

MRS. EDDY'S TRIAL OPENED

Judge Asks Questions About the Efficacy of Prayer.

ATTORNEYS IN A TANGLE

Attempt to Show Aged Leader Might Fear Son and Still Be in Right Mind.

Judge Aldrich in the first day's session of the trial by which her son and "next friend" seek to show that Mrs. Mary Baker Glover Eddy, the aged head of the Christian Science Church, is incompetent to manage her affairs, speaking for the masters appointed to take testimony, made the following ruling:

"We are all of the opinion that the evidence tending to show that Mrs. Eddy is in a delusional mental condition in respect to forces operating upon her relatives and 'next friends' and through them upon her business, if of a character to show mental impairment and to influence her in business affairs, is admissible. This is limited to alleged delusions which reasonably connect themselves with respect to the management of property affairs. The majority of the board think that as these alleged delusions relate to conditions of mental prejudice, going back to 1890, they are remote."

To this ruling, both sides excepted. The ruling shut out most of the depositions taken in Boston, but under it were introduced various letters written by Mrs. Eddy to Rev. Dr. Dixon, who in 1890 was in charge of the Christian Science publications. These letters show that Mrs. Eddy believed that evil mental influences were being exerted to hinder her work, and to cause her son to form upon her death and stopping further publication of her works. The hearing was adjourned.

The term "general insanity" as applied to the condition of Mrs. Eddy, by Bennett C. Howe, counsel for the plaintiffs, was formally withdrawn by Mr. Howe at the hearing. Mr. Howe explained that while the courts of this and other States use this phrase repeatedly to describe such a condition, it is not the technical term used by alienists.

At this point Judge Aldrich, speaking for the masters, said that the question to be determined is that of competence to manage property, not one of insanity, general delusion or scientific delusion.

"We will show your honors," declared Mr. Howe, "not a monomania on the part of Mrs. Eddy, but a condition of insanity which influences every action of her life."

Judge Aldrich asked if the masters had any more right to decide against Christian Science as a religion than against Catholicism or Spiritualism.

"Christian Science is a system of medicine, not religion," replied Mr. Howe.

"Insofar as Christian Science is speculation, it cannot be called a delusion, but when it is based upon supposed facts, which can be proved not to be facts, then it is a delusion."

Judge Aldrich asked how this writer of delusion was to be connected with business competency. He spoke of the prayer to alter natural conditions, and asked if that was not such a delusion as a belief in the cure of disease by prayer.

"Not at all," replied Mr. Howe. "The former is entirely a matter of speculation; the latter is susceptible of proof."

Mr. Howe sought to differentiate between beliefs which are speculative and therefore not susceptible of proof, and those which are susceptible of proof.

The cruiser Buffalo has sailed from San Francisco under telegraph orders from Washington, to protect American interests at Pribilof Island from the pestilencing depredations of the Japanese.

FIVE HURLED TO DEATH

Defective Machinery Causes Fatalities in Mine.

Owing to what is said to have been a defect in the machinery, a cage containing eight miners, preparing to descend to their work in a mine of the Sonman Shaft Coal Co. at Sonman, Pa., about 16 miles east of Johnstown, started upward instead of going down, and rising to the top of the tittle, 80 feet above the ground, turned over, throwing the men out.

Five of them dropped down the shaft, a distance of over 400 feet, and were killed, while the other three succeeded in catching hold of the rim of the tittle and escaped with slight injuries.

The dead are: John McAllister, 30 years old, of Jamestown, near Johnstown, Pa., single; Oscar Croki, 29 years old, of Sonman, Pa., married; Ralph Eddy, utility man, Portage, Pa., aged 25, single; Adam Kunkko, utility man, Sonman, married; and Russell Heffers, engineer, Portage, Pa., aged 28, single.

Swager Empress to Quit

Dispatches from Shanghai contain the interesting news that the Empress Dowager of China has announced her determination to abdicate at the next Chinese new year. She desires to hand over the care of state to the Emperor. The Dowager Empress is now 72 years old.

Negotiations between the arbitrators and leaders of the strikers at Belfast, Ireland, resulted in a settlement of the labor troubles.

GENERAL STRIKE ORDER

Talk of Arbitration to Settle Telegraph Operators' Hours and Wages.

The strike of Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America became general on the 16th, when International President S. J. Small issued a strike order from Chicago. This was followed by the announcement that the telegraphers' union would accept the general board of arbitrators of the American Federation of Labor in settling the question of wages and hours involved in the strike.

The general strike order had little effect in New York city, as the strike had been unofficially under way for four days, and nearly every member of the union had already deserted his or her wire. This was true of Chicago, Boston, Washington, Pittsburg and other big centers where the men were out before the union officials formally declared the strike.

A large number of telegraphers in smaller cities and towns obeyed the order, and by walking out added to the crippled condition of the telegraph service.

John Mitchell, President Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of Labor and Daniel J. Keefe of the Longshoremen's Union, are the arbitrators accepted in Chicago by the telegraphers' union.

New Yorkers did not receive the arbitration plan good naturedly. The local feeling seems to be that the Postal and Western Union companies cannot operate effectively without the members of the union, and that all concessions should come from the companies.

In an official statement issued from local headquarters it was declared the business of both companies remains sadly crippled.

INNOCENT MAN SUFFERED

Boston Sub-Treasury Official Honest Half a Century, Then Steals \$3,000.

J. Warren Hastings, since 1864, a trusted official at the United States sub-treasury in Boston, was arrested on the charge of embezzling from the government \$3,000 in cash on June 7 last.

The money was taken from a package containing \$105,000 in bills, prepared for shipment to Washington and the retired from circulation, and the shortage was made good by another clerk, who, technically, was responsible, but who at no time was under suspicion.

Hastings' record for nearly 45 years' service was practically faultless. The one who has made good the shortage because of his technical responsibility, was J. H. Vassar, the specie clerk, who had counted the money previous to shipment. The restitution on his part practically wiped away his life savings.

The shortage was discovered at the treasury department at Washington, three \$1,000 bills being missing.

EXPRESS HITS AUTO

Three Killed and Two Injured in Massachusetts.

An automobile containing a party of five persons from Bristol, Conn., collided with the New York & Pittsburg express at Ashley Falls crossing, near Great Barrington, Mass., on Sunday. Three of the motoring party were killed and the other two probably fatally injured.

The dead are: Charles J. Root, 40 years of age, an automobile manufacturer of Bristol, instantly killed; Mrs. Root, his mother, who died from her injuries while being removed to Pittsfield by train, and Miss Roberts, sister of Mrs. Root, instantly killed.

BOAT EXPLOSION FATAL

Two Killed and Five Injured When Gasoline Blows Up.

A gasoline tank in a 30-foot motor boat in the Seaconnet river exploded, causing the death of two persons and serious injuries to five others. The boat contained 14 young people, who had been on a trip to Newport from Fall River and had stopped at Tiverton on their return.

George Antuya and Lida Mercier were killed, and the injured are all suffering from severe burns. Ambulances were summoned from Fall River to convey the injured to the hospital in that city.

Japs Find Seal Islands.

While engaged in the delimitation of the boundary, incident to the treaty at the close of the Russo-Japanese war, the Japanese discovered five islands hitherto unknown, each swarming with fur seals. The new islands are near Walrus Island, North Saghalien.

BOARDING HOUSE FALLS

Five Persons Killed and Eleven Injured by the Collapse.

Five persons were killed and eleven others were injured, three seriously, by the collapse of a two-story frame building on Fry street, Chicago, occupied as a boarding house. Four victims were instantly killed and the fifth died a few minutes after being taken to a hospital.

The dead are Mrs. Annie Nesal and her two young children, Albert Stehm and Annie Narwaranski.

Dynamite Blows Up; Many Killed.

A dynamite factory at Doemnitz, Mecklenburg-Schwerin, exploded. One life is known to have been lost, eight persons are missing and are regarded as killed, 20 persons were dangerously injured and 60 were slightly hurt.

Three persons are dead, two others are dying and 20 are injured, as a result of a collision between a freight train and a street car at Coney Island avenue and Manhattan Beach junction.

DEATHS IN AUTO WRECKS

One Machine Plunges 175 Down into Suquehanna River.

AUTO HITS TELEGRAPH POLE

Driver Attempts to Turn Round on Mountain Road, Put Foot on Accelerator.

An auto-containing four persons, two of them little girls plunged from a mountain road high above the Susquehanna river, and, whirling over and over, plunged into the river with three of its occupants.

The dead—Helen Brush, 6 years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Brush, of Susquehanna.

The injured—Frances Griffin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Griffin, seriously injured; Harry G. Brush, suffering from a broken leg; Thos. Joylan, suffering from slight injuries.

The accident occurred not far from Susquehanna. It was the result of ignorance in driving the car.

The machine, owned by Mr. Brush, went over an embankment 175 feet high and plunged into the Susquehanna river. Brush was held in the machine. His two little girls were crushed and bruised by being hurled against trees and other objects. Boylan escaped by jumping when the car started down the bank.

About a mile above Susquehanna the highway runs along the side of a mountain with a slip drop into the river below. Brush decided to turn his machine and start back for Susquehanna. He had succeeded in getting part of the way around when he made the mistake of putting his foot on the accelerator instead of on the reverse lever, as he had intended.

The machine shot ahead, and before he could again gain control of it it had plunged over the highest embankment.

The lives of a little girl and a man were lost, another man is probably fatally injured and three women were seriously hurt in a frightful motor car accident that occurred at Bernardsville, N. J., on the Child's estate, completely wrecking a 60 horse-power automobile.

The dead—Margaret Kuhlend, 8 years old, of Bernardsville; Joseph Clark, the chauffeur. The accident occurred on the army road, the machine became unmanageable and swerved from one side along the road and finally smashed into a telegraph pole.

BIG FIRE AT RESORT

Old Orchard, Maine, Nearly Wiped Out of Existence.

Old Orchard, Me., was practically wiped out of existence Aug. 15. Half a dozen hotels, nearly 100 cottages and scores of smaller buildings were destroyed, and at least three lives are believed to have been lost.

Hundreds of people, mostly visitors, are homeless temporarily, and the property loss will foot up very nearly \$1,000,000.

The fire started shortly before 8 o'clock at night, presumably in the room of one of the employes of the Hotel Olympia. The cause of the fire is unknown. There was a sharp breeze when the blaze started, and it spread with almost incredible swiftness, enveloping the hotel, and then communicating to a number of small wooden buildings about the bigger structures.

At midnight six hotels, a dozen boarding houses and about one hundred cottages and small buildings had been reduced to ashes.

Stolen Pigeon Flies Home.

"Winona," an English homing pigeon, belonging to Harry Lathrop, of Warsaw, Ind., which was stolen from the Adams Express office, at Randolph, Tex., while en route to Abilene, Tex. a year ago, put in an appearance at the Lathrop home, Aug. 15, having traveled 800 miles.

HORRIBLE CRIME

Tramp Compels Little Girl to Remain in Woods.

A tramp horribly mistreated Anna Whitehead, the 14-year-old daughter of Rev. R. B. Whitehead, pastor of the Methodist church at Turnersville, Pa. The girl left home to go to the house of a neighbor on the outskirts of the village, about dusk. She met a stranger, who, after inquiring the way to Simons, O., placed a knife at her throat and compelled her to enter a wood, where she was kept all night.

A posse of citizens went in pursuit, but bloodhounds on the trail, and captured the fiend.

Schooner Given Up for Lost.

The schooner Fleetwood, owned by Capt. Clark Tyler of Belleville, Ont., is believed to have gone down in Lake Ontario with all hands. The vessel left Summerville, N. Y., on Aug. 6, laden with coal for South Bay, and is now a week overdue. In addition to Capt. Tyler, the crew included Wm. Babcock and John Gibson of Belleville.

Agitating Holy War.

The Sultan is said to be greatly disturbed by the attitude taken by the ulama, the moslem doctors, who interpret the Koran. On learning of the occupation of Casablanca by the French, the call of Fez, with several other members of the ulama supported the demand for a holy war and the Sultan is reported to fear deposition, or even assassination, if he declines to put himself personally at the head of this movement.

FOR A DEEPER CHANNEL

Strong Plea for a Nine-Foot Stage in the Ohio.

The movement to secure the canalization of the Ohio river, so as to provide a nine-foot stage at all seasons received an important impetus when the reviewing board of United States engineers met in Pittsburg and accorded a hearing to the representatives of the river interests. The judgment formed by the board on the strength of this hearing may be regarded as conclusive since it will determine the nature of the report to be submitted by the board to the war department. A favorable finding practically guarantees favorable action by congress.

From every center of industry affected, representative men were on hand to plead the cause of improved transportation. They came from the towns along the Allegheny, Monaca, bela and Ohio rivers and from Mississippi ports as far south as Cairo itself. Among them were congressmen, coal operators, manufacturers, merchants and delegates from boards of trade, municipal councils and public improvement associations.

DEATH OF A NOBLE WOMAN

Miss Kate McKnight of Allegheny Passes Away.

Miss Kate Cassatt McKnight, one of the best-known women in Pittsburg prominent in women's clubs, in patriotic societies, in civic work, in charities and in the thousand other things to which her active intellect turned died suddenly in the Danville Sanitarium, Danville, N. Y., from a stroke of paralysis.

Miss McKnight was known through out the length and breadth of Pennsylvania for her active interest in the schools, child labor, summer play grounds and every great civic question of the past decade.

Miss McKnight was related to the oldest families in Pittsburg through her mother, who was Elizabeth O'Hara Denny. She had a prominent social position, and was a great favorite, but in recent years she had devoted a greater part of her time to club and charitable work. Her father was Hon. Robert McKnight, a member of congress from Allegheny, who has been dead about 20 years.

GIVES DROPS OF BLOOD

Italian Details to Police the Harrowing Initiation of Black Hand Society.

As a result of the arrest of several men in Paterson, N. J., for alleged Black Hand operations, the police have learned some of the secrets of that dreaded band of plotters. The information came from one of the men under arrest, who claimed he was decoyed into the Black Hand.

The man, George Sportally, was invited to become a member of a "Patriotic Italian Society" with offices in New York. He took the initiation, which was a hair raising performance. Drops of blood were drawn from his arm and mixed with that drawn from another member of the society. He was compelled to swear eternal allegiance and obedience on crossed daggers, while another dagger was pressed against his breast. His name was enrolled in a formidable black book on the cover of which was painted a dagger dripping with blood.

STANDARD OIL METHODS

Further Light Upon the Evil Deeds of the Octopus.

In another chapter concerning the transactions of the Standard Oil Co., United States Commissioner of Corporations Herbert Knox Smith, has thrown further light upon that organization's evil doings. He shows how it has sold great quantities of oil to foreign peoples at very low prices and compelled the American people to pay unduly high ones in order to recoup its losses abroad, as well as make a large general profit. It has been able to do as it pleased in the matter of prices by crushing out opposition in many places by the most criminal means.

WHEELING WOMAN'S LUCK

From Salary of \$125 Per Month to \$9,000,000 Fortune.

From a clerk in the government printing office at \$125 per month to the position of a woman of wealth with more than \$9,000,000 to her credit is the rapid transition experienced by Miss Anna M. Hume, on the death of Jonathan Hedges, a wealthy farmer of Derbyshire, Eng., and great uncle of Miss Hume.

Miss Hume, who is 42, has been in the government printing office for 24 years, and being of a retiring nature, did not care to discuss her prospective good fortune. She said that she had had no official notification of the will from the lawyers in England. She was first told of it by relatives in Wheeling, W. Va., where she was born, and where she has many friends. She did not know her great uncle, for he had never left England.

The fireproof history building, last of the Jamestown exposition buildings to be completed, was opened Aug. 12.

Bubonic Plague in South Manchuria

The bubonic plague has broken out in South Manchuria and 16 deaths have been reported. Travelers proceeding into North Manchuria are being medically examined at Kwan-chingtau.

It is stated that the investigation into the affairs of Frank A. Warren, special agent of the New England Mutual Insurance Co., who disappeared, reveals a shortage of \$2,000 in his accounts. A warrant has been issued.

THREATENED BY THE MOORS

Town Hemmed in by Fanatics—Europeans Prepare Barricade.

CASABLANCA GORY FIELD

Arab Horsemen Charge French Troops Again and Again Over Bodies of Their Comrades.

Saffi, a seaport on the west coast of Morocco, threatens to be next scene of a Moslem outbreak against Europeans. Already the fanatical Arabs have beleaguered the town. They are threatening to charge down upon it at any moment.

The European residents have barricaded their homes in preparation for a desperate fight. They have laid in all the ammunition and guns obtainable.

Reports from Tangier state that a desperate attack was made on Casablanca, Aug. 12, by Moors. The tribesmen were mounted. They numbered between 4,000 and 5,000.

Their bravery was superb, but the French troops drove them back after hard fighting. Only the bravery of the European troops saved the town from invasion.

The troops were aided by a heavy fire from the warships. The tribesmen charged repeatedly, dashing almost to the French guns. They were repulsed with heavy loss of life. The French losses were inconceivable.

The tribesmen had carefully planned their attack. They first charged in regularly drawn fighting lines. The French holding the position of vantage, drove them back, unseating many saddles.

The Moors were full of fight. Urged on by their leaders, with a frenzied indifference for death, they reorganized their lines, and charged again. Once more the terrible fire from the troops and warships drove them back. This time they retreated. Their loss was heavy.

ALTON HEARING POSTPONED

Judge Landis Calls Sudden Halt in Hearing of Rebate Charges.

Judge Landis, in the United States district court at Chicago, postponed until Sept. 3 the grand jury investigation of the charges of rebating against the Chicago & Alton railroad, growing out of the recent trial which resulted in the conviction of the Standard Oil Co. of Indiana.

It was the original intention to begin the investigation Aug. 27, but Judge Landis said he had received notification from Attorney General Bonaparte that the Chicago & Alton had been promised immunity, and the judge ordered the adjournment in order that the records of the case might be looked into.

The transcript of the record in the Standard case will be sent to Attorney General Bonaparte for examination and if he concludes that the railroad fulfilled its promise in the Standard case, the grand jury will not investigate further.

REBEL CHIEF LOOSE AGAIN

Trouble Once More in Store for Germany in South Africa.

The Germans are threatened with the revival of the insurrection in their South African territory. Jakob Morongo, the chief who has caused them more trouble than all the others combined, and who has been in the custody of the British since he sought refuge in Cape Colony after the last hostilities, escaped formed a junction with another chief from the German colony, and with 400 followers, returned swiftly to German Southwest Africa. The Cape police followed, but the difficulties of the country prevented them from intercepting the fugitive chief.

Morongo has repeatedly ambushed German parties, killing 20 or 30 in each affair, and the German authorities have five times joyfully, though mistakenly announced his death.

New Presidential Candidate.

Information reached Washington that Louis Stuyvesant Chanler, lieutenant governor of New York, would be urged as the candidate of the New York Democracy for first place in the Democratic ticket. Since Mr. Chanler's election as lieutenant governor last fall, it is understood there has been a quiet movement conducted by representatives of the young element of the New York Democracy with a view to his nomination as the Democratic candidate for President, and it is stated, this movement has met with success. Mr. Chanler is said to have strong support in the up-state counties of the state.

Bubonic Plague in Frisco.

Bubonic plague has broken out in San Francisco and already one death has resulted from it. The first intimation of the plague was received Thursday from San Francisco by the marine hospital service. Three cases and one death are reported. The cases were found within two blocks of Old Chinatown.

Five Die in Shipwreck.

The American bark Prussia, from Norfolk, March 20, for Port Townsend, has been wrecked in the bay of Plimlico. The captain and four sailors were drowned.

The Republic Iron & Steel Co. and the Western Bar Iron Association have agreed to the scale which was approved by the Board of Conciliation. The signing of the agreement between the Amalgamated Association and the manufacturers is only a formality.

JAP LIVES SWEEP AWAY

Steamer Brings News of Great Disaster in Different Parts of Kingdom.

Heavy loss of life is reported from Central Japan, because of floods, according to advices received by the steamer Athenian. Several hundred are said to be drowned. The property loss was heavy.

A score of lives also were lost at Kozushima, an island of Izu, in an earthquake, which destroyed many houses and sent the islanders to the hills in a panic. At Takigawa the ground subsided 20 feet and a large number were killed and injured. The Japanese government sent the steamer Tenshin with relief supplies.

In Hiroshima province the floods were most severe. The banks of the Seno river gave way. The villages of Yano, Nakano and Okikaita, in Aki province, were flooded and houses washed away and many drowned. The city of Kure also suffered considerably.

Great damage was also caused by a typhoon, which raged in Kobe and vicinity. Several lighters were sunk in Kobe harbor. The steamer Nachigawa collided with the breakwater at Osaka and foundered within five minutes. Excepting one woman those on board were saved.

WILL ENRICH STATE \$20,000

Envelope Left With State Officials to Be Opened in Year 2000.

Among the papers which were laid before the Pennsylvania state board of revenue commissioners at their meeting, Aug. 15, was a sealed envelope which had been in the possession of the state treasurer since 1881. This envelope was sent to the capitol in that year and is marked "Contract of C. F. McKay. With the Girard Title and Trust Company."

It bears the injunction that it is not to be opened until July 1, 2000, when the proceeds are to be applied to the state debt. Indorsed across the face in the handwriting of ex-Gov. Hoyt is an order that the request shall be honored.

It is said that the envelope contains an order to turn over to the state \$20,000 worth of state bonds held by that company. The commissioners ordered that the envelope be kept as directed.

CONGO BLACKS IN REVOLT

English Missionaries Reported to Be Stirring Savages Up—Troops in Field.

A widespread revolt of blacks in the Congo Free State which, it is declared, was planned as a blow to King Leopold's authority, is reported by passengers on the British packet Albertville, which has arrived from the Congo. They say the revolt was reported to have been incited by English missionaries in the Bengal and Abir districts, who urged the negroes to stop work.

It is stated that Capt. Van der Cruyssen, commanding 175 soldiers, is trying to restore order and compel the negroes to work in the Oriental provinces, where a revolt has also broken out.

Iron Markets.

The Iron Trade Review says: Sharp declines in the stock market and predictions of disaster naturally attracted attention in the iron world during the past few days, but the former do not reflect conditions in the iron market and the latter come from men so closely connected with the recent propositions of the government that they are not so unbiased as to be able to judge justly or look hopefully into the future. It is true that some concessions in the prices of pig iron have been made, but there is no expectation of further decided recessions.

CURRENT NEWS EVENTS.

The Tuscaloosa cotton mills at Cottontale, Ala., were destroyed by fire. The loss is \$200,000.

Three Japanese colonies are to be established in the state of Rio Janeiro, Brazil. If they prosper they will, no doubt, be followed by others.

It is reported that 274 persons throughout the Russian empire were excited for political offenses during July.

It is now believed the British ship Dundonald, which has been for some time posted as overdue, has been lost at sea.

The second trial of Harry K. Thaw, charged with the murder of Stanford White, is not likely to take place until the January term of court.

New designs for United States coins by the artist Augustus Saint Gaudens have been accepted by the Government. Three denominations will be affected—the double eagle, the eagle and the bronze cent.

The Attorneys General of the Mississippi Valley States met in St. Louis to formulate plans for a national conference of attorney generals at which concerted action to enforce various state anti-trust laws can be arranged.

L. A. Adrian of Cleveland says he cancelled a \$10,000 insurance policy carried in a Pittsburg company because he was told in a series of dreams that he would die in a few weeks and he wanted to be honest with the insurance company.

No One Killed by Tornado.

Persons unaccounted for after Sunday's storm at La Crosse, Wis., have been found, and it is now believed no lives were lost by the overturning of many small boats on the river. The damage by the storm in La Crosse and vicinity is comparatively estimated at \$200,000.

Geo. W. Hudson and wife, aged 55, were found shot to death at their home in Noblesville, Ind. It is supposed the object was robbery.