TERRIBLE FATE OF EXCURSION PARTY

Crowded New York Steamboat Catches on Fire in East River--Loss of Life Nearly 1000.

porches and lawns watching the ap-

Pastor's Tale Of Horror. One of the best narratives of the disaster was that of Rev. George C.

wife, Gertrude, and his daughter,

Anna, are among the dead. He said The fire started in the kitchen, in

where the band was playing. Why the captain did not point the boat

crush from the forward part of the

"I believe that the first who fell into

"With my wife and daughter I was

swept over the rail. The fire then looked as if it would get us the next

not keep their holds.
Over The Rail "Like Flies."

fighting to keep alloat.

received by Pastor Haas:

Captain Van Schaik said:

ran ashore there.

made it out in the excitement.
"Wind Was Too Strong."

umped out and waded ashore, and

Woman Appointed Receiver.

Speer, of the United States Court,

appointed Miss Nellie S. Walsh, of

Savannah, receiver of the bankrupt

firm of Krouskess & Co., of Savan-

nah. This is believed to be the first

time a woman was ever appointed to

such a position. Judge Speer, in mak-

ing the appointment, declared that he

made it to show his confidence and

Macon, Ga., (Special). - Judge

Quickest Fire He Ever Saw.

His

F. Haas pastor of the church.

were drowned.

not understand.

New York, (Special).-Flames that [Island and there stopped in the shalsuddenly swept over the excursion steamer General Slocum in the East river, near its junction with Long Island Sound, at 10 A. M. Wednesday, fell with its load of women and childrove hundreds of the passengers to leap overboard, while hundreds more who remained aboard were burned and third decks also caved in Rut to death.

o death.

It seems certain that at least 600

Tracey had gone alongside the burnpersons, mostly women and children, ing steamer and been lashed to her, met death. The number of deaths Many of the passengers were taken off is likely to reach as many as 800. Four hundred and ninety-eight bodies had been recovered at a late hour and divers were at work taking more and divers were at work taking more the steamer. The beached was just off the scalet fever the North Brother Island. The remains of many persons who leaped into the river have not yet been found.

into the river have not yet been found. The fatalities all occured in a brief race with death over a half-mile course which Capt. William H. Van Schaik, of the boat, made in trying to island hastened to the assistance of island hastened to the assistance of the course which capt. Schaik, of the boat, made in trying to beach her on North Brother Island. He succeeded in this attempt, but the fire meanwhile had spread so rapidly that one of the vessel's decks had collasped, killing many, while the flower had destroyed others or driven. flames had destroyed others or driven them to death in the water.

Boat's Officers Arrested.

The captain has been severely criticised for not running the boat ashore when the flames were dis-covered. With five of his men he was

Some of the survivors declare that the life-preservers were rotten and proved utterly uselss when the passengers tried to use them.

About 1,200 persons, members of an excursion party given by St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 232 Sixth street, on East Side of Manhattan, were on board the Genera The greater number of passengers were women and children. All were on their way to Locust Grove, a summer resort on Long Is-

The dangerous Hell Gate rocks had been passed in safety and the steamboat was off the east end of Ran-dall's Island when there was a sudden fire in the forward part f the ves-sel. The overturning of a pot of grease in the boat's kitchen had caused What seemed an explosion fol-

A cloud of smoke and flames shot into the air. Death In Frightful Panic.

Instantly the women became panic-stricken. The crew of 23 men were powerless in the frenzied throng that rushed toward the stern, pursued by the flames. The pressure against the rails was so great that they soon gave way. Forty or fifty persons were almost immediately swept overboard. Captain Van Schaik then headed the boat for North Brother Island

and the harbor craft began picking up the trail of victims and survivors ho continued dropping in her wake by fives and tens, some supported by life preservers, but most of them with-

Out such aid.

Hundreds fleeing from the flames fled to the upper hurricane deck. which, under the unusual strain, together with the burning of its supstanchions, collapsed. One hundred or more were thus precipi-tated to the middle deck, and many of them were thrown bodily into the

blazing hold. Few Could Be Saved.

The steamer's whistle was blowing for assistance, and tugs and other nearby craft answered the call. Before any of the boats could reach the burning steamer, however, the frantic women and children had begun to jump overboard. The current was strong and there are many whirlpools in the channel The boats that always abound in the vicinity picked many persons from the water, but these were only a small number of those struggling in the swift current.

As the fire increased the struggle to gain points of vantage at the stern became frightful. Women and children crowded against the after rail until it gave way and hundreds were had always been able to handle them. pushed off into the river. After this I had no idea that the fire would get there was a steady stream of persons who jumped or were thrown into the water.

That no idea that the life would get away from us this time.

"A fireman came up to me in the pilot-house and said there were fiames."

By this time the shricking whistle of the Slocum had attracted the attention of river craft for a considerable distance around, and tugs and other small boats were rushing to the assistance of the burning steamer. Rows Of Heads In Water.

These small boats rescued all those in the water whom they could reach, many persons struggled and sank before any help could reach In the wake of the Slocum as she hurried upstream was a line of

Few of those saved by the small boats had on life-preservers. At time during the progress of the S was there any good opportunity either to lower the lifeboats or get the lifepreservers out from underneath the seats. This gives an idea of the rapidity with which the flames swept

It was an experience harrowing and terrible, and that any escaped alive seems wonderful.

fell into the water. Through all the panic during that "Just before we got to North Brother Island the fire reached the inferno, with fire and smoke surround ing them, the officers and men of the pilot-house and drove me out wit!! doomed boat remained at their posts. my cap on fire. The steamer went but they were powerless to avert the on the beach bow in about four feet Shore Reached At Last. of water. All the people in the bow

The Slocum got within 50 feet of I followed them.

PINANCIAL.

In New York this week \$1,338,000 of dry goods was marketed and in the

same week last year \$1,777.000. For five months of 1904 bank clear ings in Pittsburg have decreased \$258, 000,000 compared with the same time

in 1003.

J. S. McCord & Co. had a private despatch saying; "W. K. Vanderbilt is expected home on July 10. The Pennsylvania Railroad will then offer to buy half the Ontario & Western made it to show his confidence and Railroad Company's stock if the New pride in the business ability of the Nork Central will take the other half." | women of the South

NEWS IN SHORT ORDER

William A. Snyder, a former evangelist, was arrested in Philadel-phia and confessed that he had obtained money in Maryland towns and elsewhere by raising the amount on

Frederick Warren, of Buffalo, lost \$5,000, the savings of a lifetime, while playing English faro in New York upon recommendation of a friend, whom he attack with a cane.

Warrants have been issued for 87 miners in the Cripple Creek district for complicity in the dynamite outrage at Independence. All are charged with murder.

Gen. Stephen D. Lee and Dr. Ran-dolph H. McKim, of Washington, were the principal speakers at the reunion of Confederates in Nashville,

At Brazil, Ind., a Methodist preaches opened a dance with prayer as a compromise with the young folks who participated in the social event.
Miss Elsie Whelen and Mr. Robert Goelet, of New York, were married at Wayne, a suburb of Philadelphia. Mrs. Martha E. Lunn, aged 61 years,

has been arrested at Elgin, Ill., on the charge of forgery. At Cleveland, O., Mrs. L. D. Allen shot her husband and then herself. She was 20 years old.

Arrangements for the fourteenth one division to another is recom-international convention of the Baptist Young People's Union of America, Moore, of the Patent Office. which will meet in Detroit July 6 to 10, are approaching completion. Levy T. Hannum, a Trenton lawyer,

the forward part of the ship, when we were off One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street. I understand that some fat which boiled over started the blaze captivity. and that the men in the kitchen ran for their lives. At that time most of the women and children were jammed in the rear part of the boat, Mawr, Pa., to Miss Katherine Wil-

loughby.
Lieut. Nathaniel T. Bowers, Enfor the sunken meadows near-by I do "He kept on, and the fresh wind from the Sound drove the fire back through the different decks with lightning rapidity. In three minutes

lightning rapidity. In three minutes from the time the fire started all the decks were ablaze. of Baltimore, in a baccalaureate sermon in Chicago, said that all men are not created equal.

The National Conference of Charities and Corrections began in Portland, Me. "I was in the rear of the boat with my wife and daughter. Women were shrieking ond clasping their children

in their arms. Some mothers had as many as three or four children with them. Death from fire was to be escaped only to die in the water.
"When the fire shot up to the top deck and drove the crowd back the

boat swept along those in the rear. The women and children clung to the railings and stanchions, but could

the water were pushed over. Women and children went over the railings like flies.

instant. I got my wife and daughter out on the rail and then we went overboard. I was in such an excited state port the men while they are prospect- aminers were not made public.

A report issued by the Department of Agriculture shows the immense that I don't remember whether we were pushed over or jumped. When I struck the water I sank, and when destruction wrought throughout the country by the countless enemies to rose there were scores about me the various plants. Dr. Thorne, whose first wife eloped

"One by one I saw them sink around me. I looked around for my with the best man at the wedding, is engaged to be married to Miss Clara wife and daughter, but could not see McCullough, of Toronto, a trained their faces anywhere. They probably sank as soon as they struck the water. With a great effort I managed to keep The operation of laminectomy was

performed in Philadelphia or Charles afloat, but my strength was about Bender, whose neck was broken in an accident at a baseball game.) gone when a man on a tug picked me The following telegraphic message The Chicago Federation of Labor from President Roosevelt has been Roosevelt to send federal troops to

the Colorado strike regions. "Accept my profound sympathy for yourself, your church and your con-The account of the referee providing for the distribution of the Platt estate gives his widow (now Mrs. Margaret 1. Graves) \$8,000,000. Louis B. Matheny, a notorious crook

"I did the best I could according to my experience. We had had fires on the General Slocum before, and wanted for postoffice burglaries, was arrested at the Gravesend track by Thirty premen were overcome by tobacco sn:oke and liquor fumes while

fighting a fire in Holtz's cafe, in New on the lower deck. I started to go toward One Hundred and Thirty-William A. C. Miller, a prominent lumberman, of Detroit, Mich., com-

fourth street. I was warned off by mitted suicide in the basement of his the captain of a tugboat, who shouted Anton Czerminiski was instantly killed and Burto Elen fatally injured to me that the boat would set fire the lumber yards and oil tanks.

Besides I knew that the shore there an explosion in a dyehouse in Chicago. was lined with rocks, and that the During a quarrel over a small matboat would founder with all hands ter in Girardville, Pa., Thos. Thomp-

"The only place where I could beach son shot and killed Philip Curley. her safely was at North Brother Island, and I started there. A fresh The Eric Raifroad made a second! reduction of to per cent. of its working force in the shops.

E. A. Streavig, editor of the Cape

The Declaration of Independence

Arthur M. Buarpre, recently apfire was in the woodwork under forward boilers on the port side, pointed United States Minister Argentina in succession to John Bar- text it is false. Freedom is something rett, arrived at Buenos Ayres. I held for North Brothers' Island,

expecting to beach the Slocum side-ways. I had sent some of the crew York and the New Orleans Ex- There are no equals in this universe changes. below to fight the fire, and thought United States Minister Squires artacy could hold it, but the wind was too strong. Then they began to jump Hayana.

Overboard. The rail of one of the A new rived at New York on the steamer A new dormitory was presented to decks gave way and a lot of people

Princeton University by the class of Foreign.

A hitch occured in the negotiations for the release of Perdicaris by the due to the refusal of Great Britain

The French Chamber of Deputies appointed a committee to investigate the charge that \$400,000 was offered to the son of Premier Combs to se-cure authorization for the Chartrusian monks to remain at the Grand Chartreusq. King Victor Emmanuel handed to

the British Ambassador and the Brazilian Minister his decision as arbitrator between Great Britain and Brazil in the Guiana frontier question. A deputation from the International Women's Congress was received in Berlin by the Empress.

MR. EDISON NOT SUSTAINED

The Leone

Charged Patent Office Examiners With incompetency.

Connection With the Great of a United

QUARREL WAS ABOUT A BATTERY

States Patent to Ernest W. Junger, for Reversible Galvanic Battery." Washington, D. C., (Special).-Regarding the charges of Thomas A. Edison against two examiners in the Patent Office in connection with the grant of letters patent for an electrical

invention by Ernest W. Jungner, the Secretary of the Interior has approved

an opinion rendered by Assistant At-

torney-General Campbell. The opinion holds that nothing is shown in Mr. Edison's petition that involves any cause for the exercise of supervisory authority at the hands of the Secretary, and for that reason the Secretary is advised that the Commissioner of Patents should be left to his own discretion in dealing with this matter.

The transfer of the examiners from

Mr. Edison charged "incompetence, neglect of duty and maladministration who is legal representative in this country of Ion Perdicaris, has received a letter from him written in the country of Ion Perdicaris, has received a letter from him written in the country of Ion Perdicaris, has received a letter from him written in the country of Ion Perdicaris, has received a letter from him written in the country of Ion Perdicaris, has received a letter from him written in the country of Ion Perdicaris, has received with the grant of the country of Ion Perdicaris, has received a letter from him written in the country of Ion Perdicaris, has received a letter from him written in the country of Ion Perdicaris, has received a letter from him written in the country of Ion Perdicaris, has received a letter from him written in the country of Ion Perdicaris, has received a letter from him written in the country of Ion Perdicaris, has received a letter from him written in the country of Ion Perdicaris, has received a letter from him written in the country of Ion Perdicaris, has received a letter from him written in the country of Ion Perdicaris, has received a letter from him written in the country of Ion Perdicaris, has received a letter from him written in the country of Ion Perdicaris, has received a letter from him written in the country of Ion Perdicaris has received a letter from him written in the country of Ion Perdicaris has received a letter from him written in the country of Ion Perdicaris has received a letter from him written in the country of Ion Perdicaris has received a letter from him written in the country of Ion Perdicaris has received a letter from him written in the country of Ion Perdicaris has received a letter from him written in the country of Ion Perdicaris has received a letter from him written in the country of Ion Perdicaris has received a letter from him written in the country of Ion Perdicaris has received a letter from him written in the country of Ion Perdicaris has received a letter from him written in the country of Ion Perdicaris has received a letter from him wri W. Jungner, for reversible galvanic battery No. 738,110, dated September 1, 1903."

James King Clarke, the former hus-band of Miss Esther Bartlett, the "violet bride," was married in Bryn of his applications and the parent application of Junguer, and asserted that the declaration of this interference In a free fight at Brands Springs, Ga., Bert Smith, while shooting at someone clse, hit and killed John L. Smith, his step-grandfather.

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The whipping-post has been revived n Lexington, Ky.

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Mrs. Lawrence C. Philpps, wife of the Pittsburg millionaire who kidnapped their two children, indignantly denies the charges he made, and says she will fight the divorce proceedings and also for the custody of the children.

Hannah Elias, the negress, who was released on habeas corpus on the charge of extorting blackmail from John R. Platt in New York, told of her efforts to refine herself and conceal her color.

The Western Federation of Miners will establish a new mining camp in New Mexico for all the union men deported from Colorado and will support the men while they are prospect.

\$1,160,000 FOR MR. MENGIES.

Fitzgerald. New York, (Special) .- By the fiat of a jury in Part 6 of the Supreme

Court, Brooklyn, Morris C. Menges, promoter, formerly of Baltimore, was raised to the rating of a millionaire. In round figures the jury's award is \$1,112,000, and this sum Gen. Louis Fitzgerald is ordered to pay as compensation to Mr. Menges rendered in connection with the taking over by the Fuller syndicate, of which General Fitzgerald was a member, of the Western Maryland Railroad. To the original claim of \$1,000,000 is added interest for 23 months and also

As conditions stand, however, Mr Menges is a millionaire in name only. for immediately after the verdict was announced counsel for General Fitzgerald, though denied a new trial, were granted a stay of 60 days, pend ing which the papers will be prepared for the appellate division, to which the case will be carried.

GOD NOT A SOCIALIST.

Gunsaulas Terms Declaration of Independence an Interesting Falsebood.

Chicago, (Special). - Dr. Frank Gunsaulus delivered the baccalaureate address at the Auditorium to the graduating class of Armour Institute "There was never a more interestshe hurried upstream was a line of land, and I started there. A fresh little black spots marking the heads breez was blowing.

"I looked back and saw that the May Wave, was drowned in the surf was the work of an hour of intense excitement. and on every national anniversary this phrase is misquoted to because when it is taken from its conto be won. Men are not born free There was a sensational upward Every power into whose control a government in cotton on the New man comes is a conquered freedom

Innocent Man in Prison.

Kansas City, Mo., (Special).-William Merrill, aged 60 years, surrender ed himself to the police here, saying he had killed John Edwards, a railway brakeman, at Deer Lodge, Mont., 15 years ago. A man named Murphy had been sentenced to life imprison Brigand Rensuli. It is believed to be ment for the crime, and is now serv ing time in the Montana Penitentiary and the United States to guarantee the carrying out of the conditions. quarrel over money.

Rossian Losses Stated.

St. Petersburg, (By Cable),-The following official statement of Russian losses in the war has been issued: Navy-Forty-four officers and 920 men killed; 13 officers and 220 men wounded.
Army-Thirty six officers and 980

men killed; 103 officers and 2,080 men rounded. Taken Prisoners-Twenty officers and 606 men.

Totals-Killed, 1.980 men; wounded 2,416; prisoners, 716; grand total, canal snall ditional pay.

LIVE WASHINGTON AFFAIRS.

Army Declines Navy's Offer. postponed until next fall the con sideration of the question of control of wireless telegraph systems operating on the coasts of the United States. The army members of the board informed the nava! members that they were not ready to make a report at this time, owing to pressure of other duties. The proposition came up in a request of the Navy for the co-opera-tion of the Army for the control of wireless systems, to be under the direct supervision and management of the Navy. While the army officers of operating a satisfactory system of began to retreat along the Baimatgu-wireless telegraph at different points, Tsaichou road. which it was proposed to use as a part of the Signal Corps' regular work. The indications are that the Army is in no hurry to accede to the proposi-tion of the Navy.

Islands for Filipines.

When William H. Taft, Secretary of War, greeted the 43 distinguished Filipinos constituting the Honorary Board of Philippine Commissioners to the World's Fair he took for his to the World's Fair he took for his text "The Philippines for the Filipi- Cheng and on the Kaiping road. nos," He said he intends to visit the Philippines next year for the purpose of seeing what progress is being made

in the government of those islands.

The intelligent body of Filipinos who are now the guests of the nation were early in the morning received at the War Department by Secretary Taft, formerly Civil Governor of the Philippines. After the receiption, at which some highly interesting speechthe native commissioners, and by Secretary Taft, the party was turned over to the several officers of the army detailed to show them this city. At 2 o'clock in the afternoon they were entertained at luncheon by the President, and following the luncheon the visitors were given a reception by Mrs. Roosevelt, when they were formally presented to officers of the army, navy, Marine Corps and to many distinguished officials of the United States.

Canary Lands Are Costly.

In a report to the Department of Islands, says he thinks that nowhere

11. Evans, driver. n the future. The Government also avoid international entanglements, the as sent an experienced horticulturist o see to the cultivation, and what mprovements can be made, so that at some future day Spain may be in-dependent of Cuba in regard to certain qualities of tobacco that are at present mated between two and three months bought there.

Appeal to the President.

President Roosevelt received a tele gram from W. D. Haywood, secretary of the Western Federation of Miners, urging him to institute an investigation of the present serious condition of affairs in the Cripple Creek mining district of Colorado

Beyond the mere statement that he telegram had been received and that no answer yet had been sent to it, no official information is obtainable at the White House. What action, if any at all, the President may take is

not even intimated. At least twice heretofore in the last six months the President has been requested to interfere in the Colorado troubles, but declined, after mature consideration, because he had no legal power to take action in the matter. is regarded by those in close touch with him to be unlikely that the President will interfere in any way with the action of the constituted au-horities of the State of Colorado.

Chinese Government's Regrets.

Secretary Hay received a call from Mr. Chow Tszchi, the first secretary of the Chinese legation here, who expressed the deep regret of his government at the reported killing near Niuchwang of the American newspaper correspondent Etzel by Chinese soldiers, who suspected him of being a pirate. The legation has received no details, but was able to assure Secritary Hay that his government would make all proper amends for the un-fortunate affair if the reports were

New Office for Mr. Cochran.

President Roosevelt announced the appointment of William E. Cochran, tow chief postoffice inspector, to be purchasing agent of the Postoffice Department, an office created at the last session of Congress. The appointment takes effect July 1. The salary of the office is \$5,000 per year. Mr. coming ignited, exploded with ter-Cochran's successor has not yet been rific force. The shock was felt over a considerable portion of the city.

Congressional and Departments.

Attorney General Knox will resign from the Cabinet in a few days and will be succeeded by Mr. Moody, the present secretary of the navy.

Ambassador Powell Clayton says the relations of the United States with

Secretary Taft decided that army officers serving on the Isthmus of Panama in construction work of the canal shall receive 50 per cent. ad-

Mexico were never more friendly than

RUSSIANS LOST 800 MEN

The joint army and navy board has Reported to Have Walked Into Japan ese Trap.

MUCH SKIRMISHING IS REPORTED.

After Slight Fighting the Japanese Made False Retreat, the Russians Hotly Following Them, When the Japanese Made a Flank Movement Catching the Russians in a Trap-The Russian Losses are Placed at 800 Men.

Niuchwang, (By Cable).-Information was received here at 10 o'clock families. The Routs lived at Bedford general staff advising against mate the Russians' southward movement to relieve Port Arthur, was attacked southeast of Shungnmao.

After slight fighting the Japanese made a false retreat, the Russians with farmers. There had been compared and cable lines operated in or to and from the United States. General Greeley also points out that the Signal Corps is now introducing and operating a satisfactory wireless teles. P. M. through heretofore reliable eight miles from Bryantsville, and the

Japanese Outposts Active.

Liao Yang.—The Japanese are re-ported to be fortifying Laodun (which cannot be located on available maps), and along the railway from Pu-Lan-Tien to Tandzafan. Japanese scouts are constantly skirmishing with Rus-sian cavalry south of Vafandian. Demonstrations by criusers off Kai-Siuyen, which is being fortified. Jap-anese scouts have been seen at Hai-General Kuroki remains at Feng-Wang Cheng, where the fortifications have been strengthened. The Japanese have retired from Saimatze, which has also been abandoned by most of the inhabitants ewing to the complete

ing Aiyanyamin Lines Close About Port Arthur. Liao-Tung. - A Russian corres-pondent and two officers who escaped from Port Arthur arrived here. They say that for four days they were crawling through the Japanese lines, the Japanese having picketed all roads at intervals of fifty yards. The fugi-tives traveled mostly at night and kept to the hills. They were greatly

exhaustion of supplies. Japanese

forces are also reported to be occupy-

exhausted. They caught a hospital train leaving Vafandian, which also brought a number of men wounded in skirmishes along the railway. Most of the wounded are recovering rapidly, many of them have been awarded the

St. George's Cross.

The refugees say that Port Arthur Consul Berliner, at Teneriffe, Canary quantities of supplies before the railway was cut.

else in the world is land held at as high figures as there.

He declares good lan I with water facilities has been sold at \$4,866 an acre. The Consul says that in order to help the farmers the Spanish Government has compelled the tobacco regie in Spain to take from the Capital S the deal by which Japan became the owner of the submarine was consumago, everything was done to throw off

MOODY TO GET KNOX'S PLACE.

Many Changes in President Roosevelt's Cabinet Are in Prospect.

when the latter retires from the cabinet, and will serve a short time

and then retire.
This, it is understood, has been determined on almost specifically. It is not expected that the change will recently been made to blow up the taken place until some time in the Church of St. Anthony, which is in fall, possibly December, but Mr. charge of Franciscans. A stick of Moody will then leave the navy department. After a short term at attorney general he will carry into effect his announced purpose of resuming his law practice. How long he was attached led to the discovery of

justice that will be created by Mr. ed an expression which might have de-Moody taking up private practice will streyed the building and caused be filled by someone not yet under consideration, but it is hinted that a strong possibility will be Henry M. Hoyt, solicitor general of the department, and a close personal friend of Attorney General Knox.

HAVOC FROM NATURAL GAS. One Man Killed, One Patally Hurt and House Collapses in Explosion.

Bradford, P., (Special).-In a natural-gas explosion one man was killed. another fatally injured, the home of R. L. Sheckles was wrecked and propcrty valued at \$11,000 was destroyed. several persons had narrow escapes om death.

Lawrence and Nutting, both car-penters, had been employed to re-peir the interior of the Scheckles ouse. One was under the building and is is supposed that he accidentally broke the gaspipe connections. A column of gas accumulated, and, be-

Three lajured in Wreck. Minneapolis, Minn., (Special).-As

a result of a collision between a heavily loaded excursion train on the Minneapolis and St. Louis railroad and an empty Northern Pacific passenger train three passengers were injured and several more or less shaken up. There were 700 pesons on the excursion train. The train was a Minneapolis and St. Louis special which left St. Paul on an excursion to choly. Mrs. Geleman lives near Phila-

DUEL IN THE STREET.

Three Men Killed and Two Hart in

Bryantsville, Ind., (Special). Three men are dead and two wounded one fatally, as the result of a pistof fight on the streets of this village. The dead are James and Charles Rout and Milton Tow. James Tow is fatally wounded, and Frank Tow is badly

The fight was the culmination of

feud between the Rout and Tow

hurt.

for. Two weeks ago at a social aft fair the hostility between the two families had been rekindled by a fancied insult to Charles Rout by a young woman who favored one of the Tow boys. Hostilities were averted at the time, but the Rout brothers and

had come to "even things up."

Five minutes after the Routs reached town they were seen approaching an election booth. The Tow brothers stood about 10 feet apart, awaiting the arrival of the Routs. There is a dispute as to whether there were any words before the shooting began, and it is also in doubt as to who fired the first shot, but it seemed to be recog-nized by all the participants that it was a fight to the death. Each of the five men drew a revolver, and each sidd advanced, all firing. The men were not 15 feet apart when the firing ceased. On the ground the two Rouf brothers and Milton Tow lay dead. James Tow was prostrate, fatally hurt, and Frank Tow, though able to stand had a bullet in his arm and another in

his side .

The crowd had scattered hastily began, and none of when the shooting began, and none of the bystanders was struck, although more than 25 shots were fired.

The wounded were taken to a store and their wounds dressed. Teh three dead were laid side by side on the counter to await the arrival of the coroner and officers from Bedford. There is intense excitement here.

Bedford, Ind., (Special).—Sheriff Smith and three deputies left here for Bryantsville, on receiving news of the fatal shooting which resulted in the death of the two Rout boys. the death of the two Rout boys.

DIED IN HIS CHAIR.

Abner McKinley's End Came Suddenly at Ith Home in Somerset.

Somerset, Pa., (Special). - Abner McKinley, brother of the late President McKinley, was found dead in a chair at his home at 8 o'clock A. M. His death came without warning to his family. His colored servant, who regie in Spain to take from the Capary Islands each year for the next our years 220,000 pounds of tobacco. It present the crop amounts to 132. as he did not waken his servant. Mrs. McKinley walked into his room at 8 o'clock and found him sitting in a chair cold and apparently dead. physician was summoned, who said death had probably occurred two or

three hours before. Mr. McKinley's death was due to Brights disease, which developed shortly after the death of his distinguished brother three years ago. Since then Mr. McKinley has devoted nearly all his time in a vain attempt to overcom: the fatal malady, consulting the most eminent physicians and Washington, D. C., (Special).—Secretary Moody will become attorney Tampa, Fla., where he had been for six weeks, and placed himself under traveling from one climate to another. the care of Dr. Henri I. Marsden.

Attempt to Wreck Church.

St. Louis, (Special).-It became known Monday that an attempt had will stay in the cabinet as attorney the fuse and the dynamite. The fuse are the carranged that if the candle had burned for a certain time it would have ignited the fuse and caus-

Government Case Failed.

New York, (Special). -- United States Commissioner Shields discharged from custody Edward F. Mc-Sweeney, former Assistant Commis-sioner of Immigration at this port, who was charged with the larceny of certain papers alleged by the immigration officials to be official. In his very brief opinion, Commissioner Shields decides the Government failed to make out a case of even probable cause and discharged the accused. The charge against McSweeney attracted considerable attention when made in

Heir of Cecil Rhodes.

Asheville, N. C., (Special) .-- Mary Virginia Rhodes, one of the heirs to Cecil Rhodes' estate in South Africa, has been found in Asheville. now Mrs. Virginia Rhodes Baker and a missionary Mrs. Baker is about 45 years old

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Odessa, Mo., (Special) .- L. H. Gehman, president of Odessa College, was unconscious in his apartments in the college building. He had shot himself in the region of the heart, and it is believed will die. President Geh-man was born in Philadelphia 70 years ago, and for to years was supintendent of the schools of Fruitland, Md. He came here four years ago. He had frequent periods of menin-