

THE NEWS-IN BRIEF.

POINTED ITEMS CONCERNING THE WEEK'S HAPPENINGS.

The Record of Crimes, Accidents and Other Matters of General Interest to the Public at Large Given in Few Words for the Benefit of Those Who Are in a Hurry.

The steamship Transanddy has left Marseilles, France, with 300 sailors and 80 tons of ammunition for Madagascar.

A dispatch from Shanghai, China, says that the mystery is resolved of documents signed by the victory of Nanking offering rewards for Japanese heads.

There was incorporated with the secretary of state at Albany the Law Enforcement Society of the City of Brooklyn and County of Kings. It declares its object to be more efficient enforcement of law in Kings county and Brooklyn.

Judge Jenkins of Milwaukee issued an order prohibiting the garnisheing of the wages of an employe of the Northern Pacific road during the 1% of the receiver-ship.

August Petersen, steerage passenger on board the British steamship Kensington, committed suicide in the middle of the Atlantic.

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Rev. Dr. Fred. T. Rooker, for the past seven years rector of the North American college at Rome, has been appointed by the pious and the propagandists member of the apostolic delegation at Washington.

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THE NEW INCOME TAX.

Regulations for Its Collection Approved by Secretary Daniels.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The secretary of the treasury has approved the regulations prescribed by the committee of internal revenue for the enforcement of the collection of income tax under the late tariff act.

Under the regulations provided and approved pursuant to law, every citizen of the United States, whether residing at home or abroad and every person residing or doing business in the United States who has an annual income of more than \$3,000, shall make a full return of the same, verified by his oath, to the collector of internal revenue of the collection districts in which he resides or if not a resident, of which his business or property from which income is derived is situated on or before the first Monday in March.

From Feb. 10 to April 15, the law shall be made on or before the first Monday in March, and shall include all income from every source received in the year 1891 from the first day of January to the first day of December in each year.

Guardians, trustees and all persons and corporations acting in any fiduciary capacity are required to make similar returns on or before the date mentioned for all moneys, wards or beneficiaries for whom they act.

Persons having less than \$3,000 annual income are not required to make a return, but persons having an income exceeding \$3,000 are required to make a return of all net profits on business and operating expenses on or before the date prepared for them, and when duly verified by the oath of the president of the corporation in which it is delivered to the collector before the first Monday in March in each year.

The first return shall cover all net profits and the second for the calendar year 1891.

A fine of \$100 is allowed to persons not extended to corporations, but the corporation will not be liable for the fine.

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MAY BE A MURDER.

LOREN PHELPS SHOWED SYMPTOMS OF POISONING.

His Wife May Be Charged With Causing His Death—Damaging Circumstantial Evidence Against the Woman—Analysis of the Dead Man's Stomach Being Made—Family Quarrel Account of the Wife's Intrigues.

SYRACUSE, Dec. 19.—On the night of Dec. 7, at his home near McGrawville, Cortland county, Loren Phelps was taken violently ill. Dr. M. R. Smith of McGrawville and later Dr. H. C. Hendricks were called. They found Phelps was suffering from poison and despite their efforts he died on Dec. 14.

The physicians refused to grant a burial permit and reported to Coroner George Bradford of Homer. Immediately after Phelps' death Coroner Bradford and the doctors made an examination and the physicians then signed a certificate that Phelps died from unknown causes. Monday Coroner Bradford, accompanied by his jury, viewed Phelps' remains after which the inquest was adjourned, subject to the coroner's call.

Phelps' stomach was sent for examination to William Marlin Smith, an expert chemist of this city. Dr. Hendricks examined the dead man's intestines and they showed such inflammation as would naturally result from poison.

The most startling story of all is told by farmer D. F. Brown, a neighbor of Phelps. Mr. Brown says that Phelps called him to his sick room shortly after the first attack and told him that he (Phelps) had been poisoned by them.

The next day at 5 o'clock he again sent for Brown, and in the presence of Dr. Smith told the same story. Phelps said that his wife, Adelaide, had on Dec. 7 purchased at the store of C. D. Smith, McGrawville, a half ounce of arsenic, and that on Dec. 8 she had sent her daughter, 10 years old, to Mr. Brown's house for trichinosis. Mrs. Brown asked the girl what she wanted to do with the poison, and the child replied that her mother wanted to use it to kill the rats which ate up the popcorn.

Mr. Brown finally gave the child the deadly drug for the purpose of killing the rats, though not, Mrs. Brown says, without misgivings. It was the next night that Phelps was attacked with his fatal illness.

It is said that Phelps and his wife for some time lived unhappily together, owing to the attentions of William Smith, aged 24, of Cortland, to Mrs. Phelps. Their intimacy is reported to have caused much trouble and made Phelps at times very despondent.

On the Saturday before Thanksgiving it is said, there was a stormy scene between Phelps and his wife, because she refused to return with Phelps to McGrawville after a visit in Cortland. She is alleged to have told him she would "drive over with Willis Smith tomorrow" and Phelps went home without her. She did not return as promised, and on the following Monday, Phelps was compelled to again go after her. Meantime, it is said, Mrs. Phelps was out driving with Smith. Phelps was about 40 years old and his wife is some years his junior. They have three children, the eldest being a boy, 17 years old, the second is the girl of 10, who went to Mrs. Brown's for the trichinosis, and the youngest is a boy of 7.

Mrs. Phelps is a well-preserved woman, and although she appeared slightly nervous, she maintains remarkable self composure. She refuses to discuss her husband's death and does not appear to be deeply affected. She is a native of Bradford, Pa., and was married to Phelps 18 years ago.

William Marlin Smith, the chemist, says that it might be two weeks before the analysis would be complete.

SENSATION IN ROME.

Central National Bank Cashier is Desauter and His Teller Missing.

SYRACUSE, Dec. 19.—A special from Rome says:

The greatest surprise Romans have had in many years was caused by the news that John K. Bleiby, the trusted cashier of the Central National bank, was a defaulter in his account.

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Mr. Bleiby admits that he had taken about \$27,000 and says that he speculated in stocks, was caught in a downward market and took the bank funds to recoup himself. Most of these funds were also lost.

Samuel Gillett, the teller of the bank who is also the mayor of Rome, disappeared Monday evening and his whereabouts are not known by his wife. Mr. Bleiby, however, says no one is at fault besides himself and that Mr. Gillett had nothing to do with the defalcation.

The stability of the bank will not be impaired because it has a good surplus.

The bank is secured by Mr. Bleiby's bond for \$20,000 and securities owned by New York to the amount of \$8,000. These securities will be turned over to the bank.

The directors of the Central bank held a meeting at which they appointed S. S. Smith to be cashier in Mr. Bleiby's place. Albert W. Tremain, bookkeeper of the bank, was appointed teller in Mr. Gillett's place.

Mr. Bleiby stood as high as any citizen could in the estimation of the community and had been the trusted employee of the Central bank for many years. He had reached his position as cashier by gradual promotions from the position of messenger. He became cashier in 1888 upon the death of Cashier Charles S. Griffin.

Surgeon Wounded by Burglars.

KINGSTON, N. Y., Dec. 19.—Dr. Herbert A. Starkey of Harvey Hill, a surgeon of the Grand Trunk and Illinois Central railroads, was shot in the thigh by burglars who attempted to rob the house of his mother-in-law, Mrs. S. B. Sibley, near this city, where he was visiting. Dr. Starkey went out of the house near midnight to see if all was well. In the darkness he was fired upon by two men at short range. He returned the shots, but the robbers escaped and were seen to cross the West Shore bridge over the creek soon afterwards. About 18 months ago Dr. Starkey was shot and sandbagged in Chicago and left dead on the tracks of the Grand Trunk there by other desperate criminals. He will probably recover from his wound, although it is quite dangerous.

East Buffalo Live Stock Market.

BUFFALO, Dec. 18.—CATTLE—Extra export steers, \$1.00-\$1.10; No. 1 northern, old, \$0.90; do, new, \$0.80; No. 1 southern, old, \$0.80; do, new, \$0.70; No. 2, \$0.70-\$0.80; No. 3, \$0.60-\$0.70; No. 4, \$0.50-\$0.60; No. 5, \$0.40-\$0.50; No. 6, \$0.30-\$0.40; No. 7, \$0.20-\$0.30; No. 8, \$0.10-\$0.20; No. 9, \$0.05-\$0.10.

BUTTER—Western dairy, 10¢; 1 lb. creamery, 10¢; 1 lb. white, 9¢; 1 lb. extra white, 8¢; 1 lb. state dairy, 12¢; 1 lb. creamery, 11¢.

CHEESE—Large, \$0.10-\$0.15; small, 9¢; 1 lb. creamery, 9¢; 1 lb. full cream, 8¢.

Eggs—No. 1, \$0.05; No. 2, \$0.0