

ILLIE PERKINS was 1 Nero walked on all fours he was nearly as tall as Willie, and when he lifted his great shaggy dogship upon his hind legs he could lay his forepaws on somebody's shoulders,

Mr. Perkins called Willie and Nero that the two were apart, except at school times and meal times, and when the sandman had paid Willie a visit; even at those times they were not far apart. When Willie went to school Nero "otted along by his side, and, like the good fellow that he was, when they came to the door and Willie said, "Now, old boy, you wait for me right here in the yard and be sure not to frighten any of the children as they come in. Tell me good-by now and be a good fellow." Nero would wag his tail very hard, lick the hand that had been patting his was talking to him, and then lie down through the great door of the school-

But the happiest time for "the chums" was when Willie put his books away for the long summer vacation and he and Nero had the whole day together. Even when Willie had cut the kindling if was Nero who carried It to the house in a basket held tightly by his strong toeth, while Willie carried a bucketful of coal.

By and by Willie began to tell Nero of a great day that was coming when all the boys would have firecrackers and Roman candles and torpedoes, and there would be flags flying and bands playing and everybody would have a good time. Nero always listened to every word that his little master said, and now and then when Willie would give his head an extra hard pat by way of emphasis Nero weald bark and set his tail going harder than ever, That tall always wagged when Nero was pleased. Sometimes Willie's mother would allow the dog to comes into the sitting room, but one day the tail knocked a handsome vase off of the table and broke it and after that Nero had to lie down very quietly if he got into the house.

Two days before the Fourth Willio bought his fireworks; there were five packages of thre crackers and five of torpedoes, four rockets, four Roman candles, two wheels and a long piece of punk. Nero went with Willie to the store to buy them, but he had to wait outside white Willie went in, and to as soon as they reached home Willie cpened the package and showed Ner everything it contained.

"Now, we'll fire off a few crackers." said Willie to Nero, "but we'll have to save the most of them till the Fourth. b'eause us boys are going to have our crackers an' torpedoes together. Won't we have a fine time, marching to the commons, with our drums beating and horns blowing and flags flying! But there's one trouble about you. Nero. un' that is, you can't march with us b'cause the boys decided that nobody can march without they have one of our flags, an' there's just ten flags an' ten boys. I'm to give out the fings an'



THEY FORMED IN DOUBLE COLUMN.

If there was any boy that was sick you could have his place, if you could only wave a flag."

Nero dropped his head and looked very sad. Willte thought it was because Nero was so badly disappointed. but perhaps it was because the faithful fellow saw that his friend was troubled. As they sat there, Nero looking so sad and Willie with his elbows resting on his knees and his chin buried in his hands, they heard some one whistle and, looking up, saw fom Evens coming toward them.

"Heard the news?" Tem asked. "No. What is it?" answered Willie, forgetting for a moment his trouble

Ed. Bishop's going with his folks to the city for the Fourth, an' so you'll have to find some one else to take his place in our process Willie gave Nero a quick look. "Oh,

Who'll you get?" asked Tom, after waiting a moment for Willle to speak.

"Well, you ought to have the right eight years old and Nero to give out the flags. We'll all meet was only four, but when here at 10 sharp," and Tom sauntered

> When he was gone 'Willie began to talk to Nero again.

"Now, there it is. I have firecrackers an' tornedoes enough for you an' me, and that somebody was Willie's father. I too, an' you helped me earn 'em, carry. ing kinding, didn't you? Oh, why "the chums," and it was indeed seldom haven't you some hands to carry a flag with!"

Willie was excited now, and up jumped Nero, waving his tail as hard as he could. Willie looked at him for a minute and then turned a double somersault, and came up shouting, "Hurrah! hurrah! You shall march with us. I know I can do it!"

At last the Fourth came, and at 10 o'clock all the boys except Ed. were John's College in 1798. He was aftergathered in Willie's yard and Willie was talking to them

left it to me to put some one in Ed.'s In 1814, when the British attacked place, an' I have selected some one fiead so lovingly all the time Willie that you all know an' like. He has release his friend, Dr. William Beanes his share of crackers and will wave who had been captured by the enemy. and watch his master disappear his flag fine. Will you promise to President Madison gave him a vessel give him a rousing welcome when le and sent an agent for the exchange of comes, so's he won't feel hurt at being prisoners with the lawyer. The Brit-

Author of "The Star-Spangled Banner." Francis Scott Key, the author of "The Star Spangled Banner," which is sung more often on the Fourth than is any other song, was born in Frederick County, Maryland, on August 1,



FRANCIS SCOTT KEY.

of an officer in the Revolutionary army. He was graduated from St. ward district attorney for the District of Columbia. Key wrote the celd "Now, boys," he was saying, "you brated song under peculiar conditions, Washington, Key matured a plan to



isked to march with us at the last

minute?" They all promised, and then while they were asking who it was Willie ran Into the house. A few moments later he came out, and who should come trotting by his side but Nero, carrying in his mouth the handle of a basket that was filled with firerackers and wagging his tail, to which was tied a little flag, pole and all! The boys magave a great shout when they saw Nero, and then they formed in double column and started for the common, Nero walking by Wil-

lie's side, the proudest dog that ever waved a Fourth of July flag.—Fannie Day Hurst, in the Chicago Herald.

A Military Execution in the Nursery.



-New York Journal. When we feel inclined to grumble over rapid transit, and indeed all means of getting to places, we should pause: Think of traveling in '76. Then it was about "as it was in the begin-ning." Vessels sailed by sea propelled as in the days of the Pharaohs, and horse power served on land. Now the hurried traveler wished two-hour

ish commander consented to the re lease on the condition that the American party should see the bombardment of Baltimore. When the bombardment was at an end the Americans looked through the smoke to see if the flag was still floating over the fort. The dawn was just breaking. and the Stars and Stripes were flying in the breeze unharmed. Then Mr. Key wrote down the words of the song that has preserved his name for all time. He died at Baltimore in 1843.

Etiquette For the Fourth, Keep moving about on the Fourth. It is always the innocent bystander

who gets shot. The evening of the Fourth is a very auspicious time to set with your best girl and watch for shooting stars. Should you accidentally shoot somebody with your toy pistol don't add insult to injury by telling him that

you didn't know it was loaded. If you should buy a pyrotechnic cigar to hoax a friend, with be sure to mark it in such a way that you won't light it yourself by a mistake.

If you give a little private display of fireworks from your front stoop it is cheaper in the end to hire an experienced man to set them off. The cautious pedestrian will con-

tinue to walk in the middle of the street for fear the mischievous kid at the windows should drop a lighted frecracker down the back of his neck. If you own a war-refic in the shape of a mauser rifle don't think it is harmless weapon just elecause the Spaniard who once possessed it was unable to hit anything with it.-J. J.



## TOTAL DEATHS

Loss of Life in I lood Not So Heavy As at rirst Reported,

Which Accounts for Many of the Human Bodies Seen Floating on the

Roanoke, Va., Special. News of the situation in West Virginia is very scarce, though some news is coming in from the coal fields, and the situation is getting down to cold facts. Theru wires between Elkhorn and Bluefield and only one wire has been in usy since morning, this remaining wire being duplexed all day, the railroad dividing it with the Western Union foll so in places to such an extent that born as far east as Lynchburg and west to

A telegram from Bluefield Tuesday afternoon, says there are no important developments there. Repair work goes on with a rush and vigor. Bluefleld is the great shipping point for Pocahontas coal coming east. It is said there that the coal fields will not be able to ship out any coal for the next 30 days. It is thought at Bluefield that the loss of life will be in the neighborhood of 60. The coal trade will suffer almost incalculable loss as a result of the wassed out tracks and damage to their

A gentleman arriving in this, city from the stricken section gives an explanation for the report first circulated that great masses of human bodies were to be seen floating around in the water. It seems that there is a graveyard between North Fork Junction and Keystone, which towns are about a mile apart and at which point the is near the bank of the river which caused the great destruction. When the flood came the graves gave up their dead and added greatly to the bodies

A short telegram was received late Tuesday afternoon from Eikhern. This is some miles west of Ennis, which place was the farthest town west of Bluefield that had been communicated with up to this morning. The message gave no information whatever.

Mr. J .B. Frances, a Roanoke man who is in Keystone, installing a water plant, and who was first reported dead, has written his wife telling her he is safe and sound. He has the following to say about the disaster: "A big flood visited the town last Friday night. Everybody had to go up on the mountain. Men, women and children were drawned in the streets, and houses went floating down with people in them. All our crowd are safe. are entirely cut off from the outside world and provisions are getting very

short. There is no water in the town. Tazewell, Va., also suffered from the cloudburst. The house of Paris Van-Dyke, four miles west of Tazewell, in a gorge of the isountains was washed away. VanDyke heard the roar of water and started home from the field. When a short distance from the house he saw the water rushing down the mountain sides, tearing up and twisting off gigantic trees as if shrubs, the water, leaping forty feet high and traveling with frightful speed. VanDyke rushed for the house to warn his family but the water overtook him and swept the house and all its inmates away. Two children, five and seven years old, were instantly killed, their brains being dashed out against the rocks and timbers. The bodies were washed to the low-lands. A little girl 11 years old, holding a young sister in her arms, was carried 200 yards. The sisters were tossed on the waters and when rescued were unconscious. Apother member of the family died Monday afternoon and Mrs. VanDyke is still unconscious and cannot live.

At Cedar Blaff, 16 miles west of Tazewell, 17 dwellings were swept away but no lives were lost. At Pounding Mill, four lives were lost. Knobe, a small town seven niles west, was almost completely destroyed. The damage to country woads will not be less than \$50,000.

### Murdered With an Axe.

Newport News, Va., Special.-Robert Kelley, 50 years of age, was found in front of his house on Deep creek, in Warwick county, with his head split open with an axe and his brains spattered about on the grass. His brother, Samuel, an inmate of the Soldiers' Home, who has been living with Robert since the latter came to this section from New York State, about three months ago, left the place Monday morning and did not return. He was arrested at the home of another brother and charged with committing the murder. The evidence against him is purely circumstantial. The condition of the house when the body was discovered indicated that robbery had been committed.

Hurt in Rallway. Wreck.

Little Rock, Ark., Special.-The south-bound cannon-ball on the St. Louis, iton Mountain & Southern Rail. road was wrecked near Beebe, Tuesday morning. The engine, mail car and two baggage cars were derailed and smashed into kindling wood. W. W. Stibold, A. E. Lambs and Butler Campfield, postal clerks, received severe injuries. The three day coaches were derailed but none of the passen gers were injured.

Chicago Special.—During a heavy thunder storm a bolt of lightning struck the College of Physicians and struck the College of Physicians and Surgeons on Harrison street. The fire which followed the lightning in a short time descroyed the college building, which is one of the finest of the kind in the West. The loss in, \$200,000. One hundred patients were transferred from the adjacent West Side Hospital to peighboring institu-

#### SOUTH CAROLINA CROPS.

flood Growth the Past Week Har vest About Over.

The week ending June 21th had pearly normal temperature and cl sol with extremely hat weather, with traximum temperatures between 95 and A CEMETERY GAVE UP ITS DEAD, 1200. A minimum of 61 was observed at epartanburg on the 18th. Ther was less than the usual amount of sun

hine over a large partion of the State

but generally it was about norms

There was a severe hall and wind form in Lexin (for county on the 22n) The rains of the week were local in haracter, but were the heaviest of the eason at a few points. The heav out rains occurred generally in the North lands were flooded for the fifth time this year. Cultivation made good progress in the central and southeas Hern countles, but even there lowlands are still too wet to plow, while els-

tinue to be foul with gra s and weeks

form and cofton have been abandoned and lowland cats have put out and gured for hay on account of the grass. ould be worked, but the plants cont uac to be unseasonably small, and much of it is voltage. Some cotton is scald d and lice are tall in evidence although less numerous than last week. Chepding is not finished. Many fields at till grassy, and much cutton is being lestroyed in cleaning it of grass and weeds. Some fields have been abandoned on account of their foul condition and searchty of laborers. Sen island made a decided improvement.

Upland corn looks well where it is well worked, but much looks yellow and is very small, white lowland corn is irretrievably injured by the excess of moisture and lack of proper cultivation. Bottoms have not all been planted or replanted. Corn is tass I'

ing low, and is unpromising generally. Tobacco is being out and cured in storm was very severe. This graveyard | Horry county; it is small and poor in all sections, but has improved during Charleston and Williamsburg districts, some was damaged by overflows and tagnent water in the Colleton diserlet, while in Georgetown districts freshets injured it, and only about our fourth the usual amount of June rice could be planted. Wheat harvest is poor owing to rust and seab. Oats sprouting in the shock to some extent, Thrashing has begun with generally

needed to improve crop prospects which are still very unfavorable.

Deputies Driven Away. Huntington, W.Va., Special-Monday a posse of United States deputy Mar-

field, were fired on by the strikers and forced to flee from the coal fields at Mattewan. Sunday afternoon the marshals, set out from Bluefield to reach the scene of the miners' riots. Within 20 miles of Thacker they found that they could proceed no farther by rail on account of the flood. They struck out across the mountains encountering almost unsurmountable difficulties and late Sunday afternoon eached the end of their journey. Proceding to work they began serving notices of the injunction which had been issued by Judge Jackson. A mob of strikers followed, armed to the teeth with firearms. On all sides could be heard the cry, "down with govern-ment by injunction!" Men threatened them with their weapons, women called down the venegeance of heaven upon them and children hurled stones. Shen nightfall came notice had been ed on the strikers of all the coal companies, but one and that was to be served at Lick Ford Coal and Coke Company, at Thacker, Fearing an ambush they waited until morning and early today set out for Thacker. Some time before noon they attempted to serve the injunction papers at the above named colliery. A mob followed enraged to desperation at the sweeping character of the injunction. One eckless fellow fired the first shot and uick as lightning the mountain sides choed and re-echoed with resounding reports that followed the crack of 20 or 30 rifles. The deputies were oreed to take refuge in flight and theu

#### barely escaped with their lives. A New Steamer Line.

Memphis, Special.—An evening pa-er says: "The Illinois Central Ralloer says: oad will establish a steamship connection with Glasgow, Scotland, via New Orleans, the arrangement with Elder Dempster & Co. being to put on a regular monthly service between New Orleans and Glasgow with the steamers of the Weir Line, the first vessel to be the Tymeric, sailing in August.

### Ex-Consul Killed.

New Haven, Conn., Special.-Adelbert Hay, son of Secretary Hay, and the former United States consul to Pretoria, South Africa, was found dead on the sidewalk in front of the New Haven House at 2:30 o'clock flunday morning. He retired to his room to 12 o'clock after spending the evening with a party of friends, in apparently excellent spirits. It is believed that Mr. Hay became ill after regiring is supposed that he became dizzy and fell. Dr. Bartlett, the medical examiner, stated that Mr. Hay undoubtedly came to his death by accident. The bed clothes in his room were found turned over ton a chair.

General Wood's Condition. Havana, By Cable.-The condition of General Wood, who for several days has been suffering from an attack of grip and malarial fever, which, however, did not interrupt his official duties, is somewhat worse. 'His fever is considerably higher and he has been furced to take to his bed. Surgeon

# FORAKER IS BITTER.

Denounces the South For Disfranchising the Negro.

HARSH WONDS ARE PREDOMINANT

in His Speech Before the Republican State Convention of Oblo - Hanna's

Columbus, O., Special - The Repub lican State convention convened here Monday afternoon with a large attendance. At the conference during the forenoon, interest centered in the em-Service via Sine years strain anneurones, nine construction of the platform and the the fight that the State Anti-Labor League was making against the renomination of Lieutenant Covernor Caldwell. The issues on Caldwell and the resolutions are still being agitated but the contest for State committeemen resulted in what is called a unanimous victory for the Hanna men, which include the friends of Governor Nash and others. The result assures the re-election of Congressman Dick as chairman of the State executive com-

Hon. P. W. Durr, chairman of the State central committee, in a brief speech congratulated the Republican; of Ohlo on the result of the Ohlo campaign last year and predicted victory for this year. Then he introduced Sanator Foraker as the temporary chairman of the convention, Senator, Foraker was most enthusiastically receiv-

ed and spoke in part as follows: "Lycry vote cast in our State next November will be a vote for or against the administration of William McKinley, just as certainly and emphatically as though he were again our candidate of necessity, by the action we take, endorse His work and give him encouragement or discredit his record and embarrass his efforts. His first administration was triumphantly successful, nearly finished, and late wheat was but it could not have been so had it not been supported by a Republican about harvested. Both grains are Congress. His second administration can be, and will be, even more illustrious than his first if we give him that same support, but it cannot be.

A continuation of dry weather is and will not be so, if we withhold it." He then gave a history of the Harrison and Cleveland administration and went through the campaigns of 1896 and 1900, Regarding the disfranchisement of colored voters, Senator

Foraker said: ference to the wrong the Democratic party is committing today in the Southern States against the black man. whom it is robbing of his suffrange under the forms of constitutional amendments an disgal enactments that are in violation of the constitution of the United States. This is worse, if possible, than the inhuma | lynchings of which we read almost daily, because it is without provocation, and is a blow aimed at a class and the government

of a nation. "Constituted authority must find a way to suppress these wrongs, or the government will deserve to lose the support of a race that has shed its blood for our flag in every war and almost every field where It has wayed. Brave, heroic, gallant men were they who, side our wars. They helped us to conquer our independence, to form our Union, to preserve our national life, to carry liberty and freedom to Cuba. and to plant our banner in victory on the islands of the seas. They are entitled to the protection of the government for which they have so bravely fought. It is an inexpressible sham; that such protection is denied. As they have shared our labor and perils so must they share our rewards. In what way their rights will better be secure ! is an unsolved problem, but until taey are fully protected, and Democrat'c persecutions and denials of constitutional rights have ceased, there should not be any restoration of the Democratic party to power.

### Says Clage is Ignorant.

London, By Cable.-A dispatch to a news agency from St. Petersburg, Lv. Nashville, purports to quote M. De Witte, the Russian Finance Minister, as saying that the statement issued by Secretary Gage in explanation of the United States Treasury Department's action in imposing countervailing duties on certain Russian products, shows the question is not fully understood by Mr. Gage. DeWitte says he cannot imagine that Mr. Gage would intentionally mislead the people of the United States and therefore he can only conclude that Mr. Gage is not possessed of all the facts in the case.

### The Surrender of Callles.

Santa Cruz, Providence of Laguna, P. I., Special.-When General Callies surrendered here with 650 men and 500 rifles, he entered Santa Cruz to the music of native bands, which were drawn up in six lines in the church yard. During the surrender of the arms Callies and his staff, who were

outside the enclosure, wept.

The officers afterward walked to headquarters, where Callies tendered his sword to General Sumner, who gallantly handed it back

Cotton Oil Company Incorporated Trenton, N. J., Special.—The United States Oil Company, capital \$92,000,-00, was incorporated Monday. The company is to manufacture and deal cotton and other oils and their

## PROMINENT PEOPLE.

Professor Dewar is after the abso-

Elbridge T. Gerry is credited with the melon-growing fad at Newport, R. I.

Alfonso XIII. is not a black Spanlard. He is fair and has blue eyes

and curly hair. Ambassador White has taken a

house at Sassnitz, near Berlin, Ger-

many, for three months. S. R. Crockett, the novelist, has a great collection of indexed scrap-

rooks from which to draw his mate-The Duke of Cambridge, rounding out his eighty-second year, is the first member of the British royal family to

attain that age. Vice President Roosevelt has promised to deliver an address at the celebration of the quarter centenary of Colorado's Statehood.

Secretary Long has accepted an invitation to be present at the celebrathan of Old Home Week at Portland, Me., August 10 to 17.

Senator Allison, of Iowa, says that he is too old to be a Presidential candidate in 1904, and names Governor Shaw as a suitable nominee.

Former Senator Towne, of Minnesola, and Governor McMillin, of Tennessee, have gone into a \$2,500,000 company to hunt oil in Texas. General Bates, recently returned

from the Philippines, has been or-dered to command the Department of the Missouri, with headquarters at Omaha, Neb. "I am still a young man," said Rus-

sell Sage the other day, "for a man is young just as long as he takes an active interest in his own life and the life of the world at large." King Edward appears to have decided to secure worthy pictorial illus-

trations of the incidents of his reign. He has commissioned Seymour Lucas to paint a picture of the royal reception of the Moorish embassy. Measures to secure the placing of

hower baths in the new school buildlogs of Chicago are now occupying the attention of many of the women's clubs and philanthropic societies there. It is believed that their efforts will Sacced, ince many of the city officials appear in favor of the plan.



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