

AWFUL CALAMITY TO FAMILY.

Four Young Girls Dead as the Result of Starting Fire With Kerosene.

Pittsburg, Pa. (Special).—Four persons were burned to death and two seriously injured, in a fire at 4.30 o'clock A. M. which destroyed the residence of J. G. Miller, on Charles street, Knoxville, a suburb of this city. The dead: Rose Miller, aged 23 years, terribly burned and died on the way to the hospital; Amelia Miller, aged 19 years, suffocated by the smoke; Amanda Miller, aged 16 years, suffocated; Sylvia Miller, aged 9 years, suffocated.

Two other daughters aged 11 and 13 years, escaped without injury.

The fire was caused by the eldest daughter, Rose, pouring kerosene in the stove to start the fire for breakfast. The oil in the can ignited, and the explosion which followed scattered the burning oil over the room. The flames spread so quickly that Mr. Miller was forced to jump from the second-story window, after rescuing his wife, and two of his younger daughters. Rose was burned almost to a crisp and died before reaching the hospital. The three others were overcome by the smoke. Their bodies were found in the ruins after the fire had been extinguished. Mrs. Miller was just recovering from a severe illness, and is almost distracted over the terrible affair. Fears are entertained that she will not survive the shock.

Robbed of \$1,000.

Wheeling, W. Va., (Special).—At Belton, Marshall county, four masked men assaulted and robbed Lindsay Burley and members of his family, securing over \$1,000 in cash, besides other valuables. The family, consisting of father, mother, son and daughter, were bound hand and foot by the robbers. While one stood guard over them the others ransacked the house. The robbers tortured the father and made him reveal the hiding place of the money. A posse of citizens and bloodhounds are scouring the country in search of the robbers.

China to Learn From Japan.

London, (By Cable).—"China has asked Japan," says a dispatch from Shanghai to the Daily Express, "to lend one general and 50 officers to drill the Chinese troops, and also to lend experts to reorganize the Chinese financial and police departments."

Canadians for South Africa.

London, (By Cable).—The War Office has announced that it has accepted Canada's offer of 600 mounted men for service in South Africa.

A husband and a cab on a crowded boulevard in Astor. A fireless wife and her husband, one of hundreds of people.

Now reported that the brigands will wait until the disappearance of snow before resuming negotiations for the release of Miss Stone.

James Fletcher, for 18 years United States consul at Genoa, Italy, is dead.

Sir Thomas W. Reid, in an article in the Nineteenth Century, quotes a member of President Roosevelt's Cabinet as saying that English people do not realize the depth of feeling existing outside of England on the subject of the South African War, nor the extreme gravity of the situation. It was also stated that appeals are being made to the United States by European powers to take some step to end the war.

Sir Thomas Lipton, at a banquet given in his honor in London, announced that should no one else challenge, he was willing to consider making another attempt to lift the America Cup.

The German Foreign Office announced that the report that the nations to the Triple Alliance were making a concentrated demonstration in South American waters was false.

Miss Helen Vanderbilt Wackerman became violent and tried to throttle her nurse in a London asylum. She was placed in a padded cell.

The French Chamber of Deputies, by a vote of 295 to 249, adopted the sum of 265,000,000 francs for the Chinese indemnity loan.

Dick Burge, the pugilist, was arrested in London on a charge of complicity in the recent Bank of Liverpool frauds.

It is reported from Sofia that Consul General Dickinson will notify the brigands, fixing 10 days as the period within which they must accept £10,000 as Miss Stone's ransom, or the United States will stop all dealings with them.

Count von Hatzfeldt-Wildenburg, former German ambassador to Great Britain, died at the embassy, in London.

Through the dishonesty and betting transactions of a bookkeeper the Bank of Liverpool loses \$850,000.

Financial.

The New York Subtreasury statement shows that the banks lost \$2,882,000 last week.

It is said a \$2,000,000 car wheel company is to be incorporated under the laws of New Jersey.

One report has it that the rise in Jersey Central is due to a supplementary offer by Reading interests for outstanding stock of the company.

Lee, Higginson & Co., of Boston, were awarded the \$1,000,000 Boston & Maine Railroad 3 1/2 per cent. twenty-year bonds at \$102.92.

people, colored people, \$650; colored people, \$250; purity, \$200; non-alcoholic medication, \$350; franchise, \$175; total appropriations for the year, \$14,355.

Multiplex Telegraphy.

Boulder, Col., (Special).—Dr. William Duane, professor of physics at the State University, has been granted a patent for an invention by which a large number of telegraph messages can be sent over one wire and return at the same time. It is said he has had as many as eighteen circuits working on the same wire and return all at the same time. On any of these circuits the Morse instrument can be placed and used exactly as with the single wire now in use. Dr. Duane's invention is based on the principle of synchronizing motors.

Bought by the B. & O.

Marietta, Ohio, (Special).—The Ohio and Little Kanawha Railway between this city and Zanesville, which was supposed to have been sold some time ago to the Wabash system, has been sold to the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. Both systems were anxious to acquire the road, the former to complete its line from the lakes to the seaboard by way of the undeveloped coal lands of West Virginia. The latter wants it to connect its Southwestern system with the main line. The purchase gives the Baltimore and Ohio connections with its own line both at Marietta and Zanesville.

Captain Jumped Overboard.

Mobile, Ala., (Special).—The British bark Birman, Wood, from Rio Janeiro, in charge of Mate Poe, arrived here and reports that on November 18, the captain, named Morris, killed the vessel's steward. The body was buried at sea. The captain kept in his cabin, pacing up and down. When informed that Sand Island light was sighted November 22, he gave the mate the course, picked up a sea lead, jumped overboard and was drowned.

Stole \$20,000 in Silver.

El Paso, Texas, (Special).—The fact that 112 bars of gold and silver bullion valued at over \$20,000, were stolen six months ago in transit from the smelters here to Eastern refiners, has come to light. The shipment was made over the Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio Railway under heavy bonds. It was not missed until the car reached New Orleans. It has been since learned that the bullion had been thrown from the car near the city and that it now lies buried in Western Texas.

MILLIONS FOR ROLLING STOCK.

Expenditures by the Pennsylvania Said to Be Unprecedented.

Philadelphia, Pa., (Special).—The expenditures to be made by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in 1902 for rolling stock will aggregate \$25,000,000, a sum believed to be unprecedented in railroad history.

Of this amount about \$19,000,000 will be expended for cars and the other \$6,000,000 for locomotives. As already announced, the company will require 19,000 new freight cars for 1902, the greater number of which have already been ordered. While no locomotives for 1902 delivery have been ordered, the requirements in that direction for next year have been determined upon approximately 400 locomotives. Of this number 300 will be required for the lines east of Pittsburg and 100 for the Western lines.

All of these locomotives will be of the heavy modern type. With the exception of about 100 all of them will be built by the Baldwin Locomotive Works and the American Locomotive Building Company.

200 Believed to be Lost.

Manila, (By Cable).—The local steamer Alerta, with 200 passengers, including some discharged American soldiers, bound from Olongapo, Subig bay, for Manila, is believed to have been lost. The United States distilling ship Iris has been aground on a reef near Iloilo for three days. The cruiser New York and the gunboat Yorktown have gone to her assistance.

Big Fire at Murfreesboro.

Murfreesboro, Tenn., (Special).—Fire started in the warehouse of J. L. Rather & Co. here and soon spread until the entire Depot Hill district was in flames. About \$80,000 worth of property is in ashes.

ODDS AND ENDS OF THE NEWS.

The grand jury in Jeffersonville, Ind., indicted Newell C. Rathbone, the confessed insurance swindler, for murder in the first degree.

Charles Larken, aged 32 years, died in a Boston hospital from the effects of biting off his tongue.

Fire Commissioner John J. Scannell, of New York, and William Marks, a broker, were accused of conspiracy.

The Louisville and Nashville Railroad advanced the wages of all its shopmen in Louisville 10 per cent.

American... which has a franchise... railroad from Canton to Hankow.

It is understood that the forfeiture of the claim was based on two accounts: first, that the road was not complete within the stipulated period of time, and second, because the American corporation had passed into the hands of Belgians. The State Department holds that the conditions in China for the last year and a half have been such as to make it impossible for an American Company to have completed its work and that for this delay the Chinese Government itself is responsible.

McKinley Fund Plan.

Plans by which it is hoped to prevent differences between the Canton McKinley Monument Association and the Washington Memorial Arch Association and secure harmony of action were agreed upon at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the later body. A committee of five was appointed to confer with the Board of Trustees of the Canton Association in this city December 7.

The plan is that the two associations shall make a joint poll of the country for a fund to erect both the monument at Canton and the memorial arch in this city, and that of all the money collected one-third shall go to the Canton monument and two-thirds to the memorial arch.

Gunners Commissioned.

Francis Martin and R. H. Soule, formerly gunners in the navy, have been commissioned ensigns and are under orders to report to their ships. These men were appointed ensigns after a severe examination under the act of Congress passed at the last session. They have the distinction of being the first men appointed to the line of the navy since the War of the Rebellion who did not receive a course of instruction at the Naval Academy. Their status is exactly the same as that of all other ensigns.

Conscience Return of \$18,009.

Secretary Gage has received from an unknown person through the Collector of Customs at New York a conscience contribution of \$18,669.



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