Fire and Explosion in a Torpedo Factory Has a Terrible Effect.

HEAVY SHOCK IN CLEVELAND, OHIO.

While Playing During Lunch Hour the Shoe of a Girl Sliding on the Strikes a Spark Igniting Loose Powder-in an Instant the Room is Ablaze and Explosion Follows-Pathetic Incidents.

Cleveland, O. (Special).-An explosion that caused death and destruction occured in the plant of the Thor Manufacturing Company, of this city. Thus far three people are dead, while 28 others are lying at hospitals, some fatally and others more or less seriously injured.

The Thor Manufacturing Company is engaged in the manufacture of toy torpedo canes and other explosives. The company was in the midst of its busiest A large stock of material was on hand. Extra girls were being employed, and by the end of the week it was intended to put on the road the largest shipment ever sent out by the

The force of the explosion was tremendous and windows within a radius

of a quarter of a mile were broken. In the house on Orange street, next to the factory, lived Maurice Cohen, with his wife and eight children. With the collapse of the house simultaneously with the explosion the woman and four children were caught in the falling partitions and all were horribly crushed. They were all taken out unconscious. Mrs. Cohen died on the way to the hospital.

In the house directly in the rear were Mrs. Barney Quass and two boys. All three were bad'y injured and taken to

The fire originated in a peculiar man-The torpedo caps are filled in molds and there is constant danger of some of the loose powder, supposed to be fulminate of mercury, dropping on the floor. For this reason the girls and boys who are employed in the factory are compelled to remove their shoes while at work, so as to avoid the danger of striking sparks.

The explosion was due to the frolicsome propensities of a new girl who had been employed at the plant less than a The girls had their shoes on at the lunch hour and one playfully shoved another of the girls. As the girl slid along the floor her shoes struck a spark in some loose powder. Instantly the floor was ablaze. With great presence of mind one of the girls ran to a tub of water which was standing in the room and threw it on the fire. The blaze had gained too great headway, however, and the water did not quench it. At this juncture a painter, who was working on the Brudno house, next door, glanced through the open window and saw the fire. The girls did not seem to realize their great danger and were trying to extinguish the flames. The painter, however, realizing what was stored in the building, yelled to the girls to run for

There were ten girls, four boys and one man in the factory when the explos ion occurred. All of these got out except one, Florence Lipster; one man, Willard Cole, son of one of the proprietors of the place, and Arthur Conway, a 14-year-old boy.

The flames were easily subdued by the firemen, as there was nothing left of the factory but a pile of debris. The fire fighters at once began the work of digring in the ruins for the imprisoned. The first to be unearthed was little Arthur Conway. He had been thrown down at the very entrance, his face and hands badly cut, but without injuries of any serious nature. The next found was Willard Cole. The firemen dug him Willard Cole. The firemen dug him from the rubbish near the front door. His right arm was broken and terribly lacerated and he was covered with bruises. He was unconscious when found, but almost immediately regained his senses. He broke away from the firemen who were carrying him and rushed back to the ruins, crying: "Florence! Florence!" From this the firemen knew that at least one other person was buried and, drawing Cole away from the debris, resumed their search. In a short time they came upon the unconscious form of Florence Lipster. She was pinned under a great weight of depris and awfully bruised and disfigured. A falling timber had entirely torn away one side of her face.

The pecuniary loss sustained by the torpedo company will not exceed \$10,000.

#### SEVEN KILLED AND THIRTY INJURED. Grand Trunk Flyer Dashes Into a Big Crowd at Detroit.

Detroit (Special).-- A day of merrymaking and celebration by 1,500 Polish excursionists from Toledo was brought to a close by a frightful catastrophe at the corner of Canfield and Dequindre streets at 8.30 o'clock P. M., in which at least 7 of the excursionists were killed and about 80 others injured.

The excursion was given by the Polish Lancers of Toledo over the Lake Shore Road. The excursionists left the train at the corner of Canfield and Dequindre streets, and were met by a number of local Poles and Polish societies, who escorted the visitors to St. Joseph's An entertainment was held later at Harmonia Hall.

About 8 o'clock the visitors began to gather again at the corner of Canfield and Dequindre streets to take their train

back to Toledo. Suddenly from out of the darkness came the Grand Trunk. Chicago and New York express, known as the Pan-American Flyer. It plowed through the mass of people, throwing them to both sides of the track, bruised and maimed and grinding a number of them under

# Fruit lajured in the South.

Columbus, Ga. (Special) .- Fruitgrowers throughout this section of the fruit belt say that they will have from one-third to one-half a crop. In the Buena Vista region, 30 miles south of here, the crop is expected to average fully 50 per cent. The general opinion. however, seems to be that the fruitgrowing section of Southwestern Georgia will not average more than one-fourth of a crop. Many fruit trees were killed by the recent cold snope

## DEAD FROM GIRL'S PRANK THE LATEST NEWS IN SHORT ORDER.

The Speyers have organized the syndicate of American bankers and trust companies to underwrite an issue o \$15,000,000 notes of the London Underground Electric Railway Company, an equal amount to be underwritten in

London. Rev. Ferdinand Walzer, a Toledo priest, was arrested on the charge of murdering Miss Agatha Reichlein at the priest house of her brother, Rev. Charles Reichlein, in Lorrain, O.

In the case of ex-Mayor Ames, on trial in Minneapolis,\* testimony was given to show that his agents collected protection money from unfortunate

A Chicago bookmaker, closely pursued by detectives, took refuge in an undertaking establishment and hid his papers in a coffin containing a corpse. Two stable boys and 32 valuable horses perished in a fire that destroyed the stables on W. Gould Brokaw's es-

tate, at Great Neck, L. I James Long, Walter Wood, H. W. Wilson and Charles Rogers, of the No-

Daniel Kennedy, the Harlem prize-McMahon, brother of former Police Justice McMahon.

C. O. Parker has resigned the superintendency of the Virginia and Southwestern Railway, and is succeeded by J. H. McCue, at Chattanooga. The Pope Manufacturing Company filed amended articles in Trenton, N.

\$22,000 to \$22,500,000. An unknown man secured entrance

into the priest's house in Lorain and murdered Miss Agatha Reichlein, the prist's sister. A passenger train on the Panhandle Road was wrecked near Columbus, O.,

the engineer having disregarded the danger signal. Capt. Charles D. Sigsbee, ranking as rear admiral, was installed as commandant at the League Island Navy

Gen. E. S. Greely was re-elected pres-Sons of the American Revolution There were 500 eviction cases before Justice George Roesch in the Fourth Municipal Court in New York. In a fight with pistols in Tennessee,

near Lambs Ferry, J. P. Mefford and F. Osborne were both killed. Bristol, England.

Gen. Luke E. Wright, vice governor of the Philippines, arrived at Manila and was given a great reception. Manila, Philippine Islands, has been for him to be heard.

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ple are in distress. granted a writ of supersedeas in the cried, "Grover, Grover." The President of the sectional school directors

money from schoolteachers. The Baroness von Ranli horse- several minutes. whipped an admirer whose attentions she said had annoyed her in front of the Reading Railroad Terminal Build-

ing, in Philadelphia. Ellen Lang, Louis J. Somerville and Michael Timpano were held for accel-erating the death of Leonard Ross, the New York art dealer.

## Fereign.

In connection with the American and Japanese engineers' incident and cents in his pocket he left his home the generally disturbed conditions in at 25 Center street, and started for a about \$6000 found in the possession of the interior, the commander of the United States monitor Monterey, stationed at Canton, China, and the American consul at that port are urging that more ample moorings be supplied in the river, in order to provide for emer-

Emperor William was given a magnificent reception in Rome. The decorations were the same as were used in bert, in the Pantheon, and placed wreaths upon them.

between Russia and Japan regarding the ownership of property along the banks of the Yalu river, it is authoritatively stated that no Russian troops

have crossed the Yalu river. King Edward witnessed the maneuvers of 14,000 picked French troops on the parade grounds at Vincennes. He Two Men Deal and Five Injured in a Collision subsequently attended the races at

Longchamps. The Prussian House of Lords had an exciting discussion over a resolution dead and five seriously injured is the from the Conservatives asking the result of a collision between a west-Chancellor to use his influence to bring about the denunciation of the commercial treaties and all treaties giving the most-favored-nation treatment.

A state of siege has been proclaimed at Salonica. The action of the Macedonian Committee in directing attacks upon foreign property was evidently with the view of provoking the intervention of the powers. Italy has dispatched warships to Salonica.

United States Consul Landger was fined 30 marks by the judge of a local court in Solingen, Rhenish Prussia, for disorderly conduct in the courtroom. The Socialists celebrated May Day throughout Germany with public meet-

The engineers on the Clyde struck

against a reduction in wages. "Father" Black, the London clergy man who opposes the marriage of divorced persons, continues to criticise Henry White, secretary of the United States Embassy at London, for the latter's assistance at the Vanderbilt marriage ceremony. At the London diocesan conference the Right Rev. Arthur F. Ingram, bishop of London, said the use of St. Mark's Church for the wedding was a "grave moral scan-

## Financial.

Bank of France added \$35,000,000 to its notes in circulation the past week. Pennsylvania officials have gone to the

Soo to inspect Lake Superior's plants. Rock Island this year will earn about 8 per cent. on its \$75,000 of common

The big trust companies were the first to break down the price of money

# MUCH POMP AT ST. LOUIS

The Big Fair Buildings Dedicated by President Roosevelt.

TRAMP OF THE TROOPS HEARD.

The Chief Executive of the United States at a Lunch Counter, Passing Plates of Food to Members of His Party, One of the Novel Incidents of the Day-Graver Cleveland Spoke in the Liberal Arts Building.

of the United States climbing upon the lars, \$91,232,870; 500 dollars, \$20,491, speakers' desk to enable the crowd in the great hall to see and hear him and the tremendous ovation given ex-President Grover Cleveland are two incidents of the World's Fair dedication ceremonies which will be remembered.

The Liberal Arts Building, in which the ceremonies were held at the conculsion of a brilliant military parade, lan gang of postoffice robbers and covers a square of about 10 acres, and safe-crackers, were convicted at Green- every foot of space within its walls was is to be laid before the Alaskan Bounville, S. C., and were sentenced each to crowded. Such was the capacity of dary Commission, has been completed the building that it was impossible for and was delivered at the British Emfighter, was arrested in New York on any speaker to make himself heard bassy here. ne charge of murdering James Edward throughout the audience, and the noise of the people trying to get as near the front as possible was soon such as to render it difficult for a speaker to make himself heard 40 feet away.

The invocation of Cardinal Gibbons was not audible above the hum of voices and shuffling of feet. Ex-Senator Thomas H. Carter, the presiding increasing the capital stock from officer for the day, who closed his ca-2,000 to \$22,500,000. without losing voice, could not make himself heard for more than half a

dozen sentences Ex-Gov. David R. Francis, who seems to be the idol of St. Louis, delivered his presentation address without being heard. Only the music of the band and the voices of the grand chorus could rise above the tumult of the vast assemblage.

by Mr. Francis the building resounded with the applause and cheers of 25,000 ident general of the National Society or 30,000 persons. The President tried to speak, but no word of his could be heard. Putting one hand on the shoulder of Mr. Carter, the President, by a quick movement, sprang upon the nar row reading desk in front of him and stood at full height, smiling down upon the audience and waving his hand for Dr. Lorenz operated in Chicago upon attention. This was greeted with a desk, motioning the audience to atten-The town of Mariguina, Province of tion when it became too demonstrative

pected of causing the flames. A thou- ed that of the President, was received Plauen. sand houses were burned and the peo- with an extraordinary demonstration. The audience shouted and cheered, The Superior Court at Pittsburg waving hats and handkerchiefs and joined in the demonstration, waving of Philadelphia convicted of extorting his silk hat and encouraging the con-

## SUICIDE AT THE AGE OF 72 YEARS.

Jacob Ladenberg, Once Wealthy, Had Lost All la Speculation.

Bayonne, N. J. (Special).-At the age of 72 years Jacob Ladenberg, of Bayonne, committed suicide. He had been ill for several years. With 50 walk in the direction of Jersey City. On the bank of the Morris Canal frauds.

Rudolph Schumann, of Jersey City, passed Ladenberg as he stood looking at the water in the canal. A few hours later Schumann returned and noticed a coat and hat lying near the water. Looking into the ca-

nal he was surprised to see the body honor of King Edward's visit. The Emperor visited the tombs of King Victor Emmanuel I. and King Hum-Ladenberg.

It is believed that Ladenberg walked reaths upon them.

In reference to the reports of trouble etween Russia and Japan regarding ter until he died. It is said the deceased was wealthy at one time, but lost his money in speculation. He was well known in Bayonne.

## KILLED IN A WRECK.

## in Connecticut.

South Norwalk, Ct. (Special).-Two bound passenger train and a freight train just east of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Station.

The collision occurred as the passenger train was pulling into the westbound depot. It had crossed the bridge over Washington street, when the rear flat car on the freight train, which was running on a parallel track, went over the track and crashed into the rear of the passenger engine tender and the smok-

The side of the smoking car, which bore the brunt of the collision, was crushed in and passengers were pinned under the seats and timbers. Two cars immediately following the smoker were thrown from the track.

## Private Bank Robbed.

Albion, Mich. (Special).-Halstead's private bank at Concord was entered by thieves and the safe dynamited. It is said that all the funds in the bank, including postoffice money and stamps, was secured by the robbers. The cracksmen stole a horse and buggy and escaped to this city, where they are supposed to have taken a train at 4 o'clock.

## Scores Dead at Salonica.

Salonica (By Cable).-The number of Bulgarians killed during the recent dynamite riots is now estimated at 100. A complete bomb manufacturing plant has been discovered in a shoemaker's Ohio crossing and was ditched.

#### NATIONAL CAPITAL AFFAIRS.

Issue of Paper Currency.

The total paper currency of all denominations outstanding April 30, according to a table issued by United States Treasurer Roberts, was \$1,634,-258,613, less \$1,000,000 of unknown denominations which has been destroyed. The amount of each denomination follows:

One dollar, \$77.417.766; 2 dollars, \$45,669,193; 5 dollars, \$348.645.639; 10 dollars, \$449,030,702; 20 dollars, \$346,-St. Louis (Special).—The President 922,786; 50 dollars. \$59.974.615; 100 dol-500; 1000 dollars, \$73,377,500; 5000 dol lars, \$28,800,000; 10,000 dollars, \$92, 660,000; fractional parts, \$36.042.

Of the grand total \$346,681,016 is in United States notes, \$20,795,000 in Treasury notes of 1890, \$391,151,728 in national bank notes. \$410,257,869 in gold certificates, and \$464,373,000 in silver certificates.

#### Alaskan Case Prepared.

The case of the United States, which

At the same time the British case was turned over in London to the American Embassy. The United States case makes a volume of no less than 650 pages.

The next step will be the preparation of the counter cases, and these must be delivered, one in Washington and one in London, July 3 next. All this is preparatory to the meeting of the joint commission which will take place in London on September 3.

#### Mr. Hay as "Artful Jeems."

Secretary Hay in a note addressed to Count Cassini expresses regret that there should have been even a temporary misconception or doubt as to turns thanks of this Government for When the President was introduced the frank and satisfactory declaration of Russian principles.

Incidentally, of course, the note serves to make a permanent record of Russia's position as verbally explained.

#### Diplomatic Changes.

George L. Lorillard, a son of the late Pierre Lorillard, has been appointed second secretary of legation at Havana, in place of Henry P. Fletcher, of of the powder company and George Rosa Stoffler, a little girl brought from mighty roar of applause, and then the Pennsylvania, who has been transferred audience became as silent as such a to Peking to replace William E. Bain-crowd could be. Mr. Roosevelt com-bridge, who has resigned to act as bridge, who has resigned to act as pleted his address standing upon the United States arbitrator in the approaching Caracas arbitration.

William J. Pike, of Pennsylvania, has been appointed consul at Zittau, in place of Hugo Meunsch, transferred to

#### To Help the Scientific Congress.

The State Department issued special credentials to three distinguished They were Simon Newcomb, of Washington; Prof. Hugo Munsterberg, of Harvard, and Prof. Albion W. Small, of the University of Chicago.

## Neeley Money Is Locked Up.

The Postmaster-General has turned over to the Treasurer of the United States for safekeeping the sum of C. F. W. Neely at the time of his arrest in connection with the Cuban postal

## More Soldiers Die of Cholera.

Acting Adjutant General McCain has received a report from General Davis, commanding the department of the Philippines, in which he says that of to deaths since his last report 7 were

## Consul Landger Must Explain.

The State Department will call upon United States Consul Joseph J. Landger, at Solingen, Germany, for a report upon the imposition of a fine upon him for contempt of court, as reported in the cable dispatches.

## in the Departments.

that of 10 deaths since his last report employees were testing an engine when 7 were caused by cholera.

A number of important appointments were announced in the Department of Commerce and Labor and in the Treasury Department.

Governor Cailles, of Laguna Provnce, has captured Rios, the fanatical leader, who is said to be guilty of many crimes. A fanatical Moro attacked an outpost at Camp Vicars, Island of Mindanao, Philippine Islands, and struments and books belonging to the wounded three soldiers before he was engineers, and their empty, drifting

Henry M. Clabaugh took the oath of office as chief justice of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia. The State Department received advices from United States Consul General McWade, at Canton, stating that a mob of antiforeign Chinese attacked a party of American engineers at Yuantan, on North river, 140 miles from

Canton. Col. T. A. Bingham retired from the office of superintendent of public buildings and grounds at Washington.

It was decided at the meeting of the Association of Officials of the Bureaus of Labor Statistics that better results were secured by tactful agents than by experts.

registration case has been made public.

## Passenger Train Ditched.

Columbus, O. (Special).-with the danger block set against it, a Panhandle passenger train bound for Cincinnati on the Little Miami division. struck the derail at the Baltimore and shop, communicating by an under-ground passage with the Ottoman and combination baggage and passen-Bank. It is feared that the presence of ger car were turned completely over Union Pacific's net earnings for March were \$1,642,081, an increase of \$261.670, or more than 20 per cent. three Austrian warships, which have and the day coach back of the combination car was dragged into the ditch, but remained upright. The diner and Pullman cars did not leave the track. The diner and

# POWDER MILL HORROR

Nine Workmen Killed by an Explosion at Piney Creek.

LARGE POWDER PLANT WRECKED.

Women Employed in the Building Managed to Escape-Window Panes in Towns Five Miles Away Were Broken-Men Who Met Death Were Blown to Pieces-Many Homes Are Demolished .- Value of Plant \$35,000.

Hollidaysburg, Pa. (Special).-The extensive plant of the Crescent Powder Company, at Ganister, about ten miles south of here, was completely wrecked by a series of four explosions.

Of the thirty employees nine were killed outright and all the others were badly injured by being blown about the buildings in which they were employed. The ages of the dead ranged from 20

to 25 years. Seven of them were Americans and two were Italians. The list of injured includes Adam Taggart, of Pittsburg, the superintendent of the company, who was found unconscious in his office by his wife and was dragged out of the burning build-

ing by her at the peril of her own life. The first explosion occurred among the material in the mixing house, blowing that building to atoms and also destroying the two punching houses and the office. Nothing was left of these structures. Fire arose in the other buildings to complete the chapter of horrors. The force of the explosion was felt in towns five miles away and all

houses in the locality were damaged. The bodies of the dead are unrecognizable and the country around about is strewn with the melancholy remnants of what were once human forms. The fire at the deserted plant continued throughout the day and no person ventured near the doomed structure, fearing additional explosions. Terror-Russia's position in Manchuria and re- stricken farmers and limestone quarrymen have flocked into the town of

Williamsburg for refuge. The Crescent Powder Company supplied the powder and dynamite used in the large limestone quarries of the United States Steel Corporation in this country and is owned by Pittsburg cap-There were eleven buildings italists. in the plant, of which number five are still standing. The estimated value of plant was \$35,000. George R. MacCabe, of Pittsburg, is the president Troutman, of the same city, is the treasurer.

Motorman Madden. Pittsfield, Mass. (Special).-The fine of \$500 imposed on Motorman Euclid Madden, in connection with the sentence of six months for manslaughter in having caused the death of William Craig, President Roosevelt's bodyguard, was paid by the Pittsfield Electric Street Railway Company. The payment of the fine, it is understood, was scientists who are going to Europe for made in connection with a plan to setinuance of the ovation, which lasted the World's Fair Commission to in- cure Madden's release from the House sure the success of the Scientific Con- of Correction. Pardon papers were at gress, which is to be held in St. Louis. once forwarded to District Attorney They were Simon Newcomb of West. Malone, and it is understood that if Mr. Malone signs the petition for the motorman's release, the county commissioners will at once give Madden his freedom.

## Wrote Letters to Roosevelt.

Chicago, Ill. (Special).-Otto Heim. writer, of a series of rambling and veit, has been arrested and taken to the detention hospital, where his sanity life insurance by an insurance company. Postmaster Coyne, to whom some of the letters were referred, laid the mat-ter before Chief of Police O'Neil and Captain Porter, of the government Se cret Service. Heim lives at 187 West Seventeenth street with his wife child, and is employed at a sheet-iron

Killed By Boller Explosion. Scheidler, one of Newark's foremost quartz gravel beds in Lower Califormanufacturers and citizens, vice-presi- nia, New Mexico, Arizona and Northdent of the Newark Savings Bank, and ern Mexico. These cannot now be former owner of the Newark and Gran-ville Electric Railway, was killed and old-fashioned placer hydraulic system eight other men were injured by a is lacking and the gold runs in too General Davis, commanding the De-partment of the Philippines, reported chine shops. Mr. Scheidler and four ing it profitable under other systems.

## the boiler exploded.

Have Engineers Perished. States gunboat Callao, which was dispatched to the nearest point up the river from Canton to aid the engineers at work on the Canton-Hankow Railroad, who were recently attacked by a mob, reports having found broken in- the most adverse conditions. engineers, and their empty, drifting houseboat.

## False Teeth Caused Death.

Hospital, found a set of lalse teeth and eral of the engineers were hadly injured. tried to wear them, although she had a good set of natural teeth. The false be a total loss. teeth slipped down her throat and choked her to death in five minutes. Physicians, at a past-mortem examination, recovered them from her right lung.

## Express Agent Robbed.

Des Moines, Ia. (Special).-Two masked men grabbed the package containing \$10,000 from Agent Peterson of the United States Express Company while a train was standing at Britt. The text of the opinion of the United States Supreme Court in the Alabama after a struggle. Two suspects have Vanderbilt and Mrs. Rutherford, tobeen arrested.

## Few Children Affected.

Charleston, S. C. (Special).-The Charleston, S. C. (Special).—The pany must place no obstacles in the Child Labor bill, known as the Mar- way of the labor anion strengthening shall law, went into effect throughout South Carolina. Under its provisions no child under 10 years can legally Roads Convention, in session in St. work in any cotton mill. There were Louis, adopted resolutions containing so few of such employes that the enforcement of the law did not create a of good roads throughout the country. ripple at Columbia, the State capital dren reported for work as usual, but flames and it is feared that there will!

## 112 PERSONS REPORTED KILLED.

Entire Top of Mountain Hurled Upon Sleeping Town of Frank.

Vancouver, B. C. (Special).-Overwhelmed by countless tons of rock and with probably 112 of its inhabitants killed almost instantly, the little mining town of Frank, in Southwestern Alberta, is threatened with complete destruction by flood.

Old Man's river, which flows through the center of the town, is dammed up by the fallen rocks to the height of nearly 100 feet and the entire valley above the town is flooded for miles.' A big body of water is pressing with force upon the dam, the only protection the town of Frank now has, unless the river shall find another channel. Should the impromptu dam break the entire village would be swept away.

A dispatch from Frank says: A tremendously loud reverberation shook the whole valley of the Old Man's river at 4.10 o'clock and scarcely half the inhabitants of this town awakened to a realization of the immediate danger, when from the top of Turtle mountain overlooking the settlement, millions of

tons of rock were hurled. "The Frank mines, operated by the French-Canadian Coal Company, across the river from the town, were seen to be buried under hundreds of feet of rock just as the morning light was breaking. Inside of five minutes from the first thunderous shock and before half of the town realized what had happened a small force of men had started to the relief of the miners, despite the great risk they ran of being buried under the rocks, which were still being precipitated from the lofty mountain top. The volunteer relief force was unable to get into the mine, but managed to get near enough to determine that not a man at the workings had escaped death. Many had been fearfully mangled.

"The disaster was merciful to those men who were employed above ground in that they must have been killed instantly, while those men in the workings of the mine may yet be alive if they have air to breathe. If all the air shafts to the mine were closed up under that awful avalanche, all the men must have

died. "The disaster was not confined to the vicinity of the mine alone, for many of the dwelling houses in the town of Frank were demolished by the falling rock. Some of the occupants of these houses escaped death, but many were instantly killed. It is conservatively estimated that the loss of life will exceed 100, and the latest returns place the number of dead at 112.

"At noon it was impossible to arrive at any accurate estimate of the loss of life, as, owing to the excitement and hurry and rush of people on the streets. no one could say who is missing and who is not. There are no records available that will tell how many men were working in and about the mine at the time of the disaster. It is variously reported that there were from eighteen to fifty miners under ground. It is known that many women and children have suffered death, but just how many it is im-

possible to tell at present. When reports concerning the magni-tude of the disaster and details came in from reliable men who had been out prospecting for news, it was discovered that the earth opened for three-quarters of a mile and many feet in width, and that the whole northern face of Turtle

mountain slipped from its place. The shock resultant upon the precipi tation of the millions of tons of rock into threatening letters to President Roose- the valley, while only actually demolishing comparatively few of the houses, shook the foundations of a majority of will be inquired into. He fancies that the dwellings in the town so that they he has been greatly wronged and that are unsafe to live in, and many hundreds he has been cheated out of \$20,000 of of people will have to live in the open or under such temporary shelter as may

#### be procurable. AIR GLAST IN GOLD-MINING.

#### How Edison Proposes to Separate Precious Metal From Gravel.

New York (Special) .- Thomas A Edison has a scheme for extracting the untold billions of dollars' worth of gold Newark, O. (Special).-Reinhard that lie in the immease "low-grade"

An air blast is employed by Edisor in his solution of the problem to separate the gold from the mass. Experi ments on the desert near Santa Fe by Hongkong (By Cable).—The United Claude Chapman, one of Edison's asman to produce a machine which they declare will reclaim 98 per cent, of the gold from the gravel. The plant near Santa Fe was constructed to see what could actually be accomplished under

## A French Steamer Wrecked.

Salonica (By Cable).-The boilers of the French steamer Guadalquivir blew Davenport, Iowa (Special).—Laura Beckman, an insane patient at Mercy out in the afterpart of the vessel. Sev-The passengers are safe. The ship will

# SPARKS FROM THE WIRES.

At a special meeting of the directors of the Cramp Shipbuilding Company all the old directors resigned and a voting trust was formed. The cornerstone of the \$10,000,000 steel plant of the Mohawk Valley Steel and Wire Company was laid at Bruns-

wick, Ga. The Bishop of London has summoned make an explanation.

In Chicago the Board of Arbitration has decided that the City Railway Comitself and that the employes must not discriminate against nonunion men The International and National Good recommendations for the construction

Forest fires threaten the destruction and a great factory center, where about of Onaway, Mich. The lumber camps 20 children were employed. The chil-near the city are surrounded by the