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CAUGHT IN SHAFTING

KENNETH JOY, PLAYING AROUND HORNBECK'S MILL, EQUINUNK, MEETS WITH MOST SERIOUS ACCIDENT

SHOES TORN OFF OF FEET

Boy's Head Bumping on Floor of Hornbeck's Excelsior Mill Attracts Attention of Workmen Who Rescue Him—Arm Broken in Three Places, Several Teeth Knocked Out, Jaw Dislocated and Fractured, Ribs Broken and Body Otherwise Bruised and Lacerated—Sweater Caught in Shafting—Was in Search of Turtle—Now in Serious Condition.

Revolving on a shafting at the rate of 300 times every minute, his head and feet striking the floor with each revolution, Kenneth Joy, a lad twelve years old, miraculously escaped death in Hornbeck's excelsior mill at Equinunk last Thursday afternoon.

The lad's right arm was broken in three different places, his jaw was fractured and dislocated, several teeth were knocked out, his head and face badly bruised and cut, left hand lacerated and several ribs broken. In addition to this his shoes were torn from his feet by the force which he was hurled while on the shafting.

The continued pounding on the floor of the mill, which was caused by the boy's head and feet thumping at every revolution of the shafting, attracted the attention of the employees of the mill. It was remarked by one of the men that the machinery must have become loosened or broken underneath the mill. The power was shut down and Claude Beesmer went down to investigate. The cellar was only four feet high and Beesmer had to crawl along on his hands and knees. But instead of finding a loose pulley, behold there was the form of a boy twisted around the shaft! With one gasp Beesmer cried to his fellow workmen, "It's Kenneth Joy and he is fast on the shaft!" Beesmer was intimidated by the shock and returned upstairs to tell the other workmen, most of whom followed him to the dugout under the mill. Linas Mahon led the party. The lad was conscious at the time and called to Mahon, "Say, Linas, get me out of here." After much difficulty the lad was released from his perilous position and Mahon carried the suffering boy to his home, which was a short distance from the mill. Dr. F. C. Frisbie was called and carefully examined Kenneth. Owing to his arm being so badly swollen the doctor has been unable to set it. It was also feared that the lad could not withstand the effects of the anesthetic if the operation was performed. Kenneth's condition is very serious and it is a miracle that he is alive today, considering what he experienced and the broken bones and bruises he received.

The distance between the shafting and the mill floor was about 18 inches. His body was whirled around several times in these close quarters before aid came to him. It appears that Kenneth and his younger brother, Leonard, aged 10 years, were under the mill in search of a turtle that a man had placed in a brook. The brook runs under a portion of the mill and the boys were diligently in search of the reptile. Kenneth, in his anxiety, evidently got too close to the rapidly revolving shafting for his sweater caught on a set screw of the shafting and wound him tighter and tighter until he was lifted off his feet and in a few seconds his head and feet were bumping on the floor of the mill, which attracted the workmen's attention.

Leonard, the other brother, was near Kenneth all the time, but was unable to see what had happened to his brother owing to the amount of sawdust and shavings that came through the floor when Kenneth's feet and head struck it. He, evidently was too frightened to speak or move, for he stood still and was there when help arrived and his brother discovered.

Have You Seen Them?

The excellent premiums offered by the manufacturers of Honesdale and displayed in the window of Miss Carrie Petersen will be awarded to the fortunate persons on Thursday evening at the card party, which will be given at the Lyric hall by the Honesdale Improvement Association. They consist of cut glass vase given by C. Dorfinger & Sons, White Mills; ladies' lace trimmed night dress, Katz Bros. Underwear Company; cut glass dish, McKenna Cut Glass Co.; sack of flour, Honesdale Milling company; axe, G. White Axe Company; iridescent vase, Honesdale Decorating Co.

WHY TITANIC SANK QUICKLY.

Watertight Compartments Open For Firemen to Get at Stumps.
London, May 14.—"Stop," "slow ahead," "slow astern," and "stop" were the four signals received in rapid succession in the engine room of the Titanic after she hit the iceberg, according to the testimony adduced at the inquiry.
It also developed that after the ship collided the doors of the water tight compartments, which had been closed from the bridge, were reopened by direction of the chief engineer to enable some of the men to go through the four boiler rooms to room No. 5 to start the pumps and that these compartments thereafter were left open.

IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION MEET

Report of Committees Read and Other Business Transacted—Officers Elected.

The twenty-first annual meeting of the Honesdale Improvement Association was held in the City Hall on Monday afternoon, May 13, at 3 o'clock.

A very encouraging report was read by the secretary, Miss Jennie M. Ball, which follows:
"During the year ending May 1, 1912, thirteen regular meetings, twelve monthly and one annual, have been held with an increased average attendance over the previous years."
The standing committees, Membership, Sanitation, Children's Auxiliary, Flowers and Parks, respectively, have been actively engaged in their departments, each a part, and each contributing their share to the whole of the splendid progress made during the year for civic improvement.

While the routine work of the months has been performed thoroughly and well, such as the caring for and placing of the cans for waste in a neat and trim condition, the weekly sweeping of the State Bridge, the looking after of the pretty fountain in Park Lake; however, the special attention and labor of the Association has been given and devoted to repairing and preserving the trees of the town.

As Central Park proved too large a task upon which to expend the first energies of the committee on TREES, the smaller parks, Riverside and North were carefully looked over and the trees cared for by the skilled tree surgeons of Bensey Rifkin and Co., of Wilkes-Barre. For this purpose the town council donated \$25 to the association, \$5 was given by Mr. Rifkin and \$25 from John Strongman of New York City, the latter donation being used for repairing the trees upon Mr. Strongman's property and the trees in Torrey park adjoining the same.

The interest of many property owners became aroused and as a result, some forty of them soon engaged the men to preserve their trees in like manner. Miss Weiss, the special tree committee, is now enjoying a well earned vacation in Europe. Commencing in November, 1910, and continuing until the present time a series of progressive teas have been given and more are still to follow. Sixteen ladies, during the year, have opened their homes for these entertainments, all of which have been a success financially and socially. Four ladies have given a sum of money instead of a "tea" and the sums realized thus are being kept intact to be used in caring for more trees during the coming season.

In July, 1911, Miss Jennie Browncombe presented the Association with a beautiful etching entitled "The Courtship of Miles Standish," painted by the well known artist, C. Y. Turner, and etched by James E. King, the same to be sold for the benefit of the Association. Mr. Robert Miller, sexton of Glen Dyberry cemetery, presented the society with a receipted bill for work done, which was appreciated by the ladies.

Last but not least of the good accomplished is that of Cleaning up Week, the first week of May being set apart for this purpose. Everywhere throughout the town there are evidences of cleanliness and thrift, and we note in passing that some who first opposed the work of the Association are now among its best friends.

The "Flower Exhibit" given by the pupils of the public school last September reflects great credit upon Mrs. H. A. Oday and the teachers who so kindly aided it.

Miss Caroline Petersen, president of the association, then went on to tell that this was the twenty-first year of its existence, and that there have been many marked improvements during that time. The interest in the work is growing more and more every year. She spoke of the care of the trees, parks, fences, benches, etc., and was more than pleased with the number of people who responded to having their trees treated. A list of names was read, showing that forty-two people had their trees treated by Bensey and Rifkin last year. All trees that are healthy enough should be saved as they add greatly to the beauty of the town. She stated that she was in receipt of a very polite letter from the Bell Telephone Co. advising her that they thought that all their poles were taken care of and painted green and that if any needed attention they would see to it. It is hoped that the Consolidated Telephone Co. and the Honesdale Electric Light, Heat and Power Company will likewise care for their poles.

The Teas, started in November, 1910, were next referred to. They have been a great help, and a neat sum has been netted from them. Those who couldn't give a tea, gave money instead.
A very interesting letter from Miss Tillie Weiss, Treasurer, was read, in which she described parks, flower beds, and the stone benches that are used in Rome.

The President expressed her appreciation of the valuable assistance received from the press, teachers and clergy.
Mrs. H. A. Oday, chairman of the Children's Auxiliary, was absent, but a report showed that 4,000 packages of seeds were distributed to school children this year. This is the sixth year that this has been done. The first year 1,600 packages were distributed. They expect to

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THE PAVE QUESTION PARAMOUNT ISSUE IN HONESDALE

THE PAVING OF MAIN STREET WILL COST ABUTTING PROPERTY OWNERS \$6 PER LINEAL FOOT FRONT OF A FORTY-TWO FOOT STREET—THE TOWN COUNCIL FAVORS PAVING, WHAT DO THE TAXPAYERS THINK ABOUT IT?

The borough fathers met in special session on Thursday evening of last week for the purpose of discussing a pave for Main street and transacting what other business that might present itself before the meeting. The meeting, however, was called principally to take some action on the petition and recommendation of the Street and Highway committee of the Greater Honesdale Board of Trade, which waited upon the council at their regular meeting a week ago and recommended that Main street be paved with brick from the south side of the State bridge to Fourth street.

The following councilmen answered to roll call: Martin Caulfield, G. W. Penwarden, S. T. Ham, T. J. Canivan, H. C. Rettew, W. H. Kreitner and John Erk.

A communication was read from Rev. J. W. Balta, D. D., pastor of St. Mary Magdalen's church asking for the privilege to open the street on Fifth street for the purpose of tapping a sewer. On motion of H. C. Rettew, seconded by T. J. Canivan it was carried that permission be granted Dr. Balta to make the necessary repairs.

Upon a different date another communication was received from the same party asking for permission from the council for St. Mary Magdalen's church to erect a porch 8x32 feet facing Church. The secretary of the council, John Erk, was instructed to investigate the matter. The privilege was granted on motion of W. H. Kreitner, seconded by S. T. Ham, providing the proposed improvement will not interfere with town property.

The matter of converting the City Hall into a postoffice occupied some time. After discussion it was left with the president of the council to call its members together upon the arrival of a postoffice inspector, who it is expected, will be in Honesdale in a few weeks to visit the city hall with the council.

The question of pave brought forth a discussion of sewerage and the manner the surface water would have to be taken care of and where and at what streets catch basins and side street sewers would necessarily have to be installed and the piping be laid. It was expressed by some members of the council that sewage pipes be laid at every intersecting side street that led to Main street, while others claimed that it was their opinion that the pipes ought to be laid at the intersection of every cross street. The idea of a trunk sewer down Main street was disapproved by the council, it preferring to take the water down the side streets. The surface water, they claimed, could better be taken care of and in case of a heavy downpour of rain there would be less liability of the water backing up.

The width of Main street varies from 41 feet and 6 inches at Seventh street to 54 feet at Twelfth street; average width 53 feet. Width of Main street at the intersection of the following cross streets:

Fourth street	.....50 feet
Fifth street	.....45 "
Sixth street	.....43 "
Seventh street	.....41-6 "
Eighth street	.....45 "
Ninth street	.....44 "
Tenth street	.....45 "
Eleventh street	.....50 "
Twelfth street	.....54 "
Park street	.....50 "
High street	.....50 "
Thirteenth street	.....50 "
Fourteenth street	.....50 "
Fifteenth street	.....50 "

Sixteenth street50 "
Seventeenth street50 "
The proposed pave, however, will not cover all the above mentioned streets. It is recommended that that part of Main street from the State bridge south to Fourth street be improved by paving. The distance is 3,000 feet. The proposed width of Main street will be 42 feet if it is paved. Estimates were offered at the council meeting ranging in price from \$2.18 to \$2.75 per square yard. The lower figure, however, is for ordinary red brick laid in a bed of light cement, while the higher price an A1 job laid in forms with vibrated brick. Assuming that the street is 42 feet a single lineal foot in front of a property owner, would cost \$6. This, of course, includes curbing, sewerage, bricks, concrete and in fact everything that is necessary. A foot front would cost \$18; one-third each to be paid by the abutting property owners and one-third by the town. To pave the three thousand feet it would cost approximately \$54,000. The present borough indebtedness is \$12,000. The school indebtedness is \$56,000. During the past two years bonds amounting to \$2,000 have been retired on the school debt. Five years is allowed by the law to collect the bond issue for paving and the town must necessarily float the entire issue at first and wait until the property owners show a disposition to pay. If they should not pay within six months from the time the job is completed the town can enter judgment against the property owner and add 5% for collection.

C. A. McCarty was present and read the law of last year. In substance it is as follows: An Act of the Pennsylvania Legislature, approved May 12, 1911, gives borough council power without permission of property owners to grade, pave, curb and macadamize the public streets of any borough. The Act further provides that two-thirds of the cost may be collected from the owners of real estate abutting upon any street so improved, that is, one-third from the owners on either side of the street, the other one-third to be borne by the taxpayers of such borough. An ordinance for such improvements should be enacted by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members comprising the council of such borough and such ordinance approved by the Burgess. Should the Burgess refuse his assent he should return the ordinance to the council with his objections and against the objections of the Burgess it requires the affirmative vote of all the members elected to the council and shall be determined by the calling of the yeas and nays.

Mr. McCarty was instructed to correspond with State Highway Commissioner Bigelow to ascertain what assistance Honesdale might receive from the State and what the probabilities are for the construction of the road in the near future.
Main street would have to be cut down a foot lower than the present grade.
When Main street is paved it wants to be paved right, is the opinion of the council.
It will be necessary to float the entire issue, about \$54,000, to pay the contractors, engineers and other expenses, in case the people want Main street paved.
The council favors paving and it is anxious to know the feeling of the taxpayers in the proposed improvement. The Citizen's columns are open for a discussion, either favoring or against the question at issue.

LID DOWN TIGHT SUNDAY

Burgess McCarty Has His Eagle Eye on Places Where Liquor is Sold—Will Arrest Violators.

The lid was down tight in Honesdale on Sunday following the announcement of the statement of Burgess McCarty made in the last issue of The Citizen to the effect that he was going to SFOOP the sale of intoxicating liquors in Honesdale on Sunday. The Burgess said he was going to DO IT, and from the appearance of things Sunday it is evidence that the Burgess is a man of his word.
The beaten path to the back door of some of Honesdale's licensed places was not trodden Sunday as has been the case upon former occasions, owing to Burgess McCarty's announcement. The Burgess intends to keep the lid down tight and the churches of Honesdale will help him keep it there.
Honesdale has often been disgraced by having men intoxicated upon its streets on Sunday and it is about time some effort was made to stop it. Burgess McCarty is deserving of words of the highest possible commendation if he is successful in stopping this long-practised violation of the law. If parties violate the law by selling liquor in Honesdale on Sunday, arrests will follow, says Burgess McCarty.

HOPEFUL FOR PEACE

Miners in Convention at Wilkes-Barre—President White Did Not Instruct Delegates—Tells Them to Vote to Bring Best Results.

(Special to The Citizen.)
Wilkes-Barre, May 14.—Five hundred delegates are in attendance at the convention of the United Mine Workers of America in this city. President John T. White made an address before the convention in which he told the delegates there was a great responsibility resting on his shoulders. He did not instruct the delegates how to vote but told them to vote the way which would bring about the best results. It is not expected that the convention will close before Thursday or Friday of this week, when the anxiously awaiting public will know whether there will be a strike. Many hopes for peace.

MURDERER PLEADS GUILTY.

Antonio Dinora Shot and Killed John Munfreda in Dunmore Last March.

(Special to The Citizen.)
Scranton, May 14.—Antonio Dinora, who shot and killed John Munfreda March 31 last in a Dunmore saloon, entered a plea of murder in the second degree to-day. Dinora will be sentenced tomorrow.

Pike State Road Work.

Representative Marvin, of Pike county, visited State Highway Commissioner Bigelow and received the assurance from that gentleman that state road work in Pike county would commence in a week or ten days.

FEDERAL OFFICER TO INSPECT CITY HALL

Will Come to Honesdale in a Few Days for the Purpose of Considering the Town Building for a Postoffice.

A postoffice inspector will visit Honesdale in a few days for the express purpose of inspecting City Hall with a view of converting the lower or south side of the town building into a postoffice as suggested by The Citizen a few weeks ago. At the special council meeting held last Thursday evening President Martin Caulfield was enlightened of the inspector's expected visit to Honesdale by Postmaster M. B. Allen, who also stated that the inspector claimed the building can be placed in shape to accommodate the office for \$3,000, the amount the council allowed for making the necessary changes and equipment. The message was received with gratification on the part of the council as there is now some hopes of getting something in return for the "White Elephant" that the council has cared for all these years.

Upon the arrival of the inspector the town council will go through the building with him to ascertain what is necessary to be done to get it in shape for the new postoffice. If they come to an agreement the building will undoubtedly be remodeled at once. The lease of the present location of the postoffice expires July 1, 1912.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Nelson J. Conklin, of Damascus, Earl O. Barnes, of Damascus, a lot in Damascus township. Consideration \$1; dated May 13.
Emma P. Newcomb, of Vestal Center, N. Y., 40 Emma Buck, of Starrucca, 84 acres of land in Starrucca borough. Consideration \$1.
Nesbit Shaffer et ux. of Lake to Charles A. Masters, same place, lands in Lake township; consideration \$400.

Death of John G. Catterson.

John G. Catterson, of Sterling, suddenly expired on the evening of May 8th, and was buried May 11. Rev. W. E. Webster officiated. The burial services were in charge of Washington Camp P. O. S. of A. No. 279. Mr. Catterson enlisted in early life and after three years of faithful service in the Great Rebellion, was honorably discharged. He again enlisted and spent four years of service in the regular army. He was 67 years, 8 months old, and is survived by his wife and sister, Mrs. Shopland, of Scranton.

Prosperous Banks and Community.

Very gratifying statements of the Honesdale banks are now running in The Citizen. It has been said that a town can be adjudged by its banks—if they are prosperous the community in which they are located is also prosperous. This is true of Honesdale and its four banks. The management of Honesdale's banks has been for several years safe and conservative. All of the banks are in good shape and their deposits are considerably larger than shown in former statements.

Fly Catches.

Doc Scanlon has formally announced to Manager Charley Dooan of the Phillies that he will not play ball this year except with semiprofessional teams in the Greater New York district.

Frank Bowerman has been signed as manager of the London (Ont.) club of the Canadian league. His first baseman is Loey Bierbauer, son of Louis Bierbauer, the old Pittsburgh second baseman.

Seven of the eight International league managers are directing their teams from the coaching lines this season. George Stallings, the Buffalo pilot, is the only manager to handle the lines from the bench.

Safety at Sea.

Despite the progress of invention it still seems to be worth while to pray for "those who go down to the sea in ships."—Louisville Courier-Journal.
It seems remarkable that, with the knowledge already gained of the incalculable value of the wireless telegraph as a safety provision at sea, so few vessels thus equipped should have but one operator.—Springfield Republican.

Town Topics.

Cleveland is now experimenting with pay as you leave cars. The conductor who carries a woman two blocks beyond her corner will have a fine chance to get her nickel.—Detroit Free Press.
"Do you remember what Pittsburgh looked like twenty-five years ago?" asks a newspaper of that city. Aren't there enough disagreeable things to think about without that?—Cleveland Leader.

GOOD THINGS COMING

Board of Trade Working Along Industrial Lines—Council Favors Paving Main Street.

A large and enthusiastic meeting of the Greater Honesdale Board of Trade was held last Friday evening at City Hall, the attendance being larger than it had been for over a year. The presence of so many members exemplified to a marked degree the interest they have in the welfare of Honesdale's industries. The concern of one is the concern of all and from the report of the membership committee it is evident that still larger crowds will be in attendance at future meetings.
The Board has been bending every effort to build up Honesdale and make it an ideal place to live and locate industries. The report of the special committee on the Gurney Electric Elevator company was very gratifying to the Board. Announcement of their efforts will be made public in a few days.
All members, who are in arrears with their dues, have been requested to take care of them as soon as convenient.
William Katz, a member of the Street and Highway committee, who with S. A. McMullen, Jr., appeared before the borough council at their last regular monthly meeting with the proposition and petition recommending the paving of Main street with brick from the State bridge to 4th street, stated that the committee attended to their duties and that the council took the matter up in a special meeting held last Thursday evening, May 9, and are going over the matter in a thorough manner. Mr. Katz also stated that the borough council favor the paving of Main street.
Treasurer Edward Deltzer reported \$262.89 in the treasury.
Dues amounting to \$11 were paid the secretary Friday evening.

FIFTEEN IRON MINERS ENTOMBED.

As Result of Gas Explosion Shafts Are Blocked and Rescue is Difficult.

(Special to The Citizen.)
Ironwood, Mich., May 14.—Fifteen miners are entombed in the Morris iron mine near here as the result of a gas explosion in the mine to-day. The shafts are blocked which makes the work of rescuing hard. Work in neighboring mines is suspended and every man has joined the rescue party.