# DIES TO HELP WIFE

## New York Brewer Takes Two Sons With Him.

### Fails In Attempt to Keep his Bank Account From Disappearing—Leaves Youngest to Be Comfort for His Mate.

New York.—Broken at last by losing battle with ill health, Jacob Haas, 54 years old, committed suicide with gas and took with him two of his three little sons—John, 7, and Lawrence, 6. He left his youngest born, Joe, 4, knowing his young wife, Anna, 21, could keep him and would find comfort in him.

By working a double shift, from 5 a. m. until midnight, eighteen hours of work with an interval of an hour in which to run home for food, Haas struggled while he was well to keep the little family bank account from disappearing.

When only $60 was left, despite his efforts, he decided there was one way left by which he could help his wife, and he deliberately set about planning the triple tragedy and the saving of the baby.

Haas worked at a bottling plant in "Brewery Town" and lived in three bare rooms at 1810 Second avenue. Until two years ago he was prosperous and as happy as he was beloved by his wife and children. Some stomach trouble brought on a pulmonary disease and after a long illness Haas was left a wreck of his former self.

In spite of his weakened condition Haas took on the double shift, and his wife helped out in the time when he was too ill to go to work by making brewers' aprons on a machine that kind neighbors had lent her.

Early this week Haas fell ill again. Last night, having drawn his $30 from the bank, he took home a quart of whisky secreted in his clothes, and when bedtime came persuaded his wife to take little Joe in bed with her, on the ground that the baby was not feeling well. Ordinarily the three boys insisted on sleeping with their father and the mother slept alone on a couch in an adjoining room.

After the two lads were asleep Haas barricaded the door of the room, gummed strips of paper over the edges, carefully caulked the window and the transom, and with a wrench took a tap off the gas pipe that the flow might be the swifter. As he worked he drank the greater part of the bottle of whisky. He had lived almost an abstainer and drank now to keep up his courage.

About 3 o'clock Mrs. Haas was roused by the smell of gas and the bodies were discovered. Haas left a pathetic note of explanation for his relatives, enclosing the $60 which he had drawn to save his wife trouble, as the account was in his name.

As the young wife looked upon the dead bodies of her husband and her two bright little, tow-haired sons she fell in a faint beside them.

# WASTE IN MINING OF COAL

### Government Expert Says 250,000,000 Tons Were Lost Last Year Through Loose Methods.

Washington.—Dr. Joseph A. Holmes, director of the United States bureau of mines, makes the statement in a bulletin that during the last year one-half as much coal has been wasted or rendered unfit for use as has been mined and put on the market.

In view of this he thinks it is time that more vigorous efforts should be made to reduce this enormous waste not only in coal but in minerals generally. This is the purpose of investigations now under way by the experts of the bureau, which investigations are made the subject of a bulletin by Charles L. Parsons, entitled "Notes on Mineral Waste." In his preface to the bulletin Dr. Holmes says that during the last year in producing 500,000,000 tons of coal there were wasted or left underground in such condition that it probably will not be recovered in the future 250,000,000 tons of coal.

# WOMAN LIVES AS HERMIT

### Friend Finds Her Alone in California Canyon—Lives Lonely Life For Seven Years.

Santa Monica, Cal.—For seven years Miss Alma Pillinzer, a young woman of Cincinnati, has been living the life of a recluse in Topango canyon, eight miles north of this city. When a friend recognized her while on a trip to the canyon recently and urged her to return home she refused.

Eight years ago the young woman was living in Walnut Hills, the fashionable suburb of Cincinnati. She was betrothed to a young lawyer of that city. The following year she fell ill.

After partly recovering she left home, saying she was going to California to recuperate. She came to Santa Monica seven years ago, and, after passing five weeks at the beach, purchased a cabin at Topanga, where she has since remained.

### Says $25 is Enough for Three.

Washington.—Secretary of Commerce and Labor Nagel has rendered an official opinion that $25 a week is enough to support a family of three.

### "Spooning" is Prohibited.

Washington.—"Spooning not allowed" is the inscription on notices hung up on pleasure boats on the Potomac river.

# SMELLS GAS; STRIKES LIGHT

### Julius Bone,s Watchman, Upholds the Tradition of His Family Name.

New York.—Julius Bone, a watchman in a stone factory, upheld the tradition of his family name.

The factory which was intrusted to Bone's care is at 765 Stone avenue, Brooklyn. While making his rounds he smelled gas. The whole second floor of the building was permeated with it. He couldn't imagine where it came from. Finally, greatly perplexed, he sat down to ponder the matter. In due time an idea seeped into the head of Bone. It was strange he hadn't thought of it before. It was certainly a snappy idea.

Groping in his pocket he found a match. He'd find out where that gas was leaking. He scratched the match. Whang-o!

Sam Perky heard the explosion a block away and turned in a fire alarm. When the firemen came another alarm was sounded. The blaze did $5,000 damage and routed 100 families from a row of tenements in the rear of the factory.

Bone was rescued by firemen. He had been blown head first through a concrete wall. The wall will be repaired. Bone hastened home.

# HEROES TRY HUMAN CHAIN

### Mining Comrades Risk Their Own Lives When One of Their Number Meets Mishap.

Pottsville, Pa.—Two cars descending the slope at the Lykens colliery at Lykens jumped the track and knocked down a timber, which struck and probably fatally injured Oliver Kemble, aged nineteen years, who was working about 100 feet from the bottom. As he was rolling down the slope he was caught by Henry Matter, who was unable to check the fall, and Oscar Long then caught Matter, and in this manner the trio held until rescue came from the first aid corps.

It was necessary to strap Kemble to a plank to take him to the bottom of the slope and thence through a steam hole to another slope. It required four hours of the hardest kind of work to get him out.

A few hours later, while David Stance was planning to clear away the wreckage, he missed his footing, fell 75 feet and was instantly killed. The blocking of the slope has closed the colliery.

# 22 BILLION PHONE CALLS

### World's Total Number of Summons to Talk Over Wire Reaches Amazing Size.

Boston.—According to figures compiled for the American Telegraph and Telephone company, there were 22,000,000,000 telephone calls throughout the world during the year 1911. Of this total the United States had something over 14,000,000,000, or 66 per cent.

The year 1911 was 679,000,000 telegrams sent in the world, but the United States used only 17 per cent. of the total.

The world's investment in telephones is now over $1,795,000,000 and the gross yearly earnings are $329,000,000. The average annual earning per telephone is $32.87.

# LIGHTNING STRIKES FAITH

### National Monument to Forefathers at Plymouth Badly Damaged By Bolt.

Plymouth, Mass.—The national memorial to the forefathers on Monument Hill was struck by lightning and badly damaged. Several large stones at the waist of the heroic figure of Faith, which is the central one of the group, are displaced.

A granite tablet inscribed with the names of the Pilgrims who came over on the Mayflower was blackened by the lightning. It is thought that the giant figure of Faith will have to be taken down and repaired at great expense.

# LUNCH COUNTER ON TRAIN

### California Car is Built for Travelers of Moderate Means, and More May Follow.

San Francisco, Cal.—Built for travelers of moderate means, the first "lunch counter car" ever put into the service by an American railroad was attached to trains running from San Francisco to Los Angeles. If the car proves a success it will be followed rapidly by others. The counter stretches the length of the car along one side, with an aisle on the opposite, as in compartment sleepers, and stools in front of the counter. Meals will be served at all hours.

# WANTS U. S. TO PAY FOR COW

### Veteran Says Naval Station Refused Shelter to Animal and It Died of Exposure.

Washington, D. C.—William Smith, a union Civil war veteran, wants the navy department to pay for his cow which was starved to death during the recent Mississippi floods. He says the warrant officer in charge of the Algiers naval station, opposite New Orleans, refused shelter to his cow, although the stock of other flood refugees was being cared for at the station. Acting Secretary Winthrop has refused to admit the responsibility of the department.

# DYING GIRL CURED

### Recovers After 37 Doctors Had Given Her Up.

### Tuberculosis-Diabetes Patient Sees Light and Hears Voice Say: "Dorothy, Your Sufferings Are Over. Arise. You Can Walk.

London.—Saved by an angel who met her at the gates of death and bade her turn back to mortal life, Miss Dorothy Kerin, who has been a bedridden invalid from tuberculosis and diabetes, is today running about her home, 204 Milkwood road, although she had never been ill a day in her life.

Miss Kerin, who is a beautiful girl twenty-two years old, had been given up to die by 37 doctors. Saturday they announced that she would die before midnight. Sunday morning she suddenly opened her eyes. Her mother bent over her.

"Dolly, do you know me?" she asked.

"Of course I do mamma," replied the girl. "I am to get up. The angel told me to. An angel from heaven met me at the gates of death and brought me back."

And the girl did get up, seemingly under a mysterious influence, and ran downstairs. A friend of the family, an athelet, at sight of her fell on his knees, praying to God.

Not less remarkable than the restoration of her physical health is the effect of her inexplicable experience on her mind. She came forth from her visit to the valley of the shadow with a serene faith in an infinite power, a belief in a spiritual law, a clarity of mental view and an eloquence of expression usually acquired only after years of hard study.

Miss Berin has written an open letter in reply to the many queries which she has received as to her recovery. In this letter she says:

"I was conscious yesterday for the first time in several days. It seemed to me that I was slipping out of life. I heard the whispers and sobs and prayers of those who love me best. Everything grew black. I did not even think; I just drifted without an effort, without a thought, into deeper blackness.

"Suddenly I saw a light—dazzling—brighter than any fire I had ever seen. Stretched from out the great golden flame I saw two hands. Then I heard a sweet voice say clearly, 'Dorothy, your sufferings are over. Arise. You can walk.' Then I heard mother asking me if I knew her.

"There is a science of religion as well as a science in every phase of the material universe. We live in the midst of wonderful lands. In my own case I realize that my long illness and quietness prepared me to receive a message from the voice, which health and success and ambition sometimes stultify.

"I do not feel that the anchorite, the dreamer or any of the ultra-religionists are nearer God than any man or woman today who accepts the truth, and who opens the windows of the soul to the light of the spiritual world."

# 57 ARE POISONED BY FLIES

### People in Attendance at Sunday School Treat Eat Meat Infected Through Insects.

London.—Fifty-seven people have been poisoned by flies at Thevisoce, a village near St. Anatell.

One hundred and sixty people attended a Sunday school treat, of whom fifty-seven were taken ill, some seriously. The symptoms pointed to poisoning, and there was a suspicion that the tea had been poisoned by malicious persons.

Investigations by the medical officer of health showed that the outbreak was confined to those who had meat which was cooked 24 hours before.

His report, after inquiry and analysis, was that the meat became infected through the agency of flies, which were specially responsible for such outbreaks.

# FIANCEE'S SKULL AS CUP

### Curious Method of German Student to Keep His Dead Sweetheart in Mind.

Paris.—Drinking from a cup made from the skull of his fiancee is the way which a German student at Strassburg has adopted to keep the memory of her fresh. The fact is vouched for by the Abbe Wetterle, a famous French-Alsatian priest, whose propaganda against Germany has won him several terms of imprisonment. He bought the grim relic from the student to add it to his "museum of German civilization" at Colmar.

The girl died a year ago in the hospital where the student worked, so that the latter had little difficulty in removing the head in the dissecting room. The abbe was put on his track by a jeweler who studded the skull, which was brought him, with rubies.

### Fear of Dentist Kills.

York, Pa.—The fear of pain caused by having a tooth extracted caused the death of Anna Henry, the fifteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Henry. The girl was reluctant to have it removed. As the gas was about to be given she collapsed and expired.

# STEPCHILDREN BEAT HIM UP

### That is Plaint Made by St. Louis Man Seeking Divorce From His Militant Wife.

St. Louis.—Alleging that his life was threatened with his own revolver in the hands of his stepson, that he was assaulted by his stepdaughter and that, after being ordered to leave the house by his wife, Mrs. Nellie Mallery, he was not permitted to do so in peace, F. W. Mallery, a building contractor, filed suit for divorce.

The petition further reads that when Mallery married in November of 1911, Mrs. Mallery was a widow with two grown children. According to Mallery, he was always nagged and his wife encouraged her two children to assault and mistreat him.

In the petition he also said that when he went to his trunk he found it had been broken open and his revolver taken.

Mallery states that when he asked for his revolver his stepson told him he would be killed with his own gun if he was not careful. Mrs. Mallery, according to the petition, then announced that she did not care to have her second husband around the house and ordered him to leave. When he started to leave the house Mrs. Mallery would not let him do so.

He then called a policeman and was permitted to depart in peace. He further stated that he treated his wife with the best of care. The children fought him whenever Mrs. Mallery gave the word. They separated in June of 1912.

# GETS RING AFTER 38 YEARS

### Loser Becomes Great Grandmother Since Gold Engagement Token Was Lost.

Pendleton, Ore.—Turned up by a plow from its burial place of 38 years ago, a little gold band engagement ring is back upon the finger on which it was first placed so long ago.

To Mrs. William Blakely, a pioneer resident of Pendleton, belongs the ring with this history. It was purchased by Blakely in 1863 and placed upon the finger of his betrothed, who was then Miss Margaret Baird. They were married the following year. For ten years Mrs. Blakely wore the ring, and then, one unlucky day, she lost it.

A short time ago Glen McFarland, a nephew of Blakely, turned up a glittering object while plowing on the old home place at Brownsville, which still belongs to the Blakelys and is tenanted by their descendants. It proved to be the lost ring, being easily identified by the initials "M. B." engraved on the inner surface. Forthwith it was forwarded to its owner, who, a young wife when it disappeared, is now a great grandmother.

# PAY $1,300 FOR FEMALE FOS

### Buyers Have Experimental Farms in Canada and Are Expecting Profits This Year.

Iron River, Wis.—Mr. Horrowgar of the firm of Borrowman & Son, owners of black fox farms in various parts of Ontario, Canada, visited the farm of Henry D. Moreland in the town of Hughes, and while there he closed a deal for the purchase of a female fox, paying the record price of $1,300.

Mr. Moreland brought the fox in securely crated, and shipped her by express. The express charges amount to nearly $50, but the express company is held responsible for the safe delivery of the valuable piece of package and charges accordingly.

About three years ago Mr. Moreland trapped three black foxes, one male and two female. He went to considerable trouble and expense fixing up a suitable kennel for them. He did not have success in the breeding of the animals but was learning the business and expects to obtain favorable results this year.

# FIND MEASLES IN SNEEZES

### Government Physicians Also Discover Animals May Catch the Malady.

Washington.—Discoveries about measles have been made by Dr. John F. Anderson and Dr. Joseph Goldberger of the Hygienic laboratory in Washington. They have found that the dried particles of the skin of the child which rub off in the period of convalescence have nothing to do with the spread of the disease. The second discovery is that animals lower than man may contract and suffer from the disease. It has been thought that the nose and mouth secretions convey the germs from the sick to the well. A child with the measles coughs and sneezes a great deal. This throws out a fine spray which carries the germs.

# CURES GIRL OF HUNCHBACK

### Philadelphia Surgeon Grafts Part of Leg Bone in Vertebra of Young Girl.

Philadelphia.—A remarkable cure of curvature of the spine is announced at the Methodist hospital here. The case is that of Adele Weinberg, a young girl hunchback.

The surgeon removed part of one of the lumbar vertebra, found to be diseased and in its place used a section of leg bone.

The plaster cast in which the child was incased following the operation has now been removed and she is as erect as though her spine had been normal since birth.

# DUE TO SIMPLE DIET

### Centenarian Gives Secret of His System of Living.

### No Fancy Foods and a Daily Walk of a Mile is Rule That Helps Retain Mental and Physical Faculties.

Cleveland, O.—William C. Clark has formulated a system of living which he asserts has enabled him to retain his mental and physical faculties for more than a century. He recently observed his one hundred and first birthday anniversary at the home of his daughter, Mrs. A. C. Malcolm, No. 7215 Linwood avenue, N. E.

Moderation in eating is Mr. Clark's primary rule; the one by which he accounts for his longevity. Plain food—no pastries—comprises his diet. He was practising the theories of Horace Fletcher years before Fletcher came into the limelight by his advocacy of the simple diet. Mr. Clark does not use alcoholic liquors.

"I once used tobacco," he said, "but I became disgusted with the habit when I came to this country. I am thankful now that I gave it up."

When weather conditions permit he takes a walk of a mile or more every day. In spite of his age he can go about alone. The public square, however, he declares, is the most dangerous place he has ever seen.

Mr. Clark was born near London, England, in 1811, when the reign of George III. was drawing to a close. Six English sovereigns have ruled in the course of his life. None of the phantoms and fancies of old age exist to him. Last week at his centennial birthday celebration, to show that he was not superannuated, in the strict sense of the term, he sang the bass part in a quartet that had gathered at his daughter's home.

Mr. Clark has had an eventful life. In early youth he was apprenticed to a firm of oyster dredgers. Following this occupation, he spent a number of years in the merchant service and has touched at almost every port on the European coast.

Once in a storm off the coast of Greenland he feared that his career was to be a short one. His ship had taken on a cargo of a Russian port and on the return voyage had been driven far up into the Arctic ocean. Sitting by a window at his daughter's home the old man's eyes glistened as he told of the hardships he underwent for three weeks before the ship had passed out of the Arctic region.

Coming to this country in 1863, Mr. Clark settled on a farm in Ashland county. Here his life was comparatively uneventful. Twelve children went forth from his home. Six of them are living today. Eight years ago his wife died and now Mr. Clark spends his time at the homes of his children.

# CHAMPION HARD LUCK BOY

### Seventeen-Year-Old Warren Lad Seems to Be Pursued by Evil Genius.

Warren, Pa.—Raymond Pierce, aged seventeen, thinks he is the champion hard luck boy. Four years ago he was kicked by a horse and had his right arm broken. Exactly five weeks afterward he fell off a soap-box and fractured the same arm nearer the shoulder. Two years ago he broke the same arm in slipping and falling on ice. The jinnee then seemed to leave his arm and go to his legs.

Last June while playing ball he was struck on the left ankle with a ball, resulting in the ankle bone being cracked. Two weeks later, while still on crutches, he fell and injured his right knee. He had just become able to walk a few days ago when a motorcycle ran into him and injured him so badly that he will be out of commission for some time.

# SCOTCH GIRLS ARE POPULAR

### Many Steamships Bring Large Parties of Highland Lassies to Marry American Farmers.

New York.—Judging by the frequency of their arrival in large parties, Scottish lassies are popular as brides in some sections of the far West.

In similar proportion to that on many previous voyages of Anchor liners, 30 per cent of the 500-odd passengers on the steamer Columbia, just in from Glasgow, were young Scotch women.

All of the fifty maidens announced themselves bound for various western states as brides-to-be of prosperous farmers.

# FINDS LONG LOST SISTER

### Chicago Young Man Meets His Relative at Sedalia, Mo., After Search.

Sedalia, Mo.—George R. Succop, aged 22, of Chicago, met his sister, Mrs. Don Reeves at Sedalia, from whom he had been separated since he was a few months old. When his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Isott, died in Chicago, George was taken by the family of James Succop and grew up as their son.

Recently his foster parents told him of his parentage, and he determined to find his sister, Maud Isott. He learned that she had been married at Des Moines a few years ago. After a search she was found here.

# OLD RIDDLE OF SEA SILVED

### Survivor of Arctic Tragedy of 1902 Returns to Tell the Story of Wreck.

Tacoma, Wash.—Nine years ago near Ketchum the steamship Discovery, bound from Nome, Alaska, for Puget Sound, was lost off the South-ern Alaska coast. About seventy persons, including a dozen residents of Port Townsend, Wash., perished.

Until yesterday the manner of the Discovery's loss remained a mystery. It was supposed she foundered in a storm off Yakuta. The only clew was the one life preserver on the shore of Kokdiak island. Now comes Capt. E. C. Weaver, 75 years old, and proves that he is the sole survivor of the Discovery.

Weaver says the Discovery weathered a storm off Yakuta and reached the icy strait near Juneau, where, during a heavy snow storm, she struck an iceberg and sank in five minutes.

Weaver's escape resulted from his previous misfortune of losing one hand. With a steel hook permanently fastened to his wrist, he drew himself upon the floating iceberg. The next day Indians picked him up and took him to their camp. While on the iceberg he quenched his thirst by breaking off pieces of ice with same steel hook. The exposure caused partial paralysis. For her months the natives cared for him. He then went into the mountains prospecting. Eighteen months later he came back to Puget Sound and Eastern Washington.

His silence regarding the Discovery's loss was broken only after the British steamship Holt last week struck and wrecked his fishing boat, the Dove, off Cape Flattery. He has proved to Port Townsend relatives of the Discovery's crew the truth of his story.

# FIND CENTURY-OLD SKULL

### Coke Works Excavators Dig Up Mrs. Curry's Cranium at Shimersville, Pa.

South Bethlehem, Pa.—The finding of a skull and a few bones of a human being by workmen excavating for the new $6,000,000 coke oven near the Florence Zinc works at Shimersville, reveals interesting local history. The spot where the bones were found is the site of an ancient private burying ground.

Howard Knecht, the millionaire Shimersville flour manufacturer, whose father, John Knecht, secured the land on which the graveyard is located, today gave an interesting history of the three prominent white persons and several Indians buried therein early in the nineteenth century. The three white people in the graveyard were John Curry, his wife, Lathrop Cruikshank Curry, and her brother, Dr. James Cruikshank.

A medical student who examined the skull pronounced it to be that of a female, and because Mrs. Curry was the only woman buried in the plot, Mr. Knecht accepts it as a fact that the skull is that of Mrs. Curry.

# TRAPPED BY CASH ON ROPE

### "Black Hand" Writer's Scheme Fails to Fool Sleuths in New Jersey.

Trenton, N. J.—After being arrested as a "Black Hand" man, John Lengnan of Hackensack declared to the government inspectors that he got his idea of crime from the moving pictures. Lengnan was arrested for sending a "Black Hand" letter to John Banta, a wealthy farmer, living near Hackensack. He demanded $500, under pain of death.

Banta turned the letter over to the government authorities and they set a trap for the writer. Banta was told to put the money under a specified tree, in a canvas bag to be placed there by Lengnan, and then the inspectors placed themselves in hiding to wait for Lengnan. The latter almost escaped, as he had cleverly rigged an aerial rope tramway extending 800 feet from the tree to carry the money to him. The prisoner confessed.

# INITIALS IN BABY'S EYE

### First Letters of Names Chosen Before Birth Appear on Retina.

Philadelphia.—Physicians here are attempting to explain the phenomena of certain letters being observed on the retina of the eyes of two-year-old John Dugan of this city. Mirrored in his eyes are two distinct letters, each a quarter of an inch high. They are the initials of the name chosen by the boy's parents before he was born.

That name was John Dugan, the name the boy now bears. In the middle of John's right eye is the print of a graceful "J," while in the left eye is set the initial "D."

# RANCHMAN BECOMES A BARON

### D. T. Clifton of Montana Gets Title Created in 1324—Succeeds His Brother.

London.—A Montana rancher becomes a British peer by the death of Baron Grey De Ruthyn in his fifty-fourth year. The successor to the title is the baron's brother, Cecil Talbot Clifton, of Northfields Ranche, Montana. The dead lord was the twenty-fourth baron of his line, the first lord of the same title having been created in 1324. The title carries the hereditary right to bear the gold spurs at the king's coronation.