A STRICKEN ISLAND.

One-fifth of the Porto Rican Dwellings Destroyed.

GREAT SUFFERING FOLLOWS STORM.

The Number of Deaths Cannot Be Accurately Told, but Will Exceed a Thousand-Survivors Need Food and Clothing.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.-The following are the dispatches received by the war department from General Davis yes-

'The true state of affairs throughout the island not yet known because of total destruction of all telegraphic connections and great destruction on all roads. Not more than one-fourth towns yet heard from, but enough is known to warrant the statement that one-fifth of the dwellings in the island are totally destroyed, and the owners are without any shelter whatever or any food beyond what has been saved from the debris. The coffee erop and most of the trees are ruined, and thus reliance for support is gone.

"Fully one-third of the people subsist entirely on fruit and a small degree on All the former is destroyed, and much of the latter are rotting in the ground. Great many thousands of cattle are drowned, and the debris carried down by the rivers is strewn over the ocean with the wreck of the storm and the dead bodies of animals. The deaths from falling walls and drowning will number more than 1,000 and may be several times that number. The state of distress is very great, and when green fruits saved from the debris are consumed the suffering will be still greater.

"I am relieving the suffering everywhere within reach as much as possible, but in out of the way places are many thousands who cannot be reached for some time. The supplies ordered sent by the government will belp much, but will last only for a few days, while destitution must continue for many weeks or some months until the bananas grow up from the ground, for which five months at least are required. Food of all kinds is needed, especially rice, beans and codfish, which has been the main supp outside of fruit. Cheap cotton clothing also needed, for thousands rushed naked from their dwellings at night when

"Medicines are also needed most pressingly, especially quinine and other simple medicines. I estimate that at least 1,000 tons of food will-be required weekly for several weeks. I have constituted boards all over the island to regulate as-sistance and a general board here to conduct the relief work. While I have not yet full data. I repeat the estimate that at least 100,000 people are homeless and

THOUSANDS DROWNED.

Fearful Havoc and Destruction In Porto Rico by the Hurricane.

PONCE, Porto Rico, Aug. 12,-It is now plain that Ponce was the greatest sufferer by Tuesday's hurricane. The rivers Portuguese and Canas flowed through the city, drowning thousands of

Five hundred bodies have already been recovered.

An eyewitness who was on the top of a large stone building in the Alhambra plaza saw the bodies of men, women and children floating in the water in the streets. Every one was paralyzed with fear and unable to render any assistance.

The southern coast was swept clean as far as Yauco, 18 miles. The towns of Tallaboa and Juana Diaz were destroy-Only the large church edifices are left standing.

The storm of 1867 killed 6,000 people and it is feared that the number of

deaths is greater now. There is not a drop of water in Ponce to drink. The cisterns are full of salt

water from the ocean, and the stench arising from the dead bodies is dreadful. Widespread sickness is sure to follow.

Monthly Trade Statement.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15. - The monthly statement of the imports and exports of the United States issued by the treasury bureau of statistics shows that during the month of July the im ports of merchandise amounted to \$59,-925,178, of which nearly \$26,000,000 was free of duty. The increase as compared with July, 1898, was about \$9,000,000. The exports of domestic merchandise during July amounted to \$92,958,468, an increase of over \$20,000,000. During the seven months of the last calendar year the dutiable imports of merchandise exceeded those of the corresponding period in 1898 by nearly \$33,000,000, and the domestic exports were nearly \$8,000. less than for the corresponding months in 1898.

Fatal Gasoline Explosion.

MOUNT GRETNA. Pa., Aug. 16 .-The explosion of gasoline in a cottage United Brethren camp meeting ground here last evening caused the death of Mrs. William Miller of Harrisburg, the destruction of 14 cottages and injury of several others. Mrs. Miller's daughter, Gertrude, was slightly burned. It is believed that Mrs. Miller placed on the stove a bucket of gasoline, mistaking the fluid for water. An explosion followed, setting fire to her clothing and the cottage. The woman was rescued from the building, but died

Cremation by Liquid Air. NYACK, N. Y., Aug. 11.-The Nyack Rural cemetery, a well known burial ground a mile and a half we t of Nyack, has just been purchased by E. V. Prenties of New York, representing a large s; adicate of that city, including the Ste phen Merritt Burial company. A crema-tory is to be built on the ground, and liquid air will be used in cremation. The cemetery comprises 23 acres, and many lots have previously been sold and large number of interments hav been

Leg Cut Off by Redhot Wire.

TRENTON, Aug. 16 .- Joseph Moody, an employee at the Roebling Wire works, had his leg taken off at the knee yesterday afternoon by a coil of redhot wire that he was rolling. Moody at the same time was thrown against the revolving machinery and had his other leg badly He was taken to the Mercer hospital.

Large Lumber Shipments. MINNEAPOLIS, Aug. 10.-A special to The Times from Duluth says: "Thirty-two lumber vessels were loaded in Duluth harbor the past few days, and the week's shipments will be the greatest on record.

MAUSERS FOR BOERS.

President Kruger Prepares For a Conflict.

PRETORIA, Aug. 16,-The executive council concluded its session at half past 12 p. m. yesterday, when orders were issued to the field cornets to give out Maurifles. A great crowd gathered to receive the arms.

The possibility of war with Great Britain is about the only subject discussed, and it is generally felt the burghers should be considered before extreme

The Transvaal government is pur-chasing all the mules possible, paying as

high as £20 for each animal.

The Boers' Answer. CAPE TOWN, Aug. 16.-No reply has been received from the Transvaal government on the subject of the latest British proposals for a peaceable settle ment of the question in dispute.

A dispatch from Pretoria says the re ply, when sent, will be disappointing and that it is feared the result will be the breaking off of negotiations. Great anxiety prevails at the capital of the

A Change of Commanders. LONDON, Aug. 18.—Major General Sir William Francis Butler, who, it was announced Monday in a disputch from Cape Town, would be relieved as commander of the British troops in South Africa as a result of his alleged Boer sympathies, has been recalled and Sir Frederick Walker has been appointed to

PENSION REPORT.

The Annual Statement Shows a Marked Decrease.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.-The report of Commissioner of Pensions Evans for the fiscal year ended June 30 last shows total disbursements of \$138,253,923, leaving a balance of \$1,857,188 in the treasury out of the \$140,000,000 appropriated. The total number of pensioners on the roll June 30 was 991.519, a decrease of 2,195. There were 40,991 names added to the roll and 43,186 droppe I. The report shows the pension roll is decreasing. Of those dropped 34,345 were because of death and 8,841 because of remarriage, minors attaining their majority, failure to claim pension and other causes,

Under the general law there were 1,412 claims filed and 3,624 allowed. There were 6.184 original widows' claims filed and 4,246 allowed.

The war with Spain brought a total of 16,986 claims, of which number but 295 have been allowed.

A Mastedon Found.

NEWBURG, N. Y., Aug. 15.-Some bones of a mustodon were unearthed on the farm of Fred W. Schaefer, three miles from Newburg, while workmen were digging a ditch through marl and blue clay. The skull, with huge teeth, a tusk 7 feet long and 8 inches in diameter, a number of ribs and parts of vertebrae have been uncovered. Workmen will make further search. The bones are in a fair state of preservation. A number of similar specimens have been found in Orange county, the finest being discovered near this same place in 1845.

Blocknded by Ice.

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., Aug. 16.-The mail steamer Labrador, from Labrador, which has just arrived here, reports that the entire coast is blockaded with ice floes from the northern extremity south to the straits of Belle Isle. She reached this port five days behind her usual time. Such a condition is unprecedented in the history of the northern waters. It will not only seriously injure the cod fishing industry, but greatly increases the difficulties for ocean steamers making the passage by way of the straits.

Gold For Paper.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.-Gold certificates paid out at the several subtreasuries up to the close of business yes terday in exchange for gold coin amounted to \$14.418,870, with San Francisco and New Orleans yet to be heard from. The amounts taken at the several subtreasury cities are given as follows: Washington, \$993,910; Baltimore, \$1, 831,740; New York, \$6,380,000; Philadelphia, \$1,119,950; Boston, \$635,000 Cincinnati, \$210,260; Chicago, \$1,497,-010; St. Louis, \$1,651,060.

Open Season For Deer.

ALBANY, Aug. 16 .- With yesterday the open season for deer began and will continue until Nov. 14. Deer are reported to be more plentiful this season than in the past 25 years. It is estimated that there are between 25,000 and 30,000 in the Adirondacks. The state authorities anticipate that a large number will be slaughtered during the first days of the season, because the deer are tame and will not be shy of the hunters.

Lafayette Monument Fund.

NEW YORK, Aug. 11.—Robert J. Thompson, secretary of the Lafayette memorial committee of the United States commission to the Paris exposition, says that all the contributions of the school children of this country toward the erection of a monument in Paris in 1900 have been received, and they amount to

The Dewey Fund.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.-The contributions to the Dewey home so far amount to \$18,550. Encouraging reports are arriving at the department from several cities where popular subscriptions have been opened, and it is expected that the fund will be materially increased before the admiral's arrival.

A Sister of Mrs. Lincoln

SPRINGFIELD, Ills., Aug. 15.—Mrs. Francis J. Wallace, only remaining sister of Mrs. Abraham Lincoln, died here ter of Missisterday, aged 82 years. Two sons, William and Edward, and one daughter, Mrs. Mary Wallace Baker, wife of Major John F. Baker of the regular army, survive her.

Olympia's Chaplain to Wed. CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Aug. 10 .-Chaplain J. B. Frasier of Admiral Dewey's flagship Olympia has arrived here from Manila by way of San Francisco on a 30 days' leave of absence. On Aug. 22

he will wed Miss Elsie Cook of South

Pittsburg, Tenn. Foot and Mouth Disease In Egypt. ALEXANDRIA. Aug. 16.—All of Egypt is infected with the foot and mouth disease. There have been 1,827 cases reported since July 18.

The Plague In Portugal. OPORTO, Aug. 16.—Since the out-break of the plague here there have been 26 cases and 11 deaths from the disease,

SHOT FROM AMBUSH.

Counsel For Dreyfus Falls by Assassin's Bullet.

THE WOUNDED MAN STILL LIVES.

The Trial of Dreyfus Proceeds Despite the Assassin's Ontrageous Act-Cusimir-Perier Confronts Mercier-A Cat and Dog Scene.

RENNES, Aug. 14.-Maitre Labori, counsel for Dreyfus, was waylaid by two men at an early hour this morning and shot in the back. He is still alive.

M. Labori left his house alone for the court at about 6 o'clock this morning. His residence is situated in the suburbs of the town, about a quarter of an hour's walk from the Lycee, the route being along a solitary road beside the river Vilaine. He had reached a point half way on his journey, when two men, who had evidently been lying in wait for him, rushed out of a narrow lane, and one of them fired a single shot from a revolver. The murderers were only a couple of yards behind their victim, and the bullet struck M. Labori in the back. The



MAITRE LABORI.

wounded man uttered an agonized cry and fell flat on his face. The murderers immediately fled through the lane from which they had emerged, and both escaped.

Maitre Labori is young, fair, handsome

and full of lusty life and high spirits. His talents as a speaker are not of the high-est order, but no other member of the Paris bar knows better how to use law to defeat its object. He can drive a motor car through the code. Until he pleaded for Zola his luck was uninterrupted. He then had an attack of typhoid fever, which greatly weakened him and forced him to neglect business. The Zola affair was a great advertisement, but it brought him no direct profit and created for him endless enemies. He refused the handsome fee the novelist offered, nor does he accept pecuniary reward from Dreyfus.

M. LABORI STILL LIVES.

The Trial of Dreyfus Proceeds After the Tragedy.

RENNES, Aug. 15 .- The drama at Rennes grows tragical. This long becalm ed city is being stirred into a more violent passion than Paris. The Parisians are laborous. The Bretons are silent and possessive by their belief or idea, whatever it may be.

The sitting was adjourned for a short time to enable Maitre Demange to inquire after Labori's condition.

The court then entered. Colonel Jou-aust, the president of the tribunal, alluding to some manifestation of opinion last Saturday in the press tribune, threatened to clear it if either approval or disapproval of any witness was expressed there.

He then ordered the confrontation of

Casimir-Perier and General Mercier. These witnesses were more cat and dog than before. Casimir-Perier seemlike one of those fussy mongrels that one sees on the box of French pensants' market carts. The dog sits beside the driver, looking intently forward and ready to pick a quarrel with no matter He seems to think he runs the whole concern.

Port Arthur Ship Canal Open. PORT ARTHUR, Tex., Aug. 14,-Port Arthur is now a scaport. The steamship St. Oswold, decorated with

flags and streamers, entered the ship canal at 1 o'clock yesterday and steamed through at a speed of eight knots an hour. She was royally welcomed by almost the entire population of the city. For two years past assertions have been freely made that the canal would never be finished, that it was not practicable and was only a town site scheme. There is much rejoicing at the completion of

Killed by Tire Explosion. MUNCIE, Ind., Aug. 15,-Emile Swar-

beau was riding a bicycle on the street vesterday morning, when the pneumatic tire on the rear wheel exploded, throwing the rider several feet into the air. He was dashed to the sidewalk and rendered unconscious. A physician was summoned, and the rider was found to be in a dying condition. The report of the explosion was heard for a great distance.

Tom Linton Brenks a Record. WALTHAM, Mass., Aug. 16 .- At the grand circuit meet of the National Cycling association here yesterday Tom Linton broke the world's record in a 25 mile motor paced race by four-fifths of a second. Time, 42:41 1-5. He continued for a 60 minute run, covering 34 miles and 16.33 yards, breaking the world's record, made by Taylor, by 410 yards.

Denver Officers Shot.

DENVER, Aug. 14.—Two police offi-cers were killed here at 1 o'clock yesterday morning by a recruit belonging to Company L. Thirty-fourth volunteer infantry, now stationed at Fort Logan.

RUSSIA IN CHINA Wan Beelared to Be a Free

Port to All Nations. ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 16.-Em-

perer Nicholas has issued the following imperial order to the Russian minister of finance, M. de Witte:

"Owing to the great possessions of Russia in Europe and Asia it has been possible, with the help of God, to effect rapprochement between the peoples of the west and east. Through the friendly attitude of China we have succeeded in attaining our historic aim, having obtained the use of two Chinese harbors, Talien Wan and Port Arthur, with a large territory, whereby an outlet for the Siberian railway to the Yellow sea is secured.

"Thanks to the wisdom of the Chinese government, we shall, through railways in course of construction, be united to China, a result which gives all nations the immeasurable gain of easy communication and lightens the operations of the

"In our unwearying care for the general weal we have deemed it necessary. after completing the railway, to declare Talien Wan a free port during the whole period of the treaty for the merchant ships of all nations and to build a new city in the neighborhood of the said

A Big Collection Taken.

OLD ORCHARD BEACH, Me., Aug. 14.—Yesterday was the most remarkable day in the life of Dr. A. B. Simpson of New York, leader of the Christian Alliance society. It was the closing of the two weeks' convention, and the annual collection was taken. Both Dr. Simpson and his assistants positively refuse to state the amount received, but it is generally understood that it is nearly if not quite \$120,000. The doctor also replied charges recently made to the effect that he misused the money annually collected by him. While his reply caused no sensation, there was much talk by the elders.

Russian Famine Serious.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—The state department has received a report from onsul Heenan, at Odessa, stating that the failure of the crops in many of the provinces of European Russia is a much more serious affair than is generally admitted. Energetic steps have just been taken to meet the situation. The famine districts are divided up, and government aid is being given according to the extent of the failure in the several dis-

Damage by the Texas Floods. WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.-Mr. E. S. Holmes, Jr., an expert of the statis-tical bureau of the department of agriculture, has just completed a report to Chief Statistician Hyde of that department, embodying the results of a tour of the flood devastated region of Texas and making a careful estimate of the damage done, the aggregate of which he places at \$7,414,000,

Sampson's Squadron at Sea.

BAR HARBOR, Me., Aug. 14.-The north Atlantic squadron, composed of Admiral Sampson's flagship, New York, the Brooklyn, Indiana, Massachusetts and Texas, sailed at 7 o'clock yesterday. The squadron will go to sea for a few days' practice and then proceed to New-Twenty men were left here, including the master at arms of the Massa-

Carloads of Coin.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 11 .- One of the largest shipments of coin ever made to this city is arriving here in carload lots. The amount is \$5,000,000, and it was sent from the Carson mint to the United States subtreasury to be stored. The money was placed in 5,000 bags containing \$1,000 each and was shipped in care of Wells, Fargo & Co.'s express

Large Order For Steel Cars.

PITTSBURG, Aug. 12.—It is an-nounced that the Pressed Steel Car company has just received orders for 2,500 cars, of 100,000 pounds capacity each, from the Erie railroad, Western York and Pennsylvania railroad and the Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburg railroad. The contract price of the orders aggregates \$2,750,000.

Dewey at Leghorn.

LEGHORN, Italy, Aug. 14.—The United States cruiser Olympia arrived here at noon yesterday from Naples and was received with salutes and cordial welcome. The commander of the Italian cruiser Tripoli and the captain of the port both visited Admiral Dewey on

Finlanders Looking For a Home. ST. JOHN'S, N. F., Aug. 10.-A deputation of Finlanders is here inspecting the country with a view to arranging for the immigration of thousands of Finlanders who are emigrating because of the tyranny of the Russian government.

A Stay For Mrs. Botkin.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 15.—Judge Cook has granted 15 days' further stay of execution to Mrs. Cordelia Botkin, convicted murderess of Mrs. John P. Dunning. The bill of exceptions in the case has been filed, but not yet settled.

Tidal Wave at Valparaise VALPARAISO, Chile, Aug. 10. - A tidal wave burst into the bay Tuesday evening, tearing down the embankment and sweeping off a number of cars, loco-

motives and tons of merchandise. The

loss is estimated at \$1,000,000. New York Markets.

New York Markets.

F1.0UR—State and western quieter, as asking rates remained unchanged, while bids dropped 50 loc. on the break in wheat; winter patents, \$3.5093.50; winter straights, \$3.509.36; MilleAT—No. 2 red opened weak ind declined, influenced by liquidation attending weak cables and fine spring wheat crop news; September, \$6.316975%c.; December, \$1.156754c.; RyE—Quiet; state, \$54c.; No. 2 western, 594c.; f. o. b., afloat, spot.

CORN—No. 2 opened easy and sympathized with wheat; crop news was perfect again; September, 36.7169354c.; December, 34.9-169346c.

OATS—No. 2 ruled quiet and easy; track, white, state, \$7635c.; track, white, western, \$7635c.

PORK—Easy; new mess, \$8.7599.50; fam—

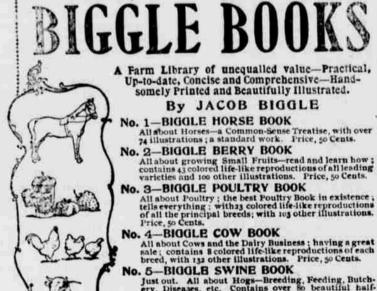
white, state, 179350. ern, 17935c. PORK-Easy; new mess, \$8.7599.50; fam-11y, \$11@12. LARD - Easy; prime western steam.

LARD - Easy; prime western steam, \$5.50, nominal BUTTER-Irregular; state dairy, 14@ 1814c.; state creamery, 161-@21c. CHEESE - Quiet to firm; large, white, 94c.; small, white, 94c. EGG-Strong; state and Pennsylvania, 16@18c.; western, ungraded, 11@141/c.; SUGAR - Raw weak; fair refining, 3 15-16c.; centrifugal, 96 test, 41/5c.; refined barely steady; crushed, 6c.; powdered, 5%c.

TURPENTINE—Firm at 511/4152c. MOLASSES—Firm: New Orleans, 32/13cc. RICE—Firm; domestic, 44/471/2c.; Japan. TALLOW-Quiet; city, 4%c.; country, HAY—Quiet; shipping, 50500c.; good to choice, 75690c.

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