# WESTERN TOWN WRECKED

Remains of 23 Victims Scattered Over a Large Area.

PROPERTY DAMAGE IS HEAVY.

Two Cars of Powder Let Go With Appalling Force Near a Little Utah Town.

Two cars of dynamite attached to a work train on the Ogden-Lucin cut-off of the Southern Pacific railroad exploded with terrific force Friday afternoon at Jackson Station, 88 miles west of Ogden, killing at least 23 persons, injuring as many more and destroying large amount of property.

The list of the dead and injured had not been received up to midnight, but it is thought a large proportion of the victims were Greek laborers. Among the known dead are Conductor George Dermody of Ogden and his train crew. It is also reported that a fireman named Burt, with his wife and three

children were killed. The explosion wrecked everything

within a radius of half a mile. Jackson station was used principally as a telegraph station, but a number of cutfit cars were sidetracked at place for the accommodation of workmen and their families. Some of these cars, it is stated, were

close to where the explosion occurred The telegraph operator's house was badly damaged and Operator Taylor and his wife injured.

The accident was caused by a water train running into the two cars loaded with powder. Five locomotives were reduced to scrap iron, and the big steam shovel at Jackson station was completely demolished. As soon as The news of the explosion reached Ogden a special with physicians, nurses and stretchers was burried to the scene.

#### ALBANIANS LOSE 800.

#### Routed, by a Force of Turks Which Was Being Besieged.

The 20,000 Albanians who were be sieging Shemsi Pasha, have been routed, losing 800 men killed and wounded. The Turkish losses are said to be

The situation in the Balkans, espe cially since the revolt of the Albanians in the district of Diakova, province of Ipek, is considered here to be serious. is declared that Austria has 30,000 men ready to invade Albania.

The Albanians are a fierce and war like people, and while nominally subject to Turkey, they are even more fanatical Moslems than the Turks. When the Sultan announced his approval of the Austro-Russian scheme of reform in Macedonia, by which the Christians were guaranteed some measure of protection from Moslem outrages, the Albanians rose up in re volt against any concessions to the demands of the European powers for guardianship of the Macedonians from nder and outrage.

The Sultan sent a large number of troops into Albania to suppress the insurrection, and several engagements bave occurred between them and the

### GAS CLAIMS THREE VICTIMS.

#### Low Pressure Cause of Two Fatal Accidents.

Three people died in Youngstown,

natural gas supply had gone down in pressure and then suddenly came up while they were asleep.
The dead are: Mrs. Lottle Garwood: Alva Garwood, aged 7 years; Miss Eth-el Clarke. The injured are; Miss

Kate Stafford, hands cut and burned; T. Melvin, cut by glass and bruis-Miss Clarke had gone to bed with the gas burning. The low pressure

during the night caused the gas to go out, and when it suddenly came on stronger, she was suffocated. She was found dead in bed this morning. In the other house the gas fire had gone down and the increased pressure later in the morning caused a superheated stove to set the house afire The Nagasaki correspondent of the nearest station

Daily Telegraph expresses the conviction that Russia is quite unable to hold Liao-Tung peninsula, and Port Arthur is bound to fall by the effluxion of time, even without an as-

### FIRE CAUSES \$125,000 LOSS.

#### Two Towns Sent Assistance to Ashtabula During a Blaze.

A fire which started in the drygoods store of M. L. Morrison's Sons, Ashtabula, and which destroyed the dry Over 100,000 Soldiers Said to Have goods store of that concern, caused a loss of \$125,000. Morrison's loss is ed at \$55,000; insurance one-half. In the same block, the Globe company clothiers, suffered a loss of probably \$20,000, with partial insurance. postoffice building was destroyed, with loss of \$20,000. No mail was atroyed, however, The remaining losses are divided among a dozen tenants of the two buildings and are under The fire departments of Geneva and Conneaut sent assistance

### Churches Unite.

Official announcement that the union of the Presbyterian and Cumberland churches had been effected after the labors of the committees repreating the two churches for the past two days, was made in St. Louis, Mo.

### Denied by the Japs.

The Japanese legation in London received an official dispatch from Tokio, naying it was not true that any Japan one vessels had been destroyed so far in any of the various naval engagements. The message also says that the Japanese forces have, up to the present time, made no attempt to land t any point where they could come in ontact with the Russians, and that onsequently all reports of land action ad Japanese losses are untrue. LOSS OF TWO GREAT SHIPS,

Survivor Tella of Destruction of th Yenisel and Boyarin.

A correspondent wires from Tien Tsin, as follows: "At New Chwang I obtained from an officer who survived the catastrophe to the Yenesei the full details of the explosion which destroyed her and of the subsequent loss of the Boyarin in Dainy bay.

"The Yenesei was engaged on February 11, in the task of laying 400 mines and had planted 398. The three hundred and ninety-ninth floated in-stead of sinking. On this the Yenesei drew off and fired at it with her light guns, attempting to sink or explode it. While thus occupied, the lookout man discovered the ship had drifted close

"He gave the alarm and jumped overboard. Immediately there was terrific explosion, 190 officers and including the captain, killed, while 90 more were picked up by boats and saved.

"The officer laying the mines, who was the only man in the Russian fleet having knowledge of exactly how the mines were disposed, was among the

"A violent storm followed, when the mines came to the surface and floated about in all directions. The next day the Boyarin was sent to assist curing them . She was caught in the storm, however, and driven ashore on the rocks, where she became a total wreck.

"The loss of Russian fleet up to date is 11 large ships wrecked or permanently injured. Rumors that Dalny has been occupied by the Japanese are quite untrue. Trains are running all ways from Port Arthur to Harbin, but they are greatly delayed, though the line is strictly gnarded."

#### RUSSIANS REPORTED DROWNED. ice on Lake Baikal Gave Under Trains,

A cable message from Prague, says: announcing that three Russian regi- by the military authorities.

RUSSIAN RAILWAY BLOCKED. DEATH OF SENATOR HANNA

Trans-Siberian Route in Bad Condi tion and Practically Useless for Transporting Troops.

Advices from Siberia confirm the re ports of demoralization in the railway service on the Trans-Balkan section of the Trans-Siberian railway. is great suffering and mortality among men and horses. The government does not choose to suppress the main facts in the case, because it looks largely to philanthropic Russia for relief.

The breakdown of the railway is complete at those points where the grades are steep and curves sharp, and the cuttings narrow. In some places the snow has drifted on the track to the depth of from 10 to 15 feet. The cold is so intense that railway men are pursuing the work of clearing the line under conditions of immense difficulty and hardship.

Ordinarily the time required for a troop train to cover the 6,000 miles be-tween Moscow and Port Arthur is 20 days. Several trains now blockaded to the east of Lake Baikal have already been en route for three weeks. The stock of provisions in Siberia is low and urgent telegrams are reaching St. Petersburg calling for assistance,

The Russian railway and military officials are dealing with the situation with the utmost vigor and assert that all obstacles will eventually be overcome. Their courage is admirable, but not easily understood, since it is known that even in ordinary times eastern Siberia, beginning at Irkutsk, and ending at the Pacific. draws all the necessaries of life from central and southern Siberia or from

European Russia.

Now the military requirement most entirely monopolizes the railway and the price of food has increased in Irkutsk Chita and Kharbarovsk

The municipality of Irkutsk has petitioned the governor general, Prince Mansuroff, to allow at least 20 trains to bring corn and other food to Ir-kutsk. In every town and village all kutsk. An official paper, the "Narodni Listy," the available establishments for the published at St. Petersburg telegram preparation of food have been selzed



MAP OF THE SCENE OF HOSTILITIES BETWEEN JAPAN AND RUSSIA.

ments, numbering 3,000 men, have been drowned while crossing the ice ratiway over Lake Baikal.

of engineers (pioneers) and one corps ing numerous offers of large contribuengineers.

heavy machinery and supplies. The telegram says that while almost in the center of the lake the ice suddenly gave way for a distance of 200 yards and the train plunged down-ward. The handful of survivors succeeded in making their way to the

Such a catastrophe has been expected by the engineers in St. Petersburg. because sudden openings even in the cold weather in the center of the lake have been frequent, and the crossing is always dangerous on account of the varying thickness of the

The three regiments reported lost had been building the ice railway across the lake.

### JAPANESE LINING UP

### Been Landed in Korea

The correspondent at Chemulpo astonishing statement that Japan has already landed 120,000 troops in Korea.

So,000 of whom are extended along the sian government that the Japanese

fighting front, south of the Yalu river. The press attaches the greatest significance to the departure of Viceroy Alexieff from Port Arthur and com-ments upon the sudden throwing of Russian troops into New Chwang, as indicating Russian apprehension that ort Arthur is in danger and that the Japanese attack may not after all be made where it is expected, on the Yalu river. All the reports tend to confirm the impression that Russia

### Russian Torpedoes Destroyed.

According to a dispatch to the Paris edition of the New York "Herald," 400 torpedoes, being two-thirds of Russla's entire available supply of these articles, were destroyed on board the

Russian cruiser Variag at Chemulpo, A message to the London "Times" says: Russia has seized Niuchwang. Fifteen hundred infantry entered the native city Monday. Bands are playing and banners flying. Panic and confusion prevail among the native

### No Foreigners in Jap Army.

Goro Takahira, the Japanese minister at Washington, has officially ad-The regiments comprise two corps vised his government that he is receiv-They carried tions to the war fund from Americans and requests instructions as to the policy of the government in the matter. It is considered probable that Japan will refuse to accept this proffered aid. The Cabinet will consider question and formally instruct Minister Takanira shortly. Many applications for permission to enlist in the Japanese army and navy are coming from various parts of the world All of these applications have been po-

### JAPANESE LOST SHIPS

pan, except as spectators.

ers will be allowed to participate

#### Russians Admit That Japan Has Foothold in Manchuria.

The London Post prints a dispatch from its special correspondent at Port Arthur, saying four Japanese ships were lost in battle in that port last Tuesday night. New man went from Port Arthur to Yen Kow on a special the London "Daily Express" makes the train to file his dispatch, arrived astonishing statement that Japan has Thursday and sent his story by dis-

have succeeded in obtaining a foothold in Manchuria and that the Russian force opposed to them has been unable to keep them back. The admission caused a profound sensation throughout St. Petersburg

A dispatch from Port Arthur states that the Vladivostock Russian squadron, which is reported to have been partly destroyed in the channel be-tween, Yezo island and Nippon while trying to attack Hakodate has little or nothing to expect from been damaged, but evaded the Japanese at every point.

### 600 Russian Soldiers Frozen.

The St. Petersburg correspondent frozen to death while marching across Lake Baikal, Eastern Siberia, correspondent adds that the temporary railroad across the lake is not yet completed, that a large detachment of troops was sent on a 22-mile march over the ice-covered lake and that it is presumed that part of these troops lost their way in a snow storm and

#### Entered Into Politics Late in Life but Rose Rapidly to Leadership in the Party.

Noted Ohio Statesman Passes

Peacefully Away

OUTLINE OF HIS BUSY LIFE.

Marcus A. Hanna, Senator from Ohio and one of the foremost figures in American public life, died at 6:40 o'clock Monday evening in his apartments at the Arlington Hotel, Washington, of typhoid fever. He passed away peacefully after being unconsclous since 3 a. m., at which time the first of a series of sinking spells came on, from the last of which he never rallied. Mrs. Hanna was not at the bedside. During the last hours life was kept in his body only by the use

of the most powerful stimulants. When the end came all the members of the Senator's family were in the room except Mrs. Hanna, the Senator's wife. and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hanna. Hanna had left the room only

a few minutes before. Marcus Alonzo Hanna was born Lisbon, county seat of Columbiana county, Ohio, September 24, 1837. He was a son of Leonard and Samantha Hanna and descended from Quaker emigrants to Virginia and from Scotch Presbyterian settlers in Vermont, His work. father was a physician, and later a merchant of Cieveland, O., whither the family removed in 1.62. Senator Hanna was educated in the public found with the battery as part of a schools of Cleveland, and at the age of 20 he entered the employ of Hanna, Garretson & Co., where his father was senior partner.

In 1084 he was a delegate to the Republican national convention. In 1894-5 began his fight for the nomination and election of McKinley

to the presidency.
In 1896 managed the Republican national campaign that made McKinley

On March 5, 1897, was appointed United States senator by Gov. Bush-

nell to succeed John Sherman. In January, 1898, he was elected for both the short and long terms in the senate, his time to expire on March 4. On January 12, 1904, elected for an-

other term of six years to succeed himself. Was a stockholder in banks, railroads and street railroad companies, a large holder of coal, iron and shipping

interests and with many private hold-Fatal Illness began February 3, 1904. Mr. Hanna was always a friend of labor; during a prostration in the iron ndustries, when all the ore mines in the Michigan region were shut down and the miners' families were in distress, his mine was kept running, and over 150,000 tons of ore piled up on the docks, in order to give employment to

the men and support to their famil-Funeral services were held in the Capitol in the presence of Congress. Prayer was offered by Chaplain Couden of the House and Dr. Hale, chap lain of the Senate, delivered a brief tribute. The remains were then transported to Cleveland for inter-

### SENATOR HANNA'S ESTATE.

#### Estimate of Its Value Is \$8,000,000. Interests in Many Institutions.

The value of the estate left by the bought it from another late Senator Hanna is estimated at camp for \$6. When he left the camp from \$7,000,000 to \$8,000,000. It is the gun was still there. stated that he owned at least 15 per the Ferguson camp when the prisoner cent of the stock of the Cleveland came back and took the gun away. Electric Railway company, capitalized This was about a month before the at \$23,500,000. In additional to being time that Mr. Ferguson was killed and largely interested in vessel and iron he had not seen the gun since. director in the Union National bank, Guardian one, but would not say positively. can Shipbuilding company, and Pittsburg Coal company. He owned the Euclid avenue opera house

### INSURGENTS BOMBARDED

#### Admiral Wise's Ships Retaliate litely, but firmly refused. No foreign-Outrages on Our Flag.

A private message has been the military or naval operations of Jaceived at San Juan, Porto Rico, from San Domingo city, dated February 17. saying an American warship bombarded the insurgents at Pajarito, near These men, however, subserines. quently re-embarked.

The bombardment was in retaliation for the two outrages committed on Americans. Ten days ago a launch from the cruiser Prairie and fired upon set out by the statute an by the troops of one of the Dominican son the case went over. governments and an engineer named Johnson was killed. More recently troops entered the American consul-ate at Samana and forcibly removed Preparations to Meet British Advances wo refugees who were under the protection of the flag. Rear Admiral commanding the United States training squadron, now in the waters Santo Domingo, was from Washington that if reparation could be obtained in no other way he was to enforce it by his shells.

### Japs Are in Manchuria.

The reports that the Japanese have oncentrated about 50,000 troops at Wonson, on the east coast of Korea, the object of entering Manchuria are confirmed,

#### Mine of Pure Glass in Mexico. What is believed to be a mine of

tion was found in a mound of earth. and tests have demonstrated that with simple melting and running into molds the product comes out as clearly as the best manufactured glass in factories. The component parts of the glass the the same as enter into com-

### CROATIANS ON TRIAL

#### Attorneys For the Defense Try to Quash the Indictment,

The trial of Patrovick and Kovo vick for the murder and robbery of Samuel T. Ferguson, September 25th last, began at Washington, Pa., on the 15th. An attempt to squash the indictment was overruled by Judge J. Frank tent that cannot be accurately measured. Taylor. The first day was consumed ured, but is obviously sufficient to neutralize the favorable effect of many

Attorney John Marron, of Pittsburg, opened the case for the commonwealth by reading the indictment. He described the murder, the securing of passage for Croatia by Knowick and Patrovich and the changing of their money at the First National bank in Pittsburg, the capture in England, etc., all details published recently and well known to the public. He concluded as follows:

"We will show that on the morn ing of the 25th of September Kovovich and his companion were met at a spot near the place where the murder was committee by a man familiar to both of them. Kovovick stopped the man, rolled a cigarette (cigarette paper was found near the scene of the crime and asked for a light. We will prove that Kovovich owned the gun found battery and that it by the seen in his possession or that or his confederate. Kovovick had no money when he left the camp about a month previous and had given the gun in part payment of his board to his host."

George Thomas, one of the bosses on the Wabash work, said Kovovich had worked under him in dynamite work. He testified that he saw Kofound with the battery as part of a quantity stolen from the Ferguson

company. Richard Winkler of First National bank of Pittsburg identified Kovovich building operations begin a large de-as one of the two men who had had mand for Iron and steel is expected money changed through him on Octo-He said the men came at an unusual hour, secured passage on the of rails is announced and bids are un first vessel at a high rate and seemed der consideration for terminal im

anxious to get out of the country.

Detective McQuaide told of securing Kovovick and Patrovick in England and he identified money taken from them. A bloody hat, a pair of shoes and a grip, all identified as Kovovick's were displayed also. He told of the the disputed points if possible, on board ship and with the two men. on board ship and gave the details in connection with their return to

The prosecution succeeded in locat Milovar Kovovick on the road where the explosion took place, September 25, when Samuel T. on guson was killed, but they falled to connect him directly with the ownership of the gun which was found on the hillside near the battery. It was claimed by the attorneys for the Com-monwealth that the failure of the witnesses called to testify to the ownership of the gun was a surprise to them, that they had every reason to be lieve that they would testify other-

Michael Rabbick, a boss at the Ferguson work, testified to seeing Kovovick in the camp on the morning of September 24, but had not seen him on September 25. He heard Kovovick and another man talking in front of his shanty and the man asked Kovovick f he was going to treat and Kovovick replied that he had no money

George Kuzmark said that he had been working at the Ferguson camp at the time Mr. Ferguson was killed. He knew Kovovick there and had seen him around the camp. He identified the gun as having belonged to Ko vovick and said the prisoner has man in the He was at said the gun in court looked like the

Trust company, the Peoples Savings All the witnesses for the defense tesand Loan company, of Cleveland and tified to seeing Kovovick in Steuben-Cheveland and Pittsburg railway. He ville, O., on the afternoon of Septemwas a large stockholder in the Ameriber 25, at the time the crime was supposed to have been committed. The all'si, as outlined by the witnesses who testified, was a very pretty one; the Commonwealth attorneys say it is too pretty to be true. It started with a man on the South Side, in Pittsburg, who had been in Steubenville trying to rent a house, and was carried along by three men from Steubenville. An alleged gambler also testified at the afternoon session and said he had lost his post, but his usefulness there had

a lot of money to Kovovick. Milovar Pattrovick will not be tried . San Domingo, and then landed ma- for his alleged part in the killing of Samuel T. Ferguson until the May term of court in Washington county. It was found impossible to finish the trial of Kovovick in time to commence the other trial in the limits of time set out by the statute and for this rea-

### RUSSIA AGAINST ENGLAND.

# in India.

Lieutenant General Ivanoff, Governor General and commander of the Russian troops in Turkestan, has gone Tashkeld with General Sakharoff,

that General Ivanoff has been instructed to prepare for the contingency of er of Allegheny county its progress is military action in the direction of In-being closely watched by Christian dia, in the event of Great Britain workers in every city of importance. adopting an attitude openly hostile to Almost 500 congregations have com-Russia or attempting to prejudice Rus- bined to carry on the work of evangesian interests in Persia and Thibet.

### Michigan Miners' Strike.

The striking miners of Champagne, Mich., marched two miles to Baltic of the Berlin Tagliche Rundschau says pure glass has been found in the and brought up the miners there who that 600 Russian soldiers have been neighborhood of Tampico. The formaminers are very bitter and say wages have been cut without any notice whatever. The stamp mills have scarcely any rock on hand for crushing and will have to close, making about 1,700 men idle.

rural mail delivery in Mercer county. Pa., 26 postoffices will be abandoned.

#### OUTLOOK IS IMPROVING.

G. Dun & Co.'s "Weekly Review

#### Increased Operation of Blast Furnaces Gives Confidence-Foreign Trade is Satisfactory.

of Trade" this week will say: Inclement weather glone prevents a definite revival of business. Outdoor work is retarded and traffic impeded to an exencouraging factors, while winter wheat is threatened, although not yet definitely injured, and early farm pre-parations must be postponed. Several leading branches of manufacture are creasing active capacity and thousands of interior buyers are placing liberal orders at the principal cities. The usual temporary advantages of war are felt in the markets for staple commodities, notably foodstuffs, but while this helps the domestic producer, it harms a much larger number by en-hancing prices to home consumers. There is little friction between em ployer and wage earners, except re garding the bituminous scale, but the cause of industrial peace has lost its oremost champion, Despite interruption by storms, rallway earnings thus far reported for February were only 4 per cent smaller than a year ago, when there was also much severe weather. Foreign trade returns for the last week at this port show an increase of \$1,152,012 in value of exports, as compared with last year, but imports were slightly smaller. Financial conditions are satisfactory, money remaining easy and foreign exchange undiscurbed by complications abroad.

While it appears that the output of plg fron has increased more rapidly than the demand, assuring some ac cumulation of stocks for the month, yet the mere fact that the leading interest has now about 80 per cent of its blast furnaces in operation indicates confidence in the future. When spring and contracts are soon to be placed for Baltimore work. A large tonnage der consideration for terminal provements and rolling stock, the railways recognizing the need of avoiding any further delay. There is still uncertainty regarding the ore situation, oducers failing to agree, and a com

Bradstreets will say: The iron trade is still irregular, in that pig iron is weaker, Southern pig being 25 cents lower, but on the other hand the railways are still taking rails. The other metals are slightly firmer, but lead alone is higher than a year ago.

### INDICTED FOR LAND FRAUDS.

#### Grand Jury Returns True Bills Against Western Promoters,

As a result of the investigation of alleged wholesale public land frauds in many Western States, the Grand Jury of the District of Columbia reported a joint indictment for conspiracy against John A. Benson, a wealthy real estate operato of San Francisco; Frederick A. Hyde of San Francisco; Henry C. Dimond California, an attorney representing Benson & Hyde, and Joost H. Schneid er, of Tucson, Ariz., an agent of Ben-son & Hyde. Schnelder was arrested here this afternoon. The indictment sets forth a number of transactions by which land is said to have been audulently acquired by forgery from the government in California, Oregon

#### Washington, Nevada, and elsewhere, CONSUL DAVIS CHANGED.

### Has Been Transferred From Turke

to the West Indies. William Ross Davis, of Jefferson county O., United States consul at Alexandretta, who had a stirring fight al weeks ago, has been ordered transferred to Martinique, West Indies John F. Jewell, of Illinois, now consul at Martinique, will take Mr. Davis

Mr. Davis' report to the state depart ment at the time of the trouble with the Turkish authorities was that he was grievously assaulted by Turkish gendarmes while looking after the in terests of a naturalized American citizen. An American warship was promptly sent to Alexandretta from Beirut and an expression of regret and an apology was demanded from the Turkish government. It was forth-coming when Mr. Davis returned to evidently been impaired,

### CURRENT NEWS EVENTS.

Dartmouth hall, the oldest building of Dartmouth college, at Hanover, N. H., was burned.

At Edwardsville, Grange shot and killed John E. Lewis, the foster father of his wife.

A treaty of arbitration between Denmark and Holland was signed February 12, to become effective when ratifications are exchanged. contains no limitations in regard to The Hague Arbitration Court,

The ablest evangelists in the coun chief of staff of the military district of try have entered upon the most import ant religious campaign ever conduct It is said in high military circles ed in the United States. While it lization for two weeks.

One of the first large manufactories to signify its intention of locating per manently in Baltimore as a result of the recent fire is the Pittsburg Plate Glass Company, which has already secured an option on a site for a plant.

#### Twelve Hurt in a Wreck. The Florida limited on the Western

& Atlantic railroad, southbound, was wrecked eight miles from Atlanta. The cars were overturned and 12 per-Through the establishment of free sons were injured, two of whom may trial mail delivery in Mercer county, die. The wreck was caused by a brok-

## LOOKED LIKE THEIR FATHER

#### For That Reason Cashler Paid Check to Children's Mother. Resemblance between children and

their parents is more or less marked in every family, but it is rare that such likeness is of particular worth.

The following story is related by a resident of Germantown as an Illustration of how the close resemblance between one of her children and its at a banking institution recognition of

"My husband is a traveling man," began the mother, "and before he de-parted, shortly before Christmas, I needed an extra amount of money for presents. Not having sufficient cash with him, he presented me with a check, payable at one of the downtown banks. I had never before had occasion to go to the institution, and, of course, had no idea that it would be necessary to be identified.

"Taking my three children with me I repaired to the bank, and presented

the paper to the cashler. "'Mr. Blank has an account here, lady,' I was told, 'but it is not customary for us to honor checks unless the party presenting them can establish

"I argued with the official for some little while, trying to prove that I was the Mrs. Blank named on the check, but without avail.

"In an angry mood, not knowing what to do, I was about to take my departure, when I noticed the cashier closely inspecting my children. 'Are they yours, madam?' he asked. 'They are, sir,' I returned; 'why do you ask?' The official hereupon came forth from his booth, and, catching the youngest of the trio by the hand, looking at the same time into the beautiful brown eyes and smiling face, said to me: 'Mrs. Blank, I shall honor your check. I have known your husband for many years, and if this is not his child, I never saw anyone as muca like him in my life."-Philadelphia Telegraph.

#### The Same Old Game.

The closing of various schools for the holidays brought to the city a doting father from an adjoining State, to escort home his pretty seventeen-year-old daughter from a well-known young women's boarding school. When he came with her to the school at the beginning of the term it was understood that she was to apply herself closely to her studies and to have no callers

The fond father was much flattered with the account the principal gave of his daughter, setting her forth as devoted to study and a model of propriety. As he was about to make his adieu she casually remarked: "The child has seen no one-positive-

ly no one-to distract her mind from her books-except, of course, her broth-"Her brothers!" echoed the father in

"Yes, indeed!" replied the principal, "and you must be proud of your five manly sons." "Madam," the father exclaimed, "my

amazement.

#### daughter is an only child?"-Philadelphia Press. She Took Them at Their Word.

Keuka Lake is one of the most attractive of the great chain of lakes in the interior of New York State, Bluff Point at its head is a bold promontory, which rises grandly and impressively. It was upon the banks of this lake that the famous "Jemima Wilkinson" founded a colony nearly three generations ago and announced that she could walk upon the water of the lake. A large crowd gathered to see her undertake the experimut. Turning to her followers she asked: "Have you all faith that I can walk have!" her followers replied." Then there is no use in my undertaking to do so," she replied. "If ye have faith ye shall be saved without my walking

# upon the water."-Syracuse Telegram.

Instincts of a Fire Horse.

Down at Chemical Company No. 2 the wonder is how "Jack" keeps tab on time. He shows that he knows how long an hour is when out being exercised under the saddle. Foreman T. J. Brown was telling about him the other day. "He will stay out an hour and be as gentle as a lamb," said the foreman, patting "Jack" on the neck. "But after he has made the regular number of trips he does his best in a gentle way to inform the rider the hour is up. If the horseman falls to take the hint 'Jack' goes to the stable just the same as if there was no one on his back or not. I don't know whether 'Jack' counts the electric cars or not: at any rate he knows when he has been out an hour."-Washington Post

### From the Same Country.

One does not hear so much about Belgian hares as one did a year or so ago. But the raising of these hares is still both a pastime and an industry. A man who has a prosperous hutch was showing a friend some of the young ones. "And these little dabs of fur are Bel-

gian hares?" "Yes, about three days old." "Huh! They look to me more like

#### Brussels sprouts." A Big Land Sale.

It is said that the largest transaction in land that ever took place in Florida was recently consummated. A firm in Minnesota bought 54,000 acres of timber land, the consideration being \$78 .-000. The object of the firm was, of course, to secure timber that cannot be found in the forests of the Northwest. Millions of dollars of Northern capital has found investment in the South in

a similar way since the war. In the United Kingdom last year 85,500,000 pounds of tobacco passed through the custom house for home