

RIVERS DRYING UP.

Pennsylvania and New Jersey Suffering From a Severe Drought.

Late Crops About Destroyed and Factories Forced to Close Down.

Water for Stock and Domestic Use Carried for Long Distances.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 7.—Reports received from different parts of Eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey indicate that the country is suffering from a drought of large proportions. In some places there is almost a famine on account of lack of water. The farmers are complaining of lateness of crops and in numerous instances are compelled to carry water a distance of miles for the cattle. But little rain has fallen since July 1. In Berks county the streams are lower than they have been in 25 years and the Schuylkill can be crossed dry shod. Villages are required to carry water for domestic uses two and three miles. In Williamsport the drought is without an equal in severity and duration. The rivers in Montoursville have given out and a

Famine Threatens the Place.

Heavy losses are reported from all sections of Northampton county. The Delaware, Lehigh and Bushkill rivers are lower than they have been in 35 years. Along the latter all mills operated by water power have shut down. In Hollidaysburg General Superintendent F. L. Sheppard of the Pennsylvania Railroad company petitioned the city council for a water supply for the car shops, the locomotive works and the 5,000 employees of the company. At Altoona, where the water famine has now assumed the most serious aspects, the probable closing of these works during the drought necessitated the petition. The council decided to send 11 train loads, consisting of 400,000 gallons, daily to Pittsburg. Altoona is now the only town in Central Pennsylvania where a superabundant supply of water exists.

CHURCHES ARE CROWDED.

Armenians Still Taking Refuge in Them at Constantinople.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Oct. 7.—The Armenian church at Constantinople and the other churches situated in different parts of the Turkish capital are still crowded with refugees. There are nearly 500 Armenians in the Patriarchate church alone. The scenes in the churches are heartrending in the extreme. Many women and children are bewailing the loss of their husbands and fathers.

The Armenians declare that the Turkish mob committed the most terrible excesses in the Karaghionkuk quarter of Constantinople during the night of Monday last, the date when the rioting first broke out.

According to the Armenians, about 200 persons have been killed during the rioting.

WAS A NOTED AUTHOR.

Professor Boyesan Dies Suddenly at New York.

NEW YORK, Oct. 7.—Professor Hjadmar Ujorth Boyesan of Columbia college, the noted Norwegian author, died during the morning of rheumatism of the heart after an illness of two days.

Professor Boyesan was born in Norway in 1848. He graduated from the university of Christiania in 1863. When he came to this country in 1860, he went to Chicago, where he became editor of the Scandinavian paper, Fremad. Five years after coming to America he published his first novel, "Gunnar," which was an immediate success. Among the writings of Professor Boyesan were, "The Story of Norway," "Lives of Goethe and Schiller," "Tales of Two Hemispheres," "The Mammon of Unrighteousness," etc.

First Verdict of the Kind.

HUDSON, Wis., Oct. 7.—In the case of the state of Wisconsin against Justin Shinner and Packey Shinner for larceny of timber, the jury brought in a verdict of guilty. This breaks the record, as never before in the history of the county has a jury convicted any parties on that charge. Sentence was deferred until Oct. 10.

Lay Dead for a Week.

REDWOOD FALLS, Minn., Oct. 7.—Valentine Best, an old man of 80, was found dead in a barn on the fair grounds during the day. The body was badly decomposed and had probably been there a week. The cause of the death is unknown. He was one of Redwood county's oldest residents.

Champion Shot Putter Killed.

MILWAUKEE, Oct. 7.—Special to The Wisconsin from Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., says: John D. McPherson, the champion shot putter of the world, fell 46 feet from one of the new lock gates to the lock floor and was fatally injured.

WEEKLY NEWS SUMMARY

Important Events Far and Near Briefly Reported.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

The rolls show an increase of pensioners during the last year. Treasury receipts for September exceeded expenditures.

John Bull has been told to name his position toward the Venezuelan controversy.

The treasury deficit for July and August compared to the year before was \$26,000,000.

A scheme for compelling full prepayment of postage on letters is to be tried at Washington.

Diplomatic Washington is talking about the supplanting of British influence in China by Russia.

Ambassador Pauncefote is to come back from England to pick a quarrel about the Behring sea seals.

Minister Denby states that the Cheng-Tu investigation is progressing nicely; that of Ku-Cheng is not faring so well.

Secretary Morton has decided to fire all special agents of the agricultural department doing work in Europe.

Secretary Carlisle and other treasury officials hold differently regarding payment of Minister Ransom's salary.

General Schofield has been placed on the retired list. General Miles will succeed him as commander of the army.

Attorney General Harmon has ordered District Attorney Black of Chicago to investigate the alleged beef combine.

An order, now that it has got cool, has been issued from the post office department, permitting letter carriers to wear straw hats.

The comptroller of the currency has issued a special call for a statement of the amount of taxes of all kinds paid by national banks during the past fiscal year.

The department of justice has again taken up the Jackson Hole Indian murders, and will prosecute the whites who incited the Bannock Indians to make trouble.

Monthly statement of director of mint shows coinage for September as follows: Gold \$7,548,562; silver \$478,160; minor coins \$81,414. Total coinage \$8,078,658.

The Asiatic squadron, which has been concentrated at Che Foo has dispersed. The flagship Baltimore has gone to Nagasaki; the Yorktown to Chemulpo, and the Concord to Shanghai.

RAILROAD NEWS.

All grade crossings will be abolished in Connecticut at an early date.

The Texas and Pacific is to be extended into the coal fields of the Indian Territory.

Another attempt to rejuvenate the Western Passenger association will be made.

Westbound fast mail service between Cincinnati and St. Louis will be established this week.

Bankers in New York and London have bought \$15,000,000 of Erie reorganization bonds.

It is said that the Pennsylvania company will establish a fund for the benefit of superannuated employes.

Judge Jenkins has accepted the resignations of the Northern Pacific receivers and appointed as their successors Chief Engineer McHenry and Banker Bigelow of Milwaukee.

FOREIGN NEWS.

The debt of France is estimated now at \$7,000,000,000.

A Cuban cruiser will soon be fitted for service at a Mexican port.

The reverses of General Duchesne in Madagascar is raising a row in France.

Emperor William now has a bodyguard. He fears socialists and anarchists.

Englishmen are said to regard the Chicago Irish convention as of no significance.

A Liberal paper says that the Conservatives will make the house of lords an elective body.

Three Europeans were among the number who succumbed to the cholera at Honolulu.

The Anti-Semitic victory at the polls in Vienna has stirred up the whole Austrian empire.

Six persons who have been obtaining drawings of German defenses for France have been arrested.

Fifteen persons implicated in supplying plans of German defenses to France have been arrested.

There is said to be a formidable conspiracy against the life of Count Ito, prime minister of Japan.

London has experienced a week of very hot weather. The mercury has reached 86 in the shade.

Muslims attempted to search an Armenian church in Antioch. Ten Armenians were killed in resisting.

The Brazil house of deputies refused to grant amnesty to insurgents. The deputies were hissed on the streets.

The British and German consuls at Apia, Samoa, caused excitement by entertaining the rebel chief, Tamasese.

The Conservatives and National Liberals of the reichstag are effecting a combination to support the government.

Wife of the American vice consul at Cairo, Egypt, has been honored by the Turkish sultan with the order of "Chevalier."

NEWS OF LEGAL NATURE.

Kansas sorghum sugar bond law has been declared unconstitutional in the state circuit court.

Mrs. Otilia Steinway, wife of the junior member of the firm of Steinway & Son, obtained a divorce in North Dakota.

The courts have decided that where a mail contractor sublets his contract the government has nothing to do with the subcontractor.

FINANCE AND TRADE.

St. Paul pays \$200 a day less interest than it did three years ago.

The New York bank statement shows a contraction of loans of about \$5,000,000.

Broomcorn growers of Central and Western Kansas organized to protect themselves against speculators.

A representative of R. G. Dun & Co. in Germany says that United States exports to that country are increasing.

It is predicted by an eminent authority, Giesecker, that the European sugar crop will be 1,200,000 tons short of the average.

The Minnesota state treasurer has on deposit in 107 state and national banks \$2,074,054.01, placed to the credit of various funds.

The Minnesota bank examiner has made a call upon the banks of the state for statements of their condition at the close of business Oct. 1.

Deputy Comptroller of the Currency Tucker has called on national banks for a statement of their condition at the close of business Sept. 28.

SPORTING NEWS.

Ex-Champion Sullivan and Ryan will give a boxing exhibition at Cleveland.

The latest scheme of the fight syndicate is to pull it off under the guise of a circus.

Ethelwynn the American boat, won the deciding heat in the international race for half-raters.

Governor Culberson has summoned a special session of the legislature to enact an anti-prize fight law.

Corbett has a new catch-penny scheme. He will lecture on Bob Fitzsimmons at Madison Square Garden.

Valkyrie may challenge for the America's cup again next year. Another new challenger is being prepared in London.

John R. Gearty outpaced Joe Patchen and Fido at Dubuque, Ia., and went the third heat in 2:05 1/2, equaling his own record.

Secretary Smith of the interior says that the Corbett-Fitzsimmons prize fight shall not come off in any of the territories if he can prevent it.

UNFORTUNATE EVENTS.

Six miners were suffocated in the Belgian mine at Leadville, Colo.

Mrs. Nellie W. Hagel was killed while doing a parachute drop at Monrovia, Cal.

Fire damaged the Minneapolis chamber of commerce to the extent of \$30,000.

Extensive prairie fires are reported raging near Rosenfeldt and Gretna, Man.

Forest fires in Quebec burned over 35 miles of territory, destroying buildings and crops.

Fire destroyed the Eclipse stables at Great Falls, Mont. One man and 22 horses were burned.

D. U. Reed, secretary of the Nebraska Horticulture society, was killed by a train at Red Oak, Ia.

Many cattle have been poisoned in Western Kansas from eating of second growth sorghum cane.

Eleven persons were injured in a wreck on the St. Louis, Keokuk and Northwestern at Annada, Mo.

CRIMINAL NEWS.

Three bandits held up four negroes near St. Louis and shot two of them.

William Norris, aged 100, was convicted of counterfeiting at Selma, Ala.

At the Hinshaw murder trial in Danville, Ind., front seats were sold for \$2 each.

Charles Smith killed his sister-in-law and mortally wounded his child at Decatur, Ills.

A farmer was held up and robbed by two masked men at the edge of Fairbury, Ills.

Billy Tice, a 7-year-old, was sentenced to the reformatory for larceny at Wichita, Kan.

A negro burglar was killed by Dr. Stewart, who caught him in the (the doctor's) house.

It has been discovered that \$20,000 of county warrants have been illegally issued at Perry, O. T.

Judge Murphy of St. Louis discharged seven defendants because he said he had no time to try the cases.

Allen Wynn, wanted for postoffice embezzlement, committed in Texas, has been arrested in Minnesota.

The five members of the Buck gang were sentenced at Fort Smith to be hanged on Oct. 31 for rape.

Father Dominich Wagner is charged with abducting Maud Steidel at St. Joseph, Mo., and may be lynched.

Six men, held responsible for the Ireland building disaster in New York, have been indicted for manslaughter.

Six tramps beat and robbed three passengers on the Northern Pacific near Buffalo, and threw them from the train.

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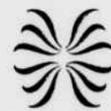
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