ment, to succeed the Duke of Argyll. The representatives of Great Britain France, Germany, Austria and Italy, in view of the steps taken by the United States government in regard to the claims growin out of the Armenian massacres, have asked their governments for instructions as to

their respective claims. Ambassador White discredits the reported action of the German Chancellor in forbidding the North German Lloyd Steamship Company landing in German, Dutch or Be

gium ports fresh meats or dairy products.

The latest note of the United States gov ernment to Turkey is in the nature of an ulmatum, and demands immediate payment of the indemnity, without, however, fixing a time limit,

The Prince of Wales, in a public letter, acknowledges the sympathy and congratu-lations from all parts of the world on his recent escape from assassination.

o thousand buildings were destroyed, seven lives lost and seven thousand people mede homeless by the conflagration that swept Hull and Ottawa, Canada The budget committee of the German

Reichstag eliminated from the naval bill the provision for an increase in the foreign The Horring cabinet resigned in Denmark

d King Christian appointed another, with H. do Schlested as premier.

Twenty Mussulmans, sympathizers with the Young Turk party, were arrested in Constantinople.

In the Belgium Chamber of Deputies So cialist members attacked King Leopold as being involved in the India Rubber scandals and the Congo Free State atrocities

Six persons were killed and forty injure by a bridge that had been condemned falltog upon them on the Exposition ground in Paris. The disaster cast a glothe crowds at the Exposition, and the Exosition authorities were severely criticize for allowing an unfinished structure to jeop ardine the lives of visitors.

The coal famine in Germany has not yet been relieved. The German sugar syndieate has entered into a five years' agree

### FROM WASHINGTON.

The National Society of Colonial Dame elected officers and selected Mrs. William Reed, of Baltimore, as their delegate at the unveiling of the statue to Washington.

The Senate by a vote of 52 to 3, decided that Nathan B. Scott was entitled to a sent in the Senate. The Alaskan Civil Code bill was further considered.

The German ambassador said it was Im possible for Prince Hobenlohe to have issued an order forbidding the importation of

Senator Mason introduced a resolution requesting the President to withdraw forces m Cuba and turn the government of the island over to the natives.

The Industrial Commission submitted its report to Congress on the question of employment of convicts in competition with

Perfecto Lacosta has accepted the offic of Secretary of Agriculture in the cabinet of e Governor General of Cula, made vacant by the resignation of General Rivera.

Congressman Dolliver, of Iows, declared his vice-; residential boom off, and announed that Postmaster General Smith was his candidate.

The House adopted the Foraker bill temporarily continuing the present officials in Porto Rico and pincing restrictions on the granting of franchises.

The He was passed between Attorney Rob ertson and Witness Sinciair while the latter was testifying before the House Committee on the Cour d'Alene riots, and the mem bers of the committee had a hard time to keep the two men from fighting.

In reply to the Senate resolution, Secre Gage sent a statement showing that over one hundred and elebty-three millions were derived from the war revenue act. The Assistant Secretary of the navy, Frank

W. Hackett, was inducted into office The House ordered a bill to be reported to nit the Spanish war claims to the Court

of Claims. In the Senate a vote was taken on a reso attion of sympathy for the Boers, but he

quorum appeared. The President is considering candidate for official position under the new law for

Hawnii.

### MOTHER'S PRIGHTFUL DEED.

With Babe in Her Arms She Jumped in Front of an Express. Millington, Mich., (Special),-Mrs. James Simmons, who lived near Otter Lake, deliberately jumped in front of a Michigan Cen

Both were terribly mangled, dying almost Instantly,

Mrs. Simmons' mind had been unbalanced for several months, but her mania had not been considered dangerous.

Died After Taking Headache Medicine. Keyser, W.Va., (Special.)-Mrs. Bert Pew. wife of the West Virginia Central Railway agent and operator at Fairfax, near Thomas W. Va., suffered with a headache all day. In the evening she went to Thomas, secured a dose of medicine at a drug store, and returning home, drank it. She died an hour

### FIELD OF LABOR.

France has 100,000 union railroaders, Uncle Sam is first in copper production, New York has 9,000 union cloak makers. San Antonio hasn't a non-union printing

building trades claim 50,000 unionists.

All Frisco carpenters have been granted \$3.50 a day.

Mine drivers at Clinton, Ind., struck for \$2,35 a day. Unorganized Toledo Polish laborers struck

for \$2 a day. Chicago brewery teamsters have been con-

ceded the nine-hour day. Prisco woodworkers want the eight-hour

day on August 1, next. New York cloth spongers demand \$24 a week and Saturday half holiday.

It will require over 52,000 men to take the next United States consus.

The entertainment of royalty costs British society each year fully \$10,000,000.

Monon railway employes have started school of instruction at Bloomington

A Toledo dealer was fined \$50 for unau thorized use of the eigarmakers' label,

Missouri is not classed as a cotton State but she produced \$3,120 bales last year for pastime.

The co-operative societies in England and Wales paid during the last quarter \$7,068,830 as dividends,

Paris is exhibiting the biggest wine cask in the world, forty-five feet high, with its

top used as a dancing pavillon, A Philadelphia advertisement: "What do you get when you buy a \$4 hat at other stores?-stuck. Same here, \$3,50,"

The bill to tax department stores in Massetts was killed last week in the State o. Good.—National Labor Tribune. The wages of Toledo painters and decora-tors are \$2.25 for a nine-hour day, and the union has asked that the hours be reduced to eight on September 1, with no reduction

# TORNADO ON A TEAR.

A DOZEN OF THEM GO ROARING THROUGH KANSAS.

PERSONS REPORTED KILLED

light of the Dreaded Funnel-shaped Clouds Develop Within a Radius Twenty Miles-Farmbouses, Gransries and Windmills Scattered Like Chaff-A Storm in Nebraska.

Kansas City, Mo., (Special.) - No less than a dozen tornadoes of more or less severity are reported to have occurred in Saline, Elisworth and Barton counties, in Central Kansas, which join each other. At Ellinwood, Barton county, three persons are reported kided. Other storms are reported ear Elisworth and Kanapolls, to Elisworth ounty, and near Throopville, in Saline

Near Kanapolis eight distinct funnelchaped clouds developed within a radius of twenty miles, four of them large ones, and two of which are known to have traveled ver the earth for a space of twenty-five ninutes. One of the storms tore down all of the outbuildings, granaries and wind oills on the Waite farm, three miles north f Kanapolis, and another tore down the ouse and barn of a farmer near Ellsworth. Brookville reports six tornadoes traversed he country in as many different directions

from that town without touching it. In no stance are details reported. The destrucion wrought has probably been off the railroads at inaccessible points. A Times special from Ellinwood, Kan.

BRYS: At 5.30 P. M., a tornado visited Logan township. It formed a few miles south of Ellinwood and passed over the west portion of the city. At the Cheyenne Bottoms, six miles north, it divided in six different directions and destroyed the residences of George and William Helfrich. George Helfrich and were instantly killed, William Helfrich, his wife and child were badly burt. The storm next struck the farm of Carl Schneider, destroying the outbuildings and leaving the dwelling untouched. Further into the country a number of other persons are reported killed or injured. A large ount of stock was killed.

### CRUSHED IN THEIR HOUSES.

The Wind's Havor in Nebraska-A Church and Other Houses Destroyed.

Omaha, Neb., (Special.) -A severe storm wept over Wisonville. It was a gale, accompanied by heavy rain and hall. In the northern part of the town one house was down down, the occupants escaping. Presbyterian church was destroyed and many arns and outbuildings demolished.

In the country along the path of the storm everal farmhouses were blown to pieces and a number of people injured. So far as is known no one was killed. At present it is impossible to get a list of the sufferers or the extent of their injuries, but it is known that the family of A. Tower was caught in the cuse when it was crushed, and all were eriously injured. H. A. Bourne was enught in the wreck of his home and badly hurt.

A special to the Bee from Beaver City,

Neb., gives further details of the Wilsonville tornado. Many farmhouses were destroyed. The hallstones were as large as baseballs, and were driven through roofs. The twister appeared after the bomt ardicent, and took a northeasterly course. It was funnel-shaped, and did damage over a wide area. Farmers west and north of Wilsonville were the greatest sufferers. Many people fled to their celars. A. Tower's large house was destroyed. Tower, his wife and daughter were serious y, though not fatally, injured. Houses and parns of H. H. Farrish, H. H. Corbett and H. A. Bourne were destroyed. The latter was seriously injured.

A daughter of L. E. McFarland was in a mer house which was lifted and carried ome distance without serious injury to her. Five cows were carried a quarter of a mile. The residence of Rev. Lavine was destroyed. His wife and children were entried forty feet and not seriously injured.

Much livestock was killed by the storm. and the damage to crops and fruit trees was great. The amount of damage has not been

### DEMAND FOR EXPLANATION

Reported Outrage by British Navai Officer-Investigation Instituted.

London, (By Cable). - It has been learne that United States Ambassedor Choate has asked Lord Salisbury for explanations as to the alleged abuse of international right in the case of the American ship Sea Witch, which, according to the statement of her commander, Captain Howe, was boarded by tral express train with her 2-year-old child the British war-ship Wasp within the three nile limit of Portuguese territory in East Africa.

The American ship Sea Witch left Walleroo December 3, and arrived at Delagon Bay February 12. She sailed March 4 for Port Natal (Durban), and arrived there March 9. The American ambassador's communica-

tion to the British premier hardly amounts to a protest, and serious complications are not likely to ensue. The case, as tranmitted by Secretary Hay to London, consists of the captain's allegation that while the Sea Witch was off Delagon Bay he signalled o the Wasp, which was patroiling, and the Wasp sont a boat to her. The captain of the Sea Witch complains that the visit resembled a war-like boarding party, and that his manifest was examined against his will, when palpably within neutral waters. the latter statement is true, a serious offense as been committed by the Wasp, which will call for an ample apology from Great Britain. But it is pointed out that the fact that the sea Witch signafied the Wasp before the warship noticed her invests the case with a curious uncertainty. Apparently, both Mr. Choate and Lord Salisbury are inclined to selleve that there is some mistake, perhaps on both sides. The premier has referred be matter to the admiralty, which has no record of the occurrence, but has cabled to nth Africa for the Wasp's version of the affair, and it is possible that some time may dayse before the British reply is ready,

### HUGE STRAWBERRY TRAFFIC,

Fifteen Thousand Pickers Engaged in One

Belt in North Carolina. Raleigh, N.C., (Special.)—During the week the shipments of strawborries from points on the Atlantic Coast Line between Wilmingto and Goldsboro will be immeliae, Special trains of express cars will haul the berries, There are thousands of acres ready, and it t is said that 15,003 pickers will be at work. Berries are abundant and fine. Prices thus far as satisfactory.
Great sums have been made some seasons

n the section referred to, but last season as a disastrous oue

A Farmer Found Dead.

Charleston, W. Va., (Special.)—William Strickland, a farmer on Gaibe Fore, of Big mdy River, left his home Saturday on nunting trip in the mountains, he failed to eturn at the proper time and his family ent persons in search of him. His dead ody was found in the woods, half a mile from his residence, with a bullet hole in his right side. The gun was found some dis-tance from the body. His death is believed to have been accidental and after the shot he started for home, but died on the way.

General Wheaton reported the capture of Senor Paterno, former'y president of the of Emerson, Holmes, Lowell and Longiel-

### SLAIN BY FILIPINOS.

Twenty Men of 43d Regiment Shot at Catubig-Only Ten of Them

Escaped. Manlla, (By Cable,) - The American garri-on of Calubig, Island of Samar, consisting of 30 men belonging to the Forty-third Regient, has been attacked by rebels. Twenty of the Americans were killed. The remainder

vera rescued. The Americans were quartered in the Catubig Church, which the enemy, numbering several hundred mer, surrounded and flercey attacked. The Americans fought for two days and then the rebels managed to ignit the roof of the church and it burned away and finally fell upon those inside the edifice The walls remained intact, however, and were used as a shelter by the besieged Amerleans for three days longer, the enemy attacking the building on a'l sides at once.

The Americans continued firing from the windows and doors of the church and did great execution among the Pilipines. It is estimated that over 200 of the latter were killed, many dead bodies being removed from the scene of the lighting.

After five days' resistance by the Ameri-

ins a lieutenant and eight men arrived rom Laoan and engaged the besiegers, who ereupon retired.

The fortunate arrival of these reinforce ents prevented the annihilation of the American force intrenched in the church, who had repeatedly declined to surrende. when ordered to do so by the Fillpin The 10 survivors were without food, had

little ammunition and were physically ex-

hausted when relieved. This fight has encouraged the Filiplnos. who are now acting in an aggressive mar ner and threatening that section of the past, particularly the town of Catarma, e the garrison will probably be withdrawn to Lacan.

#### IS AGUINALDO DEAD?

Belief Growing That Filipine Leader Was Killed.

Manila, (By Cable), General Funston has discovered a rebel warehouse near Cabanatuan, province of New Egila, containing all the archives of the Malolos government, Againstdo's correspondence up to the time of his flight, and much valuable historical matter.

The belief is growing that Aguina'do wa killed by the Igorottis. There is no proof that he has been alive since Maj. Peyton C. March, of the Thirty-third Regiment, doned the chase after the Filipino leader is the Benquet Mountains, sithough an insurg ent officer who recently surrendered to Ger eral Young, says that the insurgent genera

#### BOERS FIRM.

Gen. Roberts Said to Be Preparing a Blg General Advance.

London, Eng., (By Cable,)—Lord Roberts is said to be steadily maturing his plans for general advance. It is estimated that fully 30,000 Britisl

troops are now centred at Thaba N'chu where the Boer forces are said to number between 4,000 and 8,000 men. President Kruger has issued a proclama-tion to British residents in Pretoria and the

Witwatersrand gold fields, warning them to get out of the country within 36 hours from on of April 30. Gen. Ian Hamilton's division reached Houtnek from Thaba N'ebu after a full day's fighting, securing the raffrond between th

A dispatch from Ladysmith says there renewed activity among the Boers on that side of the Drackensberg Mountains, A French steamer is reported as arriving at Lorenzs Marquez with 10,000 lags of

sugar and 10,000 bags of coffee, con-igned to a syndiente which is buying for the Pretoria General Po'e-Carew's division and Steven on's brigade, with several batteries of ar-

tillery, all in winter clothing, left Bloem The immediate objective of Lord Roberts is to establish a line of British posts from one frontier of the Free State to the other

### Killed in Street Fight.

to prevent Boer raids southward,

Philadelphia, Pa., (Special,)—During a street fight Hugh Callaban, aged 29 years, was shot in the forehead by David McGov-ern, aged 31 years. He died at a hospital an McGovern was arrested and committed for trial.

### Bullet Hole In His Skull.

Wheeling, W. Va., (Special.)-The body of Patrick Sweeney, 30 years of age, unmarried, was found lying at the foot of Fifth street. Death had evidently occurred twelve or fifteen hours before. Beside the body was one empty beer bottle and three ful No trace of violence was to be found and the only wound was a bullet hole in th skull. The murder is a complete mystery

### ABOUT NOTED PEOPLE.

The Baroness do Rothschild has given during the past month, 20,000 france to Par isina hospitais. Mayor Weaver, of Louisville, Ky., ha

een greatly injured in health by the recent troubles in that city. It is feared in Paris that the serious ill

ness of Edmond Rostand may result in per-manent insanity, if the patient does not die, The Downger Empress of China has order ed the Chinese Minister to France to have 500 large photographs of the Paris Exposition buildings taken for her.

Hammond Lamont, professor of English at Brown University, has resigned from that position and will become managing editor of he New York Evening Post.

"Dere ought to be two Presidents-one to do de business and one to do de handshakin'." Such at least is the opinion of Jerry Smith, an old negro servant at the White House,

Gen. John B. Gordon, Commander-In-Chief of the United Confederate Veterans who is on a lecturing tour through Texas, attended a revival in Gatesville, Coryell sounty, the other day, preashed a sermor

and "converted" 40 persons present,
"America's Grand Old Man" is the title estowed on Senator Hoar by the Richmond Times, a Democratic newspaper.

Mayor Carter Harrison, of Chicago, recently received a letter containing a two-cent stamp and a request that a copy of the city directory be sent to the writer by return mail.

August Belmont is " asurer of a fund for he erection of a monument in Mount Morris Park, New York City, to commemorate th enefactions of Baron and Baroness de Hirsch. Ex-Queen Lilliuokaiani is reported to be

greatly disappointed over the failure of her pension claim, and says that after her dearture for Honolulu she will never again set foot in the United States. Governor Wells, of Utah, is an ardent stu-

lent of experimental chemistry and spends much of his l-isure time in his inboratory. G-orge McLean Harper, who has been elected Holmes Professor of Belies Lettres in Princeton, legan writing as a reportor. General Function is described as really a

patient, amiable man, with nothing sangui: ary about him except his style of fighting. Jeseph Chamberlain has changed his plan for the American trip which he planned for next autumn and has postponed it indefinitely. Roy, Dr. Edward Everett Hale is deliver

ing his course of lectures on "Reminis

low" in Indianapolis and the West,

# TWO HUNDRED DEAD.

PERRIPLE EXPLOSION OF POWDER IN UTAH COAL MINE.

BODIES RECOVERED. Remains of Victims Brought to the Sur face by Willing Hands - Distressing Scenes at the Mouth of the Shaft - Some

Few Bodies Bave Been Identified-De-

Salt Lake, Utah, (Special.)-A special from Schofield, Utab, says:

fails of Catastrophe.

The English language cannot describe the ppalling disaster which occurred here at 10,25 A. M., by an explosion in Mine No. 4 of the Pleasant Valley Coal Company, and by which certainly 200 men and upward have lost their lives. So far 137 bodies have been has are odles are brought to the surface. There are willing hands at work, and as

fast as bodies are reached they are brought down to the boarding-houses and other com pany buildings, where they are dressed and repared for the coroner's Inquest. These buildings are numerous, and in each are from 10 to 35 bodies. When a corpse is brought out it is usually carried from the couth of each tunnel at the respective entrances to the place of doposit. Here there is a corps of men from four to ten in number, with sponges, hot and cold water in tubs and other receptacles. The clothing is first removed; the soot, smoke and powder burns washed from their faces, the bodies prepared and laid out in long robes, where ey are identified by a tag with name and address attached to await identification by relatives or friends,

The removal of bodies began at once and every diligence was used to get the charred and mangled remains out of the mine Many hundreds of men have freely volunteered their services, and as fast as one se stired or worn out others take their places. While the stench of smoke and powder b sickening, resembling much that of a dissecting room, there are brave-hearted and brawny men who have been continually at work since the moment of the explosion. As soon as the accident was known, officials of the coal company at Sait Lake City and also the railroad company were notified of the disaster, and though the number of dead was reported lower than it really is it would appear that everything by them that lies in their power has been done

The explosion is attributed to the blowing up of a number of kegs of blasting powder,

### LONG LIST OF MINE VICTIMS

Two Hundred and Twenty-five Bodie Have Now Been Recovered.

Scoffeld, Utah, (Special,)-225 bodies have een removed from the mines. Of the new bodies thirteen came from Tunnel No. 1 Nearly all are in a frighful condition. Six more bodies were taken from No. 4 mine, two of them mangled beyond recognition.

State Coal Mine Inspector Thomas, who is acquainted with all the workings in the mine, says, to the best of his belief, there are twelve more bodies in the mine buried under caves and broken timbers. The recovery of James Gatherum's body makes the last of three brothers taken from

It any man is to blame for the accident it will never be known, for no man who can tell the story has come out of the mine alive. Many old coal miners, familiar with these mines, state that they have always been regarded as the safest mines in the These men also say that the company's policy has always been to spare no expense in order to keep the mines in a thoroughly safe condition. At the coal company's store everything is being given out free of charge, that the families of the dead are in immediateneed of, and the store

Is being kept open day and night. The relief fund amounts to \$7,800, and contributions in the shape of money and provisions are being received from many

places in and out of the state. There are not enough coffins in the camp to bury the dead, and, to add horror to the situation, the bodies are rapidly decomposing, and it has been suggested that crema-tion may have to be resorted to. There are has been made. A joint committee of Odd Fellows and Enights of Pythias spent the day among the dead, identifying members of their orders. They found about twenty of each order among the dead,

### ANOTHER TOWN GONE,

Fourth One to be Destroyed as the Result

Menominee, Mich., (Special.)-The town of Arnold has been wiped out by the fores

A passenger train reached here for the first time in two days. The conches were blistered by the heat. Big cedar yards owned by Perrigo & Sons . H. Worcester & Co. and the Lindsley ompany are burned. The losses will reach \$30,000, with no insurance. The forest fire-cover an area of 30 miles, extending west-

ward as far as Swanson and northward t Carbondale, Mich. Much concern is felt for small towns in Menominee county along the Northwestern Wisconsin and Michigan and Northern roads. Serious damage must result, as high winds

DANGEROUSLY LOADED RUNAWAY

### feam Runs Off With a Wagon Containing

a Lot of Nitro-glycerine. St. Marys, W. Va., (Special.)-A team hitched to a wagon loaded with sixty-quarts of nitro-glycerine, en route to the oil fields ran off from Ruby's livery stable. The team made a mad dash through the main streets of the town. It collided with S. Cotton's transfer wagon, wrecking it completely, and a square further along crashed into another wagon, breaking off the tongue and throw ing the horses. The team was stopped hall a mile below town, with its foad of sives still intact-nothing less than a miracle Windy Meyers, owner of the glycerine wagon, was fined \$100 for his carelessness

### Died Suddenly.

Berryville, Va., (Special,) News reached ere that John Bougher, assistant postmas ter at White Post, this county, died sudlonly at his home in that place of heart fallure. He leaves a widow and one child

New Hotel for Parkersburg. Parkerslourg, W. Va., (Special.)—The di-ectors of the First National Bank closed the purchase of a plot of ground on Market street, upon which they will erect a mammoth hotel, with a roof-garden attachment

The total cost of the structure will be about

### A Speak-Easy Dynamited.

5200,000.

Fairmount, W. Va., Special.) - A speak asy along the line of the Short Line Rafiroad, a few miles from here, was dynamited by unknown parties. The building was totally wrecked, and other buildings a half mile around were shaken by the explosion. No person was injured,

What the War Costs England.

London, (By Cable), -Replying to a ques tion, in the House of Commons, the Finan-cial Secretary to the Treasury, Mr. Hanbury, said the cost of the war up to March 31, was

### THE NEWS.

Tornadoes destroyed farming property and aused the loss of several lives in Central Kansas, A wind and hallstorm did considerable damage in Nebraska. At Wilsonville the Presbyterian church and other buildings were destroyed. A number of people were injured by the blowing down of furmhous n the country districts.

Fire destroyed the Mallory Line pler, New York, and several barges moored near it There were many narrow escapes of people who were forced to leap into the water. child was drowned. The property loss is estimated at \$1,000,000.

The North Atlantic Squadron, Admiral Farquhar commanding, has arrived Hampton Roads. The squadron assisted in the installment of Governor Allen, of Porto Rico, and the entire cruise was much en-

The United States army transport Buford has arrived in quarantine at New York, havrecovered, and the work of rescue is still ing on board the body of Mrs. General Wilproceeding and will continue until all the son. The remains will be taken to Wilson. The remains will be taken to Wilmington, Del., for burial,

There was a pistol duel at the Fifth Dis trict Republican Convention in Dadesville. On., in which a brother of the deputy revenue collector was fatally shot and the post-master arrested. Plans are being formed for the establish-

nent of a new shipbuilding plant in Richoud to equal in size any shipyard in the United States. The converter and billet mills of the Bliols Steel Company, at Joilet, Ill., bave closed down, tarowing 2,500

work

\$3,500.

Mrs. Carolyn Ahrens, a singer in the choir of the Church of the Holy Redeemer, in New York, committed suicide. Susle A. Morris, fourteen years of age

idmitted having set fire to her uncle's house in Providence, R. I. The Opera House at Lexington, Va., was lestroyed by fire, Loss \$9,000; insurance

The prosecuting authorities in New York

York have found that the woman whose body was exhumed, after a quiet burial, and whose name is not divulged, died from a crimina operation. Frances Wilson, a chorus girl of Anna Held's "Papa's Wife" Company, was held in 8800 ball in Philadelphia for stealing lewelry and money from Comedian Bigelow's wife

Burglars dynamited the postoffice at Franklin, Southampton county, Va., and got away with a large quantity of stamps and considerable eash Henry W. Flagler, the Standard Oil mag nate, asked the New York court to relieve him as committee of the person of his wife

The North Carolina Pine Association, in msion in Norfolk, decided to reduce the output and maintain the prices. The Pittsburg coal operators conceded the twenty per cent, increase in wages demanded

Two hundred bodies have been removed rom the Utah mine. The total number of

victims will probably be three hundred.

by the day laborers. Charles Offutt, of Capon Bridge, Va., was eriously hurt by a tree that feil upon him. Miss Emma Stelz was shot and killed by Mrs. Albert Holst in Chicago.

Chairman Manley, of the sub-committee

the Republican National Committee thinks that Postmasters General Charles Emory Smith may be the nominee for president. It is said that Senator Wolcot will be temporary chairman of the Nationa Convention, and Senator Lodge, of Massa chusetts, permanent chairman. The British steamer Virginia, Captain Charles Samuels, from Daiquiry, Cuba, for

Benjamin Douglass, a native of Baltimore who founded a mercantile agency and was noted Hebrew scholar, died in Santa Bar bara, Cal., aged eighty-four years. A statue to the Confederate dead was un

Baltimore, with a cargo of iron ore, was

wrecked off Cape Hatteras. Six men wer

drowned,

reiled in Lynchiurg. Senator Daniel de livered the oration. Four persons lost their lives in fires in dif-

ferent paris of New York. Employes at the Standard Oil Works in lew York went on a strike, Massachusetts Republicans have declared

for McKinley and Long. In reply to Cruz suit the United States The strike situation in Philadelphia is n menrer a solution.

It is estimated that 300 were killed in the Utah mine disaster. Changing of the wind saved several viages from forest fires in Michigan. Fires in the vicinity of Bloomsburg, Pa.

The Chicago celebration in honor of Adairal Dewey practically came to a close with an excursion by the Admiral and members of the general celebration committee down fires. This makes the fourth town to be destroyed. Details are lacking. the Chicago drainage canal as far as the stroyed. Details are lacking. An amendment offered to Army Appropri

ation bill in the Senate by Mr. Berry to ex

ontinue to grow in volume.

clude trusts from competition in furnishing supplies for the army was defeated 29 to 18 Free rural delivery was started in the ountry around Gettysburg, Pa. The General Conference of the Methodis Episcopal Church was held in Chicago. The feature of the exercises was the contest of the provisional lay delegates to secure equa-

Thousands of men allied with the building trades in Northern cities have quit work be ause of refusal of contractors to yield to demands for eight-hour day and for m

wages.

Mrs. Francis Schuberg committed suicide at Hanover, Pa. Miss Helen Ripley Benedict, daughter of Elias C. Benedict, was married to Thomas Hastings, of New York, at Greenwich, Ct.

Mr. Benedict's gift to his daughter is said to have been a check for \$1,000,000. The New York Central Bailroad officials announced that they would consider the rejuest of employes for increased wages, but rould not submit to any dictation as to

hom they should discharge. Admiral Dowey was given a magnificent eception in Chicago, the ball in his honor at the Auditorium at night being a brillian affair.

n the penitentiary. Lewis Fiair, who broke jall in Berkeley Springs, W. Va., last February, was rearested Minnie M. Wray, a beautiful young woman. killed herself in the Palmer House, Chicago

Fully a thousand people were present at he county jail at Dover, Del., to witness the

William F. Miller, of the Franklin Syndi-

cate, was sentenced in Brooklyn to ten years

whippings of nine culprits, all colored, who had been sentenced for petty larceny. It is admitted that President Lambert and Chairman Gates, of the American Steel and Wire Company, are to be presecuted in New

Henry White, secretary of the United States embassy in London, and Bishop Hartcell reached New York on the steamer S Heavy rains continue in Texas, and the loods are destroying both life and property.

In Waco alone the loss is \$150,000.

ton, N. J., has disappeared, and his accounts have been found to be short. W. D. Dickinson, a farmer, shot Miss Edna Wilkinson in Caldwell, O., and blow his brains out.

Henry Y. Yard, who was acquisted of abetting the wrecking of the Keystone

Postmaster Charles H. Pierson, of Bridge

Bank, was discharged in bankruptey in Trenton, N. J. E. M. Wyatt, of Parkersburg, W. Va. being tilted, committed suicide.

# KEYSTONE STATE.

LATEST NEWS GLEANED FROM VARI-OUS PARTS.

## FIRE DESTROYS 8 HOUSES.

Tames Cause a Loss of \$12,000 at Womelsdorf, Berk's County-Started at Sepurate Points-Blaze Which Threatened Town With Destruction Attributed to Invendiarism. Leg Cut Off by a Circular

between Front and Second, entailing a loss of over twelve thousand dollars. The was first discovered in the two-story frame iouse of Thomas Capp, and almost simulta neously flames issued from the windows of an unoccupied house nearly two hundred feet away, belonging to the estate of John Stouch. The intermediate houses soon caught fire, and with eight houses burning at one time, and a high wind prevailing, the destruction of the whole eastern portion of the town was threatened. The fire department of Reading, Sinking Spring, Robesc-nia and Myerstown were called on for assistance. Meanwhile the Womelsdorf firemen worked nobly and succeeded in getting the fire under control after two hours of hard effort. Most of the furniture was removed from the burning houses, with the exception of that in Thomas Casey's dwelling, which, with its contents, was completely destroyed. His loss is \$2,000. The next two bo securded by Samuel Schue and John Mounts, were owned be Frank Farry, of Shamokin, whose loss is \$3,003. The next house, occupled by Mrs, Christina Bechtel, was owned by John Matthew, whose loss is \$1,500. The remaining four houses be onged to the estate of John Stouch, and the loss to the estate is \$4,500. Three of them were occur pied by Isage Miller, George Schenek and Frank Bundy, respectively, while the fourth bas been vacant since the first of April. The large brick house adjoining the last nentioned, on the west, owned by John N. Lewy, and occupied by Edward Schenck, was siso aftre, but was saved without having been much damaged. The occupants of the several houses lose in personal effects from \$100 to \$200. The origin of the fire is unknown. As two houses so far separated were discovered on fire at the same time, incendiarism is suspected.

FIFTT YEARS A MAGISTRATE, -Benjamin Evans, who has been justice of the pence continuously for fifty years in Nescopeck Fownship, received his eleventh commis-sion. He is now SI years old, but is netive and attends regularly to the duties of his Mr. Evans received his first commission in 1850, when William P. Johnson was Governor. His second commission in 1855. was signed by Governor Pollock; the third, in 1860, by Governor Packer, and the fourth, in 1865, was signed by Governor Curtin Governor Geary signed the fifth commission in 1870; Governor Hartranft the sixth, in 1875, and Governor Hoyt signed the seventh ommission in 1880. The eighth commission was issued by Governor Pattison, in 1885; the ninth by Governor Beaver, in 1890; the tenth by Governor Hastings, in 1895, and the ast which he has just received was signed Governor Stone,

ARREST IN MURDER CASE .- The murder f Joseph Moran, an Italian junk dealer, o Hazleton, was followed by the arrest of Doiati fandui, another junk man, suspected of ing implicated in the crime. Sandul was dged in Jali in Hazleton. He was seen in empany with the murdered man, it is said short time before the tragedy. Nearly s ore of officers are at work on the case, and other suspects are under surveillance.

FORTUNATE DISCOVERY .- Operations at the line Brook Colliery, of the Scranton Coal Company, has been suspended because of the discovery of a body of water in the old workings of the Pennsylvania Coal Company, which threatens to break through the barriers which separate the worklags. The discovery of the water was fortunate. It happened to break into the Pine Brook Colliery it would deluge the mine and very likely many men would have lost their lives Operations have been begun with a view to removing the water from the mines. NANTICORE BOY DROWNED .- John Acker

training ship Buffalo, and who halled from Nanticoke, Pa., was accidently drowned at Norfolk, Va. Ackerman was detailed with others to clean the ship's side, and fell overboard from the staging, striking on his head and sinking immediately. The body was not recovered. SUNDAY SCHOOL IN OLD HOTEL,-In the famous old Jennerville Hotel, where hundreds of gallons of whisky were sold over the bar in days gone by, a flourishing Sun-day school has been started, and it is ex-

neighborhood have interested themselves in the project, and already \$300 in cash has been raised. LEG CUT OFF BY A CIRCULAR SAW. - Edward Lucas, an employee of the Bristol Iron and Steel Company, slipped and fell against a rapidly revolving circular saw. The saw

pected that a chapel will be erected there in

the near future. About sixty cicizens of the

out through his leg at the knee, completely evering the member. James Lenhart was held for court at Lew sburg to answer for the murder of Newton Motse. The trial will be held in May.

aged 2 years, was run over by a log wagon at Shamokin and the child was seriously injured. The Board of Poor Directors of West Ches ter decided to transfer all male patients un-der their care from the Norristown State

Asylum.

gade, conducted the spring inspection of Companies A and I, Fourth Regiment, National Guard, at the Auditorium. Colonel O'Neil and his staff were present. Mrs. Rebecca Oswald, an aged woman of Lancaster, was struck by an engine on the Quarreyville Railroad at the Lemon street

Her skull was fractured and she is believed to be fatally injured. A special meeting of West Susquehanna Reformed Classis was held at Jacksonville, to receive Rev. Harvey Crow, from West moreland Classis, and instal him as pastor of the Nittany Valley charges. Rev. T. Derr, pastor of St. Luke's Reformed Church, Lock Haven, preached the sermon.

#### kiss every lady whom he is introduced. This sounds alluring unless you happen to have met a lady in Paraguay .-Boston Traveler.

Rather Conflicting.

Where Custom Falls.

joined by the laws of good society to

In Paraguay a gentleman is en-

The widow-Why was Minerva called the goddess of wisdom? The bachelor-Probably because she never married. The widow-Then why was Solomon, who had several hundred wives, called the wisest man?

Quaint Little People The natives of the Andaman Islands, the smallest people in the world, average three feet eleven inches in height and less than seventy pounds in wight.

TOSSED OVERBOARD BY

How Two Young Warner Moint if Not Unpleasant Justice Cole, sitting in Court No. II., Washington, peals in civil cases, heard Lolin Matthews, and bernis

Matthews, in which each of

ladies seeks to recover the

It appeared from the svid mitted to the jury that the or his employes were ender load an unruly buil on the Harry Randall at Chapel Po for shipment to Washington the young ladies were stan The borough of Womelsdorf, was visited by, rather enjoying the init y a fire that destroyed eight dwelling the transition. The animal w ouses on the north side of Franklin Street, to going abourd ship and forcibly, after the manner of It was the nearest approximately gladiatorial contest which the Matthews had ever witness they occupied front seats at formance. Finally the anis loose from his captors and ! tracted by the bright attig young women spectators, lar head to the ground, ele candal appendage, and with ing bellow made straight for less girls. They were almost with fear, and although they to retreat, were soon overtal infuriated beast. Catching his outspreading horns, he n take the pose of Lygia, as Vadis," and then, rushing

> As a matter of course if garments were more or le The curl was taken out of the and the starch out of their sh to say nothing of the dam their feet suffered. Fort them, the water was shallo bottom was sandy, so that the any serious bodily harm, were about as thoroughly as two girls chased by a could well be. There was splashing about in the wa help soon arriving, they were rescued.

the water's edge, he graceful

them over into the peaceful

The animal was receptary when the young ladies came they told the story of their experience to Attorney M. J. In their behalf he brought cover dansiges in the sum each. Justice of the Peace P Mattingly heard the case of and in rendering his decisi that both Miss Lelia and Miss were entitled to \$300 dama gave a verdict accordingly. dall was unwilling to pay t and entered an appeal,

Cedara Twenty Centurie

Some cedars are undoubte than two thousand years old though on good moraine so grow about as fast as oaks, pavements and smoothly overswept granite ridges in the region they grow extreme One on the Starr King Ri two feet eleven inches in di was 1440 years old. Anothe same ridge, only one foot # one-half inches in diamet reached the age of 831 ver first fifteen inches from the medium-sized tree-six feet eter-on the north Tenaya; had 859 layers of wood, at to the inch. Beyond this th

The largest I examined was three feet in girth, or not diameter; and though I falled anything like a complete learned enough from this and other specimens to convince most of the trees eight to thick, standing on pe man, a young landsman of the crew of the pavements, are more than two turies of age rather than less. ring accidents, for all I can see would live forever. When they waste out of existence slowly as granite. Even when thrown by avalanches, after i so long, they refuse to lie ! leaning stubbornly on their b as if anxious to rise, and whiles root holds to the rock, put

was stopped by dry rot and on

wounds.

and never-lie-down expression Muir, in the Atlantic The prisoner was making pearance before the magistrate aundredth time.

"Well," said the magistrale, here again?"

"Yes, your worship," re

fresh leaves with a grim no

the prisoner. "What's the charge?" "Vagrancy—same as below, A baby carriage containing Anna Young worship." "It seems to me you are best half your time.'

"Yes, about that, your worth "Well, what do you do it fut) don't you work?" "I do, your worship, morethe Asylum to the Chester County Insane my time. "Ab, now," said the magistral Major Miller, inspector of the Third Briprised, "if you can tell me what

have ever worked I'll let you de "In prison, your worship. the prisoner, brazenly; and the kept his word. Cowslip Greens. One of the most familiar in wet meadows is erroneously in

"cowslip" (vulgarly "c general favorite in spi greens. How it received its appellation is not clear. a striking illustration of th unfitting and misleading chars popular names, for it bears at tion to the English cousing closely allied to the buttere suggested to the uninitia shining yellow petals and su dance of stamens. To avoided tion in names, the botanist Gar vored recognizing it under its fa name, marsh-marigold, again we may be led slightly at to its relationship, for it is more a primrose. It is properly kills Caltha palustris.—Self-Culture zine.

Twenty Million Pins Per po It requires an average of most twenty million pins per day to the falling skirts, replace the suspender buttons and meet in needs of the American people becomes of all these pins is tion that nobody has been answer, but there is no falls, the demand, so that this number disappear in some manner and