## MILLS WRECKED: PEOPLE PERISH

Cloudbursts Cause Disaster in South Carolina.

THE LARGE MILLDAMS GIVE WAY.

Property Losses May Reach \$2,000,000 -- A Mighty Torreat Rushes Through Two Milling Towns in a Valley, Sweeping Everything Before It-Storm Burst Over Spartanburg at Night-Two of the Pacolet Mills and Two of the Clifton Plants Destroyed-The Pacolet Company Also Own. ed the Rulged Mill at Gainesville-Hundreds of People Homeless and Thousands Out of Work.

Spartansburg, S. C. (Special).-A torrential rainstorm visited this region, resulting in general destruction of life and property. All the bridges and trestles on the main line of the Southern Railway were washed away. The greatest destruction of life and property occurred at the Pacolet, Chiton. and Glendale cotton mills.

Wires are down and reports conflicting, but it seems certain that 25 or 30 people drowned, mostly mill operatives. Hundreds of people are homeless, and 2000 or more thrown out of employ-

The Pacolet Cotton Mills Company sustains the heaviest property loss, President Victor Montgomery estimating the loss to the plant at \$1,250,000. About 1200 operatives in these mills are thrown out of work, and in a few days will be in need of bread.

A 6 o'clock it was noticed that the water was rising rapidly in the Pacolet river, but no special importance was attached to it by the mill operatives, who began to form in line to enter the mills.

At Mills Nos. 1 and 2 the water pressure soon became dangerous, the boiler rooms were submerged and the work-men were ordered back. A little later the raging river struck Mill No. 1, sweeping the plant entirely away.

No. 2, demolishing that mill and leaving only the clothroom standing. The big bridge over the Pacolet river, a steel structure, was then carried away by the flood which had burst through the dams. The wareroom, with nearly 4000 bales of cotton and 4000 bales of domestic cloth, followed, all the cotton being carried down stream.

At Pacolet Mill No. 3 one-half the picker-room and five stories on the left side of the long building scarce and

side of the long building were washed away. The main building, supported by a thick brick wall, is still standing, but is very shaky, and may collapse at any time. The boilerroom is gone, but the smell standard.

but is very shaky, and may collapse at any time. The boilerroom is gone, but the smokestack is yet standing. The dam at No. 3 is intact. All the machinery in this mill is ruined.

At Glendale four warehouses filled with cotton and cotton products were swept away, along with the dam across Lawsons Ford and the trestle of the city electric raiway. The mill at Glendale was not materially damaged.

At Converse the main building of the Clifton factory collapsed, and the water rose till the second floor of the mill was four feet deep—40 or 50 feet above the

four feet deep-40 or 50 feet above the ordinary watermark. The Converse Mill is utterly demolished, nothing standing except the picker-room building, which is badly wrecked. The Clifton Mill No. 3 also lost its boilerroom, machine shops, engineroom and

The Whitney mills on Lawsons Fork were damaged by the heavy rise of the water and some houses and a steel bridge at that point were swept away. At the Tucapau mills the water rose to the second floor of the building and considerably damaged the machinery.

## Description of the Mills.

The Pacolet Manufacturing Company has three mills, capitalized at \$700,000, but probably \$1,500,000 would be more correct, and is fitted with 57,200 spin dles and 2202 looms. The first mill was built in 1881, has motive power of water and steam and makes heavy sheetings. The company built and owned the Gainesville mill which was destroyed recently by a tornado.

The Clifton Mills Company has a

capital of \$1,000,000. A. H. Twichell, Sr, is president. The lant has 101,000 spindles, 3254 looms and makes sheet-ings, shirtings and drills.

## Like a Johnstown Disaster.

Charlotte, N. C. (Special).—A special to the Observer from Columbia, S. C.,

A startling report has just reached Columbia that Lake Sapphire, in West-ern North Carolina, is said to have to have descended upon the claims be-low with great fury. This may affect the cotton-mill industries on the Seneca river, in Pickens and Anderson

## CAR'S WILD DASH.

#### A Bozen Passengers Injured by a Tumble Over Mountain.

Orange, N .J. (Special).-Twelve per sons were injured, one critically, by a trolley car jumping the rails while dashing down the Orange mountain. That others were not hurt was due to the lateness of the hour, for every one aboard received more or less serious The car was standing on an cline, and the motorman had left it. the controller with him. believed that the brake-chain broke. that some of the passengers released the brake-clutch. At any rate the car started, and with ever-increasing momentum dashed down the mountain.

## Philipplats Census.

Washington, D. C. (Special).-A re port has been received at the war department from General Sanger, who has charge of the census in the Philippines, in which he states that the work of taking the census of the islands is progressing very well. General Sanger says that the reports thus far received indicate a Christian population of 7,000,000. The population of Manila is, in round numbers, 220,000.

# To Capture Dewsy.

Topeka, Kas. (Special).-A message from St. Francis says Chauncey Dewcy and his cowobys, under arrest for the alleged murder of the Berry family are yet permit an anthracite strike. safe. The settlers have formed a quasiand are outspoken in their determination that Dewey and his men shall not escape. A military company from Osborne is sow on its way to St. Francis. More than fifty miles of the distance will have to be covered by an overland march however, and it will be Tuesday before they can reach there. military organization it is understood,

Something of a panic was caused on the steamer Marthas Vineyard by a col-lision in Vineyard Haven with a fishing schooner. A number of the passengers

were injured. J. C. Ingersoll, of Illinois, United States consul at Cartagena, died at Colon while on his way to New York. He was a nephew of the late Robert G. Ingersoll.
Miss Cora L. Oliver was married in
Albany to Joseph H. Choate, Jr., son of
the United States Ambassador to Great

Eppinger & Co., a large grain firm, of San Francisco, went to the wall and caused a flurry on the exchange in that

Noah Bates, a negro, upon whom sentence of death had been passed, commit-ted suicide by hanging himself in fail at

The use of toy pistols on Decoration Day is responsible for an epidemic of lockjaw in Pittsburg, Pa. Estimates by lumbermen place the loss from fires and drouth for Northern and

Eastern Maine at \$3,000,000. Arguments were begun in the United ed States Court in St. Paul, Minn., in the case of the State of Minnesota against the Northern Securities Com-

Hamburg-American Deutschland went aground in New York harbor, but with the assistance seven vessels finally succeeded in

The big levee on the Mississippi river just below St. Louis broke, and the greater portion of a farming sec-tion of 100,000 acres will be flooded. W. J. Idelman, deputy collector of customs at Forty-mile river, Alaska, was arrested on the charge of embezzle-

F. Newman, a druggist, formerly of Ithaca, N. Y., committed suicide in Honolulu by shooting. Lives lost in the flood at North To-

peka, Kan., now number 78.

The strike of the Philadelphia carpen-The strike of the ranacapromise.
The Baptist church in Rochester,
Minn., was blown up by dynamite.
Gen, William Patton died at his

Gen, William Patton died at his home, in Columbia.

The bodies of 7 more flood victims were found at North Topeka, Kan., and the list of known dead has reached 71, with 30 identified. Scores of people are still reported missing. It is leared that the bad sanitary conditions in which the floods have left the cities may cause sickness.

may cause sickness. The mayor of Gainesville, Ga., in a statement of the conditions in the tornado-swept town, says the dead will number 125, the injured 300, the homeless 1500, and the financial loss \$600,-000. Appeals have been issued for con-

tributions of fc sd and clothing.

An order was filed in the United States Circuit Court in Charleston, S. C., for the sale of all the property of the Atlantic Coast Lumber Company. nion Pacific was finally adjusted, the company granting an increase and a ne-hour day to the men. Burglars broke into the postoffice at

Thomasville, N. C., blowing open the safe and taking about \$700 in money. There is no clue.

The wages of all the train and yard men in the service of the Omaha Railroad Company was voluntarily in-

Forest fires are causing much de-struction in the Adirondacks and the mountains of New England.

#### Foreign.

Emperor William, in an address to the inductors of the singing societies at the festival at Frankfort, criticised them for not singing German folksongs,

Dr. Sachs, a young Vienese physician, died of the plague near Berlin. He be-came infected while engaged in bacteriological work. MM. Bertraux and Guyot de Villê-

neuve, of the French Chamber of Deputies, fought a duel, the latter being slight-Hugh J. Cannon, superintendent of formon missions in Germany, and his

Four Bulgarians, convicted of partici-tion in dynamite outrages at Salonica, we been sentenced to death. legislative council in Bloemfont-Orange River Colony, unanimously

adopted the customs convention.
P. A. McHugh, M. P., was arrested at Sligo, Ireland, for contempt of court.
Prof. Sir William Crooks, before the International Chemical Congress, in Berlin, spoke of the possibility of re-ducing all the elements of matter into

single form of energy. The Venezuelan government forces have reoccupied San Felix, on the Ori-noco river, this being the first step in the march of the government troops

upon Ciudad Bolivar. An old German military sergeant been dismissed from the army and sentenced to imprisonment, having been nvicted of 166 instances of abuse of

diers. The court in Paris appointed a spe-cialist to take charge of John C. Breck-inridge, a wealthy insane Californian, for whose custody his wife and mother

Prince Ferdinand Maximilian, head of the ancient German House of Isen-burg and Budingen, was burned to death in his castle, at Wochtersbach. A serious famine is threatened in the ans-Caspian territory in consequence

of the plague of locusts.

The governor of Cape Colony, Sir Walter Hely-Hutchinson, opened the arliament.
Premier Combes stated in the French hamber of Deputies in reference to

been sent, but that there was no ques-

tion of conquest, or even temporary occupation, of Moorish territory. A St. Petersburg newspaper urges A St. Petersburg newspaper urges that the Russian government publish in American newspapers sketches of the true relations between Russia and the United States to offset the attacks upon Russia.

Manhattan's earnings for the last o months gained \$265,000.

The average price of commodities is low below that of a year ago. Atchison has lost nearly half a mile track on this side of Kansas City. Prince reports a "slight improvement weather crop conditions east of the Mississippi.

Hocking Valley Railway directors have declared the regular semi-annual dividend of 2 per cent, on the preferred stock and 1 1-2 per cent, on the com-

This week the banks have lost to the Subtreasury almost \$6,000,000 as a sequel to gold exports.

The financial public will forgive neither operators nor miners if they

International Smokeless Powder peo ple say their earnings are 10 per cent

# THE LATEST NEWS IN SHORT ORDER MASSACRED BY FIENDS

Two Hundred Women and Children Are

Murdered by Turks.

THEY DIE DEFENDING THEIR VIRTUE Atrocities of Turkish Troops in the Village of Smerdash-The Insurgents Retire to the Mountains, the Bashi Bazouks Bombard and Set Fire to the Town and Then Attack Women and Children.

Monastir, European Turkey (By Cable).-Horrible details are arriving here of the slaughter of the inhabitants of the village of Smerdash, south of Lake Presba, May 21, by Bashi-Bazouks. It appears that on the arrival of the Bashi-Bazuoks Chakalaroff's band of insurgents withdrew to the mountains without sustaining any loss. As no rebels were left in the village, the inhabitants experienced no anxiety until suddenly, at Sunset, the Turks, who had com-

pletely surrounded the place, began a regular bombardment, whereupon all the villagers assembled in the streets. Though the artillery ceased firing during part of the night, the Turkish infantry fired all night long. The artillery bombardment was resumed at day-break, but as it was ineffective, the Turks set fire to the village on all sides, and began a general massacre, slaughtering women, children and the aged. About 300 houses were burned and

unwards of 200 persons, mostly women and children, were killed. The women and girls were killed while resisting out-rage. Whole households were slain, One family of seven were slain and their bodies were heaped on the hearth. Not a living soul was left in the village.

The survivors, many of them half burned or otherwise injured, fled. Some of the fleeing villagers were captured and had their ears and noses cut off before they were butchered.

The report adds that 1500 villagers were in the mountains, without clothing or food. One band of these, consist-

## ing of 40 women and children, were caught by soldiers in a ravine and were killed after horrible treatment. FIGHTING ON TURKISH FRONTIER.

A Band of Bulgarians in a Conflict With the

Turks. Salonica, European Turkey (By Cable).-There was a renewal of the trouble on the frontier. A band of 1200 Bulgarians crossed the frontier near Djumabala, and Turkish troops encountered another band of 20 men north of Petrich. Three of the Bul-garians were killed and the remainder caped in the darkness. A court-marital here has condemned

four Bulgarians to death. Washington (Special).—Reporting to the State Department from Constanti-nople, Minister Leishman says the general situation remains practically un-changed. There have been no serious tbreaks since that time at Salonica, but serious uneasiness prevails. So far the Turkish authorities have acted with commendable promptness and modera-ation. The failure of the Salonica plot has considerably discouraged agitators in Armenia.

#### TERRIBLE LOSS OF LIFE AT SEA.

#### Two French Passenger Steamers in Collision Near Marseilles.

Marseilles (By Cable).-A terrible shipping disaster occurred a little distance from this port when two passenger steamers, the Insulaire and the Liban, both belonging to the Fraissenet Steam-ship Company of Marseilles, came into both belonging to the Fraissenet Steamcollision. The Liban sank and over 100 not, therefore, expected.

of her passengers and crew perished. The steamer Liban left Marseilles on passenger trip to Bastia, Corsica, and was run down and sunk by Insulaire off the Maire islands. miles distant. diately repaired to the spot to render as-

already was making water rapidly. captain saw the only chance was to run the steamer aground, and the Liban was headed full speed for the shore, but within seventeen minutes of the collision and while still in deep water the forepart of the steamer plunged beneath the waves and in a few minutes later she had entirely disappeared.

In the meantime the Blechamp; the steamer Balkan, also belonging to the Fraissenet Company, and other vessels had drawn near the sinking ship and were making desperate efforts to rescue those on board. The Blechamp picked up forty persons, many of whom were at point of exhaustion. The Balkan rescued thirty-seven passengers, and up present it is known that in addition to the passengers seventeen of the

## FLOODS AND DROUTH.

#### Conditions Not Unnsca, as Shown by Weathe, Bureau Reports.

Washington, D. C. (Special).-Willis L. Moore, chief of the Weather Bureau, was asked if his bureau had any information of the reason for the presthe security of Algeria that troops had ent great drouth in New England and New York, in view of the great floods and rain in the West and Southwest. Professor Moore stated that the records the Weather Bureau show whenever there was a series of floods or heavy rains in one part of the North American continent there was sure to be a drouth or scarcity of rain in an-

## Grave Situation in China.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—Com-ng close on the heels of a long report irom Rear-Admiral Robley D. Evans, commander-in-chief of the Asiatic squadron, concerning the grave international situation in China, the assembling of his squadron in Chinese wa-ters is regarded here as significant. The battleships Kentucky and Oregon and the protected cruiser New Orleans have arrived at Cheefoo, the monitor Monterey and the collier Pompey at Shanghai. The gunboat Villobolos has sailed from Kow-kiang for Nan-chang.

## Swept by Hurricans.

Manila (By Cable).—A hurricane has swept over the Phillippine islands and great damage has been done to shipping.

The United States transport Shamshus trict of Columbia decided the second-Manila (By Cable).-A hurricane has The United States transport Shamshus is reported to have been wrecked. This, however, has not been confirmed. The United States steamer Pearla de Visayas was lost off Camotes island. Part of her crew was saved. The United States steamer San Rafael and the schooner Mayflower were driven ashore off Ormoc, West Leyte, and will prove total losses. All on board these vessels were saved.

## NATIONAL CAPITAL AFFAIRS.

The Postoffice Scandal.

The Postmaster General sprang another surprise when he announced that warrants were sworn out in Baltimore Simmons for the arrest of Thomas W McGregor, a clerk in charge of the supplies for the Rural Free Delivery Service, and C. Elsworth Upton, of Baltimore, one of McGregor's assistants, on the charge of conspiracy, with Charles E Smith, of Baltimore, to defraud the government in the purchase of the leather pouches furnished the rural car-

riers throughout the country.

The indictment of Mr. August W. Machen, the former superintendent of the Free Delivery Service, had been expected, but the arrest of the two subor-dinates in his department came without any notice. Their arrest makes seven in all since the investigations began. Other arrests are expected to follow. Thomas W. McGregor and C. Els-

worth Upton were arrested upon warrants sworn out in Baltimore by Inspec-tors J. D. Sullivan and R. D. Simmons charged with a conspiracy with Charles E. Smith and others to defraud the United States government in the pur-chase of pouches from C. E. Smith, of Baltimore. The complaint sets forth that McGregor and Upton agreed with Smith to obtan for him orders for many thousands of leather ponches such as are used by rural letter-carriers. The price agreed upon was 90 cents per pouch; the actual value was less than 50 cents. Smith was to pay to them the difference between 90 cents and 50 cents per pouch. It is stated at the department that the actual number of pouches which were purchased exceeded 20,000, for which the government paid 90 cents each or \$18,000 in all. Smith received and retained of this for his own use \$10,000. maining \$8,000 was paid to McGregor and Upton. The government could have bought the entire number of pouches from the manufacturers for \$8,000.

"McGregor was the clerk in charge of rural free delivery supplies and Upton was one of his assistants. Inspector Sullivan is from the St. ouis division and Simmons from the Kansas City division of postoffice in-

McGregor has been in the Postal Service since 1891. He came here from Nebraska as a messenger, and subsequently was promoted to a clerkship and finally was appointed by Mr. Machen in charge of the supply work of the rural free delivery service.

#### For Famine Sufferers.

The Christian Herald transmitted to Assistant Secretary of State Loom's a check for \$10,000 toward the establishment of a relief fund for the famine sufferers in the Chinese province of Kwangsi. Mr. Loomis deposited the money here and notified United States Consul General McWade, at Canton, by cable that he may draw for the amount of the check Every check. Every report that comes to the State Department, either by mail or cable, contains the most pathetic stories extreme destitution prevailing in Kwangsi leading to the commission of unnatural crime, such as the sale of daughters into concubinage, and there are even hints of cannibalism.

#### Authorities Did All They Could.

Signor Mayor des Planches, the Italian ambassador, has received from Mr. Speranza, the secretary of the Society for the Protection of Italian Immigrants to this country, his report upon the re-cent disturbances in West Virginia, in which Italians were said to have suffered from mob violence. Mr. Speranza's re-port shows that Governor White, of West Virginia, did all that could be ex-

## Seeds for Flood Sufferers

of Agriculture, said that there had been collision was witnessed from the pilot left in the department's storehouses sev-Blechamp, which was about two eral million packages of seeds after the distant. The Blechamp immediate close of last year's distribution, which yrepaired to the spot to render assecuted by distributed among the sufferers from the Western floods if so desired by The force of the collision had cut a them. He added that comparatively few great hole in the Liban's side and she of the seeds are suitable for planting at Her this season.

The grand jury havng indicted him, United States Commissioner Taylor dis missed the case against A. W. Machen, former superintendent of the free-delivery service of the Postoffice Depart-

ment, which was pending before him. The Georgia Peach Growers' Association has lodged complaint with the Inter-state Commerce Commission against various railroads, accusing charging excessive rates to the Northern and Eastern markets.

It is stated that John Wirt Randall, of Washington, may be offered the place on the Supreme Bench of the District made vacant by the retirement of Judge Hag-

The President summoned a cabinet meeting, the principal topics discussed being the Kisheneff massacre and the postoffice investigation.

Chief Examiner A. R. Serven, of the Civil Service Commission, resigned Frank M. Higgins, chief of the examining division, is to succeed him.

Ex-Cashier Tulloch, of the Washington Postoffice, wrote a letter to Post-master General Payne, in which he says that the charges he made against the Washington Postoffice management had not been disproven by Postmaster Merritt's reply.

The President has asked that more peedy results be secured in the postoffice investigation. More arrests are likely to follow and a general weeding out of unnecessary clerks to be instituted.

The anniversary of the signing of the Italian Constitution was celebrated at the Italian Embassy, where a reception was tendered to the members of the Italian societies. Admiral Evans is assembling

thips of the Asiatic Squadron in Chi-

nese waters and has reported to the Washington authorities a grave international situation in China. A mass-meeting was held, at which letters were read from prominent per-sonages and speeches delivered de-nouncing the Russians for the massa-

cre at Kisheneff.

President Roosevelt returned Washington from his trip through the class mail matter cases in favor of the

Killed.

by Inspectors J. D. Sullivan and R. H. THREE COWBOYS ARE ALSO KILLED.

The Family Take Up Land in Kansas for Homestead-Fences of a Cattle Company Interfere and the Old Man and His Sons Start in to Cut Them-Three Cowboys on the Cattle Company's Ranch Open Fire.

McCook, Neb. (Special).-Meager details of the annihilation of almost a whole family have been received from St. Francis, Kan. It seems that for sometime there has been bad feeling between men employed by the Dewar Cattle Company and a family named Berry over the possession of certain land. Berry and his four sons are said to have engaged in a battle with cowboys, which resulted in the death of the father and three of his sons, the fourth being seriously wounded. Whether anyone on the opposite side was killed or wounded has not been learned.

Lincoln, Neb. (Special).-A dispatch from Superior, Neb., gives the story from Superior, Neb., gives the story sudden swinging out of the barge the of the fight at St. Francis, Kan., be- three children were thrown into the tween the Berry family and some cow-

Land had been taken up by old man erry as a homestead. The fences of the cattle company interfered with his passage to and from the roads. Wire-cutting on the part of Berry's family in order to get the shortest possible road to town is said to have been the original cause of the quarrel. The cowbys on the Dewar ranch had threat-ed to kill the family.

The fight resulting in the five deaths came after a recent trip of the Berry family to town. The father and four sons were returning to their homes. Eight miles from their destination they stopped to cut their way through a wire fence. The cowboys came upon them just as they completed the work. The Berrys mounted quickly and the cow-boys fire. The eldest boy, John, was wounded, but stayed in his saddle. The farmers had the freshest mounts and soon were beyond accurate rifle range. The cowboys kept up a scattering fusilade of shots.

and they were in front of the house when the party of cowboys rode up a hill a few yards to the north. The shooting began immediately. Two of the Berry boys were killed before they could reach their rifles. The old man and the other two boys got inside the house. There were about 20 cowboys, and they started on the gallop for the house, intending to fire it and burn the defenders out. The old man and the boys attempted to escape from the other side of the house and were shot down in succession. Three of the cowboys were killed by the farmers while they were defending the

#### RUIN IN WAKE OF FOREST FIRES. Vast Tracks in New York State Present Scere of Wild Desolation.

Glens Falls, N. Y. (Special).-According to telegrams received here, conditions are less favorable for the extinguishing of forest fires than they were twenty-four hours earlier. Thus far the State has been the heav-

iest loser in the Hudson River watershed. Eight townships lying in the Indian Lake and Cedar River region, in parts of Warren, Mamilton and Essex counties have been burned over. Estimates place the area of timberlands de-vastated in these townships at nearly

Lumbermen who arrived here from charred timber.

## Two Students Drowned.

Chicago (Special).-Jessie Miller, of Lincoln, Neb., and Miss Frances E. Moore, of Davenport, Ia., both students at the University of Chicago, drowned in Jackson Park. Their boat was accidentally upset when they at-tempted to climb aboard one of the Spanish caravels still floating in the

## Ten Years for a Lyncher.

Carthage, Mo. (Special).-Samuel Mitchell, who led the mob that lynched Thomas Gilyard, a negro, at Joplin recently, was sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in the penitentiary. Mitch-ell was charged with climbing the tel-egraph pole and adjusting the rope with which Gilyard was hanged.

## Train Runs Down a Handcar.

Columbus, Neb. (Special).-Two men were killed and two fatally injured on a handcar that was run down by a stock extra near Genoa. The stock extra was coming down the Cedar Rapids-Spald-ing Branch of the Union Pacific. The section men were going to work up the track. The engine of the extra struck the handcar about a mile west of town.

Phosphorus in Matches. Berlin (By Cable).-The International Chemical Congress at its session adopted a resolution favoring an international agreement prohibiting the use of phosphorus in making matches and requesting the international committee appointed at Paris in 1900 to communicate the resolution to the various cab-

# Beat Wife With Wooden Leg.

Atlantic City, N. J. (Special).-Michael Weinstein, a cripple, is under arrest here, charged with beating his wife with his wooden leg. She is severely injured and may die. Weinstein, who lost an arm and a leg in a railroad accident, became incensed at his wife. It is charged that he unbuckled his wooden leg and repeatedly struck the woman with it. Her screams were heard by a policeman.

## Lightning Strikes Church.

Cleveland, O. (Special).—Lightning struck the spire of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, at the corner of Euclid and Case avenues, during a heavy storm. The spire was practically demolished, while two immense blocks of stone crashed through the roof of the church, causing damage to the extent of several thousands dollars. The Hanna-McCormick wedding is scheduled to take place at the church. Investigation by a representative of the Hanna family later showed that temporary repairs could be made, and no change in the wedding arrangements would be necessary

#### BATTLE WITH COWBOYS TOWING STEAMER WAS POWERLESS. A Big Excursion Steamer Swept Against A Father and Three of His Sons Are

Hannibal, Mo. (Special).-Four persons were drowned here by the collision of the steamer Flying Eagle, towing a barge filled with Sunday school excursionists, with a pier of the Haunibal bridge.

About 250 children from the Park Methodist Church Sunday School at Hannibal had boarded the barge and a number were on the steamer. The excursion left Hannibal shortly before II o'clock to run to Quincy and afford a view of the swollen Mississippi. As the boat swung out into the river the swift current seized the craft, and despite all efforts, hore it straight down toward the stone pier of the bridge nearest the

With a crash the steamer was hurled against the pier and wrecked, but did not sink immediately. For a time it was wedged against the pier by the current and held, while the terror-stricken chil-dren and the accompanying adults climbed up the pier to the bridge. In this way almost half of the passengers were saved. Before all could reach saftey the barge was veered around by the cur-rent and finally swing loose from the pier and floated down stream. In the

water and swept away to their deaths.

Carried by the surging waters at a rapid rate the barge, filled with screaming children, floated into the channel, and for a time it seemed that all were deathed to work he had a were forther. doomed to perish. But from farther down the stream the catastrophe had been witnessed and at hand were a num-ber of skiffs and row-boats. With one thought these boats were manned, and like a miniature fleet they shot out into the swollen stream to meet the barge Encouragement was called to the children and they were urged to sit down and be quiet. This had good effect. The rescuing boats surrounded the barge and the children were quickly taken from it and were safely landed.

#### 200 LITTLE PRISONERS.

#### Schoolchildren Who Had Nothing to Eat Rescued.

St. Joseph, Mo. (Special).-The rescuing party sent from here to Topeka. composed of 75 men, with steam Arriving home, the Berrys did not launches and rowboats, returned and think they had been pursued all the way their places will be taken by other voltheir places will be taken by other volunteers. The St. Joseph men rescued 200 schoolchildren from the Grant School, imprisoned there since last Fri-day. The children were in a half-starv-

ed condition.

The rescuers shot and killed a negre

The rescuers shot and killed a negro-caught in the act of looting deserted houses. They brought back with them the names of 30 identified dead. The flood condition here remains un-changed. The river fell one-tenth of a foot. A relief fund of \$8000 has been raised here for the flood sufferers at Topeka and Kansas City, and several carloads of clothing and provisions. carloads of clothing and provisions have already been sent. Trains loaded with steam launches and men have also been sent to Kansas City, where assistance is being given in the work of rescue.

#### T. B. Read Left \$431,000.

New York (Special).-The late Thos. B. Reed, former Speaker of the House of Representatives, according to an of-ficial report filed here, left a personal estate valued at \$431,000, after providing for the payments of debts and the expenses of administration. The gross personalty amounted to \$629.533, con-sisting chiefly of stocks and securities By his will, executed many years be-fore his death, Mr. Reed's property goes to his wife.

## Train Runs Into Washout.

Columbia, S. C. (Special).—Six miles out from Sumter an excursion train Secretary Wilson, of the Department tween that point and Blue Mountain on the Atlantic Coast Line, loaded with Lake presents a wild scene of desola-tion. For miles there is nothing but the day, ran into a washout caused by the day, ran into a washout caused a cloudburst the night before. Cond tor Clements was instantly killed, as were four of the negroes, one being a woman, and about 30 passengers were injured. Engineer Wilson was badly scalded, but not seriously injured. geons were sent on extras from both Sumter and Columbia.

## Explosion of lodine.

Pittsburg, Pa. (Special).-The explosion of a large quantity of iodine in the laboratory of the wholesale drug house of W. J. Gilmore & Co., caused much excitement and the burning of persons. One young woman Prim, aged 20 years-was perhaps fatally hurt by jumping from a third-story window. G. Hutchins, the chemsit, was dangerously burned and may die. The others will recover. The fire was quickly extinguished and the loss was small.

## Robbers Dynamite Safe.

Redwood Falls, Minn. (Special) .-Robbers broke into the Gold Stabeck Bank at Vesta, this county, dynamited the sale and got away with \$2500 cash and \$2000 in notes. They stole a fine team and made good their escape.

# Telephones are Forbidden.

Goshen, Ind. (Special).-The old Or-der of German Baptists, whose national conference closed at Wakarusa, voted not to permit their members to use telephones in their homes. Five thousand people attended the confer-

#### Caracas (By Cable).—The Venezue-lan government has refused authorizato the French Monks, who recently arrived at Caracas, after having been expelled from France, to open a

college here.

Monks Denied Privilege.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRES. Mills from all parts of the South and West, to the number of nearly 400, are in Detroit to attend the first conven-tion of the Millers' National Federation, which will be in session at the Hotel Cadillac for three days, President Roosevelt made a speech at Freeport, Ill., on the occasion of the dedication of a monument to Lincoln to commemorate a debate in the town in 1858 between Lincoln and Douglass.

The steamer Arequippa foundered during the sale off the coars of Chiling.

Janitors employed in 60 flats in Chigrievance is the discharge of one of

ing the gale off the coast of Chili and 17 of the 80 persons on board were drowned.

A terrific cloudburst, accompanied by a hail and rainstorm, destroyed con-siderable grain in Idaho,

Six thousand people took part in a demonstration attending the dispossession of the monks from the Monastery of La Blachere, France. The soldiers had to scale the walls to arrest the monks. the monks.

Reported at Belgrade, Servia, that King Alexander's French cook committed suicide after being detected in trying to poison Queen Draga.

# THE KEYSTONE STATE

Latest News of Pennsylvania Told in Short Order.

At a meeting held at Dubois, an organization was perfected for taking over the Hoover Hurst and Southwestover the Hoover Hurst and Southwest-ern Railroad, a feeder for the Beech Creek and Pennsylvania Railroads. The road was purchased by ex-Congressman James Kerr, who has associated with him State Senator A. E. Patton, A. G. Palmer, formerly of the Beech Creek road, and others. Mr. Kerr is president of the new organization, and Mr. Pat-ton treasurer. The road will be extend. ton treasurer. The road will be extended into the Indiana county coal fields.

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Elaborate preparations are making for the miners' convention at Pottsville.

June 15. It will consist of 1000 delegates and will be the largest in the history of the anthracite region. The Academy of Music has been engaged and Union Hall will be also used to entertain the delegates. The situation was rearreded as a filling the state of the situation was rearreded as a filling the state of the situation. was regarded as sufficiently grave to call for a conference of division superintendents of the Reading Coal & Iron Company with General Superintendent Luther. Confident predictions are made both by operators and officials of the mine workers that all difficulties will be adjusted and no strike will be

During the month of May eighty-one patients were under treatment at the Kensington Hospital for Women. There were thirty-eight patients in the hos-pital, May I, and thirt-ysix are under treatment at the present time. Seventy-tight operations were performed. In the dispensary there have been sixty-four patients, who have made 301

J. Gross, a clothing merchant of Sharon, went into voluntary bank-ruptcy. Liabilities, \$13,000; assets, \$10,-

badly burned and may die. The Pittsburg, Bessemer and Lake Erie Raiiroad station at Hallston was partly demolished by parts of a broken freight train coming together at the

station. H. G. McGill, aged 19, a track hand employed by the Pennsylvania Rail-road Company at Altoona, was perhaps fatally injured by being run down by

Building operations in and about Latrobe were seriously interfered with when a majority of the lathers went on a strike for \$2.25 a day instead of \$2.

The New Castle Grand Jury returned true bills against George Merkle, charged with the murder of John Genkinger; Robert Neugent, indicted for the murder of John B. Ferguson, of Pittsburg, and George West, charged with the murder of Ralph Stiver, of West Pittsburg.

Theodore N. Barnsdall, the oil operator, informed the president of the Titusville Hospital Association of his intention to build a commodious addition to the City Hospital. The gift comes in the way of a memorial to the donor's father, who was one of the pio-

donor's father, who was one of the pio-neers of Titusville.

It was officially denied at the office General Superintendent George W.

Creighton, in Altoona, that he will be moved to Pittsburg.

David Cassidy, of Altoona, one of the oldest engineers on the Pittsburg division of the Pennsylvania Railroad, has retired, after over 51 years' service. the Sharon and Wheatland street rail

way and the South Sharon council reached an agreement whereby street car service will be established between Sharon and South Sharon. In a fight at Herminic, Joseph Dias was badly cut by Roney Mallati.

The fires were extinguished at factory B, of the National Glass Company, at Uniontown.

The Pearl steam laundry, at South

burg lodge for 25 years.

Montgomery McCormick and Frederick W. Miller, on the charge of robbing Rosenbaum Bros.' store at Union-

of \$10,000 was raised.

Mrs. Ann Gordon died suddenly aged

87. She was a well-known resident of the western section of Chester. Exploding gas at Gilberton col-liery seriously burned David and Lewis Howells and Thomas Evans. They live

in Gilberton. David L. Thomas, Esq., son of Sena-tor Daniel J. Thomas, has been named as collector of the collateral inheritance tax for Schuylkill county. The death of S. B. Stillwell, aged 63

removes one of Scranton's most wid

known citizens. For forty years he was claim agent for the Lackawanna Road, and was a member of the State Fisheries Commission for twelve years. Fisheries Commission for twelve years. For many years he was chief of the fire department of Scranton.

The East Greenville High School graduates were Rufus Kern, Elwood Fenstermacher, Clarence Hertzog, Howard Moll, Katie Greulich, Eugene Fluck, Edna Meschter, Herbert Heimbach, Professor W. Wilberforce, Dietrick, A.M., of the Keystone State Normal School, made the address.

At the commencement exercises of the Ashland High School, Merrill Ed-wards Gates, Ph.D., L.L.D., secretary of the United States Indian Commission of the United States Indian Commission at Washington, was the principal speaker. The members of the class were James A. Flannagan, valedictorian; Miss Maud Boettinger, salutatorian; C. Mary Donahue, Lulu M. Goyne, Cora C. Lauer, Vera Spade, Missoura Wolfgang, Lamont Livers, At the Training School for Nurses of the Chester County Hospital a class of six graduated, as follows: Miss McCausland, Miss Manley, Miss Love, Miss Martin, Miss McCulloch and Miss Myer.

Supt. A. W. Wright, of the Greenville schools, has resigned to accept a posi-tion in Washington.

A boarding house occupied by Italians near Chicora was burned. In trying to save \$100 Michael Babel was

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Work was started on the construction of the Damascus brake beam plant in of the Damascus brake beam plant in Sharon. The contract was awarded to Wallis & Carley, who are to have the buildings completed within 30 days, Night Watchman Mattingly, of the

Night Watchman Mattingly, of the Latrobe Coal and Coke Company, at Latrobe, discovered three burglars at work preparing to blow the sate. He shot at them and they fled.

After three years of idleness, the plant of the Ford City Mirror Company resumed operations.

Sharon, was destroyed by fire. Loss, \$10,000. The carpenters at Monessen are still out, and say they will remain so until their demands are granted. An infant son of Arthur O'Neill crawled under a trolley car at Franklin and was crushed to death.

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The barn of George Riley, in Otter Creek township, Mercer county, was struck by lightning and burned, together with four horses. Loss, \$5000.

At a meeting of Odd Fellows, at Saltsburg, John Kilby was presented with a "Veteran's jewel," in recognition of his services as secretary of the Saltsburg lodge for 25 years.

town of \$1500 worth of goods, were bound over to court. A new Methodist church, the build-ing of which was begun a year ago, and which cost \$25,000, was dedicated at which cost \$25,000, was dedicated at Titusville by Bishop Charles H. Fowler, of Buffalo. Over 2000 people attended the ceremonies. The church debt