

# CHRISTIAN WORKERS.

## End of the Detroit Meeting of Christian Endeavorers.

### VERY SUCCESSFUL CONVENTION.

Attendance at Meetings Exceeded the Great Gathering in Boston—Messages From Our Peace Commission and Canada's Governor General.

Detroit, July 11.—The eighteenth international convention of Christian Endeavor closed last night amid scenes of impressive solemnity attending the utterance of "the last word" by the president and secretary in each of the great tents, respectively, following responses from each state and country represented, and last exhortations from Methodist Episcopal Bishop Vincent, of Kansas, and Evangelist Chapman, of New York. Telegrams and cablegrams were read in both tents, the reading of a cablegram from Hon. Andrew D. White, president of the American peace commissioners at The Hague, bringing out storms of applause. President's Clark cablegram to President White was as follows:

"Twenty-eight thousand American and Canadian Christian Endeavorers now assembled in international convention, Detroit, represent 2,500,000 enthusiastic for peace and arbitration. Great peace meeting held. All wish you godspeed."

Messages were also sent to President McKinley, Governor General Minto of Canada and Queen Victoria. President White responded as follows: "American commission to the peace conference sends sincere thanks for message and congratulates you and all friends of peace upon the great success achieved providing for a permanent tribunal of arbitration."

Mayor Drummond, private secretary to the governor general of Canada, sent the following:

"His excellency, the governor general, desires me to express his warmest and most sincere thanks for your very kind and cordial message of good will to himself and the Dominion of Canada."

At all previous meetings the audiences assembled quietly, but last evening for some time before the calling to order of the two great gatherings, Tents Endeavor and Williston were bawled of sounds and scenes. The state, provincial and foreign delegations were grouped in designated bunches divided about equally between the two tents. Each had its own particular rally cry, and each delegation took pleasure in making it known to the extent of its lung power. The delegations which were not shouting were singing. Music Conductor Foster finally made himself heard without the aid of a megaphone, and all the voices were turned into the inspiring volume of "Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty," with much improved effect.

The following statements as to attendance, etc., was given out by Secretary Baer: Without doubt the attendance at this convention has very much exceeded that of any other Christian Endeavor convention ever held in the matter of those present at the various meetings. This estimate takes into account the great convention at Boston in 1895. That is to say, that out of the 28,000 Endeavorers registered, which is the estimate of the reception committee, and includes Detroit members, there have been more who attended meetings than at any previous times. The estimate of attendance at meetings gives a total of 298,500. There were 28,000 Endeavorers in attendance, including Detroit delegates, and 30,500 persons simultaneously attended strictly Christian Endeavor meetings. These figures do not include the 66 non-evangelistic meetings, which had a total attendance of 15,000, and 100 professed conversions.

During a recess each member of the '99 committee was called out. They were told that the '99 convention had never been equalled as to program, presence of good speakers and large attendance at meetings. Secretary Baer stated that although the attendance at Detroit was 28,000, as against 56,400 at Boston, the meetings in Detroit were attended by large numbers than were those at Boston.

Chairman W. H. Strong, of the local committee, responded appropriately to the compliments tendered before the two mighty audiences, and attributed the successes of the convention chiefly to individual faithfulness. The score of white capped chairmen of local committees, standing together, then sung a stanza of "If Ever I Loved Thee, My Jesus, 'Tis Now."

Great Britain's leading representatives, Messrs. Tressider and Murrell, of London, and Pollock, of Glasgow, stood together and sang "Britain For Christ." Then all sang stanzas of "God Save the Queen" and "America."

Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman preached the concluding sermon in Tent Endeavor, and the closing address in Tent Williston was made by Bishop John H. Vincent, of the Methodist church.

New York's Dewey Reception. New York, July 11.—Plans for the Dewey celebration were outlined at a meeting of the committee on plan and scope yesterday. It has been decided practically that there shall be a two day celebration, with both a land and naval parade. Admiral Dewey will pass under a large triumphal arch to be constructed either in City Hall park or Madison Square park, at a cost of \$10,000. There will be two large civic floats in the naval parade, one typifying Victory and the other Peace. German singing societies will be invited to fill these floats with their members to sing a hymn of welcome to the admiral in the lower bay.

Wilhelm der Grosse's Speedy Trip. New York, July 11.—The New York office of the North German Lloyd Steamship company received a cablegram yesterday announcing that the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse arrived at Cherbourg at 2:45 yesterday afternoon in the record breaking time of five days, 20 hours and 53 minutes, having passed the Sandy Hook lightship at 12:50 p. m. at 2:190 miles. Her average time was 22.63 knots, as against her best previous record of 22.54.

# CAPTAIN WATKINS' ERROR.

## Admits Responsibility For the Paris Wreck—Two Years' Suspension.

### New York, July 11.—The report of Captain Watkins of the stranding of the American line steamship Paris was made public yesterday by the local board of steamboat inspectors. Captain Watkins make no attempt to evade responsibility for the accident, but says frankly that the stranding of the ship was the result of an unaccountable error on his part. The accident, he says, was not due to any want of thought or anxiety about his vessel, but resulted from a mistake he made in calculating the position of the ship. The local inspectors of steam vessels have suspended Captain Watkins' license as master of ocean steamers for two years.

Clement Acton Griscom, Jr., vice president and general manager of the American line, said: "The sentence seems a little severe. Other men have lost ships through what was afterwards proved their own carelessness, and only had their master's license suspended for six months or a year at most. Personally we feel for Captain Watkins. He has been half a century at sea without the slightest accident before, and it seems very hard upon him. I am very sorry it occurred, for his sake."

## Fatal Explosion of Turpentine.

New York, July 11.—Abraham Finkelnstein was probably fatally burned yesterday through the explosion of turpentine in his painters' supply and wall paper shop in this city, and his wife and son were burned to death. A can of turpentine that Finkelnstein was using near a gas stove exploded and bespattered him with flame. His wife seized him by the arm and dragged him into the hall. It is supposed that they became confused there with the smoke and darkness and that he happened to run in the right direction, while the woman went back and fell at the foot of the stairs, where she and the child, to which she clung, were burned.

## Rich Copper Find in Canada.

Toronto, July 11.—It is announced that copper ore of almost incredible extent and richness has been found in the Perry sound district, within about seven hours railway distance from Toronto. The discovery was due practically to an American mining expert named Forbes, who has organized two companies, one composed entirely of St. Paul capitalists and the other composed of Canadian and St. Paul men, which have secured all the claims in the neighborhood and have commenced operations on an extensive scale.

## Teachers in a Wreck.

Stockton, Cal., July 11.—A Burlington special train of nine coaches on the way from St. Louis to Los Angeles, loaded with teachers going to attend the National Education association convention at Los Angeles, crashed into a freight train within 300 yards of the depot at Newman, Stanislaus county, yesterday, and two women were killed and thirteen passengers injured. The dead are: Miss Addie Harris, St. Louis, and Mrs. Lena Hammond, Seneca Falls, N. Y. Nearly all the injured reside in St. Louis.

## Wanted, a Standstill's Heirs.

Washington, July 11.—United States Consul McCook, at Dawson, under date of May 10, reports to the state department the death in the hospital at Forty Mile City, Yukon Territory, about Feb. 1 last, of W. H. Sutton from over exertion and exhaustion, during a "stampede." The man's home address is supposed to be New York, and as he left a great deal of valuable property at Dawson and Forty Mile City the consul suggests that his relatives come forward without delay.

## A Year For Criminal Libel.

Santa Barbara, Cal., July 11.—Ada Addie Storke, the newspaper writer, was yesterday sentenced to one year in jail for writing anonymous letters reflecting upon certain prominent people. A motion for a new trial was denied. She was rearrested later on a warrant sworn out by Attorney Jackson, whom she tried to kill on Sunday. Judge Oster, in pronouncing sentence, expressed himself as sorry that the law did not permit him to impose a greater penalty.

## His Anger Caused His Death.

Reading, Pa., July 11.—William M. Fulton, a contractor, aged 46 years, was out for a pleasure drive yesterday afternoon, accompanied by his wife, when he met Harvey Witmen, aged 35, whom Fulton accused of insulting his wife recently. Fulton jumped from his carriage and began to give Witmen a beating. Witmen fled and Fulton pursued him for two blocks, when he (Fulton) suddenly dropped dead from heart disease.

## To Prosecute Ex-Minister Lebon.

Paris, July 11.—It is rumored that as a result of the revelation of the inhuman cruelty practiced upon Dreyfus while on Devil's Island M. Lebon, the minister who was responsible for the orders sent to M. Deniel while in charge of the penal settlement where Dreyfus was confined, will be proceeded against, the government not confining its action to Sunday's dismissal of Deniel.

## Chairman Jones Will Not Resign.

New York, July 11.—Ex-Governor William H. Stone, of Missouri, who has been for some time the controlling figure in the Democratic national committee, said yesterday that there was no truth in the reports that Senator James K. Jones, of Arkansas, intends to resign the chairmanship of the committee and that Senator Martin, of Virginia, is likely to succeed him.

## The Columbia-Defender Trial Trips.

New York, July 11.—Oliver C. Iselin said today that Columbia and Defender will have their next meeting on July 20. From that date they will race every day until one of the boats shall have won three times. The course will be off Newport.

## Admiral Cervera Acquitted.

Madrid, July 8.—Admiral Cervera and the other commanders of the Spanish fleet destroyed in the battle of Santiago, whose conduct has been the subject of inquiry by special court martial, were yesterday acquitted and formally liberated.

# CASTELLANE'S TITLE

## Is Declared to Be Bogus by the Prince of Monaco.

### PRINCE WILL NOT FIGHT A DUEL.

Says That Castellane Is Beneath His Station, and That the Latter Has Assumed the Title of Count Without Being Entitled to It.

Paris, July 11.—The Prince of Monaco has declined to fight a duel with Count Boni de Castellane on account of the Dreyfus case. In his reply to Castellane's challenge the Prince of Monaco openly gives as his reason for the declination the fact that Castellane is beneath his station.

He says that he has reason to believe that Castellane has assumed the title of count when he is not entitled to it. Monaco says that under the circumstances the challenge from Castellane is an impertinence and is not entitled to notice.

The challenge grew out of the active sympathy for Dreyfus and Mme. Dreyfus on the part of the Prince of Monaco, which greatly incensed Castellane.



COUNT DE CASTELLANE.

After Monaco had written Mme. Dreyfus and invited her husband to visit his palace the Royalist husband of Anna Gould sent an insulting open letter to the prince. This being snubbed he sent a challenge, with the above result.

The Siecle, one of the leading Dreyfus organs, has taken the matter up and is conducting a severe personal campaign against the count, whom it accuses of being a bogus count. It has announced its intention of soon publishing a biography of Jay Gould, father of the countess.

The Gazette de France publishes the report which the prefect of police presented to the government March 29 on the Orleanist party. It says the League of Patriots and the Anti-Semite League were in close relations with the Duke of Orleans, who sent 5,000 francs to M. Deroulede and large sums to M. Guerin. Altogether the Royalists are said to have expended 300,000 francs in getting up the Neuilly barracks fiasco. According to the same authority Count de Castellane also subsidized the movement.

## Professor Syveton, treasurer of the League of the French Fatherland, has been suspended from his duties at the College of Rheims for attempts to incite an anti-Dreyfus agitation at Rennes.

## DEATH OF GRAND DUKE GEORGE.

The Russian Royalist Who Might Have Become Czar. St. Petersburg, July 11.—Grand Duke George, brother of the czar, died at the imperial palace in the Caucasus, where he had been residing on account of his feeble health. He had been ill of consumption for many years, and in 1895 Professor Leyden pronounced him to be incurably ill. He was at that time in the Caucasus with the czar's wife, and after her death his title in favor of his brother Michael, who is now their apparent, and will become czar unless a son and heir should be born to the Emperor Nicholas. In the pine forests of the southern Caucasus Grand Duke George was visited and treated by noted specialists, but they could only relieve him temporarily, and never entertained a hope of his cure.

## George Alexandrovitch was the second son of the late Emperor Alexander III, and was born April 27, 1871. He was of delicate physique from the first, but he went through the regular naval and military training of Russian princes, and seemed to have acquired an average degree of health and strength when an accident developed a weakness of the chest.

## Another Anglo-French Snarl.

St. John's, N. F., July 11.—The colonial authorities are understood to have been informed that the report of the royal commission of inquiry into the French shore complications is withheld for the present by the British colonial officers, because it so strongly endorses the case of New Foundland that its publication would provoke another Fashoda difficulty. Joseph Chamberlain, the imperial secretary of state for the colonies, is, however, determined to force the French to abandon their arrogant pretensions on the coast before another season opens.

## Steamer Wrecked. All Hands Saved.

Halifax, N. S., July 11.—The steamer Portia, from New York for Halifax, was wrecked during a dense fog last evening on Flinn's Island, off Sambro, a point about 15 miles to the eastward of Halifax. The passengers and crew, 115 all told, landed on the island in the ship's boats and are all comfortably housed there. No loss of life is reported. The steamer is already full of water and a total wreck. The passengers, of whom there are 75, are nearly all tourists. The steamer had a large cargo for this port and St. John's, N. F.

# A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED.

## Queen Kapotiari, widow of King Kalakaua, died in Honolulu, aged 65.

## General Horatio G. Wright, a hero of the civil war, died in Washington, aged 79.

The agitation in Belgium against the electoral reform bill was forced the government to withdraw the measure.

The Fourth was loyally celebrated in our new possessions. In Manila "America" was sung by children of Spaniards, Filipinos and Chinese in a curious mixture of dialects.

## Thursday, July 6.

Bishop John P. Newman, of the Methodist church, died in New York, aged 73.

The execution of Catlett Lipton, a murderer, was witnessed by his wife and five children at Chattanooga, Tenn.

## The American delegates at The Hague have succeeded in securing a vote which will create a special conference to consider private property at sea in time of war.

A cyclone near Ainsworth, Neb., destroyed several farm houses. Mrs. Lockmiller, who had escaped to her cellar, went out to save her son and was killed. The son escaped.

## Friday, July 7.

General Joe Wheeler has been ordered for war duty in the Philippines.

Robert Bonner, the well known publisher of the New York Ledger, died in that city, aged 75.

Mrs. May Wright Sewall was chosen president of the International Women's Congress, succeeding the Countess of Aberdeen.

In a triangular race of 30 miles sailed off Sandy Hook between the yachts Columbia and Defender, Columbia won by 3 min., 53 sec.

An alleged plot of General Gomez to invade San Domingo, kill President Heureaux and have himself proclaimed dictator is published in Havana.

Ex-King Milan, while driving in Belgrade, was shot and slightly wounded in the back by an anarchist named Knezevic, who was captured.

## Saturday, July 8.

The miners of the Blairsville, Pa., coal region have gone on strike.

The Portuguese house of peers yesterday adopted the commercial convention with the United States.

Emil Smith has confessed that he and Sigmund Bresche murdered Martin Meier, the wealthy Chicago recluse.

Secretary Alger declares he has formed no alliance with Pingree and has no intention of leaving the cabinet.

Head on collision between trolley cars near Akron, O., resulted in one dead, two fatally and five seriously hurt.

In the Henley regatta the diamond sculls were won by B. H. Howell, the American student of Trinity Hall, Cambridge.

Thomas Ashworth, an ex-saloon keeper of Philadelphia, was kicked to death and robbed by four young hoodlums, who were arrested.

## Monday, July 10.

A co-operative city is to be established on the banks of Lake Erie near Toledo.

Helen Lersch, of Trenton, 2 years old, was bit by a "kissing bug." Blood poisoning ensued and the child died.

William Reinhard, his wife and five children were driving near Columbus, O. All were killed by a train except 14-year-old Clarence.

By the explosion of a boiler on the Moran oil tract, near Oil City, Pa., James McCray was killed and John Turk seriously injured.

Major Edward M. Hayes, of the Fourth cavalry, succeeds Colonel Henry Wagner, retired, in command of that regiment, at San Francisco.

A carriage containing William M. Diem and Miss Lizzie Prequesel was struck by a train last night at Buffalo, and both were instantly killed.

## Tuesday, July 11.

Charles Mall, for the past 36 years Belgian consul in New York, died in that city yesterday.

Cuban bandits kidnapped Gutierrez Celis, a rich Spanish merchant of San Cristobal, and are holding him for a ransom.

A Pretoria (Transvaal) dispatch says five artillerymen were killed yesterday by the explosion of a powder magazine in Magatoland.

The United States government has declined to arbitrate the Austria-Hungarian claim for damages for the deaths resulting in the Lattimer (Pa.) riots.

General Otis cables that he has about 1,000 veteran volunteers for re-enlistment. They will form the nucleus for the Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh United States volunteer infantry.

## THE PRODUCE MARKETS

As Reflected by Dealings in Philadelphia and Baltimore.

Philadelphia, July 10.—Flour slow; winter superfine, \$2.12.25; Pennsylvania roller, clear, \$3.25.25; city mills, extra, \$2.25.25. Rye flour quiet and unchanged at \$2.50 3 per barrel for choice Pennsylvania.

Wheat quiet; No. 2 red, spot, in elevator, 74¢.75¢; corn steady; No. 2 mixed, spot, in elevator, 35¢.35.5¢; No. 2 yellow, for local trade, 41¢. Oats quiet; No. 2 white, 30¢; No. 2 white, clipped, 31¢. Hay firm; choice timothy, \$17 for large bales. Beef firm; family, \$9.50.10.50; beef hams, \$25.50.26. Pork firm; mess, \$9.25.25; family, \$11.50.12. Lard steady; western steamed, \$5.50. Butter quiet and steady; western creamery, 15¢.15.5¢; do. factory, 12¢.14.5¢; imitation creamery, 13¢.13.5¢.

New York dairy, 13¢.14.5¢; do. creamery, 15¢.18.5¢; Pennsylvania prints at 12¢.24¢; do. wholesale, 30¢. Eggs irregular; New York and Pennsylvania, 15¢.16¢; western, fresh, 14¢.15¢.

Baltimore, July 10.—Flour quiet; western superfine, \$2.25.26.40; do. extra, \$2.40.2.50; do. family, \$3.35.36.00; winter wheat, patent, \$3.75.38.50; spring wheat, patent, \$3.50.41.00; spring wheat, straight, \$3.50.3.60. Wheat firm; spot and July, 74¢.74.5¢; August, 74¢.74.5¢; September, 74¢.74.5¢; steamer No. 2 red, 70¢; southern, by sample, 70¢.70.5¢; do. on grade, 70¢.70.5¢. Corn firm; spot and July, 32¢.32.5¢; August, 32¢.32.5¢; September, 32¢.32.5¢; steamer mixed, 34¢.34.5¢; do. white, 45¢.45.5¢; do. yellow, 43¢.43.5¢. Oats quiet; No. 2 white, 32¢.32.5¢; No. 2 mixed, 30¢.30.5¢. Rye firm; No. 2 nearby, 54¢; No. 2 western, 51¢. Hay dull; No. 1 timothy, \$16. Grain freights very firm; transaction fair; steam to Liverpool per bushel, \$4. August; Cork, for orders, per quarter, \$4. 3d. 3d. 6d. July 3d. 3d. 6d. August. Eggs dull at 11¢.12¢.

# A DIFFICULT CAMPAIGN.

## Sufferings of Our Soldiers in the Philippine Islands.

### TERRORS OF THE RAINY SEASON.

In Many Cases the Men Are Sleeping With Three Feet of Water Beneath Their Bunks—Anticipated Surrender of Filipino Leader Falls to Materialize.

Manila, July 10.—It has been raining and storming almost constantly for two days, and the country along the American, south and bay lines is literally flooded. The soldiers are suffering great discomfort. The Thirteenth Infantry regiment, at Pasay, is in the worst position, being practically surrounded by water. The bridges that were used for getting supplies have been washed away, and some of the companies are now separated by streams six feet deep. In many cases the men are sleeping with three feet of water beneath their bunks, which are elevated on cracker boxes. The company cooks, when preparing the meals, stand knee deep in water.

Some of the roads leading to Pasay are simply impassable, and the rice fields on all sides are one great lake. A high wind blew over several tents of the Second Reserve hospital.

Manila bay is impossible of navigation by either launches or canoes, and no vessels are leaving the harbor.

The United States transport Centennial is ready to sail for San Francisco with discharged soldiers, but the latter have to sit around the water front all day, drenched to the skin, waiting for a launch to take them to the steamer.

The River Pasig and all other streams are swollen, and the city streets at low points are covered with water.

Friendly Filipinos in Manila have been the medium of communications between the American authorities and the military leaders of the insurrection in Cavite province, which for some time promised to result in bringing over a prominent general and several hundred of his followers, with their arms. If the negotiations had succeeded the outcome would have had a great moral effect, for other defections doubtless would have followed. Were the general's name given it might lead in his case to a fate similar to that which has befallen other Filipinos suspected of friendliness toward the Americans. He had foreseen the failure of the insurrection and advised Aguinaldo to make terms, but it is understood that he has sent word to the Americans that, having sworn to support the insurrection, he must remain loyal to the end.

Similar negotiations are said, on good authority, to have been conducted with a member of the cabinet of the so-called Filipino government, who himself took the initiative. Some form of money consideration figured in the discussions with his friends.

## GENERAL WOOD ON DUTY.

Will Make a Vigorous Fight Against Santiago's Yellow Fever.

Santiago de Cuba, July 11.—General Leonard Wood, the military governor, returned yesterday from the United States and immediately began vigorous action to stamp out the yellow fever. He finds the situation more serious than he had anticipated. Today headquarters were moved to Songo, 20 miles north on the railroad, a point about 1,000 feet above sea level, as well as all the administrative departments, except the sanitary and a few immune clerks in the quartermaster's and the commissary staffs. The paymaster has been ordered to suspend all payments to the Cuban troops until the fever has been stamped out, the special object of the order being to prevent the soldiers from drinking during the epidemic.

Terrible Explosion of Gasoline. Washington, July 8.—Mrs. Marguerite Dickens, wife of Captain F. W. Dickens, assistant chief of the bureau of navigation, met with a horrible death at her residence at 1434 Nineteenth street yesterday. Mrs. Dickens was sprinkling rugs with gasoline, preparatory to putting them away for the summer, when Joseph Vaughan, a plumber, and his assistant entered the room from the roof, where they had been making repairs. The lighted metal pot they carried, coming in contact with the fumes of the gasoline, caused a terrible explosion. Vaughan and his helper were badly burned in a futile attempt to save Mrs. Dickens. Damage to the house amounts to \$5,000.

## American Victory at The Hague.

The Hague, July 8.—The third committee, sitting at the Huis Ten Bosch, discussed the scheme for the mediation and arbitration convention drawn up by the comite d'examen. Many of the delegates have only been acquainted with the proposals since Thursday, and they have not had time to consult their governments. Consequently it was decided that when the committee adjourned yesterday it will be until July 17, in order to allow the delegates a week in which to consult their governments and receive final instructions. The committee's report, which carries the arbitration points presented by the American delegates, was unanimously sustained.

## Luna's Slayers Acquitted.

Manila, July 8.—The trial at Cabaatuan of the slayers of General Luna, the Filipino leader, who was assassinated by the guard of Aguinaldo's residence, is ended. The accused were acquitted on the ground of self defense. The testimony showed there was a conspiracy on the part of Luna and other officers to kill Aguinaldo and make Luna dictator. Luna's death seems to have strengthened Aguinaldo's leadership for the time. Luna's supporters are now outwardly loyal to Aguinaldo.

## President Plant's Successor.

New York, July 11.—At a meeting of the board of directors of the Southern Express company held yesterday M. J. O'Brien was elected president to succeed the late Henry B. Plant. Mr. O'Brien was formerly vice president and general manager of the company.

# ITEMS OF STATE NEWS.

## Wilkesbarre, July 11.—Michael Mallon and his sons William and Michael were crushed by a fall of coal in No. 6 colliery of the Pennsylvania Coal company at Pittston last night. The younger Michael was killed and the father and other son seriously injured.

## Harrisburg, July 11.—Ralph Bingham, aged 14 years, died last evening of lockjaw at his home in this city.

While playing with some companions last Tuesday a firecracker exploded in Bingham's hand and burned it slightly. Lockjaw set in Sunday, and last evening the boy died.

Harrisburg, July 11.—Albert Smith, colored, was hanged here today for poisoning his wife. There were no religious services on the scaffold, this being Smith's desire. His paramour, Annie Winslow, who poisoned her husband, is serving 20 years in the penitentiary.

Altoona, Pa., July 11.—Five persons were injured, two fatally, by an explosion of gas in the Loughman mines, at Ehrenfeld, yesterday. They are Henry Hoyer, James Hoyer, David Wallace, Joseph Wallace and Charles McClean. Henry Hoyer and his son James, aged 13, died at the hospital. The explosion was due to a defective lamp, carried by Henry Hoyer.

Philadelphia, July 8.—A special meeting of the Atlantic Baseball League was held at the Hotel Hanover here yesterday. The situation that confronted the league through the disbandment of the Paterson club was discussed, and the Scranton franchise was declared forfeited and the Paterson club dropped, the circuit thus being reduced to six clubs. The Richmond club was awarded the championship. A new schedule was prepared for a second series and a new championship, the season to begin July 10 and close Sept. 10.

Allentown, Pa., July 10.—Charles A. Knauss, aged 18, shot and seriously wounded Mrs. Edwin Diefenderfer, 26 years old, Saturday night, then shot and instantly killed himself in Knauss' father's paint shop, to which Knauss had called Mrs. Diefenderfer. They had been intimate for two years. Mrs. Diefenderfer was trying to break up Knauss' infatuation and refused to elope with him, which made him desperate. Knauss was single. Mrs. Diefenderfer has a husband and two children, one of whom is sick with scarlet fever.

Philadelphia, July 8.—Thomas Ashworth, 43 years, a former saloonkeeper, and lately a United Gas Improvement company employe, was picked up dead from the pavement in front of 5414 Myrausling avenue shortly before Thursday midnight. Ashworth was attacked by four drunken young men and kicked into insensibility. Their names are Elmer Wilson, John Kennedy, Albert Kelly and John Daly. They are under arrest, and Ashworth's watch was found in Kelly's possession. It is asserted that the gang went through Ashworth's pockets as he lay prostrate.

Shamokin, Pa., July 11.—A special policeman of the Philadelphia and Reading railway yesterday arrested Arthur and Henry Henninger, Richard Welkel, George Grier, Raymond Brightbill and Phrom Troutman for tampering with the wires of a signal switch at the Herndon branch of the Philadelphia and Reading company, two miles west of this place. The ages of the prisoners range from 14 to 17 years. Several of the boys confessed that they wanted to wreck a passenger train. A brakeman observed them at their dastardly work, and a wreck was thus averted.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., July 8.—It now looks as though the strike of 1,700 employes of the Lehigh Valley Coal company would be short lived. A committee of the striking miners waited on General Superintendent Lathrop yesterday to ascertain if some compromise could not be agreed upon. Superintendent Lathrop said the company would insist on the use of safety lamps, and that there could be no compromise on that point. The committee reported the result of their visit to a meeting of the strikers, and many of the latter signified their intention of returning to work.

Pottsville, Pa., July 11.—An attempt was made last night to wreck a Philadelphia and Reading passenger train near here, loaded with passengers from this place. Kuskie McKuskie, aged 8, William Auman and Robert Evans, 7 years old, of Gilberton, were arrested charged with the crime. They were arraigned before Alderman McCool and placed under heavy bail. It is charged that they placed a heavy brake shoe and heel, weighing about 150 pounds, on the track at a place where the railroad embankment was very high, but the front wheels of the locomotive pushed the obstruction away.

Philadelphia, July 8.—A prominent official close to President A. J. Cassatt, of the Pennsylvania railroad, denied the published statement that the Pennsylvania and the New York Central railroads had entered a compact by which the two systems had practically become one. To a reporter he said: "The story is too absurd to receive any consideration. There has never been any thought of consolidating the two systems. The statement is simply a rehash of a story published some time ago. The New York Central is practically a family railroad owned by the Vanderbilts, while there are 30,000 stockholders in the Pennsylvania railroad."

Pittsburg, July 10.—Glenwood, a suburb of this city, was thrown into big excitement last night by the threatened lynching of a negro named Threant Scott. Scott, with three companions, went to a mill worker's camp near Hay's Station, where a game of "craps" was soon started with several officers to kill Aguinaldo and make Luna dictator. Luna's death seems to have strengthened Aguinaldo's leadership for the time. Luna's supporters are now outwardly loyal to Aguinaldo.

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