BY HOLMAN F. DAY. Rip and snip and a flutter and flirt—
The morning mail is in:
The typewriter's rack-tack right and left
With brusque, staccato din.
Order and tally, statement and bill,

Credit, receipt and dun; He slaps them open with hasty hand, Assorting them one by one.
"Respected Gentlemen." "Honored Sirs," Formal and smug and trite,

Empty phases of business life To start the letters right. "Sincerely yours," and "with respect,"
"Obedient servant," too! Satire tucked in a rebate claim Or angry threat to sue.

Down through the thick of the stack he

With the business snarl on his brow There is never a smile in a postman's bag You'd imagine, to see him now. But under a letter of formal cut And sickly commercial hue, Here is a missive that's trimly plump, With envelope honest blue.

And he opens the flap with a careful hand,
He pushes the others by;
The faltering lines and the faded ink He studies with softened eye. There's truth in the words, "My precious

For they're penned by a mother's hand, And there's something else between the

His heart can understand. Forgetting the cares of the business day And the roar of the city's throat. His thoughts go back to the farm the

He reads what mother wrote.
"We all are well, and your father's smart, He's down in the woods to-day: 'Tell Joe I'm filling the woodshed up, He said as he went away.

Ask him if ever he's found a spot That's quite so cosy and snug As the corner in front of our fireplace

With his back on the braided rug Tell him there's plenty of birch and beech That's hankering now to burn, 'And lots of things in the bins downstairs Waiting for his return.'

I've had fine luck with all preserves And all my pickles, too.

The house is full of the smell of spice!

Sniff hard at this paper." True! He closes his eyes on the office walls, And the perfume the letter brings Whispers of jars on the cellar shelves And apples in festooned strings. He scents the savor of autumn fields And the fragrance of heaped up mows,
The soicy waftings from cellar bins
And the dewy breath of cows.
Then down at the end there's the same

sweet thrill He found in the words above: "Come when you can, our precious boy.
From mother, with all her love."
And somehow the tasks of the busy day Are full of snarls and frets; His thoughts are slow, and things move

wrong, He blunders and he forgets. For the call of home is in his ears, In his eyes the old home place: In his heart the yearning for two old folks Who are longing to see his face.
'And he heaps on his wondering partner's

The whole of the business pile. "You must run it a week, old man!" he

"I'm down with the folks a while."
-Youth's Companion.

-:- CUPID, -:-**CHAUFFEUR**

EUF! Teuf! Teuf! Teuf! Hrrr! Wough! The automobile ceased its mononce or twice and subsided into a state of silence, and, alas! immobility. In a moment the chauffeur was off his seat, and poking graph staffs at Eucla. Until three about in the machinery. Then he went | months ago no one engaged in its prohis hat.

she's broke down an'll have to go to which we can only print a page at a the shop. I'm sorry, but you'll have to time. No pecuniary benefit is derived

two hours to see Washington before auto for me?"

The chauffeur glanced around him. "Oh, 'yes'm," he said. "Of course. There ought to be some here on the

it's for hire."

The man looked doubtfully at the machine indicated. "Don't think so, miss," he answered. "That's a private machine, or I miss my guess; still, I'll ask." Leaving the girl he walked over to the curb and addressed the young man sitting on the box of a handsome automobile.

No one familiar with the new horseless vehicles would for one moment crude supplies for the manufacturing have supposed that the one in question was for hire. "Racer" appeared are staple articles, and others are just in every line of its build and costliness in the exquisite nicety of its construction.

That anything but an instant negative would be the answer to his query "whether that machine was for hire?" had never passed his brain, so his astonishment may be guessed when the young man on the box started, glanced at the girl still sitting in the injured doubt this branch of trade will soon vehicle a short distance away, flushed develop into an important factor in deeply, and replied in the affirmative. the exports from the Amazon region. Then, without waiting for further explanation, he promptly ran his machine to the side of the other, and halted to permit the girl to climb in. The next moment they were swinging down the

avenue at a lively gait. The girl leaned forward. "Ahem!" she said. "Did the other man tell you where I wanted to go?"

"Said you wanted to see the city, ma'am," returned the young man, respectfully, but in a curiously muffled tone. He had kept his head averted, almost as if he wished to conceal his features-a wish-if it were a wish-in which he looked at the machine but not at the driver.

When the chauffeur spoke she started and glanced curjously at him, as though his voice struck some dormant command of city conveniences through chord in her memory. "Yes," she said. "I do want to see the city, but I try houses more valuable.-Marshal want to get to the depot by three Halstead. o'clock. My train goes out then."

"Yes'm. I'll get you there in time Going East, ma'am?"

Again the girl looked at him curious- are considered quite dowdy. All is fun ly. "Yes," she answered slowly. "I'm on my way to college."

"Oh-er-you believe in the higher education of women, then?" The girl's eyes were dancing with

fun now. "Under certain circumstances," she said. "Is that the Capi-"Yes'm, that's the Capitol. Under certain circumstances. What circum-

seventh in the world's shipping. stances for instance?"

"Oh, a stepmother at home, for in-How many Senators are stance. there?

"Three hundred and eighty-six, I be lieve. A stepmother might be a terror to some girls, of course, but most of them can get away from one home to another, without going to college." "How? By the way, is that the

library?" "Yes. Why, of course, most girls have-have-can marry." The man was speaking eagerly now, but he still kept his face turned away and threw the words over his shoulder.

"Married! Whew! That's a very radical remedy. It might be worse than the other trouble. How many books are there in the library?"

"Two or three million, I believe. Oh, no! You wouldn't find it so, I'm sure. Think of growing into a spectacled old maid! All college girls do, you know. Then think of that young fellow just longing to make a home for you-"

"What building is that?" "That? Oh, the Patent Office or the Pension Office or something! Think

"But suppose the girl has sent him away?" "Then let her whistle him back and

see whether he won't come.' The girl glanced at the broad back of the man before her, while her shoulders quivered with silent mirth. Then she puckered up her lips and deliberately emitted a clear, soft whistle. The effect was magical. Instantly

the chauffeur swung around in his seat and faced her. "Bessie!" he exclaimed, "do you mean it?" The girl smiled at him, though her eves were dewy. "Of course I do, Frank," she said. "I never thought you would go away as fast as you did just for a word. No! No! Keep

really necessary from where you are.' "And you knew me all the time?" "Of course! The minute I really ooked at you. But you'll make me miss

your seat. You can say all that's

my train." "Train? No train for you! I'll not take any chances now. Your interest in the city may have lapsed, but here's the City Hall. Shall I go in and get a marriage license, or-will you go in with me?"

He had sprung from the seat and stood holding out his hands, the light of love pleading in his eyes. "Won't you go in with me, Bessie?" he asked

again. For an instant the girl hesitated; then she took the proffered hand. "Yes, Frank," she said softly. "I will go with you now and always."

"Bless that old gasoline rattletrap that broke down with you," he cried. "It must have been one of Cupid's upto-date chariots in disguise.-Crittenden Marriott, in San Francisco Call.

Printed For Pleasure Only. The little town of Eucla, which is the junction of the South Australian and West Australian telegraph systems, has a newspaper of its own, the first number of the Eucla Recorder having made its appearance last month. The editor, in sending a copy of his journal to an Adelaide contempory, says: otonous chant, coughed "The paper has been written and printed, without any professional assistance, by the members of the South Australia and West Australia Teleto the door of the carriage and touched duction had seen a printing press or type letters, and the press we have is "Beg pardon, miss," he said, "but one of the smallest obtainable, with get around the city some other way." | by any person connected with the pub-The girl on the back seat-a tall, lication of the paper, the work being handsome blonde with the bluest of done in order to promote good feeling blue eyes-uttered an exclamation. among the residents of Eucla, and to "If this isn't too bad! And I've got just assist in turning to account some of our spare hours. The total population my train goes: Can't you call another of Eucla is forty; this includes four females and seven children, and we hope we can lay claim to the position of being the smallest community in Australia which prints and publishes stand now, only there ain't. But I'll a paper entirely for pleasure. We are go in an' telephone for one right all Australian natives under twentyfive years of age, and the production "Do! Or stay, there's one waiting of this paper is a little evidence against at the postoffice door now. Maybe the cry we often hear that Young Australia is rapidly deteriorating."-Pall Mall Gazette.

Crude Drugs of Brazil. A conspicuous feature of the rapidly expanding trade between the Amazon region and the United States is the growth of the drug trade. Brazil produces a long list of medicinal herbs, roots, berries, beans, balsams and other chemist and perfumer. Many of these becoming known to the trade. Heretofore not much importance has been attached to this line of exports, but latterly manufacturers have turned their attention to this region as a source of crude supplies. With the largely increased and growing demand for these products local merchants have become interested, and without -K. K. Kenneday.

Influence of Automobiles. One of the points of interest in the motor-car or automobile development is the fact that there is a tendency by people who have fine country houses for sale to advertise them in first-class motor-car journals, the increase of these advertisements indicating not only that the class of periodicals mentioned may become the natural medium for such advertisements, but that the facilities offered by up-to-date automobiles for traveling long distances quickly and easily and without regard to fixed time-tables, increasing the radius of a neighborhood and possibilities of combining with country life a accessibility to them, are making coun-

The Jolly Modern Wedding.

Weddings are much jollier things than they used to be. No tears! They and light heartedness. How different from the old style of things! The change is typified by that which exists between the heavy, old-fashioned wedding breakfast and the light-very light sometimes-refreshments of to-day .-London Truth.

Japan's Mercantile Fleet. The mercantile fleet of Japan ranks

JAPANESE SUFFER LOSSES

Russians Repulse Charges on the Yalu River.

ALEXIEFF IS NOT TO RETIRE

Mikado's Troops Still Crossing the Yalu-Mobilization of Japanese Army Nov Going On-Koreans Aiding the Japs-Russla is Strengthening Her Navy -Manchurian Railway Blown Up.

St. Petersburg.-The crossing of the Yalu River by the Japanese forces did not impress the Russians, in view of reports of ensuing Japanese reverse. These reports caused an all-round rise in prices on the Bourse. But so far there has been no confirmation of them

The general staff believes that one of the Japanese columns while attempting to cross the Yalu River at Turenchen suffered severe loss, owing to unexpected shelling by a Russian battery from the opposite bank, which de stroyed the Japanese pontoons.

The Japanese, the general staff says, tried to cross the river at six or seven different points, and succeeded only at one point.

It is said that the Czar, replying to Viceroy Alexieff's application for leave to retire from the Far East, has telegraphed his refusal, adding that he hoped the Viceroy would be able to send good news soon. Feigner, the most celebrated tenor of

the Imperial Opera, who is an officer of the naval reserves, has been called to "the colors."

The draft of the treaty under which American and Russian firms can sue in their respective countries, in regard to which Ambassador McCormick has been negotiating, has been received from Washington and laid before the Foreign Office. As it is no longer possible to obtain its ratification during this session of the American Congress, Mr. McCormick will probably allow the treaty to take its normal course.

Still Crossing the Yalu. Paris .- A dispatch to the Temps from St. Petersburg says:

"The Japanese continue to cross the Yalu River in small squads. The Russian tactics seem to be not to seriously oppose these preliminary movements.
"The staff of the Ministry of Marine gives credence to, but does not positively confirm, the report that the Vladivostok squadron sank two Japanese transports bound for the Island of

Japan's Third Army. London. - It is announced from Shanghai that the third Japanese army now mobilizing will comprise the Fifth Division, from Hiroshima; the tenth, from Hinieju, and the eleventh, from Zentsuuji. Preparations are on foot to mobilize a fourth army should it become necessary.

The Tientsin correspondent of the Standard sends a report that 4000 Russians are harassing the Chinese villages west of the Shuang-Tai-Su River, midway between Chin-Chow and Ying-

Aid For Japan From Korea. Seoul.-The mayors of the various Japanese settlements in Korea, at a meeting in Chemulpo, have decided to present a congratulatory address to the Emperor of Japan. Resolutions were passed that the settlements economize and contribute to the Japanese war fund.

The German steamer Amigo has arrived at Chemulpo with bullion from the American mines at Unsan. It is reported that the mint at Osaka has guaranteed to supply monthly the speie necessary to insure the running of the British mines at Eunsan, contracting to take the total output. The wage payments at the mines amount to about \$7500 a month. The mint will pay in gold the difference between the mines' output and the amounts advanced. The uninterrupted operation of both the American mines at Unsan and the British at Eunsan is assured while the Japanese are in control.

Russia Strengthening Her Navy. Paris .- According to a report, the truth of which it is impossible to verify, the sum of 105,000,000 rubles has been appropriated by Russia for the purchase of several torpedo boats in France, two Argentine cruisers and two German transports.

Japanese Blow Up Railway. London.-The Daily Telegraph's corespondent at Irkutsk. Siberia, says that Japanese have blown up a portion of the railway at Khailar, in Northwest Manchuria, but that the resultant

damage is insignificant. LONDON HAS \$500,000 FIRE.

Historic Church of the Holy Trinity is For a Time Threatened.

London, England .- Four of the London and Northwest Railroad Company's warehouses, in the Monories district of this city, were burned out in the night. While the financial loss is only \$500,000, the conflagration threatened at one period to spread to adjoin ing warehouses and factories filled with cork, gelatine, cartridges and similar highly combustible materials.

The historic Church of the Holy Trinity, famous for its connection with the Washington family, was for a time in considerable jeopardy, but the firemen from its roof managed to stem the approaching flames.

POLES KILL OFFICIALS.

Deputy Police Chief and Commissary Slain at Warsaw.

Warsaw, Poland.-While several police officers were attempting to enter a house in the Dvorsky thoroughfare they were attacked by a band of men armed with revolvers and knives. Two of the officers, a deputy chief of the secret police and a Deputy Commissary, were killed and two others were wounded.

News From the Far East.

The new Russian battleship Alexander III. has gone into commission. Three hundred thousand men have reached Manchuria. The dispatch of Russian troops will be for a time dis-

continued. Seventy of the United States Legation guard at Seoul were ordered to Manila. General Pflug, in a dispatch from

Port Arthur, denied that the Japanese have crossed the Yalu. Rear Admiral Wirenius abandoned the attempt to join the Port Arthur fleet with his squadron.

ACCUSED OF GIRL MURDER

Mrs. De Witt Arrested For Poison-

INJURED GET SLIGHT WOUNDS

Sidney, N. Y .- Hardly were the Coroner's words closing the inquest into the death of Miss Florence McIntosh cold on his lips, when a deputy sheriff, plainly acting on a signal from District Attorney Fisher, crossed the courtroom and with a light touch on the shoulder, arrested the pretty girl's twice wid-

owed mother, Mrs. Henrietta De Witt, on a charge of murder in the first de-The seizure of the woman, who is a handsome blonde, forty years old, was the climax to one of the most exciting legal inquiries in the history of Delaware County. It was made after witnesses had testified that both of Mrs. De Witt's husbands had died suddenly. supposedly by their own hands; that the second of them, at any rate, carried a policy for \$2000 in an insurance com-

ing Florence McIntosh.

Girl Declare Death Was Due to

Arsenic Poisoning

pany payable to Mrs. De Witt. The policy on the girl's life was is sued on February 11 last, and just two months later she died from a lingering illness. Four physicians, fol lowing an autopsy performed by one of them and witnessed by the three others, expressed the conviction death was due to arsenical poisoning. Their attempt to ascertain beyond question the cause of the girl's strange taking off was hampered by her mother's ac tion in having the body embalmed shortly after Miss McIntosh died. It appeared the stomach had been irritated as if by poison, they said, and all four united in saying the arsenic in the embalming fluid could not have

caused the symptoms they found. Dr. McKinnon, who attended Miss McIntosh in her last illness, insisted on an autopsy, although, he said, he was opposed vigorously by Mrs. De Witt when he informed her that he intended

to perform one. Mrs. De Witt protested, and the body was embalmed before the autopsy finally was performed. Dr. McKinnon asserts that the examination showed there was no organic disease, but that there was an irritation of the stomach such as might have come from poison. and that the arsenic in the embalming fluid could not have caused the bad condition of the stomach.

TEXAS TOPS SIX-POUND RECORD

Makes Eleven Hits a Minute, the Best Individual Score.

Washington, D. C.-Reports received here relative to the target practice of the battleship Texas show the average made by the twenty-four six-pound gun pointers was equal to the best individual scores made by a six-pound gun pointer on the Texas last year. The average number of shots per minute for the six-pounders is given at 8.83, with an average of 4.04 hits per minute.

It is said that a single six-pound gun pointed made fifteen shots per gun per minute, with eleven hits per gun per minute, the best individual score for the six-pound battery. The percentage of hits out of shots with the twelveinch guns is given at 81.8, while the average number of shots per gun per minute is given at 0.97.

GERMAN LOSSES IN AFRICA.

Enormous Percentage of Von Glasenapp's Officers Incapacitated.

Berlin Germany. - Captain Dannhauer, the Lokal. Anzieger's correspondent with Major von Glasenapp's column in Southwest Africa, has sent a dispatch by heliograph via Windhoek, announcing that the losses of the column through deaths, wounds and sickness since March 13 have been, officers, sixty-three per cent., and privates, thirty-five per cent. Forty-four men are now sick with typhus, besides those sent to Windhoek.

The column was not molested by the enemy, but is apparently unable to undertake military operations. troops are suffering from the night frosts and heavy rains. A report in Reichstag circles is that

further large reinforcements are about to go to Southwest Africa under Lieutenant-General von Trotha.

SULTAN HONORS AMERICANS. Bestows Decorations and Engages

Captain Buchanan as Naval Adviser. Constantinople, Turkey .- The officers

and crew of the Turkish cruiser Medjidieh, which was built at the Cramps' shipyard, Philadelphia, and was delivered to the Turkish naval officers at Mytilene, were invited to the Yildiz Klosk, the Sultain's official residence, and many decorations were bestowed on them. *General Williams, who represented

the Cramps, received the Order of the Mediidieh of the first class. Captain Buchanan received the Order of the Osmanieh of the second class. The Sultan engaged Captain Buchanan to be naval adviser to the Ministry of Marine.

Strike Agitators Sent Away. Major Hill, Commander of the Colorado State Militia, secured a special train and sent away from Trinidad twenty strike agitators, and officer and a squad of militia escorting them across the line into New Mexico, where they were taken off the train and ordered to remain out of Colorado on pain of arrest and imprisonment. The men are charged with violation of martial law regulations.

Harris Dexter Not Guilty.

Harris E. Dexter, the fourteen-yearold Randolph boy who has been on trial in the Superior Court, at Dedham, Mass., on a charge of causing the death of his brother Parker, was found not guilty.

Dynamite Kills Two.

While thawing dynamite at the kitchen stove William Francis and his baby were killed at Owosso, Mich., and Mrs. Francis and two children badly hurt.

College Notes. By the will of Mrs. Esther Byers, of

Andover, Mass., a bequest of \$40,000 is made to Abbott Academy for an art museum. Seven candidates have offered themselves at the University of California for examination for the Rhodes schol-

Professor George Woodberry, recently of Columbia University, has been appointed to lecture on English literature at Amherst College. Professor W. W. Fenn has been

arship.

selected to deliver the baccalaureate sermon to the Harvard graduating class at the coming commencement.

MANY HURT IN TRAIN CRASH

Long Branch Express Hits a Florida Bound Flyer. Four Physicians After an Autopsy on the

> Collision Due to Accident to Air Tube on Southern Train-Express Running Forty Miles an Hour Plowed Its Way Through Rear Coach-One Man Killed Elizabeth, N. J.-In a rear-end col-

lision, which occurred a short distance west of the Pennsylvania Railroad station here, when the Long Branch Express, heavily laden, ran into the rear of the Florida Special, one man was killed and twenty-seven persons were injured. Most of the injured received only slight wounds. The collision was due to an accident

to the Southern train, and could have been avoided, it is asserted, had the engineer of the Long Branch train heeded the signal, which was set for his direction. The Florida Express is composed of eight Pullman coaches. It had not gone far from the station in Jersey City when the air tube connecting the forward coach to the engine parted. That caused the automatic air brakes

to be applied at once to the train. The extra strain on the engine caused by the application of the brakes caused the coupling pin between the tender and the first car to break, and the engine darted ahead, while the cars stopped within a short distance. The engineer at once applied the

brakes to the locomotive, and as soon as he was able started back to pick up his train. He had just reached the coaches and was about to recouple them, when the accident occurred. The Long Branch Express was mak-

ing forty miles an hour at the curve when the fireman in the cab saw the stalled train ahead. He shouted to the engineer, who at once applied the brakes, but not soon enough to prevent the collision. The engine struck the rear Pullman,

the England, tearing its way through the coach almost to the forward end. The car was split in half and the parts fell to either side of the track. No one except a porter was in the car when the accident occurred, and though some of the passengers in the forward coaches received a severe shaking up, the injured were on the two forward cars of the Long Branch

Dead: David Letts, fireman of the Long Branch Express; body taken to the Elizabeth morgue. Injured: The Rev. Mr. Kelley, As-

bury Park; concussion of the brain and internal injuries; taken to the Elizabeth General Hospital. Mrs. W. E. Armstrong, Long Branch, shock. Thomas Beatty, Long Branch, cut by glass. Mrs. E. H. Bennett, East Orange; back sprained. B. T. Benson, 30 Wall Street, New York City; teeth knocked out. Mrs. E. Blanchard, 280 Macon street, Brooklyn; back sprained. Mrs. Richard Bottigheimer, 22 Lafayette avenue, Brooklyn; nose broken. James B. Brown, Asbury Park; leg broken. Mrs. W. L. Craig, Asbury Park; scalp wounds and cuts. George L. Crane, Long Branch; face cut. John F. Fontham, 58 West Ninety-ninth street, New York City; shock. Mrs. Fergueson, Newark: sprains. H. O. Goldsmith, Wall Street Information Bureau; chest wounds. G. Guning, Asbury Park; nose and face wounds. Mrs. Margaret Garretson Asbury Park; teeth knocked out and face cut. J. A. Jones, Birdsville; leg Walter Hall, Red Bank; broken. sprains. Miss L. A. Lane. Grove; sprains. P. M. Layman, New York City; side sprains. J. W. Laughlin, Belmar; head and face cut. Mrs. Alice Mumma, Harrisburg, Pa.; sprains. Mrs. A. M. McCraig, Eatontown; shock. Mrs. John G. Sexton, Long Branch: spine injured. Sadie Smith, 338 East Fifty-eighth street, New York City: mouth cut. D. R. Van Brunt, West Spring Lake, N. I.: sprains. Miss B. M. Weber, Asbury Park, N. J.; face cut. W. H. Whitely, 57 Morton street, New York City; head cut. Mrs. Clarence Whiting, Red

Bank: nose broken. SHOTS AT SPANISH PREMIER. An Organized Plot to Assassinate

Senor Maura. Madrid, Spain.-Premier Maura, who arrived here, was shot at, but was not wounded, while on his way here from

the Balearic Islands. The official report of the incident given out by the Minister of the Interior says:

"As the train was running between Alicante and San Vincente some persons fired and others threw stones. The gendarmes accompanying the train returned the fire. Neither the Premier nor any of the other passengers was

hurt. Two arrests were made. Later details show that the attempt on Senor Maura's life was an organized plot, in which between thirty and forty men armed with revolvers were

concerned. A regular fusillade was exchanged between the gendarmes accompanying the train and the miscreants. marks of bullets were found in the train afterward.

Drought Killing Cattle in Texas. Cattle are dying by the hundreds on the ranches in West Texas for want of water and grass. The drought is the severest experienced in that section for many years. Thousands of head of cattle are too weak to be moved to more distant pastures, and they have been abandoned to die on the range.

Safe Blowers Cause \$60,000 Fire. The fire that destroyed the Art Study plant at Janesville, Wis., was caused by burglars blowing open the safe. The loss by fire was \$60,000; insurance, \$15,000. There was no money in the safe.

Miners Fall 2000 Feet. The collapse of a cage in the Robinson mine, at Johannesburg, South Africa, precipitated forty-three natives

Newsy Gleanings. No appreciable damage has been

2000 feet to the bottom.

done to the peach crop in Georgia by the cold wave. The farmers' trust, with \$50,000,006 authorized capital, has been incorpor-

ated in South Dakota. The Indian budget shows a surplus of \$15,347,745 for the year, or \$1.655 .. 000 more than was estimated a few weeks before the year came to a close. Whisky drinking is given as one of the causes of typhoid fever by Dr. George W. Webster, president of the Illinois State Board of Health.

FIREMEN PERISH IN BLAZE

Two Killed and Many Injured at Newark.

While Working on a Shed Explosion Wrecks Structure and They Are

Buried Beneath Walls.

Newark, N. J.-Crushed beneath the brick and timbers of walls that crashed upon them far above as they were fighting fire from the roof of a onestory shed, two firemen were killed and seventeen of their comrades were injured two of them so severely there is no hope they will live. The victims occupied what they believed to be a point of vantage and safety, but they were caught beneath a mass of iron girders, beams and tons of brick with such suddenness that not one escaped unscathed. The killed are:

Fireman Jacob Bleyhle, Truck Company No. 3: fracture at base of the skull; died in the ambulance on the way to hospital; Fireman William B. Crane, Engine Company No. 3; fraçture at base of skull, body crushed; died in hospital.

The seriously injured are: Lieutenant Patrick J. Donahue, Engine Company No. 7; several broken ribs, left hand badly crushed; general contusions; Fireman Leo Ross, Truck Company No. 3; fracture at base of the skull; expected to die; Fireman Richard J. Lyons, Engine Company No. 7; fracture at base of skull; expected to

The fire was in the six-story building at No. 87 Mechanic street, occupied by Wiener & Co. saddlery hardware manufacturers. The origin of the fire is a mystery. In order to direct the streams of

water with greater effectiveness Chief Engineer Kirkstead sent a squad of men to the rear of the burning build-Twenty firemen mounted to the roof of the Empire Gear and Top Company's building, a one-story structure adjoining the Weiner building. Three lines of hose were brought up and a great volume of water soon was being poured into the flames. It looked as if the fire, fought from such a point, must be extinguished speedily, and in fact the glow was becoming duller and the smoke denser, when suddenly there came a terrific explosion.

The walls of the Empire Company's building collapsed like cardboard. At the same instant the walls of the big saddlery shop bulged outward, and the top fell, carrying girders, beams and twisted rods of iron directly upon the heads of the firemen on the roof of the one-story building. As the walls fell out part of the roof gave way, and a half dozen of the men standing on it were plunged to the ground.

When the collapse came the uninfured firemen stopped fighting the flames and rushed to the aid of their comrades who were buried in the wreck. The rescuers worked with desperate energy, and in a short time all those who had been stricken down were taken out and hurried away for medical aid. Telephone messages had been sent to all the hospitals in the city, and many ambulances soon were at the place of the fire. The explosion that drove the walls

out was caused by the naphtha stored in the Weiner building. The loss to the Weiner establishment was about \$50,000 and to the Empire Company \$3000. Adjoining buildings suffered slightly. An investigation of the cause of the fire was begun. Besides the blaze which resulted so

Newark firemen more than busy within. the last twenty-four hours. DEATH AFTER POISONED MEAT.

One Woman Succumbs and Six Suffer -Had Been Eating Meat Ball. Paterson, N. J.-One woman died and

six other persons are dangerously ill after eating meat vitiated by some poisonous substance at dinner. The dead woman is Mrs. Isabel Boyd, ninety-two years old. Those at the hospital are James Roy, fifty years old; his daughter, Pauline, fifteen, and Ernest Hancock, twenty-four. The others were Mrs. James Roy and Miss Lizzie Roy. All lived in No. 483 Graham avenue. Another woman, who

was visiting at the house, was also taken ill, but will recover. In the opinion of the physicians, Drs. Stewart and Todd, who were called, the poison must have been an irritant like arsenic rather than ptomaine, as it took effect so quickly. The contents of the stomach of the dead woman will be analyzed. An investigation is being made by County Physician Mc-

Bride and by the police. DEATH FOR "LORD" BARRINGTON

Murderer of McCann Almost Collapses

When Sentence is Pronounced. St. Louis, Mo. - Sentence of death was passed upon "Lord" Frederick Seymour Barrington in the Circuit Court in Clayton. Barrington was convicted of murdering James P. McCann, his benefactor. Judge McElhinny granted a stay of execution until July

Barrington entered the court room smiling and bearing himself with the self-possession that has characterized him throughout his trial.

When the sentence was pronounced Barrington almost collapsed. Drought Ruins Bank.

The Farmers' and Merchants' Na-

tional Bank, of Hobart, Okla., failed

for \$125,000 as a probable result of

the continued drought and the disquiet created by numerous recent bank fail-Hagerstown Women Clean Streets. About thirty women, the wives of well-known residents of Hagerstown, Md. turned out one morning recently with shovels, hoes and brooms and

cleaned the streets in the south end of

Hagerstown. They said they grew tired of waiting for the street cleaning

department. Fourteen Buried Alive. A fall of earth occurred in the Cerre Plata quarter of Madrid, Spain, bury ing fourteen men.

Prominert People.

The favorite niece of Pope Pius X. Miss Gilda Parolin, is about to be married to a rich landed proprietor of Northern Italy.

James B. Morrow, for many years editor-in-chief of the Cleveland Leader, has resigned his position. He first became identified with the Leader as a reporter a score of years ago. A statue of Louis Joliet, the French

explorer, will be placed in the little park in front of the public library building at Joliet, Ill., to commemorate the memory of the man for whom the town is named.

MINOR EVENTS OF THE WEEK

WASHINGTON ITEMS. Miss Alice Roosevelt is suffering from a slight attack of German mea-She is isolated from the rest of

the household. Rural free delivery carriers are to be barred from carrying newspapers except in the mails or soliciting subscriptions to newspapers, magazines or periodicals. These restrictions were agreed to by the House and Senate on the Postoffice Appro-

priation bill.

The House passed the bill providing a temporary government for the Panama Canal zone after it had been criticised roundly for the power it gives the President.

The President sent to the Senate the nomination of William Miller Collier, of New York, to be solicitor for the Department of Commerce and Labor.

By a vote of ten to five the House

Committee on the Judiciary postponed further consideration of the anti-injunction bill until next December. Senator Allee has been appointed a member of the Congressional Campaign Committee from Delaware. Al-

The Moro chiefs of the Lake Lanao district division of Mindanao will meet Major R. L. Bullard, of the Twentyeighth Infantry, at Taraca on May 4,

The Fifty-sixth and Fifty-ninth companies of coast artillery, which have been stationed in Porto Rico, have been ordered to return to the United States. This leaves the forts without any guns, as the Spanish Government recently removed all its remaining ordnance from the island.

doned. Frederick V. Martin, of Indiana, Commissioner of Immigration for Porto Rico, killed himself at San Juan by cutting his throat. The affairs of his office are believed to be in good

shape. W. S. Crouch, who arrived at Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands, on the steamer Korea, was drowned while bathing in the surf at Waikiki. Many bathers saw the drowning, and an unsuccess ful attempt was made to rescue him.

Vincente Lucban, who was an active leader of the Philippine insurgents on the Island of Samar in 1900, and Caye. tano Lucban, his brother, who was formerly Secretary of the Filipino Revolutionary Junta at Hongkong, have each been sentenced to five years' imprisonment for conspiring to overthrow, the Government.

Owing to the inability of the Fore River Ship and Engine Company, of Quincy, Mass., and their striking em-ployes to settle their difficulties, the launching of the battleship Rhode Island has been indefinitely postponed. It has been discovered that vandals

statues in the sculpture exhibit. At the close of a hearing which lasted two days, Charles L. Tucker. charged with the murder of Mabes Page in Weston on the last day of March, was held for the Grand Jury by Judge Enos T. Luce, of the Dis-

man, moonshiner, was killed by Officer William Shafer, who was in turn killed Chanman, who fired just as officer did, at Charleston, W. Va. The little hamlet of Devon, located

Va., was almost wiped out by fire. William Gaston, twenty-five years land, Va. He says it was an accident, but they had quarreled violently a

short time before.

L. Collins, cashier of the Indiana National Bank, at Elkhart, Ind., were sentenced by Judge Anderson, of the United States District Court, on the pleas of guilty of violation of the banking laws which resulted .a the failure of the bank for \$642,000. Broderick was sentenced to ten years and Collins to six years in the penitentiary.

men and the Democrats three. The contest was close in all the wards. More than 1800 head of cattle were

Chicago to confess that he killed Har-

T. R. Curtis came from New York to

FOREIGN. The Turkish embassy at London, England, issued a report that Armenian malefactors had attacked the Mahometan village of Latchghian, in the Sanjak of Mush, Asiatic Turkey. They, committed horrible crimes on the in-

A dispatch from Shanghai says that the Chinese warship Haitien is ashore on the rocks of the Elliott Islands, which lie off the easterly coast of the Liaotung Peninsula.

a post and lighted it. Thinking the fuse had gone out, they again approached the rocket, which exploded, killing Thomas McLaughlin and Thomas Stanford, of the steamer Newmarket. Count Hans von Koenigmarck,

Leader Watson, of the labor party

of Australia, has been summoned t form a Ministry. The Grand Trunk grain elevator, a Midland, Ontario, Canada, was struc

by lightning and totally destroyed. I

had a capacity of 500,000 bushels. The Prussian Diet has sanctioned a appropriation of 5,350,000 marks (\$1 273,300) for the erection of a palac for the Emperor at Posen.

lee and Ball could not agree as to which should be the member, and Chairman Babcock settled the matter by choosing Allee.

OUR ADOPTED ISLANDS.

to organize a local civil government.

fortifications will have to be aban-

DOMESTIC.

had entered the French Pavilion at the World's Fair and destroyed two of the most beautiful of the marble

trict Court at Waltham, Mass. While resisting arrest, Floyd Chap-

on the Norfolk and Western Railway, fifteen miles east of Williamson, W. old, shot and almost instantly killed his mother, Sallie Gaston, at Court-

A severe tornado struck McPherson Kan., demolishing six residences and causing more or less other damage to property. Three persons were injured. one seriously. James Broderick, president, and W.

In the municipal election at Peoria, Ill., the Republicans elected five Alder-

killed By hailstones in the storm which swept through the Las Cruces district in the State of San Luis Potosi, Mexico, a few days ago. The corn crop was destroyed.

vey Van Arkel on March 29, and thus ease a troubled conscience that would not permit him to sleep in peace.

habitants, men, women and children

A number of men who are fitting out the iron freighters at Collingwood, Ontario, Canada, placed a rocket on

lieutenant on the general staff, succ his father, Count Karl, in the Potsdam Law Court, for an increase of his year ly allowance. The Court directed the father to pay him \$14,250.

The Federal Government of Austra lia was defeated in the House of Rep

resentatives on a Labor Party amend ment making the bill providing for th arbitration of labor disputes applica ble to State employes.