BRIDGE FELL KILLING THREE

People and Teams Thrown into the lcy River.

FOUR PERSONS BADLY HURT.

The Accident Resulted From the Slipping of Cables From Their Moorings.

Three persons were killed and four others seriously injured by the collapse of the suspension bridge across the Elk river, which connects east and west Charleston, W. Va.

The dead: Mamie Higginbotham, aged 11; Annie Humphreys, aged 17; The injured: Ollie Gibbs, nged 15. Zella Smith, aged 17, compound fracture of elbow; William Holmes, negro, driver, cut and bruised; Henry Pielder, driver, serious internal injuries; Elma Tucker, aged 13, both arms and leg broken.

On the bridge when it went down were six children on their way to school, and a number of other pedestrians, together with six teams. The noise of the crash was heard throughout the city. The bridge went down without warning, but a number of those who were near the ends of the structure managed to reach land before it collapsed. Those who went down with the wreckage fell a distance of 40 feet into the ice-covered water of the river. The steamer Baxter broke the ice to allow small boats to reach the scene and the rescue work began immediately. The injured were first assisted to shore, and later a search was made of the river for dead bodies. The bodies of Mamie Higginbotham and Annie Humphries were taken out and the search continued until nightfall, but

to-night of injuries received. The bridge was a single span 500 feet in length, and was built in 1852. It had been known to be unsafe some time, and heavy traffic was not allow-

no others were found. A girl named Lillian Callender saved herself by

hanging to a cable. Ollie Gibbs died

During the Civil War one cable of the bridge was cut by General Wise when he evacuated Charleston, the bridge at the same time being partially burned. The same cable afterward spliced and has been in use

The accident was caused by two cables on the north side slipping from their moorings. When that side dropped another cable snapped, and the floor tilted and turned completely

BONDS HOUSES SWINDLED.

Man Gets Securities Running Into Thousands of Dollars.

Detectives are searching Canada for a man who, under many aliases, swindled two big New York and Boston bond-dealing business houses out of securities running into thousands of dollars.

A year ago last September he opened an office for the sale of real estate at Lynn, Mass. He carried on an insurance business and appeared to be prosperous. Soon afterward he called on the bond brokers and purchased gilt-edged bonds costing more than Certified checks were tendered in payment, and, after the buyer disappeared, it was found that the certification of the checks was a forgery The office in Lynn was closed mean while and no trace of the pseudo real estate broker could be found. police in the larger cities were notibecame a member of the Commercial Club of that city.

He obtained about \$9,000 on some of the stolen bonds from a Birmingham bank and then was next heard of in New York city. He rented an office ceived \$13,264, a plurality of \$0,560 and tried to sell the bonds almost over the total of 732,704 cast for Herwithin a stone's throw of the firm he rick. had robbed.

Detectives were close upon the trail, but he fled just before they arrived and is now reported to be in Canada. Some of the bonds placed with brok ers here for sale are understood to

IRELAND CALLS FOR HELP.

Nationalist Members Adopt Resolu 'tions on Failure of Potato Crop.

A meeting was held in the Mansion House, Dublin, for the purpose of discussing the failure of the potato crop. Resolutions were passed calling on the wernment for assistance and to apply the provisions of land act to the Employment on public works is demanded for Irish landlords are demanded

collecting full rents. There were present John Dillon, T. C. Harrington, Joseph Devlin and Sir monde, and a majority of the Nationalist members of the House of

Strikes Can't Be Enjoined.

Justice Jenks of the Appellate di-ision of the New York State Su-reme Court handed down a decision that an injunction against organizing a strike cannot stand.

Mining Property Burned.

The Hutchinson Fuel Company's tipples and mine rigging were totally stroyed by fire near Byron, W. Va. 88, \$25,000, with \$5,000 insurance. The fire is still raging at the two en-trances and it is feared will spread to

In a collision yesterday between two freight trains on the Toledo, Walhonding Valley & Ohio road at Isleta, the caboose of the forward train was reduced to kindling and

STEADY GAIN IN TRADE.

Less Idle Machinery, Material for Tun nel and Canal Construction Being in Demand.

R. G. Dun & Co., say: Manufactur ing activity increases, testifying to the general confidence in a heavy de mand next year, and trading branches

port seasonable conditions. Holiday goods sell more freely than staples, but all classes of merchandise are going into larger consumption, while it is the exception when there is complaint regarding mercantile collections. Iron and steel plants are lections. Iron and steel plants are gaining steadily, footwear forwardings are running close to the large of last year, and irregular rav material supply is the only serious element of uncertainty in the textile industries.

Farm staples are returning large profits to producers and foreign trade returns for November showed a very small loss in exports, considering the abnormal figures last year. For the last week at the port of New York imports were \$2,577,368 larger than in 1903, but exports declined \$2,632,-800. Far from meeting with the setback that many traders anticipated, the iron and steel industry has gone

steadily forward.

There is no evidence of inflation in the present situation, fuel shortage increasing the cost of production, while orders covering all the product of some furnaces for the first quarter of next year testify to the faith of consumers. This forward business is the best feature of the market. Railways are beginning to anticipate their needs during the early months of next year, which is one of the fun-damental features of strength in the present situation. Cars, locomotives rails and structural material for brid ges are among the active divisions, machinery and tools are stimu lated by orders for big tunnel and canal construction in addition to Jap-anese orders. Pipe and tube mills are receiving large orders, and con-struction work promises to be very heavy next year, which accounts for the rapid increase in the output of material. Packer hides are steady, weakness has developed in coun hides, and buyers of native eers wait for concessions.

In a few exceptional cases lower prices are now quoted for cotton goods, but as a rule the market has held firm.

Failures for the week numbered 276 in the United States against 329

last year, and 25 in Canada, compar-ed with 20 a year ago. FIVE KILLED ON WARSHIP.

Explosion on Massachusetts While Workmen Are Making Repairs.

Three men were killed and two others were so badly injured that they died an hour latter, by an explosion of a boiler on the battlesnip Massachusetts, which is lying at League Island navy yard. There were half a dozen men at work in the boiler-room when the explosion occurred. The dead are: Edward J. Bub, boilermaker; John Wilson, boiler-maker; Andrew Hamilton, boiler-mak-

er; Joseph Adore, helper; Charles Ritzer, helper. They were all of Philadelphia. Bub Hamilton and Ritzer were instantly killed. The gasket on one of the boilers blew out and the force of the explosion closed the automatic door, thus preventing the escape of the men

from the compartment. Lieutenant Cole, chief engineer of fire. the battleship, was scalded, but not fatally.

NEW YORK'S OFFICIAL VOTE.

Roosevelt's Plurality 175,552 and Parker Runs 49,000 Behind Herrick.

President Roosevelt's plurality in police in the larger cities with the field. A month passed and then the suspect appeared in Birmingham, Ala.

There he was looking over sites to Board of State Canvassers. That of Contract.

The opinion was handed down Parker is shown to have run nearly 49,000 behind Herrick, the Democratic candidate for Governor.

For Governor, a total of 1,625,907 votes were cast, of which Higgins re-Other candidates for Governor received: Pendergast, Socialist-Democrat, 36,259; McKes, Prohibition, 20,568; DeLeon, Socialist-Labor, 8,-976; Boulton, Peoples party, 6,615.

IDENTIFIED MRS. CHADWICK.

Matron of Penitentiary Says Madame De Vere

"How do you do, Mrs. De Vere?" This greeting was addressed to Mrs. Chadwick in her cell at the county jail in Cleveland Thursday morning by Mrs. L. M. Kissinger, of Columbus, formerly an employee in the women's department in the penitentiary, who was well acquainted with Lydia De Vere when the woman was a prisoner there.

A look of mingled recognition and terror flashed over the face of the prisoner, and instantly she covered

er face with her hands. Mrs. Kissinger was accompanied by Mrs. Flora Kissinger, her mother-inlaw, who was matron in the women' department during the incarceration

of Mme, De Vere. Both women positively identified Mrs. Chadwick as Mme. De Vere. "I will take my oath on it," said Mrs. L. M. Kissinger. "She has hardly changed at all since she was a prisoner in the penitentiary.

Senator P. C. Knox presented to the Senate petitions from women so-cleties of Pennsylvania protesting against the use of the word "sex" as it appears in the Statehood bill now before the Senate. In this measure women are classed in the same cate-cory with jungites felons and nonwomen are classed in the same cate-gory with lunatics, felons and non-residents.

Directors of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad company have de-clared a cash dividend of 3 per cent., payable February 10.

FEATURES OF MORMONISM

Some Strange Things Practiced

by Latter Day Saints.

Former Clerk Reynolds, of the Endowment House, the Father of Twenty-Six Children.

INSIDE CHURCH POLICY TOLD.

Hearings of the protests against Reed Smoot, Junior Senator from Utah, retaining his seat in the United States Senate, were resumed before the Committee on Privileges and Elections. The first witness was Rev. J. M. Buckley, editor of the "Christ-Salt Lake, Utah, last summer in which President Joseph Smith dewives.

George Reynolds, a high official of the church, testified in regard ceremonies that have taken place in the endowment house and concerning ecclesiastical divorces granted by church, and John Henry Hamlin told of the plural marriages of hisister, Lillian Hamlin, to Apostle Abram Cannon, which ceremony he said he understood to have been per-formed by President Smith since the manifesto of 1890. In answer to questions by Senator

Overman Mr. Reynolds said marri-ages were performed with dead per-sons in the endowment house. Mr. in the endowment house. Mr. er then asked if divorces were granted in the endowment house.

church grants divorces to those who have been married for time and eternity, but does not divorce leg-al marriages until the courts have acted," said Mr. Reynolds. "Plural marriages are not recognized by courts and therefore the church does not consult the court in granting divorces in cases of such marriages.

Senator Foraker asked if such divorces are granted from dead per-"In a few instances only, I should

"For something done after death or before?" the Senator asked.
"In lifetime." Mr. Reynolds testified that he has 26 children. He gave the names of the seven presidents of the seventies, of which he is the fourth rank.

of the seven were polygamists. He (Reynolds) had two wives now. WORK OF DESTRUCTION.

Port Arthur Squadron Wrecked-Fire Concentrated on Town.

The commander of the Japanese naval land battery reporting says: "Four Russian battleships, two cruisers, one gunboat and one torpedo store ship lying in Port Arthur harbor are completely disabled. There is no further necessity for bombarding the Russian naval force. Are now engaged shelling the town of Port Arthur, which is being heavily dam-

aged."
Dispatches received from the Japanese army besieging Port Arthur re-port that the interior of the fortress was bombarded with heavy guns Sunday, seriously damaging the wireless telegraph station at the foot of Golden Hill, and setting the arsenal on

WESTERN UNION LOSES.

Supreme Court Decides Case About Cutting Down Poles.

The Supreme Court of the United States decided against the Western Union Telegraph Co. in its case against the Pennsylvania Rathroad Co. on account of the latter's tearing the State of New York at the last down Western Union poles and wires election was 175,552, as shown by the along the railway's right of way in

The court that the congressional act of 1866, which controlled in the case, grant eminent domain to telegraph ompanies over the private property of railroad companies.

Edward Rosser, 54 years old, is dead at New Castle, Pa., from burns received from an explosion of a lamp.

IOWA POSTOFFICE ROBBED.

Thieves Get \$2,500; Two of Them Caught and \$1,300 Recovered.

Robbers entered the postoffice at Reinbeck, Ia., and secured \$2,500. There was an exchange of shots between a posse of citizens and the rob-

The posse pursued the robbers up-on a handcar for six miles, and after a number of shots had been fired one of the robbers surrendered. Thirteen hundred dollars were recovered from him. He gave his name as James Roach and said he was a railroad man. Another one of the rob-bers was captured at Beeman, two farther on, by the town mar-All trace of the third robber

Will Not Disturb Rates

It is now admitted by the adminis-tration that there is no prospect of legislative action at this session on the railroad rate question which President Roosevelt referred to so em president kooseveit referred to so emphatically in his message. There is absolutely no prospect of the interstate commerce commission, as now constituted, being given additional power to revise discriminatory railroad rates with reasonable ones.

The British steamer Buckingham, from Baltimore, having on board a cargo intended for the United Fruit Co., at Bocas del Toro, Panama, struck on Roncador bank and is a total wreck. Schooners were chartered to being to Colon the crew and fall laborations. bring to Colon the crew and 54 laborers who were passengers on board the

A small steamer was driven ashore in a gale near the mouth of the Spey. The whole crew, numbering 10 were

\$3,000,000 FIRE.

Several Large Buildings in Minneapo

Fire which broke out in the phot graphic supply house of the O. H. Peck Company, at Fifth street and First avenue, Minneapolis, at 10:39 o'clock at night, spread to adjoining buildings and caused a loss roughly estimated at \$3,000,000. The Peck building was entirely gutted, while the six-story furniture house of Bouthe six-story furniture house of Bou-tell Bros., one of the largest establish-ments of its kind in the northwest, was ruined, and a number of small-

buildings were destroyed.

The Powers Mercantile Company an immense department store, just across First avenue south, caught fire, but heroic efforts on the part of the Minneapolts and St. Paul fire de partments saved the building, al though immense damage was done to the stock by water. For a time the best part of the retail district of the ian Advocate," of New York, who told city was threatened, and the firemen seemed powerless to stay the progress of the flames, which were driven by a high wind from the north. By allowclared he would not give up his plural ing the buildings already on fire to themse'ves out, and confining their efforts to adjacent buildings. however, the firemen had the flame well under control at 2 o'clock this

One man was reported killed by coming in contact with a live electric wire and two firemen are also believed to have been killed.

Two Banks Robbed.

Robbers blew open the safe in the Bank of Rice, at Rice station, 15 miles north of St. Cloud, Minn., and secured \$2,000 in cash and \$15,000 in negotiable paper. The robbers es daped, using a team of horses which they had stolen for that purpose. Three suspects have been arrested A lone highwayman held up the Banl of Chisholm, Minn., and secured \$2,-200. He forced Cashier Greiser into the vault at the muzzle of a revolver "Plural and locked the door. The robber es caped.

The Chadwick Case.

Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick arrived at Cleveland in the custody of federal officers and was taken to jail amid the jeers and hisses of crowds in the street. The federal grand jury returned five indictments against her. Andrew Carnegie will give testimony in the case as soon as his health will permit. Mrs. Chadwick says she prefers jail to freedom and again declares will pay all her debts

TERSE TELEGRAMS.

James Rankin, his wife and four children, are dead at Siddell, Ill., from eating poisoned cabbage.

John H. Wood, president and cashier of the First National bank, of Matthews, Ind., was found guilty of misapplication of bank funds and false

Twelve business houses at Richland, Tex., were destroyed by fire. Only one carried insurance. The Mergenthaler Linotype

pany has declared a quarterly divi-dend of 214 per cent, and an extra dividend of 5 per cent. The syndicate organized by Spey-

er & Co., to finance the \$35,000,000 Cuban loan has been wound up. Participants are said to have divided a profit of slightly less than 5 per cent. At no time were the membe upon to pay any part of their subscriptions

Fire at Sardis, O., destroyed 14 buildings. The property loss is not given. Woodsfield, but a few miles distant, was visited by a similar fire, supposed to have been incendiary.

The Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad Company reports for the quarter ended September 30 a surplus over charges of \$1,434,146, an increase from the same quarter last year of \$375,425.

The Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway has declared a dividend of

Rev. Charles W. Tyler, D. D., rector of Trinity Protestant Episcopal church of New Castle, Pa., has resigned. Dr. Tyler says he will remain until anoth rector is secured, but no later than July 1, 1905.

Reports from Ohio, Western Penn-sylvania and West Virginia say there danger of a water famine.

A sharp earthquake shock was felt at San Francisco, but no damage was

President Roosevelt that Secretary Morton at his earnest request had consented to remain in the cabinet after March 4, as secretary of the navy.

The Michigan Central railroad has placed an order for 4,000 tons of steel ralls with the Lake Superior Corporation. The price is said to be qual to the equivalent of the American pool figure.

Governor Dunn decided to call a special session of the Delaware legis-lature for December 29, in order that a blunder in a judgment lien law may be corrected.

The District Court of Appeals affirmed the decision in the postal conspiracy cases of August W. Machen, George E. Lorenz, Samuel A. Groff and Diller B. Goff, who were sen-tenced to two years' imprisonment in the West Virginia penitentiary and to pay a fine of \$10,000.

The directors of the Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington Railroad company have declared a semi-annual dividend of 2 per cent., payable December 31. The directors of the Nor-thern Central Railroad company de-clared a semi-annual dividend of 4 per cent., payable January 16.

Endowment house secrets, include

ing the terrible oaths which Mormon who go through these ceremonies are compelled to take, were revealed at the Smoot hearing by J. H. Wallis, Sr., of Balt Lake City, who, once Mormon, has now renounced the faith One of the oaths which he described is pronounced by the opposition to Senator Smoot to be a direct renunciation of allegiance to the United States in favor of the church.

NOT ONE VESSEL AFLOAT

Port Arthur is in Ruins and Few Soldiers Patrol the Streets

JAPS SHELL TOWN AND HARBOR.

The Only Battleship Remaining was Driven Out and Attacked by Torpedo Flotilla.

Every part of the city and harbor of Port Arthur is visible from 203 Meter bill. The streets of the city are deserted, and but few soldlers are doing patrol duty. Many buildings have been burned and others shatter-ed. The shelters of the harbor present a strange appearance with the turrets, masts and funnels of warships showing just above the water. There is not a vessel afloat in the har-The docks and buildings on the water front are torn and burned. The Japanese shells reach every

part of the city and harbor. The Russian battleship Sevastopol the only Russian warship that escap-ed destruction, being docked when the other vessels were sunk after the Japanese captured 203 Meter Hill, escaped from the dock and harbor last night and is now anchored under a protecting mountain. Some torpedo craft are also outside of the harbor.

The report of Vice Admiral Togo is

"Commander Kasama, commanding the torpedo flotilla, on Monday night at midnight attacked the Russian battleship Sewastopol, lying outside Port Arthur. The result of this attack has not been ascertained. Subsequently two torpedo boats under Commander Masado attempted several attacks, facing the enemy's

orous fire. The shock of the explos-ions of torpedoes was felt, but the next day the Sevastopol remained in the same position. None of our ves-sels was damaged. On Tuesday at 2:30 o'clock in the morning another torpedo flotilla, under Commander Arakawa, attacked the Sevastopol, but the result of this attack was not learned. In this attack a shell from the enemy struck the funnel of one of our torpedo boats and another struck the engine room, disabling the vessel, and she lost her freedom of motion and was towed away by

comrades. There were no casualties.

The commander of the naval guns over-looking Port Arthur, reporting at 10 o'clock Tuesday night, says: "To-day's bombardment was princl pally directed against the arsenal and torpedo storehouse at Tigers Tail peninsula and the vessels anchored in that vicinity. The storehouse was set on fire and burned in about an hour. About six shells struck the ships and three vessels used for various purposes were destroyed. One took fire and sank. The bombardment of buildings caused serious damage. The result of the indirect bombardment of the Sevastopol has not been ascertained, owing to the inclement weather."

WILDCAT INSURANCE.

Promoters of Companies on Trial In Chicago Plead Guilty to Operating

Scheme to Defraud. A crusade begun several months ago by government officials against the operation of "wildcat" insurance companies reached a successful ter-mination, when Steven W. Jacobs and Charles J. Van Anden of Chicago pleaded guilty to charges of operating a scheme to defraud by placing al-leged fraudulent insurance policies and using the United States mails to conduct the frauds. Witnesses from all parts of the United States were present in the United States court ready to testify that they had paid premiums on fire insurance which, when their homes burned, they were 2 per cent, payable January 3. The unable to collect. Complaints have last dividend, 2½ per cent, was paid been made from over 100 different October 1. The January dividend cities and towns throughout the country that the two men awaiting sentence had refused to redeem their policies, when presented for pay-

A dispatch from St. Petersburg says definite instructions have been sent by the Czar to Admiral Rojest-vensky, commander of the Baltic fleet, not to proceed to the Far East.

Investigating Rural Mail Service. As a result of complaints filed with the postoffice department at Washington, D. C., over the proposed change and reduction of the rural free delivery routes in Washington County, Pa., and through the mediation of Congressman Acheson, Special Agents F. P. Bouchee and G. P. Conway are now going over the routes making an investigation. By the changing of the routes many families were left unserved and it is believed that the agents will report against the great reduction in the number of the routes.

Girl Shot Herself. Near Barberton, O., Miss Grace Trumphour, 19 years old, was shot and killed at the home of Houston Kepler. Nelson Kepler, a son of the man at whose house the tragedy occurred, telephoned Dr. W. A. Mans-field that Miss Trumphour had shot herself. The physician went to the Kepler home and found Miss Trump-

Japanese Cruiser Goes Down

hour lying in a pool of blood.

The Japanese cruiser Salyen struck a mine and sank November 30, teen officers and 175 men were cued. Capt. Tajima and 38 others went down with the ship.

HAS DEBTORS IN BELGIUM.

Mrs. Chadwick Lived in Luxurious

Style in Brussels. In a search in Brussels for Dr. Le roy S. Chadwick, the Etcile Belgeuj, asserts that it has discovered that his wife left debts in Brussels, notably \$18,000 due to a jeweler and \$12,000 owing to a lace merchant. Mrs. Chadwick while in Brussels lived expen-sively, her hotel bill amounting to \$20

CONGRESSIONAL NOTES.

The House transacted a large amount of miscellaneous business, starting with pension bills and con-sidering the Hill financial bill later in sidering the Hill financial bill later in the day. During the day 148 private pension bills were reported favorably by the committee of the whole. A bill amending the law preventing the earrying of obscene or immoral litera-ture into any State or Territory so as to prevent the importation or ex-

portation of such matter was passed The Speaker announced committee assignments as follows: Mr. Needham, California, to Ways and Means: Messrs. Wood, New Jersey, and Knowland, California, to Coinage, Weights and Measures; Mr. Webber Ohlo, to Insular Affairs; Mr. Heffir Ohio, to Mines and Mining; Mr Thomas, Ohio, to Militia and to Edu cation: Mr. Croft, South Carolina, to Manufactures and to Expenditures the Navy Department.

Tuesday.

Sitting as a grand jury, the House of Representatives, with almost a full membership and after more than five hours' discussion, adopted a resolution providing for the impeachment of Judge Charles Swayne, of the North ern district of Florida, for "high high

crimes and misdemeanors. A resolution granting the use of the pension office building for the inaugural ball was passed by the Senate. The House committee on appropriations has reported an urgent deficiency bill carrying \$244,000. Among the items are \$12,500 for the payment of electoral messengers and \$1,500 for the printing of the electoral returns, \$200,000 for equipment of the Chicago postoffice building and \$25,000 for testing coals and lignites.

Thursday.
The Senate Committee on Territor ies completed its work on the state-hood bill and authorized a favorable report on the matter of admitting Arizona and New Mexico as one State and Oklahoma and Indian Territory also as one State.

The Senate adopted a resolution announcing that it would consider the impeachment of Judge Charles Swayne according to the demand of the House.

The urgent deficiency appropriation bill was passed without debate in the

LARGE STEEL EXPORTS.

Increase of Shipments from About Pittsburg. Upward of 50,000 tons of steel billets, rall, beams, bars, hoops, iron pipe, wire and wire nails, manufactur-ed in the plants of the United States Steel Corporation located in Pittsburg and vicinity, were exported to different parts of the world last month Similar shipments made during Octo

ber represented about 38,000 tons.
Compared with the previous
month's foreign consignments the
largest increases in November were
in rails, there being a gain of nearly 225 per cent. Twenty-one thousand four hundred tons of steel rails went abroad last month. During November, 1903, the aggregate exports were

out 5,140 tons. The total exports of steel billets las month were 18,404 tons. In October they aggregated 16,005. In November, 1903, they were but a few hundred tons. Twenty-four hundred and ninety

eight tons of steel plates als shipped abroad last month, while exports of wire, wire nails and amounted to 6,958 tons. The shipments alone aggregated 3,840 nail shipment represented

1,280 tons of iron pipe also were con-signed to different foreign countries. KILLS CHILD WITH CHAIR Negro Then Battles With Wife, Cut-

ting Her Hands to Pieces. Edward Harris, a negro of Ironton, asleep in a crib, by hitting the child over the head with a chair and then striking a knife in each temple. He then turned on his wife and tried to cut her throat, literally cutting her hands to pieces as she struggled. She finally got away and fled, and then Harris cut his own year-old baby

in the mouth. He attempted to escape but captured later, asleep under a boiler at a brick yard. Officers had to protect him from neighbors.

Postoffice Employes Are Removed. Postmaster General Wynne removed South Dakota, president of the Nation al Association of Rural Carriers, and James C. Keller, of Cleveland, head of the National Association of Letter Carriers. The dismissal of Keller was for alleged insubordination, for being absent from duty without leave and of "pernicious activity" in the recent

campaign.

Control of the C., H. & D. H. B. Hollins & Co., announce that they have exercised their option on the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton road and have acquired control of that company. The Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton practically controls the Pere Marquette road and has joint ownership in a number of smaller ines. It is stated that the deal does not involve any changes in the man-agement of the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton road.

Jacob Beilhart, head of the Spirit Fruit society at Lisbon, O., has been sued for alimony by his wife.

Oath of Vengeance.

The retribution obligation taken by Mormons in the endowment house ceremony, as quoted by J. Lundstrom, Smoot hearing before the Senate Committee, was as follows: "Oh, God, the Eternal Father, we ask Thee to bless Thy church, the holy priesthood, to help us to keep Thy covenants, and that all that raise their hands against Thy church be accursed forever, and that vengeance be visited upon the nation for the blood of Joseph Smith."

KEYSTONE STATE CULLINGS

COLLECTOR WAS WAYLAID.

Bound and Gagged by Unknown Men, Who Rob Him and Effect Escape.

William Fleeger, driver and collector for Holland & Million, wholesale liquor dealers of New Castle, while returning home from Neshannock Falls, was stopped by two men who at the muzzle of revolvers forced him to leave his wagon. He was bound gagged, robbed and then thrown into a field beside the road, where he lay for an hour will be worked the same for an hour until he worked the gag from his mouth and his calls for help were heard. Several vehicles passed while he was still gagged. The robbers secured \$230 and drove toward this city in his delivery wagon.

Michael Kissinger, charged with killing his wife at Catfish, on June 7, 1905, was found guilty of manslaught er by a jury. Judge W. D. Patton of Armstrong county, presided at the trial. Kissinger, a widower, and Mrs. McKinney, a widow, were married in 1900. The latter owned a farm, over which her husband secured con-trol. Kissinger, it is alleged, made a deal for the coal, but his wife re fused to sign the deed unless her husband would give her half the procerds. The couple quarreled and Mrs. Kissinger went to live with her son, Martin McKinney, at Catfish. On the night of June 7, Kissinger called at the Catfish house and renewed his efforts to have his wife sign the deed for the coal land sale. saw them, but Martin McKinney, who was asleep in an adjoining room, was awakened when the woman fell. She was dead when he reached her. It' was alleged that Kissinger struck his wife with a club or some other

Two masked men entered the Leahy Coal Company's office in the Masonic temple. Altoona, knocked down Clerk Wilbur Ale, bound and gaged him and stole over \$2,000, which had been placed in a satchel which had been placed in a satchel ready to be taken to Lilly to pay off the miners. Ale was alone in the office at the time, Paymaster Charles Leahy having gone to lunch. The robbers knocked at the door and as Ale opened it, felled him with a blow in the face, rendering him unconscious After tring him to the safe the ous. After tying him to the safe the men took the money and disappeared. Leahy found Ale on his return.

At Franklin, on recommendation of the Grand Jury indictments were prepared against ex-County Commissioners Joseph W. Black, S. A. Thomas and James W. Plimpton, charging them with the violation of the act of 1870 relative to the awarding of contracts for bridges, etc. True bills were immediately returned on the indictments, but no processes for the arrest of the defendants were issued.

Governor Samuel W. Pennypacker fixed February 2 next for the triple execution at Pittsburg, of Charles Miles, Charles Jackson and Walter Obey, who killed an old man for his money in Allegheny county one year ago. This will be the first triple execution in Pennsylvania since the hanging of three men in Snyder couny several years ago for the murder of in aged couple for their savings.

Fifteen new crews will be taken from the ranks of the present freight force of the middle division of the Pennsylvania railroad on December 19 and assigned exclusively to fast trains for the more expeditious hand-ling of perishable goods. This is an innovation in railroading and places the engineers and firemen in position 1,551 tons in all for November, and of precedence for promotion to the

passenger service. Charles Stottsberry, of Carnegie, entered suit for \$10,000 against Thomas Beadling, of Bulger, on the charge of alienating his wife's affec-tions. Beadling is superintendent of the Bulger mine of the Verner Coal Stottsberry was formerly company. employed by him.

Through the overturning of a lamp in the Riblett hotel, at Pulaski, a fire was started. A number of telephone lineman were sleeping in the hotel, and after a hard fight they succeeded in extinguishing the blaze. Two hundred dollars damage was sustain-

Romie Lomire, who killed Attorney Harry M. Shoff in a fight near Coal-port, on July 4 of last year, pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter and was sentenced to one year and three months in the Eastern penitentiary. Richard McKee, 37 years old, who was hurt some time ago in a wreck on the West Penn railroad, is dead at

Freeport. Mr. McKee was a popular engineer. His mother and several brothers and sisters survive him. The dead body of John Hoar, a glass worker, 53 years old, was found dead on the bed in his room at Washington, Pa. He had no relatives in this part

of the cour New York. country. Two sisters live in As the result of a fall one month ago Mrs. Bridget Kavanaugh, about 75 years old, died at Sharon. She is survived by a son, Joseph Kavanaugh.

Rev. Herman Lang, of Knoxville, has accepted a call to the Baptist church of Salem, O., and is expected to enter upon his new duties January At Ernest, Indiana county, Antonio Pachillia was shot by an unknown Italian. The injured man will prob-

Dr. E. L. Wasson and Deputy Sheriff J. Rainey Hoon, of Butler, Pa., and J. W. Toomey, of Mars, Pa., have sold their holdings on the Douthitt and Powell farms near Brownsdale, to the

Devonian Oil Company, for \$68,000. Rev. Leon A. Harvey, pastor of the First Unitarian church, of Erie, has effected a proliminary organization for a Unitarian congregation at New Castle. The new church will be or-ganized with a good membership.

The Spangler Inn. at Sprangler was destroyed by fire. The loss is about \$20,000. Insurance, \$5,000.