# Returns of General Election,

November 3d, 1903.

Districts.	State Treas	urer	Auditor General		Jud	Judges of Superior Court.				11 2 2 1111		l'rothono- tary.		Keg. and Recorder.		District Attorney.		Jury Commis.	
	W. M. Mathues, R.	i. G. Hill, D.	Wm. P. Snyder, R.	A. G. Devalt, D.	F. A. Motrison, R.	J. J. Henderson, R.	I. A. Ward, D.	Calvin Rayburn, D.	J. F. Keller, R.	John Field, D.	G. M. Shindel, R.	J. G. Hornberger, D.	J. D. Arbogast, R.	R. L. Schroyer, D.	M. I. Potter, R.	I. G. Weiser, D.	Irwin Graybill, R.	Jacob Jarrett, D.	
Adams,	70	29	70	28	70	67	29	28	68	34	75	26	74	27	72	29	71	29	
Beaver.	109	15	97	14	107	93	14	13	101	40	112	21	103	30	116	19	195	23	
Beaver, W.	97	5	90	4	96	86	4	4	93	16	98	10	104	6	99.	11	101	8	
Centre.	97	17	96	16	97	78	15	9	64	74	117	15	112	22	116	18	112	19	
Chapman.	34	34		33	32	18	32	22	31	74	51	50	39	62	39	64	33	65	
Franklin.	116	38		36	108	83	36	32	88	87	143	34	129	46	123	49	121	53	
Jackson,	56	45	48	45	55	39	41	38	16	95	70	41	60	50	62	52	51	60	
Middleburg.	74	19		20	73	57	18	16	53	71	103	18	84	40	82	38	S7	33	
Middlecreek.	95	56		58	92	81	56	54	53	118	110	58	102	67	103	64	90	75	
Monroe.	85	59		54	82	60	55	46	58	115	114	60	106	70	101	75	90	83	
Penn.	126	68		61	127	101	64	55	65	173	164	62	140	94	141	85	124	98	
Perry.	78	54	74	52	75	63	56	48	45	106	98	49	89	60	. 90	60	80	60	
Perry W.	4.4	55		55	41	40	49	44	41	69	40	70	51	55	45	59	47	57	
Seliesgrove,	175	73	174	70	173	152	68	57	162	124	206	66	150	130	209	71	189	89	
Spring.	107	48	99	47	108	87	49	38	97	74	122	-44	112	53	116	51	106	56	
Union.	99	4:3	95	37	97	88	37	41	74	92	117	47	109	55	108	57	108	54	
Washington.	123	96	107	90	110	96	92	80	71	177	153	84	132	112	139	103	117	130	
Totals.	1585	751	1475	720	1552	1389	715	625	1179	1539	1893	755	1696	979	1761	905	1632	992	
Majorities.	831		755		837	764				360	1138		717		856		640		

#### SHIPYARD TRUST AN ARTISTIC SWINDLE

Report of Receiver Contains Charges Against Schwab and Others.

MANY SUITS MAY BE BROUGHT

New York, Nov. 2.-Sensational allegations of wilful misstatement, falsification, swindling and fraud in the organization and flotation of the United States Shipbuilding Company, of attempts to mislead and deceive the anvesting public by erroneous prospectus statements and of a deliberate plan to wreck the company by withholding the earnings of the Bethlehem Steel Company, are contained in the report of Receiver James Smith, Jr., of the United States Shipbuilding Company, made public here.

The report concludes with the recommendation that suit should be brought against all persons who received stock of the company without paying full value therefor, including the promoters of the consolidation, the venders of the constituent companies and C. M. Schwab, to recover from them such amount as necessary to pay the debts of the company in full.

sale of the Crescent ship yard plant in New Jersey and the Harlan & Hollingsworth plant at Wilmington, Del., to avoid further loss by depreciation, and the enforcement of a receiver for the Bethlehem Steel Company to ensure the payment of dividends in the Bethlehem stock held by the United States Shipbuilding Company. In the words of the report, the organization of the company is characterized as an "artistic swindle," Receiver Smith stating that the value of the plants, their earnings and working capital. given in alleged thorough reports of expert accountants, vary so much from actual figures "as to impel the belief that the figures were wilfully misstated;" that it is extremely doubtful if such accountants' reports were submitted at the organization of the company; that the organization was effected by "dummy" stockholders, directors and officers; that statements in the prospectus issued on June 14, 1902, were incorrect; that for property worth \$12,441,516 the Shipbuilding Company paid in stock and bonds \$67,997,000; that "the accommodating directors of the United States Shipbuilding Company in acquiring these companies deliberately gave away many million dollars in the stock and bonds of their company"-"wholesale plunder" the receiver terms it-to a few persons, and that, so far as the Bethlehem Steel Company is concerned, "its carnings have been withheld in a deliberate attempt to wreck the United States Shipbuilding Company."

The report deals fully with the name of Charles M. Schwab, and the nature of the transaction, says Mr. Smith, is such as "to justify him (Mr. Schwab) in saying that he dld not sell the Bethlehem Steel Company, but took over the United States Shipbuilding Company, the directors of that company giving him \$30,000,000 in stock and bonds for taking it off their hands.

The recommendations of the receiver in full are as follows:

"1-That in order to avoid depre ciation by disuse, and because of the existence of controversies as to the validity of the encumbrances upon the premises, the Crescent ship yard be sold free and clear of all such encumbrances as soon as the work now in contemplation is completed.

'2-That similar action be taken with reference to the plant of the Harlan & Hollingsworth Company, Wilmington, Del.

"3-That as soon as the debts of the company shall have been ascertained suit shall be instituted against all persons who received the stock of this company without paying full through the debris.

value therefor, to recover from them such an amount as shall be necessary to pay said debts in full, under section 21 of an act of the legislature of the state of New Jersey, entitled An act concerning corporations (revision of

the Bethlehem Steel Company to procure the appointment of a receiver and to compel the appropriation of the dividends on the stock."

Goelet Wedding November 10.

New, York, Nov. 3.- The wedding of Miss Goelet and the Duke of Roxburghe is to be celebrated in St. Thomas church on Tuesday, November 10. Robert Goelet, the bride's brother, will give her away. The bride's attendants will be Miss Martha Johnston, Miss Therese Iselin, Miss Beatrice Mills, Miss Alice Babcock, Miss Nina Thayer, of Boston; Lady Isabel Innes Ker and Miss Pauline Whiftier. The Hon. Reginald Ward will be best man. The number of guests asked to the church is about 200, and to the house only about 40 have been invited. It is the purpose to make the purpose are possible.

Pennsy Declares Dividend.

Philadelphia, Nov. 3.-At a meeting of the board of directors of the Penn-Receiver Smith also recommends the sylvania Railroad Company a semiannual dividend of 3 per cent. was declared, payable on and after November 30, 1903, to stockholders of record at subsidiary plants not now in operation, close of business November 5, 1903. The dividend declared will be paid on \$288,642,850, and will, therefore, be disbursement of \$8,659,285, as against \$6,131,428, the amount of the dividend of 3 per cent. on about \$204,-380,900 of stock declared in May las

> BIG BLAZE AT THE VATICAN Great Damage Done By Fire That Be-

gan In Apartment Over Library. Rome, Nov. 2.-Fire broke out in that portion of the Vatican containing the hall of inscriptions, where the pope gives his audiences and which is adjacent to the famous Pinacoteca, or gallery of pictures. Strenuous efforts were made to control the flames, and the firemen of Rome were called to lend their help. No lives were lost. No idea of the damage can yet be obtained. The pope came to the scene in person and remained until the arrangements to fight the fire were completed.

The entire museum of inscriptions, the rooms of Father Ehrle, part of the library and the printing houses were entirely flooded with water. It is to possible to reach even an approximate idea of the extent of the damage. Many articles were saved, including some ancient and very valuable arms, which were recently moved to the library from the Borgia apartment in order to make room for the new residence of the papal secretary of state. Many things that escaped the flames were injured by water, especially the precious private library of Pope Leo, which Father Ehrle had been rear ranging in accordance with the last wish of the late pontiff.

Parks Guilty of Extortion.

New York, Oct. 31.-For the second time within two months, Samuel J. Parks, walking delegate of the Housesmiths and Bridgemen's Union, local No. 2, was convicted of the crime of extortion in the court of general sessions. It took the jury just 12 minutes, during which time they took two ballots, to agree on the guilt of Parks in extorting \$500 from the Tiffany Studios, a firm of contractors, under threat of keeping them from continuing work on buildings last January.

Seven Car Loads of Stock Killed. St. Louis, Nov. 3.-While running at a high rate of speed an inbound Wabash freight crashed into a freight shead in a dense fog, injuring seven men, two of whom may die, and killing seven car loads of stock. The caboose of the train ahead was split open and seven stockmen were burled

#### MURDERED HIS TWO BROTHERS

"4-That suit be instituted against Fratricide Then Locked Himself in Barn and Defied Officers.

earnings of that company by way of SLAYER IS PROBABLY INSANE

Pottsville, Pa., Nov. 3. - Worked into a frenzy as a result of an altercation with his brother, Benjamin Franklin Weissinger, living on a farm several miles from this city, shot and killed his two brothers, attempted to kill his sister and a sister-in-law, and held a large posse of policemen at bay nine hours before he was captured. The tragedy occurred on the farm of the father of the men. The dead men are: Louis Weissinger, aged 27 years, single, and Frederick, aged 25, who leaves a widow. The fratricide is 45 years old.

Benjamin and Frederick had a quarrel over the cleaning of a horse. Fredtick wanted to a horse out without cleaning him, to which Benjamin objected. During the altercation Benjamin fired four shots at Fred without any or them taking effect. Frederick fled to the attic of the house and was followed into the house by the en-stein called Bechtel and stars raged brother. The latter secured a swer, but he thought he have Winchester repeating rifle, and as he usual gurgle. House Ser - at was leaving the house he encountered G. Roth had been three : his other brother, Louis, at the kitch- only a short time before en door. Without a word of warning later ha entered the corrider and Ben'amin fired at Louis the bullet ed both men. Getting no : striking him in the side. The victim | Bechtel he looked into him fell unconscious and died in balf an was appalled to see a stream of bluhour without uttering a word.

The murderer then walked down a path and caught a glimpse of Fred- cell and cut his throat with a knife. erick, who was looking out of the attic window. Benjamin quickly raised his rifle and fired. The bullet entered Frederick's cheek and penetrated the brain. He fell dead across the window sill. His wife, who had gone to the attic with him, attempted to drag the body into the room. She succeeded in this but not before Benjamin had fired several shots at her without effect. The double murderer's attention was then attracted to his sister, Mary. who had come out of the house to persuade him from doing any more shooting. She persisted so strongly that he turned his rifle upon her and fired twice, but his aim was bad. The young woman escaped into the house.

Having realized what he had done and fearing arrest Benjamin decided to barricade himself in the barn. He went into the house, secured a shot gun, several revolvers and ammunition and then took up his position in the barn. The women of the house notified neighbors who in turn summoned police assistance from this city. Every attempt the authorities made to approach the barn was met with several shots from Weissinger, and reinforcements were sent for. Towards evening, after a parley with the murderer, he permitted David Wertz and Samuel Lovett, farm hands, to enter the barn and feed the horses and cattle, Weissinger in the meantime kept the

men covered with his firearms. When Sheriff Smith appeared on the scene a ruse was planned to capture the man. Another parley was held with the murderer and he agreed to let the two farm hands bring him his supper. The men were instructed to watch their opportunity, seize him by the arms and yell which would be the signal for the deputies to rush in, This they did and a terrible struggle took place. The murderer is a very powerful man, but the force of numbers was too much for him and he was tied hand and foot before he could further use his weapons. He was brought to this city, and will be given a hearing after the funeral of his brothers.

Weissinger is believed to be insane. His mind is said to have been failing for some time. He had nothing to say regarding the tragedy except that he "I am bewitched."

#### BECHTEL MURDER MYSTERY SOLVED

Accused Brother Commits Suicide in Allentown Jail

POLICE TELL STORY OF CRIME

Allentown, Pa., Oct. 30. - Thomas Bechtel, who was held awaiting investigation of the murder of his sister. Mabel H. Bechtel, at their home a few days ago, committed suicide in his cell in the Central Police station. The police consider this act as a practical acknowledgment of Bechtel's guilt. Bechtel was in cell No. 2 on the right side of the corridor. Several relatives and friends were admitted to see him. After they left he called across the corridor to Alois Echatena. Miss Bochtel's affianced lover, who is also held pending the coroners in quest: "Hello Al, are you there?" "Yes," answered Eckstein.

Bechtel responded: "I will " were here with me now that we all it die together."

These were the last from Bechtel. A short time over it. running over the cell floor. Beslit. had laid bimself on the bruch in his He was dead when found. The knife lay near him on the floor.

The suicide of Thomas Bechtel has been followed by the police officials telling the story of the murder of Miss Bechtel as gathered by them. It starts with last Thursday, when Eckstein accompanied Miss Bechtel to Philadelphia. He left her there and returned home. Weisenberg met her in Philadelphia and accompanied her to Allentown, leaving there Sunday at 4 P. M. and reaching here four hours later. They went to a certain place together. where they remained until midnight. Thomas Bechtel heard of this and, being strenuously opposed to Weisenberg, he upbraided her in her room upon her return home. He struck her a powerful blow on the cheek, causing her to fall heavily against a bureau, dean. Members of the family held a council and decided upon the story made public on Tuesday and upon the dispension of the body and clothing as .com. Charles Bechtel's slaters' and act was used in striking a blow on the hand of the dead girl to give semblance of the assault.

This happened immediately after midnight. The body was concealed in the home until Monday night, when it was placed in the areaway, where it was found Tuesday morning. Eckstein knew nothing of the murder, the

The Coroner's Inquest. The inquest on Mabel Bechtel's death began in the mayor's court room last evening. Coroner Schierer's jury comprised E. J. Crader, C. M. Bealer, V. M. Frey, W. A. Nunsicker, Charles Kramer and W. W. Riedy. The entire Bechtel family was present. At the opening of the inquest they did not know of Tom's suicide. The first witness called was Dr. W. W. Ashbach, who assisted at the post-mortem examination of Miss Bechtel. He ascribed the cause of death to the fractured skull and hemorrhage the result there-

Weisenberg's Story.

David Weisenberg was called, and when questioned, his attorney, Mr. Kline objected, because his answers might become incriminating and asked that the witness be permitted to exereise his privilege. Weisenberg testified evening from 8 to 11 o'clock and then left her at the door of her own home:

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did not see it after that, and made no attempt to do so. He sent a note to her by messenger at 9 o'clock Monday morning. The note read: "If you are at home I would like to see you." The boy returned with the answer that Mabel was not at home. The subsequent movements of the witness until his arrival here Wednesday afternoon from New York were detailed as have already been published. The witness never spoke to Eckstein. The latter stopped Miss Bechtel twice on the street when witness was with her and wanted to speak to her, but she refused each time; Eckstein walked away without saying anything; witness never promised Mabel \$5. Never heard Eckstein make threats.

Mrs. Bechtel, Miss Bechtel, Mrs. Brobst, a married daughter; John and Charles Bechtel and Eckstein were separately called before the jury. Each refused to aiswer any questions whatsoever, stating that they might say something that would tend to incriminate themselves. It was while Mrs. Bechtel was in the court room that she learned that Thomas was dead. Her attorney, Mr. Schaadt, asked Chief Eastman: "Where is Thomas now?" The chief hesitated and said: "I guess at the morgue. He committed suicide in his cell." With this Mrs. Bechtel broke down completely, weeping violently. Dr. Eshback was quickly at her side, and she was led from the room in a state of collapse.

Dr. John Lear, biologist of Muhlenberg College, testified that stains on hatchet, wall paper, bed sheet and overalls were blood.

Verdict of Jury. The jury then rendered the following verdict:

We believe that Mabel Bechtel came to her death at 627 Cedar street (her home) between Sunday evening, Octo-

ber 25, and Tuesday morning, October 27, and that death was due to a fractured skull from a blow inflicted by some person in the house unknown to the jury. We believe that the inmates of the house, Mrs. Catharine Bechtel, Myrtha Bechtel, John Bechtel. Charles Bechtel and Alois Eckstein are accessories after the fact of

Warrants of arrest were served upon Mrs. Bechtel and the members of her family and Eckstein. They were taken before Mayor Lewis, who accepted bail for Mrs. Bechtel in \$1000, Myrtha 9 Bechtel in \$400 and Eckstein in \$500.

John and Charles Bechtel were committed to jail. Application for a writ of habeas corpus will be made.

Bristol, Tenn., Nov. 3.—Headed by John Fox, Jr., the noted author, the most thorough search yet made for the missing milionaire, E. L. Wentz, is being instituted in the mountains between Big Stone Gap and the Kentucky line, with the latest improved electrical devices as a means of exploring all caves and caverns. Thousands of feet in caves in the mountains have been made as plain as day by the light from the electrical contrivances. D. B. Wents, elder brother of the missing man; J. F. Bullitt, general counsel for the Virginia Coal and Iron Company, of which young Wentz was land agent, and Author John Fox, Jr., are making the new search. There are no new clues, though rumors are thick and unreliable. As to the report of the missing man being held for ransom and an offer being made the family for his release, reports from Big Stone Gap say there is no truth in it.

Dowie's Host Leaves New York.

New York, Nov. 2.- The closing day of the visitation of Dowle's restoration host to this city was celebrated with almost continuous services at Madison Square Garden, 38 men and 41 women and girls receiving the triune baptism, about 200 receiving the right hand of fellowship Into the Christian Catholic Church of Zion, and something like 900 persons receiving the holy sacranent. The services were but sparsely attended. The host left today over various railroads for Chicago, but Dr. Dowie and some of his elders remain for the Carnegie Hall meetings during the coming week.

Big Find of Coal.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Nov. 3.-A large outcrop of coal has been discovered on the Koonsville farm, along the line of the Lehigh Valley railroad, three miles from Meehopany, in Wyoming county, and the farmers there are greatly interested over the vast find. Coal experts have been on the grounds for the past week investigating the outcrop. The specimens taken from the land are pure anthracite coal. An old resident of Meehopany says that as far back as 50 years ago he dug that he was with Mabel on Sunday and burned coal from this extensive farm.

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three women and a 10-months-old bill were burned to death or suffocated a fire which started in the House All Nations, a five-story tenemes house at 426 Eleventh avenue, which the police and coroner belief to have been of incendiary or in.
Some of the peculiar features of #

disaster, in addition to the startist loss of life, are that the fire was pratically extinguished in 20 minutes that the police could learn of but of person being injured, other than those who lost their lives, and that the property loss was only \$7000. The dead are mostly Italians.

At the windows, front and res bodies of men and women wer gtruggle to get free resulted in complete choking up of these exits the fire escapes and had been the cause of a number of the inmates by ing suffocated. Lying on a bed along side a window at the rear of the four floor the firemen found the bodies five men. Each had clutched the next to him in an endeavor to per him away in order to get to the escape outside. The features of men were distorted, some with fil others with agony, and in two other so hard that blood had drawn and had run over their hend