

BOTH SIDES LOST HEAVILY

So Russian War Office Learns from Kurapatkin.

MANY OFFICERS WERE SLAIN.

General Herschelmann Sustained Great Casualties While Defending Salmatze Road.

It is reported at Mukden that the Japanese attacked the Russian position at An-Shan-Shan, midway between Hai-Cheng and Liao-Yang, on August 2, and were repulsed with heavy loss. The Russian casualties are not known.

Detailed reports reaching the war office at St. Petersburg from General Kurapatkin's generals show that the Russian losses July 30, July 31 and August 1 did not exceed 4,000. The Japanese are believed to have lost at least an equal number.

Most of the Russian losses were sustained on the Salmatze road and between Simou-Cheng and Hai-Cheng. The greatest number of casualties was sustained by General Herschelmann, who, with the Ninth European division, held Ku-Chia-Tze and Yu-Shu pass, on the Salmatze road. The fighting there was of the most desperate and bloody character. A single regiment lost 25 per cent, or 800 men before it withdrew toward An-Ping.

Another post where most stubborn resistance was made was at Nanga pass, a position between Simou-Cheng and Hai-Cheng, which was held by General Zassalich, who had been placed in command of a newly-formed corps, including the Thirty-first division belonging to the Tenth European corps, and two Siberian battalions, altogether 18,000 men. General Zassalich's misfortune at the Yalu river was duplicated, owing to the superiority of the Japanese artillery. He was making a splendid fight until he suddenly discovered that the Japanese gunners were enfilading his batteries.

AUTO TOURISTS HELD UP.

Highwaymen Rode Motor-Cycle and Got \$1,000.

A party of four in an automobile were held up late on Old York road, near Willow Grove, 14 miles from Philadelphia. The highwayman secured about \$1,000 in money and jewelry. The victims of the robbery were A. C. Hall, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Arthur L. Jackson and Mrs. Thomas C. Walton, all of New York. They were en route to the Delaware Water Gap.

The highwayman rode a motor-cycle. He disabled Mr. Hall's automobile and after having been relieved of the valuables the victims were compelled to walk two miles to a toll gate. There they secured a conveyance and drove to Doylestown, Pa., where the robbery was reported to the police.

34 HURT IN COLLISION.

Passenger Trains on Louisville and Nashville Crash.

A southbound passenger train on the Louisville and Nashville collided near Horse Cave, Ky., with a northbound passenger train. About 30 passengers and four trainmen were injured, but not seriously except Engineer Rehm, of the southbound train, who may die.

According to the information here Rehm, either disregarding orders or was sound asleep as his train was going at the rate of 40 miles an hour when it struck the northbound train. The baggage car on the southbound train was destroyed and the postal car damaged, but none of the coaches left the track.

Eight Drowned.

While bathing in the Mississippi river at Alton, Ill., Michael Hiley, his daughter, and six of the latter's girl friends were drowned. One child who was in the party was rescued.

WIFE MAKES CONFESSION.

Tells How Husband and a Partner Committed Wholesale Murder.

The wife of Paul Reed, at Statesboro, confessed that Will Catts, and Paul Reed, negroes, who are in jail at Savannah, Ga., for fear of lynching, murdered the Hodges family near Statesboro and burned their house. The motive was robbery.

They killed Hodges with an iron brace after he had caught them digging up a pile of money in the yard. They then killed Mrs. Hodges and the little girl by striking them on the head with a lamp. The babies were killed before the house was fired.

Seven Persons Drown.

In trying to reach the shore in a small tender from a stranded yacht near Halifax, N. S., seven of the eight persons in the boat were drowned through the capsizing of the little craft. The dead as far as can be learned are: George Leuch, Nasonville, R. I.; Captain Charles Hersey, Digby; Mrs. Verdo, Digby; Mrs. O'Reilly, supposed to be a New York woman; her son aged 13, and also a daughter.

Fairbanks to Visit Ohio.

Senator Charles W. Fairbanks will attend a reunion of former residents of Union county, O., at Marysville, August 11. Marysville is about 85 miles from Unionville Center, where Mr. Fairbanks was born.

Russians Lose Over 1,000 Men.

General Sakharoff reports that 29 officers and over 1,000 men were killed or wounded in the engagements of July 30 and 31, and six guns were abandoned.

DEATH OF EX-GOV. PATTISON.

Overwork at Democratic Convention Cause of Broken Health.

Robert E. Pattison, twice Democratic Governor of Pennsylvania and twice Controller of Philadelphia, died at his home in Overbrook, a suburb of Philadelphia, August 1.

Although pneumonia was the immediate cause of death, Mr. Pattison was indirectly a victim of overwork in connection with the recent Democratic National Convention. He returned with broken health and shattered nerves. He is said to have done the work of at least five men as a member of the special subcommittee that drafted the platform. It is known that for 19 hours, without sleep and with only a meager luncheon, he sat up all night and the best part of the following day working on the platform.

The ex-governor was a giant in stature and of powerful physique. There is no doubt that had his system not been run down so seriously, pneumonia would not have secured a fatal hold upon him.

Last Friday pneumonia developed and heart complications aggravated Mr. Pattison's illness. Sunday his condition was encouraging, but late at night he collapsed. Saline injections were resorted to, but the patient sank rapidly and died shortly after 6 o'clock Monday.

PROGRESS OF MEAT STRIKE.

Chicago Packers Buy Largely and Ship Great Train Loads.

On the first day of August the big Chicago packers bought about 8,000 cattle, 13,000 hogs and 10,000 sheep. Before nightfall 80 per cent of these purchases were slaughtered. Further proof of the assertions of the packers that the difficulties of the strike are being overcome was furnished by the shipment of 500 carloads of fresh meats from the stockyards. Of this amount 400 cars were loaded and shipped by the firms affected by the strike.

Deputy Sheriff Burke, who shot and killed William McLaughlin, a striker, in East St. Louis, was exonerated by the coroner's jury.

A temporary injunction restraining the striking packing house men at St. Joseph from picketing the plants and from interfering in any way with employees was granted here today by United States District Judge John F. Phillips.

Judge Holder, of the Circuit Court, refused to grant the appeal of the striking packing house employees to dissolve the injunction granted on behalf of the East St. Louis packers, restraining the strikers from interfering with the operation of the plants and men employed therein.

CHURCH TROUBLE MAY RESULT.

House of Lords Decides in Favor of Opponents to Church Union.

A judgment delivered in the House of Lords has produced consternation in Scotland, and as a result of it there will probably be a great religious upheaval. In October, 1900, there occurred the famous union of the Free Church of Scotland with the United Presbyterian Church. Twenty-four Free Church ministers opposed the union, and through the Scotch courts and the House of Lords have fought their claim to the whole property of the Free Church. The courts rejected the claim, but the House of Lords, by a majority of two, reversed that judgment and rendered a decision which places in the hands of these 24 ministers, a majority of them belonging to small Gaelic congregations in the Highlands, funds amounting to over \$5,000,000 and property comprising over 1,000 churches and mansees throughout Scotland, valued at nearly \$50,000,000.

Five Gold Miners Killed.

An accident at the Shakespear gold mine, Webbwood, on the Soo branch of the Canadian Pacific Railroad, east of Detroit, Mich., resulted in the suffocation of five men. The dead are: Peter Enid, John Walton, John Dickey, Webbwood; Peter Grant and an unknown man.

W. N. Ferris, of Big Rapids, was nominated for Governor by the State Democratic Convention of Michigan.

FAIRBANKS NOTIFIED.

Republican Candidate for Vice President Receives Announcement.

Charles W. Fairbanks was formally notified on the third, of his nomination for Vice President of the United States by the Republican National Convention. The notification address was made by Eltha Root, former Secretary of War. The exercises were held on the wide veranda of Senator Fairbanks' home at Indianapolis, in the presence of members of the notification committee, consisting of one member from each state and territory, the Governor and other state officers of Indiana, the Republican candidates for state office, the Indiana Republican congressional delegation, Indiana delegates and alternates to the National Convention, the state central committee and the Republican editorial association. All these had been especially invited.

German Steamer Sank.

It is officially announced that the German steamer recently sunk by the Vladivostok squadron was the Thea, a German vessel of about 1,000 tons.

Pay of Rural Delivery Carriers.

In the adjustment of the salaries of rural carriers in the postal service it has been decided that all carriers appointed prior to June 30, 1904, who were entitled to the maximum pay of \$600, under the rules which governed the establishment of routes at that time, shall receive the maximum of \$700, but that the schedule which became effective July 1, 1904, and recently announced, shall prevail in fixing the compensation of all carriers appointed since June 30.

SLAUGHTER AT PT. ARTHUR

Japanese Make Desperate Attempt But Meet Repulse.

YANGSE PASS WAS TAKEN.

Army of the Czar Forced to Retreat Toward Its Base at Liaoyang.

A desperate three days' assault on the inner defenses on the eastern and northern sides of Port Arthur failed, according to advices brought by two junks which arrived at Chefoo. A Russian who escaped from Port Arthur via Pigeon bay on the night of July 29 states that the earth trembled under the terrific cannonading which began at 4 a. m. July 26 and ended during the night of July 28, when the battle ceased. A Chinese who has arrived here on a separate junk confirms the Russian's statement that the Russian killed and wounded during the assault numbered between 5,000 and 6,000.

The Japanese in their repeated assaults against the eastern forts on the hills, through barbed wire entanglements and over mines, displayed fanatical bravery. They were mowed down by the hail of shells and bullets and the explosion of mines under their feet. Their losses are estimated at 20,000. The Russian declares that the Russians held all the eastern forts leading to Golden Hill and that the Japanese, shattered and exhausted, retired to the eastward.

As related by the passengers from the two junks, the Japanese advance, which began from Kwokau before daybreak July 26, was directed against Kikwan, Kinkintun, Kinkinsan and Piktoushan forts, lying near the shore. The Russian outposts were driven back. In the meantime Admiral Togo shelled the forts at long range, but the return fire of the forts kept his ships at a safe distance, rendering the co-operation of the fleet ineffective.

General Kuroki has administered a severe defeat to the Russian forces, which defeated the Russian east flank at Liao-Yang, winning separate actions at Yu-Shu-Li-Zu and Yangse pass. These two places are 34 miles apart, but the two actions were fought at the same time. The Russians held strong positions. The thermometer registered over 110 degrees Fahrenheit, and the soldiers suffered cruelly from heat exhaustion.

General Keller is Slain.

The emperor received the following dispatch, dated July 31, from Gen. Kuropatkin: "All our positions were retained at Simoucheng when the fighting ceased at 6:45 p. m., July 30, but I have not yet received reports of the operations on our extreme right flank. We retained all our positions held by our eastern force at Yangse pass. Gen. Keller commanding, had chosen this as the point from which to watch the fight. A battery near him was exposed to heavier fire than any other and he was mortally wounded. He died at 2 o'clock in the afternoon."

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEVITIES.

During a downpour of rain at Ballystock, Russia, there was a regular shower of small fish.

Governor S. W. T. Lanham was unanimously renominated for Governor of Texas by the Democratic State Convention.

George M. Long, a navy yard employe at Washington, cut the throat of his sweetheart, Nora Adams, and then took his own life. Both died together.

Former Governor James T. Lewis, War Governor of Wisconsin, died as the result of a second stroke of apoplexy a week ago. Governor Lewis was 83 years of age.

A bill introduced by Representative Rogers, of McIntosh, the only negro in the Georgia Legislature, appropriating \$5,000 for the State Industrial College for Negro Youth at Savannah, Ga., was passed by the House of Representatives by a unanimous vote.

A contract involving about \$2,000,000 was closed by officers of the Pittsburgh Steel Co. for the delivery, within 10 months, of 119,000 tons of billets on a conversion basis of \$6 a ton from the Republic Iron and Steel Co. It is estimated that consuming interests within the last two weeks, have closed negotiations for about 200,000 tons of pig iron.

Bishop H. C. Potter, of New York, who assisted at the opening of the "Subway Tavern," was roundly criticized by some temperance people and praised by a few.

Creditors of Daniel J. Sully & Co. decided to refuse his offer of 40 per cent, and the bankruptcy proceedings will go on.

An order was issued by Secretary Taft permitting army officers on duty at the War Department to wear civilian dress.

A report issued by the Bureau of Commerce and Labor shows a shrinkage of domestic commercial operations.

The consumption of cotton by mills in the United States exceeds 4,000,000 bales annually.

Cotton authorities expect a crop of 12,000,000 bales.

New Counterfeit Bank Note.

Chief Wildlife, of the United States secret service, announces the discovery of a new counterfeit \$10 National bank note. It is on the National Bank of Commerce in New York, series 1882; Bruce, register; Wymen, treasurer. It is a poorly executed forgery.

The family of the late T. D. Lawson, of Meridian, Miss., have insisted that the words "killed by F. G. Semmes" be placed on his monument.

WEATHER AND CROPS.

Spring Wheat Affected by Rust in Some Sections.

The weather bureau's weekly summary of crop conditions is as follows:

Very favorable temperature prevailed during the week ending August 1 in nearly all districts, and while droughty conditions are beginning to be felt over limited areas in the central valleys and Southern States, the rainfall has been generally ample for crop needs. Corn has experienced a week of favorable temperature, and while needling rain in portions of the Ohio, Central Mississippi and Missouri valleys, the crop, as a whole, has made good progress and continues in promising condition. Thrashing winter wheat has advanced under favorable weather conditions in the central valleys, but frequent rains have interrupted this work in the middle Atlantic States. The quality and yield of grain are proving disappointing in the lower Mississippi valley, where the crop suffered much from excessive rains during the period of harvest.

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RIOT IN CHICAGO.

Police Use Clubs Freely and Make Many Arrests.

In a riot which broke out at the stock yards in Chicago, two policemen were injured and 28 rioters were arrested. The trouble started when five strike-breakers from one of the machine shops in one of the packing plants were leaving the yard and tried to board a street car to go to their homes. Despite the signals of the strike-breakers the motormen on 12 cars refused to stop, and a crowd standing near by, seeing a good opportunity to get revenge on the non-union men, commenced hurling stones at them. Two policemen who were guarding the entrance went to the assistance of the non-union men, but the rioters by this time had grown in numbers so rapidly that fully 1,000 angry men were trying to get at the strike-breakers.

Retreating into the machine shop the policemen sent in a riot call. When the additional officers arrived a charge was made on the rioters. The crowd was armed with bricks and stones and when the policemen started forward every man who could find room enough threw a brick. Two of the bricks went true to the mark and two of the policemen dropped in their tracks, having been hit on the head. They were picked up by their companions and taken inside the machine shop, where it was found that one of the men, Patrick Ryan, was suffering from a fractured skull.

Seeing the condition of their companions the other 18 policemen made another charge on the crowd. This time the onslaught was in earnest, 18 clubs being swung from right to left with all the muscle that each man could muster. Each time a club descended, it landed on a man's head and fully 50 of the rioters were beaten to the pavement before they showed any signs of scattering. As soon as the policemen saw that they had the mob on the run they turned their attention to those who were lying on the ground, and succeeded in arresting 28 of them before they could scramble to their feet and get away.

Cruiser Kasuga is Sunk.

The Gloriana d' Italia, a Roman paper, published in an extra edition a dispatch from Tokyo announcing that the Japanese armored cruiser Kasuga, formerly the Argentine warship Rivadavia, has been sunk. The Liao-Yang correspondent of D'Italia asserts that conditions among the Russians at the front are disastrous. The army, he says, is dying of hunger. After a march lasting 48 hours they were given nothing but pieces of sugar. They have no bread and no meat. Provision trains arrive at long intervals only. "Under these conditions," he adds, "the work of the troops is truly heroic."

Revolutionists Condemned to Death.

The Haytian military tribunal has condemned to death by default 40 exiled persons accused of complicity in the attempted revolution headed by General Montplaisir. At Archaries the populace, after looting three Syrian shops, drove away 100 Syrians, who reached Port au Prince stripped of everything. Trouble is feared in other cities of the republic.

Athlete Named for Congress.

Robert Garrett, of Baltimore county, was nominated for Congress by the Republicans of the Second Maryland Congressional district. Mr. Garrett is a nephew of the former President of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad of that name. During the Olympic games in Greece, in 1896, he won first prize in the discus throwing contest.

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Buildings Wrecked by Explosion of Torpedoes.

TWO OF THE INJURED MAY DIE.

Firemen Prevented Flames from Reaching Place Where Benzine Was Stored.

By the explosion of 10 kegs of railway torpedoes at the plant of the Versailles Railway Signal works, along the tracks of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad in Versailles borough, Allegheny county, Pa., the three brick buildings used as a factory were entirely destroyed, two men were perhaps fatally injured, one young woman badly hurt, while four others were scratched and cut by the flying tin and brick.

The injured are: Charles Klingensmith, 39 years old; burned all over the body; taken to the McKeesport Hospital and may not recover.

Charles Bevan, 23 years old; injured internally, cut about the face and body; unconscious at the house of Superintendent Frank Dutcher, at Versailles, and may not recover.

Nina Doty, 17 years old; cut about face and arms and suffering from shock.

Allee Fagan, West Newton, Pa.; cut about face and arms, but not seriously.

Annie and Mary Coates, sisters, of Boston, Pa.; bruised and cut by flying bricks; injuries not serious.

Lizzie Ormon, of McKeesport, bruised and cut by flying bricks and suffering from shock and fright; injuries not serious.

Just what caused the explosion is not known and may never be known. All the workmen know is that while two of them were shoveling torpedoes into a keg, getting them ready for shipment, there was a flash and a roar, the buildings trembled and rocked and then commenced to crumble into pieces. In addition to the three buildings of the plant, which were completely destroyed, the windows and doors were torn from four other buildings of the plant, while the windows and doors were wrecked in dwelling houses within the space of four blocks of the scene of the explosion.

The buildings caught fire, but the blaze was soon extinguished.

MILLIONS IN SMALL COIN.

Mint Will Turn Out \$100,000,000 in Nickels and Cents.

Successful experiments in the manufacture of copper blanks from which cents are stamped at the United States mint in Philadelphia will render unnecessary the reduction in the force which it was expected would go into effect there in September.

The mint here is the only one in the United States which makes cents and nickels and there will be a record breaking production of those coins from September to December. The mint will devote their exclusively to this coinage and \$25,000,000 will be turned out each month. In the last four months of the year the demand for subsidiary coin is so great that \$100,000,000 material, it is estimated, will be exhausted by February.

SEIZED BY A LION.

Trainer Almost Torn to Pieces at Coney Island.

Captain Jack Bonavita was all but torn to pieces by the big African lion Baltimore in the Bostock arena at Coney Island before a holiday crowd of 3,000 persons roared to their seats in terror. The big lion, roused to frenzy by the stings of a whip, fell upon the trainer at the close of a 15 minute fight between man and beast. Frank C. Bostock sprang into the den, where seven other lions were fighting, and snatched the swooning trainer from beneath the very body of the lion.

NEWS NOTES.

A Rock Island train was held up, the passengers robbed and cars looted near Tucumcari, N. M.

The campaign managers of both political parties have begun the work of collecting funds for the great expense of the campaign.

J. G. Garber was nominated by the Republicans of the Ninth Congressional district of Missouri, to oppose Congressman Champ Clark.

Despite official denials, the newspapers insist that a marriage has been arranged between the Infanta Maria Teresa, sister of King Alfonso, and Prince Ferdinand, of Bavaria.

A dispatch to a London paper from Brussels, which is not confirmed, reports that 32 persons were killed near Arion by an explosion, which afterwards set fire to several miles of corn fields.

Four hundred and fifty telegraphers employed by the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railway system stopped work August 1. The action of the men is the result of demands for an increase in wages and certain other concessions.

Injunction Against Union Miners.

Joseph Letter's Coal Company obtained an injunction from Judge Humphrey in the Federal Court, prohibiting union miners from picketing or patrolling the premises of the company at Zeigler, Ill., from entering upon the property from interfering with men who wish to work, from threatening or persuading men to quit work, from interfering with or entering trains or cars going to and from Zeigler. The restraining order is temporary, and the case is set for hearing September 15 in this city.

SIGNS OF IMPROVEMENT.

Considerably Better Business on Hand Than Customary at This Season, Especially in the South.

From almost every quarter of the country from which the International Mercantile Agency has received special reports this week there are signs of an improvement in trade, with quite a considerable better business on hand than is customary at this season of the year, and few cancellations as a result of the rather clamorous reports that have been sent out the last few days from the spring wheat sections in the northwest.

Locally the strike of the men in the packing house trade is of small consequence, while indications in the west are that it will soon be settled. In Chicago, Kansas City, Minneapolis and St. Paul, cities that would normally be affected by the disturbances, there is very little trace of a reaction in trade. It is equally significant that these same sections should report a very satisfactory distribution of merchandise, in view of the estimates that have been made of damage by rust to spring wheat.

In some of the countries of North and South Dakota there has been a material setback, but the damage figures that have been made up to help along a big bull speculation in wheat are being generally discredited.

The best reports are from the South and Southwest. It is evident that preparations are being made by merchants in those sections for an unprecedented business. Louisville, St. Louis and Dallas all tell the same story of a present good demand, with satisfactory collections and the prospect of a much better business. Traveling men are sending in larger orders than they have been known to at this season of the year.

Failures for the week in the United States are 230, against 220 last week, 231 the preceding week, and 178 the corresponding week last year. Failures in Canada number 18, against 18 last week, 20 the preceding week, and 19 last year.

PARKER RESIGNS JUDGESHIP.

Presidential Candidate Passes Up Seat on New York Bench.

Judge Alton Brooks Parker filed with Deputy Secretary of State Horace G. Tonnant his resignation as Chief Justice of the Court of Appeals. Although dated at Esopus, the resignation was handed in at Albany by a messenger sent from the Judge's chambers, and followed a conference between the Judge and his associates on the bench of the Court of Appeals. The resignation is worded as follows: Rosemount, Esopus, N. Y., Aug. 5, 1904.

I hereby respectfully resign my office as Chief Justice of the Court of Appeals of the State of New York, such resignation to take effect immediately.

By resigning now Judge Parker makes certain that his successor will have to be elected in November and not appointed by Governor Odell.

RUSSIA WILL SEARCH SHIPS.

Officially Announces the Release of the British Steamer Malacca.

The Russian government has issued an official announcement of the release of the steamer Malacca which was seized in the Red sea by the Russian volunteer fleet cruisers.

It is stated that the liberation of the vessel was due to the declaration by the British government that the cargo was the property of the state, but says it must not be deduced from this fact that the imperial government abandons its intention of sending out isolated cruisers as well as warships generally to search for contraband of war intended for Japan.

Gunboat is Blown Up.

The Russian gunboat Sivovitch (which has been in the Liao river since the beginning of the war) has been deserted and blown up near Sancha, and the crew with the vessel's guns have started for Liao-Yang. Two Japanese gunboats went on Monday to reconnoiter the position of the Sivovitch and were fired upon.

RUSSIAN LINE BROKEN.

Japanese Pass Between Forces of Stakeberg and Kurapatkin.

A dispatch to a London news agency from Tokyo says there is reason to believe that after two days' fighting the Japanese occupied Simou-Cheng, thus cutting off Gen. Stakeberg from Gen. Kurapatkin.

The correspondent of the London Times with Gen. Kuroki in the field, in a dispatch dated July 31, says: "This army began a general attack at daylight today which lasted until sunset. The Japanese center took the town, capturing the enemy's northwestern positions."

"The left advanced and occupied a position jeopardizing the Russian right. The Japanese right carried the position against superior numbers."

"There was tremendous artillery firing throughout the day and the infantry finished with a brilliant march under the enemy's strangle. I believe that the Russian position will be untenable to-morrow."

A band of alleged robbers, belonging to the Black Hand Society, has been rounded up and arrested in Westchester county, New York.

Big Increase in Coal Output.

The forthcoming report of the United States geological survey will show that the United States exceeded all previous records in the production of coal in 1903. The total amount of the output during that year was 359,421,311 tons, an increase of nearly 58,000,000 tons, or 19 per cent over the preceding year. The value of the product of 1903 is given as \$504,190,733, an increase in value of 38 per cent over the preceding year.

KEYSTONE STATE CULLINGS

FOUGHT OVER A CHILD.

Man Tries to Get Possession of Baby, but Woman Gives Chase and Wins Battle.

A fight between husband and wife for the possession of a two-year-old baby at Greensburg resulted in a man chase that occupied the attention of all the constables of the borough and many citizens. Some time ago William Rupe and wife separated and she returned to the home of her mother, Mrs. Donnelly. Rupe, it is said, has been residing at Wilkingsburg. Rupe concealed himself near the Donnelly home and when the opportunity was afforded he grabbed the babe and started down the pike at a lively clip. The wife gave chase. She caught up with him and a desperate encounter took place. Every stitch of clothing on the child's body was torn off in the struggle, and besides it was badly hurt. The woman won the fight, the man dropping the infant upon the appearance of the police and constables. Rupe was chased to a dense thicket, a half mile east of here, where he was surrounded by friends of the woman and the officers.

The shutdown at the collieries in the Schuylkill region was complete with the exception of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company, which continued to operate its collieries in the Panther creek valley. All the individual operations along the Reading system were compelled to shut down by reason of the fact that no cars will be furnished until August 5. It is conservatively estimated that there are about 60,000 idle men in the county as the result of the suspension. During the period of idleness it is the intention of the companies to make many improvements, which it was not possible to do while the collieries were in operation.

No further application for frogs for propagation purposes will be received by Fish Commissioner Meahan. To date 1,000 persons have applied and this will exhaust the supply. Each application calls for 300 tadpoles, and if all grow to be full-fledged frogs there will be 300,000 new frogs in the State next year. At the rate of \$1.50 a dozen 25,000 dozen frogs will bring a revenue to the frog raisers of \$37,500. The State Fish Commission has decided that hereafter it will not show leniency to any person caught violating the fish laws and will insist on the full penalty.

Edward Ritter, a waiter in an Easton restaurant, shot and probably mortally wounded his wife and then killed himself, while on a Lehigh Valley train at Leighton. The couple had been separated for some time, the woman, it is said, having eloped with another man, taking all of Ritter's money and disposing of their furniture. Ritter was about 35 years old and his wife several years younger. The woman was taken to an Allentown hospital.

The group of four buildings of the ornamental terra cotta works, owned by Conkling, Armstrong & Co., at Wissahickon avenue and Bristol street, Philadelphia, was totally destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at \$1