

FAITH CURIST ORPHANAGE.

New Sect From Lincoln, Neb., Discovered by Philadelphia's Coroner.

The death of a 7-month-old child in Philadelphia, which was reported to the coroner the other day, led to the discovery that nine children and five adults have been living in a six room house. The adults are faith curists, and they do not permit the children to have medical attention when ill.

At the inquest the leader of the party said he was H. E. Sollenberger, and he came to Philadelphia about three months ago from Moonlight, Ky. This was his first experience in what he called "a faith curist orphanage." He said the name of the sect was the Fire Baptized Holiness association. He is styled the reverend, but admitted that he had never attended a religious seminary and was never licensed to preach by any church, says the New York Sun. The headquarters of the sect are at Lincoln, Neb.

Sollenberger is a tall, gaunt fellow, stoop shouldered and with a sallow complexion and deep sunken blue eyes. He wore a long black cutaway coat and waistcoat of clerical cut. His cap was similar to that worn by officers of the Salvation Army, and on the band of red, in black letters, was printed "Jesus Saves—Eternity—Where?" In answer to questions Sollenberger said that the "orphanage" was supported by voluntary contributions. Asked why he did not have medical treatment for the child, he replied:

"Because it is against our religious principles. We are children of God and believe in the curing of disease by prayer."

"What would you do if the child had a broken leg?"

"Cure it myself."

"You do not mean that, do you?"

"Yes, sir; I do."

"This child died of neglect, did it not?" asked the coroner.

"No, sir; it did not," Sollenberger replied impressively. "God took it away."

Sollenberger said he believed there were branches of the organization in many large cities and that it was growing. The coroner has laid the matter before the County Medical society.

BIRDS' PLUMES AND RIBBONS

What Will Be Used For Fall and Winter Millinery.

Birds are again to the fore, and there is a fair demand for clipped aigret, more especially as a trimming for capotes in combination with flowers. By providing fresh series of flowers without interruption, suitable to each division of the season as it comes round, those interested in their sale hope to promote a regular demand for them all through the autumn and winter.

As matters stand at present, it seems highly probable they will be successful. The reappearance on the field of ostrich and other kinds of plumage has made no notable decrease in the sale of flowers, says The Millinery Trade Review correspondent. If trimming underneath brims is maintained they will certainly continue in request, as in this position flowers are as applicable to winter as to summer millinery. Whether or not they will be adapted to the outside ornamentation of winter hats it is impossible as yet to tell, but there is every likelihood of their being chosen to trim some of the autumn fashions. Indeed, I have already come across a model here and there, the trimming of which consists entirely or in part of flowers or foliage.

A soft gray felt has no other trimming than a loose garland of large mauve orchids, and a khaki colored felt is wreathed about with russet tinted foliage, closed on one side by a bow of scarlet velvet. These may be eccentricities, or they may be forerunners of a coming fashion. Should the League For the Prevention of the Destruction of Birds extend its influence in the States flowers will prove as necessary a substitute for plumage as ribbons.

TOLD OF CONGER.

How the Minister to China Obtained a Missionary's Release.

The story is told of a Chinese mandarin who early learned that Edwin H. Conger, the American minister to China, was not to be balked or bluffed, says the Chicago Record. A missionary of the American Bible society, duly provided with passports and credentials, was stopped by the officials and held in the military quarters on some paltry trumped up charge. The missionary sent word to Minister Conger, and the minister went in person to see about it. When he learned the trivial nature of the trouble he demanded the release of the missionary, saying he was an American citizen, and as such his rights must be respected.

"But my orders are to hold him here," said the officer.

"And my orders from the United States are to demand his release."

"He must stay here until it suits his majesty to release him."

"The United States of America demands his immediate release," quietly rejoined Minister Conger, "and we're used to getting what we want."

The missionary was given his freedom at once.

Improved Telegraphy.

Messrs. Pollak and Virag, the inventors of the new system of quick telegraphy, by which one apparatus can transmit 220 words per second, or about 80,000 words an hour, have now greatly improved their invention. Formerly the message received over the wire was printed in the signs of the Morse system, which required to be deciphered by an expert and to be transcribed, operations requiring time. Now, however, according to a Vienna dispatch to the London Mail, the message is printed in ordinary Roman lettering, so that any one can read the telegram as it comes over. This improvement does not diminish the speed.

CUBANS URGE EVACUATION.

Delegation Not Satisfied With Its Appeal to Mr. McKinley.

Washington, Aug. 20.—The Cuban delegation which called upon the president at the White House to plead for Cuban independence is not as hopeful or as well satisfied as its members stated in an interview after the close of the visit. Senor Cisneros, who headed the delegation, said in an interview:

"I do not believe that we could persuade the government here to leave the island, but it was our duty to make the appeal, and we have done it. Now we shall go back to Havana. The Cubans all over the island resent the manner in which the coming constitutional convention will be held. They are indignant that the Americans should assume to dictate the Cuban constitution, which may later be defeated. I do not believe that they would ever be satisfied with a constitution made under such pressure. For my own part, were I a delegate in the convention, I would walk out of it unless the American government would withdraw its attempt to control the constitution. Time only can tell whether a revolution against the Americans will be necessary should the present policy be continued."

"We shall never be satisfied with intervention. We want the Americans to leave the island to the Cubans, who are its rightful owners. I do not believe that they would ever voluntarily accept annexation. They want independence, complete and permanent. The military government now in charge is one of the worst possible administrations. Look at the Neely scandal and see how the officials are acting; then you can know how the Cubans feel."

Shot His Father.

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 20.—James M. Burnham, publisher of The Wymoran at Wymora, Neb., shot and killed his father, Captain Collins A. Burnham, at their home. A coroner's jury exonerated the son. Both father and son were prominent political workers in the county in which they reside. The killing was in self defense. The son gave himself up to the officers. Captain Burnham was a captain in the civil war and while a congenial man when sober he was a fiend when intoxicated. Many times he had threatened to kill all members of his family. The father came home yesterday morning and made an assault upon his son. He used a butcher knife, and after getting his son in a corner was in the act of plunging the knife in his body. When there was no other alternative, the son drew a revolver and fired a shot which went through Captain Burnham's heart, killing him instantly.

In Memory of Humbert.

Washington, Aug. 20.—A number of scenes of impressive solemnity and in the presence of the president of the United States, members of the cabinet, officers of the army and navy, the ambassadors and ministers of foreign countries and a great concourse of people from civil life the memorial services for the late King Humbert I of Italy were held at St. Matthew's Catholic church yesterday. The announcement of the services was made by the Italian ambassador, Baron Fava, and with the co-operation of the state department, the event was given a distinctly official character. The foreign representatives were in full diplomatic uniform, and these, with the brilliant uniforms of the British, German, Austrian and other military attaches and of the American generals and admirals, gave a touch of brilliant coloring to the solemn pageantry.

Week Near Atlantic City.

Atlantic City, Aug. 20.—Two cars of the Pennsylvania railroad train which left here at 10 o'clock last night for Philadelphia were derailed by entering an open switch just as the train was approaching the drawbridge across the Thoroughfare. There were 800 persons on the train, and as the derailed cars bumped over the ties the passengers became panic stricken, and many jumped from the train into the mud and onto the tracks. No one was killed or injured. This is the same train that was nearly wrecked on Friday night by some one placing ties across the tracks a short distance from the scene of last night's mishap.

Elmhurst Man Missing.

Elmhurst, N. Y., Aug. 20.—No trace has been found of Charles F. Friedholdt, the local manager of the R. G. Dun & Co. mercantile agency, who disappeared on July 28. Dun & Co. have given notice that a new manager will be appointed for the Elmhurst office. It is said that Friedholdt is short in his accounts, but this Manager Cook of the Rochester office, who is in temporary charge of the Elmhurst office, refuses to affirm or deny. Friedholdt's wife and two children are at their home here and say that they know nothing of his whereabouts and have not heard from him since his departure.

For Grand Army Commander.

Chicago, Aug. 20.—Major Leo Rausser of St. Louis will be elected commander in chief of the Grand Army at the national encampment to be held next. The other candidates for the place have one after another withdrawn from the race, and the only one in the field is the St. Louis man, who is now a judge on the bench. Unless the unexpected should happen Major Rausser will have no opposition. The position belongs to the west this year in accordance with the accepted rule of rotation in office.

Colombia Rebels Surrender.

Colon, Colombia, Aug. 20.—General Alban, civil governor and military commander of the department of Panama, telegraphs that he has received a dispatch from Socorro announcing the absolute surrender of the rebel forces under Vargas Santos, Piedad Soto and Uribe at San Vicente. General Uribe escaped.

Forest Fires Do Great Damage.

Encampment, Wyo., Aug. 20.—A forest fire near here has burned over a territory eight by ten miles in extent and now threatens the towns of Battle and Ramberg. Two thousand sheep belonging to Frederick Goddard of Saratoga are dead, and the Mexican herds are missing and is believed to have perished.

Mother and Son Die of Hydrophobia.

New York, Aug. 20.—Mrs. James Strathie of Atlantic Highlands, N. J., has died after suffering for a week from well defined symptoms of hydrophobia. A month ago Mrs. Strathie's son died of the same disease, both mother and child having been bitten by a playful puppy.

Weather Forecast.

Generally fair and warmer; light northerly shifting to southwesterly winds.

BREVITIES.

Mrs. Alice Slattery, widow of the late John J. Slattery, of Tuscarora, died at her home in New Philadelphia last week. She was related to a number of people in this vicinity, being a sister-in-law of the late William Slattery, of town. Alex Slattery, of town, attended the funeral this morning.

Applications for leave of absence for Tuesday of next week are so numerous from employes who wish to attend the Young Men's excursion to Harvey's Lake that several of the surrounding collieries will likely be shut down on that day. The committee in charge of the excursion feels confident of making the day's outing a grand success.

Councilman Daniel Kline's home on Johnson street presents a neat appearance since it has been remodelled and treated with a fresh coat of paint.

Several young people of town attended the picnic of the Citizens' band of Eckley at Cycle Path grove Saturday evening.

Superintendent Edgar Kudlick, of Drifton, who has been dangerously ill for the past three weeks, was up yesterday, but is still very weak.

John Maier, of Jeddo, was admitted to the Miners' hospital on Saturday evening suffering from a lacerated ear. Cracked stone has been placed around the Lehigh Valley depots at Freeland and Drifton.

William Wenner is suffering from an attack of cholera morbus.

John F. Gallagher and family, Patrick Brogan and family, James Denison and family and William F. Brogan and family comprised a party that spent yesterday viewing old scenes in the vicinity of Buck Mountain.

Gentlemen, for hats and caps go to A. Oswald's. He has a nice variety.

The foundation of the main building of the new brewery is almost completed and the bricklayers will begin work in the near future.

Mrs. John Leisenring, of Upper Lehigh, is quite ill.

John Miko and Miss Mary Paletsky were married this morning at 9 o'clock in St. John's Slavonian church by Rev. Chas. Pajchisak.

Peter Shambora, Jr., will leave for Philadelphia tomorrow morning in order to bring back his sister, Ella, who is now fully recovered from the treatment received at Will's Eye hospital.

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Frank S. Kuntz has accepted a position as teacher of languages and mathematics at Asbury Park, N. J.

The Sunday school of St. John's Reformed church will hold their annual picnic at Hazle park on Wednesday.

J. C. Koons, of Birkbeck street, financial secretary of the Sandy Run P. O. S. of A., has severed his connection with the above camp and will join the Hazleton camp in the near future.

The Manhattan base ball club conducted a successful picnic at the Public park Saturday evening.

James Goyno, of Adams street, is applying the paint brush to his dwelling.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. Thomas Tosh and family, James Seymour and Miss Schwen, all of Sheppertown, visited Mr. and Mrs. Owen Fritzinger yesterday.

Master Frank and Leo McDonald will leave tomorrow to spend a few days with Wilkesbarre relatives.

Mrs. Rose Carr, of Brooklyn, N. Y., is visiting Condy O. Boyle and family.

Miss Nora McCann, of Morea, and Miss Maude Mulhearn, of Wilkesbarre, the guests of Mrs. John McGeady the past week, returned home on Friday.

Miss Julia Munce, of Philadelphia, returned home on Saturday after spending a month with her aunt, Mrs. John J. Gorman.

Mrs. Henry Stewart has returned from a pleasant visit to Philadelphia.

Miss Gertrude Cassidy, of Wilkesbarre, is expected tomorrow at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Donald.

Miss Hannah Kerner, of New York, is the guest of S. Senie.

John Turnbach, of Wilkesbarre, spent yesterday with Attorney Carr and wife.

John O'Neill, of Catsauqua, spent Sunday with Freeland relatives.

Mrs. Shock, of Philadelphia, who has been visiting her brother-in-law, Thomas Beagle, of Walnut street, the past few weeks, returned home this afternoon.

Mrs. John Wallace, of Rockport, is visiting Mrs. Daniel Sullivan, Walnut street.

Miss Edith Drasher is visiting relatives in Drums.

Miss Gertrude Alexander, of Nanticoke, is visiting M. Moses.

Mrs. John McDonald, of Centre street, is visiting her sister, Mrs. John Keenan, of Lost Creek, Schuylkill county.

PLEASURE.

August 28.—Excursion of Young Men's C. T. A. B. Corps to Shawanese Lake. Fare from Freeland, \$1.35; children, \$1.

ROUND THE REGION.

The funeral of ex-Congressman Shonk took place on Friday from his home in Plymouth. Religious services were held at the house. The pall-bearers were: Judge G. L. Halsey, Congressman Stanley W. Davenport, Thomas H. Atherton, J. T. Pollock, W. G. Eno and Howard Armstrong. The members of the Luzerne county bar have passed suitable resolutions.

Editor Richard Little, of the Scrantonian, was released from jail Saturday morning, his term of six months' imprisonment expiring. Mr. Little was convicted of criminal libel in the Lackawanna courts last March. The prosecutor was Postmaster E. H. Ripple, who was the subject of a number of articles in the Scrantonian.

The Eighth regiment of the National Guard is to be disbanded for the purpose of punishing Colonel Hoffman. Last fall he offended Governor Stone and Attorney General Elkin by refusing to support Colonel Barnett for state treasurer. Being an excellent officer no charges could be preferred against him, so his regiment is to be disbanded to drive its colonel out of the Guard.

The twenty-seventh annual Grangers' picnic exhibition will be held at Williams' Grove the week beginning August 27. The exhibition of machinery will surpass that of any former year and undoubtedly will be the greatest ever held in the Eastern states.

All the company stores operated by Simpson and Watkins, in and around Scranton, will be closed on January 1, 1901. Since the firm gave up its coal business the stores have steadily lost patronage.

The county commissioners have contracted for sixty-four headstones over the remains of deceased soldiers of the Civil war at a cost price of \$11.75 for each stone. These stones are to be erected in pursuance of an act of assembly.

M. J. Lawler, of the Shennandoah News, has entered suit against Judge W. A. Marr, of Ashland, to recover \$115.50, which Lawler alleges Judge Marr owes him for boomerang his candidacy during the campaign of 1898.

A new weekly, to be known as the Schuylkill Transcript, will probably be launched on the sea of journalism, at Shenandoah, by D. A. Thomas, in the near future.

D. O. Coughlin, of Wilkesbarre, has been nominated for auditor general of the state on the People's ticket.

BASE BALL.

Hazleton Athletics won a game from McAdoo club yesterday at the Tigers park by a score of 5 to 3. The game was an uninteresting contest throughout and was witnessed by a small audience.

Base ball is steadily losing ground in the estimation of the sporting people of the country. From the National league games down to the amateur contests interest is lacking.

POLITICAL.

Joseph Handlong, a well-known East Foster farmer, is in the field as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for jury commissioner.

Hon. James A. Sweeney, Democratic candidate for the legislature, called upon friends in town today.

Lodged in County Jail.

Joseph Lenahan, of Sugar Notch, who was arrested on the charge of setting fire to the Maloy and Shovlin buildings, as reported in Friday's issue, was committed to the county jail by Squire Buckley Friday evening, the evidence against him being deemed sufficient to hold him until the grand jury investigates the case. He was taken to prison on Saturday by Constable Molik.

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