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John Szumowski died last week in the Soldiers' Home at Hampton, Virginia. Szumowski was born in Russian Poland about eighty-two years ago. He served as a soldier in the Crimean war, also in the United States civil war from 1861 to 1865. After his honorable discharge he lived in Maryland, and later came to this county, taking up his residence at Alden.

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## CANNOT SUBDUCE MINE FLAMES

### Jersey Colliery the Scene of Stubborn Fire.

### Blaze Baffles the Ingenuity of Skillful Engineers and Continues to Gain Rapidly on the Fighters.

The most stubborn mine fire which has raged in the anthracite regions for many years has been burning in the Jersey colliery of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company, at Wilkesbarre, since last May. Just now the fire fighters are meeting with a great deal of trouble from the presence of much noxious gas. This is so severe that not many of the fighters can continue the work more than a few months. It makes them light headed, and as the shifts leave the mine every eight hours, several of the men stagger as if they were drunk.

So odd an effect has it upon them that they suffer most violent headaches, and after eight hours in the mine require a couple of hours' sleep to restore them to such a normal condition that they are able to eat. So wearing is it on the constitution that they have to take alcoholic stimulants, and this has resulted in a number of the men engaged in the work giving up their membership in the temperance organizations.

In doing their work, which consists upon playing water on the fire, the men are obliged to lie close to the ground in the gangways as the gas is so prevalent that none could stand up more than a few minutes and remain conscious. Within a few inches from the ground, the air being heavier than the gas, there is a current of air sufficient to sustain life for a time.

But even in this current the fire fighters can stay but a few minutes before they are relieved, and this changing of nozzles takes place with each shift of thirty men for the eight hours they are in the mine. They get good pay, from \$4 to \$6 a day, and despite the danger and the fact that the inhalation of the gases breaks a man down in five or six months, there are always plenty of applicants for vacant places.

The fire started last May in some old workings, and everything that ingenuity of skillful mine engineers and fire fighters could do has been done to extinguish it. Failing to reach it from the front or sides, and flooding it difficult to get within striking distance owing to the intense heat, the novel method was adopted of boring air holes from the surface into the openings where the fire was raging, and thus drawing off a great deal of the heat and creating a draft which drew the fire to a centre.

For a time this was successful and the fire fighters gained, but again the fire advanced and at present the men are being slowly driven backward, and there seems to be no way to stop the slow progress of the flames. The effort is particularly determined, because two adjoining mines are threatened by the fire, which may mean the loss of thousands of dollars' worth of marketable coal. Already the fire has cost a large sum of money.

### Were Conferences Held?

It is said that the officials of the United Mine Workers of America, who are now in New York city, have held two secret conferences with coal mine operators in relation to the adoption of a new agreement. John Fabey, president of District No. 9, will neither admit nor deny that conferences have been held. He, however, issued the following statement:

"Since the anthracite miners joined the United Mine Workers of America, the policy of the organization has been to avoid all strikes and settle questions of wages and other matters amicably if possible. The present contract with the operators we look upon as a tentative one. What we will do about a new contract I will not say."

### To Pension Old Employees.

The management of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company has decided that on March 1 there will be put into effect a pension system for the benefit of employees who have faithfully served the company. The adoption of a pension department has been favored by President Truesdale almost from his identification with that company, in 1899, and the plan which has just been adopted by the board of managers has been the subject of a careful and prolonged examination and study on his part, with a view to

incorporating therein the best features of those methods which have been in effect with other large corporations.

Under this system any employee engaged for twenty-five years in any capacity in the operation of the railroad proper, who has faithfully performed his duties, is to be retired at 65 years of age, and receive, after his honorable retirement, a monthly allowance dependent in amount upon his pay and length of service. The fund from which such payments will be made will be regularly appropriated each year by the company, employees not being required at any time to pay anything for the support of the system.

### Sunday Night Brawl

Mike Digan, of Fern street, was the victim of a stabbing affray which took place last evening in the saloon of Andrew Kisardo, corner of Centre and Luzerne streets. Joseph and Andrew Piskos, two brothers residing on North Ridge street, were arrested by Officer Milk and Constable Walsh, charged with doing the stabbing, and placed in the borough lockup to await developments.

There were a number of people in the saloon when the fracas began and it is rumored that the stabbing was done by a woman, and not by the Piskos brothers.

Digan, the victim, has a deep cut in the side of his head, but his condition is not serious. The wound was dressed by Dr. Deardorff.

Efforts are being made today by interested parties to settle the matter.

### Cremated the Mules.

The fifteen mules drowned in No. 5 mine, Jeddo, during the flood in December, were brought to the surface on Saturday morning and were immediately carted to a spot several hundred yards from the breaker.

The animals were placed in a line and covered with wood, which was ignited. The fuel was replenished as quickly as it burned. This was kept up Saturday night and yesterday, and last evening the fire had completely consumed the flesh and bones of the mules.

The stench from the dead animals was terrible, and many of the men engaged in the work of placing them in cars and burning them were compelled to stop work frequently and go elsewhere to secure fresh air.

### Floods Are Feared.

The great amount of snow on the ground is giving the operators of the mines in this vicinity much uneasiness. Should a heavy rain come, or the snow begin to thaw rapidly, it is feared that the precautions taken to prevent a repetition of December's disastrous floods will not be equal to the occasion.

The greater part of the work done with a view of keeping surface water out of the mines is of a temporary nature, as the severe weather that came since the last flood prevented any permanent improvements, and it is doubtful if the barricades and ditches will be able to do their work, in case they are put to a severe test.

### For St. Patrick's Day.

Committees representing the several Catholic societies of St. Ann's parish met yesterday afternoon at the Grand opera house hall to make arrangements for the annual celebration of St. Patrick's Day in Freeland.

Rev. M. J. Fallieus was elected grand marshal, and was given authority to select his aids and arrange the route and order of parade.

The committee decided to hold the parade at 1.30 p. m. on March 17, and to extend invitations to all the Catholic societies of this and neighboring towns.

### Candidate for Principal.

Lansford school directors will meet on Friday evening to choose a principal for the schools of that borough, the former principal having resigned to accept a better-paying position elsewhere.

There are fourteen candidates for the position, among them being John E. Williams, supervising principal of Freeland schools.

The contest is an exceedingly bitter one and the several candidates are doing considerable "wire-pulling."

### Death of Mrs. Davis.

Catharine Davis, wife of David J. Davis, of Upper Lehigh, died at her home in that town last evening. The deceased had been ill for many months. She is survived by a husband and one child.

The funeral will take place at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Services will be conducted by Rev. J. W. Bischoff and Rev. O. G. Langford. Interment at Freeland cemetery.

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## ROUND THE REGION.

Several cities in the region are claiming the honor of entertaining the delegates to the three district conventions of the United Mine Workers. The fact is that it has not been decided yet where the meeting will be held, and will not be until the latter part of this week, when the executive committee will meet at Scranton and determine both date and place. Shamokin, Hazleton, Scranton and Wilkesbarre are eager to get the convention.

Ira Carle, of Kingston, where he has been justice of the peace and burgess, died Saturday morning, aged 90 years. In her suit against him a few years ago Mr. Carle's second wife testified that he had himself performed their wedding ceremony. She declared that he said as he was a justice of the peace he had a right to marry any one, even himself, and did so.

The body of William Carroll, a young soldier who was killed at Camp Columbia, Cuba, on February 1, arrived at Duryea on Friday and was buried at Pittston. The young man was killed in a gymnasium at the above named camp by falling and breaking his neck.

Frank Strauss, of Pottsville, and John Grady, of Ashland, were to fight for \$100 a side at Ashland Saturday night, but some of the ministers of the town objected and the sheriff notified the principals that if they attempted to pull off the bout they would be arrested.

Mrs. W. H. Conyngnam died at Wilkesbarre Saturday morning after a week's illness. Her husband is one of the wealthiest coal operators in the Wyoming valley, and for many years Mrs. Conyngnam has been noted for her charitable work.

Jesse A. Coslett, of Wilkesbarre, and Miss Kate M. Fisher, of Allentown, were married last week at Allentown. Because of the illness of the bride the ceremony was performed in the sick room.

William Jennings Bryan will speak in Scranton on Friday, March 7, under the auspices of St. Brendan's Council, Young Men's Institute, of West Scranton, on "A Conquering Nation."

The Courier Herald, Wilkesbarre's labor organ, has been purchased by the Central Labor Union, of that city, which has elected John R. Mullery as business manager.

Eugene Baer, one of the proprietors of Lehighton silk mill, is down with small-pox in that town. He contracted the disease while visiting friends at Paterson, N. J.

### Hero's Memory Honored.

In accordance with a system recently adopted by the war department of naming the forts and seacoast batteries for distinguished soldiers and men of the wars in which the United States has participated, an order has been issued which commemorates the deeds of the late Captain W. H. Wilhelm, of Mauch Chunk, by causing a seacoast battery at Fort Flagler, Washington military reservation, located near Port Townsend, at the entrance to Puget sound, to be named Battery Wilhelm.

Captain Wilhelm was a native of Mauch Chunk, graduating from West Point in 1888. He died June 27, 1901, from wounds received in action at Lipia, Luzon, Philippine Islands, June 10, 1901, while leading a company of the Twenty-first United States Infantry.

### A Queer Provision In a Will.

The following will, though not especially curious in itself, throws a curious light on the streets of London in the seventeenth century. John Cooke, among other bequests, left £1 "for the maintenance of a lantern and candle, to be light in the pound at least, to be kept and hung out at the corner of St. Michael's lane, next Thames street, from Michaelmas day to Lady day, between the hours of 9 and 10 o'clock at night until the hours of 4 or 5 in the morning, for affording light to passengers going through Thames street or St. Michael's lane."—All the Year Round.

### A Moth Destroyer.

If you are living in a moth infested house, it is an excellent plan on cleaning a trunk, bureau or a closet to go over all the cracks and crevices with naphtha. A can with a long spout enables one to do this quite quickly. The naphtha evaporates very quickly, but nevertheless destroys the eggs or larvae that may have found an abiding place.

### For the Cook.

The juice of an ordinary lemon is about a tablespoonful. A breakfast cupful of breadcrumbs well pressed in equals about four ounces. Very finely chopped suet slightly heaped up weighs about the same. A heaped breakfast cupful of brown sugar represents half a pound, and stoned raisins well pressed in weigh about the same.

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## LOCAL NOTES WRITTEN UP

### Short Items of Interest to All Readers.

### Happenings of the Past Two Days in and Around Freeland Recorded Without Waste of Words.

Joseph Zollinas, secretary of the Polish-Lithuanian Club, of Wilkesbarre, has been authorized to receive subscriptions for the erection of a monument to mark the spot at Lattimer where twenty-one miners were massacred by Sheriff Martin's posse.

Frank Ward, of Coxe addition, employed in No. 2 mine, Highland, was taken to the Miners hospital Saturday afternoon to receive treatment for a broken leg and other injuries sustained while at work that day.

Denis Welch, who recently lost three fingers in a railroad accident near Bayonne, N. J., arrived home on Saturday and will remain with his parents on Adams street until he recovers from his injuries.

The jury in the case of Stevenson against the Ebervale Coal Company returned a verdict for \$21,000 in favor of the plaintiff. With interest added, and costs, the amount will reach \$30,000.

Fresh fish every day during Lent at Hartman's market, next to Central hotel.

S. Rudewick, who has been ill for some time, has recovered sufficiently to permit his removal from his saloon on Front street to the home of his brother, A. Rudewick, Birkbeck street.

An entertainment under the auspices of the Young People's Baptist Union was given in the basement of the English Baptist church Saturday evening.

William Ward, who has been ill for a year past, has suffered a relapse and is again confined to his bed at his home on Washington street.

Ice cream at Merkt's.

Daniel O'Donnell, of Drifton, is preparing to open a confectionery and tobacco store in the Campbell building, South Centre street.

M. M. O'Boyle on Saturday completed his contract of adding additional radiation to the heating system in the Daniel Coxe school building.

Owing to the storms and cold weather oyster and fish dealers are unable to receive sufficient stock to supply their patrons.

The members of St. Ann's band are making preparations for their annual entertainment, which will be given on the evening of March 17.

Candy and nuts at Keiper's.

The Barbers' Union of Wilkesbarre has decided that after April 1 all shops must open no earlier than 7.30 a. m. and close no later than 8 p. m.

### DRIFTON.

The following young ladies of Drifton and Freeland enjoyed a sleigh-ride to White Haven yesterday: Misses Maggie McKinley, Annie Carr, Agnes Gallagher, Jennie Quinn, Fannie and B. Boner, Maunie and B. O'Donnell, Sarah and Katie Gallagher, Annie, Mary and Katie McGeehan and Maggie Boner.

Alice Snyder, aged 15 years, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Snyder, of Drifton, died Friday night from scarlet fever and was buried at Freeland cemetery yesterday. This is the third child the family has lost from the disease within a month.

Woodside school pupils postponed their sleigh-ride on Friday afternoon, on account of inclement weather.

A force of Coxe Bros. & Co.'s carpenters is employed in repairing No. 7 breaker at Stockton.

A son has been born to Mr. and Mrs. John Cora and a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. John Ondek.

Engine No. 28 is undergoing repairs at the shops.

Mr. and Mrs. James Dwyer are visiting relatives in New Jersey.

Denis North visited Beaver Meadow relatives yesterday.

Many cellars of town were flooded by the rains of last week.

The pupils of Drifton Foster school spent this afternoon at White Haven.

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