RUSSIANS HOLD THE FORT

Desperate Attack by Japs Proves a Failure

THOUSANDS OF LIVES LOST.

For Six Days Port Arthur Was Bombarded, Yet the Fortress Stands Defiant.

Once more has Port Arthur been baptized in a terrible outpouring of fire from the hundreds of guns of the Japanese besiegers, and yet the fortress stands defiant, bailling the relentless General Nogl, whose most recent general assault of six days' duration ended in faiture on Thursday, the birthday of the Emperor of Japan

For six days the forts, town and harbor of Port Arthur were under the most terrise combardment; for six days Nogl cruelly hurled his men in fruitless sacrifice up slopes and against walls that beiched builets and shells by the thousands; for six days the tide of batale wavered; and on Thursday, when he expected, it is said, to carry the just line of defense. the attack failed atterly

Phousands of Japanese bodies strew the hills about the positions of the hrave Russian defenders, who are fighting for their very lives, spurred on by the indomitable Stoessel, who, while making Japan pay the dearest price she ever paul for anything she secured, knows to is fighting against odds that must sooner or later overwhelm him. The Japanese losses in this last assault, according to advices from Chifu, have been enormous.

It is reported that the number of Japanese killed or wounded in front of Port Arthur during the last three months approximates 40,000.

LAURIER FORCES WIN. Liberals Sweep Canadian Parliamentary Elections.

The Dominion parliamentary tions were held on the 3d. The returns point to the re-election of Laurier government with a majority of between 60 and 70 in the house of commons, which is composed of 214 members. This is a Liberal gain of

The Conservative leader, R. L. Borden, was defeated in his own constitu-ency in Nova Scotia. The province of Quebec, Laurier's home, sustained the premier by returning a large Lib-

eral majority The campaign was brief and remarkably free from political raneor, the principal issue being the construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific railroad with government aid, a project favored by the Liberal government.

YOUNG GIRL MURDERED.

Telephone Operator Falls Victim to Fiend Who Escapes.

Territly cut and crushed about the head, the dead body of Alma Steinway, a telephone operator, 18 years old was found in a vacant lot near the Spring Grove cemetery at Winton Place, a suburb of Cincinnati. While there are large footprints in the trail where the body was found, there is no clue to the supposed slayer.

A bloodstained trail marked a path along which the body had been drag-Along this trail were found the imprint of heavy boots, apparently those of a man.

It is believed the girl was waiting for a Winton road car when attacked. A street car transfer punched at 9:40

copal Church choir at Winton Place. and was highly respected.

Held Up by Lone Robber. A masked man, armed with a pis-tol, entered a saloon at Cottonwood,

faces to the wall and their hands over their heads, while he relieved them of \$500 in cash and \$1,800 in checks. Charles Emerson, one of the men who was held up, has been arrested on suspicion of complicity

Coke Production.

While the coke production in the Connellsville region was somewhat lighter last week, the general conditions are favorable. Two large plants were compelled to close down on account of a scarcity of water. The shipments, however, were nearly 15, 000 tons greater than the week's production, that amount of stocked coke being moved. The general conditions are considered better from the fact that inquiries for 1905 delivery are plentiful. Foundrymen seem to fear that there will be a scarcity of coke with the advent of the new year and have hastened into the market with their orders. This has had the effect of boosting prices. Some of the offers have been tempting and contracts are reported as high as \$1.60 to \$1.70 for furnace grade. Coke may reach \$1.75, but under existing conditions is likely to go beyond that.

The ferryboat Columbia of the Wall street line was run into and sunk by the Norwich liner City There was no loss of life. There was a heavy fog on the river

The explosion of over a ton dynamite under the Bond street bridge at Mt. Vernon, N. Y., shook the city and the surrounding country within a radius of five miles, killed at least one person and injured near-ly 40 others, two of whom may die. The man supposed to have been killed was an Italian in charge of the dynamite. He was seen at his post of duty just before the explosion, and of lye for one of cream, Ed. Benjang trace of him has since been min, aged 75, drank of the stuff and

STEADY IMPROVEMENT.

Contracts for Delivery of Pig Iron Extends Into Next Year-Good Traffic Reports.

R. G. Dun's "Weekly Review of Trade" says: Business Improves steadily and there is no evidence of anxiety regarding the future. Payments are more promptly met, tending to stimulate preparations for coming trade, and the disposition to lim-It purchases to immediate needs is generally disappearing. Conservatism during the summer and autumn had a beneficial effect, reducing stocks to a low point. As demand broadens this scarcity of supply produces pressure for quick delivery and prices strengthened. Aside from inflation caused by speculation, there is no bet-

ter sign of commercial progress than

advancing commodity markets.

All the leading branches of man: facture are in better position, with note-worthy activity at Iron furnaces. woolen mills and footwear factories. Traffle reports are satisfactory, railway earnings in October exceeding last year's by 7.6 per cent. Foreign commerce returns at this port for the last week show a gain of \$789,276 in exports, and a loss of \$297,752 in imports, as compared with 1903. Wholeprogress is recorded in the iron and steel industry, sentimental provement being succeeded by actual business. Thus far the test news comes from blast furnaces, contracts for delivery of pig iron running well into next year, with a further sharp in prices. Buyers who procrastinated a few weeks ago are now eager to arrange shipments. Material is being sought for railway cars, bridges and other supplies, even rail mills receiving unexpectedly targe orders. This business is accompanied by a new good movement of pipe, despite higher prices, and also plates for abipbuilders. Old material has risen

Commercial failures this week in the United States are 229, against 233 last week, 215 the preceding week and 246 the corresponding week last Parinres in Canada number 27, against 28 last week, 39 the preceding week and 22 last year.

MINERS HURLED TO DEATH.

The Shaft Carriage Levers Refused to Work and It Fell.

One of the worst mine accidents in the history of the Wyoming valley for many years occurred at No. 1 Auchincloss shaft, operated by the ware, Lackawanna and Western Coal company, at Nanticoke, Pa. Ten men were heried to instant death and three other persons were seriously injured. The dead are: William Ashton, Jr.; John ignotowitz, John Tisarek, Jos eph Kassian, John Konon, Frank Sytakowiski, Joseph Novick. Bolish Opiovski, John Kemper, Joseph Goss-

The injured are: John Knochadale, Harold Verment and David Houston, who were braised and cut about the body by flying wreckage, while standing at the mouth of the shaft ready to descend.

The men were mostly all on the mine carriage to be lowered to workings below. The signal was given to Engineer Fine, who began lowering the men. The carriage had gone but a few feet when the engineer lost control of his engines, owing to the reverse levers falling to work, and the carriage, with its of human souls, 10 in all, was dashed beyond the Ross vein, landing nearly 1,100 feet below the surface and from there they were precipitated 300 feet farther into a sump. Had they not been killed outright they would, with-Had they not p. m. was found in her hand.

Out doubt, have been drowned in the The girl was a member of the Epis- sump, which is fully 50 feet deep with

and every man on the ill-fated car- several of the bags of money, riage has been up by the The victims, who officials as lost. were miners, laborers and company Cal., and lined up six men with their hands, all resided in Nanticoke, the most of whom leave families, many of whom are in need.

> Daniel W. Trotter of Chicago, former Assistant Treasurer of the American Linseed Oil Company, has been judicially declared insane.

NEWS NOTES.

Cracksmen exploded the safe in the stoffice at Negley, O., and secured \$300 in money and stamps.

Evidence is being adduced to prove that the whole Jewish population of Gomel, Russia, was organized for an armed conflict, the city being divided into quarters and arms distributed.

P. F. Smith, general manager of the Wellsville and McKeesport plants of the American Sheet and Tin Plate Company, has announced his resigna-

Edwin L. Mitchell, a well-known attorney of Cakland, Md., fell down stairs at the Hotel Schley, at Oak-land, last night, and was killed, his neck being broken.

The dead body of Robert Peet, ratiroad man, running between Hellaire and Newark, was found at Burlington, O. It is believed he was murdered. Three suspects were ar-

The body of Hunt Chamberlain bookkeeper for a wholesale house at Mobile, Ala., was found in a seclud-There was a bullet ed spot through his head and a revolver at his side. He had not been robbed.

Fire has destroyed the entire west side of the little town of Marion Tuscola county, Mich. Loss, \$200, 600. The Opera House block, post-office block. 10 stores and 25 dwell-

Fire in a small store in the rear of the Waldorf-Astoria hotel, York, almost caused a pante among the guests of the hostelry.

died in terrible agony.

NINE DROWNED BY DELUGE

Reservoir Bursts Releasing Near ly a Million Gallons of Water.

HOUSES WERE WASHED AWAY

One Couple Float Down Stream 500 Yards but Escape Without Serious Injury.

A reservoir of the municipal water works, located near the center o Winston Salem, N. C., broke, cause ing the loss of nine lives.

The dead: Mrs. Martin Peeples Mrs. Vogeler, Mrs. John Poer and 12 year-old Gaughter, Mrs. Southern John Southern, Miss Octavia Bailey aged 20; Lucille Malone, colored Martin, colored. The north side of the reservoir

which is 30 feet high, tumbled over falling on the home and barn of Mar Peeples. There were abou 800,000 gallons of water in the rese voir, and the mad stream rushed to road, a distance of half a mile Four tenement houses were washed

A colored man named Davis and his floated on their bed to the railjunction, a distance of road They landed on a heap of rub bish without a scratch.

water that flowed rvoir formed a vicinity and it the reservoir WRI thought that several people may have been drowned in this. It will drained.

The reservoir was surrounded by of residences. It is understood the structure had been con

CZAR'S SHIPS RIDDLED.

Peresviet an Pobeida Were Each Hit Five Times in a Single Day.

The official reports of the Port Aroperations since August 1 form a recital of almost continuous fighting of a desperate nature. Laterly, since the Japanese began running parallels and traverses and extending mines, the Russians have been con-stantly making sorties. They rush into the Japanese trenches and engage in ferocious struggles with the engineers and pioneers.

During September 26, the reports say, the Japanese bombarded the Rus-Seven or eight shells sian fleet. struck Russian warships. August 20 the battleships Perseviet and Poble-da were each hit five times. The night of October 2 the Japanese continued to shell the Russian fleet, and hit the Poltava, Peresviet and Poble-da. October 12 and 13 Japanese shells set fire to the Peresviet, ap-parently disabling her. They also set fire to another warship, name un known

October 25 the Japanese guns sunk a thousand-ton steamer anchored at the end of the harbor.

ROBBERS SECURE \$25,000.

The "David Harum," of New York Town is Made Victim.

Robbed two years ago of \$12,000 which he kept in his house. James L. Blodgett, of Hermitage, N. Y., afterward established a private bank. Early in the morning four masked men entered the bank, blew open the safe and escaped with all the money on hand, \$25,000.

The explosion awoke Miles D. Smith, who lives near the bank, and Secretary Hay and Ambassador Justclad only in his night robe Smith gave pursuit to the robbers. Several shots were exchanged, but no damage was No human aid could reach them er to facilitate their escape, dropped these were returned to the bank

Banker Blodgett is the "David Harum" of Hermitage. He has prosperous and has made considerable money, lending, it is alleged, to those who had good security to offer.

The cope stolen from the cathedral at Adcoll. Italy, has been presented to the Italian government by J. Pierpont Morgan, who had purchased it

CATCH ROBBERS AFTER FIGHT. Officers Exchange Shots With Crooks

Who Rifle the Postoffice. At Wheeling, W. Va., Pop Shipman and Will Murphy, of Martins Ferry, both noted crooks; Clyde Hawley, of Bellaire and James McLaughlin, of Niles, O., were arrested at Barton, O., police of Bridgeville, Mayor Junkins and Chief of Police

Thompson of that place. The police flagged the Cleveland express train, and after a desperate batin which all exchanged shots, the robbers were taken and landed in the

county jail at St. Clairsville. officers were notified of their coming from Uhrichsville, O., where they robbed a postoffice last night. Some of the stolen goods, also about a pint of nitroglycerin and a full kit burglar tools, were taken from them. All are wanted for scores of

Attorney General Anderson of Virginia, has decided that the votes of men who have not personally paid their poll taxes can be challenged and rejected, although their names are on the Treasurer's list.

Postoffice Robbed.

The postoffice at Chicora, Pa., was wrecked and robbed by sale-crackers, They secured \$150 in cash and between \$500 and \$1,000 in stamps. The thieves gained entrance at a rear window, drilled the safe and exploded a charge of nitro-glycerine so great that it forced the heavy safe back through the wall of the building. blew of its door and smashed all the windows and light frame work. The damage to the building and safe amounts to \$1.000.

THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION.

Year Closed One of Peace Within Our Borders and With all Nations. "By the Prouldent of the United

States of America: A proclamation:

"It has pleased Almighty God to bring the American people in safety and honor through another year, and, in accordance with the long-unbroken custom handed down to us by our forefathers, the time has come when a special day shall be set apart in which to thank Him who holds all nations in the hollow of His hand for mercies thus vonchsafed to us During the century and a quarter our National lite we as a people have been blessed beyond all others, and for this we owe humble and heartfelt heartfelt The year that has closed has been one of peace within our own borders as well as between us and all other nations. The harvests have been abundant, and those who work, whether with hand or brain, are prospering greatly

"Reward has waited upon honest effort. We have been enabled to do our duty to ourselves and to others. Never has there been a time when religious and charitable effort has been more evident. Much has been given to us and much will be expected from speak of what has done by this Nation in no spirit o boastfulness or valuglory, but with full and reverent realization that our strength is as nothing unless we are helped from above.

"Hitherto we have been given the heart and strength to do the tasks allotted to us as they severally arose. We are thankful for all that has been done for us in the past, and we pray that in the future we may be strengthened in the unending struggle to do our duty fearlessly and honestly, with charity and good will, with rehonestly, spect for ourselves, and with love to-ward our fellow men.

"in this great Republic the effort to combine National strength with personal freedom is being tried on a scale more gigantic than ever before in the world's history. Our success will mean much, not only for ourselves, but for the future of all man kind; and every man and woman in our land should feel the grave sponsibility resting upon him or her. for in the last analysis this success must depend on the high average of our individual citizenship, upon way in which each of us does his duty by himself and his neighbor.

"Now, therefore, I, Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States, do hereby appoint and set apart Thursday, the 24th of this Novobserved as a day ember, to be observed as a day festival and thanksgiving by all people of the United States at or abroad, and do recommend that on that day they cease from their ordi nary occupations and gather in their several places of worship or in their homes, devoutly to give thanks unto Aimighty God for the conferred upon us as individuals, and Nation, and to beseech Him that in the future His divine favor may

be continued to us. "In witness whereof I have hereun to set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed Done at the city of Washington this first day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and four, and of the Indepenence of the United States the one hundred and

twenty-ninth." "Theodore Roosevelt. "By the President. John Hay.

'Secretary of State." TREATY WITH FRANCE.

erand Affix Signatures.

Secretary Hay and Ambassador Jusserand signed a treaty providing for the settlement by arbitration o any possible disputes between the United States and France. It is drawn on the lines of the Anglo-

French arbitration treaty The treaty is to be followed soon one between America and Italy, and there is reason to believe that some progress already has been made in that direction. A similar treaty with Switzerland will come next, according to the present plan, and it is probable that a whole set of arbitration treaties will be negotiated.

BATTLE WITH ROBBERS.

Horse Shot from Under Nearly Four Hundred Will Be Asked Him by Outlaws.

The First National bank of Cody. Wy., was held up by two bandits and the cashier, R. E. Middaugh, killed. The robbers rode into town and went straight to the bank and dismounted. One entered the building and other held the horses outside. ier Middaugh refused the demand for money and was shot and instantly 000,000 killed. The noise of the shooting \$60,000. brought a crowd to the bank, but the robbers fled without further attempt-

ing to get money.

All available men in town were soon in hot pursuit of the fugitives, who the suspension of public works to the headed for the Hole in the Wall, the amount of \$35,000,000; also to raise famous wilderness refuge for out-laws. One of the posse, led by Sheriff Jefferson Champion, overtook the outlaws at dusk, 20 miles southwest of Cody, and a battle ensued, in which Sheriff Champion had his horse shot from under him, but he himself was The bandits secured uninjured. fresh horses at a ranch nearby and escaped. Col. W. F. Cody ("Buffalo Bill") and his posse are on the trail of the outlaws

Boston Wool Market.

In the wool market this week con ditions held firm and the demand continues steady. The price of domestic wools in this market, as based on actual sales, is about as follows Ohio and Pennsylvania, XX and above, 35@36c; X, 30@31c; No. 1, 35@36c; No. 2, 35@36c; fine unwashed, 24@25c; ¼ blood unwashed, 30c; ¾ blood, 30c; unwashed delaine, 26@27c. Michigan X and above, 26@ 27c; No. 1, 33@34c; No. 2, 33@34c; ¼ blood unwashed, 29@30c.

JAPANESE ARE REINFORCED

Forces of Oyama Increased by 40,000 to 60,000 Men.

TROOPS FROM PORT ARTHUR.

Second Battle on Shakhe River Places Russian Commander in Difficult Position.

According to Russian reports the army of Field Marshal Oyama confronting the Russian forces in the vicinity of the Shakhe river, has been reinforced by from 40,000 to 60,000 men from Port Arthur and Japan. Earlier reports have indicated Gen. Kuropatkin has received nearly equal accessions to his forces, though yesterday's dispatches from Mukden intimate the contrary and convey the impression that the presfinds the Russians no ent moment fully prepared to meet a Japanese advance that may be expected to begin any hour. A Russian advance seems to be regarded as questionable, owing to the fact that the close of the battle of Shakhe river has been devoted by the Japanese to a strenuous prosecution of the work of entrench The contending armies are with in close touch and any outpost brush or reconnaissance may bring on a general engagement. There is much cannonading of positions on both sides, Poutiloff (Lone Tree) bill being a marked storm center

The latest reports from Port Ar thur are by no means encouraging Gen. Stoessel is making a good de fense, but the Japanese are approach ing now by parallels confessedly close to important Russian fortifications. While this form of attack is spectacular and less costly men than repeated assault, it is no less conclusive in ultimate results, demanding a sleepless defense and being almost impossible to frustrate,

CANNOT SELL BIBLES.

Prohibits American Society From Working.

Serious differences have arisen be ween the American Legation and the Porte over the promulgation of an order prohibiting the work American Bible Society throughout

Charge d'Affaires Jay of the American Legation has had several interviews with the Grand Vizier over the matter. The latter has promised satisfaction, which has not been forth-coming. Meanwhile the society's agents are unable to sell a single Bible. Their agent at Trebizond attempted to peddle his Bibles in the street, but was threatened with arrest he did not desist.

ROOSEVELT INJURED. Stumbled and President

Thrown Upon His Head. President Roosevelt was thrown from his horse, Sunday, October 23, and had a very narrow escape from serious injury, if not death. His horse, Bleistein, stumbled while going at a moderate gallop and pitched him over his head on the graveled road-way along which they were traveling in Rock Creek Park, north of Wash-

Ington. The President was riding alone at the time. For a second or two he was stunned. He had fallen on his forchead. When he recovered he found his horse grazing as if noth-

ing had happened.

BANK BUILDING FALLS. One Man Is Killed and Several Have

Narrow Escapes. phis. Tenn., collapsed, burying a numher of persons in the wreckage. Only one, a negro saloon porter, was kill-

The other victims were quickly res cued by the fire and police depart-ments. Joseph Fischer, a tailor, who had a shop in the building, is the only ous injuries.

MILLIONS FOR WAR.

From Japanese Diet. Preliminary estimates of the budget, covering January, February and March, 1905, and the fiscal year commencing in April next, have been completed and will be submitted to the poorer part of St. Petersburg, the diet at its meeting November 25. mencing in April next, have been the diet at its meeting November 25. The expenses are estimated at \$385,-600,800 and the ordinary expenses at

It is proposed to provide for the war expenses by increasing the taxation by \$45,000,000, by retrenchment in the administrative expenses and by the balance-\$305,000,000-by loans.

World's Fair Receipts

According to a statement issued by the Louisiana Purchase Exposiion Company covering a period from the opening. April 39, to October 1, there was a balance in the treasury at the latter date of \$841,253,59. The total receipts were \$22,673,721.19 and the total disbursements, \$21,832,-

North Sea Investigation.

Negotiations between Great Britain and Russia looking to a settlement of the North sea affair are progressing favorably and there is not the slight est danger of any friction arising between the two governments. The constitution of the international commission under The Hague convention is on the verge of settlement.

A portion of the business section of Brownsdale, Minn., was burned, caus-ing a loss of \$30,000.

NORTH SEA VERDICT.

Coroner's Inquest Say Men Were Killed Without Cause.

"That George Henry Smith and William Leggett were, at about 12:30 . m., on October 22, while out fishing with trawls aboard the British steam trawler Crane, with board of trade marks exhibited and regulation lights burning, killed by shots fired without warning or provocation from certain Russian war vessels, at

a distance about a quarter of a mile."

This is the text of the verdict at the coroner's inquest on the fisher men victims of the North sea trag edy. At the request of the British government, represented by the earl of Dysart, solicitor of the this conservative award was rendered by the first court of inquiry preceed ing the sessions of the international tribunal.

Airship Does Its Work.

After circling in every direction at a height of 2,000 feet above the Cas-cades, in sight of thousands of cheering, enthusiastle spectators World's Fair grounds, A. Roy Kna-benshue, of Toledo, in command of benshue, of Toledo, in command of Thomas S. Baldwin's airship, "Callfornia Arrow," returned to the place from which he started, covering 314 part way against an eight mile wind

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

Corinth, Ky., a town of 400 lnhabi-tants, was entirely destroyed by fire. with a loss of \$15,000.

A Northern Pacific passenger train was wrecked near Lind, Wash., by the spreading of the rails. Several perous were burt.

The dead body of Harry W. Messer traveling freight agent of the Pennsylvania railroad, was found floating in the water at Boston. The American Sewer Pipe com-

pany, of Pittsburg, has been awarded a \$19,269 contract for sewer pipe for the isthmian canal. The Louisiana Purchase Exposition Company has reduced the loan United States Government

to \$191,850.81 by depositing \$500,000. Thomas Lanier, brother of the president of Alcorn Agricultural and Mechanical college, at Ft. Gibson, Miss., was shot and killed from ambush.

Frederick Ikins, a High school student, is dead at Akron, O., from wounds received by the accidental discharge of a shotgun, while hunting at Springfield lake. Altoona, Pa., is threatened with a water famine. A number of departments in the Pennsylvania railroad

shops have been compelled to close down because of no water. While Barton Klingensmith West Kittanning, Pa., and Walton Claypoole, of Kittanning, were out hunting, the gun of the latter was accidently discharged and Klingen-smith was killed. The dead man leaves

wire and four children. An artillery board, headed by Col. William Ennisin, in a report to the War department, fixed the responsibility upon Sergt. Nevins for the explosion of mortar No. 4 in the Ft Bank, Mass., navy yard, which re-sulted in the death and injury of sev-

eral enlisted men. Everett Eaton, of Lowell, Mass., shot and killed his wife and himself. The shooting occurred at North Chelmsford, where Eaton and his wife separated two weeks ago had

met by appointment. The remains of former President Kruger of the Transvaal Republic, who died last July, have been taken to Rotterdam for conveyance to South Africa, Six wreaths from Queen Withelmina, the Prince Consort and former President Steyn covered the

coffin. While a matinee was in progress With a terrific crash the building at the Grand Opera house, Atlanta, occupied by the Continental Savings, Ga., a moving picture machine caught filling the smoke. A stampede followed, and while several women fainted and fell under the feet of the excited people, no one was seriously injured.

Owing to the disturbed condition of Morocco, the French Government is sending relaforcements to the frontier and is holding ready two was ships to go to ports in the disturbed

Judge Advocate General Davis, o the army, in an opinion, holds that there is no authority of law for the enlistment of colored men for the artillery, and that to warrant such enlistments Congress would have to pass the requisite legislation.

Eleven Wedding Guests Cremated. death. Five others are missing, and it is feared that they also have per-

American Consulate Burned.

The State department received cablegram from Amoy, China, announcing the destruction of the American consulate there, together The message with valuable papers. The message came from Consul John H. Fesler, at Amoy, and reads as follows "Consul ate burned with most of the records.

Fifty Thousand Miners Affected. A strike of 800 hoisting engineers 240 bituminous coal mines Illinois went into effect on the first The engineers refuse to accept a re-duction of 5.35 per cent in wages.

The strike affects 50,000 workmen. DUEL OVER CHICKEN.

Farmers Fight With Rifles and Both May Die. Alfred Anderson and John Bran

nan, of Conowago township, Yorl county, Pa., became involved in a quarrel over the possession of a chicken and fought a due! with rifles. Anderson shot a hole in Brannan' head and Brannan sent a bullet into Anderson's abdomen. Both men are likely to die.

KEYSTONE STATE CULLINGS

TERRORIZED SCHOOL.

Boy Carries Weapons to School and is Arrested and Sent to Juvenile Court.

When ordered to be quite by a ceacher in the Wylle avenue school, Washington, Charles Branch, aged 11 years, drew a pair of knucklers from his pocket and made for the instructor. Another pupil interfered and was dealt a stunning blow. Young Branch then drew a razor and a re volver and terrorized the entire school, threatening teacher and pu-pils with death. He was arrested and turned over to the Juvenile Court.

Five Italians boarded a car at Baggley Sunday evening. One of the men lowered a window. Conductor thony ordered him to close it. man refused and Anthony shut it. While his back was turned the Itallan suddenly whipped out a stiletto, plunged it into the conductor's neck and drew it downward, making a wound more than a foot long along the spinal column. Two other bed him on the shoulder and the other thrust his knife into the conductor's abdomen, ripping it open and almost disemboweling him. William McGary of Baggley was the only other passenger and he sprang to Anthony's rescue and knocked two of the men down. The rioters threatened him down. with their knives and he was un-able to prevent their escape. Au-thony died on the way to the Greensburg Hospital.

Fire in Johnstown destroyed the bree-story Cobaugh building and the residence of ex-Mayor L. D. Wood-ruff, causing a loss of \$44,590, partly covered by insurance. The losses are as follows: Crofford, Adams & Ripple, on building, \$20,000; Barnhart & Co., plumbers, \$8,000; W. A. Adams gro-cer, \$5,000; L. D. Woodruff, \$6,000; tenants of second floor of building. \$2,500; five secret societies on third floor of Cobaugh building, paraphernalia, \$3,000. The fire is said to have been caused by spontaneous combustion in the plumbing shop.

Roy James, 16 years old, accident ally killed himself with a shotgun at home of Mrs. Elizabeth Woods, of Bakerstown. James and George Weakland went to the Woods home last night, to meet Charles Woods While he finished his supper his boy friends sat down in the kitchen. A shotgun was sitting in a corner James reached for the weapon, and drew it toward himself, muzzle first. There was a loud report and James fell to the floor, shot near the heart. He died in five minutes.

The First Evangelical Lutheran congregation of Leechburg, dedicated heir handsome new church. dedicatory sermon was delivered by Dr. D. H. Geissinger, president of the Pittsburg Synod. Rev. William J. Miller, who was pastor of the old church for 11 years, delivered the evening sermon. The edifice was erected at a cost of \$30,000, of which \$25,000 has been paid. Rev. M. L.

Swelzing is the present pastor, A charge of murder now hangs over the widow of Frank Beuno, of Johnstown, who died at the Memorial hospital, apparently from arsenical poisoning. Mrs. Benno is alleged to have administered the poison in order that she might marry another man. boarder is the man for whom the young wife is alleged to have com-

mitted the crime. Commissioners of Somerset county opened bids for the \$250,000 Court House bond issue. The whole issue was sold to Kountze Bros., of New York, the highest bidders, for \$266, The bonds bear 4 per cent interest and are in denominations of \$1,000. Four may be redeemed

each year. P. F. McCann has been awarded contract by the State Bureau of Highways for the first stretch of road to be improved in Westmoreland county under the provisions of the Sprouli bill. The road begins at Freensburg and extends northeaster ly four miles. The cost will be approximately \$31,000.

The Rev. C. H. Hess, a Dunkard preacher, dropped dead in the Dunk-ard church at Wrightsville while delivering the sermon at the funeral of Levi Strickler. The Rev. Hess had just made the remark, "I am ready to die" when he fell to the floor and died. He was 65 years old. At Irwin all the mines have taken

week made a new record, having reached an output of 7,000 tons a day at its Shafton, Larimer and Export colleries. The dead body of Mrs. Susan Swannager was found in a run, near Rog ersville. Mrs. Swannager disappeared on Saturday evening. She was 76

spurt in production and shipping

The Westmoreland Coal Company

years old and leaves two children. west of Greensburg. Emery Watson, 22 years old, was accidentally killed while hunting in Rockland township, Venango county. Watson bled to death before a sur

A fierce forest fire is raging in the Chimney Rock ridge, between Altoona and Hollidaysburg, threatening great

geon could reach him.

The United Presbyterian church, of West Middleton, has extended a call to Rev. J. W. Watson, of near St. Clairsville, O. Miss Lizzie Taylor, 18 years old,

committed suicide at her home near Meadville, Pa. Miss Taylor, while her parents were away from home, swal-lowed carbolic acid and died before a physician could be summoned The First Baptist church, of Ro

chester, has extended a call to Rev. J. E. Darby, D. D., of Waynesburg, Pa. Dr. Darby, formerly preached in Union City, Uniontown and Pittsburg.

John Purvis, 62 years old, a well-known resident of Freedom, and a veteran of the Civil War, was killed by a Beaver Valley traction car.