A PLUNGE TO DEATH

Trolley Car Falls With Frightful Loss of Life.

THIRTY-SIX KILLED, MANY INJURED

Accident Occurred Near Bridgeport. Conn., on a High Trestle of a Newly Opened Street Railway. Only Two Passengers Escape.

BRIDGEPORT, Aug. 7.-The most frightful catastrophe recorded in Con-necticut for nearly half a century occurred shortly before 4 o'clock yesterday on the Stratford extension of the Shelton street railway, when a loaded car went off the trestle over Peck's Mill pond at Oronoque, about six miles north of Bridgeport, and sunk in the flats 40 feet below. Thus far 36 people are known to be dead and several more injured. Only two persons are known to have escaped unharmed. It is believed that there were 43 passengers on the car, but the indicator was removed by a conductor of another car and spirited away, so that at present it is impossible to state accurately the number aboard.

The scene of the accident is midway between Shelton and Bridgeport. The car was north bound, running toward Shelton. It was in charge of Conductor John Carroll of Bridgeport, who was among the killed, and Motorman Hamilton of Bridgeport. He escaped by jump-

The trestle is 440 feet long, made of iron, with stone foundations, and was not protected by any guard rails. South of the trestle is quite an incline, on which the car ran down at a very fast rate of speed. After it ran on to the trestle for about ten feet the trucks left the rails, and then the car continued on the ties for about 15 feet, when it went off the trestle and aropped into the pond below, overturning completely and up ending. When the car struck, the motor, which weighed four tons, and the heavy trucks crashed into it, instantly killing many of the passengers.

J. C. Lynch, R. W. Ivors and J. M. Johnson of Brid eport, who were pas-sengers on a car a short distance behind. were quickly at the scene and rendered possible assistance to the injured. Word was quickly sent to Bridgeport, and three ambulances and a police wagon were hurried to the scene, and the injured were taken to the Bridgeport General hospital. A number of other conveyances were also pressed into service to convey persons to the hospital. Medical Examiner Coggswell of Stratford improvised a morgue in the main room of the town hall at Stratford, and in a very short time 23 bodies were laid out awaiting identification.

The accident was witnessed by Miss Frances Peck, who resides about 400 feet from the bridge. She was up stairs at her home as the car was passing, and she claims that it was running at an unusually high rate of speed. Frank Cramer, who was bathing near the bridge, states that the passengers were all singing and in the most joyful mood as the car passed near him.

The road, which is practically controlled by the Bridgeport Traction company, was opened for traffic last Thursday. President Andrew Radell was in Derby when he received news of the catastrophe, and he immediately drove to the

He was completely prostrated when he saw the extent of the disaster.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5 .- A report has been received at the war department from Major Ray, commanding the northern military district of Alaska. He arrived at St. Michael's on July S, with his command in good health. He intends to send troops to Fort Egbert, the station on the boundary line near the Yukon, in a few days. There were some disturbing reports from Cape Nome, where it was reported there were from 1,000 to 1,500 men and friction about locations. He sent Captain Walker and 25 men to the scene. The conditions here, he said, are very delicate and must be handled careto avoid collisions. He says there should be a warning to people intending to go to Cape Nome. It is a place of great desolation and utterly destitute of timber, depending entirely upon impor-tation for supplies of food, fuel and shel-

Pierced by a Swordfish.

GLOUCESTER, Mass., Aug. 5.—The schooner Albert W. Black, from Harpswell, Me., which arrived here Thursday, was leaking and had to put in to ascertain the cause. She was hauled out for examination, and a hole was found on the starboard side under the forerigging. It had been made by a swordfish, the beak of which had penetrated the two inch planking of the vessel and had been broken off. The sword was so tightly imbedded in the wood that the planking had to be sawed out and a new piece sub-

A New Way to Commit Suicide. ST. PAUL, Aug. 4.—A special to The Pioneer Press from Cumberland, Wis., says: "Chris Wold, a farmer near Poskin Lake, this county, committed suicide yesterday by deliberately blowing off his head with dynamite. He placed a quan-tity in a hole in the ground, laid his head over it and touched off the fuse. Nearby was found a scrap of paper, on which was written, 'Here I go, and the Lord go

with me.

Armor Plate Tested. WASHINGTON, Aug. 5 .- An armor test was made at the Indian Head prov-ing grounds yesterday of a 51/2 inch plate representing 700 tons of the casemate and belt armor of the battleship Alabama. Two shots from a six inch projectile failed to pierce the plate, the greatest depression being 314 inches, and there were no cracks. The armor will be accepted. The plate tested heretofore failed to meet the requirements.

Adirondack Guide Dead.

SARATOGA, Aug. 5 .- Raquette Lake, Hamilton county, reports the death by drowning of Will Carleton, one of the best known Adirondack guides, who was frequently employed by New Yorkers.

M. Cambon Starts For France. WASHINGTON, Aug. 5.-The French embassador, M. Cambon, left here last night for New York, intending to sail to day on La Touraine for a four months' visit to Europe.

Heat Fires Paris Building. PARIS, Aug. 5.—The intense heat yes-terday caused fire in a celluloid factory, which was totally destroyed. Three fire men and a workman were injured.

THE FEVER CONQUERED.

General Wood Praised For His Vigorous Treatment of Epidemic. SANTIAGO, Cuba, Aug. 9.—The British stemmer Sutherland, Captain Percy Nibbs, from Philadelphia July 20, which has arrived here from Havana, from

two cases of yellow fever. It is believed that Captain Nibbs is dying. He was ill two days before leaving Havana. Two other cases are suspected in the ship's company. The Sutherland received only a perfunctory examination before leaving Havana, and she will be held here until all danger is past. crew and the ship will be subjected to the

which port she sailed on Sunday, brough

disinfecting process. The American authorities are having no trouble with the large number of Cuban soldiers now in the city to receive payment. The merchants are doing an excellent business. The restrictions

against drinking prevent disorder.

No new cases of fever were officially reported yesterday in the city, and none has developed among the American troops within the last ten days. The local Cuban physicians praise the effective methods of the military governor, General Leonard Wood, in fighting the epidemic. They say the Spaniards could have done as well if they had tried, but that the latter were too lazy.

A regiment of Cuban cavalry, commanded by American officers, will soon be formed, it is understood, as a substitute for a section of the United States

THE WORLD'S GOLD.

United States, Formerly at the Head, Now Takes Third Place.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5 .- The director of the mint has nearly completed his estimate of the world's gold production for the year 1808. The data at hand seems to warrant the conclusion that the production will amount to at least \$294,-000,000 and possibly \$205,000,000. Africa lends all other countries with \$80,300,000. with Australia second with \$67,500,000 and the United States third with \$64, 403,000 Russin is credited with \$25. 000,000, Mexico with \$10,000,000 and including the Klondike, with \$14,000,000.

In 1897 Africa produced \$58,306,000, with the United States second with \$55,-363,000 and Australia third with \$54,-648,000, Russia fourth with \$23,245,000, Mexico fifth with \$9,436,000 and Canada, including the Klondike, sixth with \$6,027,000. The total was \$237,505,000. Of the \$14,000,000 credited to Canada in 1898 about \$10,000,000 came out of the Klondike, and in the estimate of the production of the United States during the

last year \$2,524,000 came from Alaska. In 1896 and for nearly 50 years previously the United States occupied the first place in the world's production of gold. In that year the output of the world was estimated at \$202,682,000. These figures are subject to revision in making up the final estimate, but are believed to be approximately correct.

PRESIDENT BUYS A HOME.

The "McKinley Cottage" at Canton Has Been Purchased.

CANTON, O., Aug. 7.—President Mc-Kinley has purchased the "McKinley cottage," at the corner of North Market street and Louis avenue. The deal was closed Saturday. The consideration was \$14,500. He will secure possession in October. The property was not on the market. It is endeared to the president and Mrs. McKinley as their first home, where they began housekeeping, and by many memories. The lot is 100 feet front on Market street by 244 on Louis

The front veranda shows the most wear from the campaign of 1896, when the home was the political Mecca for

Before leaving Canton for the inauguration President McKinley tried to buy the house. It is not believed that Mrs. Hartes would have sold the place to any one else. It is believed to be the presi dent's intention to spend a part of each summer in Canton. The interior of the house has always been roomy and cool and comfortable.

Italian Fleet May Come.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3. - There is some prospect that an Italian fleet will visit American waters next month. A movement to that end has been on foot of late among prominent Italians of New York, the purpose being to have the fleet here on Sept. 18, when Italy celebrates national holiday, and it is thought the sailing north of the Italian fleet at Buenos Ayres is the result of the movement.

Cyclone In Dominien. KINGSTON, Jamaica, Aug. 8.—The sland of Dominica, in the Leeward is-

lands, reports that a terrific cyclone is sweeping over that locality, traveling west-northwest and heading for Jamaica. Shipping along the threatened area has been warned by the American weather bureau branches.

Arthur to Succeed Otis?

CHICAGO, Aug. 8.-The Record todny says that, according to a regular army officer who passed through Chicago on his way to the Philippine service, General Arthur MacArthur is President Mc-Kinley's choice for field commander of the Luzon island campaign at the end of the rainy season.

Alix Has a Daughter.

PAWTUCKET, R. I., Aug. 3.-Queen Alix, who once held the world's record for trotters, 2:03%, has given birth to a handsome bay filly, by Sable Wilkes, at Hon. F. C. Sayles' stock farm, in this

New York Markets.

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FLOUB-State and western duil and easier: winter patents, \$3.50\tilde{3}.75; winter straights, \$2.30\tilde{3}.40; Minnesota patents, \$1.60\tilde{3}.80; winter extras, \$2.40\tilde{2}.80; WHEAT-No. 2 red opened weaker on account of bearish cables and continued fine crep advices: September, \$74\tilde{3}\tilde{4}\tilde{5}\tilde{c}.; December, \$76\tilde{6}\tilde{6}\tilde{6}\tilde{6}\tilde{c}. RYE-Steady; state, \$5c.; No. 2 western, \$6c., f. o. b., afloat, spot.

CORN-No. 2 opened easy with wheat, but railled on light interior offerings and a good cash demand; September, \$34\tilde{c}\tilde{c}. DATS-No. 2 slow; track, white, state, \$26\tilde{6}\tilde{5}c.; track, white, western, \$26\tilde{6}\tilde{5}c. FORK-Firm; mess, \$96\tilde{9}.75; family, \$11\tilde{6}\tilde{1}2.

LARD-Easy; prime western steam, LARD-Elasy; prime western steam, 5.60 nominal.

BUTTER-Firm: state dairy, 13617c.; state creamery, 154,6184/c.
CHEESE-Quiet; large, white, 94,694/c.; small, white, 94,6.
EGGS-Firm; state and Pennsylvania, 154,6164/c.; western, ungraded, 104,134/c.
SUGAR-Raw firm; fair refining, 4c.; centrifugal, 96 test, 49-16c.; refined firm; crushed, 6c.; powdered, 54/c.
TURPENTINE-Strong at 494,650c.
MOLASSES-Firm; New Orleans, 306, 124/c.

RICE-Firm; domestic, 4%97%c.; Japan, 4%65%c.; TALLOW-Dull; city, 4%64%c.; country,

HAY-Firm; shipping, 50040c; good to choice, 75090c.

A VIGOROUS POLICY.

The New War Secretary Unfolds His Plans.

FIFTY THOUSAND MEN FOR SERVICE.

Mr. Root Denies the Stories That He and the President Were at Variance-Refuses to Make Statement In Regard to Otis.

PLATTSBURG, N. Y., Aug. 9.-The war in the Philippines is to be prosecuted with a vigor that ought to result in a speedy cessation of hostilities there. See retary of War Root was seen last night in the office of the Hotel Champlain just after he had said goodby to the president and was preparing to take the 9:45 train for Washington. The secretary referred to his visit to Plattsburg barracks yesterday afternoon, where he witnessed a regimental drill of the Twentysixth regiment, under command of Colo nel Rice. The regiment has been recruited and organized in a little over three weeks, and they drilled like old veterans. "The progress which the officers and men of the Twenty-sixth regiment have made in drilling in so short a time is simply marvelous," said Mr. Root. "It only shows the wonderful resources of the United States when ten regiments of volunteer soldiers can be recruited, or-ganized, drilled and equipped for active service in the field in so short a time." "Will the war in the Philippines be

prosecuted vigorously from now on?" was Mr. Root turned on his heel and re-plied quick as a flash: "Yes, sir, the war in the Philippines from now on will be prosecuted with all possible energy. All the men, all the arms and all the supplies necessary to end the trouble in the islands will be furnished at the earliest

possible moment. "How large a force will be at the disposal of the commanding general there?"

was asked. "There will be 50,000 men there ready for active service at the close of the rainy season, about the last of October," replied the secretary, "and more will be

sent there if necessary."

As to the rumor published in some of the papers that President McKinley and he were not agreeable upon the policy to be pursued in the Philippines, Mr. Root "Of course that is all nonsense."

When usked whether General Otis would be relieved of the command of the American forces in the Philippines, Mr. Root replied that he had nothing to say on that point at this time. It would be impossible for any one to be more emphatic and determined than Secretary Root is in his avowed policy of ending trouble in the Philippines. He seltalks for publication, and the fact 'e had just come from a two days' conference with President McKinley adds interest to his words.

AGUINALDO APPEALS.

Asks the Powers to Recognize Fillpino Independence.

MANILA, Aug. 9 .- Aguinaldo has appealed to the powers for the recognition of "Filipino independence" in a document dated from Tarlac, July 27, and signed by Buencamino.

It has been received by all the foreign consuls in Manila, with the request that they forward it to their respective governments.

The Filipinos use their old argument that they had conquered the sovereignty of these islands from Spain before th signing of the treaty of Paris, and therefore Spain was in no position to cede them to the United States. They argue that the possession of 7,000 Spanish pris-oners, captured with their arms fighting Sunday against the Filipinos, "is eloquent proof of the nullity of Spanish sovereignty, as when they surrendered Spain's hold was irrevocably lost."

The Filipinos claim that they conquered all the country except Manila, and that they co-operated in securing the latter's capitulation by surrounding it at the cost of thousands of lives. They also claim they conquered the country unas sisted, except for 60 guns that Admiral Dewey gave Aguingldo, and that Admiral Dewey and the British and Belgian consuls recognized the Filipinos' sovereignty by asking for passes to visit the country. They repeat the claim that they have letters from American consuls and generals recognizing their sovereignty and promising that the Americans would recognize their independence, "which was at the disposition of the powers."

Noted Woman Dead.

AUGUSTA, Ga., Aug. 9.—An Edge-field (S. C.) special to The Chronicle says: "Mrs. Lucy Holcombe Pickens, relict of W. F. Pickens, minister to St. Petersburg under President Buchanan and who was elected governor of South Carolina before he had reached the state from Russia, died at her home at Edgewood. near Edgefield, S. C., yesterday morning S o'clock, aged 65 years.'

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Aug. 9.— There has been no change in the yellow fever situation since Monday afternoon and it is quite probable that the quarantines will be raised this week. A feature of the shotgun quarantine here was the presence on the line last night of nearly every minister in the city, each preacher standing guard in his allotted section for a period of six hours,

A New Silver Certificate.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.-The bureau of engraving and printing is now engaged in printing a new \$2 silver certificate, which will be ready for issue in a few days, to take the place of the present cer-tificate of that denomination. The greatest care has been taken by the officials of the treasury department to produce a note which would be not only artistic, but would present as many difficulties as possible to counterfeiters.

Secretary Youngs Has Typhold. ITHACA, N. Y., Aug. 9. - W. J. Youngs, private secretary to Governor Roosevelt, who has been visiting at his fraternity lodge, Chi Psi, in Ithaca, has been taken sick with typhoid fever. The attack is slight, and no serious consequences are feared by his physician.

Russian Town Burned. ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 4.—The western part of the town of Grodno, capital of the government of the same name, southwest of Vilna, has been destroyed by fire. A temporary military hospital and numerous public and private buildings have been swept,away.

STATE NEWS ITEMS.

-The Pennsylvania Railroad is building 125 locomotives at its works at Altoona, and 50 more are under construction by outside manufacturers.

-Miles Witman, aged 12 years, accidentally shot and severely injured his 14-year-old playmate, Guy Butler, at Lebanon, while he was carelessly handling a Flobert rifle.

-Mr. George Maue, who has been editor and publisher of the Hazleton Sentinel for a year past, nas retired and Mr. Schoendur, of the Hazleton Journal, has assumed charge of the plant.

-Owing to the drought the streams tributary to the West Branch are so low that the logs that did not reach the Susquehanna boom on the spring freshets are hopelessly stranded, and some of the mills have been compelled to shut down.

-Wm. J. Eller, aged 45 years, was sitting with his wife on the veranda of his residence at Reading Saturday night, engaged in conversation, when he suddenly fell over on her lap, gasped a few times and died. He was a sufferer from heart disease.

-While a Lackawanna county farmer, named Swingle, was coming down a Carbondale hill with a load of hay some one set it on fire. Mr. Swingle managed to get off the burning hay uninjured, but his horses took fright, ran away and his hay and wagon were burned to ashes.

-The rapid advance of iron has brought the price of puddling up to \$4 per ton. The Reading Iron Co. has announced another advance in wages, which will bring the rate up ta this figure, to go into effect August 1. This will be the prevailing price after that date, in Danville and elsewhere.

-Three horses, six cows, several pigs, two hundred chickens and this year's harvest of rye, oats and hay were consumed by a fire which destroyed the large barn of Louis Mengle, at Lakeside, near Mahanoy City, Sunday night. The flames originated among the hay in the loft and burned so fiercely that would-be fire fighters could do nothing. Loss, \$7000.

-A letter was received Monday from relatives of Private Lincoln Snyder, of the Twenty-first Regular Infantry, that lately the Filipinos having been taught to shoot low, and are killing Americans more rapidly than heretofore. The enemy also mutilate the bodies. Our men, Snyder states, love General Lawton because he always is in the thickest of the fight.

-Slipping on a freshly barked hemlock log, while walking through the woods near Slate Run, forty miles northwest of Williamsport Superintendent Frank Hammond, of the Slate Run Railroad, plunged down an embankment and laid unconscious for hours. Recovering, he crawled on his hands and knees over logs and boulders a mile to Brackman's log camp. There he fainted. It was found that Hammond had four ribs fractured and was injured inter-

TALKS BY THE WAY.

Speaking to a woman's convention, the Governor of Colorado remarked: "When the Israelites were broken with dissension, God gave a woman to judge them. Deborah ruled them for forty yearsand, the Bible adds, then they had a rest. I have never been clear whether the rest came as a result of her rule, or because her reign was ended."

A man in Missouri, who was too stingy to buy a paper sent his young boy to a neighbor's to borrow one. As the boy was going home he fell down and broke his leg. The neighbor heard his cries and ran out to him, but slipped and fell, dislocating his knee and tearing the bosom out of his ten dollar pantaloons. His wife ran to his assistance, leaving a two year old baby on the floor. The baby crawled out and fell down the well, and while the mother was fishing for the child the house caught on fire and was totally destroyed. Moral: It never pays, besides it's dangerous to borrow a paper.

After all, what is known as "higher education," which means to be a student of science, to be a master of several dead languages, familiar with the best literature and skilled in mathmetics, is not the Turkeys " "...... highest education. The education Geese " " which is most exalted, and without which no man can secure and retain the love and esteem of his fellowmen No. 6, delivered is that which is learned at the knee of his good mother. It is to be houest, truthful, courageous, patriotic, industrious and kind. The man who possesses these qualities, even though unable to write his own name, is a thousand times better than the most erudite man without them.

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