

KILLED IN POLISH RIOTS

Troops Charge Barricades Built by Strikers at Lodz.

SHOOTING HEARD CONTINUALLY

City is in a Panic and More Trouble is Feared—Strike Agitators Are at Work in Warsaw.

A message from Lodz, Russian Poland, dated June 23 says: Troops to-night stormed the barricades erected in the streets by the strikers. Fifty persons have been killed and 200 wounded. Since early this morning the city has been in a state of panic. The strike is general and all the factories and the shops are closed. Barricades have been erected at many points. Rifle volleys and revolver shots are heard continually.

A man carrying a bomb was arrested in front of the Malenk police station at Warsaw. He refused all information regarding himself. Disturbances are anticipated in consequence of the shooting of workmen at Lodz.

According to advices received at St. Petersburg the situation in Poland is again exceedingly serious. Censored dispatches from Lodz, though giving few details, indicate that fierce street fighting was in progress between the striking workmen, who barricaded the thoroughfares in various quarters of the city, and offered resistance which the troops met with volleys.

OHIO RIVER SURVEY

Engineers Given Money to Make Plans Below the Big Miami.

The actual work of surveying the Ohio river with a view to determining whether it is worth while to put the "On to Cairo" project into execution will begin very shortly. An allowance of \$56,000 to cover the cost of the surveys has been made by the army authorities having charge of the Congressional fund for river and harbor work.

An assistant has been provided for Lieutenant Colonel Ruffner, stationed at Cincinnati, which will enable that officer to devote a good deal of his time to the examination of that stretch of the river below the mouth of the Big Miami river. That part of the river below the mouth of the Big Miami has never been surveyed. The money will be available July 1 and it is the purpose to have the surveys ready at that time.

The money for the examination is to be taken from the item of \$300,000 carried in the River and Harbor Appropriation bill of the last session set aside for extending the harbor of Pittsburgh to the State line between Pennsylvania and Ohio by deepening the pools created by the six locks and dams between Pittsburgh and Beaver. The deepening is to be accomplished by putting in eight-foot wickets instead of six-foot, as originally provided, and building up the lock walls in some of the pools and dredging in some of the others where the lower wickets and higher lock walls will not accomplish the purpose.

RAILROAD COMPANY WINS.

Charged With Discrimination in the Distribution of Cars.

The Norfolk and Western Railroad company is the winner of the suit brought against it by the Greenbrier Coal and Coke company of West Virginia and a number of other coal companies of the Flat Top coal field charging it with violation of interstate commerce and discrimination in the distribution of coal cars.

Judge Keller, in the Federal court at Charleston quashed the alternative writ of mandamus issued several weeks ago. Judge Keller held that the case could not come under the Interstate Commerce commission because the railroad company is only charged with violation of a private contract.

KURDS AND TARTARS REVOLT

Armenian Villages Sacked—Cossacks Kill 100 Insurgents.

Bands of insurgents in the district of Scharonkhu, province of Erivan, Transcaucasia, recently sacked and burned four Armenian villages. Subsequently the insurgents surrounded and attacked Ovilsonaschau. The inhabitants of the town repulsed the besiegers killing hundreds of them.

Cossacks and other troops stationed at the village of Khonoumdian also repulsed an attack of the insurgents on that place, inflicting enormous losses on them and capturing 870 prisoners, a quantity of arms and a black standard. The insurgent chiefs and mullahs were executed.

Woman and Children Drown.

A report comes from Newbold, Wis., of the drowning of Mrs. Ezra Craw and Mrs. Edward Craw and six children in Rainbow Rapids, Wisconsin river. It is reported that the party was in a boat which was capsized in the rapids.

Americans Robbed.

Theodore S. Darling, of New York, and several other guests at the Hotel de L'Europe, in St. Petersburg, Russia, have been robbed of all their valuables. Mr. Darling lost a diamond necklace and quite a sum of money. Subsequently the necklace was discovered in a pawn shop. Considerable mystery surrounds the robbery. Suspicion fell on a Russian countess, but when accused, she threatened to sue the proprietors of the hotel and no attempt has been made to prosecute her.

DUN'S WEEKLY REVIEW

Seasonable Weather Has Stimulated Retail Trade—Less Idle Machinery Than Usual.

Seasonable weather in most sections of the country has done much to stimulate lagging retail trade in light weight wearing apparel and greatly improved the entire business situation by accelerating the maturity of agricultural products. A few more weeks of favorable climatic conditions will put large quantities of grain beyond danger, while late planted corn and cotton are rapidly recovering lost ground. These are the most important commercial influences at this season of the year. Jobbers advance orders being largely dependent upon local conditions at the interior, and manufacturers gauging their activity by the outlook for fall and winter distribution.

In the leading manufacturing industries there is less idle machinery than is customary at this time of year, especially at plants making textile fabrics, despite the fact that prices of raw materials are somewhat inflated. Labor controversies are not disturbing, several more agreements having been signed, and less than the usual number of struggles are threatened for July 1.

Building operations are numerous and involve a greater amount of capital than at this time in recent preceding years; railway earnings for June thus far exceed last year's by 8.1 per cent, and foreign commerce at New York for the last week is fairly well maintained, exports gaining \$338,270 in comparison with last year, while imports decreased \$1,172,707. Normal midsummer quiet in the iron and steel industry is occasioning no anxiety, conditions being much better than they were at this time last year. Irregularity is still noted in the hide market. Foreign dry hides continue dull at the recent decline. Although less active than last week, leather is still moving freely. New England footwear manufacturers are receiving a fair amount of supplementary fall orders from salesmen in the Western territory and there is also a good demand for spring samples.

Failures this week numbered 195 in the United States against 227 last year, and 29 in Canada, compared with 32 a year ago.

JAPAN'S PEACE TERMS

Demands Are Said to Be More Moderate Than Expected.

Japan's terms of peace, according to an interview had by a correspondent of the St. Petersburg Novoye Vremya with a member of the Japanese Embassy at Vienna, will prove to be more moderate than had been expected and will be based on the propositions made in the Japanese note on the eve of hostilities, with an addition of an indemnity covering the cost of the war. Japan will not insist on humiliating terms such as the cessation of the island of Sakhalin, the disarmament of Vladivostok or the limitation of Russia's naval rights in the Pacific, but will insist on guarantees against the renewal of the war for half a century at least.

The diplomat is quoted as saying that Japan wishes to live on terms of friendship with Russia in the future and is not disposed to make over-harsh stipulations.

The war party has by no means surrendered. On the contrary, backed by the military element, it is making a concerted effort to dissuade the Emperor from concluding peace.

Even with the two armies already clashing, members of the war party are filling St. Petersburg and Petrohof with optimistic views. Lieutenant General Linievich and his lieutenants are reinforcing their arguments with rosy reports of the strategic situation. Many Russian correspondents at the front, evidently inspired from St. Petersburg, are flooding their papers with dispatches in the same strain.

By the explosion of a saw mill at Atalla, Ala. James Watts, William Rossen, Augustus Cash and Marion Maddox were killed and Charles Smith was fatally injured.

Expecting War With Russia.

Gen. Lord Kitchener, commander-in-chief of the British forces in India, seems to regard as inevitable a great struggle with Russia for the possession of India, and to believe that the existing arrangements for the defense of the Indian empire are altogether obsolete and ineffective, as is shown in a Blue Book. The government has approved Lord Kitchener's plans.

Hill Must Stand Trial.

Magistrate Eisenbrown of Philadelphia held John W. Hill, ex-chief of the bureau of filtration, for court in the sum of \$8,000. Bail was furnished by Robert K. Balfour. This action was based on the evidence of Frederick Schaffhauser, a former field engineer, who testified that he, personally, at the request of Chief Hill, falsified records and padded estimates in the interest of the D. J. McNeel company.

The prefect of Naples has ordered the population in the vicinity of Mount Vesuvius to prepare to leave their homes, owing to an alarming increase in the discharges from the crater.

Spanish Cabinet Resigns.

The entire Spanish cabinet has resigned and its resignation has been accepted by King Alfonso. The resignation followed the rejection of a vote of confidence in the cabinet introduced in the chamber of deputies by Deputy Llorens.

A cloud burst at Troy, Pa., flooded the village and did great damage. The town is on two branches of Sugar creek. Both branches overflowed their banks and two bridges spanning them were swept away.

LIMITED TRAIN WRECKED

Lake Shore Flyer Runs into Open Switch Killing a Score

CRUSHED CARS CATCH FIRE

Huge Engine and Five Pullmans Plunge into Ditch Near Cleveland—Scenes of Horror.

The Twentieth Century Limited, eastbound, on the Lake Shore Railroad, one of the fastest trains in the world, ran through an open switch opposite the Mentor station, 25 miles east of Cleveland, while traveling a mile a minute.

The train dashed into an open switch at the left of the main track. The officials are unable to account for the accident.

The list of dead reached twenty, including passengers and trainmen, and as many more were injured. Five bodies, horribly burned, were taken from the wreck. It was impossible to identify them at the scene of the wreck.

D. C. Moon, Assistant General Superintendent of the Lake Shore, stated late to-night that it looked as though the wreck had been caused by malicious mischief.

He said a fast passenger train passed over the switch safely three-quarters of an hour before the limited was wrecked.

Immediately after the wreck it was found the switch was locked open, so that no train could pass it without being thrown from the track.

This was the fourth trip of the flyer on its run from Chicago to New York on an 18-hour schedule. The train was the pride of the New York Central system.

The train pulled out of Cleveland with five cars, four Pullman cars behind the buffet car. The combination car was burned completely and cooled off at 11:30 p. m., so that rescuers could go to work. About 15 passengers were known to have been riding in this car, and at least six of them are dead.

The Lake Shore Railway Company offered a reward of \$2,000 for the arrest or for information leading to the arrest of the person or persons responsible for the wreck of the Twentieth Century Limited at Mentor last Wednesday night.

State Railroad Commissioner J. C. Morris with Inspector O. F. Jackson of Springfield arrived at Mentor to take personal charge of the investigation into the wreck. "That the switch was open," said Morris, "is beyond all doubt. The condition of the roadbed and the rails demonstrate that the engine did not jump the track until it had proceeded 50 feet along the siding. That switch must have been thrown just before the engine reached it."

A bag containing jewels valued at \$2,000, the property of S. C. Beckwith of New York, supposed to have been stolen from the wrecked train at Mentor, was found. It had been picked up in the wreckage and taken to the Lake Shore claim agent's office at Cleveland. Before the whereabouts of the jewels was known a search had been started for them on behalf of Mrs. Beckwith. Mr. Beckwith died soon after being removed from the wreck.

President Newman, of the New York Central and Lake Shore railroad, said that the 20-hour schedule of the Twentieth Century Limited train on the New York Lake Shore will be restored at once in place of the 18-hour schedule on which the train had been running for only a few days.

TRUE TO HER CHURCH.

Woman Refuses \$30,000 Rather Than Change Her Belief.

Putting her religion above all price, Mrs. Lucinda Ganson, of Davonport, Ia., has refused to accept \$30,000 left to her by the will of the late Chas. Simpson, of Sacramento, a wealthy friend of the Ganson family, on condition Mrs. Ganson became a Catholic. In the event of her refusal the will provides the money shall go to a Catholic orphanage in Sacramento.

\$100,000,000 Loan for India.

The House of Commons authorized the raising of a loan not exceeding \$100,000,000, with the revenues of India as security, for the construction extension and equipment of the railways of India. Secretary for India Broderick explained that the money was required to enable the government to take over the Bombay-Baroda railroad and to extend the program for railway building throughout the country.

Farmer Killed from Ambush.

Melville Thomas, a farmer near Dunlow, W. Va., while plowing in a field near a woods, was shot by an assassin and killed. Thomas recently returned indictments against some illicit retailers in the nearby vicinity.

Attempted to Wreck "Flyer" on P. R. R. Pennsylvania railroad officials are investigating an alleged attempt to wreck the new 18-hour "flyer" at Manor. According to the report the track-walker found ties on the track used by the train. He succeeded in removing them in time to let the train fly by at its mile-a-minute gait.

Alexander and Hyde Out.

Secretary of the Navy Paul Morton the new head of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, accepted the resignation of James W. Alexander as President and James H. Hyde as Vice President of the society, and they at once ceased to be officers of the company, which their families have dominated since it was founded 46 years ago.

Efforts at peace go forward in Russia in the face of steady pressure from the war party.

NO ARMISTICE WANTED

Russia Believes She is on the Eve of Winning a Great Land Victory.

Kogoro Takahira, the Japanese minister, called at the White House to inform President Roosevelt that the Japanese plenipotentiaries would be able to reach Washington the first part of August, if it was deemed desirable for them to be here by that time. The personnel of the mission has not yet been announced.

When the president returned to the executive offices after receiving Mr. Takahira, he found Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador, awaiting him. The information brought by the minister was communicated to the ambassador, who is cabling his government to find out when the Russian mission will arrive. When this is known it will be possible to decide upon a date for the conference. The general belief is it will convene about the middle of August.

Japan will not ask for an armistice, insisting that the initiative must come from Russia. The optimistic reports of the last few days, received in St. Petersburg from the front, have greatly raised the hopes of the Russians that a hand victory is near, and the war party is opposed to the sending of a request for an armistice at this time.

Japan is not at all desirous of a temporary cessation of hostilities, for between now and the beginning of the rainy season in August, Oyama is expected to accomplish great achievements in Manchuria. However, after the plenipotentiaries have been appointed the informal discussion of an armistice will be resumed, and in case the president takes an initiative in suggesting a limited truce, both belligerents will give the matter serious consideration.

CURRENT NEWS EVENTS.

Russia finally agreed to Washington as the meeting place for the peace conference.

John W. Hill, ex-chief of Philadelphia's bureau of filtration, was on a warrant charging forgery.

M. Nelidoff, Russian ambassador to Paris, has been definitely appointed one of the Russian peace plenipotentiaries.

Many deaths from heat are reported in the Pittsburgh district. The temperature was about ninety for several days.

Dr. C. C. Rice, formerly an associate professor at Leland Stanford university, went insane in Allegheny and is detained at St. Francis hospital.

Mrs. Ida McHenry, wife of Myron E. McHenry, driver of John R. Gentry and Dan Patch, was granted a divorce in the Chicago courts on charges of infidelity, which were not denied by her husband.

The Massachusetts Supreme court handed down a decision holding that the attempt to force all laborers to unite in unions is against the policy of the law, because it aims at a monopoly of the labor market.

The will of John W. Parnslee, who died recently, provides that his estate of \$400,000 shall be held in trust and the income eventually devoted to the purchase of fuel for needy families in Chicago.

Gen. Stephen D. Lee was unanimously re-elected commander-in-chief of the United Confederate Veterans. The other officers were also re-elected. The next convention will be held in New Orleans.

Germany and France may ask President Roosevelt to help settle the Moroccan dispute. Advice to Washington were that the situation is extremely delicate, but war is improbable.

The State department received a dispatch from Mr. Gummere, minister to Morocco, transmitting a request from the government of Morocco that the United States participate in a conference upon the affairs of that country.

The list of deaths resulting from the head-on collision on the Western Maryland railroad near Patapaco station Saturday evening was increased to 26 by the death of James Benner, a railroad laborer of Catoctin, Md.

The lady managers of the St. Louis fair spent less than three-fourths of the \$100,000 allotted them by congress and are ready to return the balance to the government.

Robbers made an unsuccessful attempt to hold up the North Coast limited train near Tacoma, Wash. Alma Kurcher, Edna VanAmbroy and Gladys Howe, members of a picnic party, were drowned at Petoskey, Mich., while boating on the lake.

The almshouse at Muskegon, Mich., was burned and one inmate, Mrs. Carl, aged 75 years, was fatally hurt. Mrs. Mary Bingerhelmer was seriously injured and others were slightly hurt by a sight-seeing automobile and a street car in Chicago colliding.

John W. Hill, former chief of Philadelphia's filtration bureau, was arrested on a warrant charging forgery to be uttered amounting to \$49,000.

Ex-Judge D. Watson Rowe, of Chambersburg, Pa., was appointed president judge of the Franklin county courts by Gov. S. W. Pennypacker to succeed Judge John Stewart, who resigned to become an associate justice of the State Supreme Court.

Polish Workmen Shot Down.

Eighteen persons were killed and 100 wounded at Lodz by volleys fired by dragons and Cossacks on a procession of 50,000 workmen, which had been organized as a demonstration against the government. With 30 red flags they marched, shouting "Down with despotism!"

The Pennsylvania Republican State committee named Judge John Stewart, of Chambersburg, Franklin county, as the candidate for the supreme court, to succeed the late Justice John Dean.

BANKERS WERE VICTIMS

Death of a Philadelphia Broker Reveals Colossal Forgeries.

RAISED STOCK CERTIFICATES

Extent of His Operations Hard to Estimate and the Losers Without Recourse.

One of the most sensational cases of forgery that has ever been brought to light in financial circles of Philadelphia was disclosed when it was announced that certificates calling for small numbers of shares of stock had been fraudulently raised to hundreds of shares, causing a loss to certain banks and trust companies of the city of from \$750,000 to \$1,000,000. The forgery involves the name of Benjamin H. Gaskill, who died four weeks ago.

Gaskill was the sole member of the banking and brokerage concern known as Benjamin H. Gaskill & Co. He had offices in the financial district and his credit was considered gilt-edged. Gaskill died about four weeks ago and at the time of his death he was believed to be worth about \$500,000.

He left no will and administrators began to close up his business. A patron of the firm, bought from the estate 100 shares of Philadelphia Traction Company stock and 10 shares of stock of the United States Traction Company. He turned his account over to E. C. Miller & Co., which firm sent the 100 shares of traction stock to the Philadelphia Traction Company's office to have the transfer recorded.

The certificate did not agree with the company's books, and an investigation showed that the certificate had been raised from six shares to 100. The discovery was reported to E. C. Miller & Co., which firm immediately notified the stock exchange, of which Gaskill was a member, which in turn sent out notices to its members not to receive stock certificates from the Gaskill estate.

A further investigation brought to light a surprising state of affairs. It was found that Gaskill had credited himself on his own books with 6,000 shares of Philadelphia Traction stock valued at approximately \$600,000, while the traction company's books showed he had only 400 shares.

It was also discovered that he had raised stock certificates of the United Railways of New Jersey from 2 to 200, and the certificates of the Frankford and Southwark Street Railway Company, from 2 to 20. The latter stock is worth \$450 a share.

Gaskill kept two accounts—one recording the transactions of his customers, which was correct, and another giving his own transactions. His books showed that he was losing from \$15,000 to \$25,000 a year in his business. His method of operation was to obtain certificates of gilt-edged securities calling for one, two, three or some other small number of shares, raise the figures and give them as securities for large loans.

At least six banks and trust companies of Philadelphia admit holding fraudulent securities for large loans.

PHILADELPHIA BANK FAILS

Gaskill's Forgeries Wreck City Trust and Safe Deposit Company.

The City Trust and Safe Deposit Company, of Philadelphia, for years rated as a reliable institution closed its doors and Albert L. Taylor, a state bank examiner, was appointed temporary receiver. The company will liquidate, and J. Hampton Moore, its president, recently appointed, will probably be appointed permanent receiver. A new company may be organized.

The failure of the company was the direct result of the forgeries of the late Benjamin H. Gaskill, the bank losing, according to President Moore, nearly \$50,000 on raised stock certificates. The bank also lost during the brief tenure of office of President A. E. Appleyard.

Library Dedicated.

The new \$50,000 Thompson Memorial library, of Washington and Jefferson colleges, was dedicated on the 20th. President J. D. Moffat presided. The dedicatory address was delivered by Charles F. Thwing, president of Western Reserve university. The money for the building was donated by W. R. Thompson, of Pittsburgh. His wife donated an additional \$10,000 for partial maintenance and equipment.

A Full Investigation.

A new and independent investigation of the affairs of the Equitable Life Assurance society is to be begun at once. Paul Morton, the newly-elected chairman of the board of directors, wants to know exactly how things are with the society, and has commissioned Price, Waterhouse & Co., and Haskins & Sells, chartered accountants, working together, to examine every detail of the work, investments and relations of the society.

The new fast trains on the Pennsylvania and Lake Shore railroads will greatly expedite the delivery of letter mail in the west.

Canal Corporation Formed.

The Ohio and Pennsylvania Ship Canal Company has been organized and preliminary work is in progress for the construction of a canal between Pittsburgh and Ashtabula. This is the Ohio corporation associated with the Lake Erie & Ohio River Ship Canal Company of Pittsburgh, the Pennsylvania corporation. James H. Cassidy, attorney and private secretary to Congressman Burton, has been elected president and Charles F. Lang, secretary and treasurer.

THE CROP OUTLOOK

Corn Making Good Progress and Harvesting is Under Way.

The following is the general summary of crop conditions, as shown by the weekly bulletin of the weather bureau; The week was favorable for the cultivation of crops, and this work is now in a very satisfactory state. Abnormally low temperatures prevailed over most of the plateau districts, with frosts in some places. Except in Eastern Missouri and Central and Southern Illinois, corn has made good progress throughout the corn belt. In the Southern States, while generally doing well, corn is in need of rain in many sections. In the Middle Atlantic States, the crop has experienced a decided improvement. Winter wheat has progressed under favorable conditions, and harvesting is now well advanced in Kansas, Missouri and Southern Illinois, and has begun in Indiana and Maryland. In portions of Wisconsin and Minnesota dry weather is needed for spring wheat, but this crop has generally made very satisfactory progress throughout the spring wheat region and is beginning to head in the Southern portion. The oat crop has suffered to some extent from excessive moisture in Wisconsin and Minnesota, but in Southern Iowa and growth in Northern Illinois, and drought in Southern Illinois, but in these States and generally elsewhere the condition of the crop is promising. As a whole, the apple outlook is not promising, especially in the States of the Central valleys, but better prospects are reported from Kansas, Michigan, portions of Iowa and in New England. In portions of Missouri and Southern Illinois and also in the Middle Atlantic States, the grass crop has been shortened by drought, but elsewhere a good crop is promised.

NO FIGHT OVER MOROCCO

International Conference Practically Assured.

An international conference for the consideration of the affairs of Morocco is now practically assured, as the result of the conversations between Premier Rouvier and Prince Radolin, the German ambassador, and attention is now directed to defining the scope of the conference. Details are being rapidly arranged and the officials expect to be able to announce the plans for the conference in the course of four or five days.

Although the acceptance of the conference gives a certain measure of success to German diplomacy, yet M. Rouvier emerges from the controversy with the advantage of having brought Germany to exactly define the scope of the conference and so to rid it of the objection of being a menace to French interests.

SWEDEN FAVORS WAR

Conservative Press Urges Mobilization of Troops.

The correspondent of the London Standard at Stockholm says the Swedish conservative papers now openly advocate war. They urge mobilization of the troops and demand the cession for Northern Norway as compensation to the Swedish people for the dissolution of the union. The Norwegian Storting adopted a reply to King Oscar's letter of June 13 to M. Berner, its President, in the form of an address to the King and the Swedish people. The reply adheres to the action taken by the Storting in dissolving the union.

Boston Wool Market.

A quieter tone prevails in the wool market. Many of the new wools are at hand and higher quotations are not unexpected. New Territory wools have sold with some freedom, while the call for crossbreds has declined. The old pulled wools have been practically all sold. Foreign wools are firm. The range in this market is about as follows: Ohio and Pennsylvania, XX and above, 35@36; X 33@34; No. 1, 41@42; No. 2, 42@43; fine unwashed, 27@28; quarter blood, unwashed, 35@36; 1/2 blood, 36; half blood, 35; unwashed delaine, 23@24; unmerchandise, 32@33; fine washed delaine, 38@39.

Drowned in Torrent.

A cloudburst swept over Glycerine Hollow, one mile south of Butler, Pa. Two sons and a daughter of Caleb Hageman, a truck gardener living on Schaffner Bros.' farm ran from their home to a bridge to see it go out and amused themselves running across the bridge as it hung by a few timbers.

Suddenly the bridge fell and all three were precipitated into the flood. The girl and one boy escaped by clinging to branches of trees, but Roy, aged 29 years, was swept down by the stream and his body has not been recovered.

Lunatic Shoots Nine Persons.

After holding 1,000 persons at bay for two hours in Eddy street, San Francisco, Cal., shooting nine people and defying the police from his room in a hotel, Thomas Lobb, a maniac, killed himself. None of the wounded will die.

The American schooner-yacht Atlantic won the race for auxiliary yachts from Dover to Heligoland, completing the course in 41 hours, 26 minutes and 24 seconds.

Train Breaks Record.

What was the most remarkable railroad run on record was made, Century train of the Lake Shore and New York Central railroad arrived at the station in Cleveland 21 minutes ahead of time. In the 257 miles from Chicago to Cleveland the new flyer arrived at the three terminals 50 minutes ahead of schedule time, 15 minutes ahead at Elkhart, 101 miles from Chicago; 15 minutes ahead at Toledo and 21 minutes ahead at Cleveland. An average of 65 to 70 miles an hour was maintained.

KEYSTONE STATE CULLINGS

STRUCK BY LIGHTNING

Stripped of His Clothing Brakeman is Rendered Unconscious and Will Probably Not Survive.

J. K. Crinkey, Pennsylvania railroad brakeman, was struck by lightning at the water tank near Youngwood. Crinkey was stripped of nearly all his clothing. He was picked up unconscious and was taken to the Westmoreland hospital. The Methodist Episcopal church at Greensburg was struck by lightning this evening and badly damaged. This is the fourth time the church has been struck by lightning and each time at the same point. The church was sold last week to a real estate company.

Reports to the State Department of Agriculture are favorable as regards the wheat and hay crops in Pennsylvania. Corn conditions are improving. The wheat was well covered during the colder portions of the winter and the cool weather, with frequent rains of the spring, have been a good for the grain. A larger acreage than ever before has been put out and the expectations are for an unusual yield. Rye also has been put out in unusually large quantity and the return is expected to be in proportion. Weather generally has been splendid for hay and the growth from the first has been rapid and strong. The tonnage will be heavy.

Dissatisfied with their homes at Altoona, Ernestine Moore, aged 12 years, and Ruth Hewitt, 13 years old, ran away and "dead-headed" in one of the fast Pennsylvania railroad trains to Harrisburg, where they were arrested and detained at the police station until their parents came and took them home. The girls admitted to the officer who arrested them that they had both been reading sensational novels, and both were familiar with the history of the trial of Nan Patterson, and were at the "Florodora Girls" show when it appeared at Altoona recently.

At a joint meeting of the town councils of Greensburg, Ludwick, East Greensburg and Southeast Greensburg, an agreement was entered into to submit to the qualified voters the question of consolidation. The election will be held on Tuesday, June 27. If carried, Greater Greensburg will have a population of more than 20,000.

The contract for the erection of a state bridge over the north branch of the Susquehanna river between Berwick and Newsoopeck was awarded to the New York Bridge Company of York by the board of public grounds and buildings. The New York company, which bid \$209,500, was the lowest of the 28 bidders.

The Sherrick Lumber company of Conneville purchased from E. W. McNeill, 1,900 acres of timber land in Tucker county, W. Va. The consideration was \$34,000 cash. The purchasing company is composed of Samuel D., John D. B. T. E., and Charles Sherrick, James R. Gilbert and Joseph Anderson.

At a congregational meeting of the First Methodist Protestant church, of Washington, Rev. George C. Sheppard, D. D., was chosen pastor again for the tenth successive year. He had received three other calls, but has rejected all and will remain in Washington.

The suit of Charles Stottsberry, of Bulger, against Thomas Beadling, of Carnegie, in which the former sought \$50,000 damages for alleged alienation of his wife's affections, was concluded when the jury returned a verdict for Stottsberry for \$2,500.

While W. S. Stouffer, of Greensburg, was driving a traction engine near Delmont, the bridge spanning Beaver Run gave way precipitating the engine into the bed of the stream and wrecking it. Mr. Stouffer's loss is \$2,000.

A census of the ages of residents of Buffalo, Washington county, which contains about 100 people, shows that there are ten octogenarians. Buffalo is said to be the healthiest town in the county, being 1,300 feet above sea level.

The Rev. J. W. Carpenter of Indianapolis, Ind., assumed the pastorate of the Central Christian church of Uniontown, having been chosen to succeed the Rev. Herbert Yeuell, who resigned to re-enter evangelistic work.