

ICE IN LAKE ARIEL NOT BEING CUT

BUSINESS MEN OF THAT PLACE SAY CONTRACTOR IS LETTING THE SUPPLY "ROT."

Report Also That Product of Ponds in That Section is Being Shipped Away—Talk of a Corner in Ice Market.

Lake Ariel, March 5.—Merchants in this section are considerably wrought up over the fact that there has been no ice harvest in this place this year, and that, despite the reported shortage of the ice supply, the vast field on Lake Ariel has been permitted to "rot" without any effort made to realize on the crop.

The business people in this place are angry over the fact that about \$10,000 of money usually brought to the town has been diverted to other sections, and hints at an ice "corner" to increase the price of the summer commodity in Scranton and neighboring places are emphatically expressed.

The talk of a "corner" in the ice market is a conclusion that the Lake Ariel merchants arrived at, when the peculiar facts in the idleness in the ice cutting at Lake Ariel became known. According to reports, B. W. Schulte, a Scranton ice dealer, got an option to cut the ice, paying \$100 for the option, and agreeing on a royalty of 25 cents a ton for all the ice cut.

The option was secured from the C. H. Schadt estate. J. M. Emery, cashier of the Lake Ariel bank, declared this morning that the failure of Mr. Schulte to go ahead with the ice harvest has been felt by the merchants and business interests of the town, and that after an inquiry into the situation, they are reasonably certain that the ice men have not used all of the opportunities presented to gather in a crop to supply the expected demand.

"It seems to me," Mr. Emery said "that it is a reasonable conclusion that if opportunities of this kind are neglected in a year when the ice supply is naturally short, the ice men know something about why the crop wasn't harvested. It looks like a combination to corner the market, and to keep competitors out."—Tribune-Republican.

LAKEWOOD.

Lakewood, March 10.

The citizens of this enterprising little hamlet have held enthusiastic boost meetings of late and the latest surprise that they have to announce is the foundation of a State bank. The institution has the promise of the support of the progressive merchants, summer resort landlords, and prosperous farmers of northern Wayne.

The nearest bank is located at Carbondale or Hancock. It is expected that a charter will soon be asked for.

The Pearson mill at this place is humming every day. Its proprietor is enjoying an exceptionally prosperous business. One of the features valuable to any business is the location of a siding alongside the mill. Mr. Pearson enjoys a business from several miles around here.

The town talk for the past few days has been the sale of the large timber tract lately owned by Daniel LaBarr to the Kimble Lumber Co., of Kimbles. The deal, we have been informed, was consummated through the Buy-U-A-Home Realty Co., of Honesdale.

Hon. Miles Rowland, of Kimbles, and J. B. Robinson, insurance and real estate agent, of Honesdale, were business callers at this place on Tuesday and Wednesday last. They were both elated with our beautiful little town. This was Mr. Rowland's first visit here. He was surprised with the number of natural lakes we have in this section of the county. Come again gentlemen.

MILANVILLE.

Miss Simpson and Arthur Simpson returned to Newark, N. J., on Sunday after a visit at Benj. Kayes.

Mrs. Fred Price spent Sunday at her son's home in this place. T. J. Fromer returned from Wilkes-Barre Saturday. Mr. Fromer had been to consult an oculist and was told he must have absolute rest and not use his eyes at all. Nothing could be done for him for the present. Mr. Fromer's friends regret very much to hear of his affliction.

Mrs. W. D. Yerkes spent Monday with Mrs. Volney Skinner. Mervin, alias Ford, who has been enjoying the hospitality of the Honesdale jail, is again in town.

Orville Kays visited his parents at Stocker the first of the week. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jennings and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Conklin are entertaining baby daughters. Judg-

ing from the numerous baby girls this year the suffragists will win out. Rev. and Mrs. Oliver were guests of Mrs. Cora Skinner on Thursday last.

Merlin Illman of Narrowsburg, spent Sunday in town.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

Father Time is sending March in the natural way. I'll tell you what, a fellow wants a weight on his hat these windy days.

Mrs. Madge Searle, who has been visiting her son, Morris Searle, near Newfoundland, has returned to New York.

Mrs. Job Moore, Jr., of Gouldsboro, is visiting her parents, Mrs. J. J. Heffley.

Clyde Brown was visiting his brother Frank but has returned to his home in Philadelphia.

At a carpet rag party at the home of E. E. Bird last week all had an enjoyable time.

John Kerr has been quite ill at his home near Newfoundland, but is recovering.

William Martin, young son of O. R. Martin, is confined to his home with pneumonia. We are glad to say he is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hause of West Bethlehem, have been visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Webster Hause.

Miss Myrtle Warner is confined to her home with nervous prostration. The Maple Glen school taught by Elva Bates will close March 31.

Frank Brown, who has been very ill with rheumatism, is recovering very nicely.

J. J. Heffley has a very lame horse. He is coming around all right.

ROCK LAKE.

Miss Loretta McAvoy returned home Saturday after a two weeks' stay in New York City.

Miss Anna Mae Brennan of Pleasant Mount, spent Sunday with Miss Nellie Rely.

Mrs. Jane Bloomer visited friends in Binghamton and Endicott, N. Y., last week.

Miss Agnes Tully is in Ellenville, N. Y., visiting friends.

Frederick Peel left Saturday to accept a position at Binghamton, N. Y.

Mrs. Louis DeQueno spent last week in Scranton.

Francis Tully was called to Carbondale Saturday. His son-in-law, Stephen Fagen, was injured in a railroad accident at Mayfield and taken to the Emergency hospital.

James Blake of New York city, died Monday, March 3, at the home of his sister, Mrs. T. J. Roark, of High street, after a lingering illness. Funeral was held on Wednesday at Rock Lake.

Friends here who are personally acquainted with Eddie Murphy of White Mills, now with the Philadelphia Athletics, wish him a successful season and will look with interest for his letters from Texas through the Citizen.

LAKE COMO.

Lake Como, March 10.

Lake Como is a thriving little summer resort in the highlands of northern Wayne county. It is one of the most progressive villages in this section of the state. The town fathers are planning to develop their village to a greater extent. The place is enjoying electric lights, the electricity being generated in the village by water power, with steam as a reserve. It is doubtful if another place the size of Lake Como is enjoying this same privilege in the state.

Former Wayne Counteans Almost Destitute.

The Scranton Tribune-Republican is engaged in a worthy effort to secure subscriptions for the relief of Mrs. George Snedeker and her eight minor children of Elkdale, this county. Mr. Snedeker having lost his life in the fire which burned the home and contents. They are in need of assistance. Any parties in this locality who would like to contribute to this purpose may leave contributions at The Citizen office and we will forward them to the Tribune-Republican. Mrs. Snedeker and family lived at Aldenville until two years ago when Mr. Snedeker moved to Elkdale.

Woman's Influence.

Some men strive to gain success. To win firm footholds on the height. Because within them selfishness is ever urging, day and night.

Some men press on as best they may With pick or spade or sword or pen. Because their wish is day by day To benefit their fellow men.

One in ten thousand, glad to claim The world's approval, nobly strives. But most men who win wealth or fame Do so to satisfy their wives.

ARSON TRUST IS THE LATEST FIND

Hideous Form of Crime in New York City.

FIREBUGS WORK FOR \$5 FEE

District Attorney Unearths Conspiracy by Which Insurance Adjuster, in League with Incendiaries, Robs Companies of Great Sums on False Claims—Lives Sacrificed.

"A firebug can be bought for a five dollar bill and 10 per cent of the insurance collected to set fire to furniture, with no regard for human life whatever," was one of the allegations in a statement issued at the district attorney's office, in New York city, a short time ago, following the arrest of an insurance agent, who was arraigned in the Harlem court on a charge of arson in the second degree and locked up in default of \$15,000 bail.

The arrest was one of the developments of the confession of Samuel Gold, who pleaded guilty to arson before Judge Crain in the court of general sessions. After his plea Gold made a statement to Assistant District Attorney Weller, in which it is stated he "laid bare the most astounding revelations with reference to crooked insurance brokers and adjusters."

Evidence reached the district attorney's office that lives have been lost through the operations of the gang of firebugs besides the money losses of insurance companies in the last two or three years.

Inexperience of the fatal velocity with which excelsior and kerosene can work destruction has entrapped the incendiaries several times. In these instances the ones to suffer have been the youngest in large families of children. The flames burst out with too sudden strength, and in the scramble some one occasionally was left behind.

Agent Helps Plotters.

The charge to which Gold pleaded guilty was that of hiring one Isidor Stein, better known as "Izzy the Painter," to set fire to his furniture in an apartment upon which Gold had \$1,200 insurance. Stein was tried last month and convicted and is at present in Sing Sing prison, serving a sentence of from twelve to twenty-four years. It was learned also that on Dec. 1, 1910, Gold had another fire in which his insured furniture was slightly burned. At that time Gold lived at 574 East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, in the Bronx.

From the investigation of the office of District Attorney Whitman it appears that an agent posing as a life as well as a fire insurance broker has figured in the adjustment of many fire losses. It is stated that he was able to go to one or two fire insurance companies with which he transacted most of his business and after filing a schedule for a total loss, say, of \$1,000 for damages to furniture by fire would offer and was able to effect a settlement on a 50 or 60 per cent basis. In these cases, it is charged, the companies' representative would make an examination and ascertain that the fire was of a suspicious origin, report the matter to Fire Marshal John P. Prial, take less than the schedule called for, would be quick to procure a settlement and take up and cancel the policy of insurance and call it a good settlement.

Human life was held cheap. The fires are most numerous in the thickly congested tenement houses on the east side, where there are six to eight families living on one floor. It is not intended that the incendiary should do anybody else the favor of starting a fire except to make a fire of the furniture of the man who employs him.

District Attorney's Statement.

The formal report is as follows: "Investigations by the fire marshal's office show that a great many of these fires are confined to the rooms of one apartment; that \$100 worth of damage to furniture, clothing and bedding is swelled into a \$500 or a \$1,000 claim. The insurance companies do not consider that this claim is large enough to fight through the courts, either to take the matter up with the authorities or to contest the claim in the civil courts. Not infrequently is life lost, but the firebug never thinks of others. He touches a match to a clothes closet filled with rags and old clothing saturated with benzine or gasoline, opens one of the windows slightly from the top, slips out of the apartment quietly and quickly and then crosses over to the other side of the street, lights a cigarette and waits to see the horses of the fire department come racing down the street."

WOULD FLY ACROSS THE ALPS

Peruvian Aviator Makes Audacious Plan in Switzerland.

Jean Belorucci, the Peruvian aviator, has arrived at Brig, Switzerland, in the canton of Valais, for the purpose of attempting a flight across the Alps above Simplon pass into Italy. He will follow the same route as his friend, George Chavez, who made a flight successfully, but died from injuries he received while landing at Domodossola, Italy.

Belorucci said he would make his attempt on the first unwindy day. He uses a monoplane.

BULGARIA MADE INTO A HOSPITAL

Entire Country Becomes Big Camp of Wounded.

NATION GIVES SPLENDID AID

All Men and Women Available Enlist in Work of Nurses—Schools Used For Sufferers—Turks Receive Good Treatment—Queen a Samaritan, Visiting the Patients with Delicacies.

The Balkan war will be known as one of the bloodiest in history. This is due as much to the mutual hatred of the belligerents as to the short time in which the conflict was waged. At Lozengrad (Kirk Killise) the number of casualties on both sides exceeded 25,000, while at Lule Burgas the Turkish killed and wounded alone numbered nearly 50,000. The losses of the Bulgarians are placed at 20,000 killed and wounded. In the fierce five day battles in the vicinity of Tchorlu the Turks lost 40,000 in dead and wounded, according to Turkish sources, while the Bulgarians had 15,000 casualties. It is announced officially that in Constantinople there are to be found not fewer than 50,000 wounded soldiers. Throughout Bulgaria it is believed that as many men are lodged in the hospitals. Bulgaria has more wounded than Turkey, owing to the fact that this country was adequately provided with sanitary squads, who did their work excellently on the field. The Bulgarian wounded were immediately picked up, sent to the temporary hospitals and thence taken to the interior.

Task is a Heavy One.

The arduous task of the Bulgarian Red Cross society was greatly augmented by the necessity of caring for the Turkish wounded also, including those severely hurt. The impetuous advance of the Bulgarians gave their enemy no chance to pick up the dead. Those of the Turks who were slightly hurt could escape with the general army, but those who were severely crippled fell into the hands of the enemy and had to be taken care of by the medical authorities.

Bulgaria just now is converted into a veritable hospital. Nearly all available public buildings have been utilized as temporary hospitals. It may not be a mistake to say that in no other war have incapacitated soldiers been better provided for than in this one. This can be explained by the fact that the whole nation is engaged in the Samaritan work. All men not otherwise occupied and women have given themselves up to the noble work of nursing the sick. Though all are not experienced in that specialty, still their readiness and desire to be useful greatly facilitate the hospital work. Even high school boys and girls have volunteered to help, and in many cities their services have been found very efficient. There are no schools open now, most of them having been turned into barracks and dispensaries.

Turks Well Cared For.

In Bulgaria more than 3,000 Turkish wounded are being cared for. In many cases they are being given the preference, and this has lately caused not a little indignation among the Bulgarians. Three weeks ago there were brought nearly 100 more Turkish wounded with five officers, who were in the Lule Burgas and Tchorlu battles. Nearly all of them were badly hurt.

The fine military school at Kulajevo, five miles from Sofia, was made ready for them in advance. The large buildings are very suitable for the purpose. The beds used by the cadets are today used by their enemies. The structures are well heated and ventilated.

Queen Eleanora has taken special interest in the Turks, and at her request the English Red Cross society contingent has been attached to the Bulgarian sanitary corps, charged with looking after the welfare of the Ottomans. A day or two ago the queen paid a visit to the premises and inspected every ward, distributing cigars and delicacies to the wounded. She stopped at the bedside of several of the patients, and the Turks, though not knowing who she was, were affected by the unusual interest and motherly affection shown them. One of them muttered to his near comrade, "Allah, she is kinder than our own mother!" Another fellow who could hardly move his shattered body was so touched by the angel of mercy that he shed tears.

Queen Proves Angel.

Heavy groans attracted the "great mother" of the Bulgarians to another sufferer. The moment their eyes met the patient ceased groaning. The queen patted him on the forehead and pronounced the word "Allah" as she looked upward. The soothing influence of Queen Eleanora's presence upon these strangers struggling between life and death was indescribable. Her care is now mainly given to inspecting the hospitals and other similar institutions throughout Bulgaria. Several correspondents remained with the wounded Turks in order to learn something from some of those who are allowed to talk. One can at once tell the Arab and Manaf (a native of Asia Minor) from the Balkan Turk. The former have milder features and look more intelligent. The European Turk has a fierce countenance, coarse features and an inborn stubbornness. These declined to talk.

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