MANY CALLS FOR MONEY

President of the New York Life on Witness Stand.

SAID THERE WAS NO BOODLING

Told of Large Sums Paid to the Company's Legal Adviser Without Vouchers.

John A. McCall, president of the New York Life Insurance Company, while on the rack of the legislative inquisition denied the New York Life ever had made political campaign contributions during the period of his presidency, except in the three instances which Mr. Perkins had already detailed, and he could not explain to what account those donations had been charged up.

Mr. McCall volunteered the additional statement that Alton B. Parker, when chairman, had never missed a chance to collect corporation money for campaign purposes, and that even during the national campaign last year the Parker managers had been a source of continual annoyance to him, dogging him with their solicitations for money.

Mr. McCall denied with vehemence that a dollar of the New York Life's money had ever been used, with his knowledge, in the effort to influence legislation in New York or any other state, but admitted that hundreds of thousands of dollars of the company's money had been advanced solely on his order to Andrew Hamilton of the New York Life's law department, and that Mr. Hamilton represents the company in "legislative and taxation" matters in the various states in this country, as well as in Canada.

Mr. Hughes brought out admissions that $235,000 thus advanced remains unaccounted for, and that it is customary for Mr. Hamilton to report his expenditures exclusively to Mr. McCall, who takes Mr. Hamilton's receipts and vouchers. The witness admitted the company has on record no vouchers for any of these expenditures made by Hamilton and has not had since the beginning of "Judge Hamilton's connection with it.

Sums aggregating this amount, $235,000, were charged to the home office annex account, with the exception of $36,000, which was carried in the "suspense account." The payments to Andrew Hamilton, aggregating $235,000, were made between December, 1903, and March, 1904.

BANK DEFRAUDED.

Man Accused of Getting $3,800 by Tapping the Wires.

Charged with being the principal in an ingenious wire-tapping scheme by which $3,800 was secured from a bank at Gettysburg, S. D., B. V. Dunnam was arrested there.

A telegraph operator, who had acted as Dunham's accomplice, gave to the police the information that led to Dunham's arrest. Dunham, who is also known as F. D. Miles, is charged with representing himself as a cattle buyer, of Miles City, Mont. He is charged with having applied to the Gettysburg bank for $3,800, giving a Chicago bank as reference, and asking that the Chicago institution be wired as to his financial standing.

His accomplice, it is charged, stationed himself several miles from town, tapped the wire and intercepted the Chicago message. Four hours later the wire tapper sent a reply, ostensibly from the Chicago bank and of such a character that the money was paid to Dunham by the Gettysburg bank. The arrest of Dunham immediately followed.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS

The Roman Catholic church will establish in New York a pedagogical college for women.

The state of Indiana will bring suit to recover money lost by ex-Auditor Sherrick in gambling at French Lick.

Adolf Hedin, a parliamentary veteran, known as the father of the Swedish riksdag, is dead. He represented Stockholm as a Liberal during 36 sessions.

W. H. Hunt, formerly president of the defunct Pan-American bank, of Chicago, was sentenced to the penitentiary and ordered by Judge Kersten to pay a fine of $298.

Near Madison, Ind., George Ford, who is thought to be insane, cremated his wife and three children by setting fire to the house while they were asleep. All four perished in the flames.

Investigation of the New York Life Insurance Company developed the fact that $300,000 was lost in one syndicate transaction, although the company on the whole made large profits in such deals.

Increase in Jersey's Population.

New Jersey has a population of 2,137,766, according to a semi-official bulletin issued by the Secretary of State in connection with the State census, which was taken in May last. The figures show an increase of 254,097 over the Federal census of 1900.

Canal Boatmen Hold Reunion.

The twelfth annual reunion of the Veteran Canal Boatmen's Association was held at Blairsville, Pa., and the roll call showed that 150 of the old boatmen were present. Pittsburg and Johnstown were well represented. The address of welcome was made by the Rev. T. F. Pershing, of the Blairsville Methodist Episcopal Church. The response was made by his cousin, Daniel Pershing, of New Florence. The Rev. Pershing was one of the original canal boatmen.

HEALTHY TRADE CONDITIONS

Manufacturing Plants Being Kept Busy, a Heavy Tonnage of Iron and Steel Being Placed.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s "Weekly Review of Trade" says: Current trade shows a distinct gain in comparison with the same time last year; crop reports are reassuring, and evidences of continued activity are noted in almost every department of industry. A wholesome growth without the threatening danger of reckless inflation of prices is a commercial condition greatly to be desired, and these elements are recorded in the majority of dispatches.

Fall trade is now well under way, especially encouraging results being achieved in dry goods, millinery, footwear and all lines of wearing apparel, while mercantile payments are unusually prompt for the season. There is a steady consumption of groceries and other staple articles of food, and in furniture, crockery and numerous household utensils the distribution is vigorous.

Manufacturing plants in leading industries receive large orders, a heavy tonnage of iron and steel business being placed and machinery houses making very cheerful reports; footwear shops have ample business in sight; textile mills are busy, although new contracts come forward more slowly; flour mills and saw mills have enlarged production, and the fuel markets reflect the stimulus of active factories. A little damage was done by floods in the Southwest, but weather conditions are favorable, on the whole. As grain comes to market more freely there is difficulty in averting freight blockades, and railway earnings thus far available for September exceed last year's by 2.5 per cent. Foreign commerce at this port for the last week showed a gain of $532,846 in imports but a loss of $1,068,163 in exports.

Failures this week numbered 206 in the United States against 225 last year, and in Canada 34, compared with 30aeyarthe,o pfwypfwypfwyp dl with 30 a year ago.

JAIL SENTENCES WERE WAIVED

Cases Concluded at Defendants' Request to Prevent Collapse of One of Them.

Four officials of the Schwarzschild Packing Co. of Chicago, were filed an aggregate of $25,000 by Judge Humphrey in the United States District Court at Chicago. The fines followed a plea of guilty to indictments charging conspiracy to accept railroad rebates. The defendants were Samuel Weil, of New York, vice president; B. S. Cusey, traffic manager; Vance D. Skipworth and Chess E. Todd, assistant traffic manager.

Mr. Weil was fined $10,000, the other three $5,000 each.

With the entering of the plea, the declaration was made that unless at least one of the cases is immediately settled, the life of Samuel Weil, who is vice president of the company, and is one of the defendants, is in jeopardy. He is said to be a nervous wreck, and fears were entertained for his life, if he had been allowed to continue under the stigma of an indictment.

The plea was entered, it is declared, after an understanding had been reached between counsel for defendants and Attorney General W. H. Moody.

While in Chicago, the attorney general was appraised of the conditions of Vice President Weil, and, it is said, agreed to the entry of a plea of guilty, with the understanding that the jail provision of the law under which the indictment was returned should be waived, and merely a fine imposed. The same concession was made in the case of the other three defendants.

The four defendants were charged with unlawfully combining and agreeing to solicit rebates for the Schwarzschild & Sulzberger Co. from the Michigan Central Railroad Co., the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific, the Grand Trunk Western Railroad, the Lehigh Valley Railroad Co., Boston and Maine Railroad Co., and the Mobile and Ohio Railroad Co.

Charges were made that the defendants conspired with each other in presenting pleas for damages which were in reality for rebates.

To Consider New Inaugural Date.

District Commissioner McFarland, chairman of the National Committee to consider the advisability of changing the date of the ceremony for the inauguration of the President of the United States, has issued a call for a meeting November 8. The committee is composed of the governors of all States and Territories, and 15 residents of the District of Columbia. August 30 and the last Thursday in April have been suggested.

Five Trainmen Injured.

Two freight trains on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad collided at Kingmont, W. Va., blocking the tracks for five hours and badly injuring E. Smith, engineer; C. R. Rohrbaugh, brakeman; E. Howard, conductor; L. H. Dobbs, engineer, and E. Anderson, brakeman. Rohrbaugh had one foot cut off, an arm broken and was badly cut about the head.

The Toledo Tool and Machine Co., of Toledo, Ohio, has been awarded a contract by the Japanese government for 19 car loads of iron, to be shipped within the next three months.

Verdict on Wreck.

The inquest into the wreck near Butler, Pa., on the Western New York and Philadelphia Railroad Sept. 7, which resulted in two deaths and many injuries, was finished with a finding that the wreck was due to Engineer Popham's watch being slow and said: "We further find that the orders by which trains were that day operated on the Western New York and Philadelphia division of the Pennsylvania Company, were inadequate for the protection of the lives of passengers and employes."

SECOND PEACE CONFERENCE

Czar of Russia Sends Invitations to the Powers to Meet.

HAS APPROVAL OF ROOSEVELT

Emperor Makes Move for Future Peace Before Treaty With Japan Has Been Signed.

It is officially announced that the Russian government proposes to address the foreign powers with a view to the holding of a second peace conference at The Hague, but it is known that negotiations preceding this announcement that the government "proposed to address the powers" were entered into, especially with the United States and were conducted with the greatest secrecy.

The announcement created the greatest surprise in St. Petersburg, and that Russia should plan a second conference despite the steps already taken by President Roosevelt, was also heard with amazement. It is clear that the step could not be taken by Russia without first reaching a complete understanding with President Roosevelt. The fact that President Roosevelt is reported as being entirely in sympathy with the proposal, and that he is said to believe that to the initiator of the first Hague conference should belong the honor of convoking the second, and readily and even gladly acceded to the Russian proposal, is clear proof that the conference has already been called and that President Roosevelt relinquished his part in it to the emperor.

There is strong reason to believe that the news even of the intention of the Russian government would not be given out unless invitations had already been sent to the powers and, possibly, that their answers had been received. In this connection an interesting question arises as to how the invitation was communicated to Japan, in view of the lack of diplomatic relations, but the invitation may be delayed until such relations have been resumed, or it may have been forwarded through the United States.

Yellow Fever Record.

The official report of the Yellow Fever cases in New Orleans up to 6 o'clock p.m. Sept. 22 is summarized as follows:

New cases, 37.
Total to date, 2,762.
Deaths, 6.
Total deaths to date, 359.

GHOULS FAILED

Two Men Bent on Robbing the Studebaker Grave.

But for the alertness of Thomas Hackney, a guard who is employed to watch the grave of Clement Studebaker, the millionarie wagonmaker, of South Bead, Ind., who died a few weeks ago, his body would now be in possession of ghouls. After midnight Hackney saw two men crawling toward him, and within 10 feet of the Studebaker grave. As they rose to their feet he fired. The two men promptly returned the fire. He pursued them and they fired back, but all the shots failed to hit.

A spring wagon was in waiting by the roadside, and as soon as the ghouls cleared the fence they sprang into it and drove rapidly away.

FIFTY PERSONS INJURED

Large Circus Tent is Blown Down During a Severe Windstorm.

During a windstorm, a large circus tent was blown down at Maysville, Mo., and 50 persons in the audience were injured. The severely injured: Charles L. Robinson, scalp wounds; Edward Booth, ribs broken; Mrs. Edward Booth, leg broken; Miss Booth leg broken; Mrs. Thomas Clark, two ribs broken; John E. Orm, arm broken.

All the tents of the circus were torn to shreds. All the injured will recover.

PRESIDENT BECOMES DICTATOR

Gen. Reyes Imprisons Judges and Precipitates Riots.

Unconfirmed reports reached Panama that Gen. Rafael Reyes, president of Colombia, declared himself dictator September 8 and imprisoned the members of the supreme court at Bogota.

Mobs, angered by this action, attacked the presidential palace and were fired on by troops, who killed or wounded many of the rioters.

The reports say revolution have been started in Antiquia and Santander.

Dashed Over Bridge to Death.

William A. Furisch, the driver of a newspaper delivery wagon, was thrown over the railing of Williamsburg bridge over the East river at New York, and dropped 150 feet to the stone sidewalk. He died almost instantly. An automobile frightened Furisch's horse, and when the wagon swayed the driver shot from his seat and over the railing. He was dead when picked up.

Beavers Can't Plead Guilty.

A decision has been reached by the department of justice not to allow ex-Superintendent George W. Beavers, former chief of the division of salaries and allowances of the postoffice department, to plead guilty to charges of conspiracy in the Doremus cancelling machine contract without trial.

Justice William J. Gaynor, declined to accept the fusion nomination for mayor of New York city.

ATTACK JURY DRAWING

Chicago Meat Packers Are Fighting Every Little Point.

A plea in abatement was filed by the packers indicted in the United States District Court at Chicago on a charge of conspiracy to monopolize the meat industry. The plea is not supported by affidavits. It is signed by the defendants and their attorneys. It is charged in the plea that the date and hour of the drawing were kept a profound secret, and the packers were unable to learn who had been selected to sit upon their case, although the Government had an opportunity to investigate each man whose name had been drawn.

Four men connected with the Schwartzchild & Sulzberger Company, named in indictments charging them with accepting railroad rebates, are now in Chicago. They have been notified to appear before Judge Humphrey to plead to the indictment. One of the men, Samuel Weil, vice president of the company, has just returned from Europe. The defendants other than Weil are: Beth S. Ausey, traffic manager; Vance D. Skipworth, assistant traffic manager, and Chess E. Todd, assistant traffic manager.

TO RECOVER EQUITABLE MONEY

Paul Morton Will Try to Compel Trust Company to Pay Back.

Paul Morton, president of the Equitable Life Assurance society, made public the fact that he has directed Wallace McFarlane, as counsel for the Equitable, to begin suit against the Mercantile Trust Company to compel restitution by it of sums aggregating, principal and interest, more than $1,000,000. Mr. Morton asserts these sums were applied under the former Equitable management to improper or unauthorized loans, and his report, which is addressed to the board of directors, throws light upon some extraordinary financial transactions of the former regime, both before and after the death of the late Henry B. Hyde.

In this connection Mr. Morton also refers to the $685,000 loan carried by the Mercantile trust, which has been the object of much speculation as to the uses to which it was put by James W. Alexander and Thomas D. Jordan.

CHARGED WITH CANNIBALISM

Backsliding Christian Arrested for Eating Other Africans.

Definite information contradicting the reported death of Daniel Flickinger Wilberforce, the native African missionary who, after being educated in this country, renounced the Christian faith several months ago and returned to heathenism, has been received. Wilberforce, with several other natives, has been arrested by the English Commissioner of West Africa, charged with cannibalism.

He declared his innocence, and in case of acquittal asserted that he would ask forgiveness and return to the Christian faith.

Carried Away in Balloon.

Floyd Wallace, a 16-year old boy, of Oneonta, N. Y., had and exciting ride in a balloon that got away from the Oneonta fair grounds. The boy had gone up in the balloon, which was pulled down in the regular manner. When it was about 100 feet from the ground the rope broke, and the balloon and boy shot up in the air. The balloon rose over two miles high before it disappeared from view. The boy, however, managed to get hold of the valve rope and let out the gas, landing at Summit, 30 miles away.

Erie Controls C., H. & D.

President Underwood, of the Erie railroad, made the following announcement: At a meeting of the board of directors of the Erie Railroad company, the purchase of a majority of the stock of the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton Railroad company was authorized. By this purchase the Erie system has acquired between 3,500 and 4,000 additional miles of trackage. At Chicago, which is the Western terminus of the Erie, it will connect by the new purchase with a number of the principal cities in Ohio and Michigan.

Damage by Flood.

A message from St. Louis, September 20 says: The floodtide in the Mississippi river has about reached its crest, and is still below the 30-foot danger line. In the vicinity of St. Charles, 25 miles northwest, the Missouri river covers the bottoms for 22 miles and is two miles wide. Growing crops are ruined. About 150 families have been driven from their homes to higher ground.

Volcanoes More Active.

The activity of Mount Vesuvius and of the crater on the Island of Stromboli is increasing. Numerous earthquake shocks have been felt in the surrounding districts. A singular occurrence is reported from Sevigliano, where a river entirely disappeared in a fissure caused by the earthquake and soon afterward again appeared, overflowing its banks.

President Roosevelt appointed Arnold Shanklin of St. Louis consul general of the United States at Panama to succeed J. W. Lee, who a few days ago was appointed United States minister to Ecuador. The position pays about $4,500 a year.

Exchange of Treaties.

It can be stated definitely that the exchange of the ratification of the treaty of peace between Japan and Russia will take place in Washington shortly after the treaty has been ratified by the respective sovereigns. It is probable that this will be done in the White House as a compliment to President Roosevelt.

There are six cases of yellow fever at the Detention hospital in Cincinnati.

MEN TORTURED TO DEATH

Reign of Terror Conducted under Police of Warsaw.

NEARLY 12,000 IN PRISONS

Officers Resort to Torment to Compel Prisoners to Reveal Names of Agitators.

A barbarous reign of terror, conducted under the direction of the police, exists in Warsaw, Poland, and equals anything which happened in the worst days under the old police methods. Arrests of persons suspected of political offenses are made every night. Hundreds of well-known local residents have disappeared, and it is supposed they have been victims of this form of persecution.

All of the prisons and the citadel are packed with prisoners. Nearly 12,000 persons are confined in these prisons, and nearly all of them are charged with political offenses. The prisoners have not been given a chance to disprove the charges made against them.

The police methods exceed in barbarity those employed during the bloody days of the French revolution. One instance which shows the methods to which the police are resorting is quoted. A detective who was spying upon workingmen, while disguised as a house painter, fell from the sixth story of a house, as he was overtaken by an attack of giddiness because of his inexperience at such work and was killed. A company of infantry was ordered to surround the house. All of the other workmen were arrested and taken to the citadel, where they were tortured in an endeavor to extort a confession from them that the spy had been murdered.

SWEAR NOT AT ALL

Fifteen Thousand Men Parade in Protest Against Blasphemy.

Fifteen thousand men marched in the rain through the streets of Jersey City, N. J. Sunday in the first organized crusade which has ever been made against profanity.

The crusaders were the members of the various societies of the Holy Name which have been organized in every Catholic church in the towns of Bergen, Essex and Hudson counties within the last year by Monsignor John A. Sheppard, Vicar General of the Newark diocese.

They are pledged by their membership to refrain from the profane use of the holy name and from all cursing, swearing or obscene language and to influence others for clean speech.

TWO SHOT TO DEATH

Injured Husband and Man Who Wrecked Home are Dead.

Two men were killed near Houghton Lake, Mich. Last winter Mrs. Kate Ogden and Henry Knight, a neighbor, eloped. Mrs. Ogden, tiring of Knight, returned to her father's home. Sunday morning, Mrs. Ogden met her husband, Frederick Ogden, and persuaded him to ride to her father's house.

As they drove into the yard Knight opened fire from across the road, wounding Mrs. Ogden and instantly killing Ogden. Mrs. Ogden's father, William Rupert, fired two bullets into Knight's body, killing him instantly.

Boston Wool Market.

The wool market has been more dull than for some weeks. The demand is fairly well distributed. There is a quiet demand for quarter blood and low medium fleece wools. Ohio mediums are quoted at 34@35c. Pulled wools are scarce. Territory grades are in steady movement. Foreign wools are firm. Leading quotations follow: Ohio and Pennsylvania, XX and above, 36@37c; X, 34@35c; No. 1, 40@41c; No. 2, 41@42c; fine unwashed, 28@29c; quarter-blood, unwashed, 34@35c; ⅜-blood, 35@36c; ½-blood, 34@35c; unwashed delaine, 30@31c; unmerchantable, 31@32c; fine washed delaine, 39@40c.

RAINS INJURED CORN

The Weather Generally Favorable for Crops, However.

The weekly summary of crop conditions issued by the weather bureau says:

While corn has experienced favorable conditions over a large part of the corn belt, late corn in the upper Ohio and Missouri valleys is maturing slowly and the crop in the lower Missouri valley has suffered seriously from excessive rains and high winds, especially in Missouri and Kansas. In the first mentioned State a large part of the crop has been blown down or lodged, much is under water, and that in shock is beginning to mold. Over the southern part of the corn belt from two-thirds to three-fourths of the crop is now safe from frost.

Notwithstanding frequent showers in the spring wheat region, threshing of spring wheat has been general, shock threshing in Minnesota being nearly completed. Considerable smut is reported from the Dakotas.

Neither Swedish nor Norwegian soldiers will be sent to the frontier, but troops are kept on watch.

New Religious Denomination.

A new religious denomination without a creed has been formed at Broken Bow, Neb. No one will be asked to subscribe to anything to join this church, of which Rev. R. H. Harman is the head. Rev. Mr. Harman says the denomination will believe simply in a universal god and that Christ was a divine man. Sin will be considered as bringing its own punishment and the old idea of hell will be dispensed with.

$20,000 FRAUD CHARGED

Clerk Accused of Altering Vouchers and Endorsing Checks.

James W. Boyd, a clerk in the public health and marine hospital service at Washington was arrested on a warrant sworn out by Chief Clerk W. P. Worcester of that office, charging him with embezzlement. The discovery of facts leading to the charge was made in Boyd's absence. The amount abstracted, according to Boyd's confession, reaches not less than $20,000.

It was Boyd's duty to prepare bills for the approval of the surgeon general. It is charged that he manipulated bills by erasing the dates and amounts of duplicates left in the office and that he secured the money by endorsing on the checks the names of the firms to which they were issued. The alleged defalcation has been in progress for three years, but Boyd was not suspected until a recent sickness compelled him to be absent and made it necessary for someone else to assume his duties. Property belonging to Boyd valued at about $8,000 has been seized.

Boyd had been in the public health service about 12 years. He was well known about town, especially because of his pronounced fondness for automobiling. He drew a salary of $1,800 a year. His family is said to be traveling in Europe.

When taken before United States Commissioner Taylor Boyd waived a hearing and was held in $10,000 bail.

HONORS TO MISS ROOSEVELT

Rides Through Korean Capital on Imperial Palanquin.

Through streets crowded with white robed Koreans and lined by the imperial bodyguard, standing at "present arms," Miss Alice Roosevelt, riding in the imperial yellow palanquin, triumphantly progressed from the railroad station to the American legation at Seoul. The roadways had been freshly paved and the shops draped with Korean and hastily hand-painted American flags.

Miss Roosevelt, Rear Admiral Train, Senator and Mrs. Newlands, the Misses Boardman and McMillin and Congressmen Longworth and Gillette arrived at Chemulpo on the 19th. American Minister Morgan and staff, and a number of high Koreans greeted the party, which proceeded to Seoul by a special train. The imperial car, which is only furnished to royalty was placed at Miss Roosevelt's disposal.

FUSION IN NEBRASKA

Rockefeller's Gift to State University Spurned.

Fusion of Democrats and Populists of Nebraska was effected by the nomination by both the State conventions of the following ticket: Justice of the Supreme Court, William G. Hastings, Democrat; Regents of the University, D. C. Cole, Populist, and Louis Lightner, Democrat.

The feature of the Democratic gathering was the speech of William J. Bryan. Mr. Bryan commended President Roosevelt for what he declared to be his advanced stand on the principles long advocated by Democrats. On these principles he hoped every Democrat would uphold the President. A resolution which was promptly adopted denounced the Rockefeller gift to the University of Nebraska, criticised the Regents for accepting it and demanded the return of the gift to the donor.

DECISION ON NATURAL GAS

Congregation Loses Suit Based On Mineral Rights.

The United Natural Gas Company, a Standard Oil concern, has won an important suit in McKean county, Pa., brought by the Swedish Lutheran Church of Kane, in which the church contended that gas is not a mineral. The decision is of importance to leaseholders in the oil regions.

The church sought to eject the company from land which had been donated to the congregation by the late General Kane in 1867, the mineral rights having been reserved. The church entered a claim for $40,000 profits, arguing that the product of the well was not a mineral subject to lease rights.

Panhandle Given Verdict.

A verdict of $100,000 against the city of Chicago was given the Panhandle railroad in a damage suit for the burning of a number of freight cars during the American Railway union strike of 1894.

CURRENT NEWS EVENTS.

The pope has given $40,000 for the relief of the earthquake sufferers in Italy, the largest donation made.

The barge George W. Robey, of Cleveland, which went aground, burned to the wharf's edge with her cargo of soft coal. She was built in 1889. Loss estimated at $64,000.

M. Wiener, the French minister, has lodged a protest with the Venezuelan government against its action in closing the station of the French Cable Company and expelling the manager of the company, M. Brun.

The Japanese government announces that the Tokio riots were not directed against Americans. It was simply unfortunate that some property owned by Americans got in the way of the mob.

The Standard Oil Company has advanced the price of refined oil ½ cent a gallon and gasoline 1 cent a gallon.

The Beef trust defends itself behind technicalities, claiming the grand jury which indicted its members were improperly withdrawn.

The United States Steel corporation has purchased from the Bessemer Pig Iron association 10,000 tons of Bessemer pig at $15, valley for September delivery. It is understood, unofficially, that the negotiations are on for the purchase of about 40,000 tons for October delivery.

KEYSTONE STATE GULLINGS

ROBBED IN STREET

Machinist of Butler Rendered Unconscious by Blow With Club. Loses Watch and $260.

Ellis Steel, a young machinist, was knocked down and robbed of his watch and $260 by three men, near the court house in Butler. Steel was rendered senseless by a blow with a club and lay several minutes after the robbery before he was discovered. He was taking the money to a furniture store to pay for his household goods.

By the caving of a sand bank at Arnold three children were buried alive and perished before they were discovered. They were: Otto Sarge, Jr., 10 years old; Esther Sarge, 6 years old; Fritz Strate, 8 years old. The Strate boy's neck was broken, while his companions were smothered to death. The children left their homes about 4 o'clock in the afternoon. They dug the excavation with a shingle. They were missed about supper time and Otto Sarge, Sr., and William Strate, their parents went to search for them. Two coats found on the sand pile revealed the cave-in.

Following the payday for mill workers and railroad men at Dubois, three holdups were reported between Saturday night and Sunday morning. William Newmyer, employed by the Dubois Brewing Company, was waylaid in South Main street and robbed of his gold watch and chain. Samuel Cacinor was held up in Dixon avenue and robbed of $20. A mill worker was held up near Spring avenue and small change was stolen. Four men attacked Vacinor. Three men said to have been members of the quartet are under arrest. They are George Overdorf, J. N. Mechan and Fred Arble, all residents of this vicinity.

While United States Inspector Stayer was sleeping in a hotel directly across the street the postoffice at Carrolltown was entered by thieves, who carried away cash and stamps amounting to $400. The safe was blown open with nitro-glycerin. Inspector Stayer and Postmaster W. F. Donohue were aroused by the explosion, but the robbers escaped. Bloodhounds owned by Cambria county were used in the pursuit.

Dr. Harry Medley, Druggist S. E. Porter and the latter's clerk, D. J. G. Herwick, were all convicted in court at Uniontown, on charges of selling liquor without license and on Sunday. They are from Vanderbilt, where Porter runs a drug store. It was alleged that they acted in partnership and made a profitable thing out of illegal traffic in liquor.

By a vote of 123 to 44 the citizens of Wampum have decided to issue bonds for $14,000 to erect a municipal waterworks and electric light plant. Last evening the residents of the village held a celebration. Burgess Miller was surrounded by the Wampum band and a street parade was held.

The Delaware county authorities have offered a reward of $500 for the arrest and conviction of the slayer of John W. Carter, a farmer of Johns Corner, near Brandywine Summit, who was killed last week. The crime is believed to have ben committed by a negro farmhand employed by Carter.

A son of Samuel Smith, a building contractor, created consternation in the East Waynesburg public school building by playing with a stick of dynamite, which finally exploded. One of the boy's fingers was blown off, and an eye was probably destroyed. Several pupils were knocked down by the explosion.

Armed with crowbars and sledgehammers 20 men, some with faces masked, went to the Youghiogheny river bridge at West Newton and tore down the barricade placed there Friday by Constable Thomas Washabaugh of Greensburg under the direction of the County Commissioners.

Guisseppe Bianco, a wealthy merchant of Pittsburg, who shot and killed his wife July 5 last, pleaded guilty to murder in the second degree. He was at once sentenced by Judge Wheaton to serve 18 years at hard labor in the Eastern Penitentiary.

Burglars entered the residence of Robert Shedline, in Pulaski township, Mercer County, and after chloroforming his wife and two children ransacked the house, procuring $175 and two gold watches.

Rev. Paul Stradach, of Easton, has been called to the pulpit of the English Lutheran church at Washington, Pa., made vacant by the resignation of Rev. C. H. Hemsath.

Rev. R. M. Russell, D. D., pastor of the Sixth United Presbyterian church, North Highland Avenue, Pittsburg, was unanimously elected to the presidency of Westminister college at New Wilmington.

The store of Collins, Watson & Co., at Colinza, Forest county, was entered by thieves who secured about $200 in cash and negotiable paper from the safe the door of which had been left open.

The Upper Ten Mile Presbyterian church, at Prosperity, has called Rev. A. J. Keener, of Kittanning, to succeed Rev. T. W. Young, who resigned recently.

The total number of voters in Philadelphia, according to the September canvass is 339,960, a decrease of 35,810 compared with the canvass made in May, prior to the gas lease fight.

Albert Goss was arrested at South Sharon on information of Mrs. Sarah Whitman. She alleges that she saw Goss leave her house and found $50 missing.

John Carvey, 77 years old, special policeman at the plant of the Carnegie Steel company at New Castle, was run over by a dinky engine and probably fatally hurt.