Edward and John Biddle Succumb to Injuries Received in Battle with Officers.

MRS. SOFFEL IS STILL LIVING.

Sonsational Incidents Connected with the Escape of the Men from Jail Pittsburg-Bo h Attempted to Commit Suicide When Cornered.

Edward and John Biddle, murderers, who escaped from the Pittsburg jail after overpowering and wounding the guards, died of the wounds received in a battle with officers, which resulted in their recapture. Mrs. Kate Soffel, the wife of the warden, who aided in the escape and furnished the men saw and revolvers, is in a critical condition. Symptoms of pneumonia have devel oped and, weakened by her wound and exposure, she may die at any moment.

One of the sensational incidents of the case was the finding of a lost love letter from Ed Biddle to his prison sweetheart, Mrs. Soffel, in the snow near the scene of their capture, which reveals the careful plot for their escape from the Allegheny County Jail.

Mrs. Soffel fell in love with Ed Bidale in November. The burglar soon realized his power over her. It was not long until he started to write love letters to her. Mrs. Soffel fell madly in love with him, and in the early part of December he proposed a plan of escape to her. She consented to lend her aid. Between Dec. 14 and 16 they had completed the arrangements to escape from the jail.

Mrs. Soffel said she shot herself, but stated afterward that "Ed" Biddle shot her. The man denied this.

Another gensational development was the declaration by ex-Warden Soffel in which he says that on the night of the escape he was chloroformed by his wife.

These facts were set forth in the verdict of the coroner's jury: Edward Biddle, to cheat the gallows, shot himself. His brother, John Biddle, at tempted to commit suicide, but was killed by a bullet from the rifle of one of the pursuing officers.

OPPOSE MINERS' DEMANDS.

Bitter Struggle Between Employers and Men Is Now Predicted.

The miners' conference has made the following demands: That there be a general advance of 10 per cent in present prices. That an absolute run of one. mine system be adopted for all mines in competitive fields. That there be a uniform scale for all outside day labor and eight hours to constitute a day's work. That there be a straight differential of seven cents a ton be-· tween pick and machine mining. That all drivers' wages be advanced to \$2.25 a day and 10 per cent added. That no clause be inserted in any contract or joint agreement requiring the employes to purchase powder from employer. That the check system be adopted and agreed to by all competitive districts.

The operators do not intend to yield to the miners' demands. One of the most bitterly contested conventions on record is predicted.

Convicted Man Protests Innocence. Charles W. Dunn, the wealthy lumher man, who was convicted of murder in the first degree for killing little Alice Cothrell, at Fort Wayne, Ind. was sentenced to imprisonment for life. He insisted he was not guilty of the crime.

To Push Ship Subsidy Bill.

The ship subsidy bill is to be pushed by Senator Frye, despite the reported merger or pool of the steamship lines plying between the United States and England.

Illinois Prohibitionists Notified.

Illinois prohibitionists have been no tified to meet and elect delegates and alternates to the state convention to be held on July 1 in the Coliseum in

Wreck on the Alton. An Alton limited train was derailed by an open interlocking switch near Pontiac, Ill., and the coaches were overturned. Five persons were in-

Nebraska Bank in Receiver's Hands.

The Platte Valley State Bank has closed its doors and is in the hands of the state examiner. A. H. Gould, the cashier, is under arrest, charged with forgery.

Chleage's Negro Population. Census figures show Chicago now shelters a larger negro population than any other city in the United States, having passed Washington in percentage of gain.

Rockefeller Promises a Million.

John D. Rockefeller has promised has cured thousands of rheumatism. It \$1,000,000 to assist in erecting the three buildings needed in the medical school of Harvard, provided other friends of the university will subscribe \$500,000 for the purchase of land.

Ryan Would Fight Pitesimmons. Tommy Ryan is back in the ring. He is willing to meet any white middleweight in the world, including Fitzmmons, providing Fitzsimmons reighs in at the ringside at 158.

A MOORISH CITY.

The Narrow Streets of Fez, and

"River of Pearls."

The sun never touches the ground in Fez, except in a few isolated spaces. owing to the narrow streets, the height of houses, and the habit of stretching trellises covered with vines across from side to side. The consequence is that its naturally dark-skinned citizens, being rarely exposed to the full light of day, have complexions resembling, partially decomposed potato sprouts in a dark cellar. The so-called streets run in straight lines the entire length of the town, an dare all paved with round stones the size of cocoanuts, worn smooth by the tread of generations of slippered feet. As these lanes are never swept, and every householder throws his slops and refuse out of goors, one must pick his way with exceeding care.

The Wed el Jubai ("River Pearls") divides the city into two parts, the new and the old. "River of Pearls" is fordable in every part, the resort of every four-footed and two-legged beast in the place; it receives all the drainage of the city, and is the general source of the drinking water supply.

Farmer Finds A Friend. Nadeau, Mich., Feb. 3d.-Mr. Nelson De Rosier of this place, a prosperous farmer, sixty-one years of age, has suffered for years with Kidney Trou-

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Chinese Superstition.

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A PETRIFIED FOREST Almost everyone has heard of the petrified forest in Arizona, but few know that it is comparatively easy of

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The old pioneer, Adam Hanna, who, in the sense that John Hance made the Grand Canyon, made the Petrified Forest, has moved away.

At the forest there are hundreds of sections of tree trunks of various sizes and in variegated colors lying exposed on the plain or half buried in the hillsides. There are several extinct volcanoes in the vicinity of the forest and about two miles from the railway station are the ruins of an old Aztec settlement and curious hieroglyphics carved on rock.

Stop-overs are granted at Adamana on through railroad and Pullman tickets where the holders desire to visit the Petrified Forest.

Sargent Palats Fine Picture.

John S. Sargent, the American painter, now in London, has been painting many portraits this winter, including several of the Werthe mer family, whom his canvases have already given world-wide fame, and a group of three young women named Hunter, which is proclaimed veritably his masterpiece by those who have seen it in his studio.

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