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West Virginia News Briefs

Most important events of entire state covered by our correspondents

Morgantown.—Sophie Jerome is dead as the result of burns received when her clothing caught fire from an open grate.

Clarksburg.—The need of a public park here is being urged upon the citizens by City Manager Harrison G. Otis.

Huntington.—The 415 employees of the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad, who were recalled into service here included 269 carmen.

Princeton.—It is reported that in addition to a hosiery factory to be established here in the spring, a silk factory is also to be built.

Parkersburg.—Walter Larue has been sentenced by the federal court to one year in prison on charge of stealing cigarettes from a freight car.

Wheeling.—Three mills of the Yorkville, Ohio, plant of the Wheeling Steel corporation resumed operations under the "open shop" plan with more men available than are needed, according to company officials.

Parkersburg.—The city is being urged to purchase new fire fighting apparatus by Major J. H. Howland, of the national board of fire underwriters, who recommends the investment of at least \$125,000 for this purpose.

Fayetteville.—The mill property at Mount Lookout has been sold to the Mount Lookout milling company, which will soon be incorporated. The company is composed of L. E. Moses, J. L. Evans, Z. B. McClung and others.

Williamson.—Bodies of nine men killed in a dust explosion, in a coal mine on Pond Creek, Ky., were brought here. Of the 12 men working in the small mine of the Marietta Coal company, the other three were injured, one of them perhaps fatally.

Clarksburg.—Five nationalities are represented in the English class of the Red Cross cooperative night school being held in the Washington Irving high school. Miss Emma K. Davis, the teacher, has as students under her an Italian, a Greek, an Austrian, a Slav and a Lithuanian.

Keyser.—Potomac State School will be host for two big track meets the coming spring. On May 13 all the high schools of the eastern Panhandle will be invited to participate in the preliminary to the state meet. In this high school meet of May 13 Potomac State School will not compete because it is not a member of the West Virginia High School Association.

Martinsburg.—Walter S. Hallanan, state tax commissioner, held a conference here with a delegation of fruit growers regarding valuation of orchard properties. The orchardists told the commissioner that a schedule of valuations, taking into consideration the varying degrees of development, was acceptable to the organization. It was understood that \$300 per acre for the best orchards was taken as a minimum base.

Morgantown.—"We have an active inquiry for road bonds of your state," a Chicago bond firm wrote to county authorities in offering to take an entire issue of road bonds here. The issue amounted to \$150,000 and was put out by Union district of this county for improvement of the Great River road between Easton and the river. The bonds, however, had been taken up by Morgantown banks, which divided the issue among them.

Charleston.—The Wilson line refrigerator cars is the only line that has refused to pay corporation taxes to counties of West Virginia. It was announced by State Auditor Bond. The company is willing to pay a state tax, but claims that it would be unconstitutional for an interstate line to be forced to pay tax to a county, in spite of the fact that railroads, including the Chesapeake & Ohio, pay county and municipal taxes, though that railroad is in interstate carrier.

Morgantown.—West Virginia University's athletic board in session here adopted the freshman rule barring all first year student from competition in any sport effective September 1, 1922. The one year migration rule affecting students from other colleges as well as other recognized rules has been in effect for several years and the adoption of the freshman rule now brings the Mountaineers' eligibility code up to that of all the larger universities.

Clarksburg.—Peter Balash, miner, whose wife threw herself in front of a B. & O. train, has been imprisoned in the local jail, to prevent his committing suicide.

Morgantown.—At the meeting of the Morgan district board of education here recently the plan of serving hot lunches in the rural schools throughout the district was endorsed and the board will assist in establishing the plan, according to a statement by Lyman G. Hastings, county superintendent.

Fairmont.—William H. Rager, the first man to operate a pottery plant in Fairmont, is dead.

Morgantown.—Gail Simons, 22, of Elkins, was killed by fall of slate in a mine near Morgantown.

Richwood.—The first session of the new city council was opened with scriptural reading and prayer.

Clarksburg.—Three thousand school children are to participate in the state pageant to be staged here May 5 and 6.

Huntington.—The united shoe company has announced plans for opening a factory here and to begin manufacturing shoes in July.

Dunbar.—The home of Mrs. Virgie Wilson at Dunbar, was destroyed by fire. The house was valued at \$2,500. Effective fireproofing prevented the flames from spreading to nearby buildings.

Huntington.—An increase of 687 was shown in the enrollment in the public schools on the first day of the second semester over the first day of the first semester. The figures were respectively 10,286 and 9,593.

Fairmont.—William E. Watson, of Fairmont, has been elected president of the Monongahela coal association organized by the operators of 65 mines along the Monongahela railroad with an annual production of \$8,000,000 tons.

Williamson.—Otis Brachter, who was injured in the explosion at the Black Diamond mine on Pond Creek sometime ago, died recently at the local hospital. His injury had apparently healed, but a recent fall, while he was going up a flight of stairs at McVeigh, reopened the wound with fatal results.

Wheeling.—H. W. and B. S. McClure awarded to the R. R. Kitchen company of Wheeling the contract for a ninety room addition to the McClure hotel. The addition will cost approximately \$250,000. The McClure brothers plan to open their new hotel annex to West Virginia state fair visitors on Labor day, this year.

Martinsburg.—Plans for a Pocahontas county fair have been made by the fair association, of which S. B. Wallace is president; Denny Callison, vice-president; C. K. Livesay, secretary and treasurer, and F. R. Hill, attorney. The board of directors has been instructed to appoint various committees for the 1922 fair at a meeting of the directors to be held in March.

Huntington.—Judgment for \$61,685.90, the biggest verdict ever returned by a Cabell county circuit court jury, was awarded J. J. Ross by a jury in circuit court in his suit against the Lake & Export Coal Corporation. The damage was for an alleged violation of contract, the plaintiff claiming that the Lake & Export Coal Corporation failed to accept coal for which they had contracted.

Martinsburg.—The adoption of a constitutional amendment limiting tax levies to \$1.50 on the \$100 valuation was urged by State Tax Commissioner Hallanan in an address at a dinner held in connection with the convention of the West Virginia horticultural society. On the plea of respect for the law, he also urged officials and citizens to support his campaign for "true and actual" in the assessment of property.

Charleston.—Counties should pay for fencing rights of way and not the state, Attorney-General E. T. England ruled in answer to an inquiry from Julius K. Monroe, project engineer for the state road commission. The attorney-general in his ruling calls attention to the section of good roads law which specifies that the county court shall pay the costs of all rights of way acquired for any state or county district roads.

Princeton.—Following a meeting of railroad men to discuss wages and the cost of living, W. G. Wood, train dispatcher, has compiled an average monthly cost of eatables for a family of five for five years, as follows: 1917, \$70.25; 1918, \$79.05; 1919, \$75.48; 1920, \$81.81; 1921, \$73.14; making an average of \$75.95. Figuring house rent at \$25 a month, he estimates that a salary of \$110 a month is needed to provide a decent living for a family of five.

Charleston.—A decrease of approximately \$2,000,000 is shown in the resources of state banks in the report of State Banking Commissioner Hill, issued, as of December 31, as compared with his report as of June 30, 1921. Deposits of all classes, according to his summary, decreased approximately \$4,000,000, but loans and discounts amounted to about the same, \$150,000,000, on both dates. The reserves carried by the banks, represented by the cash on hand and balances with their correspondents, amounted to approximately \$26,000,000 on both dates.

Institute.—Eight clubs have recently been organized at West Virginia college institute. The clubs are those formed of representatives of Clarksburg, Charleston, Montgomery, Huntington, Mercer-McDowell, McDowell, Parkersburg and Institute.

Princeton.—More than 1,000 signatures having been obtained for the petition to the county court for the establishment of a soldiers' and sailors' memorial, members of the woman's club are confident that the necessary 20 percent of the voters will sign it.

POWDER BLAST ROCKS CHICAGO

Panic Grips Crowds Through the City as Magazine in Stone Quarry Blows Up

CARS ARE BLOWN FROM RAILS

Windows for Miles Around Broken—Street Lights Put Out and Theaters Thrown Into Darkness—Flying Debris Strips Trees.

Chicago.—Explosion of a powder magazine in a stone quarry in the southwestern outskirts of Chicago shook the entire city and caused considerable excitement before the site of the detonation could be discovered.

When windows were shattered in the south and the west portions of the city, excited calls were made to newspapers to discover where the explosion had occurred. Inquiries by telephone to many places failed to discover what had exploded, but by a curious freak of newspaperdom an inquiry by the Associated Press to Indianapolis soon brought a bulletin from Lafayette, Ind., that the explosion had occurred at McCook, Ill., on the edge of Chicago.

This information led to the tracing of the accident to the quarry, which is in a secluded spot. So far as could be ascertained, no one was killed. The intensity of the explosion was so great that the street lights in Summit, two miles from the quarry, were put out and spectators in motion picture theaters in the southwestern part of the city and at Argo, three miles from the quarry, were thrown into temporary panic. Nearly every window in Summit and Argo was broken and people ran screaming to the streets.

Part of a train standing on a side track was blown from the rails and a switch tower a considerable distance away was shattered as if by shrapnel. Large methods of earth, excavated from the drainage canal nearby, were tumbled down in spots giving a true semblance to an earthquake. Trees lining the banks of the Des Plaines river which parallels the canal were stripped of branches by flying debris.

Five Trainmen Killed in Crash. St. Paul.—Five trainmen were killed when Winnipeg flyer No. 10, collided head on with a snow plow, three miles east of Waverly, Minn., on the Great Northern. Nine persons, including one passenger, were reported injured. The Winnipeg flyer was double-headed. The three engines and one mail car plunged down a 20 foot embankment.

Mabel Normand Ill With "Flu." Los Angeles.—Mabel Normand, film actress, over whose illness anxiety was expressed by her physician, was reported by him to be slightly improved. He said Miss Normand was seriously ill with influenza, aggravated by a nervous breakdown due to grief over the death of William Desmond Taylor, one of her closest friends, who was mysteriously slain February 1.

Married Eight; Now in Jail. Cleveland, Ohio.—Mrs. Jessie Seaman, aged 38, who admits being the wife of eight men, whom she married without obtaining a divorce, was sentenced to from one to seven years in the Marysville reformatory by Common Pleas Judge Walther. "I alone am to blame and all the punishment I get is surely coming to me," Mrs. Seaman said when sentence was passed.

Landru Guillotined. Versailles.—Henri Landru, the "Bluebeard of Gambais," has paid the penalty for his crimes. President Miller refused the petition of the convicted man's counsel to commute Landru's sentence to death for the murder of 10 women and a youth.

Man Blown To Atoms. Latrobe, Pa.—Paul Amerough, aged 55, was blown to atoms and his home, at Brenzier, in Derry township, was almost demolished by an explosion. It is believed that dynamite which Amerough kept in his home let go from some undetermined cause.

Rooming House Destroyed By Fire. Cleburne, Tex.—Three persons were burned to death when an oil stove exploded and a large rooming house was destroyed by fire. There were 29 people in the house at the time.

Bandits Escape With \$8,000. Kansas City, Mo.—Four bandits held up Walter A. Estes, proprietor of the Estes Mercantile Company, shortly after he left the Livestock State bank and escaped with \$8,000 in cash.

Police Burn Hoboville. Browns Meadows, Conn.—Hoboville, the winter camp of some of Connecticut's leading hoboes, has been burned off the map by the Waterbury police. A village with 30 crude shacks had been built by the Weary Willies in a grove near the Nagatuck river. When the workless ones started making homebrev the police decided it would be a good thing for the community to destroy the village, so a torch was applied to the shacks and the nomads were chased out of town.

Brig. Gen. F. W. Sladen



Brig. Gen. Frederick W. Sladen, at present in command at Fort Sheridan, has been appointed commander in chief at West Point, effective June 30, 1922. General Sladen graduated from the United States Military academy in 1890 and served in the Philippine war, Spanish-American war and China, and was in charge of the Third army, A. E. F., in the late war. He holds five of the highest decorations possible for an officer to have.

AIRPLANES CAPTURE WHISKY SCHOONER

Crew of 21 Offers No Fight in Initial Sky Raid on Liquor Smugglers

Miami, Fla.—The British schooner Annabelle was seized off Jewish Creek about 40 miles south of Miami with a cargo of 11,500 cases of whisky aboard, by airplanes of the prohibition squadron operating out of Miami and adjacent coastal towns, it was learned from officials here.

The entire crew of 21 men was captured and is now being held under surveillance, while the confiscated liquor is under guard aboard the schooner, which is anchored off Jewish Creek. The crew offered no resistance when the flying machines, with their machine guns pointing at the schooner from all directions, swooped down on the vessel.

Eleven airplanes, painted a battle-ship grey, gradually made their way down the coast, it became known here, one of them under the command of Captain Rogers, stopping at Miami. Some of the others stopped at St. Augustine, Jacksonville, Charleston, and other points.

Advance information was furnished by scouts aboard sub-chasers, which got the location of the Annabelle. A number of the planes gathered near Jewish and at a signal swooped simultaneously upon the alleged whisky carrier. A Captain Johnson, who brought the report here, stated the prohibition squadron was equipped with a new code which no other wireless apparatus could interpret and this is used exclusively in the sending and receiving of official messages. In the stern of each airplane is a Browning machine gun, manned by expert gunners.

Troops Called in Rhode Island. Providence, R. I.—Two troops of state cavalry were dispatched to the Pawtuxet Valley to quell disturbances that arose when strike sympathizers stormed the office of the B. B. & R. Knight Company at Pontiac, in an effort to prevent the removal of a quantity of cotton cloth. The troops were reinforced later by a machine gun contingent. Four companies of coast artillery were ordered mobilized.

Alleged Murder by Bootleggers. Steubenville, O.—With four bullet wounds in his mouth, Frank Baron, 35 years old, mine operator and former dry detective, was found dead on the Pine Fork-Newell road. It is believed he was murdered by bootleggers out of revenge.

Price of Sugar is Advanced. New York.—Arbuckle Brothers advanced their price of refined sugars 10 points to 5.10 less 2 per cent for cash. All orders are subject to acceptance and the firm is not taking any city business.

5,000 Anthracite Miners at Work. Wilkes-Barre.—All collieries of the Pennsylvania Coal Co., with the exception of Butler colliery, have resumed operation. More than 5,000 men returned to work.

Girl Shoots Brother. New York.—Alonso Russo was shot and seriously wounded by his sister, because he objected to her entertaining a suitor, according to police reports. The sister, Lena Russo, was arrested on a charge of felonious assault. Alonso, a jeweler, returned to his home shortly after midnight and met the suitor departing. He began upbraiding the girl. According to police reports she ran to his room, seized his own revolver and fired five shots at him.

34 DIE IN WRECK OF GIANT AIRSHIP

Huge Army Dirigible Crashes From the Sky and Bursts In a Flames

ONLY 11 OUT OF 45 SURVIVE

Millions of Feet of Hydrogen Gas Burns for Hours—Bodies Taken From Ruins Are Charred and Unrecognizable.

Norfolk, Va.—Thirty-four men were killed, eight were injured seriously and three were uninjured or only slightly bruised when the giant army airship Roma, with her service crew and a number of civilians, totaling 45 in all aboard, plunged from a thousand feet or more in the air to the ground at the Hampton Roads naval base.

The accident presumably was caused by a broken rudder and as the huge dirigible plunged to earth it capsize across a high tension electric line, bursting into a roaring furnace of blazing hydrogen gas.

Long after dark, many hours after her fall, the ship was still a mass of flames from end to end of her 410-foot mast. The fire fed on the million cubic feet of gas which had disintegrated the great bag for the flight and made all attempts at rescue work futile.

Barely a dozen of those aboard were picked up alive and one of these died on the way to the hospital. All of those who survived the fire escaped by jumping as the ship struck. The others, penned in the hull of the fallen bag, were burned to death.

The flames were finally brought in to submission by three fire departments who fought them with chemicals and then derricks began picking up the wreckage, which consisted of scarcely more than the aluminum framework and the Six Liberty motors of the once proud ship of the air.

Within the wreckage lay the bodies, practically all charred beyond recognition. But before the night had passed 33 bodies had been removed, accounting for the last of those who were known to have taken flight on the fatal voyage.

Every man who escaped alive was burned, bruised or both. Accounts of survivors and of eye witnesses as to what had happened appeared to agree that the huge kite-like structure of the stern rudder, itself as large as a bombing plane, had slipped to one side as the Roma dove along 1,000 feet above the army base.

She was making a trial flight with a new battery of Liberty motors. They were installed to replace Italian engines bought with her in Italy, but which have not proved satisfactory.

Two Bags of Mail Stolen. Rochester, Mich.—Two sacks of registered mail from Detroit were stolen from the depot here. Sheriff James Butler and a half dozen deputies are on the trail of the robbers. The mail was thrown from the Detroit train. It was taken into the depot and the depot locked for the night. The loss was discovered when the station was opened the next morning.

Corset Stay Pierces Heart of Girl. Geneva, Switzerland.—A whalebone corset stay caused the death of a Zurich young woman while skiing. She was making a steep descent with a party of friends when she fell over a ledge, landing 20 feet below in deep snow. Her companions attached no importance to the fall, but on reaching her found the bone had pierced her heart. This is the second accident of the kind in Switzerland this winter.

District Attorney Removed. Boston.—Joseph C. Pelletier was removed by the Massachusetts Supreme court from the office of district attorney of Suffolk county. He was tried on charges of gross misconduct in office brought by Attorney General J. Weston Allen.

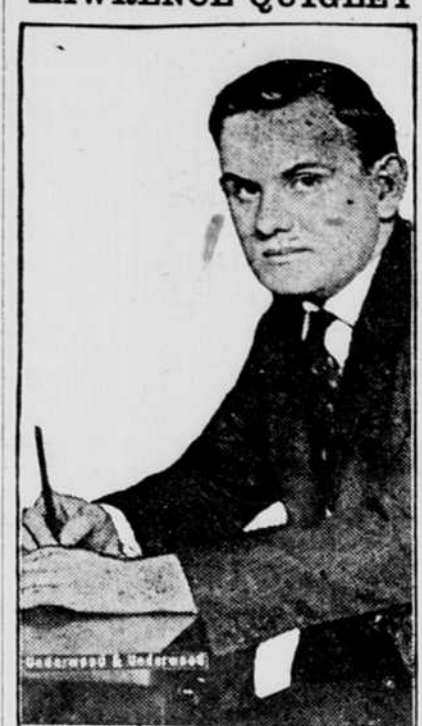
Man Sees Family Burned. Aiken, S. C.—Trapped by flames, Mrs. C. E. Monts and three of her children were burned to death in their home before the eyes of the husband and father, who made desperate efforts to rescue them. Monts, seriously burned, was taken to a hospital.

Emergency Officers' Aid Bill. Washington.—The Bureau bill, giving disabled emergency officers of the American expeditionary forces the same retirement privileges as regular army officers, was passed by the Senate, 50 to 14 and transmitted to the House.

Snow Sweeps Four To Death. Denver, Col.—Four employees of the Denver and Salt Lake Railroad were killed when a snow slide struck an engine belonging to that road near Loop, Col. The men were swept down a canyon 700 feet deep. Their bodies have not been recovered.

Diamond Importer Loses Wallet. St. Louis, Mo.—Sidney Kregel of Kregel Brothers, diamond importers of New York and Chicago, reported to police he had been robbed of diamonds which cost him \$76,899, and which had a retail value of between \$125,000 to \$150,000, on an Illinois Central train which arrived from Chicago. The diamonds were in a wallet which he placed under his pillow in the Pullman. Mr. Kregel said, and were insured for \$50,000. A futile search was made on the Pullman car.

LAWRENCE QUIGLEY



Lawrence Quigley, mayor of Chelsea, Mass., is only twenty-eight years old, and 15 years ago was a newsboy.

OPIUM DENS RAIDED IN N. Y. CHINATOWN

Federal Agents and Police Seize Quantity of Drugs After Thrilling Battle

New York.—Rudely disturbed in the peace that for years has brooded over its crooked streets and mysterious dwellings, Chinatown awoke to the sound of pistol volleys and the rending crash of barricaded doors as police raiders stormed a succession of long-suspected opium dens.

Eight persons were arrested, including a woman whose back was thought to have been broken in a leap from a second-story window. A man whose plunge for freedom she initiated, was only slightly injured.

Two of the storming party had narrow escapes from injury. Bullets fired by unseen defenders passed through the hat of a detective and grazed the shoe of a federal narcotic agent.

Large quantities of opium, with pipes and other paraphernalia were confiscated. Under command of Ralph Oyster, chief of the federal narcotic division, a score of police and government agents first surrounded a suspected den on Mott street, in the heart of the Oriental quarter.

Two of the party were stationed on the roof with others on guard at fire escapes and other means of egress, while the main squad, led by Oyster, launched a sudden onslaught on the front door. Wielding heavy axes, they chopped their way through the door, which was strongly barred and studded with iron.

As the barricade yielded and crashed to the floor there was a shriek from within. With the first blows by the attacking party those inside had made for the fire escapes and John Duff, aged 17, and the woman, Ethel Kelly, 49, had leaped from the railing, striking on a stone pavement 20 feet below. Both were taken to Bellevue hospital under guard.

The apartment, police reported, was a typical opium "joint," equipped with tiers of wooden bunks around the walls, and with empty or half-filled drug tins strewn about, the pungent fumes of cooking pellets rising from tiny alcohol burners.

WANT DAY OF SIX HOURS. Miners Override Leaders in Insisting On Clause in Agreements. Indianapolis.—Renewal of the demand of union coal miners for a six-hour day, five-day week, a proposal that was made before the 1919 strike, was adopted by the convention of the United Mine Workers of America as a part of the policy the union will seek to have included in new wage agreements, effective April 1. This demand had the united opposition of the union's leaders, including all district presidents.

In declaring for the six-hour day, the delegates overrode the committee recommendations for an eight-hour day underground, and also voted down a proposal limiting actual work time to seven hours a day. Bitter criticism of the union's officers was made by delegates in urging adoption of the six-hour day, but several officials took the floor appealing for favorable action on the committee's eight-hour demand.

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DISASTROUS FIRE AT BROWNSVILLE

Entire Business Section of Fayette Town is Threatened By Second Blaze

STARTED BY CROSSED WIRES

Department Store Fire, Breaking Out Anew, Destroys Other Structures. Fireman Overcome By Smoke. Loss Estimated At \$250,000.

Brownsville, Pa.—The entire business section of Brownsville was threatened with destruction when a disastrous blaze, breaking out anew in the ruins of the department store of Harry Levy, Market street, near the Iron Bridge, spread to adjoining structures and shops.

The total loss is estimated at between \$250,000 and \$300,000.

One fireman, Porter Herberston, was overcome by smoke while fighting the flames, and was carried from the roof of one of the burning buildings. He was resuscitated by physicians.

Included in the total loss is the damage done the department store when fire, resulting from crossed wires, ignited that building. It is believed a fire smoldered in the ruins of the store which caused the blaze to break out anew.

The largest of the buildings destroyed were those of the department store, Sharpnack & Connelly and the Wolf & Paul Hardware Company. All were of frame construction and burned like tinder when the flames blazed up in the ruins of the previous fire.

Several of the fire-fighting apparatuses of the Brownsville department were out of commission, but firemen, responding on foot, kept it from spreading.

\$50,000 Robbery Is Called Fake.

Long Branch, N. J.—Mrs. Sarah L. Robertson, who recently reported to the police that a dinner party at her Del Bungalow had been held up and jewels valued at \$50,000 taken from her, was arrested charged with conspiracy in causing the holdup. A youth named John Bailey, told the police he had been hired by Mrs. Robertson to enter the bungalow and pretend to steal the jewels. In reality, he said, he got nothing but a bag filled with tissue paper. He said Mrs. Robertson paid him \$1,000 to stage the holdup.

Cigar Loaded With Liquor.

Santa Barbara, Cal.—The "anti-Volstead smoke" or "alcoholic cigar," has made its appearance here. Its producer, a Del Carro cigar maker, paid a fine of \$250 in police court, following a plea of guilty to the charge of having liquor in his possession contrary to law. The tobacco leaves were saturated with liquor before rolling and wrapping. The cigar thus treated does not contain a "kick." It was contended in defense, although it was conceded that it carried a heavy freighted fragrance.

Explosion in Garage; \$40,000 Loss.

New Kensington, Pa.—An explosion of kerosene oil, which occurred while an automobile motor was being cleaned, caused fire in the garage of Krick & Kessler, which resulted in damage estimated at \$40,000. Ten automobiles, including three new machines, and the storage batteries in the garage, were destroyed.

Whisky and Oysters Kill Man.

Denver, Pa.—John Hughes, aged 63 years, formerly of Camden, N. J., was found dead and John Sheetz, aged 50 years, of Pittsburgh, is critically ill at a hotel here. Both are said to have imbibed home-made whisky and eaten many oysters. Both men were employed here.

Explosion of Still Burns Houses.

Philadelphia.—The explosion of a whisky still in a garage here set fire to four dwellings and drove ten families into the street. The garage was almost completely destroyed. Police in searching the ruins said they found five stills that apparently had been in operation when the explosion occurred.

Ice Dams River; Town Marooned.

Milwaukee.—The upper Milwaukee river, dammed by ice, overflowed, marooning Sunny Point, a village north of this city. Rescue parties were organized, and the struggle to rescue the 500 villagers was started.

Parachute Fails To Open.

San Jose, Cal.—Thornton Jenkins, an aerial circus performer, fell 2,700 feet when his parachute failed to open after he leaped from an airplane. He died at a hospital several hours later.

Leaps From Bridge To Avoid Car.

Chester, Pa.—Facing death in two ways, Archie Bowker, 39 years old, is in Chester Hospital with a broken back and both legs dislocated. While crossing the Rapid Transit Company trestle, the sudden appearance of a trolley car coming out of a fog and the fear of death under the wheels caused Bowker to leap from the bridge into Ridley creek, a distance of 60 feet. Bowker was rendered unconscious, and was found by passing workmen, who rescued him.