

## MILLIONS ARE LOST IN THE FOREST FIRES

Lives Sacrificed in Fighting Swooping  
Flames.

### THOUSANDS OF MEN ARE IDLE

Hundreds of People Suffering from  
Throat Affection Caused by the Vitiated  
Atmosphere—Numerous Industrial  
Plants Forced to Suspend Be-  
cause of Low Water.

Pittsburg, Pa. (Special).—With losses aggregating several million dollars from forest fires and heavy damage to crops and live stock, the reported loss of a number of lives due to fighting timber conflagrations, the enforced idleness of thousands of workmen owing to the suspension of manufacturing establishments because of lack of water, the health authorities anticipating a serious epidemic of contagious diseases and many small streams dried up and practically obliterated, the drought of 1908, which has held Western Pennsylvania, Eastern Ohio and West Virginia in its grasp for more than two months, remains unbroken, each day gradually increasing the seriousness of the unprecedented situation.

Three times during the excessive dry spell there have been very slight rains, accompanied by much lightning and thunder, but the rainfall was so slight that many persons were unaware of the fact and were only convinced that it had rained when shown evidence of the same on tin roofs.

#### Epidemic Feared.

Aside from the millions of feet of timber destroyed and the daily loss to manufacturers and farmers, probably the most serious phase of the situation is threatened disease epidemic. A majority of the population of Western Pennsylvania, Eastern Ohio and West Virginia are even now suffering from throat affections caused by the great accumulation of dust and the heavy clouds of smoke. In this city, used to smoke, the sun is almost obscured by the smoke from the forest fires miles away and persons in the vicinity of these fires are experiencing difficulty in breathing. It is feared that when the rains does come it will wash great amounts of filth into the already stagnant streams, with the result that disease, especially typhoid fever, will become epidemic. The health authorities have sounded warnings to the public to boil all water used for internal purposes and say by doing this only can many deaths and much sickness be prevented.

Next in importance comes the enforced suspension of numerous industries and the throwing out of employment of thousands of workmen, many of whom had just returned to work following the recent depression. While in the Pittsburg District the water supply is sufficient to carry on all business, the low stage of the rivers has caused a congestion of much coal in this vicinity.

#### Cannot Ship Coal.

Every available barge and float has been loaded with coal and at present with almost 20,000,000 bushels in the Pittsburg harbor, the river coal mines have been compelled to shut down for the want of shipping facilities. There are about 15,000 miners employed in river mines along the Monongahela Valley. This great fleet of coal is for the supply of points in the West and South, and the probabilities are there will be coal famine experienced, especially in the Northwest, should conditions prevent the shipment of the coal before cold weather sets in. In West Virginia lumber plants, glass factories and iron and steel mills, located along the rivers, are closed on account of insufficient water. In Eastern Ohio the same conditions prevail and it is feared the great iron and steel mills at Youngstown, Ohio, employing over 20,000 men, will have to suspend operations unless the drought is speedily broken.

In all sections of the dry zone prayers are offered up daily and these prayers will continue until they are answered with rain.

### VANDERBILTS PARTED

Decree Of Absolute Divorce Granted  
Elsie French Vanderbilt.

New York (Special).—Justice Gerard, in the Supreme Court, signed the final decree of absolute divorce in favor of Elsie French Vanderbilt from Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt on the recommendation of the referee, David McClure.

The interlocutory decree was granted on May 26. The custody of the one child, William Henry Vanderbilt, now about six years of age, is given to the mother.

#### A Military Tragedy.

Manila (Special).—A tragedy occurred at Camp Jessman Saturday night, resulting in the death of Lieutenant Edward J. Bloom, of the Fourth Infantry, and Private Suttles, Company K, of the same regiment. Suttles, for some reason, shot Bloom and then cut his own throat. Suttles died immediately, but Bloom lingered until Sunday night. An investigation of the affair is being made by the military officers.

#### Dynamite Kills Five.

Scranton, Pa. (Special).—Three Americans and two Italians were blown to pieces in an explosion of dynamite while working at Cross Keys Cut, along the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad, near Tobyhanna. The five men were tamping a hole containing 18 inches of dynamite, when it exploded prematurely. The bodies were assembled by means of matching the clothing of the victims.

## BECAUSE HER LOVER DRANK

Disheartened Iowa Girl Committed  
Suicide.

Des Moines, Ia. (Special).—Unable to stifle the love she had for Bert Willits, an employe of her father's farm, and unwilling to become the wife of a man she believed to be a drunkard, Miss Lucy Handley, 17 years old, living near this city, wrote a pathetic note to her parents and then drank carbolic acid. She was missed three days before her dead body, the empty bottle and note by her side were found in an unused corn crib. It was believed at first she had eloped, as Willits disappeared the day after she did. He was arrested Sunday in Des Moines, to be held pending investigation. He contends he never made any protestation of love to the girl.

The note to her parents, found by her side, reads:

September 10, 1908.  
My Dear Parents—I really do not know what to do. I am in sorrow and have hid it as long as possible. I do not just want to die. I rather die than be a drunkard's wife, and I cannot live without him. It is Bert Willits who I mean. I love him. I worship Bert.  
God forgive me for this sin I am about to commit. I know it is wrong. Bury me in my pink dress as as possible to Mrs. Ringenbress.  
You can read this to Bert. I have my own reasons.  
God bless you all and help him to quit drinking.

From your loving daughter,  
LUCY HANDLEY.

The girl left home last week, apparently light-hearted, saying she was going down the lane to escape the noon-day heat. She never returned. Willits disappeared next day. When arrested, he told the detectives here that there was nothing between him and Lucy, and that he left the farm because her parents had accused him of trying to get her to elope with him. He says he never went anywhere with her but to church once, and that her 10-year-old brother was with them at the time. He adds that he never made any protestations of love and did not know that the girl cared for him.

### 110 DROWNED.

Star of Bengal Wrecked Off Coronation  
Island.

Seattle, Wash. (Special).—A cable dispatch to the Army Signal Corps confirms the total loss of the Star of Bengal on Coronation Island. Twenty-seven were saved and 110 drowned, including nine whites. The news was brought to Fort Wrangel by the steamer Hattie Gage, a tender to the Alaskan Fish Canneries, which reported that the steamer Kai Yak was standing by the stranded ship to render whatever aid was possible.

The Star of Bengal was being towed to sea by tugs Kai Yak and Hattie Gage and was blown ashore. The tugs were obliged to cut loose to save themselves.

The Star of Bengal is an iron bark of 3,624 tons register, 262.81 feet long with 49 feet beam. She is one of the vessels of a salmon fleet belonging to the Alaskan Packers' Association, and sailed from this port on April 22. She has a cargo of 4,000 cases of salmon. She sailed with 136 men aboard.

### A NEW HERO FUND.

Carnegie Gives \$1,250,000 For One  
For His Native Land.

London (By Cable).—Encouraged by the success that has attended the establishment of his "hero fund" in America, Andrew Carnegie has decided to found a similar fund in "his native land." To this end he is about to hand over to trustees the sum of \$1,250,000.

In a letter to the trustees, dated September 21, Mr. Carnegie says: "The success of my hero fund upon the North American Continent has been so great that I have decided to extend its benefits to my native land."

## FINANCIAL

The Guanajuato district of Mexico is now producing at the rate of \$13,000,000 a year.

Since July 1 twenty Nevada mining company stocks have advanced in value an aggregate of \$8,000,000.

New York city sold \$10,000,000 of revenue warrants to run 90 days and to yield 2 1/2 per cent. interest.

Pennsylvania Salt has declared the regular semi-annual dividend of 6 per cent.

An interesting rumor was that Harriman had come to the financial assistance of Rock Island.

St. Paul directors are said to be contemplating the electrification of a large part of the mountain sections of their road.

Southern Pacific in July was able to convert a decrease of \$799,189 in gross earnings to an increase of \$103,591 in net profits.

Twenty-two railroads for the second week of September report a decrease of 5 per cent. in gross earnings.

The Colorado Mining Company, of Tintic, is declaring monthly dividends of 12 cents a share. The amount distributed each month among shareholders is \$320,000.

"American securities are being bought with confidence by foreign investors," said Chairman E. H. Gary, of United States Steel, as he arrived from Europe.

A fourth dividend of \$90,000 has been paid by the Engineers' lease on the Florence property. The lessees are taking out \$6,000 a day. As in the case of other Goldfield mines, the lessees are getting the money.

## FLYER PLOWS HEAD-ON INTO FREIGHT LOCOMOTIVE

All in the Smoking Car Dead or  
Badly Injured.

### CORPSES WEDGED IN THE WRCKAGE.

Snow Prevented Engineer of Passenger  
Train From Seeing Signals—  
Baggage, Smoking and Day Coach  
Telescoped Or Wrecked—Debris of  
Smoker Filled With Corpses.

Livingston, Mont. (Special).—Plowing through a snowstorm, eastward bound, a Chicago, Burlington and Quincy passenger train, running over the Northern Pacific Railroad, crashed head-on into a freight train at Young's Point, where the trains were to pass, and in the demolition that resulted, a score of lives were crushed out and a score of persons were injured, several probably fatally. The freight flagman failed to signal the passenger in time to prevent the collision, it is said, because of the snow.

The express car telescoped with the smoking car and most of the fatalities and injuries were of persons in the latter car. The express car was raised over the platform of the smoking car, and the superstructure swept the latter away. Not a passenger in the smoking car escaped death or injury. Passengers in other cars escaped with cuts and bruises.

#### Corpses Wedged Together.

On the train was the Spokane delegation to the National Irrigation Congress at Albuquerque. None of these was injured. Fireman Ora Babcock jumped and was killed, striking on his head. Milo Holloway, a brakeman, was killed. The smoking car debris was hopelessly mixed with heads, bodies, legs and arms, presenting a horrible sight. In one place seven bodies were so tightly wedged together that they were separated only with great difficulty. It was impossible to succeed in the injured without trampling on the dead.

#### Three Coaches Wrecked.

Wrecking and relief trains were sent out from Livingston and Billings. The freight, which was an extra westbound in charge of Conductor Hickey, was heading in at the east end of the siding on short time, when the passenger train, running into the snowstorm, struck it. On account of the storm neither train had any warning, and the passenger struck the freight locomotive full in the side, telescoping the baggage car and smoking car, and partially crushing the day coach. Little could be done towards rescuing the buried and injured passengers until the wrecking train arrived. None of the passengers in the two sleeping cars was injured.

## SUSQUEHANNA BRIDGE BREAKS WITH COAL TRAIN

The Perryville End of B. & O. Structure  
a Wreck.

Perryville, Md. (Special).—The 377-foot span of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad bridge over the east channel of the Susquehanna River, which is in course of reconstruction, collapsed shortly before 7 o'clock A. M., carrying with it to the river below a distance of 90 feet, 12 cars, tons of twisted iron girders and timbers. The bridge is one of the finest structures of its kind in the country, and the damage will amount to several hundred thousand dollars. The work was being done by the American Bridge Company.

When the span gave way a freight train, composed of loaded coal cars, was passing over the structure, and 12 of the cars were broken loose and carried along with the debris. A watchman on the bridge was carried down with the mass of iron and timber and seriously injured.

The injured man is William H. Wilson, of Stokes Street, Havre de Grace, a watchman employed by the railroad company. At the time of the accident he was standing out on the span about 25 feet from the stone pier, and when the crash came, was carried down along with the twisted girders and other debris. He was extricated from the wreck and hurried to his home, where he is now lying in a critical condition, suffering from shock and severe lacerations of the body and head.

The collapse of the bridge caused a slight delay in the regular schedule of the road, but arrangements were quickly made with the Pennsylvania Railroad for the use of its tracks between Swan Creek and Wilmington. At the former place, the trains were switched over to the main line of the Pennsylvania, using the latter's bridge over the Susquehanna, with but a slight delay in the regular schedule.

The accident caused considerable trouble for the Western Union Telegraph Company, whose cables are attached to the structure. The latter were broken by the collapse, and communication between that point and the North was temporarily cut off.

The Baltimore and Ohio has arranged for the building of a temporary branch line from the Perryville station of the Pennsylvania, on the east side of the river, to Alkirk, a station on the main line of the former road.

#### Lieut. Selfridge Buried.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—The funeral of Lieutenant Selfridge, who was killed in the fall of the Wright aeroplane at Fort Myer a few days ago, was held at Arlington National Cemetery Friday. The Episcopal burial rite was observed at the grave and troopers from the fort fired a salute. The honorary pallbearers included Alexander Graham Bell; Major G. O. Suttler, of the Signal Corps; Octavo Chanute, Glenn Curtiss, Capt. F. W. Baldwin, Percy Doolittle and J. A. D. McCurdy.

## GUN ON FRENCH WARSHIP BURSTS

The Entire Gun Crew of Thirteen  
Killed Outright.

### FRENCH NAVAL DISASTERS.

July 6, 1905.—French submarine Farfadet sunk at Sidi Abdallah, Tunis; 14 lives lost.

October 16, 1906.—Submarine boat Lutin sunk off Biserta, Tunis; 14 lives lost.

March, 1907.—Cruiser Jean Bart sunk off coast of Morocco.

March 13, 1907.—Powder explosion on battleship Iena, at Toulon; 120 killed, many injured.

August 12, 1908.—Gun explosion on the gunnery schoolship Couronne, off Les Salins d'Hyeres; six killed, 18 injured.

September 22, 1908.—Gun explosion on the cruiser Latouche Treville; entire gun crew of 13 killed.

Toulon, France (By Cable).—During gunnery drill here one of the big turret guns on the French armored cruiser Latouche Treville exploded with terrific violence, completely wrecking the after turret and killing outright the entire gun crew of 13. A number of men were seriously injured, some of them probably fatally. The accident was similar to that aboard the gunnery schoolship Couronne off Les Salins d'Hyeres, August 12 last, when, by the bursting of the breech of one of the guns, 6 men were killed and 18 injured.

The drill had been proceeding for a considerable time, when, without warning, the whole turret seemed to blow out. Dismembered bodies were thrown in all directions, and several of them were hurled into the sea through the great breach caused by the explosion. The spectacle was horrible, the dead and wounded, together with shattered arms and legs littering the decks. A call to quarters was sounded and as speedily as possible the wounded were cared for. The gun that exploded was 7.5 inches bore, of which the cruiser carried two.

Happening so soon after the accident on the Couronne, the explosion has caused a sensation in naval circles and doubtless will lead to a most rigid investigation.

The Latouche Treville carried a compliment of 370 men.

### THIRTY YEARS IN PRISON.

Sentence Imposed on August Eberhard Who Killed His Aunt.

Hackensack, N. J. (Special).—August Eberhard, on trial here for the murder of his aunt, Mrs. Ottilie Eberhard, changed his plea to guilty and was sentenced to serve 30 years in state prison. After a conference between the prosecutor and counsel for Eberhard it was started to the court that the prisoner had agreed to plead non vult. The prisoner's counsel said Eberhard's grandfather died in an insane asylum, that his sister now is in an institution for the insane and that the young man himself had been acting strangely for some time prior to the crime. Judge Parker said the very fact that Eberhard had agreed to changing his plea proved that his mental derangement was not severe enough to absolve him from punishment. There remained nothing for the court to do, he said, but to impose sentence immediately. Eberhard heard the sentence without a tremor.

#### To End Night-Riding.

New Orleans (Special).—Governor E. F. Noel, of Mississippi, speaking of the possible growth of night-riding in the cotton belt, said that if necessary he would call on the Federal Government for troops to stop such raids. He would first use State troops, Governor Noel said, and finally seek Federal aid to restrain lawlessness at any cost.

#### Black Hand Worry in Geneva.

Geneva, N. Y. (Special).—The hotel and residence of Raymond Del Pappa, a wealthy Italian merchant and banker, was practically destroyed at 1.40 o'clock A. M., by the explosion of a dynamite bomb, which is supposed to have been placed in the bar room by a member of the Black Hand Society.

#### The Pest in Manila.

Manila (By Cable).—The epidemic of cholera continues to assume less alarming proportions. The daily average of new cases discovered or reported is about 30. Josephina Hall, an American infant, attacked several days ago, is dead. No Americans have been stricken by cholera since the last report.

#### Killed His Sister.

Parkersburg, W. Va. (Special).—Leo Black, who killed his sister while attempting to shoot his father, following a quarrel with the latter, was found guilty of involuntary manslaughter by a jury. Black's father and mother, in accordance with a promise made to their daughter on her death bed, testified in the defendant's favor.

#### Convicted Murderer Escapes.

Leadville, Col. (Special).—Sherman Morris, alias Frank Shercliff, recently convicted of the murder of John Walsh, 15 years ago, escaped from the sheriff while being taken to the penitentiary at Canyon City to serve a 25-year sentence. Morris, while handcuffed, jumped from a car window as the train was approaching Canyon City. He was brought here for trial from Michigan.

## CHINESE GIFTS TO PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

Ancient Porcelains For the American  
Official.

### VASE TO SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION.

Tang-Shao-Yi, With a Large Retinue,  
Starts for the United States—Will  
Thank Government for Its Remission  
of Boxer Indemnity and Try to Enlist  
American Capital in Northern China.

Peking (By Cable).—Bearing a letter to the people of the United States from the hand of the Emperor of China, Tang-Shao-Yi, a Chinese official of high standing, left here for America by way of Japan. By the time he returns to Peking he will have made a tour of the world. He is accompanied by Chung Men Yew, who succeeds Wu Ting-fang as Chinese minister at Washington. Tang-Shao-Yi's principal errand to America is to thank the United States government for its remission of a portion of the Boxer indemnity and to enlist American capital in the development of Northern China.

Tang-Shao-Yi is taking with him a number of valuable presents for American officials. These include 10 ancient porcelains, relics of the Manchu conquest, taken from the palace of the present ruling family at Mukden, and other valuable porcelains and jades obtained in the Peking markets. The Dowager Empress is sending special presents to President Roosevelt, as well as several valuable jades to Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, the President's daughter, in remembrance of Mrs. Longworth's visit to Peking in 1905.

The Dowager Empress recently presented a rare Yungching vase to the Smithsonian Institution, in acknowledgment of the restoration by the United States of one of the ancestral tablets of the reigning family that was looted from Peking in 1900. The gifts being sent out by Tang-Shao-Yi—they are so numerous that several cars are required for their transportation—are an expression of the national sense of obligation for the remission by America of part of the "boxer" indemnity.

The mission is composed of Tang-Shao-Yi, his chief, Prince Tsai-fu, second son of Prince Ching and a prince of the fourth grade; Chung-Men-Yew and Yung-Kwai, who were at one time in the diplomatic service at Washington, and 18 secretaries, who represent various government boards, but especially the department of public works, agriculture and communications. With it go 15 Chinese students, who are to enter American colleges.

The mission of Tang-Shao-Yi is replete with political possibilities, and its outcome is being regarded with great interest by some of the European powers interested in Manchuria. Efforts have been made to discredit it, but the sendoff given the envoy indicates that, no matter what is thought of his purposes, personally he is regarded as an able diplomat.

## BLOW UP BANK AND GET \$1000

Burglars Use Dynamite in the Town  
of Crozet.

Charlottesville, Va. (Special).—The bank of Crozet was dynamited about 2.30 o'clock A. M., and about one thousand dollars taken from the demolished safe. The work was done by men who used sledges, crowbars and other tools from the Crozet blacksmith shop and the section house of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway. There were a great many tools of this kind found on the premises, and it is thought that several persons were engaged in the blowing up of the safe and building. The bank officers think they have a clue.

The bank was housed in a small frame building about 40 yards from the railway station and near the Crozet coopeage plant whose premises were occupied. These occupants, however, slept through both explosions, and J. T. O'Neill and his son, John, were the first to reach the building, which was full of smoke, the front room wrecked and the door of the safe blown off. The counters, chairs, etc., were in splinters. In the wreckage of the safe the papers and securities were found intact, the robbers taking only money. The safe was "burglar-proof." The entire loss was covered by insurance.

The bank was to go into its new quarters within the next 10 days—a handsome new brick building built for its use. The officers are: Russell Bargamin, president; E. L. Wayland, vice president, and R. E. Wayland, cashier.

#### Killed His Sweetheart.

Portsmouth, Ohio (Special).—Clarence Richardson, of Ashland, Ohio, shot and killed his sweetheart, Miss Lydia Corbin after they had quarreled. Richardson fired two shots at the girl.

#### Need 58 Lieutenants.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—Examinations of candidates for appointment as second lieutenants in the Marine Corps will be commenced on October 26. There are at present 58 vacancies in this grade.

#### A Shooter-Up Shot.

Wheeler, W. Va. (Special).—Jack Dawson, an oilman, was fatally shot while attempting to "shoot up" the town of Jacksonburg, Wetzel County, in wild western style. Dawson, with a pistol in each hand, drove all the inhabitants of the town off the streets and shot the windows out of a half dozen saloons. Dave Haught made an effort to capture the man, and in the pistol duel that followed, Dawson received wounds that will result fatally, while Haught escaped unhurt.

## WASHINGTON BY TELEGRAPH

Capt. Edward H. Campbell, judge advocate general of the Navy, has been detailed by Secretary Metcalf to make a tour of inspection of the naval prisons at Portsmouth, Boston and Mare Island.

The Postmaster General has decided not to take up the case of Sherman C. Denham, postmaster at Clarksburg, W. Va., charged with pernicious political activity, until after the election.

President Roosevelt designated Assistant Secretary of the Interior Frank Pierce to represent the government at the Transmississippi Commercial Congress in San Francisco, October 6 to 10.

Comptroller of the Currency Murray assuaged the bank examiners that he would consider every complaint against them as a mark of commendation.

The Postoffice Department has decided to give up the old postoffice quarters at Ardmore, Okla., and to lease a new building for the post-office.

Samuel Gompers testified in the contempt hearing that he had been followed by detectives employed by Van Cleave, who also sent an emissary to bribe him.

China must conserve her fisheries as a national food declared Wei Ching Yen before the International Fisheries Congress at Washington.

Dr. D. Lazlo Deire, an Austrian delegate to the Tuberculosis Congress, will inoculate patients with human and bovine tubercle bacilli.

T. P. Kane, the deputy comptroller of the currency, delivered an address before the National Bank Examiners of the East.

A permanent international fish commission is advocated by delegates to the International Fisheries Congress.

Postoffice inspectors arrested James M. Baucum a railway postal clerk, for rifling the mail.

The Census Bureau's report shows a total of 4,575,438 running dules consumed in the United States during the year ending August 31 last, compared with 4,954,936 for 1907.

Comptroller of the Currency Murray has called for a conference of receivers of banks in the East, numbering 16, to be held in his office, beginning October 5.

The cruiser Yankee, while bound from Cuttyhunk for Newport for coal, in a thick fog ran aground on Spindle Rock.

The American Fisheries Convention, in session at Washington, considered the effect of big-gun firing on the fish and named a committee to investigate.

The conference between Comptroller of the Currency Murray and the bank examiners was continued and additional caution was given.

Judge Alton B. Parker failed to show the court in the Gompers contempt case that the contents of the Federationists were irrelevant.

An insane soldier attacked and killed the superintendent of an insane asylum at Washington and is one of the inmates.

President Roosevelt's early return to Washington is ascribed to his desire to be near the news center.

Comptroller of the Currency Murray lectured the Eastern bank examiners at Washington declaring that they must discover the real condition of the banks they visit.

Colonel Stewart has been ordered to appear before the Medical Examining Board at Washington for examination and he will probably be retired.

### SAVES TRAIN FROM WRECK.

Farmer Awakened By Men Who  
Loosen Bolts in Rails.

Harrisburg, Pa. (Special).—John Ensminger, a farmer, living near Whitehill, Cumberland County, was awakened at midnight by the noise of some men working on the tracks of the Cumberland Valley Railroad nearby. When he approached them the men ran. Ensminger then discovered that they had loosened the bolts of several rails.

The Norfolk and Western express, eastbound, was due in a few minutes. Ensminger ran to his house, got a lantern and raced down the track, waving the light. The engineer of the express saw the signal and stopped the train. Detectives are on the trail of the wreckers.

#### Steel Mills Resume.

Pittsburg, Pa. (Special).—The open-hearth furnaces of the Carnegie Steel Works, at Homestead, and two departments of the Howard Axle Works started to run on double turn Monday for the first time since last October. It is said the Carnegie Plate Mills will go on double turn during the week. Several thousand men are affected by the resumption.

#### 8,000,000 Feet Of Lumber Burned.

Milford, Me. (Special).—More than 8,000,000 feet of partially finished lumber, piled in the yards of the George W. Barker Company and the Jordan Lumber Company in this town, was destroyed by a fire. The lumber was valued at nearly \$175,000, the loss being equally divided between both companies.

#### Colliers Forced To Close.

Mahanoy City, Pa. (Special).—The Buck Mountain and Vulcan colliers of the Mill Creek Coal Company, two of the largest operations in the Schuylkill field, shut down Monday because of lack of water for the boilers. The mines will remain closed until the drought is broken. Fifteen hundred miners are rendered idle.

The American Fisheries Association of America approved President Roosevelt's attitude toward the fisheries and elected officers.