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## ITEMS CONDENSED.

Great Britain owns more land of North America than the United States. The number of persons to the square mile in this country is 17, while in England it is 480.

The length of the foot should be one sixth the height of a well-formed person.

Los Angeles has over thirty-five women who are earning their living as barbers.

There are now upward of 400 bunches of grapes on the famous vine at Hampton Court Palace, England, which is 158 years old.

The mines of the world employ 5,000,000 persons, and more than one third of them are in the British Empire.

When the telephone wires are overlaid the speed of transmission is at the rate of 16,000 miles a second; when the wires are through cables under the sea the speed is only 6020 miles a second.

Berlin now has over 6,000 cabs with taximeters—dials indicating the distance traversed and cost to the passenger.

There are no paupers in the Gold Coast Colony, and there are neither lunatic asylum, reformatory nor poorhouse.

Ten carloads of Christmas trees, number, 10,000 trees, arrived in Pittsburgh on Tuesday from Vermont. About 40,000 more will be shipped to the smoky city.

Experiments made in Germany show that butter keeps best if mixed with 3 to 5 per cent. of salt. If the percentage of salt is over 6 the result is less satisfactory.

The Australian government gives her aged citizens a pension of nearly \$3.50 per week.

Emperor Francis Joseph, of Austria, is said to be one of the finest linguists in Europe.

By the birth of the little son and heir to Prince and Princess Alexander of Teck, the number of unmarried English princes is now increased to eleven.

Dewet, who so stoutly led the Boer forces in their final resistance, has now assumed the role of Cincinnatus, being minister of agriculture in the Orange Free State.

The government's new blue book shows that 306,000 persons are now employed in the country's civil service.

Flour orders from the Orient have to go to Manitoba because of the inability of the Pacific Coast flour mills to fill them even at an advance in prices.

In Lewiston Me., there is a young woman cobbler, and in New York state a blacksmith shop is run by three women.

In his half hour-private talk with Secretary Taft the Russian czar complimented American sanitation on the Isthmus of Panama.

Walking arm in arm on the Pennsylvania railroad tracks west of Homewood, Beaver county, on Sunday night, Robert Freed, aged 23, and Miss Rayback, aged 18 years, who were shortly to be married, were struck and instantly killed by a passenger train. Another couple who were with them escaped by jumping from the track.

Mrs. Caroline McKahan, who sued the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad company to recover \$30,000 damages for the death of her husband in a grade crossing accident at Claysville, Washington county, a year ago, has been awarded \$5,000.

Saturday was the fifty-first wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Scott, of Butler, Mr. Scott spent the day serving as a grand juror. A year ago the golden wedding celebration had been planned but did not come off owing to the serious illness of Mr. Scott at the time.

The new law and order society of Schuylkill county claims to have evidence to prove that there are over 150 saloons in that county where liquors can be procured on Sundays, by giving particular raps and a specified password at a rear door, while the front doors are kept closed.

The Salvation Army of Milwaukee is going to furnish shoes for 200 children on Christmas and fill 250 baskets for the poor on Christmas day.

## BOROUGH COUNCIL AWARDS CONTRACT

The borough council Friday night awarded the contract for an additional engine and generator for the borough light plant to the Allis-Chalmers company at its bid of \$8600.

The session was a lengthy one. The routine work was rushed through as quickly as possible in order to get at the proposals for the new light unit, which it was understood under the circumstances would form the theme for protracted discussion before the contract would be awarded.

The reading of the bids occupied nearly an hour. Each embraced several pages of typewritten matter and was very technical. The specifications differed much, the figures likewise varying. It only remained for the committee to make a selection, selecting the best machine, embodying the best principle, for the money.

Each of the representatives was given an opportunity to speak at length on the relative merits of his machine, after which the committee retired to the adjoining room to make a selection.

The committee returned to the room after which council went into executive session. The committee recommended the purchasing of an engine and generator of low speed in preference to the higher speed unit. It recommended that the bid of the Allis-Chalmers company at \$8600 be accepted, as it is the lowest bid and in the estimation of the committee the best of all of the engines and generators offered.

On motion of Mr. Jacobs it was ordered that the Allis-Chalmers proposition be accepted on condition that articles in agreement Nos. 1 and 3 be stricken out.

The following gentlemen representing the different manufacturing firms bidding were present at the meeting: J. B. Nicholson and T. H. Allen, Allis Chalmers Co.; C. A. Thomas, Fort Wayne Elec. Works; H. E. Geisler, Crocker-Wheeler Co.; F. W. Gladding, Westinghouse Elec. & Mfg. Co.; R. S. Beecker, Harrisburg Foundry & Machine Co.; H. S. Armstrong, Murray Iron Works.

Mr. Eisenhauer, proprietor of the shooting gallery, appeared before council, asking that the monthly license of five dollars be reduced. On motion of Mr. Everhart it was ordered that said license be reduced to three dollars per month.

On motion of Mr. Jacobs it was ordered that the clerk be instructed to notify the D. L. & W. Railroad company to repair the sidewalk pavement over the canal on Mill street, which has become very much out of repair and has caused a couple of persons to fall.

Mr. Dietz, chairman of the committee on public improvements, reported that work on the new park had been suspended for the present season. A railing will be erected to shut out travel from Upper Mulberry street. In this connection it was reported that one or more parties have already violated the rules by driving over the park.

The following members were present: Sweisfort, Pursel, Jacobs, Everhart, Moyer, Dietz, Russell, Angle, Hughes and Schatz.

A communication was received from Mrs. Herrington disclaiming ownership of the well in front of her property on Iron street. On motion of Mr. Jacobs it was ordered that the street commissioner be instructed to fill up the well.

Borough Electrician Smith presented his report, which showed that the cost of operating the light plant during the month of November was \$493.88. Ninety-seven tons of coal at \$2.75 per ton were consumed. The plant was in operation 388 hours and 40 minutes.

## MISS BRUDER MEETS WITH ACCIDENT

Miss Gussie Bruder met with a bad fall about five o'clock Tuesday eve. She was in the act of calling upon Mrs. H. M. Sober, Mill street. She ascended the front steps but instead of entering the dentist's rooms, she proceeded along the hallway leading to the residence portion in the rear.

At the end of the hallway is a flight of steps six or seven in number which in the dim light was not visible. Down these steps Miss Bruder fell headfirst.

The noise of the fall soon brought help. Miss Bruder lay at the foot of the stairs unconscious and remained in that state for at least five minutes. She revived, but at last accounts was suffering from a bad scalp wound an inch and a half in length. Dr. Stock administered.

Mrs. Carson May, of Coatesville, was terribly burned on Saturday night by the explosion of a lamp which she tried to remove from a hall bracket.

## DESIGN FOR THE MONUMENT

The soldiers' monument committee has selected a design for the memorial to be erected in the new park. The design was selected from one of the four beautiful creations produced especially for the committee by the Van Amringe Granite company, which will build the monument.

The memorial will be in the form of an obelisk seventy-three feet high standing on a base thirty feet square, the whole being constructed of fine granite. On each corner of the base will be a granite ball three feet in diameter. At the base of the obelisk will be four figures of heroic size one on each side, representing the infantry, artillery, cavalry and the goddess of peace. The cost of the memorial will be about \$15,000.

Little Montour will enjoy the distinction of having a monument that is unique. In this State obelisks are exceedingly rare, if not wholly absent, military memorials generally assuming one or another of the several forms that is familiar. Hon. James Foster, chairman of the soldiers' monument committee, has been interested in the matter of a design for six years past. Not only has he looked over the battle fields of Gettysburg and Antietam but he has also examined a large number of soldiers' monuments erected by the Grand army posts at different towns throughout the country. While none of these met his ideas as to just what a memorial should be like in order to suit our county and the site selected here he did obtain many ideas, which assisted him to outline the grand memorial that has just been adopted.

Mr. Foster told the Van Amringe people just what he thought Montour county wanted in the way of a monument and he made himself so clear that the memorial produced by the artist captured the entire committee at first sight. In a few days the public will have an opportunity of judging as to the merits of the memorial.

On Saturday Mr. Foster stated that as soon as practicable the representation or design of the monument as produced by the Van Amringe company will be neatly framed and placed in one of the windows on Mill street where it can be viewed by the passers-by. The monument will also be reproduced on small photographs, for the use of the solicitors, who will canvass the town during the coming winter.

As soon as the necessary formality can be complied with a contact with the Van Amringe company will be executed, after which work on the memorial will begin in the company's yards at Boston. Meanwhile it will be the duty of Montour county to raise the money for the beautiful memorial. The sum needed seems a large one, but the committee has confidence that it can be raised. An effort will be made to have the monument erected and paid for by the Fourth of July.

## HE WAS AN "UMBRELLA MECHANIC"

Of the small army of tramps that infest the country, while a large percentage are criminal in their nature, another proportion would appear to be half demented and dangerous to the public on that score.

There is scarcely a week but one or more of the tramps given shelter in the lock-up show evidence of being weak minded. A case in point occurred on Monday. During the evening an odd specimen of humanity turned up at the hospital for the insane, where he made himself obnoxious by throwing stones against the building. The authorities got rid of him finally and he appeared down town, where he got into the lock-up.

He refused to attend to the fire during the night and in the morning the bastle was cold as an ice house. When he was chided for his neglect he seemed very much offended and reminded the officer that he was an "umbrella mechanic" and that being a mere guest in the lock-up it was not his place to "fix the fire." He would sooner freeze.

Tuesday night he was still about town and found shelter in the lock-up. Along with some others of his class he was run out of town yesterday morning.

## DEATH OF BEAVER WILLIAMS

Beaver Williams, well known about Danville died at the county farm at 8 o'clock Tuesday morning and was buried at the institution yesterday afternoon. The cause of death was cirrhosis of the liver.

The deceased went to the county farm about six weeks ago. He grew steadily worse until Tuesday, when death brought relief. He was forty-five years of age.

Merchants are hoping for Christmas weather.

## THE HOLIDAY VACATION

In view of the prevalence of typhoid fever in the borough the public schools will adopt the precaution of boiling the water used by the pupils for drinking.

Dr. Barber brought the matter up at the regular meeting of the school board Monday. He said he had been approached by many persons, who thought that the water used in school should be boiled. As a physician he believed that under the existing conditions, it would be a wise precaution. The matter was discussed at length, when on motion of Dr. Barber it was ordered that the water be boiled as during the prevalence of typhoid fever last winter.

Borough Superintendent Dieffenbacher presented a significant report as to the general health of the pupils. When the schools reopened yesterday after the ten days' vacation it was discovered that 68 pupils were out of school on account of illness. After a careful examination, of these it was discovered fourteen have the typhoid fever.

On motion of Mr. Fischer it was ordered that the schools close for the holiday vacation on December 24th and that they reopen on January 6th. Mr. Fischer of the building and repair committee reported that the furnace of the third ward school building is in a state of collapse. The life of such a furnace is about 16 years, which is about the length of time that has elapsed since the building was erected and the furnace was installed.

On motion of Mr. Swartz it was ordered that a new furnace be purchased of the Danville Stove & Manufacturing company and be installed in the third ward building during the Christmas vacation.

An application was received from Helen S. Shannon, graduate of the high school, for the position of pupil teacher. On motion of Mr. Sechler Miss Shannon was elected as pupil teacher in the borough schools.

On motion of Dr. Barber it was ordered that all deeds relating to the school property that are not recorded be recorded without any delay.

On motion of Mr. Fischer it was ordered that the pupils of the commercial department be permitted to do work in short hand and typewriting for persons about town either during school hours or at other times.

The following members were present: Pursel, Orth, Swartz, Fish, Fischer, Sechler, Cole, Barber.

## WATER SHOULD BE ANALYZED

At the present time it might be very gratifying to know for a certainty just what the condition of our hydrant water is. In view of the excellent system of filtration employed some persons assume that it is perfectly pure. The opinion of these persons is strengthened by the report of the analyses of the water made at long and irregular intervals.

That a large number of citizens lack faith in the efficacy of the filter plant to eliminate bacteria is quite certain. As relates to the analysis it might also be added that they see nothing in those tests to convince them that the water is at all times pure.

At the present time it would be very reassuring if the water pumped into the mains were subjected to a series of tests covering a given period that would be sure to reveal bacilli if any exist. But little importance is attached to the analysis of water as made in the past.

Would it not be a little short of remarkable if a small phial of water extracted from the reservoir once every year or so should happen to contain some of the bacilli assuming that they exist in certain quantities; in other words are such tests conclusive evidence that these dangerous microscopic organisms do not exist in the reservoir and that repeated analysis might not show that they do exist?

It is suggested that a small quantity of water be taken from the reservoir weekly or even at shorter intervals if advisable, and sent away to be properly analyzed. If the water be pronounced pure after such a systematic series of tests then the conclusion would be irresistible that our water supply is not a source of danger and a great burden would be lifted from the people.

Why should not the water commissioners, who are interested in furnishing our citizens with pure water, take up this work and enter upon some thorough and systematic test that will settle to the satisfaction of every one the mooted question of whether or not the water is absolutely pure.

Just as Peter Veras, an inmate of the Pottsville hospital from Lansford, bade good-bye to some friends on Sunday evening, saying "I'll soon be well," he dropped over dead. He was suffering from pneumonia.

## STOLEN GOODS RECOVERED

During the last couple of days there have been some interesting developments relating to the robbery of J. H. Fry's music store, this city, which took place on the night of August 29 or the morning of the 30th. Goods to the value of about one-third of the amount stolen were Monday recovered and identified by Mr. Fry. The party suspected of the robbery is doing time in Sunbury jail.

On Sunday Chief-of-Police Mince-moyer got onto a clew, which indicated that the goods might be recovered in Sunbury or Shamokin. The chief assigned the case to Officer Voris, who accompanied by J. H. Fry Monday morning left on the 9 o'clock Pennsylvania train for Sunbury. Arriving at the latter place, following instructions, they proceeded to the county prison, where they had an interview with one of the prisoners, Dallas Jones, colored, of Shamokin, who spent some time in Danville last summer.

Jones was asked what he knew about the several mandolins and other booty carried off from Mr. Fry's store. He produced a mandolin, which he was using in jail, that evidently had not been stolen from Mr. Fry and he disclaimed all knowledge of the robbery or the whereabouts of the booty. He was especially emphatic in the assertion that none of the goods would be found at his home in Shamokin. He readily handed over a new mandolin, which he said had been left at the jail Monday morning and concerning which he had no knowledge. Mr. Fry felt convinced that this mandolin had been stolen from his store and he took possession of it.

Proceeding directly to Shamokin Officer Voris and Mr. Fry caused a search warrant to be issued and proceeded to search the premises of Dal Jones, the prisoner, at that place. They were rewarded by finding a fine mandolin valued at eighteen dollars and a quantity of strings of a very expensive kind, all of which Mr. Fry readily identified as goods stolen from his store. In the house with Jones' wife was his mother-in-law. The women explained that Jones had represented that he had purchased the goods at an auction sale in Harrisburg and that he regarded them as a great bargain.

Officer Voris and Mr. Fry returned to Danville on the 2:31 Pennsylvania train, bringing with them the two mandolins and the box of strings. The value of the goods carried off by the robbers was not less than one hundred dollars. The combined value of mandolins and the strings recovered was scarcely more than one-third of that amount.

Dal Jones is serving ninety days in jail for making threats against his wife. Before leaving Sunbury Officer Voris left a warrant at the jail, which will be served upon Jones as soon as his present sentence expires, which will be some time in February.

The robbery at J. H. Fry's store was an especially bold one. A ladder had been dragged to the rear window and at the great risk of breaking his neck the burglar had climbed up to the second story, one side of the ladder only having support, the other side being suspended over the deep bed of Blizzard's run. Down over this frail support all the booty was carried. Besides a number of mandolins, several shelves were stripped of their contents, mostly consisting of valuable strings for musical instruments. At the time no clew could be discovered. The burglar evidently desired to convey the impression that he was an Italian. On the counter lay a large catalogue envelope on the blank side of which he had "printed" the following with a lead pencil: "I no play, butta sella mandolina. Goods mon. I go Scrantonia."

## DEATH OF MRS. FRED WENDEL, JR.

Mrs. Frederick Wendel, Jr., a widely known and highly esteemed young married woman of this city died yesterday morning after a two weeks' illness at her home on Railroad street.

The deceased was aged 25 years, 4 months and 2 days and is survived by her husband and two children, Walter and Clarence. Two brothers and two sisters also survive; Walter, Clarence, Elsie and Mary VonBlohn, all of Danville. Before marriage Mrs. Wendel was Miss Augusta Pauline VonBlohn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob VonBlohn, Cross street.

Mrs. Wendel was a prominent member of St. John's German Lutheran church. She was a faithful wife and possessed a wide circle of friends. The funeral will take place Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock from the home at 515 Railroad street. Interment will be made in the Odd Fellows' cemetery.

This will be a happy holiday season in Danville.

## SEVEN DEAD IN BRIDGE COLLAPSE

With a sudden crash followed by the slow grinding of iron and wood, the second span of the Millville bridge collapsed Tuesday afternoon at a few minutes before five o'clock, carrying seven men to death and severely injuring twice as many others.

The horrible holocaust comes at Millville as the second of two accidents that have overtaken the York Bridge company during the construction of the bridge across the Susquehanna river at that point, the partly completed bridge having been carried away during the great ice flood of several years ago.

The bridge was being built out from the Millville or south side of the river. The first span, which passes over the Pennsylvania tracks, was completed and the second span was nearly ready to swing.

WORKED TO FINISH SPAN  
The false work of the second span had been placed in position several days ago and work was proceeding on the second span when the river began to rise Monday night. Tuesday work was pushed with all possible speed to finish the second span before the river rose to a menacing height. As Tuesday afternoon was drawing to a close it became evident that it would be possible to complete and swing the second span before quitting time, so all energy was bent with that end in view.

The big traveler, which was so familiar a sight to the people of Danville who watched the construction of the bridge at this place several years ago, and which is used by the bridge builders as a moveable crane to lift and place in position the heavy iron work, was at the outer end of the span. A number of the men were perched on top of this traveler 160 feet above the water.

ONLY A FEW BOLTS MORE.  
Five o'clock was the quitting time and as the hour approached the men were working like beavers. Only a few more bolts remained to be placed before the span would swing, when without the slightest warning, the false work under the heavy traveler, its base undermined by the flood, collapsed with a report that was heard by hundreds of people in the neighboring village. Followed a roar as the rest of the weakened structure with the weight of the entire span upon it crashed into the river, carrying into the icy flood to death and injury all of the workmen.

A HEART RENDING SCENE.  
The scene that followed the fatal accident baffles description. Twisted and gnarled by the terrific strain the massive iron pieces and heavy steel supports became a seething mass in the river, pinned into which and helpless were the bodies of the dead and injured.

The loud report of the collapse told the villagers of the catastrophe, and men hurrying to the scene were quick to begin the work of rescue. A remarkable circumstance is that there was no chaos, but each bent to his duty as he found it, and quietly but efficiently aided in the work of recovering the bodies of the dead and saving the struggling unfortunates.

About thirty row boats were on the river a few minutes after the first crash, manned by cool and self-possessed men who performed many thrilling rescues.

CARING FOR THE INJURED.  
As fast as the injured were removed from the river they were taken to the Pennsylvania station at Millville and from there to the different homes in the village. Doctors from Millville were aided by a corps of physicians from Berwick. Houses in the town were thrown open to the injured and everything was done for the comfort of the men.

The work of the rescuers was greatly hindered by the fact that the accident occurred just before nightfall. While but a few of the men had been removed from the debris darkness fell over the scene of the disaster, and the men in the boats could be guided to the unfortunates only by the light of lanterns and torches or by the piteous cries of some victim jammed among the wreckage in the freezing water.

THE DEAD.  
What is believed to be a complete list of the dead is as follows:

MILLARD BOWMAN, of Millville, married for but a year and survived by his wife and baby.  
A. W. FAHS, of Selinsgrove.  
CHARLES CREITZER, of Selinsgrove.  
ADAM NUSS, of Selinsgrove.  
ADAM TRUTT, of Beaver Valley.  
IRVIN UPDEGRAFF, of Georgetown, Pa.  
GEORGE B. FOX, residence unknown.

With the exception of the first mentioned the dead are all bridge workers.

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## ARRESTED IN POTTSVILLE

Our readers will be glad to learn that the burglars who robbed Thomas J. Evans Saturday night have been captured and that at least a portion of the booty has been recovered. Mr. Evans, who conducts a cigar store in connection with his barber shop on Bloom street near the P. & R. crossing, it will be recalled, has proven a special target for burglars and has been robbed three times in as many years past.

Following the robbery Chief-of-Police Mince-moyer sent out to surrounding towns a description of the goods stolen—razors and high-priced tobacco pipes—and asking that the police keep a lookout for suspicious characters.

Yesterday morning Mr. Evans was called up by the chief-of-police of Pottsville and was asked to give a minute description of the goods stolen from his establishment. Two men were under arrest in Pottsville, who had a number of razors and pipes in their possession. A brief conversation over the phone sufficed to establish the fact that the goods undoubtedly belonged to Mr. Evans.

It was arranged that the police should hold the men until Mr. Evans, accompanied by an officer could reach Pottsville to positively identify the goods and bring the robbers back to Danville.

Chief Mince-moyer took the matter in hand and, accompanied by Mr. Evans, left on the 10:17 Pennsylvania train for Pottsville yesterday forenoon. It was quite uncertain whether they would be able to transact their business in Pottsville in time to catch the last train for Danville yesterday. The chances were that they would not be able to return home until this morning. Meanwhile there seems to be little doubt but that they have got the thieves and that Mr. Evans will recover at least a portion of his property.

LATER.

A message received from Mr. Evans last evening stated that, instead of two hoboes, the robbers proved to be well known Danville men. Mr. Evans also stated that Chief Mince-moyer and himself intended to leave Pottsville with the prisoners, last evening and might arrive at Danville some time during the night.

## DISEASES THAT ARE PREVALENT

The report made by the Borough Superintendent at the meeting of the school board Monday night to the effect that sixty-eight pupils are out of school on account of illness and that fourteen of these have typhoid fever has had a somewhat disquieting effect upon the public, people being anxious to know something about the nature of the diseases that are prevalent.

The fact is self-evident that the public health, to whatever cause it may be due, is below par just at this season of year. The prevalence of typhoid fever, which is hard to account for in itself, only partially explains the situation. The local registrar Tuesday stated that among the school children measles are becoming very prevalent, in addition to which there are chicken pox and mumps. There are a few cases of diphtheria in town, but with the proper precautions there is no probability that the disease will spread to any extent.

As relates to typhoid fever the local registrar states that the status of the disease in Danville remains at about the same as at the beginning of the month—eighteen cases.

Our physicians generally do not take an optimistic view of the situation. One doctor, who has already reported eleven cases, Tuesday stated that he had four more cases to report, while he knows of another physician who has three cases to report.

According to the latter authority the new cases are those which have been under observation for a week or more. It is not until a case of typhoid has progressed to a certain point that all the symptoms develop by which it can be differentiated from malarial or intermittent fever. The two last named fevers are prevalent in Danville, but it is quite apparent that up to a certain stage not a few cases really typhoid are given the benefit of the doubt and pass as milder forms of fevers. Thus the number of typhoid cases reported, it would seem, is always a little below the number that really exists. No special harm can result from this if it does not tend to throw people off their guard. It is hoped that in all cases that are under treatment where uncertainty exists as to the nature of the disease there will be no neglect in the way of reasonable precaution.

Several thousand sewer plant employees at East Liverpool, Ohio, have agreed to accept a reduction of twenty cents a day in the scale of wages.