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## SIX ITALIANS FOUND MURDERED IN A TENEMENT HOUSE THIS MORNING

### MUCH EXCITEMENT AT NEW ORLEANS OVER DISCOVERY A PLOT OF MAFIA THOUGHT RESPONSIBLE

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 26.—A plot of Mafia which has been working secretly in New Orleans for years is regarded as responsible for the deaths of six Italians who were found murdered early to-day in a tenement house on Dumaine street. Several of the bodies were badly burned. So much panic was created among the Italians as a result of the discovery that it was necessary to send every reserve policeman and a number of able bodied firemen to the district to assist in maintaining order. There has not been so much excitement in the Italian colony since the wholesale lynching of Italians several years ago. The murders are believed to have been committed during the early part of last night and there is every indication that they were carefully planned. No outcry or other disturbance was heard and it is believed that a number of men participated in the slaughter and that all the victims were struck down at the same time. The bodies of the victims were literally hacked to pieces. Several bodies had been set aside after the murders were committed. So far the police is unable to secure a clue to the perpetrators and the Italians are so badly frightened it is useless to question them. The greatest fear prevails that the outbreak of the Decad Society is not over and that additional murders may follow.

## COASTERS HURLED AGAINST FREIGHT

### FOUR PITTSBURG YOUTHS HAVE CLOSE CALL FROM DEATH AT FOOT OF INCLINE.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 26.—Four young persons between the ages of 16 and 18 years missed death by only a few inches yesterday while coasting near McKeesport. The party of seven were coasting upon a bob sled, and upon reaching the foot of the hill, struck the wheel of a moving freight train. The boy guiding the sled was hurled under the cars, but retained his presence of mind and rolled out of danger practically unhurt.

The injured are: MABEL PHILLIPS, right leg fractured and cut. MARGARET FINDLEY, severely cut about head and body. JOHN RYAN. ALBERT FINDLEY, both cut.

These four, with the three others of their party, were among scores of young folks who were coasting down a long grade of a street which is crossed by the Pittsburg & Lake Erie tracks. On one of the down hill trips the coasters were started at seeing a freight train moving across their path ahead. Three of the party rolled off the flying sled and were unhurt, save for slight bruises. Of the four who remained, Albert Findley, who was at the rear, tried ineffectually to swerve the sled from its course. Ryan, who was guiding, realized too late that he should have heeded the warning cries of terrified spectators. There was a crash of splintering wood, but instead of being ground to death beneath the train, the coasters were scattered about on the snow. The front sled, by a seeming miracle, had struck a wheel. Ryan was thrown between the rails. Like a flash he rolled out to safety, just missing the rear wheels of one of the freight cars. All but Miss Phillips were able to walk home.

### \$85,000 Fire.

WILLIAMSON, W. Va., Dec. 26.—The Odd Fellows temple in which the Williamson laundry, Randolph's Junction Store and a number of land offices was totally destroyed by fire here at an early hour yesterday morning. The loss is \$85,000 covered by insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Eva Tanguay has a style that is peculiarly her own, which always delights local theater-goers.

## MADAME ANNA MUST PAY TWO BILLS AMONG BONI'S OLD ACCOUNTS.

PARIS, Dec. 26.—Madame Anna Gould, formerly Countess De Castellane, was to-day held liable to pay jointly with Count Boni two claims of creditors. The claim of Mlle. Namidoff, who sold diamonds to the value of twenty-four thousand dollars to Boni, was allowed against the former husband and wife conjointly. Boni declared the jewels were given to his wife. The other claim sustained was that of a jeweler as the delivery of the valuable jewels was proved.

## MUST ENLARGE ITS QUARTERS

### COAL CITY HOUSE FURNISHING COMPANY IS DOING REMARKABLY FINE BUSINESS.

There is probably no better indication of the substantial growth of a town or country than the large business of the furniture and house furnishing establishments of the place. When people are furnishing homes they are usually building new ones or enlarging or improving their old ones. The furniture business of Fairmont has never been better than this year and this is the claim of all the dealers.

The Coal City House Furnishing Company, which is in fact all that its lengthy name implies, is not only one of the largest establishments in the State, but is second in size to none outside of the city of Wheeling, occupying five large floors and basement, every inch of which is crowded to the limit, with everything that may be needed to properly furnish a home.

These quarters have proved too small for their increasing business and additional room will be secured and negotiations are now under way to this end. This firm has had a year of excellent business and especially through the holiday season its trade has been much larger than heretofore. The outlook for the coming year is very encouraging and the Coal City House Furnishing Company does not believe in standing still, which would virtually mean to go backward. Their motto has always been "to go to the front and stay there." The street car line being opened through now to Clarksburg, a store of the size of theirs is a good drawing card and the dead line for Clarksburg shoppers will no doubt be pushed back toward our neighboring city's limits several miles by the enterprise of the Fairmont merchants of which the Coal City House Furnishing Company stands in the front ranks.

## FINE ENTERTAINER

### IS CAPTAIN JACK CRAWFORD AND MANY PEOPLE WILL TURN OUT TO HEAR HIM.

The indications are that a very large audience will greet Captain Jack Crawford, the poet scout, who is coming Saturday night under the auspices of the local lodge of Elks for their "Charity" benefit. Captain Crawford will give his "Western Campfire" on the following Sunday. Both entertainments will be given in the Grand Opera House. In Captain Crawford the Elks bring to this city one of the best known entertainers in America. Captain Crawford dresses in the style and is of the type of man of William F. Cody, "Buffalo Bill." He wears his hair to the shoulders.

## DROPPED DEAD

### EDITOR OF PIONEER NEWSPAPER EXPIRED SUDDENLY AT HIS HOME TO-DAY.

LATROBE, Pa., Dec. 26.—Charles Beckwith Finl, editor of the Latrobe Advance, a pioneer newspaper of the town, dropped dead at his home at ten o'clock this morning of apoplexy. He was in good health and cheerful spirits up to the moment he was stricken. He died instantly. Survived by a widow and two adult children.

Don't miss seeing Eva Tanguay in "A Good Fellow" to-morrow night.

Special prices on watches at W. A. Fisher's.

## SIX DIVORCES IN FIVE YEARS

### AND THE END IS NOT YET IN THE TIMM FAMILY OF OMAHA.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 26.—If Mrs. Herbert Parsons wants any further argument to sustain her advocacy of rotation in marriage the Timm family of this city will furnish abundant material. George, Albert, Frederick, Hans, Katie and Lena Timm, brothers and sisters, all have been married and in the divorce court within the last five years.

To cap the climax George Timm, who obtained his decree last May, married Bertha Timm, the divorced wife of his brother Albert, who lives in Iowa and was divorced in June.

While this wedding was being celebrated Mrs. Timm's sister, Sophia Lamp, was married to Ralph C. Daniels. She has kept out of the divorce courts. Her husband died.

The marriage of George to the divorced wife of his brother Albert was an event in which all the Timms took interest. There was no rancor and no ill feeling. Everybody congratulated everybody else and the bride kissed her hand to her former husband, who by the second marriage became her brother-in-law.

Hans Timm was married in 1902. He is now seeking a divorce from his wife Rose, and as soon as he obtains his freedom it is reported he will marry a young woman divorced two years ago. Mrs. Rose Timm is comely, and the prediction made that her single estate will not continue long.

The marriage of cousins is recorded in the Timm family, also the divorce of cousins. In every instance divorce was followed within a month by marriage.

The strong demand for seats for Eva Tanguay indicates that she will be greeted by a crowded house to-morrow night.

Why pay a big price for cab work? McCray Livery will do it cheap. Always ready.

Largest stock of watches in the city at Fisher's.

Of course, you are going to see the inimitable Eva Tanguay to-morrow night.

## CLARKESBURGERS MAKE RAID ON THE TOWN

### WERE MET BY BUSINESS MEN OF THIS CITY THE COMPLIMENT WILL BE RETURNED

reach Clarksburg about five o'clock, and remain there one hour starting back at six. The trips each way will be made in one hour and forty-five minutes. The party will thus reach Fairmont on the return trip at 7:45.

This is a courtesy by the Traction Company which is very much appreciated by the people of this city and Clarksburg and will be the means of cementing a friendship already strong, making it firmer than ever. The vast undertaking of connecting the two thriving and enterprising cities of the Monongahela Valley by trolley has been accomplished with so little ostentation or display that many people do not realize how much it means or how it was done. The enterprise displayed by the men who have succeeded in thus putting the thousands of people along the West Fork river and adjacent territory in hourly communication with two such cities as Fairmont and Clarksburg is certainly to be commended and in the near future we will all have a fuller appreciation of what has been done by the promoters of this new line.

The Clarksburg party is composed of the following persons: R. T. Lowndes, O. P. Boughner, F. B. Wood, S. S. Faris, Geo. L. Duncan, S. H. White, Hugh Jarvis, T. M. Robinson, E. B. Deison, Dr. T. M. Hood, J. O. Brook, C. M. Hart, John M. Cunningham, S. R. Harrison, J. G. Shaw, C. W. Lynch, C. S. Smiley, Dr. J. B. Smith, J. W. Williams, A. R. Thora, Frank Armstrong, J. B. Brannon,

At 3:45 the Clarksburg delegation left for home and by special invitation of the Traction Company a large number of representative citizens from Fairmont accompanied them to Clarksburg. The car is expected to

## \$10,000,000 DEAL IN PENNSYLVANIA COAL LANDS

### Other Late News Notes by Wire

CLEVELAND, Dec. 26.—Approximately ten million dollars is involved in a deal just concluded, whereby the coal properties of the J. W. Ellsworth Co., of Pennsylvania, comprising about sixteen thousand acres of rich coal lands in Pennsylvania, passes into possession of the Lackawanna Steel Co., of New York. The latter will utilize most of the product for making coke.

SHARON, Pa., Dec. 26.—Frank Poleni and John Marciano, the latter a barber, fought a desperate duel with knives in a field near South Sharon last midnight. When found by the police early this morning, both were nearly dead from wounds, loss of blood and exposure. They were brought to the hospital and are in a critical condition.

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, Dec. 26.—A notice posted at the blast furnaces throughout the Youngstown and Mahoning Valley this morning announced that on January first the wages of blast furnace will be advanced ten percent. The advance is voluntary and affects four thousand men.

## LAI TO REST

### WERE REMAINS OF STEPHEN AMOS YESTERDAY—MANY PEOPLE ATTENDED THE FUNERAL.

On Christmas morning at half after ten o'clock at the Amos residence on Spring and Madison streets, funeral services were conducted over the remains of Mr. Stephen Amos, whose death occurred on Sunday, Rev. J. Engle, a former pastor and close friend of the deceased, conducted the services, assisted by his present pastor, Rev. G. D. Smith. The choir of the M. E. Church sang several selections. Mr. Amos was until the time of his death the oldest living member of the church and his brothers and sisters were present in large numbers to pay a last tribute of respect to the departed brother. The remains were laid to rest in Woodlawn cemetery.

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## SWEEPING VICTORY FOR INDEPENDENT COAL OPERATORS IN STATE OF OHIO

### CORPSE SAT UP AND SCOLDED THE UNDERTAKER FOR HANDLING HER SO ROUGHLY.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Mrs. Augusta Gardmann early to-day arose and scolded the undertaker for handling her so roughly. The startled undertaker rubbed his eyes, pinched himself and called for the police. By the time the patrol wagon arrived Mrs. Gardmann, who had swallowed a quantity of poison six hours before, had put on her clothing and was preparing to walk home. For hours she had lain as dead in her home and a death certificate had been signed by two physicians. The undertaker had been working on the body some time and was just ready to inject embalming fluid, when the subject stirred.

## FACE SLASHED IN POKER GAME

### TROUBLE AROSE WHEN FOREIGNER ALLEGED ANOTHER WAS TRYING TO CHEAT.

WHEELING, Dec. 26.—A poker game in which it is said that several hundred dollars changed hands ended in a cutting affray on Harmony Hill, at Benwood, at 10:30 o'clock Monday night, in which one man named John Spurnich had his face slashed from ear to neck. The injury, however, is not very serious.

Joseph Cabish, the man that is believed to have done the cutting, and his victim were both arrested by the Benwood police. Cabish put up money for his appearance at trial before Mayor Joseph Mahood Wednesday, while the injured man was still in jail at an early hour last night.

According to the story told by Spurnich to Harry Markie, the Marshall street butcher, from whose place the call was sent to the police, a crowd of foreigners, probably twelve, were engaged in a game at a foreign boarding house on Marshall street. All had been drinking and were more or less intoxicated.

Trouble arose over a supposed attempt to cheat when a large sum was at stake. Cabish, Spurnich said, drew his knife and slashed him. With the blood streaming down his face, he ran to Kraft Bros' saloon to summon the police. Kraft's phone was busy and he returned again to the boarding house.

Again, he alleges, Cabish cut him about the face and ran him out of the place. He then hastened to Marshall's where Officers Everett Little and John Pearl, who made the arrests, found him. Cabish they later arrested in the house where the trouble had occurred.

Twenty-four Photos for 25 cents at the Novelty Photo Gallery. Come and have your smiles recorded at 312 Main street. 20-ct.

The engagement of Eva Tanguay at the Grand to-morrow night promises to be quite a society event, as many theater parties will be in evidence.

## CLARKESBURGERS MAKE RAID ON THE TOWN

Thomas Pettigrew, R. H. Koblegard, J. W. Bond, Guy Sinsel, James Strady, J. E. Kelley, W. D. Osborn, Owen Kraft, G. S. Randall, A. J. Fletcher, Harry Dodd, M. B. Riblett, Richard Scott, R. F. Robinson, John Bassel, John W. Davis, James F. Allen, F. B. Haymaker, S. C. Allen, D. C. S. Holmboe, Howard B. Williams, S. J. Moore, D. C. Williams, A. D. Barr, M. G. Sperry, R. J. Gasley, V. T. Highland, S. C. Denham, S. B. Baker, S. F. Reed, B. B. Stout, J. B. Bassel, W. A. Vance, S. C. Garlow, C. L. Hickman, G. T. Leatherberry and G. H. Brown.

The following Fairmont people were invited to make the trip to Clarksburg: J. E. Sands, J. M. Hartley, M. L. Hutchinson, Sam R. Nuzum, J. A. Clark, L. L. Malone, L. G. Race, J. R. Linn, J. M. Brownfield, Walton Miller, A. B. Fleming, J. C. Jamison, W. S. Meredith, Harry Shaw, M. A. Joffite, J. W. Mason, J. R. Cook, J. M. Jacobs, O. S. McKinney, Zack Robertson, A. Howard Fleming, T. W. Fleming, Charles Powell, J. L. Hall, M. D. Christie, M. C. Lough, H. C. Sample, Earl Smith, L. C. Powell, C. E. Manley, W. S. Raymond, E. F. Hartley, H. R. Purbee, R. B. Parrish, G. M. Jacobs, Scott C. Lowe, E. F. Morgan, E. M. Showalter, J. E. Robinson, A. L. Lehman, Clem Shaver, W. H. Conaway, U. N. Arnett, C. E. Hutchinson, Kemble White, George DeBoit, F. E. Nichols, Harry Smith, G. M. Alexander and J. C. Gaskill.

The coming session of the legislature will be asked to appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for display at the exposition.

## PISTOL BATTLE

### FOUR MEN WERE WOUNDED IN FUSILLADE AT WILLIAMSON YESTERDAY.

WILLIAMSON, W. Va., Dec. 26.—Four men were wounded, two critically, in a pistol battle here yesterday—Leander Gilkerson and John Browning were attempting to take charge of a local store when Deputy Sheriff James McComas and policeman James Starr were called in to arrest them.

At first sight of the officers Gilkerson and Browning opened fire on them, and the officials retaliated. All of the men emptied their revolvers but no one was killed outright. McComas, the deputy sheriff is in a critical condition, two bullets penetrating his body. Gilkerson was also probably mortally wounded—one bullet entering his abdomen and another penetrating his left breast. Policemen Starr and Browning were also wounded but will recover.

Your holiday enjoyment won't be complete if you miss seeing Eva Tanguay to-morrow night.

## WHEELING RULING AND LAKE ERIE CASE A STUNNER

### PRO RATA DISTRIBUTION TO BE MADE AT ONCE

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 26.—In a ruling favoring coal operators along the line of the Wheeling and Lake Erie Railway Company the State Railroad Commission has established an important regulation concerning the use of so-called private cars for the transportation of freight. Ordered in full effect it will greatly relieve car stringency because it will release for general use many thousand cars now allotted to favored shippers through equivocal leases, and other devices designed to evade the law against discrimination. Coal operators throughout the State who have suffered because of this discrimination have been anxiously watching for this decision, and its announcement was hailed with great satisfaction, for it was completely in their favor.

Although brought against a single railway company it must be understood that it applies to all parts of the State as well. The proceedings were instituted by the Haring-Wilson Coal Company and the South Massillon Coal Company against the W. and L. E. on the ground that it was discriminating in favor of two subsidiary concerns controlled by the M. A. Hanna Company, of Cleveland, known as the Massillon Coal Mining Company and the Wheeling and Lake Erie Coal Mining Company.

It was charged that the so-called private cars of these two subsidiary companies were in reality the property of the railway company and a part of its general equipment. This railway company denied, alleging that the coal mining companies had the cars under lease when they were bought by the railway company, and that they were, therefore, subject to the coal company's control.

The Case in Point.

On this point the State Railroad Commission says:

"The Wheeling and Lake Erie Railroad Company had three classes of coal cars upon its road, viz: system cars, foreign cars and private cars. These system cars consist of cars unquestionably owned by said railroad company; the foreign cars consist of cars owned by some other railroad company, but temporarily upon the rails of the defendant railroad; and the private cars consist of a large number of coal cars originally purchased by the Guardian Savings and Trust Company, of Cleveland, Ohio, and a large number of coal cars originally purchased by the Commonwealth Trust Company, of St. Louis, Mo., and leased by these trust companies to the Massillon Coal Mining Company and the Wheeling and Lake Erie Coal Mining Company, and which were subsequently sold, subject to the lease, to the Wheeling and Lake Erie Railroad Company.

"The purchase of the coal cars by the Guardian Savings and Trust Company, and the lease by the trust companies to the coal companies, and the sale to the defendant railroad company subject to the lease, was a device on the part of the parties to enable the railroad company to discriminate in the distribution of coal cars in favor of the Massillon Coal Mining Company and the Wheeling and Lake Erie Coal Mining Company and against the complainant, herein and all shippers of coal.

Shown Discrimination. "The Wheeling and Lake Erie Railroad Company, during all the period set forth, unjustly and unreasonably discriminated against the Haring-Wilson Coal Company and in favor of the Massillon Coal Mining Company and the Wheeling and Lake Erie Coal Mining Company in this, to-wit: in the allotment and distribution to the companies of valuable coal cars for transportation of coal by the several companies over defendant company's line of road between the points within the State of Ohio.

"The commission further finds that during the months of September and October, 1906, the Wheeling and Lake Erie Railroad Company had insufficient coal cars to meet all requirements.

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