

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS DROWNED

While Boating on Old Paper Mill Dam Twenty Miles Below Wilkes-Barre

SIX GIRLS, TWO BOYS, LOST THEIR LIVES

A Dozen Students of the Huntington High School Started for a Row in two Boats at the Noon Hour—One Boat Sprang ALeak and in Effort to transfer to the Dry Boat the Disaster Happened—Bodies Recovered.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., May 12.—Eight high school students, six girls and two boys, were boating on what is known as the Old Paper Mill dam at Huntington Mills, about twenty miles below this city, in the lower end of Luzerne county.

The Dead. Maid Sullifer, aged 17 years, of Town Line.

Caroline Koons, aged 18 years, Harveysville.

Ruth Bonham, 18 years, Town Line.

Rachel Thompson, 16 years, Watertown Hill.

Madeline Good, 17 years, Watertown.

Robert Minnich, 18 years old, Koonsburg.

Ray Dodson, 17 years, Fairmont.

How the Accident Happened.

Twelve students of the Huntington High school got two boats at the noon hour and started for a row on the dam.

The dam is nearly half a mile in width, and when the two craft had reached the center of the body of water it was estimated that the boats were about a mile apart.

The girls were helpless to save themselves and the exception of Dodson, being expert swimmers, struck out for the shore, which all reached in safety.

Thought the Girls Had Reached Land.

Minnich in the excitement, it is presumed, thought that the other girls and women had succeeded in reaching land.

He had no sooner gained the bank

FOUND NOT GUILTY BY REASON OF INSANITY.

New Haven Insurance Agent Committed to Middletown Asylum.

New Haven, Conn., May 12.—Walter K. Newport, an insurance agent, charged with shooting with intent to murder Howard C. Webb, one of the best known attorneys of the New Haven bar, was found not guilty by reason of insanity today.

The court at once ordered his commitment to the state hospital for the insane at Middletown.

Newport pleaded insanity as his defense.

The case was given to the jury this morning at 10 o'clock after the court had delivered the charge, in which it was explained five verdicts which might be found, including that of insanity by reason of insanity.

Judge Wheeler not only explained the law concerning insanity of the nature charged against Newport, but also the definition of insanity under the law.

For the greater part of the afternoon Newport sat in the court room talking with various persons, all appearing perfectly calm, and when, after five hours and ten minutes of deliberation, the jury returned to the court room with their verdict. Its announcement did not cause any display of emotion on the part of Newport, but he received it apparently with indifference.

He heard the order for his commitment to the state asylum calmly.

This shooting occurred during the early part of last January at Mr. Webb's office.

JOHN A. HALL INDICTED ON FIFTEEN COUNTS

Charging Him With Larceny of Southbridge Savings Bank Funds.

Worcester, May 12.—John A. Hall, former treasurer of the Southbridge Savings bank of Southbridge, was today indicted by a grand jury on fifteen counts charging him with the larceny of \$104,000 of the bank's funds.

Hall, who has been in the city since last January, when he surrendered himself following the discovery of the shortage in the bank's accounts, did not plead to the indictment today. It is expected he will be brought into court to face the charge some time next week.

Although the counts of the indictment aggregate only \$104,000 as the amount for which Hall is responsible, the grand jury has included in the indictment a charge of larceny of the bank's books in the amount of \$100,000.

FOREST FIRES IN NORTHWEST.

Wind Threatens to Fan Flames into Renewed Activity.

Duluth, Minn., May 12.—Reports received from northern Minnesota, northern Wisconsin and upper Michigan indicate that the fires are not burning as fiercely as yesterday, but the wind threatened to fan the flames into activity again.

A despatch from Calumet, Mich., says that Willis Seaman, an instructor in the Michigan college of mines, and Rodney Burnham, while out fishing in a canoe, were hemmed in by fire.

Attempting to break through the fire, their shoes were partly burned from their feet. Both lost portions of their clothing.

Duluth, Minn., May 12.—Settlers in the Gratiot and Grand Marais counties lost their homes and everything else except the clothes on their backs, according to reports by wireless telegraph.

One group arrived early today after they had spent the night in the bed of a stream. Part of the time they were compelled to submerge themselves to keep the flames from burning the clothes from their bodies. In the process they were burned and were so severely injured that they had to be carried to a hospital.

At Gooseberry river and along Beavey bay the flames are eating their way through the woods. From Beavey bay to Gooseberry bay some of the trees are burning in the open. From Gooseberry bay to Grand Marais bay the trees are burning in intervals.

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Cabled Paragraphs.

Paris, May 12.—Oversight, belonging to the stable of W. K. Vanderbilt, won the Prix La Force, which was run today at Longchamps.

St. Petersburg, May 12.—The Russian government is preparing a favorable reply to Secretary Knox's proposal for a permanent court of international justice through an extension of the jurisdiction of the international prize court authorized in 1907 by The Hague peace conference.

London, May 12.—Sir William Huggins, the astronomer, died today. He was born in London in 1824 and had long directed a private observatory which he erected. He was formerly president of the Royal Astronomical Society and of the British Association for the Advancement of Sciences.

Two great platforms had been erected at the bow of the vessel to accommodate the 500 invited guests.

On the principal stand were Secretary of the Navy George Dewey and Assistant Secretary Winthrop Albert W. Gilchrist, governor of Florida, with his staff.

Governor Hughes and his staff, Admiral George Dewey and Rear Admiral Evans, Sperry, Schroeder, Wainwright, Potter and Leutzel.

Neither the Neptune nor the Columbus carries the British flag, the latter sea fisher. The Florida can fire a broadside of five tons of metal. She can train an elevated gun of ten 12-inch guns on either broadside and hurl twice as much metal as the entire fleet of Admiral Dewey took into Manila.

The Florida will be 21 feet longer, 3,500 tons heavier and with a battery of 16 guns, each of 14 inches.

At the beginning of the civil war he left the service and joined the confederate navy.

When Foreman Lowell of the jury pressed the charges against the defendant, his voice rose to a hysterical shout.

Uproar in Court Room.

Instantly the court room was in an uproar. The defendant's friends, who shrieked excitedly and gave loud hurrahs for joy.

Marshall finally resumed order, while the jury of 12 men and one woman, as each juror left his seat, Heineze shook his head warmly. Men and women pressed against the front and surrounded Heineze and, sweeping through the rail enclosure, embraced him.

During this disorder, Judge Hough called Heineze hysterically.

Heineze by this time was laughing hysterically as he received the kisses of his women relatives and the congratulations and back-slapping of the men.

Heineze was escorted to the jail, where the scenes of enthusiasm and disorder was repeated.

Heineze, surrounded by a mob, almost carried down the staircase to the street, where the crowd gave a final cheer of victory.

WORCESTER MEN INDICTED.

Alleged to Be Guilty of Misconduct Toward Young Girls.

Worcester, Mass., May 12.—The crusade of several months ago against men alleged to have been guilty of misconduct toward young girls, which resulted at the time in the arrest of five men in this city, reached a further stage today, when these five and four other men were indicted by the Worcester county grand jury.

Those against whom indictments were returned are: Judson W. H. Ellis, a real estate owner; Patrick J. Judge, a prominent printer; Henry C. Owens, Louis Lee Chappell, Napoleon Johnson, John W. Brainerd, Isaac Wineman and Ernest Butterfield, all of Worcester, and Edward P. Flye, a hotel clerk of Leominster.

BODY FOUND IN CHICAGO RIVER.

Believed to Be That of Charles F. Baylis of New York.

Chicago, May 12.—The body of a man about 35 years old, believed to be that of Charles F. Baylis of New York, was found in the Chicago river today.

The police say Baylis had been living here at least a month and was a well-to-do man and that he has wealthy relatives in the east.

Three letters were found in the dead man's pocket. One was from Roosevelt S. Bliss Huntington, Long Island; a second was from 709 West 1st street, New York, and was signed "Nora"; and the third, without an address, had been mailed in New York and was signed "Your niece, Lulu."

Heineze Acquitted and Discharged

AFTER TRIAL LASTING NEARLY THREE WEEKS.

DEFENDANT ISSUED STATEMENT

Naturally Pleased but Not Surprised at Verdict—Defendant's Brother Arthur Called Prosecutor Wise a Liar.

John E. Stanchfield defended the young millionaire, Henry A. Wise, United States attorney for this district, was his prosecutor.

Mr. Stanchfield summed up for the defense and for the prosecution, and the defendant for three hours and thirty-five minutes this afternoon.

Statement by Defendant.

Heineze, jubilant, issued this statement tonight after his acquittal: "I am naturally pleased with the verdict, but not at all surprised. The thing I most regret is the long delay in bringing the case to trial. I have been a prisoner for 44 days, and since the first indictment was reached two years and a half ago. This delay has cost me \$44,000 in interest on \$100,000. Possibly some persons who were very anxious to see me convicted will be almost as well satisfied with this as I am. My credit seems to have been one of the objects most viciously aimed at."

But One Sensational Incident of the Trial.

The Heineze trial was not sensational. There was too much technical testimony for the lay mind, too many intricate financial transactions which were cryptic and almost impossible to follow.

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137 English Miners Perished

RESCUE PARTIES SUCCEEDED IN SAVING FOUR MEN.

FIRE RAGING IN WORKINGS

Of Wellington Coal Mine at White Haven—Rescue Work Stopped by Collapse of Roof Last Evening.

Manchester, England, May 12.—One hundred and thirty-seven miners lost their lives today in an explosion in the Wellington coal mine at White Haven. Rescue parties succeeded in saving four men, but fire has broken out in the mine, and the rescue parties have hope for those who are still entombed.

Throughout the day the rescue parties made considerable progress in the mine, but the work was stopped to-day by the collapse of the roof.

Firedamp Warnings Had Been Issued.

A curious fact is that a colliery warning was issued in many of the newspapers in the mining districts of the kingdom yesterday to the effect that unusually high barometric conditions rendered firedamp explosions extremely probable, and that all underground workers ought therefore to be on the alert. The barometer reached its highest reading in the White Haven district.

King George tonight sent a message of sympathy to the owners of the mine.

ANTICIPATED THE SUMMARY OF THE GLAVIS CHARGES.

A Surprise Sprung in the Ballinger-Pinchot Hearing.

Washington, May 12.—The surprise of the day in the Ballinger-Pinchot inquiry today was the reading by Secretary Ballinger of a letter addressed by Attorney General Wickliffe to a house committee in which he made the admission that he anticipated the summary of the Glavis charges which he had prepared for the president.

Mr. Wickliffe says he discussed the matter with the president and supported the course of information bearing on the subject, but that the summary "necessarily" was made up afterward and properly bore the date of May 12, 1909.

Mr. Wickliffe also stated that the summary was presented to and considered by the president.

Coincident with the making public of this letter, a reply was received from Oscar Lawler, assistant to the attorney general for the interior department, who also was concerned in the preparation of the letter of Sept. 13, 1909, exonerating Secretary Ballinger and dismissing Glavis. It said that he had a copy of his memorandum. Mr. Lawler said also that he prepared a resume at the request of the president and delivered it to the attorney general.

Mr. Lawler's memorandum, however, was not a resume, as he pointed out in a letter to the attorney general for this memorandum today.

Glavis' counsel is trying to prove to the committee and to the public that Lawler, who was practically an employee of the interior department, really tried to cover up the president and that the attorney general subsequently prepared a summary in an effort to justify the president's action.

BERLIN HONORS ROOSEVELT.

University Confers the Degree of Ph.D.—Lectures on "The World Movement."

Berlin, May 12.—Theodore Roosevelt delivered a lecture on the topic, "The World Movement," at the University of Berlin today, and received the honor of the honorary degree of doctor of philosophy. Emperor William was present. It was the first time that a president of the United States had been honored with a degree of honor by the German government.

The ceremony of conferring the degree was conducted by the German emperor, who, in mounting the throne, wore a sash of the order of the eagle, and the walls of the aula were bare, save for the rows of busts of Germany's famous statesmen and warriors. The one of color was furnished by the senators of the university, with their robes of scarlet and blue, and the five heads of the student corps, who wore black jackets, white breeches, jack-boots and pink-colored sashes.

On May 12, Mr. Roosevelt and Kermit were guests tonight of Chancellor von Bethman-Hollweg at a dinner at the chancellery's palace.

ILLICIT STILL RAIDED.

Revenue Agents Make Arrest and Seize Much Stuff.

New York, May 12.—Information having reached J. W. Sines, internal revenue agent, that an illicit still was in operation in the rear basement of the tenement No. 120 Lewis street, he tonight raided the place and arrested Samuel Bergstein on a charge of running a still with a capacity of fifty gallons. The raiders seized seventeen barrels of molasses, three and one-half barrels of sugar and about ten gallons of spirits. Bergstein was arrested and taken to the United States Commissioner Shields and held in \$1,500 bail for examination on Tuesday.

NO MORE REMEMBERING DATES

Will Disappear from Chicago Schools' Curriculum.

Chicago, May 22.—Dates of history, compound interest and compound fractions are to disappear from the curriculum of the Chicago public schools. They have been blacklisted by the committee appointed by Mrs. Ella Young, superintendent of schools, to revise the courses of study and trim out the non-essentials.

"What our schools need is more thorough education and more practical training," said Mrs. Young. "Things that have happened in past years, unless of vital importance, do not remain in children's minds."

PRIZEFIGHT SPOTTERS PRECIPITATED INTO LAKE.

Said Lake, May 12.—As the crowd was leaving the arena at Salsburg after a prizefight tonight a section of the platform gave way and precipitated a number of persons into the lake. Most of them were taken out unhurt, but it is reported that seven or eight are missing.

New President of Woman's Whist League of America.

Chicago, May 12.—Miss Alice Tiffany of Baltimore was elected president of the Woman's Whist League of America today. Baltimore was selected as the meeting place for 1911.

Condensed Telegrams

Father Daniel McElrane, prison worker and philanthropist, died in St. Louis.

The Passion Play Season Opened at Oberammergau, Bavaria, with a public rehearsal.

A Seaman Was Swept Overboard and lost when a big sea hit the steamship Catania.

The Atlantic Transport Liner Minnehaha, which went ashore on the Sicily Islands, was floated.

A Bronze Tablet Was Unveiled on the site of the old wigwam, Chicago, where Lincoln was nominated in 1859.

The Rules Committee of the House postponed action on the bill designed to expedite construction of the anti-ship bill.

A Warrant Was Issued for the arrest of Joseph G. Armstrong, director of public works of Pittsburgh, on a charge of forgery.

The Strike of the 1,200 Miners at the collieries of the Canadian Consolidated company at Frank, Alberta, ended in an advance of wages.

R. E. Cabell, Commissioner