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In two minutes the fire had spread up at down the stream for over two miles, and down the stream for over two miles, and down the stream for over two miles, and three hundred buildings were in ames. The thousands of winesses free thrown into a state of the wildest anic. Men, women and children ran brough the streets screaming and becerbing each other to be conducted to place of safety.

Clouds of smoke obscured everything. When the darkness was most dense, there frightful explosions in succession mook the very earth. These were the loating naphtha tanks in the creek. The cause was not then known, and a leeling that some horribly uncertain late was impending added to the other terrors. It was then evident that the whole of the Third Ward and a large number of buildings on both sides of the creek further up were doomed. Lower down where the buildings were above the water's surface, the fire was swept directly in among them.

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Many of the persons who lost their lives were overtaken in the streets as they field for safety. An almost perpendicular wall of stone bemmed the victims in on one side, the river on the other, the devouring fames at their rear. Others were burned in their bouses and many were drowned.

One rescuing party with a large shift load of persons taken from flooded houses, was overtaken by the blazing cil and all perished. Four of a party who stood on the Western Naw York Ennsylvania Railroad bridge are known

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bodies, are being unearthed literally tore from masses of d-bris made solid by the flood. Out in the middle of Senece street parties of men are coming and going with attretchers between them weighted down with a body. They return from the morgues immediately expecting to flud more dead bodies.

Ju some places three feet or more of mud covers the streets. The sidewalks are torn from their foundations and piled in confusion.

TERROR-STRICKEN TITUSVILLE.

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THUSVILLE, Pa., June 6.—A conservative estimate places the loss of life from the flood and fire yesterday morning at he flood and fire yesterday morning 5, and the damage at \$1,500,000. this loss is in this city, with the sur-rounding country yet to be heard from. A large number of the most extensive a large number of the most extensive and prosperous manufacturing estab-lishments are now in ashes, and hundreds of homes and business places are atterly wiped out, while the streets are crowded with hungry, homeless ween crowded with hungry homeless, weep-ing and distracted people, mourning the loss of loved ones who have perished in the rush of waters or the flery billows me which enguised them almost in winkling of an eye as they were gling in the vain endeavor to save

At this writing the sky is filled with

dense and pitchy clouds of smoke arising from the smouldering ruins of refineries, cooper shops, furniture factories, radiator works, hotels, ralicoad warehouses, care, dwellings, etc., while the waters of Oil Creek are rushing through the streets with almost resistless tide. No tongue, po pen, no language can distant to the some of terror and confusion provailing in this stricken city. The illuminating gas works, the electric light plant and the city water works are under water, while the natural gas mains have been turned off at Oil City. This leaves Titusville without water, fuel or light, at least from the sources from which these necessities have been accustomed to come.

ignited, and in a moment a large acreage of the creek was one vast sea of fire.

This blaze soon spread to the International Oil Works, owned by Thomas & Co., and they were soon in a blaze. Then came the large refining plant and soap factory of Rice & Harrison, which the flames in a short time reached and consumed. The wind was in the right quarter, and on sped the fire, arriving in due time at the Oil Creek refinery and wax plant.

Besides the three big refining plants, the fire has destroyed the large furniture factory, store and store room of Casnerson & Rowe, located on South Franklin street, the Cullen Hotel, the Western New York & Pennsylvania freight depot and about 73 private dwellings.

WARREN, Pa., June 8.—The cloudburst on Saturday afternoon between Corry and Irvington, near the head waters of the Broken Straw, was most disastrous. Streams, already bankful, became rivers. The rilroad bridges at Pittsfield and Youngsville were swept away. At Irvington the central pier of the bridge used by the Dunkirk, Allegheny Valley & Pennsylvania, and the Philadelphia & Erie railroads was washed away. All traffic on these roads has been abandoned.

Young Fales' Conviction.

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NEWARK, N. J., June 6.—The verdict of murder in the first degree brought in by the jury in the case of Alden Fales, the 16-year-old boy who, during the past week, has been on trial in the Court of Oyer and Terminer for the killing of Thomas Haydon a month ago, ounsions no surprise to the people of this city, considering the charge to the jury of Judge Depue, who told them plainly that unless the preponderance of evidence showed that Fales was insant when he killed Haydon that the was not entitled to the benefit of this doubt.

Cut His Threat With a Pen-Knife. Cut His Threat With a Pen-Knife.

NORTHAMPTON, Mass., June 4.— ExRepresentative John B. Buttun, who
had become mentally deranged, it is
said, through his efforts to extricate his
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stather and brother from financial difficulties caused by the Florence Tack
Company's failure, out his throat with a
pen-knife during the night and will
probably die.

The Birkenberg Mine Horror. The Birkenberg Mine Horror.
PRAGUE, June 6.—It will be two
weeks before all the bodies are recovered
from the Birkenberg silver mine. The
fragments of the bodies that have beer
brought to the surfaces filled three
wagons. Only thirteen of the resound
autvived, while twenty-seven of the
men who volunteered for resous work
were killed or suffocated.

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WHO WILL REPLACE HIM

Speculation Already Rife as to Blaine's Successor.

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Farents and children stood by without the power to aid one another's struggies against the beautiful they went down to rise no more. As sad and sickening scenes as ever transpired in the valley of the Conemangh three years ago, were tepeated here without.

One father is a manusc over the loss of his whole family, a wife and seven children, one, a babe three years oil. A brother was recured forced to leaves a sixter, her husband and two children to persist. Many such cases, and in the external control of the persist. Many such cases, and in the external control of the persist. Many such cases, and in the external control of the persist. Many such cases, and in the external control of the persist of

dry wooden houses burned like kindling wood.

Owing to the large number of saloons in the camp, liquors were free and hundreds of men took advantage of it and filled themselves, with the natural consequence of a drunken crowd, who have so far done no dam age. Some acts of thieving have taken place, and already buildings are filled with arrestel purties. There was no available fire apparatus, and the people could only gaze on the burning structures from a safe distance for they could do nothing to quench the flames. The fire lasted three hours, and started from an axplosion of coal oil in the Cinneavy block. The insurance will be about \$200,000.

Against the Reading Combine.

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EASTON, Pa., June 6.—A bill in equity has been in the Northampton County Court against the Reading combine. The suit is brought on behalf of a number of stockholders of the Lehigh Valley Railroad. The bill recites that the combine is for the purpose of creating monoply in the production and transforstation of anthractic cosl, and an injunction is asked for against the defendants to prevent them from carrying out their purpose.

Imports and Exports of Specie.

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New York, June 6.—The exports of specie from the port of New York during the past week amounted to \$2,358,715, of whice \$1,347,565 was gold and \$511,-150 silver. Of the total exports \$1,500, 000 gold and \$502,700 silver went to Europe and \$347,565 gold and \$5.450 silver went to the West Indies and South America. The imports of specie during the week were \$50,396, of which \$4,200 was gold and \$46,196 silver.

Liabilities Six Million Franc

PARIS, Juh. Sliabilities of Blondel & Garnier, outside bankers and brokers, who have proved defaulters, as reported last week, amount to six d last week, amount to six is of francs, with no assets in The firm had many patrons in Lyons and Geneva.

Irish Peace Commissioners

New York, June 6.—The commission appointed by the Irish National League of America to go to Ireland to seek to unite the contending factions there will leave this city on June 32. The names of the commissioners will soon be announced.

Once Wealthy, Died in a Paupers' New York, June 6.—David D. F. Moore, founder of the "Rural New York er," and a journalist, and publisher of extensive fame, died a few nights ago in the paupers' ward of the New Yorl Hospital: He was 73 years old, and some time was wealthy.

THE MOB'S ACTION CONDEMNED. Public Opinion Reacts in Regard to the Port Jervis Lynching.

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Port Jervis Lynching.
Port Jervis, N. Y., June 4. - The ex citement in this village over the lynch-ing of the negro, Robert Lewis, still con-tinues at fever heat, and further de-velopments are awaited with intense

Public attention just now is centred upon the coroner's jury, whose duty it will be to investigate the circumstances surrounding the lynching, and, if pos-

the tynchers.

Opinion in regard to the act of the mob has completely changed. At first citizens, upon learning of the Hynching, gave to it an unqualified approval, and the whispers which came from the various groups of persons who gatherai to discuss the matter were to the effect that Lewis had met a just and mer-ted fate. But, a decided reaction in public opinion is observable, and it is now felt that the honor of the village is deeply concerned in bringing the leaders of the deed to justice. Much depends upon the coroner's jury for an accomplishment of this object.

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In the event of a whitewashing verdict, which is feared in some quarters, the duty of working up facts will devolve upon District Attorney Hirchberg, who is out of town at present.

Peter J. Foley, whom Lewis implicated as the instigator of the assault, is in the jail at Gosinen, whither he was removed for fear that an attempt would also be made to lynch him. Lena McMahon is in a critical condition. She is badly bruised about the head, body and limbs, and is otherwise badly injured. Her clothing was saturated with blood. A new phase has been given to the affair by the discovery of some blackmailing letters written by Foley to Miss McMahon. In them he makes a demand upon her for money, threatening, in default thereof, exposures which would forever ruin the kirl's character. A warrant charging Foley with blackmail has been sworn out by the girl's father, which will be served upon him after he has testified at the inquest. His present detention is not on a criminal charge but solely to secure his presence as a witness hefore the coroner's jury

DEPEW ON THE SITUATION. What We Thinks of Blaine's Retirement He Is Still for Harrison.

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MINNEAPOLIS, June 6.—"It is the most dramatic incident in Convention history" said Mr. Depew, speaking of the resignation of Mr. Blaine. "It is so dramatic that we must wait for the response from the country before we will know what the effect of it will be. The tweetiesn people, as a rule, don't like surprises."

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Responding to a question, Mr. Pepew said: "I are still for ffarrison. I have always been a Blaine man. I accepted Mr. Bleine's letter as did all of his intimate friends who noted with him and for him that is, eight tenths of them. They then began to see what was best to do next, as Mr. Blaine refused to be a candidate. They made up their minds that the best thing to do was to renominate the Presidenc, and in one form or another most of them were committed to that policy.

"So far from that action being in hostility to Mr. Blaine, it was taken with the idea that the record of this administration was that any man—even Mr. Blaine would have to run on. If Blaine had not written his letter, there is no doubt in the world that we would all be for Mr. Blaine."

More Coul Land Deals.

Potrsville, Pa., June 4.—Scranton capitalists, through A. D. W. Smith, lately of the Pennsylvania Geological Survey Corps, have secured an option on the Shippen coal tract of nearly 300 acres situated near Middleport, between here and Tamaqua. Recent tests proved the existence of all the principal veins, the deposit being estimated to contain 20,000,000 toons of coal. This transfer of the Shippen tract lends additional strength to the talk that the Pennsylvania company has secured a similar option on the Mosby, Sheafer and Cowen tracts of nearly 2,003 acres, and for the possession of which there has been a regular scramble ever since the Reading's great deal.

Irving A. Evans's Estate.

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Boston, June 6.—An inventory of the state of the late Irving A. Evans has been filed. It shows that he died possessed of the following assets: Seat in the New York Stock Exchange, \$17,846; seat in the Boston Stock Exchange, \$18,500; Philadelphia Stock Exchange, \$24,000; cash on hand, \$533; gas stock, \$1,200; note of George A. Doane for \$5,000, valued at \$500; various stocks, \$900; interest in the Baker estate at Wellesley, said to be of uncertain value, and a claim of \$18,000 against Nathan W. Hamm.

To Build a New Mortar Battery

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KEANSBURGH, N. J., June 6.—The United States Government has just purchased 25 3-4 acres of land from John Thompson, of this place. The ground is situated near the Old Point Comfort Lighthouse, and will be utilized by the Government for the building of a mortar battery. An appropriation was made some time ago by Congress for the carrying out of this work. The battery will be similar tof the one now being built at Sandy Hook.

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UTICA, N. Y. June 6. — Ex-United
States Marshal McElwaine, on trial for
assisting Buncoer O'Brien to escape, was
acquitted Saturday night after two
hours' deliberation on the jury's parHe was immediately arrested on a
bench warrant from Albany County
Judy's Kennedy then sentenced exKeeper Buck to three years at hard labor
at Auburn.

PORT JERVISAN. Y., June 9.—Miss Mc Mahon, who was assaulted by the negro Ford, is squewhat better this morning. The coroner will make a rigid investiga-tion into the lynching of the negro, and it may be that several arrests may result

NICOLAI IS A CHEAT

Damaging Evidence Against the Missing Parson.

NOW ON HIS WAY TO CALIFORNIA.

The Committee Appointed by the German Presbyterian Church of Elizabethport, N. J., Finds Several Fraudulent Trans-

N. J., Finds Several Fraudatent Transaction in Which He Is Concerned.

ELIZABETH, N. J., June 4.—At the session of the committee appointed by the Elizabeth Presbytery to investigate the alleged wrongdoing of the Rev. Nathaniel Nicolai, the absconding pastor of the German Presbyterian Church, Elizabethport, some astonisaing evidence was presented by Elder Plarrer.

The elder stated that the clergyman got a fraudulent check for \$150 cashed in a Presbyterian book publishing house in Baltimore. Nicolai bought \$24.50 worth of books and had them shipped to Plarrer, presenting the check in payment. It was signed by a Mr. Horton of New York. When the check was forwarded there it was sent back protested. Elder Plarrer received the books by express and was at a loss to know who sent them until he received a letter from the publishing house asking for information about the Rev. Mr. Nicolai, and stating the facts against the protested checks. Elder Plarrer wired back that the man was a fraud and had fled.

Right on the heels of this came another letter from a religious publishing house in St. Louis, where Nicolai had worked the same scheme, and another consignment of books is on the way to Elder Plarrer. The alleged swindier is thought to be on his way to California. The Baltimore transaction took place

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When Nicolai furnished his house he borrowed the money from a cleegyman connected with the Bloomfeld Seninary and gave him in exchange a chattel mortgage on the furniture. Elder Pfarrer yesterday secured an attachment on the furniture which, owing to the mortgage, is practically worthless. The Bloomfeld clergyman is here to foreclose his mortgage. The elder is nearly distracted over the accumulating evidence of his friend's rascality.

Frank J. Vogel, a drygoods merchant at Elizabethypot and a leading member of the Methodist Church, is another of Nicolai's dupes He loopen the preacher \$50 and says he would have given \$10 bed Nicolai's dupes He loopen the preacher \$50 and says he would have given \$10 bed Nicolai's dupes for it, as he never entertained one dights of the clengymen's

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Mapern, lune 47 in the Valencia prison 274 convicts revolted as they were being marched to dinner. They overpowered the guards, killed three of them and put the rest to flight. They then smasned all the furniture of the prison and tried to find the Governor, whom they intended to kill. He had been warned by the fleeing guards, however, and had left the prison. The convicts got two beams and were pounding at the outer gates of the prison when the military, summoned by a guard, arrived. Gen. Saleedo, commander of the garrison, shouted to the convicts to devist, at the same time threatening to cannonade the gates in case they refused.

During the parleying Gen. Saleedo mounted the wall of the prison and explained to the convicts the impossibility of escape. The convicts gave in at last. The military was marched into the prison and the convicts were taken back to their quarters. The ringleaders will be shot.

Ran Into a Land Slide.

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FRANKLIN, Pa., June 4.—A passenger train on the Allegheny Valley Railroad, due here at 6:20 a. m., ran into a land silde eight miles below this city and the engine and two baggage cars were thrown into the river. Fortunately the passenger conches remained on the track and a terrible accident was averted. Alexander Reed, the engineer, was fatally injerted, and the express messenger had both legs broken. Three other employes were slightly injured.

Changes of Methodist Ministers.

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OMAHA, June 4.—The Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church have decided to make the following changes of residence: Bishop Ninde feaves Topka for Detroit; Bishop Mallalieu goes from New Orleans to Buffalo; Bishop Fowler from San Francisco to Minneapolis; Bishop Vincent from Buffalo to Topka, and Bishop Fitzgerald from Minneapolis to New Orleans. Bishop Goodsell will be at Fort Worth for a time and then go to San Francisco.

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FIHLADELHHIA, June 6.—Dr. Henry F.
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vas demonstrator of anatomy at the
Cniversity of Pennsylvania, and had
lone excellent work for that institution.
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Boston, June 4.—The grand jury of he United States Circuit Court has the United States Circuit Court has brought in two more indictments in the Maverick Bank cases, for the purpose, as is understood, of correcting the mis-placement of two notes in two counts of a former indictment.

New York, June 6. - The fire that de-New York, June 6.—The fire that de-itroped the carriage wood work manu-lactory of Halcomb Bros., on River itrest, Saturday night, was one of the most severe that ever occurred in this mity. The cause of the fire is unknown. Loss, about \$100,000; insurance, \$30,000.