

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD

THE ONLY LINE

Atlantic City

Without Change of Cars, Via Delaware Bridge Route.

\$2 Round Trip. \$2 Saturday, September 11, Sunday, September 12.

FIRST-CLASS EQUIPMENT. FAST EXPRESS SERVICE. THROUGH CARS. NO STREET CAR TRANSFERS. NO FERRIES. Tickets Good on all Regular Trains Returning.

Special Trains will leave Sixth-street Station at 4:00 and 10:30 p. m. Saturday and 7:00 a. m. Sunday, and tickets valid for return passage on all trains until September 13, inclusive, including special trains leaving Atlantic City at 6:00 p. m. on either Sunday or Monday.

TO Philadelphia

\$2 Round Trip. \$2 SUNDAY, September 12.

Tickets good going only on trains leaving Sixth-street Station 7:00, 8:00, 9:00 and 11:00 a. m., and returning on special leaving Philadelphia 7:00 p. m., and all regular trains date of issue.

\$1 To BALTIMORE \$1 And Return

All Trains Sunday, September 12, Via Pennsylvania Railroad.

SPLENDID FALL GOODS

Great Double Store and Annex Crowded.

VAST CROWDS VISIT DAILY

This Great Exhibition of the Newest of Fall Furniture is Very Attractive to the Public—The Great Providers Talk About the Fall Trade Prospect.

After being shown through the great double store and annex a lady and gentleman expressed themselves greatly pleased with their visit, and left a handsome order to boot. "Your store is so neat and well arranged," said the lady to Mr. Mayer, who had attended them, "that one feels compelled to purchase, and your clerks show such unusual civility."

CONTRACT WITH BRAZIL

Foreign Syndicate to Obtain Control of Her Railroads.

Paris, Sept. 9.—Le Paris, a newspaper, reports that a provisional contract has been entered into by the Brazilian government on the one hand and the Rothschild Brothers, the Discount Bank of Berlin and the Compagnie d'Escompte de Paris on the other with reference to forming over the Brazilian railways.

A company to take over the administration of the railways will be constituted with a capital of 200,000,000 francs, of which one-half will be reserved for an English financial group, and one-quarter each for the French and German members.

According to the conditions of the loan which the company will make in return for the handing over of the railways, the Brazilian government will leave in Europe the sum required for the service of the debt for two years. Numerous securities will be suppressed and existing abuses in the railway administration will be reformed.

\$2.00 to Philadelphia and Return via Pennsylvania Railroad, the best equipped railroad in America. Grand excursion next Sunday. \$2.00 to Philadelphia and Return via Pennsylvania Railroad, the best equipped railroad in America. Grand excursion next Sunday.

12-inch boards \$1 per 100 Ft. Frank Libbey & Co., 6th and N. Y. ave.

LAUREL'S GREAT MYSTERY

Doctors Disagree as to Whether Corpse Is Man or Woman.

IS IT SUICIDE OR MURDER?

If the Remains Prove to Be Those of a Woman, Murder Was Committed, but if, as Is Said, the Bones Are Those of a Man, It Is Suicide—Will Be Known Today.

The Laurel mystery grew more dense last night than it has been since Tuesday, but it is the darkness that precedes the dawn.

It is extremely probable that within a few hours the question will be disposed of as to whose body it was that was found in the woods and how it came to be there.

The case has changed color during the last twenty-four hours. Mark A. G. Clift, a Norfolk drug clerk, is involved, or was involved in the mystery, and just what part he played will probably soon be settled.

The skeleton was found last Sunday. There were no clothes and no clues. Prof. Knowlton said that on Sunday, August 8, he saw a naked man sitting in the woods directly where the naked skeleton was found one month later.

The natural inference was that the man had taken his life. The skeleton was exposed to view and every physician in Laurel declared that the skeleton was not that of a man but of a woman.

On top of this Fred Duvall testified that on Saturday, August 7, he saw a man and woman in the woods near where the body was found. He described the pair. Merchants Shaffer and Green and Farrell testified that they saw this couple at Laurel on Friday, August 6.

They were seen to walk along the railroad track in the direction of the fatal woods. All the witnesses described the man as being large and the woman as being small. The skeleton is that of a small person. This required that the suicide theory be abandoned, and that the murder theory should be worked out.

Raker testified to having seen this man and talked in German with him on Monday, August 9, and Mr. Hahn, at Hellsville, testified that she saw the man described as he was walking to Washington on Monday evening, August 9.

The woman was not seen with the man, so far as the most diligent work by reporters could discover. Two of them, August 8, at which time Prof. Knowlton saw the naked man seated in the brush and saw, apparently washing himself. No view to the identity of the woman has been discovered.

If the Laurel doctors are right in their emphatic statements that it is the skeleton of a woman, then it may be that that woman was Mrs. Mark A. G. Clift. But the weight of testimony when the reporters ceased work last night was that the Laurel doctors were wrong and that the skeleton of that of Mark A. G. Clift, a Norfolk drug clerk, and that Clift took his life on the spot where the skeleton was found.

That a big man and a little woman were in that place of woods on the day before Clift killed himself there and that the woman was not seen after is a strange complication. Clift was a married man and could not have been a woman masquerading in man's clothing, and if Clift was a man it is strongly probable, despite the opinion of the doctor at Laurel that Clift's skeleton is the skeleton of a man.

The reporters who have been assigned to this case by their papers divided into two parties yesterday to facilitate the solution of the mystery. Two of them assumed to cover the road from Laurel to the Relay House, as it was over this road that the strange man and woman were seen on Saturday, August 7, in Kellogg's woods had come into Laurel.

Two other reporters undertook to search the fields and woods adjacent to the spot where the skeleton was found. The work of these reporters produced sensational results. The theory was that the clothes worn in life by the body lacking identification must be not far from the death spot in the woods. It was believed that the murderer would not carry a bundle of bloody clothing very far from the place where the crime was committed.

A dozen boys were employed to aid in the search. As the party left Millstone's Hill, tramped along the main street and down the railroad track other boys and youths joined in the procession till the number of the searching party was swelled to twenty or twenty-five.

The party made its way to the spot where the body was found. As has been already told in The Times the body was found about ten feet south of an old fence that runs nearly east and west through the woods. North of the fence is a swampy, dark, slimy mud is nearly knee deep and the tangle of wild grapevines, ferns as high as the shoulder of a man, together with fallen logs and bushes, presented a discouraging aspect. The searching party lined up long this fence, each man keeping about six feet from his neighbor.

The party went into that swamp and through it, coming out at the north side. No view was found. The next point of attack was the board-walk, which runs through the weed-grown subdivision of South Laurel, close along the southwest edge of Kellogg's woods. It was thought that it might occur to the murderer to hide the bloody clothing under the decaying planks. The exploration was without favorable result.

About a quarter of a mile still farther toward the southwest is an old graveyard. Between Kellogg's woods and this high in blackberry vines, cleared rod and weeds. The graveyard was thinned as half a century ago, and is known as Clark's burying ground. It has grown up into a jungle. Young locust trees, studded with thorns, brambles and briars make it difficult to enter. As the searchers beat their way into this place, one of the boys shouted, "Here they are."

On the ground, directly over an old grave, and roofed in by trash and briars

Continued on Second Page

\$2.00 Washington to Philadelphia and return via Pennsylvania Railroad, the best equipped railroad in America. Grand excursion next Sunday. \$2.00 to Philadelphia and Return via Pennsylvania Railroad, the best equipped railroad in America. Grand excursion next Sunday.

Only One All-Rail Route to Atlantic City. Only one Pennsylvania Railroad. Best equipped railway in the world. Grand excursion to Atlantic City next Saturday and Sunday. \$2.00 to Philadelphia and Return via Pennsylvania Railroad, the best equipped railroad in America. Grand excursion next Sunday.

12-inch boards \$1 per 100 Ft. Frank Libbey & Co., 6th and N. Y. ave.

THIS HEAT.



Go forth and shine—elsewhere.

AUTOPSY REMOVES DOUBTS

No Question of Yellow Fever's Presence at Ocean Springs.

ONE DEATH, FOUR NEW CASES

Similarity of Dengue to the Dreaded Malady—Doctors Puzzled Over the Sick, but Certain as to the Dead—A Number of Suspicious Cases at New Orleans.

New Orleans, Sept. 9.—Dr. Gutters, the Government expert, today declared the fever at Ocean Springs, Miss., to be yellow fever. The local physicians in Ocean Springs declared it was not yellow fever, but a public mass meeting denounced the diagnosis. In Bloxi the Mississippi health authorities were denigrated for calling it yellow fever. In Scranton, there were similar denials from the local physicians, who pronounced the malady bilious malaria fever. Some of the visiting physicians were also in doubt.

Dr. Gutters himself was non-committal on the first day of his stay. His declaration today sets at rest the fact that yellow fever prevails on the Mississippi coast, but dengue and malarial fevers exist to such an extent as to confuse the physicians.

Crandal Seymour, who was one of the sick at Ocean Springs, died early this morning. An autopsy was at once held, at which Dr. Gutters, representing the United States Marine Hospital Service, Dr. R. H. Carter, of the Chicago Marine Hospital; Dr. Wardin, of the same service, and three other physicians, were present. They agreed unanimously that Seymour had died of yellow fever.

It is one of the marked features of the Ocean Springs fever that while the patient is alive it is difficult to determine absolutely what the malady is, while an autopsy reveals the presence of yellow fever beyond question. The doctors here were puzzled over the sick but certain as to the dead.

Dr. Gutters visited twenty-eight persons yesterday in Ocean Springs. He declared twenty-five to be sick of yellow fever beyond question. The other three, but convinced as to the cause of the death of young Seymour the moment he viewed the body.

Today Dr. Gutters pronounced the case of Ernest Beauger, sick at Ocean Springs since the beginning of the fever, to be dengue, most of which were undoubtedly dengue.

The detention camp will be in operation in a few days. There are fifty people prepared to go in and remain the necessary time which will enable them to pass the quarantine lines. The quarantine guard is thorough and complete, there being twenty-five posts around the town.

One case of fever is reported from Bloxi. At Moss Point, near Scranton, the large part of the population became frightened today over the report from Scranton, and left town and moved farther up in Jackson county.

About 300 are camping out in the woods. At Ocean Springs, some lumbermen who carried physicians to the town have been caught between the two towns of Ocean Springs and Bloxi, and can neither enter nor go to any other place, and are encamped on an island.

TWELVE SUSPICIOUS CASES.

The Disease Appears to Have Taken Root in New Orleans.

New Orleans, Sept. 9.—The Louisiana State board of health announced tonight that twelve suspicious cases of fever exist on St. Cloud street, in the lower district of New Orleans. The cases were reported to the board yesterday and were examined by two experts, who thought that

\$2.00 Atlantic City and Return Via R. & O. Special trains Saturday and Sunday next. Royal Blue Line, best and quickest service. \$2.00 to Philadelphia and Return via Pennsylvania Railroad, the best equipped railroad in America. Grand excursion next Sunday.

The Pennsylvania Railroad. Runs the only through trains to Atlantic City. A \$2,000,000 bridge to connect the link. Great excursion Saturday and Sunday next. Best equipment. \$2.00 to Philadelphia and Return via Pennsylvania Railroad, the best equipped railroad in America. Grand excursion next Sunday.

12-inch boards \$1 per 100 Ft. Frank Libbey & Co., 6th and N. Y. ave.

A MAJORITY AGAINST IT

Miners' Convention Will Probably Not Ratify Compromise.

THE OBSTACLES IN THE WAY

Indiana, Illinois and West Virginia Insist That the Rate for These States Must Be Fixed—Unless This Is Done Rejection of the Proposition Is Almost Certain.

A BURGLAR'S BLOODY DEED

James C. Pitts Killed in His House-keeper Fatally Injured.

The Assassin Frightened Off Before He Could Add Robbery to His Crime.

Summit, N. J., Sept. 9.—James C. Pitts, an aged and life-long resident of this village, was brutally murdered at his house at 8:30 o'clock tonight. His colored housekeeper, Mary Davis, was almost killed by the same assassin, and now lies at the point of death, with her skull fractured in several places.

About 9 o'clock tonight the family of Allen G. Woodruff, who live a short distance from Pitts' house, were startled by the appearance of the old negro, who burst into their kitchen with blood streaming over her face and clothes. She was able only to exclaim, "Mr. Pitts, Mr. Pitts," and then sank unconscious to the floor.

They found Pitts lying in the center of the kitchen floor in a pool of blood. His face was turned toward the ceiling, and a jagged wound, from which the blood was still flowing, stretched across his forehead from the right eyebrow. The man lifted the old man and laid him on a sofa in the kitchen. His body was warm, but life was apparently extinct.

While Woodruff rode to the village Delaney and Ballentine made an examination of the premises. They found everything in order and concluded that the assassin had been frightened off before he could add robbery to his crime, as was evidently his intention. When Woodruff returned with a physician the latter pronounced Pitts dead.

Mary Davis, who, despite her eighty years, is still a vigorous woman, was able to tell the police the facts when they arrived. She was sleeping on the sofa in the kitchen while Pitts was reading a newspaper near the door. She was awakened by the noise of the old man falling to the floor when he was struck by the murderer. She rose to her feet and screamed, and as she did so the man, who wore a black mask, rushed upon her and struck her two stunning blows on the head. She succeeded in getting into the next room and locking the door behind her before she could be followed. It took all her remaining strength to carry her to Woodruff's house, about 300 yards away.

On the murdered man was found \$24 and a gold watch. A trail of blood leading from the kitchen to the front door showed how Mrs. Davis had made her escape. The search was continued through the garden and the terrace, but no further evidence of the assassin was seen.

Soon after the news of the murder spread through the village scores of men afoot and on wheels and horses hurried to the Pitts residence. Many of them carried weapons, and if the murderer is caught before daylight it will go ill with him.

\$3 Most Popular Saturday Trip \$3 is that to Fort Monroe, Norfolk, Virginia Beach, Ocean View, Norfolk, Norfolk and Washington steamers. Secure state rooms early and avoid disappointment. Tickets, \$3, good to return Sunday night. It

Good Wheels at Auction. 100 Wilhelm Bicycles will be sold at Sloan's, 1407 G st. today, at 12 m. and 4 p. m. Guaranteed by makers for six months. \$2.00 to Philadelphia and Return via Pennsylvania Railroad, the best equipped railroad in America. Grand excursion next Sunday.

Unusual opportunity to visit America's greatest seaside resort. \$2.00 round trip. Via Pennsylvania Railroad, Saturday and Sunday. \$2.00 to Philadelphia and Return via Pennsylvania Railroad, the best equipped railroad in America. Grand excursion next Sunday.

Comedy at Congress Heights tonight free. The crowds continue to increase. \$2.00 to Philadelphia and Return via Pennsylvania Railroad, the best equipped railroad in America. Grand excursion next Sunday.

Lacy's pure food cream, none better, 90c per gallon. 601-603 N. Y. ave. 12-inch boards \$1 per 100 Ft. Frank Libbey & Co., 6th and N. Y. ave.

12-inch boards \$1 per 100 Ft. Frank Libbey & Co., 6th and N. Y. ave.

CUBANS' GREAT VICTORY

Spanish Battalion Routed and a Town Captured.

BATTLE FOUGHT IN A RAIN

Spanish Soldiers Retreated in Disorder, Throwing Their Accoutrements Away—News Causes a Sensation in Havana—Landing of Cardenas' Expedition Confirmed.

Havana, via Key West, Sept. 9.—There is no question now about the fact that the whole province of Santiago de Cuba is controlled by the insurgents under Gen. Calixto Garcia and Gen. Jesus Rabi, the Spanish troops being hemmed in in the capital and Manzanilla.

At Platano, near the town of Victoria de las Tunas, in that province, the Spanish battalion under Cordoba has been utterly routed by the Cubans under Gen. Perceño Perez, acting under instructions from Gen. Garcia. The battle was fought in a heavy rain, in spite of which it lasted several hours.

The victory of the Cubans was so complete that they captured the flag of the battalion, a large train conveyed by the Spaniards and nearly all the arms and ammunition of the battalion. The Spanish soldiers fled in disorder, throwing on the field their guns, hats, blankets and ammunition. The news of this battle and of the general failure to hold the province of Santiago de Cuba has caused a great sensation in Havana. Gen. Weyler cabled at length this morning to Madrid about the situation. The last news from the Orient, as well as what is happening in Cuba among the capitalists, has increased the captain-general's unpopularity.

The news sent to The Times last week of the landing in the province of Havana of Gen. Rafael de Cardenas' big expedition from the United States is now fully confirmed and is not denied at the palace of the captain-general. The expedition carried an unusually large supply of dynamite. The Spaniards, who, until a few days ago, supported Weyler's policy most enthusiastically, now say that he is running Spain and losing Cuba, and that in spite of all his boasted reports the insurgents are stronger than the Spaniards in the provinces said by him to be pacified.

In the city of Havana there has been no great for two days. The population threatened with starvation, protest against the conduct of Weyler and his agents, who have seized in the last few weeks all the cattle in the neighborhood to provision the troops.

The shots of the insurgents around Havana are heard every day, and are as before Weyler took the field two weeks ago. The body of Eriza, the young man assassinated at the prison of El Cerro, in Havana, by orders of Weyler, was found yesterday with eleven revolver wounds in the back. It is said that Eriza's father is an American citizen, and that he will file a claim against the Spanish government. The report is being circulated also that another man, murdered with Eriza, is a near relative of the Italian consul in this city.

From Santa Clara province reports come of daily engagements. An insurgent camp at Julias, in that province, was attacked by the Spanish battalion of Berbon. After a fierce fight the Spaniards had to retreat with heavy losses, giving up the place.

But two hours afterward they returned with heavy re-enforcements and a desperate battle was fought, in which they re-took their former position, and drove away the Spaniards with a loss of 150 men. One hundred insurgents perished in the two engagements. When at last the Spaniards retreated, they left on the field their dead and wounded. The latter were cared for by the Cubans and the dead buried.

AN OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION.

Capture of Victoria de las Tunas Admitted at Madrid.

Madrid, Sept. 9.—Official dispatches from Havana confirm the report that Calixto Garcia and Jesus Rabi, two of the insurgent generals, have captured the town of Victoria de las Tunas. The Spanish garrison, consisting of 300 troops, were all taken prisoners. Subsequently eighty-seven of the Spaniards were exchanged for an equal number of Cuban prisoners.

New York, Sept. 9.—The town of Victoria de las Tunas has been famous since the war of 1888 to 1878. In 1878 it was taken by the insurgents under Gen. Vicente Garcia. At the beginning of the present revolution it was strongly fortified by the Spaniards, its garrison numbering at least 2,000 men.

SOBRAL THE SPANISH SPY.

He Is a Naval Attaché at the Legation Here.

Charleston, S. C., Sept. 9.—From private information obtained today by Captain Abbott, who is in charge of the government works in Charleston, it is learned that Lieut. Sobral, a naval attaché of the Spanish legation in Washington, was the agent who made the recent secret investigation of the coast defenses.

Captain Abbott forwarded Sobral's name to the War Department tonight, and unless Sobral can prove that the investigation was conducted openly and not in a secret manner, a demand will be made for his recall from this country. The officials here say they have sufficient evidence against the attaché. He is said to have taken a boat over to Sullivan's Island, where he peeped in on the fortifications unobserved.

It is said that Sobral will now have to prove that he did not sneak in on the forts and that he did not go to Fort Sumter and register in the visitors' book under an assumed name.

Soldiers Must Keep Out of Politics.

Madrid, Sept. 9.—The government has issued an order forbidding all soldiers to make political speeches.

\$1.00 Washington to Baltimore and return, via Pennsylvania Railroad, on Sunday next. Tickets good on all trains September 12. \$2.00 to Philadelphia and Return via Pennsylvania Railroad, the best equipped railroad in America. Grand excursion next Sunday.

The \$2.00 Excursion to Philadelphia on Sunday next via Pennsylvania Railroad affords an unusual opportunity to visit the Quaker City. \$2.00 to Philadelphia and Return via Pennsylvania Railroad, the best equipped railroad in America. Grand excursion next Sunday.

12-inch boards \$1 per 100 Ft. Frank Libbey & Co., 6th and N. Y. ave.

12-inch boards \$1 per 100 Ft. Frank Libbey & Co., 6th and N. Y. ave.