Two Men Killed and Sixteen Severely Injured.

OVER HUNDRED PERSONS SHOCKED.

Magazine of Dynamite and Blasting Powder In Giles County, Va., Blown Up-The Mangled Bodies of Two Laborers Found Near the Wrecked Building-The Earth Shaken for Miles Around.

Roanoke, Va., (Special).-By the explosion of a large quantity of dynamite and blasting powder stored in a magazine in Giles county, two men were killed outright, 16 were more or less injured and about 100 others severely shocked. Westbound passenger train No. 1 on the main line of the Norfolk and Western Railroad was going at full speed past the magazine, which was located 200 yards from the tracks, when the explosion occurred. The windows of the train were broken and the coaches | tack made upon her by a negro intruder, in other ways damaged, and not a single person on the train escaped injury or shock. The earth was shaken for miles around and people at a distance thought an earthquake had occurred.

their mangled bodies were found near the wrecked magazine.

A special train with surgeons on field, where they were placed in a hospital. It is not known what caused the ex-

SLEEP THAT ENDS IN DEATH. Pope Leo Lying in Coma on Brink of Eternity.

Rome (By Cable).-The Pope lies in a state of coma, and there are grave doubts in the minds of his doctors whether he will ever completely emerge. His immediate dissolution seems to be only averted by the reliability of the action of his heart. His pulse, though weak, continues steady. Shortly after midnight Dr. Lapponi said:

"The Pope at the present moment is in a state of coma, which may be called a condition preceding the last agony, the duration of which it is impossible to forecast, although everything leads to the belief that this condition cannot last. To be more exact, he is still in a state of torpor and stupor from which, however, he rouses occasionally when he hears sharp sounds as, for instance, the insistent voice of one of his familiars calling loudly for him. Left alone he relapses immediately into a condition of torpor. At intervals he murby his valet, Centra, and myself. These are the symptoms of incipent cerebral anemia and general exhaustion.

"He can no longer turn in his bed without assistance, and is being kept alive by artificial stimulants. During the last 23 hours he has had two injections of camphorated oil, three of caffeine and two hypodermies of salt water, besides drinking stimulants."

Injured By Dynamite.

Trenton, N. J. (Special).-An unu-Jas. H. Romaine, the proprietor of the ment of a ministerial crisis. hotel in this city, while Mr. Romaine and the other occupants of the carriage to that the Manchurian question has not which the horse was attached had a nar row escape from personal injury. horse, which was one of a team that was being driven along the road near Ewingville, stepped on a stick of dynamite. The dynamite exploded and blew off one of the horse's hoofs. The vehicle was partly shattered by the explosion,

Palma Pleased With Treaty.

Havana (Special).-President Palma has sent a letter to President Roosevelt expressing his personal gratification for the consideration shown by the United States throughout the negotiation of the treaties with Cuba and also his pleasure over the satisfactory conclusion regarding naval stations and the Isle of Pines. The Cuban Administration is greatly pleased over the ac-tion of the Senate on the treaties which, it believes, relieves what might have developed into an embarrassing situation both for the United States and Cuba.

Hawaii to Kill Mosquitoes.

Health, having become convinced that the germ of the dengue, a disease now of the ports in Manchuria. Honolulu (Special).-The Board of epidemic in the islands, is spread by mosquitoes, has planned a war on those insects. Other interests will nid the board and it is hoped eventually to exterminate the mosquito in the islands.

It has been announced that the Chi-

nese here will hold a mass-meeting to make an emphatic protest against their exclusion from the United States.

Murder and Explosion.

Salinas, Cala. (Special).-Charles Craven, the son of a local rancher, killed Sadie Block, a young woman, and committed suicide. Their bodies were committed suicide. Their bodies were found with their throats cut. It is said the girl was the daughter of the president of the Block Manufacturing Company of Virgina.

Four Killed By Train.

Cincinnati, O. (Special),-Four persons were killed near the Avondale Suburban Station, on the Cincinnati, Lebanon and Northern division of the Pennsylvania Railroad, while walking on the tracks. They were Louis and William Murr, messenger boys, aged 13 and 11 years, and two unidentified young men. While walking through a deep cut on a curve they got out of a deep cut on a curve they got out of the way of an outgoing excursion train and were struck on the other track by an incoming passenger train an incoming passenger train.

Catalp Excites Wild Animals.

New York (Special).-The tigers, hopards, panthers and byenas in the Gen Island Zoo suddenly became greatly excited Sunday. They sprang to the tops of their cages and dashed gainst the heavy iron bars. Their conduct mystified the keepers until the serintendent entered the leopards' use and detected the odor of catnip. Ome mischievous person had tossed ome of the herb into the cages. The easts acted very much like domestic its about it. It seemed to intoxicate entered.

WAS LIKE AN EARTHQUAKE THE LATEST NEWS IN SHORT ORDER.

Mrs. Grace Taylor had three young men arrested in New York on the charge of attempting to rob her of a chet-elaine bag containing \$40,000 worth of jewels. She admitted having taken a light has not was berself. rink with the men, and was herse ined \$3 for intoxication, a policemaving made that charge against her.

Dr. Thomas Berryhill, U. S. N., sur geon of the cruiser Baltimore, has cured himself of tuberculosis by camping out and living in tents on ranches in In lian Territory and Southwest Texas.

Counsel for George W. Benvers, form er chief of the Division of Salaries and Allowances of the Postoffice Department declared that he is not a fugitive from

The body of a stylishly dressed woman was washed ashore at Port Stanley, Ont. A wound on the temple aroused suspicion of foul play.

Michael Quinlan, while robbing a saon in Brooklyn, was shot and killed by Benjamin Haggerty, his companion. Helen Olson, of Montevideo, Minn., is expected to die as the result of an at-

The Mercantile Trust Company of York filed a petition in Newark, N. J., to forcelose the \$16,000,000 mort-gage of the United States Shipbuild-

The International Retail Clerks' Con-The two men killed were laborers and vention in Zanesville, O., elected offivention in Galveston, Tex.

Secretary Hay left Washington for summer home on Lake Sunapee, board conveyed the wounded to Blue- New Hampshire, where he will remain

The Cuban Congress passed an appropriation of \$80,000 for expenses of a Cuban exhibit at the St. Louis Ex-

Mrs. Annie Mull and her child died from poisoning in Seattle, Wash., and E. C. Gonnell was arrested on suspicion. Secretaries Root and Moody issued

orders for the formation of a joint army and navy board. William Patterson died in Kalamazoo, Mich., from excessive use of to-

Frank Will, a tramp, who raped the H-year-old daughter of John M. Bark-ley, a farmer of Indiana, Pa., was shot Barkley and then arrested.

Twelve Chinese miners were killed eight injured in an explosion due to fire damp that occurred in a coal mine near Nenaimo, B. C.

franchise to construct parcels tunnels to the Illinois Telephone and Telegraph Enrico Canapa and his wife fought in Tombstone Desecrated and Bible Mutilated

eir apartments in New York until e wife was killed and the husband se-Ten persons were injured, three ser-

ly, in a wreck on the Missouri Pa-near Kansas city, Missouri ne Mountain Inn Hotel at Pine Hill, N. Y., was destroyed by fire, the guests fleeing in their night clothes. murs in his sleep, continuing to have forebodings that he is being abandoned strangler, was convicted of murder in the firt degree in Hamilton, O.

Fereign.

In consequence of the Kisheneff outrages many Jewish families left that section and settled in other villages, con-trary to the law. The police commissa-ries have, accordingly, been notified to expel "such Jews from localities where they have no right to live."

The Odet river, in Germany, has overflowed a number of towns, causing loss of life and of property. The entire por-tion of Glogan, in the vicinity of the cathedral, is submerged.

The French Chamber and Senate sually peculiar accident made neces-sary the killing of a horse belonging to

reached a stage justifying a formal statement.

The steamer Peter, plying on the River Voga, was burned and 60 of those on board were drowned.

The United States gunboat Bancroft took under American protection at Ciudad Bolivar, the besieged city of Venezuela, the steamers of the American-Orinoco Company. Upon invita-tion of the commander of the Bancroft, all women and children of the American and other foreign colonies at Ciudad Bolivar took refuge on the steamers.

The battleship Kearsarge started from Portsmouth, England, on her speed trip across the Atlantic to Frenchmans Bay, Maine, Admiral Cotton transferred his flag from the Kearsarge to the Chicago and the ships separated.

Concerning the raising of the American flag on seven small islands off the northeast coast of Borneo, it is ex-plained that the Sultan of Jolo exercises power over those islands.

Ambassador Choate communicated to the British Foreign Office the assur-

A number of Portuguese army officers have been arrested on the charge of conspiring against King Charles, and they will be tried by court-martial. The American and Mexican International Silver Exchange Commissions met the representatives of the German government at Berlin. It is unferstood that the British and French governments have refused to obligate them-selves to the purchase of a fixed amount of silver yearly for Indian and colonial

coinage. interchange of courtesies be tween King Edward and President Loubet are taken as an indication that Great Britain is seeking to maintain such relations with France as will prevent the latter from supporting Russia in the event of war with Japan.

Financial. The directors of the Boston & Mon-tana have declared the regular quar-terly dividend of \$2 per share. The weakness of Amalagamated is due to the expectation of a cut in Lake

copper to 13 1-4 cents this week.

Amalagamated directors have declarregular quarterly dividend of one-half of one per cent, 50 cents per

Government money in national bank depositories remains practically sta-tionary, being \$151,562,712, of which \$8,267,560 is to the credit of disbursing

It is understood that the Union Pa-cific notes will be offered to the pub-lic at 98 1-2, and that Kuhn, Loeb & Company, through whom the loan is made, have received no commission for their services.

their services.

The Bank of England rate remains unchanged at 3 per cent. Proportion of reserve to liabilities is \$1.86 per cent.; last week \$1.42 per cent.; last year \$6.90 per cent. The bank lost in bullion £118,000.

ISLANDS ARE UNCLE SAM'S

Secretary of State Hay Can Substantiate His Claim.

CONSIDERED OF STRATEGICAL VALUE.

The State Department Ready to Answer Lord Lansdowne's Inquiry When It Arrives and Justify the Raising of the American Flag Over the Seven Islands Off the Coast of Borneo ... How They Came Into Our Possesion

State Deartment from the British government about several islands off the the House of Commons seem to think belong to Great Britain.

sive answer when Lord Lansdowne's inquiry reaches here. Before leaving Washington Secretary Hay looked personally into the matter and satisfied himself that the British government had not self that the British government had not the shadow of a claim on the islands in official communications received question. When the inquiry reaches here Acting Secretary Loomis, in replying, will call the attention of the Lon-don government, first, to the treaty of 1885 beween Great Britain, Germany and Spain, by which the last-named nation was to have title over all the islands outside a marine league's distance of the Borneo Coast. Later, in the treaty which this government negotiated with the Sultan of Jolo for the purchase of certain islands belonging to him, a dragnet clause was inserted, claiming for the United States all those islands which id been ceded to Spain by the treaty of 85. On file in the office of Rear Ad-iral Bradford, chief of the Bureau of Equipment, are the charts and maps showing the location of the seven islands in controversy. Bagnan, Taganac, Bak-kungaan, Lihiman, Boaam, Siboung and Langkayan. The islands are clearly side of the marine league of the Borneo Coast, and, therefore, under the terms of the two treaties, belong to the United

It is said at the Navy Department that facts, recently sent one of the Philip-pine gunboats to the islands to survey m and mark them as American terri-

It is explained that the islands have strategical importance, and for this rea-son the United States under no circum-The Chicago City Council granted the stances would part with them.

USED DESPERATE MEANS

to Forge Evidence.

Kansas City (Special).-The last of the suits brought by W. C. Priddy and other heirs of Nancy Priddy to secure possession of residence property on Independence Boulevard in this city valued at \$1,000,000 was decided against the complainants by Judge James Gibson in the Circuit Court. Nancy Priddy died in Oregon in 1892 at the age of 66. A tombstone placed over her grave was put in evidence by the de-fendants, who asserted that the figures had been changed to "60" in an effort to prove that the woman, when she transferred her property years ago, had not been of age. It was shown also that the family Bible containing the date of birth had been mutilated. In deciding in favor of the defendants, who include some of the most prominent men of Kansas City, Judge Gibson said: "I believe the tombstone was desecrated and the family Bible mutilated for the purpose of this suit."

Dog Swallows \$109. New York (Special).-Miss Bessie Hardenburgh, stamp clerk in the Tarrytown postoffice, owns a Skye terrier worth \$100 more now than formerly. Miss Hardenburgh says: "I drew from the bank two \$56 bills. I put an elastic band around them and tucked them away in my dress. I went to my home in New York, and never thought of my money until on my way to Tarrytown. Then I telephoned home and a search was made for the money. In one cor ner of my bedroom a few pieces of the bills were found. My Skye terrier was continually coughing, and during one of his spells he coughed up the elastic band that was around the money. I he would cough up the

Antitoxin for Tetanus. New York (Special).-Antitoxin proved efficacious in the treatment of tetanus at the Harlem Hospital in the case of Carrie White, aged 17 years old. She was shot in the hand with a toy pistol on the Fourth. On Sunday tetanus developed, her jaws lock-ing tightly. She was fed through a tube, and every six hours 20 cubic cen-timeters of the antitoxin solution was injected into her spinal column. Fri-day brought the first signs of recovery. The jaws began to lose their ri-gidity, and the patient was able to open them with a little effort. It is expected the cure will be thorough

within a few days.

Electrician Shocked to Death. New York (Special).-James Martin, 30 years of age, electrician in charge of the transforming station of the Edi son Electric Light Company, in Hudson Park, was shocked to death while on duty. A current estimated at 7000 volts passed through the man's body. curred. It is supposed he was g out," when his right hand came contact with one of the wires. The ing out,"

hand was nearly burned off.

Five Persons Killed by Tornado. Streator, Ill. (Special) .-- A tornado killed five persons, injured a score of others and caused a property loss of

\$2,000,000. (Special) - The Vulcain Western Company's plant suffered heavy loss. Purceil was killed there. The Indiana, Illinois and Iowa bridge, costing \$1,000, ooo, is nearly half gone. The hoisting works and buildings at Soring Hill shaft were ruined. Many buildings in Kang-ley, four miles west of Streator, were blown down and several persons were injured.

Nine Burned in Explosion

Pittsburg, Pa. (Special).-Nine men were burned, one fatally and two others seriously, by an explosion of cinders at open hearth furnace No. 1 of the Homestead works of the Carnegie Steel Company. Their names are Michael Hurko, will die; George Thompson, probably recover; John French, probably recover. Six foreigners painfully. but not fatally, hurt. The explosion was due to the dumping of a lot of molten slag cinder into a pit where some water had collected.

NATIONAL CAPITAL AFFAIRS.

Russia Agrees to Open Door.

The open door in China is assured. After years of hard work Secretary Hay's efforts have been crowned with success, and what threatened for a time to be a serious difficulty with Russia is straightened out in a most amicable manner. The State Department received official assurancesfrom the Chinese government that in the near future it would open to the world's trade sev-No communication has yet reached the eral new ports in Manchuria, two, and possibly three, are now being considered in this connection. Not only has coast of Borneo, now in possession of the fication, but Russia has officially con-United States, which some members of the House of Commons seem to think United States that it will not oppose in any way the opening of these ports. This means that the details which will The State Department, however, is undoubtedly include the making of a prepared to give a prompt and conclusentatives of the powers at Peking, and until this is done the particular ports to be thrown open will not be known. ut it is understood that they will be Mukden, the most important internal port of Manchuria, and Ta Tung Kao on the Yula River. Although in the time is set for the opening of these ports, it is understood that the promul gation will be issued soon after the Russian evacuation in September. It was stated that before Count Cas-

sini left Washington, and during the call of Secretary Hay upon the Russian Ambassador at the embassy on 28, the intimation was given by the Russian Ambassador that he was authorized by his government to state that the pledges given by his government that Russia would not interfere with China's granting of the open door in Manchuria were then in a process of realization. It is stated that he further assured the Secretary of State that before he reached his home the formal announcement of the open door would be made. Later Mr. Hansen, the charge of the Russian embassy, during his call at the State Department, refterated these pledges and reduced them to the form of written promises, intimating that he would be able within a few days to add final approvement of the government to his undertaking.
It now remains for Mr. Conger to de-

fine the treaty which he is negotiating with China the terms and conditions under which the new ports are to be

Refuses to Receive It.

The State Department has received a reply from Russia stating that It neither would receive nor consider the matter of the Jewish petition on the Arthur had just arisen to respon subject of the Kisheneff outrages. This information came in the form of a cablegram from Mr. Riddle, the American charge at St. Petersburg, to whom was committed the delicate task of inquiring of the Russian government as to its attidude with respect to the presentation of the petition.

It is believed that this will end the matter and that no further steps will be taken by this government to bring the views of the petitioners to the attention of Russia, although as yet no consideration has been given by the Presi-dent to the course to be pursued in the light of Russia's response to our in-

The reply that Russia would make to all suggestions on the subject of the Kisheneff massacre was forecasted some weeks ago in an authorized statement, when the public was definitely in-formed that Russia regarded the affair as an internal matter, as to which she, in the exercise of her own sovereignty, must refuse to receive suggestion from any other government or outside

Cost \$24,051 to Collect \$1,000.

the Auditor of the Truesurv Depart-ment is the table showing the receipts shot and killed the girl and then himand expenses of the several customs districts, which, in some cases, seem to

be altogether disproportionate, In 28 districts, embracing the East, West and South, the aggregate aver-age receipts per annum for the last five years was \$1006. The expense of collecting these revenues for the year 1902 amounted to \$24,051.

The auditor recommends such legislation as will remove existing complications and establish for each port a definite compensation commensurate with its volume of business.

Preference to Old Veterans.

Acting Commissioner Williams, of the Internal Revenue Bureau, by direction of Secretary Shaw, has issued a circular letter to collectors of internal revenue calling attention to President Roosevelt's order of January 17, 1902, directing that preference shall be given alike in appointments and retention in the public service to honorably dis-charged soldiers of the Civil War. Collectors are instructed to carefully observe this order in making assignments to the work of gauging and recom mending assignments to the work of storekeeper and storekeeper gauger.

In the Departments.

Col. Thomas H. Barry, adjutant gen-eral's department, has been selected for origadier general in the permanent service to fill the vacancy caused by the pro-motion of Gen. Leonard Wood.

Treasury experts fix the shortage of James A. Watson, the defaulting clerk in the auditor's office, at \$73,397. The President has directed that commissions be made out for Gen. Young

as lieutenant general, and for Briga-dier Generals Sumner and Wood as major generals, and for a number of colonels to be retired as brigadiers. The University of North America was

ncorporated in Washington. George W. Beavers, formerly chief George W. Beavers, formerly chief of the salary and allowance division of the Postoffice Department, was indicted by the federal grand jury in Brooklyn. A bench warrant has been issued for his arrest.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, Secretary for foreign affairs. Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, upon his return from the West, said the

abnormally cool weather and the rain had retarded the corn crop. The conference between Secretary Hay and Theodore Hansen regarding Manchurian situation was most satisfactory.

Secretary Hay has cabled to Mr. Riddle, American charge d'affairs at St. Petersburg, respecting the means of bringing to the attention of the Czar the Jewish petition relative to the massacre at Kisheneff.

According to a ruling by the Com-missioner of Internal Revenue, ciga-rettes, tobacco and snuff must not be taken from the stamped packages for the purpose of exhibition.

REFUGE ON AMERICAN SHIP

Many Foreigners at Ciudad Bolivar Given Protection.

NO ENGAGEMENT BETWEEN FORCES.

Many Women and Childred Board American Under Escort of U. S. Gunboat Bancroft, Sail Away From the Besleged Venezuelan

Soledad, Venezuela (By Cable)-Notwithstanding that the armistice terminated at midnight, no engagement between the government forces and the rebels had taken place up to 9 o'clock m. General Gomez has completed the investment of Ciudad Bolivar, and none can now leave the city. Lieutenant Commander Culver, commanding the United States gunboat Ban-

croft, after a long conference with the

commanding officer of the Venezuelan

squadron, decided to take under his pro-

tection all the river steamers belonging the American Orinoco Steamship Company, which were recently seized the revolutionists at Ciudad Bolivar. He also requested the women and children of the American and other foreign colonies at Ciudad Bolivar to take refuge on the steamers in order to escape the dangers of the seige, the shell-ing of the town and a possible battle. In accordance with Lieutenant Com-mander Culver's invitation many women and children, a number of whom were of German nationality, embarked early today on the American steamers, which flying the American flag and escorted by the Bancroft, left in the direction of San Felix, probably on the way to the Island of Trindad.

Meat, Milk and other provisions are already scarce in the besieged town. The British Counsul paid \$150 for The swift current running in the Orin-oco River, as the result of heavy rains prevents direct communication between Soledad and Ciudad Bolivar. The revolutionists have also destroyed the means of transport between the two

Chief Arthur Drops Dead.

Winnipeg, Man. (Special) .-- P. M. Arthur, grand chief engineer of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, fropped dead at midnight while speaking at the baseuer closing the annua-union convention of the Brotherhood o Locomotive Engineers, which has been in session for the past few days. Mr. toast and repeated the words: "It may be my parting words to many of you," when he fell backward and expired a few minutes afterward.

Four Burned to Death.

Bonner Springs, Kan., (Special) .--Four persons lost their lives in a fire which destroyed Bonner Springs Sanitarium at Bonner Springs, Kan., seventeen miles west of Kansas City. Dr. Rogers, steward, lost his life in an attempt to save a woman patient. There were thirty inmates in the building, but all escaped except four. Loss, \$20,000.

To Test Submarine Boats.

Washington, D. C., (Special).-Secretary Moody intends that exhaustive experiments shall be made with all the submarine boats that the government has on its hands as soon as the summer maneuvers are over. If not found atgress that no more money be appro-priated for this type of craft.

Baker City, Ore., (Special) .- To ture of the annual report of with a 15-year-old girl known as "Blohself. Earl was 35 years old and left a wife and two children.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRES.

A number of Rhode Island cotton mills shut down on account of the condition of the market. Four persons lost their lives in a fire at the Bonner Springs Sanitarium,

near Kansas City. Benedict Himmel, a farmer living near Erie, Pa., shot and killed his wife and himself.

Barnett, the acting chief of the sanitary department, announces that only three cases of yellow fever have entered Havana harbor this year.

Five workmen were injured by the parting of the cable of an elevator in the new Hotel Stratford, in Philadelphia. The sale of the Clarton Steel Com-pany to the United States Steel Corpora-

tion has been consummated.
Hudson Samson, a well-known philan-thropist in Methodist Episcopal Church circles, died in Pittsburg. The strike of the employes of the Connecticut Railway and Lighting Com-

pany has been declared off. pany has been declared off.
William Thacker, white man, was lynched at Flemingsburg, Ky.
The steamer Nadjeka, plying on the Volga, has been destroyed by fire near Nizhniy-Novgorod. Twelve persons

were burned to death. According to a decision of the Unfi Supreme Court, a man is under moral. not legal, obligations to support his

War Secretary Brodrick announced in the British House of Commons that it had been decided to keep a force of 25,000 men permanently in South Africa. W. E. Ashton, calling himself an American author, was committed for trial in London, charged with forging checks for \$2,600 in the name of Laird.

Scholes & Co., of Philadelphia. The British Foreign Office has no information of the reported seizure of some 20 islands off the coast of Borne a

retary for foreign affairs.

Several persons were killed and 20 or 30 injured in the wreck of the South port express near Liverpool. A young woman, frenzied by religious mania, attempted to burn herself to death on the beach of the Gulf of Finland, near the Sergievo Monastery.

The conference of the prominent Russian officials at Port Arthur was concluded. Orders were given for strengthening the Russian position at Port Arthur.

Information has been received at San Francisco from the Orient that the United States gunboat Callao is in hot pursuit of a band of pirates which captured a Chinese member of the crew.

Although the White House has been turned over by the architect and contractors, there are still a number of changes to be made in the President's residence.

It is stated on what is believed to be good authority that New York Central will spend only \$11,500,000 between now and next February 1, and that the company had \$10,000,000 on hand June 30, 1903.

STUNNED WITH ROCK THEN HANGED.

Kentucky Mob Was Tired of The Law's Delay.

Maysville, Ky. (Special).-Enraged at the tardiness of the courts, a mob broke into the Flemingsburg Jail and hanged William Thacker, a white man, Steamers of the Orinoco Company, Which, who had been given a life sentence for the murder of John Gordon two years ago.

> Thacker in a quarrel with Gordon at Foxport shot and killed him and then sat on the body with a Winchester rifle in hand, while he smoked his pipe and dared anyone to attempt to arrest him. At the time Thacker escaped, but was later arrested and lodged in jail at Flemingsburg. He was given two trials and finally got a life sentence.

Gordon was a good citizen and an inoffensive man. After being sentenced Thacker appealed to the Court of Appeals, and was waiting for another trial. Thacker had some money and was able to command the support of some influential. ential men, and it was feared that he might escape punishment altogether. The mob collected at Mount Carmel,

where Gordon once lived, and came into Flemingsburg by twos and threes in order not to arouse suspicion. The advanced upon the jail shortly after midnight. The jailer refused to sur-render the keys. He was overpowered and the keys taken from him. Thacker was hurried to a tree near the jail and was given time in which to say his prayers, which he refused to do, but begged for his life.

hush his cries, he was hit on the head with a rock and his unconscious body strung up until life had become extinct

WENT DOWN THREE HUNDRED FEET. Mrs. A. E. Johns, of New York, Plunges

Into Crevasse in Yosemite Valley. Yosemite Valley, Cala. (Special).-Mrs. A. E. Johns, of New York city, who has been staying in the valley for a few days, was found Tuesday morning in a steep crevasse back of the Sentinel Dome. Monday Mrs. Johns started from Glacier Point Hotel to walk to the fissures, located some two miles from

the hotel, and did not return at night. Early Tuesday morning searching parties started out, and one of then made a discovery that filled the spectators with horror. Far down the Sen-tinel fissure, whose crevasses drop in places for thousands of feet, pended on a ledge that jutted out from the steep side, the almost lifeless form of Mrs. Johns was found by Mr. Pat-ter, a hotel clerk. She was too weak to speak, but was able by feeble signs to make Mr. Potter know that she still

After trying in vain to work his way down the mountain side to her, Mr. Potter was forced to go to the hotel for help. Provided with plenty of ropes and carrying a stretcher, a party of eight made its way back to the crevasse, where the work was commenced of try-ing to extricate Mrs. Johns from her

dangerous situation. Mrs. Johns is suffering much from nervous shock, but as no bones were fractured she will recover. MRS. JAMES G. BLAINE DEAD.

Widow of the Famous Leader Passes Away

From Old Age. Augusta, Maine (Special).-Mrs. Jas. G. Blaine, widow of the noted statesman, who was the Republican candidate for President in 1884, died at the

Blaine homestead here. Mrs. Blaine was 76 years of age. avoid arrest on the charge of eloping From Washington, a short time ago, with a 15-year-old girl known as "Bloh- she came to the old family residence, on State street. She was in an enfee-bled condition and had been under almost constant medical attention since. During the past week she failed rap-

idly. Her condition was due to a general breakdown of the system. Mrs. Blaine's maiden name was Har-riet Stanwood, daughter of a leading citizen of the State of Maine. She met her husband while both of them were teachers in a school in Kentucky. were married at Pittsburg, and later came to Augusta, where Mr. Blaine be-She left one son, James G. Blaine, and two daughters, Mrs. Harriet Beale and Mrs. Walter Damrosh of New York.

Lehmann Convicted.

St. Louis (Special) .- The jury in the case of Julius Lehmann, former member of the House of Delegates. charged with bribery in connection with the passage of the City Lighting Bill, returned a verdict finding the defendant guilty. His punishment was fixed at even years in the penitentiary-the The sentence is also the odle cases. maximum punishment under the law for the crime of which he was convicted. It took the jury just seven minutes to reach its verdict.

Washington (Special) .- General Corbin has approved the recommendation of General Bates in the case of Lieut. William K. McCue, First Infantry, and the officer is now on his way to St. Elizabeth's Hospital for the Insane, in

this city. The papers in the case have been received at the War Department, and show that surgeons who have examined McCue pronounce him insane. Among the papers is one tendering his resignation as an officer while in the Philippines.

Novel Cause for Divorce.

Dublin, Ind. (Special).-In the case of Mrs. Kendall against her husband, Alfred Kendall, a wealthy farmer, the complaint sets forth a unique ground for divorce. Mrs. Kendall is 45, while her husband is 65. Mrs. Kendall alleges that it was a frequent occurrence for Kendall to come to bed with his boots on, and that she has been damaged to the extent of \$5000, which she demands in her suit.

A Fatal Error.

New London, Conn. (Special) .-Capt. Solomon E. Sparrow, U. S. A., retired, is dead in this city as the result of a dose of carbolic acid taken by mis-take for medicine. He was retired for disability in line of duty in 1900.

World's Record Claimed. London (By Cable).-The Great

Western Railway Company claims to have made a world's record for its train. The train ran from London to Plymouth, a distance of 246 miles, in 233 3-4 minutes.

THE KEYSTONE STATE

Latest News of Pennsylvania Told in Short Order.

Patents granted: Chester J. Albree, Allegheny, bolster; Rudolph G. Baker, Fittsburg, typesetting machine; Thomas Charlton, Pittsburg, air and gas mixer for explosive engines; Edward M. Erdmon, Pottsville, straightway valve; John H. Lavacek, Cliff Mine, tap hole closer; Marks E. Hunter, Allegheny, hand saw handle; Louis R. Jennings, Homestead, mechanical vender; Ezra Liken, Berkswille, friction clutch; Patrick E. Mack mechanical vender; Ezra Liken, Berks-ville, friction clutch; Patrick E. Mack, Bradford, coupling; Clayton A. McKin-ney, Altoona, mail bag closure; William Maxwell, Pittsburg, automatic weigh-ing scoop; George A. Mentel and J. B. Paul, Pittsburg, automatic valve for water heaters; John B. Neerham, Mo-nongahela, forming sand molds; Allen C. Price, Renfrew, pump rod adjuster-for oil wells; George S. Ramay S. C. Frice, Renfrew, pump rod adjuster for oil wells; George S. Ramay, St. Marys, coke oven; George W. Shade and P. S. Knapp, Pittsburg, cuspidor; Lucy E. Trax, Uniontown, curtain hanger; Albert E. Vicker, McKeesport, combination right angle square and level; Robert R. and J. H. Vogan, Allegheny, rotary engine; Clark White, Dunbar, steam valve.

Dunbar, steam valve. Prof. Lemuel R. Eckels, principal of the Sandy Lake High School, was elected superintendent of the Waynes-burg public schools. Prof. Eckels is a graduate of the State college and of Edinboro State Normal, and was county superintendent of Mercer county for six years.

Deputy Coroner T. O. Hazen, of Sharpsville, has returned a verdict that the child found in the Shenango river recently was murdered by unknown

Dominick Cerena was blown up and

killed. John Stephan, in testing pow-der, poured some in a trail and set the open powder keg down at the end of the trail. He lighted it, and the keg blew up as Cerena was passing. The explosion of a boiler at Hollister & Bowman's colliery at Avoca killed Malachi Cavanaugh and wreck-

ed the building. The Central Trades and Labor conn-cil, at Dubois, has indersed the strike of the men at the Harbison-Walker Refractories Company and asked local

unions to help them. Margaret Barkley, aged 11 years, daughter of John M. Barkley, a farmer, was assaulted by Frank Will, a tramp, while she was returning from the postoffice. The child crawled to her parents' home and her father, accompanied by many neighbors, started in pursuit of the man. He was found secreted in a house nearby and in atsecreted in a house nearby and in at-tempting to escape was probably fa-tally shot by Barkley. The wounded man was conveyed to Craft Postoffice, where a posse of deputies guarded him all night to prevent lynching by indignant farmers who came in from the surrounding country for miles

around. The body which was found floating in the Susquehanna near Safe Harbor was identified as that of John McCoy, 56 years old, of Columbia. McCoy 50 years old, of Columbia. McCoy leit home last Saturday to visit his son at Peach Bottom, but never reach ed that place. He was the father of Clarence McCoy, one of the two young men who were convicted of the murder of Jacob Bostic, a track walker, at Bainbridge, and this preyed heavily on his mind, leading to the belief that he committed suicide by jumping into the river.

The will of Charles F. Yuengling which was admitted to probate in cour at Pottsville, showed large bequests to public institutions. The Pottsville Hospital, the Pottsville Children's Home and the Lutheran and Re formed Churches were given large

sums of money.

Prof. William McComb, of a mid-way show at Shamokin, leaped from a platform 100 feet high, intending to alight in three feet of water. The wind carried him out of his course and his head struck the side of the canvas water tank, causing serious injuries. Benedict Himmel, a well-to-do farmer near Erie, killed his wife and then turning the revolver on himself sent a bullet through his heart. Himmel had been drinking heavily for several days

and frequently quarreled with his wife. He was 65 years old and his wife was a year his senior. Prosper Warg, aged 6 years, was fa-lly burned while mitating a high diver who was in Hazleton recently with a carnival company. Warg satu-rated his clothing with kerosene, as his exemplar of the street carnival had done, and lighting the oil proceeded to dive from the rear porch of his home in a blaze. He screamed in terror and Jennie Bredbenner, a 15-year-old girl,

after sustaining severe burns herself, smothered the flames, Mr. and Mrs. John Koon and the latter's nine-year-old sister, Mamie Ryan, of Pottsville, are believed to be dying from poisoning, the result of eating soused mackerel. The fish was given to the family by a friend, who had also partaken of the same can, but, strange to say, was not affected.

Home, Carlisle, died, aged 78 years. Frank Roth, a farmer near Quakerown, was thrown from a binding machine and sustained injuries that may prove fatal. Fire destroyed a frame barn and its contents owned by A. S. Cadwallader at Yardley. The loss is partially cov-

Christian Rindernecht, who for sev-eral years had charge of the County

ered by insurance. The Socialists of Northumberland ounty held a convention at Johnson ity and nominated A. E. Kramer, place, for register and recorde of deeds, and John L. Shanahan, Mt Carmel, for jury commissioner.

R. A. Marshall, of Shamokin, was flung to the ground after being drag-ged a square by a runaway horse and lost \$120 in addition to being seriously injured. The carriage was smashed and the horse hurt so badly that it had to be shot. Worriment over imaginary troubles as the result of ill-health led Frank Beckley, for twenty years the Phila-delphia & Reading Railway Company's

station agent at Prescott, to cut his throat while mentally deranged. He was found dying in a field some distance from his home. Washington Camp, No. 101, P. O. S. of A., Spring City, celebrated its thirtieth anniversary in Mechanics' Hall, which was crowded with members and friends, Rev. Charles E. Wehler, of Phoenixville, was the speaker of the evening. A banquet followed the entertainment.

Mrs. Charles Scherff, of Philadelphia, fell over a stump in the sidewalk on Main street, in Darby, and the arbitrators awarded her \$700 for her injuries and her husband \$200 for the loss of her society. The borough appealed the case, and it will now be tries by a jusy.