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# MANY NEAR DEATH IN AUSTIN RUINS Narrow Escapes When Workman Uncovers Dynamite.

# DEATH LIST PLACED AT 77

The Eodies Recovered Number Fortyseven, While Thirty Persons Are Missing - Engineers Inspect the Dam.

Sores of workmen engaged in cleaning away and descroying the flood wrechage of what was the business section of Aus.in, Pa., had a narrow escape from a terrible death.

The workmen were digging with pickars in the wreckage, when one of them no iced that the point of his pick had just cleaved what looked like a broken witch but which had a dark a broken stick, but which had a dark gray interior. Stooping over, he found a dozen more. Curious as to their na ture, he took them to the foreman, who started back in alarm. The sticks were dynamite, and the escape of the workmen seemed indeed almost miraculous.

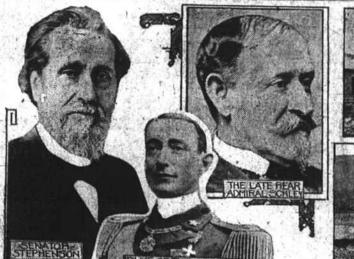
Seven construction engineers have arrived to look over the Bayless dam, the bursting of which caused the flood. They denied that they had come by prearrangement and said their visits had nothing to do with the official investigation, but it was said on high authority that at least some of them would be called in the inquest to testify regarding the condition and con-struction of the dam.

The engineers are: W. J. Douglas, of New York; Thaddeus Merriman, Assistant chief engineer of the board of water supply, of New York; Merritt Smith, a department engineer of the same board; A. P. Davis, chief engineer of the United States reclamation service, who said he had been sent by the department of the interior especially to learn what the effect of the water had been on the concrete and to obtain information regarding weak points in the structure; Edward Wagnan, designer of the Croton dam in New York, who was sent by the Bayless Pulp and Paper company, pre-sumably to protect it in the investigation; J. H. Cook, engineer of the Jersey City Water company, and J. F. Witmer, a civil engineer of Buffalo, who was engineer at the construction of the municipal water works of Aus-tin, and was sent by the Bayless con-

while 1000 men labored right manfully at the task of digging what is left of Austin from the wreck and ruin which engulfed, it, the sad-eyed citi-zens who survived the flood set themselves in earnest to the work of burying their dead.

As the remnants of the town began to arise, seemingly from the cloak of wreckage which has enveloped them for days, six of the former residents whose lives went out in the flood were consigned to their final resting places on a bleak and windswept hillside alfost within sight of the hive of feverish energy which formerly was the town of Austin.

Futile though the efforts seemed to the watchers, they bore their fruit, for seven more bodies were recovered on Wednesday and identified and great gaps were torn through the great barriers which had been builded in the main part of the town by the lumber



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# News Snapshots Of the Week The bursting of the huge dam of the Bayless paper mill at Austin, Pa., wiped out the towns of Austin and Costello. A number of persons were killed, and many more are still missing. The wreck has devastated the towns of Austin and Costello. A number thought probable that any attempt to rebuild them will be made. Rear Admiral Winfield Scott Schley, retired, the bero of the battle of Santiago of the Spanish-American war, dropped dead in a New York street. Investigation was begun into the charge the command of the Duke of the Abruzzi, was active in the taking of Tripoli. Admiral Boren d'Olma was made governor of the town. Francisco I. Madero, Jr., was elected president of Mexico, and there were rumors that General Reyes would start an insurrection.

discussing bees as a cure and stated that their sting neutralized the acid, an excess of which causes rheumatism and gouty affections. The value of the cure was, however, doubted, Mr. Fitz-gerald will soon leave Ansonia for Hot Springs, Va.

## Cave-In Kills Five Men.

Five men were sucked into an aban-doned car shaft at Freeland, Pa., and buried beneath tons of slate and coal dirt, when the ground on which they

were working gave way beneath their feet.

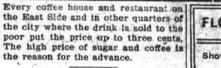
All of the men, who were foreign-ers, were instantly killed. They fell seventy feet to the bottom of the shaft.

The accident occurred at the Drifton colliery of the Lefigh Valley Coal tompany. The first aid corps of the colliery entered the mine in an effort to rescue the men. Doctors, priests and undertakers had been sent for and were lined up on the surface around the incuth of the o aning. After several hours of vorh the message came: "All are dead; prepare to refelve the bodles."

Mayor Traps Briber In His Office. Mayor Lewis A. Kniffen, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., has caused the arrest, as the result of a trap, of William B. McGuire, a former deputy city treas-urer, whom he charges with attempt-ing to bribe him with \$4000 in cash and \$25,000 in the bonds of the Wilkes-Barre Light company to sign an ordinance granting the company a seventy-

A short time ago the Wilkes-Barre Light company secured from city councils an ordinance granting it a franchise for seventy-five years. This ordinance was sent to the mayor for his signature.

A few days ago it became known that the city's chief executive would return it to the common council with a veto. Since then the mayor said he has been approached in workers, \$6,95 10. HOGS lower; prime heavies, \$6,95 @7; mediums, \$6,95 6.75; pigs. \$6,95 \$2,50 6.75; pigs. \$6,96 \$2,50 \$2, to influence him, and he soon saw that an effort would be made to bribe him He then resolved to lay the trap, and when he had an appointment with Mc-Guire he hid Detective Schneider and Williams.



Snake Chokes Girl.

Choked into insensibility by a five-foot blacksnake, Lillian Porcher, eight years old, is in a serious condition at her home at Port Washington, near New Philadelphia, O. The child was playing in 'he schoolhouse when the snake dr -- ed from the rafters upon her hea

Hillary Beachey Falls 200 Feet. Hillary Beachey, the aviator, fell 200 feet in an aeroplane at St. Louis. Mo., and landed on a brick pavement. He was unconscious when taken to a hospital. The machine was wrecked.

### Aviator Falls to Death. Cromwell Dixon, who flew across the Rocky mountains last Saturday, fell 100 fest at the Interstate Fair grounds at Spokane, Wash., and rereived injuries which caused his death.

African Bishop Dead. Bishop James 4. Handy, of the Afri-can Methodist Episcopal church, is dead in Baltimore, aged eighty-five years.

### GENERAL MARKETS

PHILADELPHIA - FLOUR quiet; winter clear, \$3.40@3.80; city mills, fancy, \$5.85@6.25. RYE FLOUR steady; per barrel, \$5@5.25. WHEAT steady; No. 2 red, 931/2@ 941/c. nance granting the company a second five-year franchise. The trap was set in the private of fice of the mayor by having City De tective D. C. Schneider and George W. Williams, a newspaper man, being hidden in a closet in the office. There they heard the conversation of the given signal, when the money and the bonds were placed on the mayor's desk, they sprang out and seized Mc Live Stock Markets.

PITTSBURG (Union Stock Yards) CATTLE steady; choice, \$7@7.65; prime, \$6.75@7. SHEEP steady; prime wethers, \$4 @4.15; culls and common, \$1.50@2; lambs, \$3@6.50; veal calves, \$9.50@



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INCELLOF AUSTINE



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Oust McCabe In Pure Food Fight. In a sudden succession of orders, an initial move in the expected reoran initial nove in the expected feor-ganization of the department of ag-riculture at Washington, Solicitor George P. McCabe was retired from the pure food and drug board; Assoclate Chemist F. L. Dunlap, closely identified with McCabe, was allowed a leave of absence until the president's return, and Chemist Harvey W. Wiley was left apparently in supreme command of the board. Dr. R. E. Doolittle, of New York, was temporarily appoint-ed to the board to succeed McCabe.

ritable in view of the official and STEEL TRUST COMES FIRST Not Only Dissolution Suits Are to Be Brought, But Also Criminal Prose cutions - Harvester Combine and

Others to Follow.

Attorney General Wickersham is now ready to file a suit in equity against the United States Steel corporation. This is to be the opening, gun in the greatest war on trusts since

the Sherman law was enacted. Not only are dissolution suits to be brought, but criminal prosecutions to land trust creators in prison, and, according to a high official of the de-partment of justice, the next twelve. months promise to be the busiest in the history of the department. The attorney general has not only carte blanche, but instructions from the president to "go ahead and prose cute."

Along with the completed bill of complaint against the steel trust Attorney General Wickersham will be given all the material gathered by investigators of the department of jus-tice against the International Harvester company, the harvester trust. This evidence is so complete that it can in a short time be arranged into a bill of complaint against that corporation. The offer of George W. Perkins, the financier and maker of the harvester trust, to dissolve that corporation, will also be placed in the hands of the

attorney general. In the bill of complaint against the steel trust are two specific charges. First, the violation of that section of the Sherman anti-trust law prohibiting unreasonable combinations in re-straint of trade; second, a violation of the Elkins interstate commerce

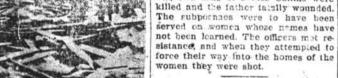
It was stated at the department of justice that there would be criminal prosecution of officials of the steel trust. Who these officials are the de-

partment would not say. The federal government charges the steel trust with "unreasonable combi-nation in restraint of trade." Under nation in restraint of trade." Under this caption it is alleged that the steel trust has a monopoly on the steel industry of the United States by holding more than 50 per cent of the' steel ore in the country. It is alleged that the Elkins inter-state commerce act has been related

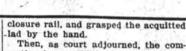
state commerce act has been violated by the trust receiving rebates from railroads owned or controlled in part by them. These railroads are situated near the ore deposits and have a working agreement with trunk line railroads, according to the govern-

ment's allegations. It was said by Solicitor General Lehman and by the attorney general some time ago, that whether the steel trust was prosecuted or if it volun-tarily dissolved, no bar to criminal prosecution would stand. According to some sources in the

is supposed to be found only in Gandepartment of justice, the suit against the steel trust will be filed within the daki, a river in Nepaul. The person who possesses one of these stones is esteemed highly fortunate. He prenext few weeks, and the one against the harvester trust within the next serves it in a clean cloth, from whence two months, unless those corporations make an offer to dissolve in the only it is sometimes taken to be bathed and way the department will permit; that is, according to the Standard Oil and American Tobacco company decisions The department's bill of complaint against the sugar trust is also complete, but the department is moving slowly in this case. The officers having the case in charge want to file the criminal suits against the officers and the trust itself before filing a suit in equity. At first it was intended that the suit in equity for dissolution should be filed, but the supreme court's de cision in the case of Knight, in which the statute of limitation was defined clearly, in the opinion of the attorney general caused a halt. This is one of the knotty problems the attorney general will take up. The investigations against the rubber trust, in which Senator Aldrich's. heavily interested, will be family is nushed this fall and winter. Already the department has much evidence in hand. The decrees of dissolution in the electrical trust, the powder trust and the wholesale grocers' trust will be gone over by General Wickersham As soon as they are in shape the attorney general will submit them to the court for approval and filing. That action will give the government a permanent injunction against these combinations' combining in the future



These changes were announced by Secretary Wilson, following a conference with Dr. Wiley, who hat been on a long vacation. They were deemed inpersonal antagonism aired before a congressional committee the past summer and Dr. Wiley's exoneration by President Taft, after Attorney General Wickersham, with views aligned with those of Secretary Wilson and Solicitor McCabe, had recommended Dr Wiley's removal from office as head



As they reached the entrance of the

Three Subpeena Servers Killed. Trying to subpeena witnesses want-

a., two sons of James Collins were

nore than ten may be shot in a day.

Rodgers' Aeroplane Falls In Indiana.

just after he had started from Hunt Ington, Ind., toward Chicago. The ma-

chine was wrecked and Rodgers pain-

An East Indian Amulet. In India a variety of gems and stones are used as amulets. The most

common is the salagrama, a stone

which is perforated with black.

about as large as a billiard ball and

fully bruisod.

Caught in a sudden gust of wind, C.

Rodgers' aeroplane dived to earth

torrent. The bodies recovered were those of Evelyn Kennick, whose mother's body had already been found and identified: h boy six years old, unidentified; a twelve-year-old boy, unidentified: two adults who are so badly mutilated that the sex cannot be determined. and Joseph McNamara and Mrs. Jacoh Hess.

The bodies recovered now number forty-seven, while thirty persons still are reported as missing, making the total list of victims not greater than seventy-seven.

One body and part of another were recovered on Thursday. The condition of them is such that they must be disposed of almost immediately. Seven hodies or parts of bodies unclaimed will also be disposed of.

Bee Stings Cure Rheumatism.

Hopelessly crippled for two years by rheumatism, William P. Fitzgerald wealthy brewer of Ansonia, Conn., has been cured by exposing himself to the attack of the bees.

Leaving a hospital a month ago, when all remedies failed, Mr. Fitzger ald tried the bee experiment as a final resort. A friend who had benefited by like treatment suggested it to him.

A hive of bees quartered in the garret of Mr. Fitzgerald's home daily divided their time between gathering honey and burying their weapons in their owner. At times the bees would not sting until angered by poking. Their stabs caused sovere pain in the patient's arms and legs, but he suf-fered heroically. After three weeks of the treatment he is able to walk without crutches.

Medical journals recently have been

A warrant was sworn out, charging McGuire with attempted bribery. He waived a hearing and gave \$1500 bail.

Prepare to Bury Beattie.

It has just become known that the cemeteries committee of the Richmond, Va., city council, in a secret session a week ago, took a special action to permit the family of Henry C. Beattle, Jr., to bury his body in the Maury cemetery in Richmond if he is electrocuted on Nov. 24 for the murder of his wife.

The Beattle family lives in South Richmond, but their burial plot is in the Richmond cemetery, and there is a city ordinance which prohibits the burial of a non-resident there.

Fourth Attempt to Burn Scottdale. A fire of incendiary origin swept through the business section of Scottdale, Pa., and caused a loss of about \$125,000. Fifty guests were routed out of the Central hotel before that structure went down, but all escaped un hurt. Two fires were discovered within a short distance of each other at the same time and the flames quickly spread to adjoining buildings. This is the fourth attempt to burn the town within the past three months

Coffee at two cents a cup is now a thing of the past in New York city. It is sometimes better to have to and lost than to be the other fellow.

Sulphur Ball Crushes Miners. Two foreigners were crushed to death and James Gallagher, a school director, was fatally injured, when a large sulphur ball weighing man; thousand pounds dropped from the roof in No. 11 slope of the Beaver Brook Coal company, at Beaver Brook tear Hazleton, Pa.

#### Peculiarly Poisoned.

Having first handled a mesh bag and then squeezed a fever blister with the same hand, Miss Beatrice McConnolly, of Tranton, N. J., has sustained septic poisoning. She has been in a serious condition the past week, but is now improved.

Pointed Paragraphs.

No woman is as truthful as her mir-

ror.

The football hero will soon climb back on his pedestal.

It's a surprise party if everybody there has a good time.

Occasionally a man proves his wisdom by acting foolish.

An ownce of flattery is better than a ton of tombstone obituary.

He is a wise man who never argues with people he is fond of.

Life is but a fleeting show-yet it is

the best show a man has on earth. It is sometimes better to have loved

of the chemistry bureau because of a technical irregularity in appointive methods, the responsibility for which he denled.

The pure food and drug board is the agency which passes upon many important cases arising under the er forcement of the pure food law. Dr. Wiley declared that he was usually outvoted and made a humber of sensational statements in the investigation of the controversy. Smarting under the frequent overruling of his views, wherein he neid food products deleterious to health, he told a con-

gressional committee that he regarded his associate, Dr. Dunlap, as his superior officer Stoll Acquitted In Lynching Case.

George Stoll, sixteen years old, who was charged with murder in the lynching of Zack Walker, at Coatesville, Pa., was acquitted in West Ches-

As the verdict was announced by Frank Young, foreman of the jury, a murmur of applause swept through the court room, only to be stilled by Judge Hemphill.

ter.

As the Judge stepped down from the bench and started for his chambers the Coatesville friends of Stoll. who had been waiting in the court room for over an hour, swept forward, some of them even vaulting the en-

perfumed. He believes that the water in which it is washed, if drunk, has the power to preserve from sin. Hold, ing it in his hand, the dying Hindu expires in peace.

The Recipe.

"Your novel is pretty good," said the publisher to Scribley, "but, after all, it needs just a little more thrill. Can't you put something stirring in it?"

"Why, I might." said Scribley "though just how to stir things up I don't know."

"Well," smiled the publisher, "suppose you try just a little more spoon Nothing like a good spoon for stirring. you know "-Harper's

He Didn't Tell. "Gee! Now tell me as man to man what you would do if you were married to that woman

"You tell me what you would do. am married to her."-Houston Post.

#### Considerate.

She-Why did you ask Belle to go with us? He-I saw she was going anybow, and I didn't wish her to feel mean over it .- Smart Set.

A Fault Finder.

"You were always a fault finder," growled the wife.

"Yes, dear," responded the husband neekly: "I found you."

It's just the luck of a man for a girl to go on kissing him from babyhood right up to the time when it would he right up to the time when it would be interesting,

Matinee performances seem so much better to girls than those in the even

ideals has to stop at too many way stations ever to get there.