

LUETGERT'S FATE

Is Now in the Hands of the Jury After Nine Weeks

OF THE MOST SEVERE STRAIN

A Human Being Can be Subjected to State's Attorney Deneen Speaks for the Conviction of the Big Sausage Maker for the Murder of His Wife--He Defends the Police Against the Attacks of the Deneen, and Claims that Mary Stiemmering was the Keynote of the Crime--Judge Tutthill Instructs the Jury and the Jury Retires to Consider Their Verdict.

CHICAGO, Oct. 19.—At 1 o'clock a telephone message was received from Judge Tutthill, saying that, verdict or no verdict, he would not come to the criminal court building to-night. The jury at 1 o'clock was still in the jury room and seemed no nearer a verdict than at any time since it went out. There is no chance of a verdict being announced before the opening of court this (Tuesday) morning at 9:30 o'clock.

CHICAGO, Oct. 19.—The ninth week of the famous Luetgert trial opened this morning with the greatest crush yet seen at the criminal court building. It was known that to-day would be the closing day of the great trial, and that State's Attorney Deneen would make a speech. Thousands of persons formed in line before the criminal court building as early as 7 o'clock in the morning. To add to the crush of the crowd eight or ten other courts in the building opened their terms this morning, and the October grand jury began its session. Jurors called to serve upon the grand jury and petit juries and hundreds of witnesses in cases in the different courts crowded the corridors and the court balliffs had much trouble in keeping the throng in order.

It was a wild mob and there were numerous unpleasant collisions between the balliffs and the turbulent people. Luetgert came into court smiling and apparently in a pleasant frame of mind. He shook hands with a number of his friends and took his accustomed seat. State's Attorney Deneen promptly began his closing argument. He began with a defense of several of the big witnesses of the prosecution. "I want to say a word right here with reference to the police department. The defense has heaped abuse upon Inspector Schack and the policemen who have for months been connected with this case. They have been called perjurers. Gentlemen, there are six thousand cases and more tried in this court each year, and the police are the prosecuting witnesses in all of them. Are they perjurers all the time? Rüdiger, Dietrich, Dickerson, has also been abused. He is the original man in this prosecution. It was his sister who was killed. Filial duty inspired him to avenge her death. He was rested neither day or night to bring the slayer of his sister to justice. He is deserving of praise and not cruel and dishonest criticism.

State's Attorney Deneen next devoted his attention to the bones found in the vat. "Prof. Dorsey, Prof. Bailey, Prof. Howe, Prof. Delafontaine identified some of these bones as human metacarpals, human femurs, human phalanges, human temporals," he shouted. "What has the defense done with these bones? Dr. Allport, the chief osteologist for the defense, said he could not tell and his mind was in a mental equilibrium and Dr. Merrill said nothing. Dr. Hines said nothing. Dr. Riess said nothing, and in fact the identification of the experts of the prosecution was not disputed except by the unimportant ridicule of counsel for the defense, and I think ex-Judge Vincent stopped below his dignity when he heaped abuse upon Prof. Dorsey, and that the latter has been sent to South America and Alaska to procure the bones of extinct races for the Field Columbian museum. He was selected because he knew bones, their nature and to what family they belonged.

"But I do not care to discuss the experts further," said State's Attorney Deneen. "I am through with them; all the bones, that barrel of bones will not get out of this case. I mean the defense brought in here, and William Charles, Luetgert's partner, perjured himself to get that barrel in. Now we will keep it in, and Charles ought to be indicted for trying to cover up crime with crime, and gentlemen, there is absolutely no doubt in this case.

KEYNOTE OF THE CRIME.

"Luetgert killed his wife. All this talk and contention that the woman left her home while suffering an attack of insanity is the veriest trash, cunningly devised and supported by perjured testimony. Mary Stiemmering? Ah, there is the keynote. She is the woman for love of whom one of the darkest deeds in criminal history was done. She perjured herself and cast a blot upon her soul on the witness stand in this case. She has been impeached and her evidence destroyed, but she stands to-day as a living example of the desperate methods employed in the defense of this man."

State's Attorney Deneen criticized Mary Stiemmering in cutting tones. He also paid his respects further to William Charles, and paid a glowing tribute to the memory of Mrs. Luetgert, whose last days on earth, he said, were fraught with sorrow and anguish. Suddenly State's Attorney Deneen turned to Judge Tutthill and said that his throat was sore, and that he also felt dizzy. "I would like to stop here temporarily," said the state's attorney. "Very well, court will stand adjourned for one hour and a half," said Judge Tutthill.

Considerable disturbance was caused by the constant arrival of spectators to the already overcrowded room, and it was nearly five minutes, during which time thirty people were ordered out of the room, before the state's attorney, apparently much refreshed by his hour's rest, resumed his remarks to the jury.

verdict. But this crime is so heinous, so cruel, so wanton, that I feel perfectly justified in asking at your hands the extreme penalty of the law in the case of Adolph L. Luetgert."

A buzz of comment ran through the court room as the state's attorney finished his address and was congratulated by a few friends who sat near him. The judge granted an impromptu recess and the jury left the room. Luetgert got up and went out also for a drink of water. When he returned, passing Inspector Schack, who was lounging against a pillar, he cast upon him a look which combined malice, scorn and disgust in unspeakable quantities.

THE JURY INSTRUCTED.

In ten minutes the jury had returned and court was again in order. Judge Tutthill swung around in his chair until he faced the jury, and deliberately picking up his notes on the charge, he began his reading.

Judge Tutthill instructed the jury as follows: "Before a conviction can be had in this case the state must prove beyond a reasonable doubt and to a moral certainty, first, that Louisa Luetgert is dead; second, that she came to her death on the first of May, 1897, in the county of Cook, State of Illinois. Third, that Adolph L. Luetgert, the defendant, wilfully, maliciously, feloniously and of malice aforethought, killed and murdered the said Louisa Luetgert by some of the various means charged in the indictment, or by means unknown. The burden of proof rests upon the prosecution to make out and prove to the satisfaction of the jury, beyond all reasonable doubt, every material allegation in the indictment, and unless that has been done the jury should find the defendant not guilty. It is not incumbent upon the defendant to prove that Louisa Luetgert is alive, or her whereabouts or what became of her. If it is possible for you to reconcile the facts in this case upon any reasonable theory consistent with the innocence of the defendant, it is your duty to do so, and to find him not guilty.

"You are instructed as a matter of law, that if you believe from the evidence beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant assaulted and killed Louisa Luetgert as charged, under circumstances showing no considerable provocation, but showing an abandoned and malignant heart on the part of the defendant and a total disregard of human life, then the law pronounces such killing to be murder and a jury should so find; it matters not that such evidence is circumstantial, or made up from facts and circumstances pointing to the defendant's guilt, have been proved, so that from a consideration of all the evidence in the case, there is no reasonable doubt in the mind of the jury as to the guilt of the defendant. Direct and positive testimony is not necessary to prove the intent. It may be inferred from facts and circumstances shown by the evidence.

"No man may be convicted of a crime until what is known as the corpus delicti has been established by the prosecution; and unless you are convinced by the evidence in this case, beyond a reasonable doubt, that Louisa Luetgert died at the time charged in the indictment, and also that she came to her death in manner and form as charged in the indictment, in such case it is your duty to acquit the defendant.

"To prove the corpus delicti, the state is required to produce only such legal evidence as establishes in the mind of the jury, beyond a reasonable doubt, a conviction that the murder charged in the indictment has been in fact committed in manner and form as charged, and that the defendant is guilty of its commission; and it matters not that the proof of such corpus delicti consists in whole or in part, of circumstantial evidence, provided it is sufficient to satisfy the minds of the jurors, beyond a reasonable doubt, of the commission of the offense charged.

"While the statute of the state provides that a person charged with crime may testify in his own behalf, he is not under any obligations to do so, and the statute expressly declares that his refusal to testify shall not create any presumption against him.

"Silence as still as death pervaded the packed court room while the judge was reading his instructions. His voice was clear and strong and even the throng which was wedged into the corridor outside the court room heard very well. The jurors stood and listened to every word attentively.

When Judge Tutthill ceased reading and reached for the different forms of verdicts that had been prepared, there was a movement in the crowd, and forward and in a minute or two every person in the room was standing on a seat. The balliffs did not attempt to make them take their seats, and for once the rap of the balliff's hammer was not heard. Luetgert looked at the court with his eyebrows wrinkled and his face settled into the scowl which has marked it from the beginning.

FORMS OF VERDICTS.

In a couple of minutes the crowd had become quiet. Then Judge Tutthill read the different forms of verdicts, which included one for murder, providing for the death penalty, another fixing the penalty at life imprisonment, the third provided for a term of imprisonment of not less than fourteen years, and the fourth was for "not guilty."

As Judge Tutthill finished the reading he looked up at the jurors and said: "Gentlemen, you may retire and consider your verdict."

Immediately there was an uproar in the court room. People who had been sitting arose to their feet, and the shout of the balliffs ordering every one to "sit down" availed nothing. The crowd surged forward and took up every inch of space to where the circular fence barred them from the attorneys. Women almost fainting in the crush and their costumes and head-gear suffered. The crowd seemed to want to get nearer Luetgert. All wanted to see how the big sausage maker stood the final ordeal, now that his case was in the hands of the jury. While the tumult was going on, balliffs Connor and Wolcott were sworn in by the clerk to take charge of the jury. When the twelve men marched out of the room a moment later to the jury room adjoining, a sigh of relief went up from the excited throng. Judge Tutthill entered the room, closed the door and announced that he would adjourn court until 8 o'clock to-night, but that he would be within easy call of the court room during his absence in case his presence was desired.

torney Deneen, as he left the court. "I don't believe I ever heard instructions more fair."

Ex-Judge Vincent was not so well pleased, however. Judge Tutthill refused to give a number of instructions for the defense which were virtually, it is said, an attack upon the police department. Ex-Judge Vincent considered them fair, and was deeply disappointed that they were refused, and said so.

For more than half an hour after the jury retired they did nothing but breathe freer and stretch their aching limbs.

At 6:30 o'clock dinner was served to them from a neighboring restaurant. Soon afterwards they began their deliberations in earnest.

INJUNCTION CASES

Being Argued in the Matter of Removal of Internal Revenue Officers. Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. MARTINSBURG, W. Va., Oct. 18.—Senator Faulkner argued all day to-day before Judge J. J. Jackson in the U. S. court here to show that Collector A. B. White had not the power to remove certain government officials at the Hannis distillery, except in accordance with the civil service act and the executive orders in promulgation thereof.

The officials are J. G. Ruckman, and W. Butler, storekeepers, and assistant storekeeper and gauger, H. C. Berry. They obtained a temporary injunction some weeks ago restraining Collector White from removing them or making other assignments, and the argument being made now is on a motion to perpetuate the injunction.

The defendant both demurs and answers to complaints bill and the questions raised involves the rights of the officials to the protection of the civil service law, the constitutionality of the law itself, and the jurisdiction of the court.

Counsel representing Collector White are ex-Commissioner of Internal Revenue Mason, and District Attorney Gaines.

The court room was crowded with people who were curious to hear the arguments.

Collector White has removed R. S. Eichelberger as deputy collector here, and has appointed E. C. Henshaw in his place.

OFF FOR NASHVILLE.

Governor Atkinson and Party will Celebrate "West Virginia Day." Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. CHARLESTON, W. Va., Oct. 18.—Governor Atkinson and party left to-day at noon for Nashville, where they will be present on West Virginia day. Those leaving were Governor Atkinson and Mrs. Atkinson and daughter, Miss Beer; Adjutant General J. W. Appleton and Mrs. Appleton; Lieutenant Douglass Settle, U. S. A., and Mrs. Settle; Secretary of State W. M. Dawson and son; Col. Joe McDermott, of Morgantown; Col. D. T. Castel, of the adjutant general's office; Col. J. L. Beury and Lieut. John Michaelson. General Malcolm Jackson and Surgeon General D. Mayer were both unable to accompany the party. The other members of the staff who will be unable to meet Governor Atkinson at Nashville, are Col. Davis, of Elkins, who is in a hospital in New York, football game; Col. G. W. Curtin, who is sick at his home, and Col. George A. Dunnington, of the Wheeling Intelligencer.

Governor Atkinson and party will be absent all week, during which time they will enjoy themselves at Nashville and other southern cities.

Charleston's Industrious Grand Jury. Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. CHARLESTON, W. Va., Oct. 18.—The grand jury called by Judge Guthrie adjourned on Saturday until Tuesday morning for the purpose of examining certain records. It has been diligently at work looking into the alleged crookedness of school trustees throughout the county, and it is said that several indictments will be returned. It is positively known that three councilmen have been indicted for bribery and conspiracy, and an ex-prosecuting attorney for collecting fees and not turning them in. There will be a general cleaning out in various departments.

Full of Years and Honors. Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. MORGANTOWN, W. Va., Oct. 18.—Ex-Senator Waltman T. Willey, West Virginia's grand old man, celebrated his eighty-sixth birthday at the home of his granddaughter, Mrs. J. W. Hartigan, who gave a dinner in his honor to-day. All of his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, excepting his son, Mr. Ray Willey, of Washington, and his grandson, Mr. Waltman T. Willey, Jr., who is attending school in Baltimore, were present. The venerable ex-senator is still able to walk about and attend to his business matters.

Shot in a Drunken Row. Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. PIEDMONT, W. Va., Oct. 18.—James Bissett, son of Mrs. Bissett, a widow, was shot at a festival in Bloomington, Md., one and a half miles west of Piedmont, between 10 and 11 o'clock Saturday night, in a drunken row.

The entire trouble was caused through drink. Bissett comes from a good family, his mother being highly respected. He is also his sister, Miss Annie, who is a popular young lady and teacher in the public schools.

Herbert Montgomery was arrested for the murder and has been lodged in jail at Oakland.

Recent Pensions.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—Pension certificates have been issued to West Virginia applicants as follows: Original—Robert S. Gardner, Clarke, W. Va.

Restoration and increase—Alpheus W. DeVal, Tanner.

Increase—Edward C. Shaver, Wheeling; Eli C. Bowie, Ellenboro.

A certificate has been issued also to Joseph N. Horn, Zoliarville, Washington county, Pennsylvania.

Notorious Prisoners.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—O. S. Long, of Charleston, W. Va., is here attending the supreme council of inspectors general of the thirty-third degree Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of the Masonic order, and the annual convention of the Royal Order of Scotland.

FIERCEST FIRES

Known For Years Raging in the Youghiogheey Region ENDANGERING MANY HOMES

And Destroying Hundreds of Fences and Barns—Game of all Kinds Being Driven Into Towns—Flames Increasing in Vigor in the Oil Region—Hundreds of Men out Fighting the Fires—Great Destruction of Lumber Near Austin, Pa. The Situation at Morgantown Making the People Apprehensive.

CONNELLSVILLE, Pa., Oct. 18.—All the upper Yough region is in a haze tonight, caused by the extensive mountain fires raging in hundreds of places. Across the Youghiogheey from Connelleville, Limestone hill is a lurid slope of fire, and south of the town the fiercest fires for many years are eating up the shrubbery, endangering homes and destroying hundreds of fences and barns. Game of all kinds is fleeing down into the valleys, where hunters to-day secured hundreds of squirrels and pheasants. Reports from Mill Run, Ohio Fyie and the Indian Head say the fires are worse there than in this vicinity.

BRADFORD, Pa., Oct. 18.—The forest fires on all sides of this city are raging with increasing vigor. It is estimated that 5,000 acres have been burned over in the vicinity of Rice Brook. At Chipmunk five oil rigs have been destroyed. They were the property of the Seneca oil company and the number included that company's big well struck last week. The reservation between Riverside and Chipmunk has been fire swept. Men are being sent from Bradford to all parts of the oil field to protect oil property. It is impossible to estimate the loss at this time.

WELLSVILLE, N. Y., Oct. 18.—The forest fires at Cobbin Hollow were prevented from going into Bartabrook by the work of fifty men, thus saving 5,000,000 feet of logs and many tons of bark. No camps were burned and the loss of property outside of the Goodyears is very small. Over 1,000 men were engaged in fighting the fire. There was no insurance on the logs and bark.

The forest fires at Nelson Run, near Austin, Pa., are now under control. Twenty million feet of hemlock and 25,000 cords of bark have been consumed, resulting in a loss to C. W. & F. H. Goodyear of \$200,000.

AUBURN, N. Y., Oct. 18.—The northern part of Cayuga county is ablaze with forest fires which have been raging for the past two days, and nearly all the timber in the vicinity of Red Creek, Lovville, Sterling and North Victory has been destroyed. Many farm houses, barns, hay stacks and animals have been burned. The farmers are fighting the flames night and day, but as there has been no rain in the vicinity since last July the parched condition of the ground and the muck in the swamps make their efforts almost futile.

DANGEROUS FOREST FIRES

Raging in the Vicinity of Morgantown. Country Club House in Danger. Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. MORGANTOWN, W. Va., Oct. 18.—Morgantown and the whole surrounding country is enveloped in smoke from two mountain fires which have been burning since yesterday morning. One of the fires up Decker's creek is under control, but the other one on the Cheat Mountain is making such headway as to cause serious alarm. Many acres of valuable timber have already been burned, and late this evening it is feared that the beautiful country club house, which was opened on Thursday night, will be destroyed.

NEW YORK MAYORALTY.

Dozens of Meetings Held Last Night. Gen. Tracy's Position. NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—Dozens of meetings were held to-night in the boroughs making up the new city of New York. General Tracy, the Republican candidate for mayor, was the principal speaker at the Clermont avenue rink, Brooklyn, to-night. He dwelt on the interest and import of the campaign, than which none greater has ever come before the people of this country.

"I," said General Tracy, "I thought it necessary to antagonize the party in order to secure good government. I would sooner thrust my hand in a burning flame than proclaim myself a Republican."

There was a large and very enthusiastic crowd at a Henry George meeting, which was held at the Lexington Avenue Opera House, Mr. George made a speech introducing ex-Postmaster Dayton, who was cheered. After stating that he stood on the principles of Thomas Jefferson, Mr. George said that he had asked no allegiance from Mr. Dayton. They were both opposed to one man rule, and thought that the reign of the earl of New York was over.

Mr. Dayton made a long address, attacking Tammany Hall and "Crokerism." Mayor Strong spoke to-night at a 30th Low mass meeting in the Murray Hill Lyceum.

Won't Play in Tammany's Back Yard

CHICAGO, Oct. 18.—Mayor Harrison may not go to New York, October 28, to speak in the interests of Judge Van Wyok, in accordance with his agreement with Richard Croker. Many of the mayor's advisers believe it would be unwise for a political point of view for him to go to New York and mix up in the four-cornered mayoralty fight now in progress there, and have urged him not to play in Tammany's back yard at the present time. The mayor has not decided just what he will do in the matter, but it is considered highly probable that he may decline the invitation to go east. A committee from the Cook county marching club called on the mayor to-day and offered to escort him on his contemplated journey east, 150 of the famous silk hat brigade having signified their intentions of going.

A Doubt's Tragedy.

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., Oct. 18.—Miss Mary Rosenbaum, who was shot last Thursday night by Mrs. Lizette Harding, died from the effects of her wound last night. Her mother, Mrs. August Rosenbaum, died a few minutes before from excitement and grief. The Harding woman is in jail. She shot Miss Rosenbaum during a controversy in which Mrs. Harding, which is very in which Mrs. Harding, who is charged by Miss Rosenbaum with an attachment for the latter's brother,

A PHILADELPHIA MAN

Makes Propositions for the Cremating of the City's Garbage—To do Away with the Crematory.

The council committee on health last night listened to propositions advanced on the cremating of the city's garbage by Mr. A. Golden, of Philadelphia, who recently "dickered" with the city for the purchase of the crematory ashes.

Last night he stated his intention of erecting a plant outside of the city limits, the purpose of the plant being to consume all the rubbish from far and near. The plant will cost about \$30,000, and it will be used to cremate the garbage and offal by the patent reduction process, which through the use of chemicals reduces the stuff consumed to a fertilizer. The plant may be located in the old paper mill at Eutaw.

Mr. Golden's proposition to the committee was that for cremating the stuff now burned by the city he should receive as compensation a sum equal to the actual expenses of operating the crematory. Also, that the city garbage collectors should haul the stuff to his plant.

The members of the committee listened attentively to Mr. Golden's proposition. They questioned their right to close a deal with Mr. Golden, as it would conflict with the contract with Collector Becker, and also with the duties of Superintendent Brooks. It was argued that Becker might prefer hauling the stuff to Eutaw to up on the hill as at present, and Mr. Golden agreed to give Brooks and his assistant, Dick, employment. The committee couldn't see where any great profit would result to the city by accepting the proposition, unless the saving of repairs or the erection of a new crematory. Otherwise the expenses would be the same.

Mr. Golden then made another proposition. He agreed to collect and cremate all the city's garbage for twenty-five cents per capita of the city's population. This would mean that he would get about \$9,000 a year, saying that Wheeling has 36,000 inhabitants. At present the city pays annually nearly \$8,000 to Collector Becker for gathering garbage. Then there is the additional expense in the operation of the crematory.

Both propositions were considered informally, and after a motion to the effect had been passed, Chairman List appointed a sub-committee to confer with City Solicitor Nesbitt as to the legality of a contract made under those conditions. Changes in existing ordinances would be necessitated. The sub-committee consists of Messrs. Bucey, Williams and McKelvey. Mr. Golden will meet with this committee, which meets again this evening.

While there was a tendency to consider favorably the propositions, it is generally believed that better terms can be secured in the city's behalf. It is thought that Mr. Golden may agree to burn the city's garbage free of charge if it is hauled to him. As Mr. Becker's contract expires next May Golden will probably be in the market for it then. He intends buying the crematory ashes at forty cents per load as agreed.

SHOCKING DEATH

Of a North End Child—Playing With Matches and Her Dress Ignited. Little Mary Ritter, the three-year-old daughter of Frank Ritter, the North End barber, met with a tragic death at the family residence yesterday. About 9:30 o'clock in the morning her clothes became ignited from some matches she was striking, while playing with her little brother in an upstairs room, and in a few minutes she was enveloped in a mass of flames. Her injuries were terrible, and death eased her from suffering late in the afternoon.

The child's cries aroused her father, and he rushed up stairs, and though he extinguished the flames as quickly as possible, his aid was too late. Drs. Baird and Birney were soon on the scene and they did all possible to relieve her. Fortunately she remained unconscious after the accident until she died. The principal burns were about her face, neck and shoulders. The afflicted parents have the sympathy of the community.

THE BELLAIRE STRIKE.

Company will not bring in Outside Workers During Strike. There were no developments in the strike at the Bellaire steel works yesterday, but the hope is generally expressed that there will be an amicable settlement soon. Mr. Bishop, of the Ohio board of arbitration, is in Bellaire investigating the strike.

A Charge of Forgery.

A man who gave his name as R. R. Simpson, and claiming to be a Sistersville pipe line contractor, was arrested on suspicion of attempting to utter forged checks. He tried to pass one for a small amount on Squire Fitzpatrick, but the latter starting off for the police station, aroused Simpson's suspicions, and he suddenly made himself scarce. Squire Fitzpatrick followed him and the arrest came next. Several checks were found on Simpson. He said that he has money in the Bank of Wheeling, but Mr. Gibson Lamb, president of the bank, stated last night that he knew nothing of the man.

Hurting the Repairs.

If the repairs now being made are completed in time the Top mill blast furnace will resume Monday, after an idleness of over two years. The necessary repairs are being shoved through in great haste. Eight additional bricklayers and an increased force of laborers will be put on this morning. The extremely northern part of the city is eagerly anticipating the furnace's resumption.

MEETING OF ARCHBISHOPS

Of the Catholic Church—To Start a Daily Newspaper. WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—The annual meeting of the Catholic archbishops of America will be held here on Wednesday next, the first day being given to the affairs of the Catholic University, and the next to the general affairs of the church. Among the subjects to be considered are the revision of the catechism, the establishment of a Catholic daily newspaper, the education of Indian children and a number of questions affecting the various local archdioceses.

All of the archbishops are expected to be here with the exception of Archbishop Kain, who is at present at Rome. Archbishop Keane will attend for the first time since he assumed his duties at Rome and on the day following the close of the meeting will sail for Rome. As an incident of the meeting Dr. Conroy, rector of the university, is to be vested with the title and dignity of monsignor, which honor lately has been conferred upon him by the Pope.

SERIOUS TROUBLE

Is Anticipated with the Miners of the Kanawha Valley. NEARLY FOUR HUNDRED SUITS

For the Eviction of Miners From the Company Houses Have Been Prepared, and as soon as the Evictions Begin They Will be Stubbornly Resisted—Three Hundred Strikers With Brass Bands Marched Past Mines to Force Men Out, But Found None at Work—Bitter Feeling Against Operators.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Oct. 18.—Serious trouble is anticipated with the coal miners in the Kanawha Valley within the next three or four days. Papers were prepared here to-day in nearly four hundred suits for the eviction of miners from company houses, and as soon as these cases can be tried and evictions begun, trouble will be about the last of the week, which is looked for.

An attempt was made to-day to begin work at several of the mines, but the men were afraid to go to work. The strikers met at Montgomery this morning and formed a procession of 300 with two brass bands, and marched along the river front to Mt. Carbon, passing a number of mines where they expected to force out men whom they might find at work. They found no one at work, however, and returned. The strikers are growing very bitter toward the operators, and they seem to be determined to cause trouble.

FIRE SCOURGED WINDSOR.

Only a Few Buildings Left Standing. Two Persons Burned to Death. WINDSOR, N. S., Oct. 18.—The complete extent of the disaster to the town of Windsor was not fully disclosed until this morning. In all the fire swept districts only the court house, customs house and Mounce's hotel stand intact. The vaults of the Commercial bank, the Halifax banking company and the postoffice have stood the severe fire test. The People's bank vault has not fared so well. The door is somewhat warped and it is feared that papers and valuables have been destroyed.

The bitter cold wind which blew all day yesterday prevails and unless clothing is speedily brought into the town much suffering will result. Most of the people burned out escaped with little wearing apparel.

Conservative estimates place the insurance at \$62,000, not more than 30 per cent of the loss. This morning about a hundred of visitors to the town to view the fire stricken ruins and to assist relatives and friends. A carload of provisions and clothing arrived by an early train this morning from Halifax. The town of Truro also sent a load of provisions and clothing. It was thought yesterday that no lives had been lost but this morning the blackened and charred skeletons of two persons were found near the ruins of a house on St. Ann street. Further investigation proved them to be the remains of Patrick Kelley and wife, an aged couple.

ONE HUNDRED DEATHS

From Yellow Fever at New Orleans Out of 900 Cases to Date. NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 18.—Before 7 o'clock this evening the one hundred mark of deaths during the present period of yellow fever prevalence had been reached. When the board of health closed its books for the last 24 hours there had been ninety-three fatal cases. Between last night and nightfall to-day seven deaths were reported. This century of deaths has occurred among the 900 cases that have been reported to the board since early in September, when the first case made its appearance in New Orleans. As usual, however, to-day's record has been swelled by the terrible criminal neglect of the poorer classes.

The record to-day was by no means reassuring. Early this evening the new cases exceeded thirty, and the deaths reached seven.

MOBILE, Ala., Oct. 18.—Six cases and one death is the yellow fever report for the past twenty-four hours. The death is that of Nellie McKnight. Total cases to date, 170; deaths, 22; recoveries, 106; under treatment, 40.

Lutheran General Council.

ERIE, Pa., Oct. 18.—The general council of the Evangelical Lutheran church in this morning's session, received reports from the German Home Mission and the Swedish Mission. The scarcity of finances have limited the operating of both boards. The German Home Mission has supported five missionary stations, with 5,500 baptized persons. The work has been in Kentucky, Utah and very largely in the Canadian northwest. The different conferences in the Augustana synod support 300 mission stations. Rev. H. D. Baugher, D.D., official visitor to the general synod and Rev. L. G. M. Muller, of Roanoke, Va., brought fraternal greetings.

Charleston's New Street Car Service.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. CHARLESTON, W. Va., Oct. 18.—The Charleston street car line, which was purchased some time ago by Cleveland parties for \$23,000, will be put in good condition, at once. Heavy rails will be laid and new cars of the latest pattern have been purchased. The track will be extended two miles below the city and the same distance above.

B. & O. September Earnings.

BALTIMORE, Md., Oct. 18.—The estimated gross earnings of the Baltimore & Ohio for September, 1897, as compared with September, 1896, when the Harrisonburg branch, now cut off, was a part of the system, were \$2,319,065, an increase of \$26,134. The Harrisonburg branch in September, 1896, earned \$15,282.53, making a legitimate increase for September, 1897, of \$41,416.53.

Editor Dana's Funeral.

NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—The funeral of Charles A. Dana will take place at Donors, his late home, on Wednesday next. The service will be read in St. Paul's Episcopal church in Glencove, L. I., and the interment will take place at the cemetery adjoining that church.

Weather Forecast for To-Day.

For West Virginia, fair and slightly warmer; southeasterly winds. For Western Pennsylvania and Ohio, fair; Tuesday, slightly warmer; light to fresh southeasterly winds. Local Temperature. The temperature yesterday as observed by C. Schmitt, druggist, corner Fourteenth and Market streets, was as follows: 7 a. m. 61; 8 a. m. 62; 9 a. m. 63; 10 a. m. 64; 11 a. m. 65; 12 m. 65; 1 p. m. 65; 2 p. m. 65; 3 p. m. 65; 4 p. m. 65; 5 p. m. 65; 6 p. m. 65; 7 p. m. 65; 8 p. m. 65; 9 p. m. 65; 10 p. m. 65; 11 p. m. 65; Weather—Clear.