

noon. His forgetfulness saved the glass.

Washington, July 31.—Nothing to indicate other than accidental cause for the gigantic explosion of yesterday morning in New York harbor has been found by federal agents.

A. Bruce Bielaski, head of the justice department's bureau of investigation said today this is the report given out by agents of his bureau at work on the case.

BIG LOSS OF LIFE FEARED IN BIG BUSH FIRE

Toronto, Ont., July 31.—Biggest bush fire in history of Ontario province still raging today. Loss of 200 lives feared.

Already the fire has covered much of the territory from Cochrane to Hearst. Timber, whose value is estimated at millions of dollars, believed to have been consumed. A dozen towns and villages are in fire zone. Telegraphic communication has been destroyed and their fate is unknown. Fate of 200 settlers in the fire district is unknown.

Towns of Cochrane and Mathewson are reported to have been destroyed.

Montreal, July 31.—Reports at noon from North Bay, Ont., says 154 bodies have been recovered from the forest fire district. The fire was completely quenched by heavy rains last night and railway communication is expected to be renewed early this afternoon.

"OLD PAL" WAS ONLY A HORSE BUT EVEN SO—

It was just an old horse attached to a Salvation Army wagon that goes around collecting old furniture from housewives to be fixed up and sold, and the man who had been driving it was just one of the down-and-outs of humanity who had gone to the army when all things else failed.

On Monroe street the horse began to stagger and in a few moments he fell to the pavement. A crowd gath-

ered. The driver of the wagon sat in the street holding the horse's head in his arms.

"Don't die, old pal," he was pleading. "Please don't die, old pal. You and me knows each other so good and you is so smart. Please stay with me, old pal."

Somebody suggested the first aids and a veterinary gave further assistance and a few hours later the horse managed to get to his feet with some Y. M. C. A. boys bolstering him on each side and the driver at his head grinning.

For "pal" had responded to his call.

RUSSIANS MAKE NEW GAIN— FRENCH PUSH GERMANS

Petrograd.—After fierce fighting around Brody Russian forces have thrust their way forward again, taking ground from Teutons up to the rivers Graberski and Seret.

London.—Further British advance at points north of Bezentine Le Petit announced by Gen. Haig. Posts have advanced at points north of Bazentine La Petit.

Paris.—French troops brilliantly retrieved a temporary German footing obtained around Monaco farm. Enemy had taken a slight hold there, but French counter-attacks drove them out and back.

Berlin.—Anglo-French attacks through morning, along front from Longueval to Somme, everywhere repulsed with sanguinary losses.

Paris.—Violent German attacks along the Somme around Monacon and Hemwood were checked with terrible losses to the attackers.

French troops are consolidating and strengthening positions which they won yesterday north of the Somme in sweepforward which took German positions along nearly-four-mile front.

London.—Combat between British aeroplane and Zeppelin 30 miles off east coast of Great Britain reported. Zeppelin escaped.