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The possibility exists that the ill-fated engineer may have been asleen.

fated engineer may have been asleep but nothing is known save that the orders were not obeyed. The trains were on time, and were not making over 35 miles an hour, yet the impact as they rounded a curve and came suddenly upon each other was frightful.

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JUDGE PARKER'S LETTER.

Democratic Candidate Issues Formal Acceptance.

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Judge Alton B. Parker's formal letter of acceptance of the Democratic nomination for the Presidency was given out for publication. In stating his position upon the issues formulated in the platform of his party the nominee definitely accepts the challenge of President Roosevelt in relation to executive pension order No. 78. Judge Parker declares if he shall be elected he will revoke that order and endeavor to compass the end desired through legislation by congress.

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Touching upon imperialism at some length the letter declares the power of the President is almost as that of some European

Lockburn by spreading rails. The engine, tender and baggage car were derailed, but the passenger cars remained on the track. None of the passengers was injured. Engineer William D. Simonton of this city, was burned to death under his engine Fireman Frederick W. Kyle, of Columbus, was gratally scalded.

Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron Co., at Birmingham, Ala., found a bottle on the front steps with a burning fuse attached. The bottle contained dynamite enough to wreck the building. The man who found the bottle took the police that he saw a white man run away from the step. A strike of union miners is on at the mines of the company.

Convention of the supreme council, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Free Masons at the closing session of the annual meeting at Boston. The report of the trustees, presented by Gen. S. C. Lawrence, showed invested funds of \$292,090.

The New Hampshire Republicans nominated John McLane, of Milford, for Governor.

low Manufactures.

The increase in exports of manufactures and decrease in exports of agricultural products are discussed at considerable length in a report of the chief of the Bureau of Statistic f the Department of Commerce and Labor. For the first time in the history of the export trade of the United States manufactures exceeded

One Engineer Fails to Take the Siding Assigned to His Train Regularly.

Sixty-two people are dead and over 100 injured, some of them fatally, as the result of a head-on collision between two passenger trains on the Southern railroad near Hodges, Tenn., last Saturday. Disobeying of orders caused the disaster.

The collision was between east-bound passenger train No. 12 and westbound passenger train No. 12 from Bristol. No. 12 was a heavy train, carrying two Pullmans, two day coaches and a mail and baggage car. No. 15 was a light local train. The greatest loss of life occurred in the eastbound train, while in the westbound train only the engineer erw were killed.

Relief trains were dispatched from Knoxville within an hour.

This appalling loss of life resulted apparently from the disregarding of orders given to the two trains to meet at a station which has for a long time been their regular meeting point. The claim of failure to see either the station or signals cannot be set up by the engineer of the westbound train were he alive to see either the station or signals cannot be set up by the engineer of the westbound train were he alive to enter a plea of defense, as the accident happened in broad daylight, and according to the best information obtainable, he had the order in a little frame in front of him as his engine rushed by the station. A mile and the station of him as his engine rushed by the station. A mile and the station of signals cannot be set up by the engineer of the station of failure to see either the station of signals cannot be set up by the engineer of the station of signals cannot be set up by the engineer of the station of failure to see either the station of signals cannot be set up by the engineer of the station of signals cannot be set up by the engineer of the station of signals can

REAL WAR NEWS SCARCE.

Information About Japanese Movements Kept Secret.

Secrecy veils the movements of the Japanese armies in Manchuria, and little that is indicative of developments in the situation is permit ted to reach the correspondents. parently four Japanes parently four Japanese armies are converging upon Mukden, but although the distance to be covered is not great several days are expected to clapse before there ensues a battle with the forces under General Kuropatkin. Improvement in the weather conditions is regarded as advantageous to the Japanese. There is no news from the direction of Port Arthur, though it seems probable that fighting is in progress armies ar of Port Arthur, though it seems probable that fighting is in progress there. There is no confirmation of the report that the Russian cruiser Gromobol has left Vlodivostok in pursuit of a Japanese transport.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

Thomas H. Tibbles, Vice-Presidential candidate of the People's party, has issued his letter of acceptance. The buildings of the Canada Hardware Company, in Montreal, were burned. The loss is \$530,000, insurance, \$385,000.

President Walmsley, of the Manufacturers' Association, declared in a speech that New England would hold her cotton-mill industry.

Fire in the sixth floor of the Christian Peper Tobacco Company's factory, in St. Louis, resulted in the destruction of practically all the stock. The loss is \$90,000.

Fire at the plant of the J. A. Fay and Egan Company, manufacturers of wood working machinery, situated at Front and Jolin streets, Cincinnati, caused a loss of \$200,000.

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PUPILS PLUNGE TO DEATH | NEW YORK DEMOCRATS. | ELECTRIC CAR BLOWN UP

Floor of Vault Gives Way and Many Fall Into Excavation.

NINE BODIES TAKEN OUT.

Accident Happens During Recess-Parents Charge School Officials With Negligence in Affair.

At Pleasant Ridge, seven miles north of Cincinnati, school girls were sufficiented in a

vault during the forenoon recess, and a score of others narrowly escaped the same horrible death.

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During the rest of the day this suburb was wild with mingled excitement, sorrow and indignation, and those openly charging the calamity to official negligence are making serious threats, among them being many women.

The large building is used for a high school, as well as for all lower departments. All of the victims were from primary grades. On opposite sides of the spacious ground in the rear of the school building are two outhouses. When recess was given about 30 of the smaller girls were in the outhouse assigned to them, when suddenly the floor gave way, precipitating them into the vault below.

This vault is 12 feet deep and walled up with stone like a well. There was in it 4 feet of water that would have been over the heads of the children falling in it singly, but those failing first filled up the vault partially, so that others were not entirely submerged.

The girls fell 8 feet from the flooring, and the struggles of those who were on top kept at least nine underneath until they were dead. The frame sheds of these vaults were about 20 feet square without windows, and only one narrow doorway, so that only one girl escaped from the door. She ran into the school building and told the teachers what had happened.

The principal and other teachers rushed to the rescue. The screams of the girls were dimly heard within the vault. The teachers were soon reinforced by the entire population of the town, the rulice and the all threads.

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IRON TRADE PROSPECTS.

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ood. The sale was practically completed several weeks ago, though no announcement concerning it was made until now.

President Miller states that a great demand exists for railway castings, and the company has as many orders as it can till. The company is constantly increasing its capacity and the output of the various concerns is 33 per cent larger than a month ago.

AGITATING HOLY WAR.

Spreading Discontent Among Followers of Budda in Asia.

With the success of the British expedition to Thibet and the protest of Russia against the British-Thibet an treaty some of the Russian papers have become disturbed over the limportance of the Buddhist pilgrimage to Mouran in February.

According to Information from Mongolia the agitation for a holy war noted at the time of the pilgrimage to Ourga, in July last, continues. Wandering I lamas are spreading the agitation not only among the Buddhists in Mongolia, but among the followers of Buddha in the Altai regions of Central China, among the Russian Buriate and even beyond the Siberian borders and in India.

Boston Wool Market.

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Two Trainmen Killed.

Fast freight No. 94 on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad struck a wagon loaded with 750 pounds of dynamite at the crossing, at North Branch, W. Va., four miles from Cumberland, Md. Two persons were killed and eight were injured, three of them seriously. The dead are: C. Walter Whitehair, front brakeman, Brunswick; Nelson Pike, Martinsburg, veteran engineer, scalded all over and internally; lived two hours.

Cuba's Imports Show Increase.

The State Department has received from Minister Squires, at Havana, a table showing Cuba's import trade for the first quarter of 1903. These figures are of special interest in that they cover the first quarter after December 26, 1903, when the reciprocative treaty took effect. There was an increase of \$2.038,200 in the imports of Cuba for the first quarter of Squires, at Havana, a table showing Cuba's import trade for the first quarter of 1904 and for the same quarter of 1903. These figures are of special interest in that they cover the first quarter after December 26, 1903, when the reciprocative treaty took effect. There was an increase of \$2.038,200 in the imports of Cuba for the first quarter of 1904, over those for the same period the Paulican nomination for the Vice Presidency, was made public on the 21st.

GROWTH OF CORN RETARDED.

Weather Favorable in Some Districts, but Too Cool at Night.

The weather bureau's weekly sum-mary of crop conditions is as follows

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For Chief and Company of State, John Pallace, Jr., of Monroe, now a member of the Assembly.
For Attorney General, John Cuncien, of Eric, the incumbent.
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NEWS IN BRIEF.

Ghouls robbed a grave half a century old in Wilmington, Del.

Starch The plant of the Pacific Starch Company at Jackson City, Mich., was destroyed by fire. Loss about \$75,-

Henry H. Rodgers, of New York, is reported quite ill. It is announced that Mr. Rodger's illness is not ser-

Five hundred delegates of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners met in biennial convention in Milwaukee. Seven persons were severely hurt in a street car accident in St. Jo-seph, Mo. Mrs. J. E. Pierpont, of Skidmore, may die.

of \$6,564.

Sir William McDonald, educational philanthropist of Montreal, and James W. Robertson, of Ottawa, Canada, commissioner of agriculture, are making a tour of the Northern States with a view to adding improvements to the system of rural education in the Canadian provinces.

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