Fierce forest fires are raging over hun-dreds of miles in Colorado, South Dakota and Wisconsin. An appeal for aid from the Federal Government was made from the

The sheriff at Pana, Ill., telegraphed to Governor Tanner that he had no control over striking miners, and several companies of the State militia were ordered out.

The Atlanta Transportation Company has secured by charter or purchase a large fleet of barges and schooners from Lake Erie to be used in coal carrying on the coast.

A farmer driving to meet his wife at a ratiroad station near Atlantic City, N. J., was struck by the train which was bringing her home and instantly killed. The wife witnessed the accident.

The War Department was notified that

the steamer Arkadia had been refused permission by the Spanish authorities to unload her cargo at San Juan. No reason for this action was given.

The strike of the shoe lasters, started by

the union at Brockton, is extending throughout southeastern Massachusetts. Auxiety is felt at San Francisco for the

eafety of the transport Senator, thirty-five days out from Manila. As a result of the many stories of distress

of prospectors at Ashcroft Trail, it is stated that the Canadian Government is taking the necessary steps to send aid. Hop. Thomas F. Bayard, former ambassador to England, Secretary of State and Senator from Delaware, died at the home of his

daughter at Dedham, Mass., after an illness of two months. He was 70 years old. New Jersey Republicans adopted a vague affirmation of Democratic principles at their State Convention, but voted down an en-

dorsement of the Chicago platform. E. W. Crane was nominated for Governor. It is reported that the Government contemplates moving 10,000,000 ounces of silver from Philadelphia to San Francisco by freight. The metal will be in 1000 ounce

Applications were made at Cleveland, Ohio, for the appointment of a receiver for the United States Wire and Nail Company, owned by Clement Biddle, of Philadelphia.

John Pierman, in the Montgomery county, Pa., jail awaiting trial for arson, has con-fessed to setting fire to eighteen buildings at Pottstown and vicinity, from April, 1897, to August, 1898.

Richard Calloway, of Lynchburg, Virginis, and Robert Murray, of Bellevue, Virgin-ia, were killed, and Perry Mack, fatally and that is to the extent that he had on his hurt by an accident to a Norfolk and Western freight train, near Portsmouth, Ohio.

Church has found Rev. C. M. Eilinwood, late Chancellor of the Nebraska Wesleyan University, guilty of misappropriating \$20,-000 of University funds. The conference declared him deposed from the ministry and expelled.

General John B. Callis, a veteran of the Civil War, died in Lancaster, Wisconsin. While in Congress he introduced the original resolution on which was afterwards based the celebrated Klu-Klux-Klan bill.

The Filipino Congress is considering the imposition of various taxes to raise funds for the maintenance of the army. Hitherto the army has been chiefly supported by publie subscriptions. The natives of some of the provinces distrust the Tagals, and insist upon the establishment of an American protectorate.

The wrecking company engaged under Lieutenant Hobson, at Santiago, has sucfanta Maria Teresa. The cruiser was towed of the country districts is bad, owing to lack to Guantanamo Pay, and will be put in condition for her trip north by the repair ship Vulcan.

The report of the Special Board which examined the vessels of the auxiliary navy deciares that few of them are fit for permanent service in the navy, principally by reason of no protection to the engines and a lack of water tight compartments.

### B. &O. WORK WILL CONTINUE.

Policy of Rehabilitation Will Be Continned by New Organization. The divisions of the Baitimore and Ohio Railroad west of the Ohio River are to re-

ceive the same sort of improvements that have been made on the lines east of the ed wherever it is practical, but very much In order to carry the additional weights the bridges on all the divisions are being replaced with beavier structures and track relaid with heavier steel rail. It has been demonstrated by actual experiment that these changes will result in an increase 50 per cent, the average being about 42 per

It is the hope of the receivers that within the next two years the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad will be an 18 foot grade from Chicago to Baltimore with the exception of that portion of it which passes over the mountains, where helping engines will have to be

A great many of the estimates for the different portions of the work have been made, and those who have seen the plans state that the work can be done at surprisingly low cost, considering the return.

It is understood that the policy of rehabilitation adopted by the Receivers two years ago will be continued by the new company after the reorganization.

### FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

General Kitchener has returned to Omdurman, having established posts at Fa- Manzanillo to Cienfuegos. shods and on the Sabot river. At Fashods French whom he requested to retire, which was refused.

M. Deroulede, at a mass meeting in Paris, said Dreyfus would be lynched if he should ever return to France.

A settlement of the trouble between Chili and Argentina is now considered assured.

ered the decree recently issued severing diplomatic relations with Italy, and the British minister is now recognized as representing Italian interests there in the alsence of the Italian minister.

Emperor William, in an address at the opening of the new harbor at Stettin, said, 'Our future lies on the water."

The Duke of Orleans has issued a manifesto denouncing the Dreyfusites. The eruption of Vesuvius is increasing in violence, and it is feared that it will assume

the proportions of that of 1872. The joint high commission which is considering points of difference between the United States and Canada resumed its ses-

sions at Quebec. Bodies of volunteers are being organized in Argentina to take the fleid against Chili in case of war.

Owing to the industrial crisis in Jamaica the people there are unable to help the hurrienne victims on the other West Indies

Islands. A number of fishing boats were wrecked in the Baltic sea during stormy weather and twenty fishermen were drowned.

### BANK BLOWN UP.

Cashier Shot in the Face and May Not Survive.

ROBBERY IN INDIANA.

Amount Taken by the Desperadoes Varionsly Stated From Five to Fifteen Thousand Dollars-Robbers Made Escape on Hand Car-Reports That One or More of the Gang Have Been Arrested.

A despatch from Frankfort, Ind., says: The boldest and one of the most successful bank robberies that ever occurred in this section of the State was perpetrated at Flora, a small town ten miles north of this city. The bank is a private corporation, with William Lannum acting as cashier. He was awakened by the noise of a terrific explosion, which shattered the windows in his residence, fifty yards from the bank.

Getting up and going to the bank, which was in a brick building, he found the entire building demolished. As he started inside he was fired upon by some unknown party with a shotgun, the charge taking effect in his face and blowing out one eye. The noise of the explosion aroused the town, and a great crowd collected. It was soon learned that the bank safe had been blown to pleces with dynamite, sections of it having been blown across the street. The robbers ecured between \$12,000 and \$15,000.

Cashier May Die, Cashier Lannum will probably die. The robbers made their escape on a hand car, which they left at Sedalia, five miles north of here.

A dispatch received here from Camden states that two of the Farmers' Bank robbers have been captured with the larger

part of the stolen money.
Indianapolis, Ind., (Special).—Out of a mass of rumors regarding the capture of the robbers who raised the bank at Flora, the most reliable is that only one man has been arrested, and he is in the county jail at Delphi. A dispatch from Delphi says there is no clue positively to the criminals person two watches and \$280. If the watches and money prove to be those taken at Flora, The Nebraska conference of the Methodist | it will fasten the guilt of the prisoner.

#### HAVOC AMONG "IMMUNES,"

Deaths Since August, 20 Among Force Stationed at Guantanamo.

Guantanamo, Cuba, (Special.)-Two deaths from yellow fever, one from pueumonia and twenty-five believed to have been caused by malaria, have occurred since August 20 among Colonel Ray's "immune" troops and the companies of the Third Volunteers, numbering 640, now here.

The condition of the troops is improving. The men are now given fresh meat, a number of head of cattle having been purchased by Colonel Ray at \$75 each.

General Perez and 300 Cuban troops have arrived and are receiving rations. They are waiting instructions from the junta to disband.

The city, it is believed, has less than 1,000 rations, and the condition of the residents try people are not allowed to enter the city. They are in need of medicines and treatment, and the aid of the Red Cross is wanted.

### WILL SEIZE THE FLEET.

Americans to Take Possession of the Vessels of the Filipinos.

Manila, (Special.)-When the United States auxilary cruiser McCulloch captured the insurgent steamer Abbey, formerly the Pasig, sixty miles south of Manila, the Abbey, it is believed, baving landed 7,000 rifles, an insurgent gusboat followed the American vessel into Cavite, and now the Americans contemplate taking possession Ohio. Not only are the grades to be reduc- of the entire insurgent fleet, because the versels are flying an unrecognized flag and heavier motive power is to be introduced. are liable to seizure as pirates by the war vessels of any nation.

American cruisers have gone north, where the steamer Filipinos is landing troops, Two steamers, which have just arrived brought many Spanish officials and refugees from the southeast of the island of Luzon in train loading in some places of more than | They report that the insurgents are overrunning the country, destroying property and bemp crops.

Sanguinary conflicts have taken place at Cebu and Iloilo.

### PRISON DOORS OPENED.

Blanco at Last Orders Release of Political Offenders in Cuba.

Havana (Special) .- The official Gazette publishes a decree signed by Captain-General Blanco, and bearing date of September 27, granting pardon to and ordering the reease of all prisoners now undergoing confinement on the island.

Orders have been given to the Spanish forces at Holguin to march to Gibara, concentrate there and hold themselves in readiness for shipment to Spain. troops at Puerto Principe are ordered to go to Nuevitas, those on the Juc iro-Moron trocha to San Fernando and those at

The third and fourth divisions of the First he found Major Marchand and a force of Army Corps will embark at Mantazus and the first and second divisions of the same orps at Havana. The forces in the Province of Pinar del Rio and the division engaged in the defence of Havans, with General Blanco and his staff, will also embark at Havana.

The Spanish provisional forces organized here will be incorporated in the ranks of the The Colombian government has reconsid- expeditionary troops of the army returning to Spain. A part of the "mobilizados"-irregular troops—will be disbanded.

Each battalion is authorized to sell the

borses, mules and oxen belonging to it. A

special commission is appointed to oversee the sale by auction of the cavalry horses and the mules of the commissary department. At a meeting of the Havana city council a communication was read from the colonial secretary of justice, directing that of the \$50,000 delivered by the Spanish bank to the city treasurer, a sum be applied to the ayment of the salaries of city officials long The order of the secretary was overuled by the council, which authorized the mayor to apply the entire sum to the fayment of more urgent obligations. The council also decided to reclaim the ground be longing to the city, which had been given

to the cultivation zone during the war. Tariff On Books Sent to Porto Rico. A Washington special says: By order of the War Department, books printed in English are to be admitted into ports of Porto Rico under the control of the United States at 2.50 pesos per 100 kilos. Under Spanish Emperor's iliness or for his death rule a discriminating duty of 13 pesos was now would not affect the situation charged on English books.



THOMAS FRANCIS BAYARD.

## MR, BAYARD DEAD.

Delaware's Noted Statesman Paris Court Will Now Pass on Passes Away.

A Distinguished Public Career Peacefully Ended-His Body is to Be Taken to Delaware-The Illness That Ended His Life Due to Old Age-Services to Be in Swedish Church, Wilmington.

A special from Dedham, Mass., says: Thomas F. Bayard died at 4.30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at "Karlstein," the summer residence of his daughter, Mrs. Samuel D. Warren, after an illness of six weeks.

His death was without pain. His wife, his two daughters-Mrs. Warren and Miss Florence Bayard-and his son, Thomas F., Jr., saw him draw his last breath. His third daughter, the Countess Lauenhaupt, is on her way to Dedham from

About the middle of August Mr. Bayard came here to be the guest of his daughter. He was sick, but it was stated that his illness was merely due to declining years. He steadily grew weaker, however, and had spells of semi-consciousness and of delirium. A consultation of physicians was held August 26, and they agreed that Mr. Bayard was eral breaking down, incident to age. Arterio sclerosis is an increase of connective tissue of the walls of vital arteries, gradually closing them. Mr. Bayard suffered pain to no noticeable degree, and the chief ten-

dency was to sleep. During the first few weeks of his illness Mr. Bayard was able to sit up, but as the days passed, he became gradually weaker, and three weeks ago he put himself into bed and never again rose from it. Much of the time he was in a semi-conscious condition, seldom recognizing any of the family and at intervals having sinking speils, accompanied by choking. These left him always

weaker. Tuesday it became evident that his death was a question of only a few hours. Still he lingered, having a slight rally during the night, and during the morning his condition showed little change. At 4 o'clock he began to sink rapidly, and balf an hour later he

#### quietly passed away. THE PRESIDENT'S TRIBUTE.

Mr. Bayard's Services Entitle Him to Place on the Roll of Great Americans.

A Washington special says: President Mc-Kinley sent the following telegram of condolence to the widow of ex-Secretary of State Bayard:

"With sincere sorrow I learn of the death of your husband and beg to express to you ny heartfelt sympathy. Mr. Bayard's high attainments and sterling qualities endeared him to all who knew him, while his distinguished services to his country add his name to the roll of illustrious Americans.

"WILLIAM MCKINLEY." Acting Secretary Adee, of the State Department, has sent the following telegram

to Mrs. Bayard: "Permit me to add my assurance of sorrow and sympathy by reason of the death of one whom I esteemed in public life and loved as a true friend. The State Department over which he so worthly presided and which he represented abroad with distinction, pays a just tribute of honor and reverence to his memory,'

Thought a Burglar Was a Mouse. Nora Gibbs thought she heard mice camping through an upper room at the home of her father, in Chambersburg, Pa., while the father, also waking in the night, was sure a draught of wind had blown out a night lamp. In the morning both discovered that a burglar had secreted himself in an upper room, and that he had extinguished the lamp to avoid detection. The midnight provier rifled the clothing of the family, stole three gold watches, \$50 in currency and a quantity of jewelry.

A Physician Mas Ambies. A special from Toledo, Ohio, says: Dr. F. A. Toud, a weir-known puysician, assistant superintendent of the State Hospital for the isane, has developed rapies in violent form and is now in Unicago taking treatment. Dr. Todd was puten by a dog at the asylum a mouth ago. A number of patients were pitten at the same time. No further cases have as yet developed.

A dispatch to the London Times from Pek in says an imperial edict has been assued expressing regret at the Emperor's increas ng hi-health, and commanding the governors of all the provinces to send their best physicians to Pexis. Thus the people are being prepared for any aggravation in the Emperor's illness or for his death, which

succession being aiready provided for.

# DREYFUS VICTORY.

the Dreyfus Petition.

ILL FOR SIX WEEKS. A REVISION OF TRIAL.

The Premier Has to Beg, Plead and Threaten the Other Ministers to Yield for Revision-One Minister Predicts the Cabinet's Downfall in a Fortnight-A Stormy Scene.

Parls, (Special.)-At a meeting of the cabinet, all the ministers being present, a decision was taken in favor of a revision of the trial of Capt. Alfred Dreyfus and the documents in the case will be sent to the Court of Cassation.

The cabinet ordered the minister of justice, M. Sarrien, to lay before the Court of Cassation the petition of Madame Dreyfus, wife of the prisoner of Devil's Island, for revision of her husband's case. The court will decide the legal question as to whether the first trial of Dreyfus was vitiated by the forgery committed by the late Lieutenant-Colonel Henry, who was a witness before the court-martial and who confessed to having forged a document in the case. If the first trial is decided to be void a new one may be ordered.

The minister of justice has given instrucmediately against any one "attacking the

army. The cabinet meeting was prolonged and animated. The minister of agriculture, M. Viger, is reported to have bitterly opposed revision and it is rumored that he will re sign. He left the meeting before it ended, remarking that he was "completely voice-

It is understood that M. Brisson literally wrung consent from the cabinet for a revision, after a remarkable display of eloquence and personal influence and the stormiest scenes. His strongest opponent was M. Sarrien, the minister of justice, who also expressed a desire to resign and who warned the other ministers that they were assuming a terrible responsibility. Viger and M. Maruejouls, minister of commerce,

supported M. Sarrien. Mr. Brisson, it is said, fell into a violent passion and declared tearfully that the ministers ought to credit him with understanding all the difficulties and the best way of meeting them. Should they abandon him now by refusing a revision, he said it would

be to face dishonor. President Faure hastily returned to Paris, but M. Brisson went to Bois de Boulogne, probably to avoid presidential interference until the papers should have announced the decision in favor of a revision, M. Faure being still strongly against a revision.

Cassation, which will examine the Dossler, consists of fifteen judges and a president, who happens to be a Hebrew. The crowds outside the ministry of the in terior, where the cabinet council was held, loudly cheered the ministers, and there were

The criminal chamber of the Court of

shouts of "Vive Brisson!" "Vive la Re-The city is excited and the bourse is in a disturbed condition. Conservative papers council the people to remain calm. It is doubtful if the action of the cabinet is popular among the masses, particularly

country people, who "still cling to the fetich

of the army's honor." Spanish Fings Captured by Dewey. A Washington special says: Two valuable souvenirs of the capture of Manila were received at the Navy Department from Admiral Dewey. One is "the official flag of Manilla," sewed to which was a memorandum, showing that the flag was "hauled down August 13, 1898, by Flag Lieutenant Brumby and Signal Boys Stanton and Ferguson, of the flagship Olympia, after the surrender of the city to the combined naval and military forces of the United States." The other souvenir was "the flag of the Spanish armed transport Cebu, captured at Manila, August 13, 1893." These flags were turned over to the chief clerk of the Navy Department for transmission to the Naval

West Virginia Railroad Values.
The State board of public works made its return of railroad property in the State to the auditor for taxation. The total is \$21,-625,824, against a total last year of \$22,709,-573. The decrease is due to the small mileage built the past year and depreciation of old roads. The Baltimore and Ohlo, Charleston, Clendenin and Sutton and West Virginia Central and Pittsburg roads show the greatest improvement in value, while the Norfolk and Western, Chesapeake and Ohio and West Virginia and Pittsburg show heavy depreciation.

Congressman John Baker Blind. Congressman John Baker, representing the eighteenth Hitmois district, has become totally blind, and his age, seventy-six years, makes it extremely doubtful if he ever re-

## READY

vestigate War Department.

Commissioners Advised, If They Find Any Difficuty In Getting Testimony or Papers, To Communicate With the President, Who Wi Endeavor to Smooth Their Way For Them.

A Washington special says: The first meeting of the commission to investigate the conduct of the War Department during the war with Spain was held Saturday morning. The nine members of the commission

as completed are: Maj.-Gen. Grenville M. Dodge, of Iowa. Col. J. A. Sexton, of Illinois. Capt. E. P. Howell, of Georgia.

Maj.-Gen. J. M. Wilson, Chief of Engineers of the United States Army. Hon. Charles Denby, of Indiana, late Minster to China.

Ex-Gov. Urban A. Woodbury, of Ver-Ex-Gov. James A. Beaver, of Pennsyl-

Dr. Phineas S. Conner, of Cincinnati.

tary; Major Miles, of the inspector-general's is believed that he will furnish the police office to be military recorder. The President's Instructions. room assigned it at the War Department. was locked up. Owing to the serious nature in the main of a general exchange of views W. I. Schaffer has not been able to take his as to the scope of the commission's investi- statement. Minus, however, has been mengation, in which the President participated lioned by both husband and wife as implifreely. He told the members that the or- tated in the deed, and this statement was

Charges of Criminal Negect. In concluding his remarks the President

said: "There has been in many quarters severe criticism of the conducts of the war with Spain. Charges of criminal neglect of the oldiers in camp and field and hospital and that, whether true or false, they have made investigate these charges and make the fuil-

your call, the officers and bureaus responsible there the crime. for-if it be found that the evils complained

of have existed. "The people of the country are entitled to know whether or not the citizens who so promptly responded to the call of duty have been neglected or misused or maltreated by the government to which they so willingly gave their service. If there have been wrongs committed, the wrongdoers must

not escape conviction and punishment." Proceedings shoud Be Puble. It has not yet been positively decided in what manner the commission will proceed with its work. The widespread interest in its proceedings and the importance attached to the investigations justifies the general demand that, so far as possible, its proceedings shall be conducted in public. The President informed the commission that this was not to be a star-chamber inquiry. It was decided by the commission that all in formation should be given out through the chairman, the investigation being conducted, for the present at least, behind closed doors.

A Jacksonville Mail Clerk Arrested. Postoffice Inspector Rosson has arrested Thos. Miller, a mailing clerk, who has been employed in the Jacksonville (Fia.) office seven years. A large quantity of mail was found in Miller's possession and considerable money was recovered. Miller made full confession soon after being arrested. For two years the inspectors have been trying to trace missing matter. A New Lord Mayor of London.

Sir John V. Moore, an alderman of the city of London and senior partner of Moore Brothers, tea merchants, has been elected lord mayor of London, to succeed Horatic David Davies. He was born in 1826, has represented the ward of Candlewick since 1889 and was sheriff of the city of London in

Five Killed in a Ratiway Wreck.

A special from Halifax, N. S., says: A
special excursion train on the way to the Halifax exhibition from Pictou crashed into a working train near Stollerton, James Sproull, engineman; Michael O'Brien, en-gineman; W. G. Henderson, fireman; John B. McKenzie, fireman, and William Cameron, of Scotch Hill, Pictou county, a passen-ger, were killed. John McMillan, of Piclou, a passenger was injured.

# WORK THE KEYSTONE STATE.

McKinley's Commission to In- Latest News Gleaned from Various Parts.

EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. AN AWFUL TRAGEDY.

> Mrs. Peter Leonard Succumbs to Her Fearful Injuries in Chester Hospital-Slight Clue to the Guilty-Two Men Are Now in Custody-Name of One of Them Murmured by the Sufferers.

Murder is the charge which must be an-

swered by the perpetrators of the brutal

erime in the little old cabin at Chester and of which aged Peter Leonard and his wife were the victims, for the woman succumbed to her fearful injuries. The vitality of the octogenarian was a marvel to the physicians of the Chester Hospital. Beaten until her gray hairs reeked with blood and her body was covered with bruises she lay unconscious but with the breath of life in her all through the long night, and daybreak saw her still keeping up the unequal fight with leath. But no flesh and blood could surtive such fearful wounds and the end finally tame at 5 o'clock P. M. The murderous assaliants of the old couple have not been ap-Maj.-Gen. A. M'D. McCook, of the army, prehended, but the police are on the trail, and it is believed that a definite clue will be developed in a few days. Minus Delaney, The commission organized by electing the colored neighbor of the Leonards, is still Grenville M. Dodge, chairman, and Mr. nder lock and key at the City Hall, and Richard Weightman, of Washington, secrewhile he denies all knowledge of the affairit valuable information. Chief Berry took into The President's Instructions.

The commission spent an hour and a half who is said to have been in the cabin Friday with the President before proceeding to the avening. No charge was preferred, but he The conference with the President consisted of Mr. Leonard's wounds District Attorney ganization of the commission had been un- made at the time the old couple was discovdertaken at the request of Secretary Alger, ared with their many blood-encrusted and read a letter from the secretary in which wounds in their cabin at Front and Welsh he made the request. The President had streets. District Attorney Schaffer, who is put his own views in writing, and read them before proceeding to a verbal discussion. In this statement he said that complaints had has the assistance of Dr. J. L. Forwood, been directed especially at the surgeon-gen- Dr. D. W. Jefferis and Dr. F. F. Long. Dr. eral's, the quartermaster-general's and the Forwood and Dr. Jefferis were called as excommissary-general's departments of the perts in the famous Fflizenmeyer murder army, and he suggested that the conduct of irial, and will prove valuable in the analysis these departments should receive especial of the evidence found in the cabin, and consideration. To this specific request he which has been secured by the District Atadded that it was his desire that the entire torney. The theory deduced from the evimilitary organization should, if it appeared | ience points straight to one of the foulest necessary, be made the subject of finquiry, trimes this county has ever witnessed. It saying that he wished the commission to go would seem that the assailants, who were to the bottom of the subject in all cases and two or more men, had been drinking with proceed with its work without fear or favor. Leonard and his wife on Friday night. Iu-"If," he said, in the informal discussion flamed by the beer they attempted an as that occurred, "the commission should have sault upon the graybaired woman. She redifficulty in securing the attendance of wit- listed with all her strength, and when her nesses or in obtaining access to papers husband came to her assistance he was thought to be essential to the prosecution of knocked down. A broken china dining plate, its labors, I hope the matter will be brought stained with blood, indicates that this had to my attention, when I will do all in my been hurled at Mrs. Leonard. Finding that power to overcome the difficulty. I want she still resisted the men wrenched off a leaf the commission to have a clear field, and 1 of the poplar dining table, and splitting this will do all that it is possible for me to do to lato heavy clubs beat their victims into insee that it has." The suggestion was also sensibility and accomplished their purpose. made to the commission that the first effort While the bodies of their unconscious vicshould be to secure general information in time lay on the floor, the fleuds coolly resuffering from arterio-scierosis, and a gen- tions that proceedings are to be taken im- regard to the organization of the army and sumed drinking as the blood-stained tumbler and a bloody pitcher indicate. Then they extinguished the old lamp and groped their way to the door, leaving their victims in their blood.

Insane Man's Freak.

George Wilson Barrett plead guiltly on in transportation have been so persistent September 8 at Huntingdon to charges of burglary and shooting with intent to kill a deep impression upon the ecuntry. It is Louis Leister, and was sentenced to eight my earnest desire that you shall thoroughly years in prison. Barrett acted strangely and was subject to epileptic fits, and many est examination of the administration of the thought he was insane. After his trial a War Department in all of its branches, with the penitentiary he wrote to Deputy Sheriff the view to establishing the truth or falsity Wilson and told him that if he would write of these accusations. I put upon you no to Superintendent Kane, of the Insane limit to the scope of your investigation. Of Asylum, at Howard, R. L., he would find all the departments connected with the that his real name was James J. McGunigle army I invite the closes\* scrutiny and +x- and that he had escaped from that instituamination, and shall afford every facility tion on July 26, six days after the date of for the most searching inquiry. The re- the alleged burgiary and shooting. His atcords of the War Department and the as- torney at once communicated with Superinsistance of its officers shall be subject to tendent Crane, who confirmed Barrett's statement in every particular and his de-"I cannot impress upon you too strongly scription of McGunigle tailies exactly with my wish that your investigation shall be so that of Barrett. Barrett was found wanthorough and complete that your report, dering in the streets of Tyrone in his stockwhen made, will fix the responsibility for ing feet about a week after the Leister burgany failure or fault by reason of neglect, lary, and being questioned by the officers, incompetency or maladministration upon claimed that he was the man who committed

Three Barns Destroyed.

A fire which for a time threatened to be very destructive, broke out at Bloomsburg. The blaze started in a large barn owned by George Trump, near the Columbia County Fair Grounds. The flames spread rapidly and it was only through the efficient services of the fire department that the exhibition buildings on the fair grounds were saved. The two barns owned by Mr. Trump and one belonging to Contractor Thomas Gorrey were entirely destroyed, together with their contents excepting the live stock. It is thought that the biaze was the work of an incendiary. The loss is \$10,000.

Lost Both Legs.

Frank Deshler, about 30 years of age, had both legs cut off on the East Penn branch of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad near Allentown. Deshler was not found until four hours after the accident. The most remarkable thing is that he did not lose consciousness during this time, although he very weak from the

Big Steel Plant.

The Bessemer Furnace Company, of the Mahoning and Shenango Valleys, will build a \$2,000,000 steel mill at Sharon. The plant will be large enough to utilize the product of eighteen furnaces comprising the as tion, and Sharon will be the central point of these concerns.

Behended by the Cars. John Clarke, of Shenaudoah, and Cyrus Geazy, of Shamokin, were run down by a Reading freight train. Clarke's head was almost severed from his body, and his death was instantaneous. Geazy escaped with several fractured ribs and painful bruises.

Babe Killed by an Ice Wagon. James, the 18-months-old son of Noah Alfern, of Altoons, while playing in the street was run over by an ice wagon and instantly killed. The wheels passed over the child's breast, crushing out its life. The poroner will investigate the case.