# FORESTS AFLAME.

Fiery Demon Does Destructive Work in Pennsylvania.

Lives Lost in a Wreck Caused by the Burning Away of Railway Ties
--People Are Fighting the
Flames--The Situation Critical.

Williamsport, Pa., April 25.—During the past 48 hours the furious sweep forest fires in the central section of the state has caused devastation to a vast amount of property and in two cases the loss of life is attributed to the fire fiend. From Sinnemahoning comes meagre details of the fate that befell two men and the thrilling escape of four others. Mountain fires destroyed a largo number of sleepers and caused the rails to spread on Barclay's lumber railroad. An engine and a dozen cars loaded with logs were derailed. The locomotive overturned, pinning two of the six men riding on it under the tender. The other four men saved themselves with great difficulty, but were unable to prevent their combuted to the fire fiend. From Sinne were unable to prevent their com-rades, pinned under the tender, from burning to death. The names of the infortunate men have not been

As a result of the fire which destroyed ten houses, a church, a school house and nine stables in the village of Clintondale, Clinton county, Thur of Clintondale, Clinton county, Thursday night, six-year-old Agnes Felding lost her life. The child became frightened when the flames attacked the home of her parents and in attempting to reach a place of safety she fell into a creek and was drowned. Her body was recovered about a mile from her home yesterday afternoon, having been carried day afternoon, having been carried down the stream with the current.

A critical condition of things exist in the northwestern portion of Ly-coming county in the Pine Fock val-ley. Near Haneyville Tuesday night 400,000 feet of sawed lumber was de-Four houses were also

Rogers' saw mill on Lick Run was wiped out of existence during the might. A large amount of sawed Jumber was saved with difficulty.

Over 50 men worked hard all day Thursday and a portion of the night fighting a fierce fire in Mosquito valley above the Williamsport Water Co.'s reservoir. The flames covered an immense area, fully a hundred acres being burned over. The fighters finally succeeded in mastering the

The mountains bordering Pine 

At Ridgeway a fire alarm was sounded and the citizens turned out to fight the encroaching flames and save the town from destruction

Passengers arriving here from points along the Philadelphia & Erie railroad state that the forests are ablaze from Renova to Johnsonburg.

# POSTAL CURRENCY.

#### A Bill to Make \$1, \$2 and \$5 Bills Checks Payable to a Named Payee.

Washington, April 25.—The commit tee of government officials appoint tee of government officials appoint-ed by the postmaster general and the secretary of the treasury to consider the subject of post check currency gave a hearing yesterday to the advo-vates of the oills to provide a sys-tem of postal currency recently in-troduced by Representative Gardner, of Michigan of Michigan.

Mr. C. W. Post, the originator of

the plan, made a statement outlining it, and setting forth the needs of the business world for a more convenient method of transmitting small sums through the mails. He said that, in case of the adoption of the idea all rights under the patent would be assigned to the government free of all cost. Representative Gardner advocated the favorable consideration of the measure, and its provisions were further explained by Attorney D. E. Fox, who drafted it.

bills provide that all \$1, \$2 and \$5 bills, except national bank notes, shall have blank lines upon their faces so that they may be con verted at once into a check payable to a named payee, to be cashed at the postoffice named, and for the is suance of similar bills of the denominations of 5, 10, 25 and 50 cents. A two-cent stamp is affixed and can-celled on the dollar denominations, and a one-cent stamp on fractional bills, as a fee to the government.

# Effected a Compromise.

New York, April 25.—Ralph M, Easley, secretary of the National Civic Federation, announced yester-day that the difficulty between the United Garment Workers of Americand the Wholesale Clothing Manufac turers' association had been compro mised. This trouble dated from last winter when the federation succeed-ed in averting a strike. The garment workers were working nine and a half hours a day and they asked an eight-hour day. Negotiations have been in progress since then and the matter has finally been compromised by the granting of a Saturday half holiday the year around. This arrangement will go into effect this week.

# Drank Horse Liniment.

Bemidji, Minn., April 25.—Frank Haven, of New York, died suddenly yesterday, at Gray's logging camp. It is said he ran out of whisky and as a substitute drank horse liniment. He is said to have been a graduate of Cornell university.

Won't Eat Meat for 30 Days. Bloomington, III., April 25.—An agreement has been entered into be tween the 2,000 employes of the Ch cago & Alton shops in this city, which provides that none of their number will eat meat during the next

### MAJ. CHARLES L. M'CAWLEY.



President Roosevelt has recently specially detailed this well-known army officer arrange and superintend state and social arrangements of the spring sea-new appointee is already planning some elaborate functions for the spring sea-Maj, McCawley first leaped into fame by leading Miss Alice Roosevelt out to ea at the ball at which she made her debut. This honor has also fallen to him each subsequent entertainmnt of the kind. He is a leader of the swell army set, ort of official Beau Brummel. His appointment as master of ceremonies is ridiculed in some quarters

#### LETTERS TO THE KING.

#### So Many Are Written That the London Post Office Provides Special Sacks for Them,

Correspondence addressed to the king or Buckingham palace in connection with the coronation has become so enormous that Sir Francis Knollys, the king's private secretary, has been obliged to turn on an additional staff of clerks to deal with it. There is a special room at Buckingham palace set apart for the work and the post office carries the correspondence about in bags spe-cially supplied for the purpose, with the words "Coronation Correspondence" printed upon them, says a London exchange.

The nature of the correspondence is highly diversified. Peeresses by the score are sending for copies of the regulations, others want route of the procession entirely changed in order to turn an honest penny by letting their windows, and in this connection presents in money and kind to charities favored by the king are promised if he can be influenced to alter his mind. Those who speculated in windows and flats **a** few weeks ago on the strength of fictitious reports about the route of the procession are writing letters that would suggest suicidal tendencies. A number of authors and minor poets are anxious to dedicate their works to the king, and of course they must write for permission. Patriotic parents are asking if they may name their next baby Edward or Alexandra, as the occasion requires. But these are nothing compared with the number of distin-guished persons who are writing to the king for personal interviews so that they may put before him more forcibly their claim for seats in Westminster Abbey. Cuttings from Debrett, Burke and other works on the peerage are inclosed to show the direct lineage of the correspondents. direct lineage of the correspondents and their claim to his majesty's recognition.

# The Youngest Peer,

The little earl of Aairlie, whose father was killed in South Africa, will be the youngest peer that will take part in the coronation. He is nine years of age; and is a playmate of Prince Edward of Wales, who some day should be King Edward VIII.

friendly citizen.

ed a veterans' association.

#### SOUIRRELS DARE THE CATS.

#### Frisky Little Creatures Have Good Times at the Expense of Feline Companions.

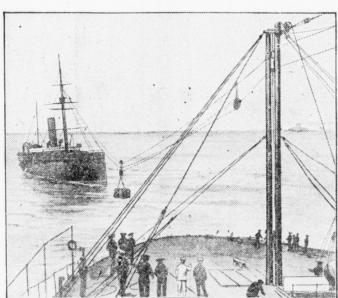
Have you ever seen a squirrel dare a at? It is the most amusing exhibiion, of mischievous audacity, says the Boston Transcript. A large colony of fat, enterprising squirrels live in the big elm trees of Walnut street, Brookline, the descendants of a pair of tame quirrels that were owned by a family occupying one of the lovely old estates of early Brookline in that vicinity, ad which were finally liberated to es. ablish themselves and their progeny permanent residents of the street as permanent residents of the street. They are the tantalizing despair of numerous cats that haunt the place in search of toothsome morsels. The little creatures are wonderfully tame and very quickly respond to friendly overtures in the shape of nuts, which they soon learn to take from one's hand. They scamper up and down the big trees, whisking their bushy tails in saucy defiance of their feline pursurs, who, with eager eves and waterng mouths, follow the tantalizing moons of the squirrels as they frisk bout alluringly just out of reach of the cruel claws. Sometimes the game is carried on so daringly that it seems only by a hair's breadth that a squirrel tragedy is averted, and yet very few occur, and their number and freedom seem undiminished.

# IN SHAKESPEARE'S TOWN.

#### Children Recite Pieces from the Poet's Works to Tourists to Get Small Coins,

In the last year or two the young ters of Stratford-on-Avon have taken up a quaint custom. The town is full of children playing in the streets in an apparently aimless manner, but as soon as an American tourist appears the boys gather around him and egin a recitation in chorus of wistful singsong. They start in with a little valuable information about the life of Shakespeare, the dates of his birth and death are given, and a half dozen judiciously selected dramas are named as best representative of his work. The performance closes with a rendition of the famous quatrain over the graye-"Cursed be he"-delivered in a tired voice. The mass play is perfect; and ate candy from the hand of a the time of one's stay in Stratford, a group will instantly form whenever Spanish Veterans.
Spanish soldiers who served in the in the village is equipped with the minwar with the United States have found- atory rhyme and the biographical

# COALING A WARSHIP AT SEA.



of the battleship, and then dumped down on the deck, company in trolleys in the usual way, and stowed the United States navy.

# HOUSES WRECKED.

Wind Storm Plays Terrible Havoc at Joplin, Mo.

People Killed and Six Fatally Injured--Storm Came Without Warning -- Omaha Was Also Visited by a High Wind,

Joplin, Mo., April 26.—Joplin was visited Friday by the most destruc-tive storm in its history, during which at least two persons were killed outright, six fatally injured, a score or more seriously hurt, and \$300,000 worth of property was destroyed. The dead: Esther Hunter, killed by

falling timbers; Martha Cape, ored, died from fright.

Fatally injured: Bidwell Hunter, Mrs. Anna Hunter, Mrs. Marian Hicks, a boy named Kruger, F. B. Kel-

ty, at Goo-Goo; William Jones.

The fury of the storm broke loose at 4:35 o'clock in the afternoon.

There was no premonition of its tefrible violence. There was an utter absence of the usual funnel-shaped should be added by the store of the store of the usual funnel-shaped by the u cloud and the clouds looked no more threatening than those which produce the ordinary thunder shower.
The wind was a straight gale, but it
was of terrible velocity, whipping
down scores of houses in the southdown scores of houses in the southern part of the city, and reducing to kindling wood \$100,000 worth of the finest mining plants in this district. The worst havoe in Joplin City was in a territory four blocks wide, commencing at the west limits of the city at Seventeenth street and ending at Seventh street on the east. Within this narrow belt the destruction done is visible on every hand. done is visible on every hand.

The home of Mrs. Nellie Sullivan

was destroyed and the entire family was injured by falling timber. Mrs. Sullivan was badly hurt about the head and face and her two-year-old baby was blown 50 yards into a pond and saved from drowning by the heefforts of her seven-year-old brother, who had also received in-juries from the storm.

One room of the residence of S. D. Brower, on Ivy street, was blown away, and his young son was carried three blocks, receiving only slight in

Passing east from the main portion of the city the storm spent its fury on the suburban districts, known as Moonshine Hill and Villa Heights. Three people were killed at Moonshine Hill. News of the terrible destruction there did not reach the city until late last night. The .... is now a tangled mass of debris and not a house is left standing. It is populated mainly by miners, who live in little

Of the little home of Ridwell Hunt-r not a timber is left standing and the three inmates of the house are dying, all having had their skulls fractured. It is feared that the minng camps further west, which seemed to have been in the path of the storm have suffered great damage, but no reports have been received from

Omaha, Neb., April 26.-A most seromand, Neb., April 26.—A most serious wind and rainstorm struck this city late Friday afternoon, doing a large amount of damage to property and resulting in the probable death of one person and the injury of a number of others.

Bloomington, Ill., April 26.—A fierce wind storm amounting almost to a tornado struck Bloomington last tornado struck Bloomington night. Many buildings were damaged and wires torn down. Live electric wires killed a number of horses

# A Mammoth Combine.

East Liverpool, O., April 26.—A mammoth collection of flint, spar and clay manufacturers has just been effected in this city by William S. Hancock, Barker Cummero, Jr., and Hugh H. Hamil, of Trenton, which will in the future control the market of the country for these materials under the name of Golding Sons & Co., of this city. One of the main branches of the new concern will be the Eureka Flint & Spar Co., Tame Wild Squirrels.

The people of Fall River, Mass., have protected the wild gray squirrels in the neighborhood. One was picked up the other day on the principal street, the other day of their expensive street, the other day of the other day of their expensive street, the other day of the other day o company is capitalized at \$1,000,000 and the main offices are to be located in this city.

# Another Murder in Detroit,

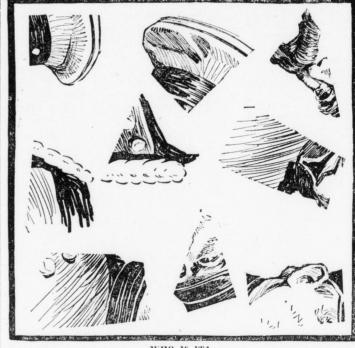
Detroit, Mich., April 26.—John Reinhardt, of No. 65 Scott street, a man try 42 years old, was shot through the heart in the rear of his home yester-day afternoon by Frank Colling, a 16-year-old boy, who lives next door. Reinhardt and young Colling became engaged in a dispute over the for-mer's children. Colling pulled a revolver from his pocket and shot Reinhardt in the breast. Colling is under arrest. He claims that his victim started for him with a hammer and that he fired two or, three shots into the ground before shooting directly at him. Reinhardt had just strength enough to crawl from the yard into a shed before dying.

# A Big Deal in Coal Mines.

Wilkesbarre, April 26.—A big deal in the anthracite coal trade was con-In the anthracite coal trade was consummated Friday. The Algonquin Coal Co. sold its Pine Ridge and Laurel Run colieries to the Delaware & Hudson Co. The two mines have an output of 350,000 tons annually, and employ about 1,000 men.

Philadelphia Lawyer Found Dead. Philadelphia, April 26.—The decomposed body of James V. P. Turner, a well-known lawyer, who disappeared last Monday, has been found in Fairmount park. Mr. Turner left his home Monday ostensibly to go to his office. There were bloodstains on the clothing of the dead man, but as no marks of violence were discernible, the coroner's physician expressed the opinion that death was due to hemorrhages. Mr. Turner was born in New-port, R. I., and was 47 years old. He, was a son of Commodore Turner, of

#### PUZZLE PICTURE.



Cut out the pieces and paste together so as to form the portrait of a Fa-mous soldier and Statesman Who is now dead.

#### GEOGRAPHIC SCULPTURE.

#### A Plan Under Contemplation to Make an Exact Model of the United States.

An exact model of the States on the scale of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches to the mile is one of the possibilities of the future as an added attraction to the national capital. While this pos sibility is, strictly speaking, as yet only in the air, it nevertheless has some zealous advocates who see in it not only a great educational func-tion, but a feature of attractiveness to the people of the country not equaled by any piece of natural scenery, says the Washington Star. It will be recalled that several

years ago there was a project for an outdoor map of the United States on the Potomac flats, through which visitors could walk as through a park Bills were introduced in Congress for this project by Senator Cannon, of Utah. The idea was also zealously advocated by Mr. Gardiner Hubbard president of the National Geograph ic society.

The present plan, however, contemplates a much more perfect re-production than would be possible in an outdoor map. The country would be produced in exactly the same manner as the city of Washington has been in the models prepared by the park commissioners and now on exhibition in the congressional library This scheme carried out delicately and accurately would make it sible to reproduce every building-road, bridge and railroad in the United States, as well as the physical

features of the country.

A model of this character, and on the same scale is now being made of Switzerland. This model will be the first production on a large scale of what is known as the new school of model making. The new idea dif-fers from the old in that it elimin-ates the exaggeration of certain lines which was supposed to be necessary in order to convey to the eye the impression a person sup-posedly gets by seeing the original subject. To accomplish this the scale in elevations had to be made dif-ferent than that of the surface modeled, which fact has tended to destroy popular confidence in the ac

curacy of the old models.

The new modeling is really ographic sculpture," as some of its devotees call it. It aims at absolute whose mines are controlled by accuracy and is made possible through the perfection in map-mak-through the perfection in map-mak-through the perfection in map-make-maphy. ing and of dry-plate photography. There is no attempt at exaggeration of elevations or any other illusion. The new Park commission models are examples of the new school, only a considerably larger scale than that proposed for the model of the coun-

It would be necessary to house this model in a well-lighted building, which would have to be about 800 feet long and half as wide. Visitors could see It by walking over glass paths. These paths would be made on sliding supports, capable of being pushed side-ways, so as to allow of an inspection of the whole surface.

One of the possibilities of such a model which would make it appeal to statesmen as a practical proposition would be that of having any section desired removed and replica produc tions made, as well as changes made in the model to suit changed conditions which might occur at any time.
These replica sections could be made of paper pulp or other light substances and used in school work, just as the maps of the geologic survey are now done, and sold at cost.

# Enlightened.

Higgins-I should like to tell Barnes just what I think of him. Wiggins-By George, what a coin cidence! Barnes said the very same thing about you this morning.

"Don't you know, I always suspect of a gentleman's notice."-Boston

By the breaking up of the Servia and the Alaska recently there disappeared two of the three famous Atlantic liners whose appearance 20 years ago was regarded as the opening up of a new and most important page in the history of Atlantic steaming .- N. Y. Sun.

#### BRITISH CABINET SECRETS.

### Meetings Held Without Publicity and All Transactions Are Carefully Guarded by Members.

It says much for the integrity of government officials that all knowledge of our recent important treaty with Japan was successfully withheld from foreign nations until the compact had been actually sealed, but the great care exercised in guarding a diplomatsecret renders a premature announcement very rare indeed. No gov-ernment secret when first born is ever committed to paper, except on the rare occasions when minutes of a cabinet meeting are taken and forwarded to the sovereign. As a rule, our minisers meet and transact business withanyone being the wiser, for no official of any kind is allowed to be

resent, says London Tit-Bits.
Once the government has decided apon an important piece of foreign policy, it has to be transmitted to our representative abroad, and for the first time the secret is put in writing in the form of unintelligible cipher, the key to which is already in the hands of our ambassador. The men who draw up these intricate cipher codes are reliable officials specially employed by the government, and they often obtain from £500 to £700 for a single code. The dispatch having been prepared, it is given into the care of king's messenger, who wears tached to his person a bag fitted with a secret lock. To this lock there are only two keys; one in the possession of the foreign office and the other re-tained by our ambassador, who must inlock the bag himself or instruct his secretary to do so upon the messener's arrival.

The journey between this country and abroad is a risky one, because th**e** messenger is beset with spies, and, although he travels incognito and well armed, there is always the chance of his being set upon and robbed. To woid this, when an important dispatch is being carried, he is shadowed by two detectives throughout the jour-ney, so that they can instantly come

to his assistance if necessary.

When traveling by rail he engages a special compartment, and if called upon to do so he will have to lose his life before sacrificing the dispatch. In return he receives a salary of  $\pounds 400$  a year, in addition to  $\pounds 1$  a day when traveling and all expenses found, but before being employed he has to be nominated by an official filling an important position under government who will hold himself responsible for his being a reliable messenger and not a foreign agent. Sometimes, to avoid danger, the courier carries with him the special sanction of international whereby every country through which he passes becomes responsible for his safety.
On arrival, the messenger goes to

the embassy and hands over the bag either to the ambassador personally or his secretary, who has had verbal orders from his chief to receive it, no written instructions being accepted as genuine, nor must the bag b to anyone holding an inferior post to that of confidential secretary. In every embassy there is a strong room, wherein despatches are stored in an enormous safe, the key of which is held only by the ambassador, and no one but himself is permitted to enter the chamber. Every night two watchmen remain outside the door with loaded revolvers, having orders to shoot down any marauder.

Obviously great care has to be taken that no information shall leak out from the officials themselves, and with the exception of Britain and Italy no European nation will permit any member of an embassy to marry a woman of the country in which they are employed. Even the ambassadors themselves are bound by the same rule, and ome years ago, when Germany's representative in London, Prince Henry of Pless, wished to marry Miss Cornwallis West, he had to surrender his position before being able to do so.

# Fellow Workers,

Mr. Hauskeep—And what are you going to call yourself?

Rimer—A Broken Vase.

"Ah! That reminds me of a little thing our servant girl dashed off the other day .- Philadelphia Press.