to admit women to membership.

Senator McMillan, of Michigan, denies Secretary Alger's statement that he (McMillan) had agreed to retire in Alger's favor.

An effort is being made to bring about a reunion of Federal and Confederate soldiers of the civil war at Evansville, Ind.

Near Howard City, Mich., Joseph Harvey murdered his wife, his uncle, Robert Pierson, and his grandmother, and wounded his father-in-law, John Legenslayer, and his own 3-month-old baby. Then he made a fake attempt at suicide.

Saturday, May 13.

A tornado struck the Hondo (Mexico) coal mine section, killing 24 and injuring 40.

The Pana (Ills.) mine troubles ended in a compromise, employers recognizing the union.

George H. Hayden, ex-bank examiner of Illinois, was convicted at Chicago of misconduct in office.

Two apprentices on the British warship Comus, who deserted at Halifax, were stripped and lashed.

Admiral Dewey, responding to invitations for banquets, etc., declares his health requires rest and quiet.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans, at Charleston, elected Walter T. Colquitt, son of Georgia's ex-governor, as commander-in-chief, he defeating Robert E. Lee, Jr.

Monday, May 15.

A monster mass meeting in Minneapolis adopted resolutions strongly upholding McKinley's Philippines policy.

Plummer S. Page, the street railway magnate of Scranton, Pa., dropped dead yesterday from the rupture of a blood vessel in the head.

Luigi Minotti, 45-year-old Italian, outraged 5-year-old Nellie Cabasa at Bridgeport, Conn. Nellie's 18-year-old brother Clement killed Minotti.

Reconstructed board of regents of Kansas' State Agricultural college annulled an invitation to Colonel W. J. Bryan to deliver the commencement oration.

Donald McLean, a western railroad promoter, fell over the balustrade of the Palmer House, Chicago, to the stone flagging two floors below, and was killed.

The schooner Nelson foundered in Lake Superior Saturday, and nine persons were drowned, including Captain Haghney's wife and child. The captain escaped.

Tuesday, May 16.

The cause of much of the distress in this country is the over education of the masses, declared C. P. Huntington in a speech at San Francisco.

George D. Scott, manager of John D. Rockefeller's estate at Tarrytown, N. Y., committed suicide by shooting.

President McKinley is opposed to assembling congress in extra session unless some unlooked for contingency arises.

The New York health authorities propose to stamp out hypnotism as well as Christian science and all kindred practices.

The United States supreme court has decided that the French steamer Olinde Rodrigues, seized during the war with Spain, shall be returned to its owners. A movement has been started in Kansas to give every man in Colonel Funston's regiment a political office upon his return from the Philippines.

STUDENTS IN A RIOT.

Princeton's Collegians Attack Pawnee Bill's Wild West Parade.

SPECTATOR FATALLY INJURED.

The Showmen Resisted the Assaults of the Students and a Desperate Battle Ensued, in Which Many of the Participants Were Hurt.

Princeton, N. J., May 16.—Princeton students and Pawnee Bill's Wild West employes indulged in a pitched battle yesterday, and continuous and serious rioting was prevented only by the presence of men with cool heads and the action of President Patton, of Princeton university, later in the day in calling a mass meeting of all the students. President Patton spoke in condemnation of the attack on the parade, and positively forbade any student to go to the show grounds at night. As a result of the meeting the show left town unmolested, but it lost money, for word had been passed through the town that no one in sympathy was to enter the tent, and the townspeople who are in sympathy with the students were a unit in refusing to attend. The result was a very slim audience.

For 50 years it has been an unwritten law of Princeton that no circus parade must pass through the streets. Every show promoter in making his dates has always left Princeton from the list, for it had been a matter of common knowledge that the students would enforce the unwritten law. Yesterday Pawnee Bill's Wild West combination violated traditions and paraded. The result was the fiercest battle Princeton has seen in many years. The town authorities, fearing trouble, had advised the circus men not to attempt a parade. This advice was unheeded.

Things were proceeding in the usual course in the university when the parade started. The procession reached the college campus without trouble, but passed down Nassau street at a bad moment, for just as the band's music was heard the students were in the act of passing from the first morning lectures to the second. The townspeople were out in force and waiting for the parade, and the great majority of them were massed near the campus. Word passed all along the line, and within a few minutes 500 or 700 students had assembled on Nassau street. Cannon crackers, left over from previous celebrations, eggs purchased at nearby stores and vegetables bought or confiscated from the stores were assembled quickly. The men unable to obtain these missiles armed themselves with clods of turf hastily torn from the lawns.

The trouble started with the band wagon. Cannon crackers were thrown, and these exploding under the six horses made them frantic. The musicians were on top of the wagon. A serious runaway might have resulted had not one of the leaders stumbled and fell, dragging down the other horses with him. The students meanwhile kept up a merciless bombardment with eggs and vegetables. On the return the parade wheeled into John lane, and the students made a grand rush to head off the procession. Again the employes of the circus were rotten egged. The cowboys and Indians finally charged the students and used their whips freely. That was the turning point of the affair. Stunned by the whips and bruised by the riders running into them the students became ugly, and in a moment the missiles that were annoying, but not dangerous, were replaced by stones, and the fight became serious. Revolvers were drawn, but fortunately the owners were wise enough to fire over the heads of the enemy. Some of the Mexican and South American cowboys unsling their bolos and used these with great effect, the leaden covered ends being exceedingly effective. The cowboys charged the crowd several times, and rode down those who could not get out of the way.

In this manner Edward Dillon, an old colored man, was knocked down and was kicked on the head by a pony and his skull fractured. Dillon is still unconscious, and will probably die. A student was injured by a pony trampling on him. Another was wounded by a bola, and another was struck by an Indian with one of the snake whips. Many students were less severely hurt. The cowboys and Indians were also badly bruised and hurt.

The Dauntless Released From Custody Jacksonville, Fla., May 16.—The cases of the United States against the steamer Dauntless for alleged filibustering, which were begun against the vessel nearly three years ago, were dismissed in the United States court yesterday, on motion of the government. This was done on an agreement that the claims of W. A. Bisbee, owner of the Dauntless, against C. R. Bisbee, formerly collector of customs in this city, and against W. F. Kilgore, commander of the revenue cutter Boutwell, for detaining the Dauntless on various occasions, should also be dismissed. The boat has been for more than two years in the custody of the United States, carrying at all times a United States deputy marshal.

The President to Visit the Twin Cities Hot Springs, Va., May 16.—Representative Fletcher has forwarded the following dispatch to Senator Davis, of Minnesota: "The president greatly appreciates the cordial invitation extended to him by the citizens of Minnesota and the commercial bodies of St. Paul and Minneapolis. Unless unforeseen circumstances prevent, it is the president's wish and intention to come to Minnesota, either in connection with a western trip or otherwise, so as to be present when the Thirtieth Minnesota and other western regiments return from the Philippines."

Returning Soldiers From Cuba. New York, May 16.—The United States transport Dixie arrived in quarantine at 11 o'clock last night from Manzanillo, Cuba, having on board the Fourth United States volunteers, under the command of Colonel James S. Pettit. This regiment was recruited principally in Virginia and the District of Columbia.

HARTRANFT STATUE UNVEILED.

Survivors of His Command Marched in the Parade.

Harrisburg, May 13.—The equestrian statue of Major General John F. Hartranft, in Capitol park, was unveiled with impressive ceremonies yesterday afternoon in the presence of a large concourse of people.

The exercises were followed by a parade, in which the survivors of the Third division of the Ninth army corps, commanded by General Hartranft in the civil war, had the right of line. The procession also included the Ninth regiment of immunes, from Camp Meade, a provisional brigade of the National Guard, the Grand Army of the Republic, and Sons of Veterans camps of Harrisburg and vicinity and the Harrisburg fire department.

A reunion of the survivors of the Fifty-first regiment, Pennsylvania volunteers, of which Hartranft was colonel, was held in the morning for the election of officers and the transaction of routine business. After the meeting the old soldiers marched to the Executive Mansion to pay their respects to Mrs. Hartranft and her two sons and daughters, who are the guests of governor and Mrs. Stone.

The feature of the day's exercises was the unveiling ceremonies, at which there were present many of the survivors of General Hartranft's division and several distinguished soldiers and statesmen. President and Mrs. McKinley were expected to be present, but they could not come on account of the condition of the president's health. Major General Miles, on account of official business at Washington, was unable to come to Harrisburg. Major Isaac C. Brown, deputy secretary of internal affairs, delivered the oration, and speeches were made by Postmaster General Smith, Secretary Alger and General H. Kyd Douglas of Maryland.

ITEMS OF STATE NEWS.

Harrisburg, May 13.—Levi Brinser, of Steelton, while going through the slab mill of the Pennsylvania Steel company last night had his head cut from his body by the large wheel of the big engine in that mill. The engineer started the engine just as Mr. Brinser had his head between the large wheel. He was married, had four children, and was 45 years old.

Philadelphia, May 16.—Great Britain will be officially represented at the international commercial congress to be held here in connection with next fall's national export exposition. Formal notice of such was received yesterday by the exposition authorities in the form of a communication from the foreign office, London, through Assistant Secretary of State Hill.

Towanda, Pa., May 13.—Harriet Jackson, aged 23 years, committed suicide last evening by swallowing seven grains of strychnine. The young woman had been arrested for forging her mother's name to a check, and it was while seated at a table opposite the constable who made the arrest that she placed the poison in her mouth, stating it was for headache. In 20 minutes she was dead.

Shamokin, May 16.—Returning from a mandolin club festival near Paxinos early Sunday morning a number of young farmers from Stonington and Irish Valley engaged in a desperate fight, during which Elmer Haas, of Stonington, was stabbed six times by Amos Ritchie, of Irish Valley. Ritchie escaped. Most of the wounds of his victim are in the back. One of the knife thrusts penetrated his lung, and his recovery is hopeless. Haas is 22 years old and unmarried.

Harrisburg, May 16.—Governor Stone yesterday disapproved the bill to provide for an additional law judge of Erie county, on the ground that there is no necessity for such an official. The governor also disapproved items aggregating \$11,000 in the bill appropriating \$66,551.90 to the Pennsylvania State college. The governor disposed of the last of the bills yesterday and will spend the next two weeks trout fishing in West Virginia with a party of friends.

Lancaster, Pa., May 15.—Benjamin F. Enck, aged 19 years, died in awful agony late Saturday night at his home in this city from hydrophobia. Four weeks ago he was bitten by a dog. The wound was promptly cauterized, but several days ago the disease developed in a violent form, it requiring several men to hold the child. He frothed at the mouth and physicians declare it a genuine case of hydrophobia. Several other children were bitten, but have not yet shown any symptoms of the disease.

Harrisburg, May 15.—Governor Stone has made public his action on the general appropriation bill, which provides for the ordinary expenses of the various branches of the state government, the interest on the public debt and for the support of the public schools for the two fiscal years beginning June 1, 1899. He has made a cut of \$1,000,000 in the school appropriation and reduced several other items whereby he saves in the aggregate \$1,500,000, which will be applied to reducing the floating debt of the commonwealth.

Philadelphia, May 16.—The supreme court yesterday rendered a decision declaring the \$11,200,000 city loan bill legal. This decision will enable the city to borrow the amount of money named without delay and will permit vast municipal improvements. The opinion of the court, which was written by Chief Justice Sterrett, was unanimous, and the many betterments provided in the bill, which was voted on by the people in November, 1897, are now only questions of the placing of the loan and the making of appropriations by councils.

Dubois, Pa., May 13.—John Cline and Jennie Delong were burned to death in a deserted lumber shanty a few miles from Johnsonburg, Elk county, early yesterday. The two were drinking together in the afternoon and evening. They were seen to enter the shanty to spend the night, being supplied with a liberal allowance of whiskey. At 4 o'clock in the morning neighbors discovered the hovel burning. When it had burned to the ground the charred bodies of the man and woman were found in the ruins. The woman