THE NEWS.

A misplaced switch at Staunton, Va., caused a wreck on the C. & O. Road, in which several people were hurt. A man who registered at a hotel in Rich-

mond, Va., as E. N. Simpson, Savannab, was found dead in his room. At Norfolk, Va., Owen J. Cosgrove killed

Wm. France, colored, and Policeman Edgar Holland killed himself. The report is again circulated that the

Southern Railroad has bought the Atlantic and Danville. George W. Blarer was shot and killed on

the street at Elizabeth, Colorado. The murderer escaped. Charles R. Badger, wanted at New York

for embezziement, was arrested in Harrisburg, Pa, Thomas Martin and his three children were burned to death at Marion, Va.

Arms and ammunition were sent from Richmond to Alexandria, Va., to equip a company of sixty-five men. More trouble is feared there. The verdict in the lynching case was that the victim met death at the hands of parties unknown to the jury.

A Big Consolidated street car was wrecked in Cleveland by nitro-giycerine. The officers arrested Charles H. Bond, charged with placing explosives on the track in June last. Testimony taken before the Mazet Committee, in New York, showed that many robberies has been committed, and many offen-

ders had not been arrested. The Association of Shoe Manufacturers, organized at Philadelphia, resolved upon an advance of from ten to twenty-five cents in the price of shoes.

All the yellow fever patients at the Soldiers' Home, at Hampton, are improving. No more deaths are expected. Georgia Jenkins and Georgia De Alvin, actresses, had a fight with scissors at Park-

ersburg, W. Va., and both were badly hurt, one seriously. Six hundred cloakmakers in New York received twenty-five per cent. increase in their

weekly pay, and resumed work. At Chatham, Vs. Dr. John C. Anderson, indicted for seduction and attempted mur-

der, was bailed in the sum of \$12,500. Adolphus Brown, colored, was killed at Amite City, La., by whitecaps, who also flogged Edgar and Edward Barr.

A lovers' quarrel at Denver resulted in the death of Goldle McConkey, and the fatal wounding of George Bond.

Near Chicago Mrs. Edward Eckinger killed her husband and daughter, and tried to kill herself. Rank poison was found in some cheese

shipped from Lewis county, N. Y., to Phil-Near Marietta, Ohio, Valentine Clark was

killed by Miles Harper in Harper's house. Vincent and Engelbert Jersley were killed by lightning at Camp Douglas, Wis. In West Virginia Sharman Smith killed

Levi Ramey, his rival. Four firemen were killed by a live wire in Omaha, Neb.

Secretary of War Root says 50,00 men will be sent to the Philippines by October, and, afterwards, as many more as may be necessary to put a speedy end to the trouble. The coroner's jury at Bar Harbor at-

tributed Sunday's disaster, by which twenty persons were drowned, to "insufficient construction of the ferry slip." Ricaro Arueant, a Havana editor, arrived

at New York, on his way to Washington, to protest against the suppression of his newspaper. John Jones, aged fifteen years, of York county, Pa., was dragged to death by a run-

away horse, in the harness of which he became entangled. Ex-Governor W. Y. Atkinson, of Georgia, died at his home, at Newman, in that state, after an illness of ten days. He was forty-

five years old. The Consolidated Mines Company, in which John D. Rockefeller is interested. bought property containing eight militon

tons of Bessemer ore. Investigation showed that Charles A. F. Audenreith, who killed bimself a few days ago in Philadelphia, was financially em-

The Canadian gold commissioner says the output from the Klondike mines this year

will be forty million dollars. An engineer and a fireman were killed by an accident on the Southern Pacific Road, near Dos Palos, Cal.

Stinson Bros., makers of carpet, in Philadelphis, gave their men an advance of five per cent, in wages. State documents in Louisiana show that

the Italians recently lynched in that state were naturalized. A case of smallpox was reported on the

ship Keesington, which arrived at New York from Antwerp. A radical change is being made in the appearance of the baggage, mail and express

ears on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. The platforms and hoods are being removed to increase the element of safety and save weight. The favorite riding place of tramps is also eliminated when the piatforms are removed. General Manager Underwood has also issued an order to remove the numbers from locomotive tenders, so that in cases of emergency those of the same style will be Point and Phoebus, which will be done in a interchangeable.

Experiments made by the Agricultural Department may revolutionize the manufacture of cheese.

Irrigation of arid lands has proved a partial failure because so much water has been used that it has brought the alkali salts to the surface.

Rev. Dr. George W. Papper, prominent in the Methodist Church, and once Consul at Milan, Italy, died in Cieveland. Charles A. F. Autenrieth, a Philadelphia

retired banker, committed suicide by shooting himself. Yaqui Indians have plenty of money, arms

and ammunition, and a long and bloody conflict is expected. Two trolley cars on the Sea View road, at

Narragansett Pier, collided. The motorman was killed and one passenger burt. Both cars were fired by the current and burned, Nearly 40 people were killed by the fail of a trolley car from a high trestie near Bridgeport, Conn. The car turned upside down

and the motor and trucks crushed in the floor and mangled the passengers. By the collapse of a gangplank at Mount Desert Ferry, Bar Harbor, Me., at least a score of people were drowned. Seventeen bodies have been recovered by a diver. Most of those who were lost were excursionists from Bangor, who had come to see the

North Atlantic Squadron. Benjamin H. Snell, a special pension examiner, murdered Lisa Wiessenberger, a 13-year-old girl, in Washington by cutting

her throat. President McKinley has purchased the "McKinley Cottage," in Canton, for \$14,500. Chicago union men said President McKinley might have to lift the corner-stone of the new Federal building himself.

HUNDREDS KILLED.

Fatal Sweep of a Hurricane in the Antilles.

DESTRUCTION AT PONCE

Humacao in Ruins and Many Were Killed -Montserrat Devnstated - Two United States Soldlers Injured at El Cayey and Many Cavalry Horses Killed-Village of Carolina Was Literally Razed.

San Juan de Porto Rico, (By Cable.)-A hurricane broke over the south coast Tuesday morning and swept northwest. There was no abatement for nine hours, the greatest damage being done between 3 and 10 o'clock A. M. The wires were down and communication with the interior was for a time impossible. It is now chiefly carried on by couriers.

At San Juan four natives were drowned in the harbor, 80 houses were demolished and bundreds were ubroofed. The damage to property is estimated at \$500,000. Commissary stores to the value of \$50,000 were destroyed.

A dispatch by cable from Ponce says the town was almost destroyed. Almost all the frame buildings are down, the bridge is swept away, and there is no communication between the port and the city proper. The damage to the port is estimated at \$250,000. Two natives are known to have been drowned. The records and property of the custom-house are ruined, and all the vessels At Aibonito very little remains standing

except the Cathedral and the barracks. Four natives perished and three United States soldiers were badly injured. As the town is without food, Government relief has been dispatched thither.

El Cayey was leveled, 200 houses being demolished. Two United States soldiers were injured there and many cavalry horses

At Catano the entire plant of the Standard

Oil Company was ruined. The loss on the property is \$200,000. At Bayamon a majority of the houses were destroyed and the rest were flooded. Two hundred cattle were killed, and the

railway was seriously damaged. The village of Carolina was literally razed. At Cagus four persons were killed.

Humacao Destroyed. A courier from Humacao, ca; ital of the province of that name, on the eastern coast f the island, reports awful destruction there. The loss to property is estimated at \$500,000, but this is the least item in the disaster.

The courier brought an official report from Capt Eben Swift, of the Fifth United States Cavairy, who says:

"Humacao was totally destroyed by the surricane. Forty-six bodies have been revered, and there are many more in the debris. Eight privates of Troop C were inured, two fatally. Sergeant King, of the Eleventh Infantry, was injured. North, a discharged private, is missing. At the Port of Humaeao 18 bodies have been recovered. Eight hundred people are starving here." Three persons were killed at Las Piedras

and five at Junco. The steamer Slocum, Captain Thomas, en ute from Mayaguez to San Juan, was caught in the storm, but her passengers and crew were saved through the heroism of Mr. Single, the first officer. The coffee crop ruined and the loss will reach millions, Very great injury has been done also to the orauge crop.

No definite returns have yet been received from the southern section of the island. apart from Ponce. It is certain, however, that the food supplies in the stricken districts have been destroyed, and, in these quarters, the quantity of Government stores on hand is small.

FEVER DYING OUT.

No New Cases Reported at the Soldiers' Home.

Hampton, Va., (Special.)-An unchanged report is the latest from the Soldiers' Home. There have been no new cases and no deaths, and the fever, from all indications, will soon be a thing of the past.

The 11th day's quarantine between this town and Newport News has at last been lifted. The joint meeting of the various boards of health and city authorities settled the matter. There were present at this meeting Drs. Pettus, White, Wasdin, Magruder and Donaldson, of the Marine Hospital Service; and Drs. Pope, Peek, Howe and Boutelle, of Hampton. These physicians were prepared to report upon the excellent condition of Hampton from a quarantine and sanitary standpoint, and when they expressed themselves it was speedily decided to lift the quarantine.

The resumption of business between Newport News and Rampton means a great deal to both cities,

The next move is to open up Buckroe, Old few days at most. The quarantine lines will be drawn more closely around the Soldier's Home, and traffic may be resumed. Business is picking up considerably, and it is thought it will be normal within a few

Deputy Sheriff Shot by Burglars.

Bourne, Mass., (Special.)- Deputy Sheriff Edward H. Burgess, of Monument Beach, was shot by burgiars here and his wound is considered dangerous. Stillman Smalley, a watchman at Buzzards Bay, who had come to Bourne to assist the deputy sheriff, also was shot, but was only slightly hurt. It is believed that the two burglars who did the shooting were also wounded, as bloody spots were found on the road in the vicinity

Bloodhounds on His Trail.

Kansas City, Mo., (Special.)—It is re-ported the sixteen-year-old daughter of J. S. Perkins, a farmer living near Turner, Kan., has been assaulted by a colored man. Bloodhounds were put on his trail. A lynching is probable

Russia Warns China.

Peking, (By Cable.)-M. de Giers, the Russian Minister, has addressed a note to the Tanng-Li-Yamen, warning that body that the conclusion of an alliance with Japan would give great offense to Bussis, and that the consequences to China would be most serious.

A Feud in Tennessee. Knoxville, Tenn., (Special.)-A fend has Froken out between the Robinson and Sayage families in the mountains of Union county, near the Kentucky line. William Savage was shot and killed by Jack Robinson. Savage fatally wounded Robinson.

DROWNED BY SCORE.

Gang Plank Falls With Hundreds of

Excursionists. Bar Harbor, Me., (Special.) -- A score of persons were killed Sunday by the collapse of the gang plank of the Mount Desert ferry. Fully 150 persons were suddenly thrown into the water, and for a few moments it appeared as if half of them would be drowned. The work of rescue was promptly begun, however, and it is now believed that not more than twenty perished.

The Maine Central Railroad ran excursions to Bar Harbor from all sections of its line in Maine, the attraction being the warships. All the morning long trains packed with excursionists were rushing to Bar Harbor. The train which left Bangor at 8.25 consisted of twelve cars jammed with people. At Mount Desert ferry, the terminus of the line, the train is left for the boat, for an eight-mile sail to Bar Harbor.

From the wharf a slip, or gang-plank, forty feet long and ten feet wide, led up to the boat. The slip was hinged at the inner end, the outer end being supported by chains, by which it was raised or lowered to suit the tide. The wharf extends on both sides flush with the end of the wooden gang plank. Five timbers, four by twelve inches, set vertically, ran the length of the plank, and these were crossed by two-inch planking. It is said that there was no support for the plank between the hinges at the outer end.

Wher the excursion train from Bangor arrived at the ferry, there was a rush for the steamer Sappho. The first few passengers had crossed the gang-plank safely, and it is estimated that 200 people were massed upon the plank. Suddenly they felt the plank give way beneath them. The long timber supporting the plank broke in the middle. The hinges held up one end and the chain the other, while the broken ends of the plank dropped, and a struggling, screaming mass of humanity was plunged into the water, fifteen feet below the wharf,

A few clung to the inclined sides of the plank, but at least 150 were struggling in the water. The piling of the wharf partially penned them in on three sides and the boat lying at the wharf closed the outer

end of the opening. After the first moment of stupefaction, the work of rescue began. Ropes and life preservers were thrown to the crowd, but in the panic the people in the water clutched one another, and many sank thus in groups in a death grapple. Many taken from the water were unconscious and were revived with difficulty. Doctors were summoned from all directions, but it was half an hour before the first arrived. The freight bouse at the ferry was turned into a morgue, the bodies being taken there for identification as fast as recovered. By noon seventeen had been recovered. Three other persons were taken on board the Sappho, and died on the way to Bar Harbor,

MURDERED A CHILD.

Pension Examiner Snell's Horrible Crime in Washington.

Washington, D. C., (Special.)- A horrible morder was committed in the north-eastern section of the city. The murderer was Benjamin H. Snell, a special examiner in the Pension Office, a man about 45 years of age. His victim was Liza Weissenberger, a gir. 13 years of age, who had been employed in his household until a few months ago, when she was taken home by her parents, who became suspicious of Snell's conduct toward her.

Snell seemed to be infatuated with the id, and paid her a great deal of attention, which, however, she resented. Snell went to his victim's house, and, entering at the front door, passed on through the middle room, where the girl was sleeping, to the dining-room door.

While standing at the door the mother ordered him out of the house. Snell started to go, passing again through the room where the child was.

He bent over the sleeping child and drew her from the bed. Awakened suddenly she screamed in terrorr. Twisting one hand in the girl's bair and throwing back ber head, Saell drew a razor from his pocket and swept it across her throat. Twice he siashed her throat, and once he missed, cutting a great piece of flesh from her cheek. The head was almost severed from the body, and both the murderer and his victim were drenched with blood.

Attracted by the child's screams the mother ran to the rescue. In a freezy she grappled with the murderer and was badly slashed on the arm with the razor.

The murderer attempted to escape, but was soon captured by the police and locked up in the Ninth Precinct Station. He refuses to give any explanation of his acts, and says he remembers nothing about them. The murderer is a native of Vermont and was at one time employed in a bank in Montgomery, Ala. He has a wife and two

SPANISH-AMERICAN ISLANDS.

Later advices show that the fight at Calamba was a severe one. Lieutenant Love, of the Twenty-first Infantry, was wounded during an exhibition of remarkable bravery.

The total number of American casualties s 7 killed and 20 wounded.

The bodies of 16 insurgents were found in the trenches. The insurgents have killed several natives

at Laytey who were friendly to the Ameri-CADF. An American force, aided by the Charles ton's guns, routed Filipinos in the Island of

Eight hundred recruits left San Francisco for Manila.

The Tenth Pennsylvania Regiment, from Manila, was received in San Francisco. The hospital-ship Reifef, from Manila, with 350 wounded and sick soldiers, reached

San Francisco. Four Americans were stricken with yellow fever in Santiago. Cubans have started out

an investigation committee. A Manila correspondent said that little sould be done until November, when the rainy season would be over. The improvement of the Filipinos in markmanship was especially noted.

A prominent Cuban merchant says that if universal suffrage is granted in Cuba it will soon be a black republic.

Toral and Pareja Free. Madrid, (By Caule.)-The Supreme Courtmartial before which Generals Toral and Pareja have been on trial charged with surrendering Santiago de Cula to the United States forces without baving exhausted all means of defense, has acquitted both officers on the ground that they acted upon the orders of their superiors and only surrenlered when it was impossible to do other-

The judgment severely consures those in high command in the colonies and in Spain, as well as the government's responsibility for the lack of resources for the defense of

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Emperor William sent a wreath of laurels for Bismarck's tomb at the memorial service at Friedrichsruhe.

Sir Julian Pauncefote, British ambassador to the United States, has been elevated to the peerage. Testimony given before the court-martial

at Madrid went to show that Generals Toral and Pareja could not defend Santiago.

The Belgian ministry resigned because Parliament rejected all the government electoral billis. Many arrests were made in Port au

Prince, Hayti, two former cabinet ministers being taken into custody. William C. Lovering, a Massachusetts congressman, was robbed at Ostend, England.

Two of the assassins of President Hereaux, of San Domingo, were captured and shot. The Shamrock sailed from Glasgow for America, but had to return because of an accident to her bowsprit.

Two gatling guns and a detachment of artillery have been hurried to the scene of the Yaqui war in Mexico. Results of the Peace Conference at The

Hague are said to be gratifying to the Czar of Russin. Great Britain will appoint commercial agents in America and other important countries.

There were riots in Bohemia against the raising of the sugar tax. Canadians are offended with Americans about the Alaskan boundary, and the high officials declined an invitation to Chicago when the cornerstone of the new Federal

building is to be laid. The reported engagement of Lady Churchill to Lieutenant Cornwallis-West is officially denied.

Cecil Rhodes predicted that the Transvaal affair would be peaceably settled.

A relirond concession was granted in Korea to a German syndicate. Consul General Goodnow, United States official at Shanghai, has rendered a decision to the effect that China will be liable if arms are shipped to the Filipinos from Chinece

ports. President Kruger notified Sir Alfred Milner of his willingness to listen to any friendly suggestion from the British government.

Secretary Iddings, of the United States embassy, gave a banquet at Naples in honor of Admiral Dewey.

M. Delcasse, the French Minister of Foreign Affairs, innehed with the Czar at Peterhof Paince. One train telescoped another at Juvisy, near Paris. Seventeen persons were killed

and 73 injured. A colored American citizen was brutally treated by police officials at Johannesburg. The Yaki Indians are preparing for a long

war with the Mexican government. The supreme courtmartial in Madrid acquits Generals Toral and Pareja. The lightning conductor on the Eiffel

Tower was struck by lightning. The police force of Havana is rapidly growing in efficiency. Jiminez, who suddenly disappeared with

six Cuban soldiers, has returned to Havana

DREYFUS ON TRIAL.

Long-Looked-for Court-martial Begins at Rennes, France. Rennes, France, (By Cable.)-The courtmartial of Captain Dreyfus began Mondaynew trial ordered by the highest court of France after months of patient endeavor. and after the submission of much evidence tending to show that he was the innocent

victim of a conspiracy of French army officinla. After a long session, at which the famous prisoner was closely questioned, the courtmartial decided by a vote of five to two to sit behind closed doors for several days, in order to examine the contents of the secret 'dossier," or series of state documents bearing on the case, and upon which the former

conviction was largely obtained. Esterhazy, Du Paty de Clam and Mile. Pays were not present when the list of witnesses was called, and this caused a delay in the proceedings, as the members of the court-martial filed out to discuss in secret what action should be taken. It was detarmined to go ahead with the trial, and Major Carriere, the government's representative. said he thought the absence of Esterbazy

ought not to prevent the trial proceeding. Dreyfus was known to be a good deal excited, but he has been keeping a stiff lip and he refused to see the last set of photo graphs of his children brought from Paris by his brother-in-law.

He had remarked to his brother, Mathieu Dreyfus, on the strangeness of his fate, so strange that he himself could not yet realize it. Nothing, he said, asconished him more than to find factions disputing furiously about him and to learn that he was an object of hatred to most of the officers. He said it grieved him to think that if there were an acquittal it would not change their

ABOUT NOTED PROPLE,

Jerome Hall Raymond, the new president of the University of Virginia, was a news-

boy in early life. Gen. Lew Wallace is something of an artist, and amuses himself with sketcher, mostly marines, in water color.

Albert Pierre Levy, a resident of Atlanta, Ga., was a classmate of Dreyfus, and says the latter was the most popular lad in the John D. Rockefeller recently declared that many men missed their chance for

making a fortune by thinking too much about their neighbor's wealth. Count Casini, the Russian Ambassador. owns a jeweled snuffbox presented him by the Sultan of Turkey for preserving the latter from the hand of an assassin.

Jerome K. Jerome takes his vacations on a larm, where he becomes one of the day laborers. He has studied agriculture both from a theoretical and practical point of view.

The library of the late Congressman R. P. Bland, of Missouri, numbering some 159 volumes, of an estimated average cost of \$2.50 each, was lately sold at auction in Sheibina, Mo., for \$11.

Mrs. Langury's racing establishment at Regal Lodge, Kentford, is beautifully deco-Miss Eilen Terry says that in her youth

she "wanted to keep a baby linen shop, or a

chemist's, or to be a sallor,' Frank Chapin Bray, who has succeeded Dr. Theodore L. Flood as editor of the Chautauquan, is only 83 years old. The North China Herald insists Li Hung the time. Chang is the richest man in the world, esti-,

mating his wealth at \$300,000,000. Lord Kitchener has bested a series of be sold without a license of £50.

VICTIMS OF A LIVE WIRE.

Four Firemen Killed While Doing Their Duty in Nebraska.

Omaha, Neb., (Special.)-Four firemen lost their lives in a biaze on an upper floor of the Mercer Chemical Company's building, at Eleventh and Harney streets. The fire in itself was insignificant, but the fatalitles resulted from contact with a live wire. Fireman George Farmer and Albert Livingston, of the Chemical Company, also suf-

fered severely from shock. When the fire had been brought under control the firemen set to work to lower the big extension truck, upon which they had been working. Suddenly there was a sputtering and succession of flashes such as occur when a connection is made with a live wire carrying a high voltage of electric current. The men who were working at the crank lowering the ladder writhed in agony a moment and then fell to the pavement, limp and apparently lifeless. In lowering the ladder it had come in contact with a live electric light wire carrying a current of two thousand volts. The injured men were at once carried into an adjoining building, and doctors who were present used every means known to revive them. Hopper revived in a few minutes, and saying he was all right, started to walk away. He had only gone about fifty feet when he dropped dead. Geike showed signs of reviving, but when only partially railied sank back and expired. The other two never at any time showed any signs of animation, and were

doubtless dead when picked up. Walter Gearbardt, an employe of the firm, was knocked down a flight of stairs while working in that building during the fire, and was not noticed for some time. When found he was unconscious from inhaling the smoke, and was revived with difficulty.

ACETYLENE PLANT BLOWN UP.

Town of Wabash Gets a Severe Shock and

Is Left in Darkness. Wabash, Ind., (Special.)-The gas works of the Logansport and Wabash Vailey Gas Company were destroyed by a terrific explosion, which shook the city. Supt. Courtier and his assistant, Duncan Edwards, bad just completed charging the tanks with cal cium carbide and water, from which the gas acetylene is manufactured, and Courtier had stepped out of the door. Edwards noticed an ominous bubbling in one of the tanks, and shut off the water. There was a column of flame eighty feet high, surrounding which was the iron roof of the works, and then the bricks and roofs settled back to the ground in a mass. Not a brick was

left in position. The company installed the acetylene plant less than a year ago, it being the first ever put in for illuminating a city with the new light. Scores of plate glass were broken by the shock in the business part of town. Edwards was scorched and bruised, but is not seriously hurt. The loss is heavy.

ONE RIVAL KILLS ANOTHER.

A Deadly Fight on the Line Setween Lincoin and Wayne Countles. Hamlin, W. Va., (Special.)-A horrible tragedy occurred at Fourmile Ridge, near the line, between Lincoln and Wayne counties. For a year past Levi Ramey and Sherman Smith have been rivals, both seeking the hand of a country belle who resides in that locality. Sunday night the young woman gave Smith the marble heart, and he

then swore vengeance on his rival. They met. But a few words passed until engaged in combat, which ended in Ramey being shot through the heart. Smith is yet at large. Both young men were sons of well-to-do parents, and were well

liked in the community. The young woman in the case is wild with grief, and is under watch to prevent her taking berown life. The tragedy has stirred up the Four-wile community, and a posse is on a search for the murderer. It is believed that he is headed toward Gallia county, O.,

as he has many relatives living there. FATAL DUEL IN CURA

Young Kansan Killed in an Affair of

Henor by a Native Officer. Fort Scott, Kans, (Special.)-News has been received here that J. L. Green, a wellknown young college student of this city, who for the last two years has been in Cuba, first as a major in the Cuban army and later as an officer in Roosevelt's Rough Riders.

was killed in a duel at Sancti Spiritus, Cuba, by an officer in the Cuban army. The trouble between Green and the Cuban officer originated in Havana last March. The Cuban was the aggressor and challenged Green to a duel. Green, who was from a Southern family, immediately accepted the

challenge, but the Cuban refused to fight. Early last week the men met at Sancti Spiritus and the quarrel was renewed. Another meeting was arranged, and Green received a bullet wound, from which he died almost immediately.

KILLED IN A BAILROAD WRECK.

The Fatal Accident Supposed to Have Been Caused by Spreading Rails.

Ottaws, Ont., (Special.)-The Ottawa express, which left Montreal at 9.30 o'clock for this city, on the Canada Atlantic Bailroad, was wrecked near Colean Junetion while running at a fast rate. The engine left the track, taking with it the baggage car and a second-class coach. The firstclass coach and two Pullmans did not leave the track. Seven people were killed. A number were injured, but none of them seriously. The passengers were brought here on a special train. It is not known what caused the accident, but it is believed that the ralls spread.

Cause of the Bar Harbor Calamity. Bar Harbor, Me., (Special.)-The coroner's jury impaneled to bold an inquest in connection with the accident at Mount Desert ferry, completed its sitting, finding that "these people came to their deaths by drowning, caused by the insufficient con-

struction of the slip. Train Wrecked and Burned in Tunnel. Somerset, Ky., (Special.)-A train of wenty freight cars was wrecked in tunnel No. 4 on the Cincinnati and Southern Railway, by the explosion of a tank car louded with naphtha.

Hurled 150 Feet by Force of Explosion. Scranton, Pa., (Special.)-An explosion of gas in the Pine Brook colliery of the Scrapton Coal Company seriously burned five men. The explosion was caused by a naked miner's lamp. The force of the explosion was so great that one of the men was picked up 150 feet from where he was working at

Canada Rented Alaska.

Lord Kitchener has issued a series of Sudan laws, settling land questions and regulating the sale of alcohol. No liquor is to kan territory claimed now to be Canadian.

THE KEYSTONE STATE.

Latest News Gleaned from Various Parts.

RURAL FREE DELIVERY.

Those Who Opposed the System in Delaware County Are Now Its Friends-A Biniraville Manufacturer Mysteriously Missing-Automobile Figures in the Capture of Two Burglars.

Rural free mail delivery in Delaware county has evidently come to stay in spite of the fact that there were some persons who said its life would be short. William G. Taylor, carrier on the route through Boothyn and Bethel, says that in his district the people showed by their actions when he started four weeks ago that they were not in favor of rural delivery. "I was afraid." he said, "that the system would be abandoned after running it a week, but now I flad nothing but encouragement. The pecple are now wondering why no one shought of it before." Mr. Taylor says he carries ten times as much mail now as he did the first week, and serves everybody on his route. He says it is a great convenience for these who want a morning paper, for beside what papers go through the mail, the carrier has the privilege of selling and serving them from door to door. Many persons have put up mail boxes in front of their places, and as the system gets permanently established with the people it is expected that two deliveries a day will be provided.

Epidemic of Barn Burning.

There is an epidemic of barn burning in Edgmont Township and nearby. Following the destruction of the barn on the Egbert estate a week ago the large stone and frame barn on the farm of David H. Stiteler, Media's Street Commissioner, in Edgmont, fell a prey to the flames. On Thursday the barn of James D. Martin, on the old Barr property, in Marpie, was destroyed. There is some question among the farmers as to whether the fires are due to combustion from overheated mows or to incendiarism. The Stiteler farm is tenanted by John W. Stiteler, son of the owner, who discovered the fire when the top of the barn was all ablaze. The live stock, a lot of chickens and pigs were destroyed, together with 350 bushels of wheat, 303 bushels of oats, forty tons of hay, a new mower, reaser and binder and 8 versi wagons and agricultural imp ements. The loss on the building and contents is about \$3500, on which there is a partial insurance. The barn was built in 1791 by Abel Green,

Wealthy Man Disappears.

The mysterious disappearance of Captain lames Dovey, a wealthy brick manufacturer of Bisirsville, has caused a sensation in that heighborhood. He left home a week ago, promising to return in the evening. He carried money and valuables, and it is now believed by his family that he was beguiled to some secluded place and foully dealt with for the purpose of rolbery. The detectives employed by Mrs. Dovey have acknowledged their inability to obtain even the slightest cine as to the location of her husband. The case is one of the most mysteric ever been reported in this locality. Not a single trace has been found of the man since he boarded a train on the morning of his disappearance.

Automobile Aids the Law.

The automobile has a wisted in the arrest of criminals in Pittsburg. A watchman discovered burglars about midnight in the residence of W. C. Temple, who gave the Temple Cup for base ball contests. The Temple family is away. Lewis Clarke, with a fri-nd, was going by in his automobile, and was asked to notify the police. The automobie was pushed at its top speed to the nearest telephone; the police were aroused and then the automobile returned to the scene of the robbery. The thieves bad barricaded the bouse and the door had to be ent down with an axe. A posse of police had a revolver battle with the burg'ars in the dark, but the latter were finally captured and proved to be George and Peter J. Nerple, brothers, who have a long criminal

To Reopen Big Colliery. The Natalie Coal Company, Pittsburg, will resume operations as the Shamokin Coal Company. Boston and New York financiers are the reorganizers. N. C. Taylor, representing the Eastern capitalists, engineered the deal. The colliery is one of the largest in the bituminous region, and 1230 men will be employed with an average pay roll of \$28,000 per month. The plant has been

closed since June 1, 1897. James Funk.

James Funk, one of the best known citizens in Central Pennsylvania, died at his home in Hollidaysburg of Bright's disease, aged 76 years. Mr. Funk served three terms as Commissioner of Blair county, and was the candidate of his party for a fourth term at the time of death. He had also filled the offices of sheriff and coroner and had run for the legislature and the Associate Judgeship. In early life he was a conductor on the old portage railroad. He afterward engaged in the business of lime burning and was the proprietor of the largest limekilns in America. He is survived by a wife and twelve children.

Mt. Carmel Votes for Bond Issue, At a special election held at Mt. Carmel, it was decided to increase the indebtedness of the city and to issue bonds for that purpose. The vote was a light one, but decidedly in favor of the increase, it being 299 for and 69 against.

Laborer Killed by a Train. Motora Dervi, an Italian employed in building the new water works at Cementon,

was struck by the Black Diamond Express at the Lebigh Valley Railroad crossing at Cementon and instantly killed. The skull was crushed and the brains scattered all Saw Son Crushed Under Car Wheels. Frank Minnich, 19 years old, of Station-

ton, fell in alighting from a Central Raul-

road coal train at Parryville, six miles south

of Mauch Chunk, and had both legs cut off.

The victim was en route to visit his father, a

Lehigh canal employe, at the scene of the

accident. He was picked up by his parent,

News in Briet. While working in a breast in Big Mountain slope, Shamokin, a large body of gas was accidentally ignited. Adam Neeley and Patrick Reynolds were burned on the face