

MARCH OF THE BRITONS.

Cabinet Official Says Cronje's Army Is Surrounded.

BOERS CAPTURE PROVISIONS.

General Buller Has Achieved a Success, Temporarily at Least, in Capturing the Range of Hills South of the Tugela.

London, Feb. 20.—A member of the cabinet told H. W. Lucy last night that the war office had received a telegram announcing that General Cronje was hopelessly surrounded. Mr. Wyndham was beset by anxious members of the house, but would only reply that the government's news was extremely satisfactory. The sole explanation of the government withholding good news is that confirmation and more details are awaited.

The situation as disclosed by correspondents over the Free State border is tantalizing to the public expectations. The elementary facts are that the Boers are trekking eastward toward Bloemfontein, with slow moving baggage trains, and that they are pursued by Lord Kitchener, with General Kelly-Kenny's division. General Macdonald, with the Highlanders, made a forced march to Koodoos Rand Ford and on Sunday pushed 20 miles eastward. General French left Kimberley Saturday, going east along the Modder river. Lord Kitchener is trying to outmaneuver and to outflank the Boers, thus checking their retreat, if possible, and driving them back into the hands of Macdonald and French.

The war office message communicated to Mr. Lucy seems to indicate that Lord Kitchener has either got ahead of the Boers or is about to realize his plan, and that the war office waits to announce a decisive result.

Meanwhile Commandant Delarey, with the Boers from Colesberg, is hanging on to the right bank of the



GENERAL KELLY-KENNY.

British pursuing columns, seeking to delay their movement and so to assist the Boer wagon trains to escape. A Daily Mail correspondent who was with the British convoy attacked by the Boers at Riet river ford writes: "Ultimately the British abandoned the convoy, in order not to check the Boers. Thus 200 wagons and 600 stores fall into the hands of the Boers, though it is doubtful if they will be able to carry them away."

General Buller has achieved a real success, seemingly, in capturing the range of hills south of the Tugela. It makes more feasible another attempt to relieve Ladysmith.

The Chieveley correspondent of The Daily News, telegraphing yesterday, says: "We now occupy all the hills to the right of Colenso, on this side of the Tugela, including Hlangwane, which the Boers evacuated Sunday night. The capture of Hlangwane hill is of great strategic importance, as the hill commands the flank of the Boer defenses at Colenso. A successful advance and the recapture of the railway may be expected."

According to advices from Pretoria the Boers are expecting a big battle on the Tugela. They claim that 70 of the Vintagers were killed at Colesberg, they thus describe the fighting at Kimberley:

"The British came through Blaauw and attacked in two columns. While the Boers were busily engaged, Lord Roberts' General French, with 2,000 cavalry and six guns, succeeded in breaking through the Boer line. The Boers did not seriously oppose General French's advance, but aimed their efforts to preventing the provisions getting through. In this they succeeded, capturing 2,000 head of cattle, 100 wagons of provisions and men."

Freeze Benefits Georgia Fruit.

Atlanta, Feb. 20.—State Entomologist Scott, who returned yesterday from the southern part of the state for a careful examination of the orchards in that section, has given the statement that the freezing weather of the past week has had the effect of checking the unnatural advance of the fruit trees caused by the recent warm weather, and the prospects now are that the crop will be the best in recent years.

A Money Making Swindle.

Chicago, Feb. 20.—A capias has issued for the arrest of James Mullhall, 31 Wabash avenue, head of the Merchant Commission company, charged with him with fraudulently obtaining credit consignments from commission houses, selling the goods for cash and eluding creditors. It is thought he has secured over \$50,000 from houses in various parts of the United States. Officers are searching for Mullhall.

Mr. Talbert Determined.

Washington, Feb. 20.—Nothing was accomplished at last night's session of the house, which was to have been devoted to pension legislation. Mr. Talbert, of South Carolina, made the point of quorum and blocked proceedings. The house remained in session until 1 o'clock in the hope of getting a quorum, and then adjourned.

CONSCIENCE MADE HIM A COWARD.

Leopold Rowe Confesses a Murder Committed Seven Years Ago.

Reading, Pa., Feb. 20.—Leopold Rowe, aged 52 years, who was serving a six months' sentence in the county jail here for threatening to burn barns near Kutztown, yesterday confessed to the prison officials that he had committed a murder near Campbellstown, Lebanon county, seven years ago, and as a result of this admission he was taken to Lebanon last night and lodged in jail there pending a further investigation.

Rowe, while in the Berks county prison, several times attempted to commit suicide. Yesterday he was in great distress of mind and called for the prison officials, to whom he told the startling story of his having taken the life of an unknown man for a paltry sum of money. Rowe said that he and a companion named Yockey saw a man at a hotel in Campbellstown who seemed to have considerable money. They followed him along a road, and Yockey persuaded Rowe to shoot the man. After putting a bullet in the man they hit him on the head with a club, and took \$50 from his pockets. The two men then hid the body, and made their way to Harrisburg. Three days later they read in the newspapers that the body of an unknown man had been found at Campbellstown.

The Lebanon authorities were notified of Rowe's confession, and the sheriff of Lebanon came here to investigate. He believes Rowe's story is true. The whereabouts of Yockey is unknown.

DIVORCE ENDS THE ROMANCE.

Grissom Withdraws Damage Suit Against His Father-in-Law.

Kansas City, Feb. 20.—Arthur Grissom, a poet and editor of a society paper published in New York city, yesterday dismissed his suit for \$10,000 damages instituted against his father-in-law, Dr. W. S. Woods, president of the National Bank of Commerce, for alienating the affections of his wife and breach of contract. The terms of settlement are said to include the payment to Mr. Grissom of \$30,000, while Mrs. Grissom was allowed a divorce, the restitution of her maiden name, Julia Stone Woods, and the custody of their 2-year-old child. Mrs. Grissom filed her suit for divorce yesterday morning, and a decree was granted her within a few hours' time.

The marriage of Grissom and Miss Woods was romantic. She and her mother went to New York in 1895 to prepare her tressure for her marriage to a wealthy young Missourian. Mr. Grissom and Miss Woods met, a schoolboy feeling of mutual regard was awakened, and they were married hastily at the Little Church Around the Corner. On Dec. 9 last Grissom filed a sensational suit here against Woods for \$100,000 damages, alleging that the doctor had persistently worked to set his daughter against her husband, and finally succeeded, and another suit for \$10,000 for breach of contract.

ANOTHER POPULIST BOLT.

Boilers Call a National Convention in Cincinnati on May 9.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 20.—A split and a walkout followed a turbulent meeting of the Populist national committee last night, the anti-fusion leaders, after having a number of their followers turned down by the credentials committee, organizing a bolt and forming a new committee. The members favorable to fusion, after adopting the report of the credentials committee adjourned until today, when, in all likelihood, it will empower the chairman or a committee of three to call the national convention for the same city and at the same time the Democratic convention is held. The bolters prepared an address and called a national convention for Cincinnati on Wednesday, May 9.

Our Commissioners to Paris.

New York, Feb. 20.—Commissioner General Peck gave an informal dinner last night at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel in honor of the recently appointed commissioners to the Paris exposition. Mrs. Potter Palmer, of Chicago, one of the commissioners, wired her regrets. Among those present were Louis Stern, New York; Thomas F. Walsh, Colorado; H. M. Putney, New Hampshire; Franklin Murphy, New Jersey; Charles A. Collier, Georgia; Edmond Bruwaert, consul general from France to the United States, and Adolph S. Ochs. Consul General Bruwaert assured the commissioners of a warm reception in France.

The Philippines Revenues.

Washington, Feb. 20.—The war department issues a statement that the receipts of public funds of the Philippine islands, beginning Aug. 13, 1898, and ending Dec. 31, 1899, amount to \$6,686,080. The chief items are: Seized funds, \$473,366; internal revenue, \$443,434; customs, \$5,515,680; provost court fines, \$53,625; matadero, \$44,419.

No Coke Company Suits.

Pittsburg, Feb. 20.—Henry C. Frick, in order to correct false reports concerning suits he is supposed to be about to enter against the Carnegie Steel company in behalf of the Frick Coke company, denies in the most positive and emphatic terms all reports of contemplated litigation of that character.

How the Chinese Get Here.

Ottawa, Feb. 20.—In the house yesterday Sir Richard Cartwright said that 4,366 Chinese came into Canada at Vancouver and Victoria last year, compared with 2,175 the year previous. A good many of these went into the United States.

Schooner Capsized, Six Drowned.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 20.—It is reported that the schooner Hardestie capsized last Friday at Roanoke marshes and all on board, with the exception of the captain, were lost. The Hardestie carried a crew of seven men.

Admiral Dewey Going to Wheeling.

Washington, Feb. 20.—Admiral and Mrs. Dewey will leave Washington tomorrow morning to attend the Washington's birthday celebration at Wheeling, W. Va.

METHODS IN MONTANA.

Senator Clark's Expenditures in a Political Campaign.

WANTED TO OVERTHROW DALY.

For That Reason He Expended \$139,000 in Legitimate Expenses—Dr. Tracey Merely Wanted to Test Justice Hunt's Incorruptibility.

Washington, Feb. 20.—Senator Clark, of Montana, was again the star witness before the senate committee on privileges and elections yesterday, notwithstanding Dr. Tracey, Justice Hunt's family physician, also was heard. Dr. Tracey's statement concerning his interviews with Justice Hunt corroborated the testimony of the justice in all essential details except that his recollection was that \$50,000, and not \$100,000, was the amount mentioned by him as the price the justice



WILLIAM A. CLARK.

could get for having the Wellcome disbarment case thrown out of the supreme court of the state. He said that Justice Hunt was an intimate friend, and asserted that his motive was to test Justice Hunt's ability to withstand the corrupting influence of money. He had received no funds from any source to pay the bribe suggested, and had been promised none for that purpose.

Mr. Clark necessarily went over much of the ground covered by him in his testimony Saturday. He was cross examined by Mr. Campbell, and insisted that he had spent no money for corrupt purposes during the Montana senatorial campaign. He gave a detailed statement of expenditures for political purposes during the legislative and senatorial contests, which footed up, as Senator Turley announced, \$139,000. He declared that his only purpose in entering upon the campaign was to overthrow the one man power of Marcus Daly in the state, which, he said, was so tyrannical that he would not desire to continue his residence in the state if it was to continue.

Mr. Campbell said that Mr. Daly would go on the stand in rebuttal. He is expected every day.

Helped Son to Rob Father.

New York, Feb. 20.—Eugene Monahan, 23 years of age, was arraigned in police court yesterday charged with grand larceny in the first offense. Monahan was a bookkeeper employed by John Collins & Son, cotton brokers. Monahan is charged with acting in collusion with Oscar Collins, son of the senior member of the firm, and with doctoring the books to cover a deficiency of about \$30,000. Oscar Collins had the power of attorney to act for the firm on the exchange, and according to detectives, made fictitious deals which were always attended with large losses. Last Thursday young Collins and Monahan disappeared, but Monahan was arrested yesterday. Mr. Collins will prosecute his son to the end.

Traction Engines to Replace Camels.

Bucyrus, O., Feb. 19.—James Lodrick, a Californian, who has just returned from China, is here arranging for the purchase of a number of ten ton steel wagons and traction engines to draw them. He will establish a service across the desert in China, and will enter active competition for the carrying trade, which is now done by camels. He says the camels can carry only about 600 pounds each and make only 20 miles a day, while his wagons will carry ten tons each and can make 60 miles. He expects to have 50 engines and 3,000 wagons actively engaged within a year.

Snowfall in Cuba.

Santiago de Cuba, Feb. 20.—Yesterday was the coldest recorded here, the temperature being 58 degrees in this city. In the mountains ten miles off the temperature was 40 degrees. Mount San Piedra, 20 miles to the northeast, with an altitude of 6,000 feet, is covered with snow. Old residents say that 30 years ago, during the war of that day, snow fell in the mountains, but none has been observed since until yesterday. A special excursion was run to a point where Mount San Piedra could be plainly seen, and hundreds of Cubans then saw snow for the first time.

Ex-Minister Phelps Out of Danger.

New Haven, Feb. 20.—The physician who has been attending F. J. Phelps, ex-minister to England, last night for the first time expressed himself authoritatively that his patient had passed the crisis and was out of danger. Though Prof. Phelps is unable to sit up yet, it is believed that he will markedly improve from day to day, and his complete recovery is but a question of a few weeks.

British Gunboat Seizes a Vessel.

Port Elizabeth, Feb. 19.—The British steamer Sabine, Captain Taylor, from New York Jan. 4, with a miscellaneous cargo, has been seized by the British gunboat Thrush and brought to Delagoa bay on suspicion of having on board articles contraband of war.

A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED.

Wednesday, Feb. 14.

A bill in the Iowa legislature admits women to vote on the same terms as men.

Eng Sing, keeper of a Philadelphia opium joint, was sent to jail for a year and fined \$500.

Ed Sims, a negro, who snatched a white woman's pocketbook, was sentenced in Kansas City to 40 years in jail.

Mrs. Roberts, aged 76, her 53-year-old son and 51-year-old daughter were found murdered at their home near Jacksonville, Fla.

A Chicago board of trade committee appeals to J. Pierpont Morgan to use his influence to prevent violations of the interstate commerce law by railroads.

Henry C. Frick brings suit to prevent Andrew Carnegie from compelling him (Frick) to dispose of his interest in the Carnegie Steel company at "a ridiculously low figure."

Thursday, Feb. 15.

Brescia, it is asserted, is forwarding troops with a view of capturing Herat.

C. E. Macrum, ex-consul at Pretoria, declares the British censor at Durban opened his official correspondence.

The total subscriptions to New York's navy arch fund have reached \$157,477, with assurances of \$54,600 more.

Ex-Senator Gorman announces that he will support Bryan after his nomination by the Democracy, "which is assured."

The Chicago anti-trust conference declared in favor of seizure of railroads "at actual value," and operation by government.

Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, of New York, was chosen to succeed Miss Susan B. Anthony as president of the National Woman's Suffrage association.

Friday, Feb. 16.

The wages of Baltimore and Ohio railroad engineers are to be increased March 1.

The senate's substitute for the house finance bill passed the upper body by 46 to 29.

In the Clark senatorial bribery case witnesses testified to attempts to bribe Montana supreme court justices.

Surrogate Fitzgerald, in New York, decides that the \$5,000,000 Vanderbilt trust fund must pay inheritance tax.

Roland B. Molineux was today taken to Sing Sing prison to await execution the week beginning March 26 for the murder of Mrs. Adams, in New York.

John Seals, a convict, was released from the Kentucky state prison on a pardon signed by Democratic Governor Beekham. Republican Governor Taylor's pardon of another prisoner is ignored.

Saturday, Feb. 17.

Toefel Wagner was killed and two other laborers overcome by sewer gas in Chicago.

Frederick Wurth, his wife and 5-year-old daughter were overcome by gas in their New York home. The child died.

There is a big increase in coal prices in England, and the drain upon English mines is said to have practically exhausted many of them.

H. H. Vreeland, president of the Metropolitan Street railway, New York, has been presented with \$100,000 by the principal owners.

Advices from Japan report that the Japanese government has knowledge that Russia will place 50,000 troops at Port Arthur within two years.

Mrs. Ida Bolls shot and slightly wounded State Senator Bradley at Jackson, Miss., because he violated his pledge to marry her, she says.

Sunday, Feb. 18.

Having confessed that he attempted to assault Mrs. C. L. Weeks, a white woman, Will Burtis was lynched at Baskett Mills, S. C.

Joshua Quincy, ex-mayor of Boston, was married in London on Saturday to Mrs. Tyler. Among the guests was Ambassador Choate.

Minister of the Interior Gonzales Carrio, of Mexico, has been promoted to the rank of brigadier general for long and meritorious service.

Dr. George S. Warren, who has been the organist and musical director of St. Thomas' church, New York, for 30 years, is to retire on a pension.

The grand jury at Louisville, Ky., has refused to indict State Senator Harrell, charged with offering \$4,500 to John H. Wallen to keep away from the Democratic caucus.

Charles F. Steele, a Carlisle (Pa.) hotel keeper, sues citizens who remonstrated against his securing a license, claiming \$15,000 damages for injury to his business and reputation.

Tuesday, Feb. 20.

Marquis of Queensberry, who died in London Feb. 1, announced in his will that he died an agnostic.

Marine disasters on the Spanish coast have resulted in the loss of at least 72 lives.

Several cases of poisoning in Moabit, Germany, are attributed to American canned corned beef.

Miss Annie Wheeler, daughter of General Joe Wheeler, is to wed Lieutenant W. W. Ficus, of the Nineteenth Infantry, now in the Philippines.

Japanese residents of Vancouver, B. C., have renewed their offer to raise and equip a corps of at least 100 trained men, 50 of them formerly soldiers in the army of Japan, for services with the British forces in South Africa.

THE PRODUCE MARKETS.

Philadelphia, Feb. 19.—Flour steady; winter superfine, \$2.00@2.05; Pennsylvania roller, clear, \$1.50@1.55; city mill, extra, \$1.50@1.70. Rye flour quiet at \$1.15@1.20 per barrel. Wheat dull: No. 2 red, spot, in elevator, 72 1/2@73 1/2; corn quiet and steady; No. 2 mixed, spot, in elevator, 34 1/2@35 1/2; No. 2 yellow, for local trade, 41 1/2@42 1/2. Oats quiet: No. 2 white, clipped, 31 1/2@32 1/2; lower grades, 29@30. Hay steady; choice timothy, \$16.00@17 for large bales. Best steady; beef hams, \$12@13.50. Pork firm; family, \$14@15. Lard firm; western steamers, 24 1/2@25. Butter steady; western creamery, 20 1/2@21; do. factory, 16 1/2@17; June creamery, 19 1/2@20; imitation creamery, 17 1/2@18; New York dairy, 18 1/2@19; do. creamery, 20 1/2@21; fancy Pennsylvania prints jobbing at 28 1/2@30; do. wholesale, 27c. Cheese firm; full made, fancy, large, 15 1/2@16; do. small, 15c.; choice grades, 14 1/2@15. Eggs firm; New York and Pennsylvania, at mark, 15 1/2@16; western, fresh, at mark, 15c.; southern, 14 1/2@15c.

THE KENTUCKY CONTEST

A Tieup in the State's Business Seems Inevitable.

TAYLOR DEFIES LEGISLATURE.

The Democratic Majority Having Ratified Their Action Declaring Governor Goebel Governor, the Republican Governor Denies Legality of Action

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 20.—The impression that the contest over the governorship will not be ended till it is fought to a finish in the courts is not lessened by the action taken by the Democratic senators in their session yesterday ratifying their former action by which Senator Goebel was declared governor. The Republicans who spoke for Republican Governor Taylor said that he would not recognize as legal the proceedings taken yesterday, and which were duplicated in the house today, but has told them that he looks upon these proceedings as illegal and will not quit the fight until the whole matter is passed upon in the courts of last resort. His position is that, the former proceeding being void, the present ratification gives them no legal vitality, that the legal presiding officer, Lieutenant Governor Marshall, had declared the session adjourned when the vote in the senate was taken, and that the vote should have been taken by yeas and nays, as in the case of a bill or joint resolution.

Negotiations to settle the conflict between Lieutenant Governor Marshall and Senator Carter over the chair in the senate went on again yesterday afternoon, but no agreement has been reached so far. There is talk among the Democratic senators of voting on the ratification of the resolutions today in the senate by yeas and nays. These resolutions yesterday received the support of 21 senators, two more than a quorum.

The state contest board is expected to render a decision by Saturday seating the Democratic contestants for minor state offices. The Democratic contestants will then be sworn in and will make a formal demand for possession of the offices. This will be refused by the Republican incumbents and injunctions similar to those pending in the courts over the governorship will be filed.

The most important immediate effect of this will be to tie up securely every branch of the state government pending settlement of the contests by the courts, as it is generally regarded as certain that banks, county officials and everybody else who have financial business with the state will refuse to recognize either set of state officials till the title to the offices is judicially ascertained.

J. L. Sutton, the sheriff of Whiteley county, who was arrested recently on a charge of complicity in the Goebel assassination, was brought here from Louisville last night, waived examination before County Judge Moran, and was admitted to bail. Sutton left for home last night in company with his uncle, State Inspector C. N. Lister. Harland Whitaker, who is also charged with complicity in the assassination, was also returned from Louisville and turned over to the local authorities, but no steps were taken in his case, and he is still in jail. Lee Jones, another suspect, is also in jail here.

Three New Jersey Storm Victims.

New Brunswick, N. J., Feb. 20.—P. L. McCarthy, a farmer living near New Brunswick, while returning to his home late Saturday night, was overcome by the cold. He lay in the place where he fell until Sunday, when he was found frozen to death. James Applegate, of Millstone, near New Brunswick, was also overcome on his way home Saturday night. He was found and sent to a hospital, where both legs were amputated. He died yesterday. Mrs. Mary Crester, a young woman, wife of a mill hand at Passaic, was found dead on Sunday night under a heap of snow in front of her home, having fallen exhausted Saturday night. Search was made all over the town for her Sunday.

Gratifying Patent Statistics.

Washington, Feb. 20.—The annual report of the commissioner of patents for the year ending Dec. 31, 1899, shows that the total receipts of the office amounted to \$1,325,457, a sum but twice exceeded since 1836. After deducting the expenditures for the year there was a surplus of \$113,673. The patent office has now paid into the treasury \$5,086,649 more than it has drawn out. The number of patents issued, including designs and reissues, was 25,527, a number but once exceeded. The number of patents expiring during the year was 18,135. In proportion to population more patents were issued to citizens of Connecticut than to those of any other state, one to every 945 inhabitants.

Captain Diaz's Narrow Escape.

Oxaca, Mex., Feb. 20.—Captain Porfirio Diaz, son of President Diaz, has been paying a visit to the camp of General Bravos' troops, who are waging the campaign against the Maya Indians in Yucatan. Captain Diaz spent several days at the front. While out with a reconnoitering party he had a narrow escape from being killed by the Indians. The detachment was ambushed and several were killed and taken prisoners. Diaz effected his escape only by hard riding.

Urging Cardinal Richards' Removal.

Paris, Feb. 20.—The Gaulois gives prominence to a statement that the government has entered into diplomatic negotiations with the Vatican to obtain the resignation of Cardinal Richards, archbishop of Paris, who recently showed sympathy with the Assumptionist Fathers, whose order had been dissolved by the government on the ground that the members used their influence against the interests of the republic.

Went Down in Gale, Four Drowned.

New York, Feb. 20.—The tug Nathan Hale arrived here yesterday with news that the barge Oakland, coal laden, had gone down off the Jersey coast in the recent storm, four men on the barge perishing.

KEYSTONE HAPPENINGS.

News Items of Interest From All Parts of the State.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS APPROPRIATION

Already Distributed by State Treasurer Beacom for the Year Ending May 31—Scranton Official's Divorce Suit—Centenarian Froze to Death.

Harrisburg, Feb. 19.—State Treasurer Beacom has completed the distribution of the school appropriation for the current fiscal year ending May 31 next. This is the first time the school districts have been paid before March 1 since the appropriation was increased to \$5,500,000. The state fiscal officers estimate the state revenues for 1900 at \$12,121,448.50, or about \$600,000 less than the receipts for 1899. Mr. Beacom says if business conditions continue as good for five years as they have been the past 18 months the state will be able, under the present revenue law, to meet its obligations, but that even the present conditions will not justify any increase of appropriations. The increase in the state revenues the past year have enabled the state treasurer to settle promptly all the claims against the commonwealth.

Vandals Shatter a Cross.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Feb. 19.—Vandals entered the cemetery of St. Trinity Lutheran church at Georgetown Friday night and after breaking down a portion of the fence overturned the gravestones and mutilated those too heavy to throw to the ground. A large cross erected over the grave of Anthony Regalis, of Mill Creek, was chipped and broken. Regalis was murdered in a row at Mill Creek about two years ago, and his assassins escaped.

Sad Death in a Box Car.

Johnstown, Pa., Feb. 20.—George Stibich, aged 30 years, an employee of the Goerner Brewing company in this city, was burned to death in a box car last night. He was stationed in the car to attend two charcoal heaters used to protect a carload of beer from the intense cold. It is supposed that he was overcome by the charcoal fumes and fell over one of the stoves. His body was half cremated. He leaves a family.

Centenarian Froze to Death.

Easton, Pa., Feb. 20.—Samuel Johnson, a colored man about 115 years old, was found frozen to death Saturday in a small building on North Green street, this city, where he and Robert Stick, a white man, lived together. Johnson was born in slavery in New Jersey, and was owned by a family named Godley. He obtained his freedom when slavery was abolished by New Jersey, and then came to Easton, residing here thereafter.

4 Scranton Official's Divorce Suits.

Scranton, Pa., Feb. 19.—City Assessor Philip J. Rinsland yesterday instituted divorce proceedings against his wife, Amy Rinsland, accusing her of unfaithfulness, and at the same time began a suit for \$30,000 damages against Edward Everhart, a wealthy young man about town, whom he charges with alienating his wife's affections.

Brakemen Caused Fatal Wreck.

Wilkesbarre, Feb. 17.—The coroner's jury investigating the cause of the wreck and dynamite explosion on the Central Railroad of New Jersey at Ashley on the night of Jan. 23, by which six lives were lost, returned a verdict last evening that the accident was caused by the failure of the brakemen on the train to apply the brakes at the proper time.

Terrible Death on a Bridge.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Feb. 19.—Walter Gulsho, of Nanticoke, was run down by a Pennsylvania passenger train while crossing a bridge Saturday evening. The man's body was found imbedded in the machinery of the locomotive, and it took some time to extricate it. He died a short time after being taken out.

Wedded Nearly Sixty-Seven Years.

Scranton, Pa., Feb. 20.—Thomas Richards, aged 88, died here last night, leaving a widow of the same age, to whom he was married April 1, 1833, nearly 67 years ago. Seven children, 22 grandchildren and six great grandchildren are his living descendants. Judge H. M. Edwards is a son-in-law.

May Destroy Sight of Three Men.

Lebanon, Pa., Feb. 19.—An explosion of hot iron at the West End rolling mill yesterday seriously burned Lincoln Felty, Edward Knockton and Conrad Witman. The men were all burned about the head, and it is feared they will lose the sight of their eyes.

PENNSYLVANIA NEWS BRIEVES.

Burglars raided the general store of Daniel Shade, at Shamokin, escaping with jewelry valued at \$50.

Tracts of land aggregating 50,000 acres in Clinton county will be added to the state forestry reserve.

The establishing of a municipal electric light plant is an issue in the borough election at Shippensburg.

At Hamtown, a mining hamlet near Pittston, James Collins, aged 22, shot and killed George Dooner, 27, in a quarrel.

The eight months' strike of the Bloomsburg Coal company employees, in Tioga county, ended in victory for the strikers.

Grangers in Centre county have adopted a resolution asking the postoffice department to give them free rural mail delivery.