

RUSSIAN STRIKERS SHOT DOWN IN STREETS

Appeal for Audience with Czar is Met with Bullets.

PRIESTLY LEADER UNHARMED.

Prostrate Men Fired Upon by the Troops that Remained Loyal to the Czar.

DESPERATE STATE OF AFFAIRS.

Sunday was a day of unspeakable horror in St. Petersburg. The strikers of Saturday gazed to desperation by a day of violence and bloodshed, are in a state of open insurrection against the government. A condition almost bordering on civil war exists in the terror-stricken Russian capital. The city is under martial law, with Prince Vassilichoff as commander of over 50,000 of the emperor's crack guards.

Troops are bivouacked in the streets at night, and at various places on the Nevsky Prospekt, the main thoroughfare of the city. On the island of Vassili Ostrov and in the industrial sections infuriated men have thrown up barricades which they are holding. The empress dowager hastily sought safety at Tsarsko Selo, where Emperor Nicholas II. has been living. There was a rumor that he had fled to Peterhof on the Gulf of Finland.

Minister of the Interior Sviatopolk-Mirsky presented to his majesty Saturday night the invitation of the workmen to appear at the winter palace Sunday afternoon and receive their petition, but the emperor's advisers already had taken a decision to show a firm and resolute front, and the emperor's answer to 100,000 workmen trying to make their way to the palace square today was a solid array of troops who met them with rifle, bayonet and sabre.

The priest Gapon, the leader and idol of the men, in his golden vestments, holding aloft the cross and marching at the head of thousands of workmen through the Nevsky Prospekt, miserably escaped a volley which laid low half a hundred persons. The figures of the total number killed or wounded here, at the Moscow gate, at various bridges and islands and at the winter palace vary. The best estimate is 500, although there are exaggerated figures placing the number as high as 5,000. Many men were accompanied by their wives and children, and in the confusion, which left no time for discrimination, the latter shared the fate of the men.

The troops, with the exception of a single regiment of infantry, which threw down its arms, remained loyal and obeyed orders. But the blood which crimsoned the snow has fired the brains and passions of the strikers and turned women as well as men into wild beasts, and the cry of the infuriated populace is for vengeance.

The sympathy of the middle classes is with the workmen.

Military in Control.
The military authorities had a firm grip on every artery in the city. At day-break guards' regiments, cavalry and infantry held every bridge across the frozen Neva, the network of canals which interlaces the city and the gates leading from the industrial sector, while in the palace square, at the storm center, were massed dragon regiments, infantry and Cossacks of the guards.

Barred from the bridges and gates men, women and children crossed the frozen river and canals on the ice by twos and threes, hurrying to the palace square, where they were sure the emperor would be present to hear them. But the street approaches to the square were cleared by volleys and Cossack charges. Men and women, infuriated to frenzy by the loss of loved ones, cursed the soldiers while they retreated. Men harangued the crowds, telling them that the emperor had felled them and that the time had come to act. Men began to build barricades in the Nevsky Prospekt and at other points, using any material that came to hand, and even chopping down telegraph poles. Fighting meantime continued at various places, soldiers volleying and charging the mob. The whole city was in a state of panic. Women were running through the streets seeking lost members of their families. Several barricades were carried by the troops.

Czar's Officers Are Mobbed.

Toward 8 o'clock in the evening the crowds, exhausted, began to disperse, leaving the military in possession. As they retreated up the Nevsky Prospekt the workmen put out all the lights. The little chapel at the Nevsky Prospekt was wrecked. On the Kaminiostrov island all the lights were extinguished. Every officer wearing the uniform of the emperor who was found alone was mobbed. A general was killed on the Nicholas bridge, and a dozen officers were seized, stripped of their epaulets and deprived of their swords.

Proceedings Against B. & O.

The Connellsville Gas and Coal Company began ejectment proceedings against the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company to secure possession of 10 acres of land in Dunbar township. The plaintiffs claim the railroad company entered the property without their knowledge and that they have been damaged to the extent of \$50,000.

Twice Attempted Suicide.

Arthur Henry Milligan of Milwaukee, Wis., with whom Florence O. Groves agreed to commit suicide at the Hotel Blatz, and who disappeared after she had fulfilled her agreement was arrested in Racine by Chief of Police Frederick Pfister, of that city, to-night. His capture took place only after he had attempted suicide and had been prevented by Chief Pfister.

CHECKS ENEMY.

Attacks on Right of Russian Army Dismal Failure.

The Japanese began moving against the Russian right, attacking viciously Russian positions along the Hun river, where that stream bends southward. Inside the Russian lines the belief existed that General Nogti's army, arrived from Port Arthur, was in reserve, supporting the movement.

The Russians not only beat off the attack after severe fighting, but advanced in the evening to the line of Hougouli and Hounlitady.

Throughout the night and day the artillery was at work, the cannonading constantly increasing in strength and extending farther along the center, becoming fiercer every minute.

STRIKE SPREADS TO MOSCOW.

Several Factories Closed—Strikers Stopped on Way to St. Petersburg.

At Kolpino, 12 miles up the river from St. Petersburg, a body of workmen who had started for St. Petersburg to join the strikers, were stopped and fired upon by soldiers. Accounts as to the number killed or wounded conflict.

The most startling feature in the situation is the news that several factories in Moscow have closed and that the workmen in the old capital of Russia are repeating the tactics of their fellow workmen of the national capital, marching from shop to shop and from mill to mill, demanding that establishments be shut down.

HITCH IN STRIKE SETTLEMENT.

German Mine Owners Now Refuse to Accept Judgment of Government as Agreed Upon.

The coal mine owners object to their resolution, wherein they agreed to accept the judgment of the government commission on the workmen's complaints being interpreted as a change from their previous attitude or as any acknowledgement that the workmen are in the right.

SMALLPOX ON FERRYBOAT.

Passengers and Crew Are Quarantined for Several Hours.

Thirty-three passengers and the crew of a Philadelphia and Reading ferryboat were quarantined for several hours as a result of a colored woman dying from smallpox while the boat was making a trip across the Delaware river from Camden to this city. The passengers were sprinkled with a disinfectant and were released after being held on the boat about 3 hours. The ferry house was roped off and the boat sent to Camden for fumigation.

Are Shielding Hoch.

The police are working on the theory that Johann Hoch, the supposed bluebeard, is being kept in hiding by some one of the women with whom he has been associated. John McKinney, formerly a policeman whose post of duty included Holmes Castle and Sixty-third street and Stewart avenue, when Holmes was conducting his murderous operations there, identified a photograph of Hoch as a likeness of the janitor of Holmes' establishment.

Creditors Ask for More Time.

When the Chadwick bankruptcy case came up before Referee Remington it was stated that the creditors desired further time. Thereupon the hearing was postponed until February 1. Attorney Kernish, who represented Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick, stated that his client was willing to file a statement of her assets and liabilities in accordance with the instructions of the court. This will be done within 10 days.

Gas Explosion at Grafton Hospital.

A gas explosion at the City hospital at Grafton, Va., tore a side out of the chimney, overturned stoves and blew a fire ring across the operating room, breaking a costly electric chandelier. The explosion was caused by Edward Williams, the colored porter, relighting the pilot light in a water heater before the gas that had escaped had time to pass out of the chimney. Fortunately, no one was injured.

FOUR TRAINMEN KILLED.

Two Others May Die from Injuries in Head-on Collision in Tennessee.

A head-on collision between two freight trains, one a double-header on the Louisville & Nashville railroad at Shannon, Tenn., resulted in the death of four railroad men and the injury of four others, two of whom may die. The dead were: James Klutz, fireman; George Mooney, engineer; Will Harris, fireman; Brakeman Laughley. Those believed to be fatally injured are: William Terry, engineer; Will Killiker, conductor; L. P. Larnie, engineer. The seriously injured are: Foray Oakley, flagman; Lon Sprinkler, fireman; Brakeman Stotser.

Shot by Angry Rival.

Albert Hall, colored, aged 24 years, was fatally wounded by Fred Jeffries at the home of Mrs. Georgiana Pondexter at Connellsville, Pa. The two men are rivals. When Jeffries knocked at the door last night he was met by Mrs. Pondexter, who told him it was too late for him to come in. Jeffries, who began firing at him. He was wounded to the Cottage State hospital.

Inspector Fleming Discharged.

John W. Fleming, the former assistant United States inspector of steam boilers at New York, who has been on trial in the United States district court before Judge Thomas on a charge of neglect of duty in connection with the burning of the excursion steamer General Slocum last June, was discharged to-day on the ground it had not been shown he failed to perform his full duty.

CIVIL WAR SURE TO COME

Says the Leader of the Russian Revolutionary Refugees.

EDITOR OF FREE RUSSIA.

He Says the Tragedy of Sunday Has Reduced the Programme of the 'Revolutionaries to the One Word, "Fight."

Dispatches have just been received from St. Petersburg proving beyond doubt that the attack upon peaceful crowds by the armed forces of Czardom was premeditated.

The police carefully refrained from any interference with the strike. Never before had they been known to adopt such an attitude. Vladimir thought that by murdering wholesale he would terrorize the laboring classes into forever abandoning their political aspirations, while Trepoft hoped the infuriated, famished republicans would throw themselves upon the shops and private houses; that then the middle and upper classes would turn to Czardom for protection, and that this lasting disunion of the classes would be produced. It was but an enlargement of the Kishinev policy, and it failed as miserably.

The whole programme of the various political parties is now reduced to one word—"fight"—fight with revolvers, with rifles, with hand-grenades, with dynamite. The general strikes will gradually give place to intermittent civil war.

No concessions now will pacify the country. No reconciliation with Czardom is possible. I am convinced that now the working masses will not lay down their arms until the dynasty is deposed and a Russian federated republic, similar to that of the United States, is established. It may take weeks, possibly months, before the final struggle comes, but come it will.

Other surprises are in store. When the news of the massacres reaches the army in Manchuria we shall hear of a stupendous mutiny.

Russia Seeks Armistice.

A special from St. Petersburg says, General Kouropatkin opened negotiations with Field Marshal Oyama for an armistice. The censorship has allowed the newspapers to print a brief Paris dispatch to this effect, reporting that General Kouropatkin has opened negotiations with the Japanese.

Peabody Not Going to Withdraw.

Former Governor James H. Peabody of Colorado, denied a report that he intended to withdraw his contest for the Governorship or that he had been approached with any proposition for a compromise. "You couldn't drive me out of this contest with a pack of bloodhounds," said the ex-Governor. "I entered the contest with a determination to probe the frauds to the bottom, and I will be there at the finish. If the Legislature in joint session declares me elected, I shall take my seat. If it declares Mr. Adams elected, I shall gracefully step down."

CLEARFIELD LAWYER HONORED.

Banquet Is Tendered Ex-Judge McNally on His Eightieth Birthday.

The legal fraternity of Clearfield county, Pa., was well represented at the banquet given in honor of Ex-Judge Joseph Benson McNally, who was 80 years old Wednesday. The committee in charge was composed of Judge Allison O. Smith, W. C. Arnold, of DuBois; A. H. Woodard, Singleton Bell, S. V. Wilson, James P. O'Laughlin, B. F. Chase and W. A. Hagerty. Judge Smith was toastmaster, and the venerable attorney was the recipient of many hearty congratulations and expressions of esteem from his fellow members of the bar. Judge McNally has been a practitioner in Clearfield county since 1859, and is still an active attorney. Handsome souvenirs containing the ex-Judge's picture and embellished with appropriate texts were given each guest.

THREE SENATORS NAMED.

Kean and Culbertson Returned to Washington and Lafolette Succeeds Quarles.

The two houses of the New Jersey Legislature voted separately for a United States Senator to succeed John Kean, whose term is about to expire.

Both houses of the Wisconsin Legislature met noon Wednesday voted separately for United States Senator, Gov. R. M. Lafolette being named. The Texas Senate and House of Representatives met separately Wednesday and balloted for United States Senator, Charles A. Culbertson, the present incumbent, was elected without opposition.

Fifteen Foreigners Injured.

Fifteen foreigners were seriously injured by a dynamite explosion on the line of the new Buffalo and Susquehanna railroad, 20 miles east of Du Bois, Pa. While the men were gathered about a fire, eating their dinner, dynamite caps exploded, and the concussion caused the dynamite to let loose.

Richard Croker Sails for Son's Funeral.

Richard Croker arrived in London Wednesday from Wantage and will sail for New York on the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse to be present at the funeral of his son Frank.

Pomeroy Postmaster Arrested.

Postmaster Samuel F. Smith of Pomeroy, O., was arrested here to-night, charged with being short \$1,000 in his accounts. He was taken to Gallipolis by Postoffice Inspector Oldfield and was released on bond.

BLIZZARD HITS TRADE.

So Does the Russian Ruction, but Confidence Remains Unabated.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: Storms at home and complications abroad tended to check activity in commercial and financial markets, but most industrial lines continue busy, testifying to confidence that trade interruption will be brief. Prior to the bad weather there was a liberal distribution of merchandise at steady prices, but subsequently a sharp advance occurred in retail prices of food products, owing to restricted receipts at points of heavy consumption.

Country merchants at the South have large stocks that move slowly because of the decline in cotton, and collections are slow.

New England manufacturing plants are well engaged, especially in machinery, jewelry and textiles; but buyers have left the Boston footwear market without placing contracts, owing to disagreement as to prices.

Foreign commerce at this port for the last week shows a gain of \$772,924 in imports and a loss of \$1,690,177 in exports, as compared with the same time in 1904. Railway earnings in January were only four-tenths of 1 per cent larger than last year.

Production of pig iron continues at the maximum rate, yet there is no evidence of a reaction. Connellsville production of coke remains at the large percentage, but traffic is now delayed and may cause a decrease. Tin-plate mills are fully engaged. Even steel rails are beginning to feel the effect of expanding confidence, several large contracts increasing the amount of business on the books to about 1,000,000 tons. Railway bridges will take a large tonnage of structural steel and extensive building operations are about to begin, so that this division of the industry is in a fairly encouraging position. Pipe mills are assured of full activity for some time to come, and preparations are being made for a very large trade in agricultural implements. Machinery houses also are in better condition, partly because of the resumption at Fall River, western markets make less uniformly favorable returns.

Textile manufacturing conditions remain practically without alteration. Much of the best news comes from woolen mills, which have large orders on hand. Buyers of cotton goods in the primary markets continue to limit their operations to immediate needs, and in many cases have deferred business entirely in expectation of much better terms later in the season. Undoubtedly future conditions in both branches of textile manufacture must depend largely upon the raw materials.

Moderate supplies maintain packer hides. There is no pressure to purchase in any department, and stocks of native steers are accumulating rapidly. All foreign hides are firm and some grades advanced.

Wants Panhandle Explored.

Dr. I. C. White, of Morgantown, State geologist, will recommend to the Legislature that the next work undertaken by the geological survey be in the Eastern Panhandle section of West Virginia, where a thorough exploration and survey will be made of the valuable limestone deposit of that section.

CURRENT NEWS EVENTS.

In a wreck of an Illinois Terminal train near Alton, Ill., Fireman A. G. Chaplin was killed and passengers had a narrow escape.

King Alfonso, of Spain, upon the occasion of his birthday, granted amnesty to a number of persons, among whom were the deputies recently prosecuted. The King's action, reported by the press, was a surprise.

Glass Works Closed by Strikers.

All the departments of the Dugan glass works of Indiana, Pa., were shut down owing to a strike growing out of a difference between Supt. Dugan and the glassworkers' union over union men who were discharged. It is believed a settlement will be reached.

Judge Kane Kaul Dead.

Associate Judge Kane Kaul of Elk county, Pa., a millionaire and associate of State Senator J. K. P. Hall in the lumber business and the St. Mary's Oil Company, died at Philadelphia, Wednesday. He had been suffering with Bright's disease and was brought here last November for treatment by specialists. On Sunday night he began to sink and failed to rally. Judge Kaul was 60 years old.

Boys Ask for Square Deal.

"Adie" Bell, the young son of Judge Martin Bell, of the Blair county courts, in behalf of the boys and girls of Hollidaysburg, Pa., had addressed an open letter to James McGraw, chief of police of Hollidaysburg, complaining because he permits Banker James Grommier, president of council: Attorneys Thomas Baldrige, W. I. Woodcock and Robert Smith, and Capitalist J. King McLanahan to coast down the hills of the town while denying the same rights to the boys and girls. He demands the arrest of all or interference with none, and says if the burgess fines the persons named, the boys and girls will quit coasting.

Savings Bank Closed.

As the result of a run by depositors, following the suicide of Cashier Charles H. Houseman, the East End Savings Bank of Colerain, Pa., was closed by its directors and placed in the hands of a receiver, W. H. English, who gave bond for \$40,000.

The Hepburn bill providing for government regulation of railroad rates, and which has the approval of President Roosevelt was introduced in congress.

SNOOT KEEPS SECRETS

Refuse to Reveal Endowment House Ceremonies.

BIG SUMS GIVEN TO THE CHURCH

A Million or More Contributed Each Year, Part for Education and Some Invested.

The cross-examination of Senator Smoot before the Senate Investigating Committee resulted in absolute refusal to testify in regard to the endowment ceremonies. He also asserted that it was not his business to call to account President Smith, of the Mormon church, because Mr. Smith had admitted to the committee that he was living in violation of the laws of the land. Three other witnesses refused to divulge the character of the endowment ceremonies.

"The first presidency is supreme in everything pertaining to the church," said Senator Smoot, in answer to a question by Chairman Burrows. He also said in explanation, "of course, when it comes to a question of revelation that is to be binding upon the people of the church the president himself receives it and it must be accepted by the people."

"Do I understand you to say that the apostles are not prophets?" asked Chairman Burrows.

"I say they are sustained as prophets, but I do not think a man is a prophet at any time unless he speaks by the spirit of prophecy. In other words, I do not believe that a man has always that spirit of prophecy with him."

"Do you think the president of the church communicates directly with God—has direct revelation?"

"If God desires to speak to his people it would be through the president of the church."

Asked why he would not reveal the endowment secret he said:

"For conscientious reasons. I made a vow, not an oath, with my God, not with any man, not with the president of the church or with a living soul, but I did make a vow that I would keep that endowment ceremony sacred and not reveal them to anybody, and I have kept that all my life and if I went out of the church to-morrow and remained out of the church until I was gray-headed, I would never feel that it was my duty or that I should divulge what little I even remember of them."

The Senator was asked a number of other questions regarding the ceremony, which he preferred not to answer.

"Do you know why the oath of secrecy was imposed?"

"It is purely a religious ordinance—refers absolutely to a man's hereafter, and has nothing whatever to do with anything other than man's relation to his God, and I suppose that it is an ordinance in the church and the rule is that it be not revealed."

"Do you know how much money is paid into the church annually in tithes?"

"I could not say except as guess. As much as a million dollars." "Some years more and some less, I understand."

"How is this money expended?"

"Well, there is about \$140,000 for educational interests; about \$100,000 for the feeding of the poor, a great deal for the expenses of missionaries."

Pursuing his inquiry Chairman Burrows asked if Senator Smoot taught and preached his faith. He did occasionally.

"Do you teach polygamy?"

"I do not."

"Do you preach against polygamy or unlawful cohabitation?"

"I never have. I do not know why I should. It is not a tenet of the faith. It has been suspended and I think it would not be proper for me to bring it up."

Senator Smoot said he understood that the revelation commanding the promulgation of the manifesto against polygamy was the result of pleadings by President Woodruff for the command of God concerning His wishes on that subject.

DOOM OF AUTOCRACY SOUNDED.

Empire is Hopelessly Rent and Peace Under Present Conditions is Impossible.

The Telegraph's St. Petersburg correspondent dispatches are as follows:

"Russia is cloven in twain and no human force can weld the parts together. On one side stands the autocrat whose behests are still mechanically fulfilled by his army, which, however, is a section of the people. On the other hand stands the entire nation, united in the determination to deliver itself from a yoke which has now become unbearable. The army is acting in virtue of use and wont, and in time will come over to its own kith and kin."

The correspondent declares that in the whole empire there is but one official so utterly loathed as Trepoft, and that is Gen. Eleighals of Kelfi, who may yet be minister of the interior. That the correspondent says, alone proved that the autocracy has declared war against the Russian nation. He asserts that arrests have been so numerous that the fortresses and prisons are overcrowded.

The Standard's St. Petersburg correspondent gives the report that Count Tolstol has sent \$5,000 to the wounded. A rumor was in circulation in Berlin tonight that Grand Duke Sergius has been assassinated. It probably has no foundation, merely arising from the fact that his whereabouts are unknown.

GUILT OF TUCKER PROVEN.

Jury Returns a Unanimous Verdict in Trial of Man Charged With Killing Mabel Page.

Guilty of murder in the first degree was the verdict returned against Charles L. Tucker, of Auburn, Mass., who has been on trial since January 1 for stabbing Miss Mabel Page to death in her father's home at Weston on the 31st of last March. Death in the electric chair in the State prison in Charlestown is the penalty.

As the announcement of the finding of the jury was made known Tucker collapsed utterly when the foreman read the verdict. He was led from the courtroom across the street to the jail in an exhausted condition and when once more locked in his cell revived somewhat under stimulants administered by a physician.

Mrs. Albert J. Tucker, the mother of the prisoner, was spared the anguish of listening to her son's fate from the lips of Foreman Knight. At the suggestion of one of the counselors for the defense she left the courtroom before the jury returned for the last time. On learning the news she was overwhelmed.

LADRONES KILLED IN BATTLE.

Ten of the Outlaws Are Dead and Seven Others Are Taken Prisoners.

In a battle in a river bed near Sliang, between a detachment of scouts and constabulary and 100 armed lardrones, who, under the leadership of the outlaw Fellardo, attacked the town of San Francisco de Malabon, in the province of Cavite, Tuesday night, 10 lardrones have been killed and seven taken prisoners. There have been no casualties among the scouts and constabulary. Severe fighting continues.

In their attack on the town the lardrones captured the wife and two children of Gov. Trias. These, together with several native women prisoners, were seen with the lardrones, but an attempt to rescue them was unsuccessful.

In their raid the outlaws looted the municipal treasury of \$2,000 and 25 rifles were also secured. The rebels were dressed in constabulary uniforms and this fact created confusion.

Gets Ten Years for Theft.

Judge Woods at Bedford, Pa., sentenced Templeton D. Mervine to 10 years' imprisonment in the Western penitentiary. Mervine had pleaded guilty to stealing tobacco, cigars and candy from John O. Smith's grocery and some meat from the Hotel Waverly.

SET FIRE TO STATION.

Flames Partly Destroy Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburg Property at Yatesboro—Damage not Heavy.

An attempt was made early yesterday morning to burn the Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburg railroad station at Yatesboro, Armstrong county, Pa., which is connected with the main line of that road by a branch from Echo. A laundry basket, which had been left on the station platform, was filled with shavings and waste, which was then placed at a corner of the building and fired. When discovered the flames were coming out of the roof, but were finally extinguished after \$400 damage had resulted. It is believed that the firebugs, who left no clue, set fire to the station with the hope it would ignite the company's store, located only a short distance away.

William Herriott, aged 15, son of a prominent Chattanooga, Tenn., capitalist, accidentally shot and killed his younger sister with a rifle.

Edison Undergoes Operation.

Thomas A. Edison, the inventor, was recovering rapidly from a surgical operation performed Tuesday night for a mastoid abscess behind his left ear. Owing to a similar trouble a few years ago the operation was difficult, but the doctors declared it was entirely successful. Mr. Edison recovered quickly and was in good spirits. The doctors say they expect an uninterrupted recovery.

KEYSTONE STATE COLLINGS

TWO COASTERS KILLED.

Dashed into a Locomotive at Tyrone.

Shortage of \$1,000 Claimed Against Cashier of Street Railway.

A coasting accident in which two boys were killed and a third fatally injured occurred at Tyrone. The boys were coasting down Twelfth street and dashed into a rapidly moving shifting engine. The dead are: Willard Elder, 12 years old. One foot cut off at the ankle and the other at the knee; right side crushed, skull fractured. Died in an hour. George Leiper, right arm torn off, right ankle crushed; left foot cut off, left arm broken. Died in hospital.

The injured: George Thomas, right arm off, left foot crushed, fearful wound in back of head and hips torn apart. In Altoona Hospital and cannot live. The sled struck the engine between the driving wheels, the boys being thrown under and dragged. The engineer, William Thomas, saw the boys approaching and tried to stop.

Dent Ditty, formerly cashier of the Kittanning and Leechburg Street Railway company, has been arrested on a charge of embezzlement, preferred before Justice of the Peace, Joel Crawford by F. A. Moesta, president of the company. It was alleged that Ditty, who had charge of all the money turned over to the company by the conductors on the line, appropriated to his own use \$1,000 of the company's funds. Ditty disappeared over a month ago, but recently returned to this vicinity and was arrested yesterday. He gave bail for his appearance at court.

The pump station of the Standard Oil Company, four miles south of Mercer, was wrecked by fire and thousands of dollars worth of damage was done. The fire was caused by a bursting surface pipe, which threw an immense quantity of oil into the boiler house, which was ignited from the fire boxes. The flames spread rapidly and burned out the wood work of the different buildings, and completely destroyed the building used as the telegraph office and the electric light plant. Much of the valuable machinery was damaged. The amount of the loss and the insurance, if any, was not obtainable.

At Washington, Miss Lizzie Milsted, the 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Milsted, was dragged and brutally treated and the house of her parents ransacked in a vain search for money by two robbers. The girl was left unconscious. The father has offered a reward of \$50 for an arrest and conviction. Milsted, who is a contractor, had placed a large sum of money in a local bank Saturday morning.

U. S. G. Neel of Midway, Washington county, was committed to the Allegheny County jail by Alderman C. F. Anderson on a charge of embezzlement, made by A. D. Work. It is said that Neel and Work were engaged in the teaming business in the oil fields about McDonald, and that Neel took some of the