DIED IN BURNING CONVENT

Oue Nun, Nine Children and Four Old Women Perish.

SISTERS PROVE THEIR HEROISM

One Gives Up Her Life and Two Others Likely to Perish in Rescue Work.

In the burning of the St. Ann Convent at St. Genevieve, near Montreal, Quebec, one uun, nine children and four women lost their lives and two nuns were seriously injured.

The village had no fire brigade and an effort was made to get Montreal telephone, in order to secure assistance, but the effort failed and the his building was soon a mass of smouldering ruins

Scenes of frightful suffering followed, as the night was very cold and a fierce wind was blowing. There were about 100 inmates and as they were taken from the building in their night clothing the villagers threw open their homes and made a for the young and old.

There were about 20 aged women, some of them nearly 100 years old, at convent, and it is feared that the shock in some cases will prove fatal. Heroism on the part of the sisters marked the occasion.

The pupils who perished were in a portion of the building where the fire had obtained too much headway before the alarm was given to enable those who responded to effect their

The fire started about midnight in the old ladies' hospice, and the smoke was so thick that the children on the floor above were unable to get down. As soon as the fire was discovered

the viliagers hastened to the scene Bucket brigades were hurriedly formed and every possible effort was made to save the building, but the fire had gained such headway that it was soon apparent that there was no chance to save it from destruction.

occupants, hurriedly aroused by the smoke, attempted to grope their way out of the building. Notto grope ly ther was a deplorable loss of life.

PARENTS WERE NOT AT HOME

Returned in Time to See Their Dwelling Destroyed But too Late to Save Children.

The explosion of a bottle of gaso-line in the home of John E. Kunkle, in Maple avenue, Greensburg, Pa., resulted in three children of the family being burned to death and a fourth so fearfully injured that her recovery is a matter of doubt. Five other persons also hurt.

The dead: Paul Kunkle, 7 years old; Alice Kunkle, 5 years old; Louise Kunkle, 3 years old.

The injured are: Catherine Kunkle, 2 years old; George M. Gester, right hand so seriously burned that amontation may be necessary; William McCarthy, overcome by smoke; Jacob Weaver, overcome by smoke; Attorney A. M. Wyant and John S. Murphy severely burned and cut about hands and arms by glass, while trying to rescue the children.

Mr. and Mrs. Kunkle, accompanled by two of their seven children, in the early evening attended holy week leaving their home in charge of Mrs. Kunkle's mother, Mrs. Cordelia Rugh, aged 75 years. The children went to bed after the departure of their parents and were soon asleep. o'clock, Louise, the next to the youngchild, awakened and drink of water. In bringing the the water was spilled on the counter

The lights were low in the room and in taking a towel from a mantelplece, the grandmother overturned a bottle of gasoline. The bottle crashed to the floor just in front of a gas aflame, being thrown to all parents of the room by the explosion which

Mr. and Mrs. Kunkle were on their way home from church when the alarm sounded. They arrived just as the fire was at its height. Before the After the Ceremony Declares She Russian's Have Fight With Natives or children had been taken from the ruins of the house the parents were both taken in a swooning condition to the home of a neighbor.

Westmoreland bar, being a law partner of ex-Congressman Edward E. Robbins. His home, one of the most pretentious in Greensburg, was gutted its furnishings either destroyed will be at least \$18,000.

Storey Cotton Arrest.

Postoffice Inspectors arrested Patindictment charging him and others Johnnie is only 18. I am 60 and defraud. The inspectors who made whether I love him or not." the arrest say Kearns was Treasurer of the Storey Cotton Company of with contentment, as she boarded the Philadelphia, which recently collapsed. train, said she felt 30 years younger, The man under arrest denies all and she looked it too. knowledge of the affairs of the Storey concern, and declares that he has never been in Philadelphia.

Predicts Disaster.

Dr. J. MacDonald, an astronomer of Binghamton, N. Y., in his almanac figuration and sun spots fadicate severe earthquakes in many sections, especially from Florida to Nova Scotia. New York city will suffer most. He predicts a number of sildings will be shaken down, and the will be nearly wiped off the by earthquakes, and a great

ACTIVITY EXPANDS

of Traffic Arrangement Threatens Accumulation-Steel Making May Be Injured by Ore Shortage.

G. Dun & Co.'s "Weekly Review Trade" says: Erratic weather has nded to make trade reports some-hat irregular, but on the whole the cek's results were satisfactory. Early delays were followed by increased activity particularly a what might termed Easter lines. It is noteworthy that much business for fall Mivery has appeared, and more supplementary spring and summer con-tracts are being placed than jobbers anticipated. Mercantile payments are increasingly prompt. activity expands, iron furnaces and mills maintaining their good rectextile plants securing larger orand footwear manufacturers are to hold full prices without curailing operations

Labor controversies are few and ausie little inconvenience, while immigration or the last week was more than dou! i that of the corresponding 04. Transporting interests handle the increased busiare able aess wit little congestion, railway earnings thus far reported for April exceeding last year's by 10.2 per cent. Foreign commerce at the port of New York fo the last week showed a guin of \$2,000,861 in value of merchandise xported and imports were \$3,415,922

larger than in the same week of 1904 Higher wage scales becoming effecive on May 1 assure freedom from labor troubles at blast furnaces, and there is little friction at the mills, but the industry will be interrupted unless iron ore is freely mined. Otherwise the iron and steel industry is in splendid condition, contracts covering deliveries well into next year in many departments, and there is no division that can be styled dull. Coke output continues to eclipse all records, and, as traffic conditions are favorable,

Pree movement threatens accumulatica, so that this fuel is a weaker. Both anthracite and bituminous coal are active. Leather is steady, despite reperts of sales at concessions emanating rom transactions in in-ferior good while belting butts advanced sha ply. Packer hides are strong and octive. Foreign dry hides

are unchanged. Failures this week numbered 200 in the United States, against 241 last year, and 21 in Canada, compared with 12 a year ago.

ZEMSTVOISTS BARRED

Congress Called for Next Month Prohibited by Government.

private circular has been addressed to the Governors of the several Russian provinces informing them that the congress of Zemstvoists and instructing them to prevent the departure of delegates to that coa-The congress of journalists will recommend wide reaching measures toward the liberation of the press, as well as a political programme along the lines of the programmes adopted by the recent congresses of barristers

The Juridical Society at Tomsk. Western Siberia, adopted a strong six months in the pentitentiary. prenmble which reads like the Declartaion of Independence, proclaiming that all citizens of Russia, without regard to nationality or religion, are equal before the law and entitled to equal protection from the state, and service in the First Reformed church, advocating the abolition of all class

TOOK M'KINLEY STATUE

At 9 Sculptor Declares He Has Not Yet Been Paid For It.

In broad daylight C. D. Billman, a sculptor removed from its pedstal in water to the child the grandmother City park at Logansport, Ind., an heroic tripped over a rug and a portion of statue to William McKinley, which had been erected by citizens as a memorial to the martyred President.

Billman alleges that he has not yet been paid for the statue. Taking advantage of the absence of all city this afternoon, Billman backed a in an instant the fluid was wagon against the base of the monu- ly before the French national holiday ment and, with block and tackle, trans- June 14. Large forces of French ferred the monument to the back yard soldiers and sailors will form the esof his home.

OLD WOMAN WEDS A BOY

Feels Thirty Years Younger.

Mrs. N. O. Griffin, a gray-haired wo-Mr. Kunkle is a member of the carpet merchant, who left an estate valued at \$1,000,000, leaning on the arm of her sturdy coachman, John Wood, appeared at the Episcopal rec-Whitehall, N. Y., and told Rev. Mr. Elliott that they wanted to by fire or damaged by water. The loss get married. The 42 years' difference in their ages was so apparent that the clergyman used every effort to alls. suade them from their matrimonial venture. It as all to no avail, however, and the on answer the woman would make was: "I don't care with using the United States mail to guess I am old enough to know

The mirister performed the ceremony. The bride, beaming all over

The main building of the Vanderbilt university at Nashville, Tenn., was gutted by fire. Loss \$200,000.

Turpentine Combine Formed.

Fifty leading turpentine operators of Alabama, Mississippi, Louisana Florida, and Texas have formed a tached three of his fast auxiliaries, combine with a capital stock of \$3,-500,000. The combination will be known as the Naval Stores Product Export company. It is understood that the combine will control 490,-000 casks of turpentine out of a total production in the country of 650,000 casks. Headquarters will be in Sa-

ALLEGED FRAUD STOPPED

Postoffice Order Against Some Large Concerns.

MONEY POURED IN FREELY

Former Congressman From Indiana and Former Preacher Among Promoters.

William T. Owen, former member of Congress from Indiana, former secretary of state of Indiana and former minister of the gospel, organizer and promoter of the Ubero Company of Boston, and the Consilidated Ubero Plantation Company, also of Boston, has gone to Europe, and thousands of investors in the stocks and bonds of the companies are holding the sack. The sack is empty. A fraud order was issued to-day against the two Boston concerns.

It is also said that Arthur W Stedman and Frederick G. Hood, two prominent men in Boston business and social circles, president and vicepresident, respectively of the Consolidated Ubero Company, are likewise absent in Europe. Judge U. Z. Wiley, of Indiana, at present judge of the Indiana appelate court, is named as treasurer of this company.

The investigation conducted by the department through Inspector Shaw disclosed one of the most gigantic and baldest frauds that has been perpetu-

ated in recent years.

Owen embarked in his Mexican plantation scheme shortly after retiring from the office of the secretary of aid the local firemen succeeded in state in Indiana in 1898, Borges organized the coffee companies which were to develop large tracts of coffee lands in Mexico. Stock was put on the market. Extensive advertising was done and it was represented that the companies were making sufficent money while developing the property to pay dividends of 10 per cent. annually.

Such dividends were paid, but the investigation disclosed that they were paid from funds of investors; that there had been practically no developmen of the property, and hence no re-

turns warranting dividends. As large amounts of money are still pouring into the companies from investors making good their monthly installments, Postmaster General Cortelyou decided that the fraud orders should issue. It is said that Owen and Borges have operated in other cities and floated similar plantation companies. Cleveland and Toledo are said to be two cities where they have operated.

BANKERS PLEADED GUILTY

called for May 7 has been prohibited Cashier, Teller and Bookkeeper Sen tenced to Penitentiary.

E. F. Kaneen, former cashier of the closed Citizens Savings bank of Lorain, pleaded guilty to embezzling the funds of the bank and was sentenced to serve seven years in the penitentiary. H. B. Walker and Dana Walker teller and bookkeeper, respectively, of the bank, also pleaded guilty were each sentenced to two years and

Of the four indictments against Kaneen, two were nolled. The indictments against the Walkers were also noiled. In pleading guilty Kaneen admitted that he was entirely to blame for the Walkers' downfall. The pris oners were taken to the penitentiary immediately after sentence was pass-

HONORS FOR PAUL JONES

American Squadron Will Be Detailed

to Bring Body Home The state department has advised Ambassador Porter that an America: squadron will be sent to bring body of Paul Jones to the United States probably in June. It is expect ed that the French government will participate in an imposing funeral pageant when the body leaves Paris. officers at a municipal league meeting Detailed plans have not yet been made but it probably will occur shortcort.

TRY TO CUT RAILWAY

Harbin and Vladivostok Line.

There was a determined attempt man of 60, widow of a Philadelphia on the night of April 17 to cut the railroad between Harbin and Vladivostok. a formidable body of Chinese bandits making an attack near the station of Imyanpo, 100 miles east of Harbia. After a desperate fight which lasted several hours, the bandits were driven off and dispersed.

Many smaller companies of Chines bandits are roving in the rear of the Russian army, but disappear when pursued. It is thought probable they are Manchurians, who scatter to their villages when they find themselves in danger.

There are various reports of wideturning movements at Tsitsibar or eastward of that point, but as se rumors are apparently unfound-The vigor of the skirmishes taking place on the left flank of the Russian army, however, seems to indicate the Japanese are planning to thrust northeastward and interpose a force between Harbin and Vladivostok. An official report from Manchuria

To Harass Japan's Shippings.

headquarters says:

A dispatch from the far east states that Admiral Rojestvensky has dewhich formerly belonged to the Hamburg-American line to harass Japanese shipping and to raid undefended parts of the Japanese coast, hoping to compel Admiral Togo to weaken his fleet by sending cruisers to chase them.

Wiscorsin woman who claims to be the original Mrs. Hoch has made

TEN HOUR LAW INVALID

U. S. Supreme Court Says Law Unconstitutional.

In an opinion by Justice Peckham the Supreme court of the United States held to be unconstitutional the New York State law making 10 hours a day's work and sixty hours a week's work in bakeries in State. Justices Harlan. White. Day and Holmes dissented and Justice Harlan declared that no more important decision had been rendered in the last century.

The opinion was handed down in the case of Lockner vs. the State of New York and was based ground that the law interferes with the free exercise of the rights of contract between individuals. The Court of Appeals of the State upheld the law and affirmed the judgment of the trial court holding Lockner guilty. Judge Parker wrote the opinion of the New York Court of Appeals supporting the law, and the court divided four to three on the question of validity.

\$600,000 FIRE LOSS Valuable Tannery and Immense Stock

Destroyed. A fire, which destroyed Beebee Sons' tannery at Titusville, Pa., caused a loss estimated at \$600,000, fully insured. The plant was one of the finest and largest in the country, and nothing was saved, an immense and

valuable stock being destroyed. The fire broke out in the drying room of the tannery and rapidly worked its way toward a large benzine factory. The Oil City fire department was asked for assistance and, arriving about two hours later, with their He and confining the flames to the Beebee plant.

A. P. Johnston, a grocer, became confused in the smoke as a spectator and fell into a hot water vat. rescued by Chief of Police Laley and two firemen. His injuries are not ser-In the run to the fire Fireman James Withrop was thrown from a hose cart and had his skull fractured. He was removed to the City hospital.

WAGES ARE INCREASED

Blast Furnace Workers Will Demand They Be Given Eight-Hour Day.

Notices have been posted in the various blast furnaces at Youngstown O., that beginning May 1, the wage of laborers will be increased 5 per cent, and turn men 10 per President James McMahon Blast Furnace Workers and Smelters' Union of America, said the advance was but a return of the former wages received by the men before the independents reduced them a year ago. The United States Steel Corporation is not included.

The men will still make demand for an eight-hour day.

JAPANESE SEIZE COLLIERS Rojestvensky With Portion of

Passes Hongkong. The Japanese are reported to have captured a large number of colliers off the coast of Cochin-China. Since leaving Europe Admiral Rojestvensky has lost only eight men by disease out of 18,000 with him.

says that Vice Admiral Rojestvensky, with a portion of his squadron, has

A dispatch from Hongkong says that a portion of the Russian squadron was en Sunday at Turan bay, about 350 miles north of Kamranh bay.

Consumption May Exterminate Entire Winnebago Tribe.

The once mighty Winnebago tribe of Indians is facing a miserable end, \$900,000 to the tribe's credit. Scores on several towns.

Resident Indian Inspector A. P. Jones is authority for the statement that consumption, waless stopped, will soon kill the whole tribe.

WILL NOT ADMIT DEFEAT

Russian Bureaucracy Forms Plans for Manchuria and Kwantung.

The committee of the far east, under Admiral Alexieff, oblivious of what happened last year, is proceeding daily with the work of elaborating the administration of Manchuria and the Kwantung peninsula.

A school system for Port Arthur being placed in the hands of the minister of education with power to "temporarily suspend" the system, and o'clock in the evening of the same the appointment of two justices day. of the peace for Port Arthur was officially gazetted.

To Aid Poor Colleges.

Gifts amounting in all to \$250,000 will be made this year to small colleges in the rural districts of Tennes-Kentucky, North Carolina and t Virgina. This announcement West Virgina. was made by Dr. D. K. Pearsons, re tired capitalist and benefactor of many small colleges in the United States.

Agents of the Equitable passed resolutions calling on Vice President Hyde to resign.

District Attorneys Named. C. Herndon, of Welch, W. Va., and H. Albert Rummel, of Charleston, W. Va., have been appointed assistant

district attorneys of the United States. The appointment of Messrs, Herndon and Rummel was made at the request of Elliott Northcott who took the oath of office as United Mukden exceeded 100,000. States district attorney

Southern district of West Virginia. The Japanese government is about to raise another domestic loan of \$50,000,000.

DEFIANCE TO STEEL TRUST

Five Furnaces in Valley Withdraw from General Trade.

WILL NOT BEG FOR MARKET

Youngstown Iron, Sheat & Tube Com pany Will Use Production in Bessemer Plant.

An important move in the iron an steel business of the Mahoning vallev has just been made in connection with the building of the Bessemer plant of the Youngstown Iron, Sheet & Tube Company. Five of the largest independent furnaces of the valley have gone into a deal and withdrawn from the general market. The furn aces include those of the Brier Hill Iron & Coal Company, the Youngs-Steel Company, the Ohio Iron & Steel Company at Lowellsville, the Stewart furnaces at South Sharon and the Pickands, Mather & Company furnaces at Sharpsville. These furn aces have a capacity of 15,000 tons a month and in the past this has gone to the general trade, at times the independents begging for market and at other times the United States Cor poration begging for pig iron.

When the Youngstown Iron Sheet & Tube Company organized it was intended to build an open hearth stee plant. The ore properties purchased were not suitable for the Bessemen plant and it was necessary to get raw material somewhere. This, when the Bessemer steel plant proposition was proposed, was a critical point necessity of securing raw terial caused the holding back of the When the steel plant proposition. independents of this and the Shenan-go valley indicated their willingness to enter into this deal it was a vic tory for the Youngstown Iron, Sheet & Tube Company. With five furnaces at their command the trust could be defied. Besides, the short hauls in the valleys, which amount to nothing more than transfer charges, not more than 15 cents a ton, give the independents and the Sheet & Tube Company decided advantage. The shipping of pig iron at \$2 a ton is quite different from the transfer at 15 cents a ton and this makes the position of the company still stronger.

FOUND GOLD IN CABIN

Farmer Accidentally Discovers \$1,600

in Coin on His Premises. Philip Sesler who lives in George township, Fayette County, Pa., ripped a board from the end of a log in a cabin on his farm and found secreted behind it \$1,600 in gold. It is supposed that the money was hid there many years ago by his grandfather James Downer. Encouraged by his find Sesler is carefully examining the cabin in the hope of finding more treasure.

Sesler is of a retiring disposition and said nothing about his find until a missionary society gathering at his home, when he displayed the gold to his astonished hearers. Most of the money is in \$10 and \$20 pieces, all of them being dated prior to the six-A dispatch from St. Petersburg property. Sesler, who was a favorite,

James Downer, who died a number been sighted off Hongkong, sailing for of years ago, is well remembered by a number of Uniontown people. was of a peculiar disposition and it is said that he never deposited money in banks. At the time of his death he left a will, disposing of his various was the chief heir, and the cabin where the gold was found is located on a farm which Downer left him.

Russians Cut Cable. Russian agents have cut the cable between Foochow and Formosa. Sixthough the National Government holds teen Japanese cruisers and many torpedo craft have been sighted scouting ignored by the captain of the steamer of the Indians are dying of consump of Sampaloco point. Three strange Oteri. tion and this entails a heavy expense warships have been sighted at Bantangas in Philippine waters. Minister Griscom has cabled the state depart-

CAUGHT BETWEEN BASES

Russians Retreat in Great Disorder

Over Peling Pass.

The following official announcemen was made in Tokyo:

"The force advancing north from Singking, driving the enemy before them, occupied Yingecheng, 38 miles north of Singking, at 1 o'clock on the has just been completed, its execution afternoon of April 14. A detachment

> "The enemy's force near Pachiatzu consisted of seven sontnias of cavalry and one battery of artillery. first retreated toward Yingecheng then came back to Pachlatzu. Finding it occupied, they were thrown into confusion, and they retreated in great tary Hioki, of the Japanese legation disorder over Peling pass, two miles Secretary W. H. Taft has concluded north of Pachiatzu.

Japs Get 200 Russian Guns.

.The London Daily Telegraph's correspondent at Tokio reports that the in the retreat from Mukden.

Japanese Land Reinforcements.

Captured Japanese spies place the number of Japanese army at 400,000. and say the losses at the battle of Mukden are already being replaced by drafts from home battallons. Lieutenant Komayashi, one of the spies, calculates that the Japanese losses at

The muzzle of an eight-inch gun on the battleship Iowa, oil Pensacola, Fla., blew off during target practice,

CORTELYOU CHANGES RULING

Postmaster Will Not Be Allowed to Act as County Chairman.

An official circular will be issued soon by Postmaster General Corteyou that will circumscribe the political activities of postmasters. This document will set forth that for the good of the service a postmaster should not act as chairman of a committee.

This ruling will be made in re sponse to a letter from the Pennsylvania Republican state committee. It appears that former Postmaster Gen eral Payne advised the Peansylvania Republican state committee that there was no objections to postmasters being selected as delegates to the na tional convention and the purpose of the present inquiry is to ascertain whether a county chairman will be treated in the same manner by the postoffice department. It is under stood that while Postmaster Genera Cortelyou will sustain his precedes sor's ruling as far as being delegate is concerned that he will rule it is not advisable for them to act as the head of the county organization.

This action will not be based upor the grounds of offensive partisanship, but that the duties of a chairman hav become so extensive it is feared they will interfere with the official duties a postmaster.

SULTAN'S AIDE DEFEATED

Gen. Riza Pasha Loses All His Guns and Stores in Recent Fight. News received from Hodelda is to the effect that the situation at Sanaa

is precarious, necessitating a new re-lief expedition, owing to Gen. Riza Pasha, aid-de-camp to the Sultan, having lost all his guns and stores in re cently fighting his way into Sanaa. Riza Pasha, with a strong force of men, reached Sanaa, capital of the province of Yemen, Arabia, on April 29. On March 3 it was reported that Sanaa had fallen into the hands of the insurgents, and on March 18 a dispatch stated that Sanaa had capitulated, but subsequently this was denied by the military authorities Constantinople.

Boston Wool Market.

Heavy sales of foreign wool and the reports from the West as to the urgency in the making of contracts have been the features of the wool Quotations on domestic market. wools are about as follows Ohio and Pennsylvania XX and above, 33@34c; X, 30@31c; No. 1, 36@37c; No. 2, 37 @38c; fine unwashed, 24@25c; quarter blood unwashed, 30c; % blood, 30@ 31c; half blood, 29@30c; unwashed delaine, 27@28c; unmerchantable, 28 @29c; fine washed delaine, 364@37c Michigan fine unwashed, 22@23c quarter blood unwashed, 29@30c; % blood, 30e; half blood. 28@29e; un washed delaine, 25@26c.

Charged With Embezzlement.

Cashler D. W. Tyron of Spartansburg, (Pa.) bank which failed in March, has been arrested charged with embezziement, on com plaint of W. E. Rice of Chicago. Rice alleges he is a manufacturer chairs and that he contracted with Tyron for the erection of a chair factory at Spartansburg. He claims he paid Tyron \$1,500 to be used to conducting the business. He states that Tyron diverted the money to his own use, never building the factory or buying the machinery.

CURRENT NEWS EVENTS.

All the members of the pension board of review have resigned.

The jury selected to try Nan Patterson is almost entirely made up of married men and mill guards at Wheeling, in which

a number were seriously hurt . The commander of the president's yacht Sylph reported to the navy department that his ca'l for help was

Agents of the Equitable society, in conference assembled, sustained President Alexander and appealed to legment that Japan has included the Pas- islature to use its powers in enabling cadoes and Tsugaru straits in zones of policy holders to sit in the directorate of the society.

> amist and alleged wife murderer, was arrainged under the new indictment recently returned against him. pleaded not guilty.

At Chicago, Johann Hoch, the big-

Rev. John Dodge, pastor of the Holiness church at Lebanon, Ind., has been arrested on a charge of stabbing Oscar Johnston, a member of his con gregation, during a quarrel.

Increases averaging 9.76 per cent are shown by the gross earnings reports of 37 railroads for the first week of April. Net earnings of 99 railroads for February show an average decrease of 14.07 per cent., but the same roads for eight months show an average increase of 6.87 per cent.

Taft Will Visit Tokio.

On further consideration of the matter as laid before him by Secre to visit Tokio while his ship, the Manchuria, on which he will make his Philippine trip, is coaling at Yoko hama. The secretary has made such a visit on the occasion of other like Japanese recovered 200 of the 500 detentions at Yokohamo and feels that guns which the Russians abandoned he could scarcely fall to make an official call on this occasion

Battle at a Monastery.

A band of Bulgarians, April 15 at tacked the monastery of Athamas, near Klissura, which was occupied by a Greek band. Fifteen Bulgarians were killed and the remainder fled to Zagovitchani, to which place the Greeks pursued them, killing many and burning a number of hou an engagement between Turks and Albanians near Frizren the Albanians were defetated with the loss of 30

LEXOW IN GREENE

Taxpayers' League Appeals from tors' Reports of Accounts of Co missioners, Poor Directors and Sheriff.

The Greene County Tax-Payers'

league began suits for the recovery of large sums of money alleged to have been improperly or illegally expended by various county officers. Appeals are taken from the county auditors reports, auditing the accounts of co ty commissioners T. J. Hoge, W. Fry and W. L. Inghram; Poor rectors Spencer Cowel and John King and Sheriff John J. Koebert. Th and Sheriff John J. Koebert. The amounts excepted to aggregate man thousands of dollars and it is charged that illegal and excessive sums were paid for bridge building, road making, salaries for employes, care of the poor,

Two departments of the National Tube works at McKeesport win be removed to Versailles borough, two miles above McKeesport. Work of razing the buildings was commenced yesterday, and within a week company expects to have the machinery in operation at the new location. The departments to be moved include the job and pole shops, where about 150 men are employed. The ground vacated at McKeesport will as a site for departments of the new tube mills.

It has been announced that Fort Wayne, Van Wert and Lima Traction company in Ohio has awarded to the Cambria Steel company Johnstown, the contract for all the steel rails to be used in the construction of the unfinished section of the line from Van Wert to Fort Wayne. The orders are to rush the shipments. The section of road to be completed is about 33 miles long, and the rails are much heavier than those used on the ordinary electric railway.

Edward Grear night telegraph operator of the Nickel Plate railroad at Thornton Junction, had a desperate battle with two burglars. Two men broke into his office and he protected himself with the only weapon he had, his pocket knife. He stabbed one of the men, but the other struck him over the head with a heavy poker and dragged away his companion. Grear did not recover consciousness some time.

Cerebro spinal meningitis, or spotted fever, is spreading about Connellsville. The first deaths reported are those of Elizabeth Wilmer, aged 19 years, at Wheeler, a suburb, and Grant Real, of Mt. Pleasant township, Westmoreland county. There are two cases at Dunbar and several at Leisenring No. 2, a mining settlement. The State Board of Health has been appealed to for help.

Butler borough will hasten to avail itself of the provisions of the act just signed by the governor amending the third class city act. The amendment was drafted by Attorney H. H. Goucher, and provides that on petition of 100 citizens council shall, submit the question of third class city charter to the voters. There is a population of 18,000 in the borough limits.

Julian Kennedy, of Pittsburg, is preparing the plans for a new universal plate mill to be erected immediately by the Cambria Steel Company. mill will have a capacity of 200 tons a day, and will cost about \$600,000 One hundred and fifty men will be employed. It is expected the mill will be ready for operation before

A riot was precipitated when attempted to lay tracks near the prop erty of W. D. Smith on Moravia street, New Castle. The latter fired four pistol shots and chased the force away. The railroad company has been ne-gotiating with Smith for his property but no agreement has been reach-

One thousand acres of land under laid with limestone has been purchased at Lowellville, by the George Johnson Limestone company, of New Castle. One hundred thousand dollars will be expended in installing machinery and laying tracks to facilitate the work of quarrying. The Butler county commissioners have filed notice of the intention to

year. Two will be in Clinton township and one each in Butler, Jefferson, Allegheny, Penn and Washington townships and in Harrisville borough. The Point bottle works plant, at Rochester, was sold at receiver's sale to Henry M. Camp, of Rochester, trustee, representing a syndicate which

build eight new bridges during the

in full operation at an early date. The price paid was \$15,800. The Cambria Steel Company at Johnstown has made a readjustment of wages. It is not officially announced, but it is understood that the raise will make wages the same as before

is making an effort to place the works

the cut made more than a year ago. The Slavish woman who committed suicide at Altoona, by throwing herself under a freight train, has been identified as Mary Zuka, 25 years old. Homesickness is accredited as the

cause for her act. Cerebro-spinal meningitis, or spotted fever, has invaded Greensburg. There have been about six cases within the past few weeks and all have

Jacob Presock, fire boss at Oliver vas arrested for violating the mine laws. It is alleged that he lit lamps in the mines and thus imperiled the lives of from 900 to 1,000 men employed there.

John Gilmore, J. Q. Van Swearingen and other Uniontown, capitalists have bought a 50-acre tract of coal land near McClellandtown for

William McLain and two children of cottdale, were thrown from a bu y, which cillided with a street or ad were painfully hurt.