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KILLED BY A WIRE

RAY BALL MEETS TRAGIC DEATH ON TELEPHONE POLE IN SUSQUEHANNA—BURIAL WILL BE IN HONSDALE, OLD HOME OF LAD'S MOTHER—LOCAL FRIENDS MOURN.

Ray Ball, son of Engineer George Ball of Westfall avenue, Susquehanna, was almost instantly killed shortly before noon Tuesday while working on an electric light pole at the intersection of Franklin avenue and Prospect street.

There was trouble on the power line and in company with Randolph Harris young Ball was making the necessary repairs. The trouble, it is said, was caused by a Bell telephone wire falling across a live power wire. When the trouble was discovered Ball was sent up the pole to remove the dead wire.

He had reached the top cross beam and grabbed the telephone wire when those standing near saw a flash and Ball threw up his arms and tumbled headlong to the ground, striking on his shoulder and head. Bystanders rushed to his assistance, while hurrying calls were sent for medical assistance and in few moments Drs. Washburn, Condon and Peck were on the scene. They did all in their power, but pronounced the case hopeless from the first.

Several times within a half hour signs of life were detected and the physicians worked diligently to resuscitate the boy, but found their task hopeless and within a half hour pronounced the boy dead and ordered him taken to Perrine's undertaking establishment. William Wilcox, a farmer living in West Jackson, who was there when the boy was pronounced dead, volunteered to take him. He was accompanied by several men.

In the opinion of the physicians, Ball was dead before he struck the ground, as the current that went through him was said to be 2300 volts, or the full force of the power that is on during the day.

Just before he threw up his hands and tumbled down Randolph Harris called to Ball to look out for the power wire, but he either did not hear him or else was paying attention to something else; at any rate, he paid no attention to the warning and less than a minute he was on the ground.

Ball was about 17 years old and had only been working for the company a few months. When it was seen Ball was dead, Randolph Harris collapsed and had to be given medical attention. He was taken to his home on Broad avenue by Dr. Peck.

The body of young Ball was brought to Honesdale on the 1.50 Erie train today and was taken in charge by J. Sam Brown. Burial will be in Glen Dyberry, where the family owns a lot. Mr. and Mrs. George Ball, the parents of the unfortunate young man, are well known here. Mrs. Ball having been a Honesdale woman. He leaves three brothers, Charles in the west and James and Frank in Susquehanna. He was born in Hawley and moved to Susquehanna when he was a boy and his education was acquired in the schools of that place. When his studies ended in June he went to work for the telephone people and was proving himself a faithful and competent employe when the fatal accident came. Mr. and Mrs. William Ball of Honesdale, the former an uncle of the young man, were in Susquehanna to pass the Fourth with Mr. and Mrs. George Ball and their family. At that time Ray had just secured his job and was very happy at the prospect of devoting all his time to a calling in which he had always been interested. Mrs. Ball said today that the tragic death of her husband's nephew was a shock to herself and to Mr. Ball.

Death of Mrs. Barbara Smith.
Mrs. Barbara Smith of Scranton, aged 73 years, died of convulsions at the home of her niece, Mrs. Jacob Demer, on River street Wednesday. Mrs. Smith had been here on a visit about a week and was taken sick Monday. She is survived by the following children: Mrs. Peter Clark of Susquehanna, Charles Smith of Piceburg and John Smith of Scranton. Her body was taken to Scranton on the 12.25 train Thursday for burial Friday. Mrs. Jacob Demer and daughter, Miss Mollie, accompanied the body to Scranton.

Boy Pleads Guilty to Stoning Trains.
In the juvenile court at Montrose, Maurice Liebig of Lanesboro, charged with malicious mischief, pleaded guilty. Young Liebig was arrested several weeks ago, charged with throwing a lump of coal from an engine on which he was riding on the Erie Jefferson branch through the window of the station at Starrucca, knocking the operator unconscious.

BUFFALO BILL CODY.

Famous Scout is at Last Reconciled With Wife.



North Platte, Neb., Aug. 17.—Colonel William B. Cody, Buffalo Bill, and his wife have become reconciled. The Codys have been estranged for a number of years.

At Scott's Rest ranch, the Cody home near North Platte, it is said that when the show season is over this year, Colonel Cody will join his wife and spend the winter with her in the old home.

CLIFF PARTY IS INSULTED.

Lutheran People Nagged By Hoodlums With Beer Bottles and Revolvers.

Rev. C. C. Miller of the Lutheran church and County School Superintendent J. J. Koehler are very indignant today at the treatment a party of that church's young people received at a cliff party Wednesday afternoon and evening. The church people, numbering about 30, were assaulted with beer bottles, besides being subjected to a great deal of ugly and insulting language from a crowd of young rowdies that climbed the cliff and at once set out to make things hot for the party.

One of the women, Mr. Miller said today, was struck in the back by a bottle, full filled, the contents of which ruined her waist. A few of the toughs fired pistols in the air and scared the women of the party pretty badly.

"I was angry enough last night to have gone before the Squire and made a complaint," said Mr. Miller today, "though I didn't know the names of anybody in the crowd. Mr. Koehler has some of the names and he, like myself, was angry enough last night to have done something to give those young men a lesson in decency that they need."

Mr. Koehler may make a complaint to Justice Smith today.

Not content with their antics on the bridge by the brewery and put empty kegs in the path of the Lutherans. When the latter reached the bridge the hoodlums formed in two companies, one in front and one behind, and walked up Park street to Main, where their molestations ended. Mr. Miller says he thinks it was a River street crowd for the most part.

PICTURES OF THE FIGHT.

Scranton Has 'Em and They Show How Jack Licked Jeff.

More than ordinary interest is attached to the genuine Jeffries and Johnson fight pictures being exhibited in Music hall, Scranton, as the films show the white gladiator in his every ring move, clearing many of the stories about his condition, the knockout, Rickard's interference and Johnson's real ability as a fighter. The pictures are very clear and the individual can follow every blow of the fighters with perfect ease.

Johnson is the aggressor in nearly every round, displaying dash and confidence. Jeff seems to hesitate where to land his blows and fails to make an apparent effect on his opponent. "Lanky Bob" Armstrong, Jeffries' big colored trainer, at present in Scranton, is easily discernible in the pictures, holding a large covering over the white fighter between the rounds. The pictures not only present clearly the blows of every round, but also give the spectators interesting views of the trainers, men known from country to country in the fight game, Big Tim Sullivan, the governor of Colorado and other notables.

Sullivan County Fair This Week.

The 31st annual exhibition of the Sullivan County Agricultural society opened Tuesday at the fairgrounds in Monticello and indications pointed to the largest and most successful fair the society has had in many years. The racing entries are larger than ever before.

PARTY'S NAME WRITTEN IN AFTERWARD

And Because of That Pre-emption Trick Persons Who Got Signatures of Five Foreigners are Likely To Be Prosecuted in Schuylkill County.

A dispatch from Pottsville says: The Keystone party of Schuylkill county has nominated five candidates for office, three of these being Democrats and two Republicans.

Robert E. Lee, Democratic Congressional candidate, was unanimously nominated for the same office on the Keystone ticket. James Brennan of Mahanoy township and Wilfred Donahue of Ashland were nominated for the legislature. They are on the Democratic ticket for the same offices. E. W. Klingerman of McAdoo and John Robert Jones of

Schuylkill Haven, Republican nominees for the legislature, were endorsed. One legislative nomination in the Fourth district was left open.

Lawyer William Wilhelm has been authorized to bring criminal prosecutions against the persons who got five foreigners to try to pre-empt the name of the Keystone party in this county. It is charged that the signatures were secured in blank in advance of the Keystone state convention and the name of the party written in afterwards by politicians, who hurried the papers to Harrisburg.

MAY BE HEADED THIS WAY.

Burglars Travel in Auto and Raid Many Places.

A gang of burglars which, it is believed, is traveling through the country by automobile, operated in three villages in Sullivan county, N. Y., in two nights. Thursday night the burglars visited Liberty, where they ransacked the hardware store of Pierson & Weber. They secured seven hundred rounds of ammunition and other articles.

Friday night the gang descended upon Ellenville, Ulster county, and terrorized the place. They broke into the homes of Louis Engbergmen, Patrick Honan, James McCartney, D. C. Hardenburgh, Andrew Brown, John Alford, Jacob M. Hornbeck, David Schupp and William Denman, and attempted to get into other places.

The village is thoroughly aroused and everyone is arming in preparation for another visit from the gang. After leaving Ellenville the gang went to Wurtsboro, Sullivan county, 15 miles away, and ransacked the general store of Fulton & Holmes, securing a large quantity of goods.

A New Problem in Mathematics.

M. E. Simons and Peter H. Hloff, two bright members of the Wayne county bar who are on opposite sides of the political fence, had a vigorous argument of a mathematical character Wednesday morning while waiting for the 10.30 mail.

"Mr. —," said Mr. Hloff, "has more practice than any two lawyers in this town."

"How so?" queried the district attorney, who taught school quite a spell before he studied law and has a head for figures. "How can a man have twice as much business as he has himself? You should have said, 'More practice than any two outside his office!'"

Mr. Hloff said he wouldn't stand corrected. The layman close to the elbows of both men said the problem was an impossible problem—that you might just as well try to determine the age of Ann. Ann, according to the originator of that famous mathematical nightmare of 1904, was either 12 years old or 106—her creator confessed he couldn't tell exactly which.

Just then the mail was up and the Simons-Hloff argument was adjourned sine die.

Scranton's Population is 129,867.

The census figures for Scranton confirm the previous estimates and it is now a city of 129,867 population.

All over the country cities are eagerly watching the federal census office at Washington. When Bridgeport, Conn., got word that it had crossed the 100,000 mark and had become the second city in the Nutmeg state the citizens got out cannon and celebrated with terrific salutes.

Syracuse is rejoicing over a population of 137,000, which, counting Dunmore a part of the city, leaves it still 10,000 behind Scranton. Pittsburg has had a phenomenal growth in recent years, and yet its percentage of increase is but 18, while Scranton's is nearly 28.

St. Bernard Monastery.
At present the monastery of St. Bernard costs about \$900 a year to keep up. This money is partly collected in Switzerland and partly derived from the revenue of the monastic order.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Richmond go to Bethlehem, N. H., in the White Mountains, soon.

JAMES WILSON.

Secretary of Agriculture Celebrates Seventy-fifth Birthday.



Washington, Aug. 17.—James Wilson, secretary of agriculture, the long distance record holder in point of service in a presidential cabinet and the eldest cabinet officer in the present administration, is celebrating the seventy-fifth anniversary of his birth on his farm at Traer, Ia. Officials in the department of agriculture joined in a telegram to the aged but active cabinet officer congratulating him on his record breaking achievements and expressing the hope that he would continue to break records indefinitely.

DEATH OF DANIEL OLVER.

Long-Time Resident of Beach Lake Has Answered Final Call.

Daniel Olver, one of the best known men in this part of Wayne county, died Tuesday afternoon at the home of his son, J. Owen Olver, at Beach lake. Mr. Olver, who was 81 years old, had been poorly for a couple of years, his trouble being heart disease, and during the last two months of his life he failed steadily and suffered severely, though he bore the pain stoically and made little complaint.

Mr. Olver was born in England. His father, John Olver, was located in Cornwall up to the time of his decision to sail for America with his wife and 11 little children. On this side of the water Mr. and Mrs. John Olver had three more children, making a real Roosevelt family of 14. Mrs. John Olver was Sarah Auger, like her husband a native of England.

The Olvers moved to Beach Lake about 75 years ago. John Olver was a farmer and lumberman. He died about 50 years ago.

Daniel Olver, who sometimes wore his name Daniel N. Olver, though his parents gave him no middle name, was a farmer and lumberman for years and made both callings profitable. He was married 55 years ago to Elizabeth Spry, daughter of William Spry, a well known resident of Beach lake. She died in 1905 and Mr. Olver then went to live with his son Owen.

About 20 years ago Mr. Olver disposed of his lumbering interests and devoted all his time to his farm. He was a worker and provided generously for the good-sized family he reared at Beach lake. He leaves three sons and four daughters. The sons are J. Owen Olver of Beach lake and Francis J. Olver and Thomas H. Olver of Scranton. The daughters are Anna, wife of Robert Davis of Beach lake; Minnie, wife of Jacob Reining of Beach lake; Eva, wife of Albert Pierce of Pittsburg, and Gertrude, wife of Jacob A. Hiller of Honesdale.

Mr. Olver was buried Wednesday from the F. M. church in Beach lake. The pastor, Rev. S. V. McVey, conducted the services and commended the upright life of Mr. Olver. Interment was in Beach lake cemetery, beside his wife and children. William Olver, son of Daniel, died 17 years ago at Beach lake and was buried there. He left a widow but no children. Daniel, named for his father, died at Beach lake seven years ago, leaving a widow and two children. The bearers were Norman Olver of Carbondale, David, Daniel, William and Otto Olver of Beach lake, and Herbert Hiller of Honesdale, all grandsons. There are 33 grandchildren altogether.

J. J. Casey Agrees to Stand.

John J. Casey of Wilkes-Barre has accepted the nomination of the Keystone party for secretary of internal affairs. In a letter addressed to the officers of the convention, Mr. Casey says that he is not financially prepared to enter upon a campaign, but is in hearty accord with the movement and willing to go along. The candidate finally accepts, with the remark that the nomination was a call to arms that no patriot could shirk.

TOO MUCH UMPIRE

CAUSES WHITE MILLS-ARCHBALD GAME TO COME TO SUMMARY CLOSE IN SEVENTH—ASIDE FROM THIS INCIDENT, HEPTASOPH PICNIC AT LAKE LODORE MAKES OUT NICELY.

The Heptasophs of northeastern Pennsylvania flocked to Lake Lodore 1100 strong Wednesday for their annual outing. They had a perfect day and the crowd was very nearly if not quite up to the expectations of the lodgemen. About 600 came from the valley, principally Wilkes-Barre and Scranton, on a special train that pulled up at the lake station at 10.30. From White Mills, Hawley and Honesdale the attendance was not such a great deal smaller. At the Mills 378 tickets were sold, at Hawley 52. Not so many got on the special train from Hawley when it got to Honesdale at 9.45. It must be borne in mind that Honesdale has had to patronize the Merchants' day picnic and the picnic of the Shoemakers, both big outpourings of people, or well as contribute her mite toward the throng at smaller outings. Still, Honesdale was represented. One of the first men to get on at this station was a popular county official, a man fully as much at home in White Mills as in Honesdale. He was on a committee and he wore a red and gold badge at least 12 inches long.

The White Mills lodge has 151 members and is a strong organization for so small a place. The glass factory village was pretty well depopulated Wednesday. Most everybody went with the Heptasophs to the lake. Their band was in the first car of the special, and both going up and coming back it played the right kind of music and made all the brothers and their wives, daughters and sweethearts believe it's one of the finest things on God's green earth to be a Heptasoph.

At the lake there was plenty to eat, plenty to see, and plenty to do. The chutes and the aerial railway did a steady business. The dancing pavilion had all it could swing to from 12 o'clock until 6. The only fizzle was the ball game.

The game would have been all right if it hadn't been for the umpire. He was virtually a player for Archbald. He favored the team from over the mountains every chance he got, but in spite of all his efforts White Mills held the opposing team nicely and at the seventh inning the score was a tie, neither having sent a runner across the plate. Then, with a man on third and a man on first, Shaffer, the White Mills catcher, the man who put the ball away over on the Erie tracks for a home run in the last Honesdale game, came to bat. The second ball was just over the plate, between the knee and shoulder, and Shaffer pelted it. The sphere shot out into deep left and two runs came in, while Shaffer sprinted around to third and held the bag. Then the umpire, who had called the hit fair, changed his decision and called Shaffer's hit a foul ball. A wrangle ensued and White Mills, completely disgusted, left the field.

Supreme Archon Morris G. Cohen of Pittsburg and Supreme Secretary Frank E. Platner of Baltimore were on the grounds all day, but there was no speechmaking. They mixed with the crowd and had cordial words for everybody. District Deputy W. L. Allen of Peckville had charge of the games and had arranged contests for men, women and children. Lynott's orchestra of Carbondale furnished music for dancing.

The ball game was advertised to be for \$50. It is not quite clear today which team, if either, is to get the money. It may be divided equally.

The White Mills men on the committee of arrangements were James Edsall, Fred Hertel and Fred Mittan.

Don't Dodge in Front of Trains.

The Sullivan county Democrat has the following to say about a bad practice by no means confined to Callicoon or Sullivan county:

There are several men in town who make a practice of crawling under the passenger trains while they are standing at the station. Some day one of these trains is going to move at the inopportune moment and then the obsequies will be read over the unfortunate. Another practice which is equally as foolhardy is that of crossing the track ahead of trains. One man in particular generally waits at the Western hotel until the passenger trains get within a hundred feet or so of the crossing and then runs across ahead of them, usually having fifteen or twenty feet leeway. We are going to write the obituaries of all these people and have them ready for publication when the "sad event" occurs.