Middleburg, Pa., September 18, 1895.

Berlin is short 120,000 people of what she was supposed to have. A just completed census gives her 1,. 616,331

The utilization of the phonograph to give the complete burial service of the Episcopal Church, including the hymns, in the absence of a clergyman, marked the forethought and enterprise of a New York Coroner a day or two ago.

A prominent electrical engineer claims that twenty to thirty miles is about the limit for electrical transmission to obtain economical and satisfactory results. The same engineer also states that notwithstanding the fact that electricity is comparatively new, it is more advanced than any other branch of engineering.

Canada and Norway are the only two countries on earth where the passenger rate per mile is as low as in the United States per mile. The average here is 2.34 cents per mile. In Great Britain it is 4.2 cents for firstclass and 3,2 cents for second-class passengers. In France the charge is 4 and 3 cents respectively for the two choses. In Turkey the rates are 5.8 and 5.2 cents respectively. Norway is the lowest, with rates of 1.6 and 1 cent, respectively.

Statistics recently compiled show that in the United States the colored race has 379 colleges and schools of higher education, in which 646 teachers out 1175 are colored; 23,866 teachers and 1,460,477 students in the common schools; 20d newspapers and forty-seven magazines; 250 lawyers and nearly that number of physicians; an aggregate wealth estimated at \$263,000,000, and a degree of ability and industry is possessed sufficient to have produced last year 3,000,000 pounds of cotton and \$150,000,000 worth of cereals.

The Pilgrim Society of Plymouth, Mass., has ordered a bronze tablet cast, which will be sent to Scrooby, England. It will bear the following inscription: "This tablet is erected by the Pilgrim Society, of Plymouth, Massachusetts, United States of America, to mark the site of the account a nouse where lived William Brewster, from 1588 to 1608, where he organized the Pilgrim Church, of which he became ruling elder, and with which in 1698 he moved to Amsterdam; in 1609 he moved to Leyden, and in 1620 to Plymouth, where he died April 16, 1644."

A French electrician, M. D. Arsonval, has succeeded accurately in measuring the electric energy of the torpedo fish, and the result is astounding. A fish sixteen inches across gives an electric current of two to ten amperes, with a difference of potential energy of fifteen to twenty volts, capable of lighting an incandescent lamp of ten candles. If the fish be teased it betrays its feelings so violently that the carbon filament flies off into vapor. It is mere fish's play for the torpedo to illume a Geissler tube or fire a dynamite cartridge. M. Arsonval is of the opinion that the torpedoes have a special muscle which instinctively or deliberately gives electrical instead of mechanical energy, another instance of the equivalence of all forms of

Says the Boston Post: The iron industry lies so near the foundation of commercial prosperity that great signifleance attaches to the rapid and steady increase of activity in that business at the great producing centres. This increase is most notable. For the first time in many years the mills at Pittsburg are running through the hot season; the manufacturers cannot afford to stop. During the past fortnight mills that have been idle for two years have been leased and will be put in operation. And it is estimated that there are more men at work in the steel, iron and tin trades than at any time since the panic, earning larger wages and assured of steady employment into next year. All this is made possible by the increase in the price of steel billets, on which wages and business are based. And this increase is caused by the larger demand for iron in its structural and commercial forms for use in other industries. The country is building more, is manufacturing more, is extending old enterprises and undertaking new ones; and the flush times in the iron busi-ness only reflect the prosperity grow-mess only reflect the prosperity grow-employed to resover all the eargo possible. ing up all over the land.

KEYSTONE STATE CULLINGS

PICKPOGKETS IN LUCK.

They Strike A Rich Field at the Union town Pair.

Pickpockets reaped a rich barvest at the state and county fair at Uniontown. From reports received at the police headquarters over \$6,000 was taken one day, J. J. Barnhart, treasurer of Dunbar school board, was robbed of \$5,000 in notes and checks and considerable money, while on a train bound for the fair. D. R. Ramsey, who was with him, was relieved of \$400 in cash. D. P. Gibson had \$100 taken out of his pocket while purchasing a ticket at the box office. Numerous smaller robberies are reported.

DINASTROUS WORK BY LIGHTNING. During a heavy storm Thursday Mrs-cenjamin Yeager, of near Altoona, was struck

by lightning and instantly killed. A Methodist church was also struck and badly wrecket. Buttermilk Falls, on the Conemaugh river, east of Johnstown, went wild again, as it did during the great flood of 1889 and made an ugly washout of the Pennsylvania railroad tracks, causing trains to be delayed several hours.

CHILD WITHOUT BRAINS.

The remains of a most peculiarly deformed child were buried in Fairview, cemetery Mc-Koesport. The child was born on Monday to Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Chapin, of Union avenue. The body was perfectly formed, even to the face and ears, but the child had no skull nor brains. The intant lived three hours,

THE JUNIORS WERE REPT OUT.

At the opening of Pennsylvania State college at Bellefonts, the junior class was re-fused admission. The students and faculty re firm in the stand they have resident Atherton expressed the hope that settlement would soon be reached, but did not advance all opinion how it would be

DYDOUGHOUSA CAUSED SEER DEATH.

Mand, the seven-old daughter of George Shirk, died at Waynesburgh, from hydro-phobia, after three days terrible suffering. The child was bitten July 26 by a shepherd dog, which it was suspected had rables and was killed. This is the second death from bydrophobia in the county within a month.

Mrs. Alfred Bicharns, of Bellevernon, took se of paris green with suicidal intent, died in terrible agony a few hours later. the mixed half a box of the poison and drank he whole dose. She was found some time the whole dose. She was found some time after in the cellar in a dying condition and modical aid summoned, but she was beyond

The suicide was the result of mental aber-Refers the unfortunate woman died she regained consciousness and told those about her that she had a horrible illusion that she had killed Christ and had to give up her life for the sin she had committed Mrs. Richards is an English woman, Her husband is employed at the Bellevernon glass fac-

There is much talk in Clearfield of annexing the borough to West Clearfield.

Albert Anderson was drowned in the loughlogheny river near Ohio Pyle.

Archie, the 7 year-old son of John Beaghley, of Upper Burrell township, Westmore-land county, was struck by lightning and killed. His 2-year-old sister was stunned, and a barn set on fire and destroyed.

Judge Ewing, of Uniontown, revoked the liquor license of Donahoe & Elliott, proprie-tors of a hotel at Ohio Pyle, because of testimony that they had sold beer on Sun-

The tebacco watchouses of his P. Pring the and h. if. Brubaker at Lancaster, were destroyed by fire. Loss \$115,000. The stocks of tobacco in the adjoining warchouses of J. Bunzel & Sons were greatly damaged by

A charter was granted to the Clarion Railroad Company, capital \$110,000. It will be built eleven miles long from Johnsonberg to Dagascahenda, in Elk county. The President is D. H. Jack, of Bradford county.

Joseph Norcross, of Fayette county, committed suicide by hanging himself in his barn in Jefferson township.

At Hazelton Lote Latshaw was killed by Italian miners, who also stabled Andrew Hospander so hadly that he cannot live.

John Tracy was fatally injured at Eric by collision with a horse and buggy while he was riding his bicycle.

The veteran of the Sixty-seventh and One Hundredth and Thirty-third Pennsylvania regiments held a reunion at Johnstown

William Hart, a brakeman of the Ft. Wayne road, was killed at the Conway yards, Ro-chester by falling under the wheels.

Joseph Cline of Franklin township was caught in the set of firing the barn of David Remerer near Export, and jailed at Greens

The Bell Telephone Company of Bellefonte has reduced the rates of subscribers in neighboring towns to that of Bellefonte

Hallstones larger than hens' eggs fell at

Weilsbore, doing immense damage. Court of quarter sessions at Erie last week

convicted thirty persons for various offenses. It is rumored again that the Washington lectric Street Railway Company contem-

plates an extension to Cannonsburg. Stephen Gitzhard was killed and John Dewisky fatally hurt by the falling of an irou bar at the New Castle steel mill.

William O'Donnell, aged 84, was knocked off the bridge between Beaver Falls and New Brighton by a train and was instantly kinled. The Eric grand jury has indicted Henry Duffy, J. C. Stone and William Walruth for terturing and robbing Oscar Horton and his wife near Union City, a year ago.

During the races at the Hollidaysburg fair Mrs. John Tood, of Altoona, was fatally in-jured by being knocked down by a horse walle she was crossing the track.

FIFTY-FIVE DROWNED.

The Steamer Catterhun Driven on the Rocks Near a Lighthouse.

The Chinese steamer Catterhun, bound from Sydney to China, with 81 human beings on board, is lying, many fathoms deep, off Seal Rock, near Fort Stephen's lighthouse, only 26 were saved. The terrible details of the catasthrope fill many pages of the Australian papers.

The following are names of drowned: R. Frarer, R. Smith, Mrs. Mathias, Mrs. Loring. Miss Loring, Neil Shannon, Liverpool master W. P. Pinney, chief-officer: Harold Leffler, third officer, R. H. Anderson, surgeon; J. H. Harper, Scotland, chief engineer; F. Wilson, second engineer; J. W. Adams third engineer; A. Worstendholm, fourth engineer, R. Man-ning, chief stewart and 41 Chinese.

The accident was due to the currents drift-ing the steamer on the rocks in the fury and darkness of the storm. At the coroner's in-quest it was emphatically proved that the steamer was being steered all right, and that the only way to account for the vessel striking was that some mysterious current carried her

upon the rocks.

REVIEW OF TRADE.

Wheat and Corn Coming Forward Rapidly-Iron Still Booming.

R. G. Dunn & Co's., Weekly Review of Trade says: A slight setback, which may mean much or nothing, according to the final outcome of the crops, is not unexpected at this season. If the government crop reports were correct, the situation would not be encouraging. But not much confidence is placed in the reduced estimate of corn, none at all in the estimate of wheat, and even the most enthusiastic bulls do not think it worth while to quote the government report on cotton. The fact is that we are beginning to market not far from 2,200,000,000 bushels of corn, though only about 500,000,000 bushels will be moved from the counties where it is grown; about 450,000,000 bushels of wheat, of which the farmers are unwisely holding back a large proportion; and about 7,200,000 bales of cotton, if the latter indications are not erroneous, as they very easily may be, to add to the stock carried over.

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If we are to have a large crop of grain and a small crop of cotton it is natural to infer that manufacturers may find large transactions at the west, but not at the South. There is in fact a very large demand for goods at the West, and west-bound shipments are unusually large, although the eastbound shipments from Chicago for four weeks of August amount to only 210,318 tons against 222,144 for the same week in 1894.

The largest output of pig iron ever known, 104,029 tons, is apparently supported by a reduction of 64,000 tons in stocks of pig fron unsold, but the fact that the great steel companies have taken large quantities, which are not included in the official statement, renders the account of stock less valuable. The marfor unfinished products is a little weaker. with indications of nesitation on the part of buyers at Philadelphia and Pittsburg, al-though prices are on the whole fairly main-

The commercial stocks of cotton September here and abread, amounted to 2 100,508 bales and domestic mills stocks were 200,618 bales, allowing not a single tale for increase of stocks at southern mills.
Prices have settled look a little during the

past week, notwithstanding the gloomy de-

The wheat crop is evidently larger than the department has estimated, though nebody knows how much larger, and is coming forward with more encouraging rapelity, less than 5,773,173 bushels having been ceived at western ports against 5.440.001 psived at western ports against 5.446.000 hushels for the same week ast year, from a much larger crop. The farmers have undoubtedly been keeping been wheat under an agreement already themselves, but it does not seem a prolliable operation for them. Expurts from Atlantic ports for the two weeks of september have been 2.417.812 bushels, flour instincted against 5.410 we bushels ast year. The ed, against 5,310,326 bushels inst yeur. price declined sharply, about 2 cents per bushel, with little indication of recovery. The price of corn has also yielded with a strong prospect of the largest crop ever grown, and at life costs at New York a large proportion of the crop will be little profit to There is a great pressure for delivery of

structural products and plates, but bar from is still quoted at Pittsburg at 1.46c, and tank steel at 1.12c. The rapid shipments of Marquette ore during the past week, have some affuence upon prices of Bessemer products. Nothing of importance has occurred in the ninor metals, althoughtin has been stronger at times, with London buying, and copper has been helped by the report of a big sale of ake at 12%c. Fallures for the week were 187 in the Unit-

sd States, against 219 last year, and 34 in Canada, against 44 last year,

THE ADVANCE IN IRON. A Strong Feeing That the End Has Not

Been Reached.

The "Iron Age" says: There has been a tittle less excitement during the past week, and there are indications that there may be a temporary built. White many arge that there be no further advance in prices, there is a strong feeling in the trade that the end is not yet. In some directions labor is growing restive again, and it may be deemed prudent restive again, and it may be deemed prudent to avert any stoppage of work by granting advances in wages, in the hope that the con-sumer may be made to pay for it. This is particularly true of Connellsville coke, which will probably witness a rise in wages, with a corresponding advance in prices, which furnaces will be asked to pay. In the central West, Bessemer pig and steel billets have been rather quiet, although somewhat mysterious intimations have been thrown out that a very large deal in Bessemer pig is under pegotiations. There have been further sales of basic pig. In the West tee Carnegie Steel Company has taken 10,000 tons additional, making 35,000 tons: the Illinois 20,000 tons in all; the Nelderinghaus interests at St. Louis 12,000, and two other concerns 12,000 together, so that the Tennessee Company has now sold about 80,000 tons outside of sales to Eastern producers. The steel rail makers have decided to make the advance fore-shadowed by the steady rise in raw material, aithough it may appear at the first blush that \$4 a ton is a pretty large jump. The highes point has been reached in pig fron production in the history of the industry. On September 1 there was in blast 215 furnaces. making weekly 194,029 gross tons of pig iron. Since the beginning of the month additional furnaces have started and others are getting ready, so that it looks as though the 200,000 ton mark would be reached before the end of the current year.

VALLEY RAILROAD SOLD.

Baltimore and Ohio Buys the Line at a Good Price.

The Valley railroad was sold at Cleveland at public auction under an order issued by United States Judge Ricks. There was only one bidder, the Baltimore & Ohio railroad company, and the price realized was \$3.070. 000, being \$570,000 more than the minimum

figures set by the court.

It is stated the road will be immediately incorporated under the laws of Ohio with a capital stock of about \$6,000,000. The only company interested in the sale, aside from the Baltimore & Ohio, is the Wheeling and Lake Eric, which has an agreement under the reorganization plan whereby it gets trai-fic facilities which will enable it to bring a large part of its lake business to Cleveland.

RAILROADERS KILLED.

Five Trainmen Met Death in a Collision in Minnesota.

Five persons were killed and 12 were in jured by a head-on collision between passenger train on the Great Northern railroad near Meiby, Minn. The dead are: Engineer J. K. Emerson, Fireman Jas. S. Thiebodo, Express Messenger W. H. Kersersaw and Mail Clerk E. T. Johnson; of the east bound train, and Engineer Ira S. Haines, of the westbound train, all residents of St. Paul. The west-bound train had passed its meeting point at Melby. Several of the wounded may die.

The Railroads.

"Poor's Manual" for 1895 shows that the length of railroad track laid in the United States up to December 31, 1894, was 179,279 miles, the increase in the calendar year 1894 being 1,321 miles. The total liabilities are put at \$11,565,600,207, of which aggregate \$5,655,734,249 is funded debt and \$5,075,629,-70 is stock. The railroads carried 583,243,-170 passengers and 675,129,747 tons of freight, and carned altogher \$1,080,305,915, of which \$322,539,276 was net profit. Other receipts raised their total revenue to \$419,016,719, but they paid out \$429.484,953 in interest, dividens, rentals, etc., or \$10.468,453 in excess of their available revenue. In other words, they had a deficit of that amount.

THE INDUSTRIAL OUTLOOK

CANNOT FIX WAGES.

Power of the Government Concerning Corporations and Labor.

In the course of an address in St. Paul United States Labor Commissioner Carroll D. Wright referred to the decision of the interstate commerce commission in regard to the justness of freight rates, and said: "The adjustment of difficulties arising between the employes of railroads and corporations must upon precisely the same principles yet it must be emphatically understood that the government has to right and no power to fix the rate of wages. It cannot, under any circumstances, fix the price of commodities."

There is no room for complaint concerning lack of employment in the Wheeling district. But few workmen are getting as much for their labor as they were three years ago, but wages are picking up slowly as the demand for labor increases, and there is reason to hope that by the first of the year nearly all lines, especially iron, steel and glass, will be paying almost the old rate. However, the increase in wages is coming from higher selling prices, and wages do not reach the rates which would have been paid with com-modities selling at the same rate as three

years ago.

The call for iron and steel workers has never been greater than at present. Every mill, furnace and steel plant in Middle Ohio Valley is fully employed, and many of them are arranging for increasing their produc-tion at an early date. The Bessemer workers are getting the cream of the business, and the furnace men are following second.

Scarcity of Skilled Workmen.

The increasing activity in the iron and steel trades is developing a scarcity of skilled workmen, says the Iron Age. Thus far no serious difficulty has been experienced in securing the men needed, but the supply is seen to be steadily growing smaller. Fower applications are now being made when vacancies are announced or when employers at vertise for additions to their force. Only fer months since the reverse was the case. A manufacturer could then make a selection from an enormous number of men. Nex year, it is apprehended, the lack of a suffi cient supply of good men will be feit quite severely. Especially is this the case in the lines in which a long apprenticeship is essen-tial for the development of the practical skill

Coke Strike Ordered.

The miners' delegate convention at Scott-

The miners delogate convention at Scott-dale, Pa., passed the following resolutions, which declare a general strike.

"Resolved. That this convention indorse the action of the convention held at connells-ville, Sept. 5, 1895, and call on all men to cease work sattl such time as the demands of the convention are granted.

"Resolved. That the foregoing resolutions date from to-day, Sept. 16.
"Whereas. It has been the policy of the men of this region to have all men regeive the advance before any be allowed to work."

therefore be it

Resolved, That any company granting the demands for all their works be allowed to run at said advance,

They Want an Advance.

At Dubois, Pa., Six hundred Bell, Lewis & Yates miners held a mess meeting and decided to demand a uniform scale, now, and an advance of 5 cent a ton, be ginning October 1, with a proportionate ad-vance for machine mining. A committee presented the demands to S. R. Elliott, general manager of the company, and returned with the report that there would be no ex-vance under the present conditions.

Have Secured a Big Contract.

The Union iron and steel company of Youngstown, Ohio, has obtained a contract to supply the Standard oil company and a few other firms in a combination with 65,000 tons of hoop iron. The iron will be nine-sixteen, 23 gauge. The rate is \$28 a ton. This contract will go far toward keeping the mills busy the next two years, at the end of which time the contract must be filled.

threaten to strike if they are designated by

The H. M. Myers shovel company, of Bea rer Falls, states that the year just closing has been one of the most prosperous the company has ever enjoyed. According to the promise given the men about this time last season, it is expected there will be an advance in wages October 1 of 10 per cent.

The Pittsburgh and Lake Eric railroad is having an extraordinary rush of freight traffic. The press has been so extensive that the officials were compelled to borrow Io omotives from other roads entering Pitts-gb. Within a week more than 100 new men for freight trains have been employed.

Representatives of the Cambria iron company, of Johnstown, Pa., were in Hollidays-burg, Pa., inspecting the Gaysport fornace with a view to an immediate resumption of operations there. This furnace was abandoned five years ago, and its renewal is due to the general activity in the pig metal industry. A large force of men will be em-ployed.

DRIVEN OUT BY WHITES. Two Negroes Killed and Twelve

Wounded.

Two negroes were shot to death and several wounded by a band of masked men in the northern portion of Holmes county. Florida. The tragedy occurred near a large saw mill owned by Graves & Beatty. The firm em-ploys many negroes, and operates a smail railroad from the saw mill to the Choetawhatchee river. A freight car had been fitted up with bunks, and within this about thirty negroes slept. The car, in which the negroes were sleeping was surrounded by masked men who immediately opened fire with winchest-ers. The shots and the screams of the negroes brought Graves, Beatty and a number of white employes who live near the scene of white employes who live n and then the masked men fled.

Examination showed that Henry Johnson and Sam Evans, negroes, had been killed, and that a dozen had been wounted, would be whom will die. The attack has so terrorized the negroes that they have refused to work for Graves & Beatty longer. It is thought that the attack was instigated by white men who had been discharged by the owners of that a dozen had been wounded, some

Wool and Cotton.

The tone of the Boston wool market is steady this week, the only noticeable exception being domestic woofs. The sales show a more decided decrease than for several weeks past. The following are quotations of the leading descriptions: Ohio and Pennsylvania fleeces, X and above, 17@18c; XX and above, 18@19c; No. 1 combing, 23c; No. 2 combing, 23c; Michigan, Wisconsin, etc., X Michigan, 16@16-jc; Hilmois, 16@17c; No. 1 Michigan combing, 22c.

The cotton report of the Department of Agriculture abows a decline from the August conditions of the crop which was 77.9 to 20.8 per cent., a decline of 7.1 points. This makes

TELEGRAPHIC TICKS.

A list of killed in the Great Northern rallroad wreck at Melby has increased to seven. A still at the Kendall oll refinery, New Bedford, Pa., was burned with a loss of \$5,-

Judge Ewing, of Uniontown, Pa., revoked the liquor license recently granted Donaboe V. Elllott, of the Ohio; de house,

James Walsh, 60 years of age, ran amuck near Sheridan, Wyo. d shot and killed H. E. Robinson and Her -rt Lynville.

Melville Scranton and Paul Shuelete, of East Saginaw, Mich., vere drowned in Tupper Lake, N. Y., whi. out boating.

As the result of a family quarrel, Louis Hoffman, of Chicago, shot his wife and sent a bullet into his own breast. Both will

Mrs. Rosin, of Toledo, O., was knocked down by a blow of a singshot by a footpad, at Louisville, her head badly cut, and her satchel and pocketbook stolen. A man and two children, names unknown,

were swept away while attempting to cross the Verdigris river, near Talala, I. T., and several similar deaths are reported.

A woman giving her name as Mrs. Joseph Bellah, is victimizing many persons in the west by means of bogus checks, drawn on the Market street national bank of Philadelphia.

FROM THE OIL FIELDS

The Wild-Catter Has Had Poor Luck in Finding Pools.

With nearly three-quarters of the year gone, and despite the fact that there has been an unprecedented activity in oil operations, there has not been a single new pool worthy the name discovered north of the Ohio river. Shooting and eleating out increased the production for a time, but the reaction has set in and the oil wells are fast settling down to their normal condition and are producing but little more than when they began tinkering with them to increase their production.

The recent discoveries in Monroe county), have developed on the part of operators an eagerness to get into new territory. The fancy prices paid for leases is evident that the oil man has a good bank account. A single instance of paying a big bonus is that of the Associated Producers operating the Deist farm. A bonus of \$10,000 was paid for the farm, and at the time it was leased it was located more than a mile from developments located more than a mile from developments, and contains but 66 acres, It has been demonstrated, however, that the farm, was cheap at the price paid. The four completed wells have all been gushers and every acre of the farm shows for producing territory. This is one instance of success, but there is another side to the story. Many farms in the vicinity of the Freiden pool were leaved early in the events. Freiden pool were leaved early in the excitement at prices that ranged higher than that paid for the Deist, and yet they will never produce a barrel of oil. Up to the present time but six of 18 farms that have been tested in searching for an extension to the Freiden development, have found oil in paying quan-

The showing in the Dyc-Brooks pool has been even worse. Aside from the two Dye-Brooks gushers, but two small wells have been found, though test wells have been drilled in almost every direction, in the hope of finding a new lead.

The Oxford Oil company's well on the L. M. The Oxford Oil company's well on the L. M. Thomas farm, which came in last Saturday at the rate of 30 barrels an hour, is now down to 150 barrels a day. Its rapid decline is not unusual for Keener sand wells.

unusual for Keener sand wells.

Two miles southwest of Wilson creek, in Washington county, O., Kelley Bros. & Co., bave drilled through the sand on the Stephen Payer form, and bave a duster. The Paoye Oil company's well on the Grey farm, near Braden pump station, Tyler county, W. Va., is causing a little flurry in that locality. The well is producing 120 barrels a day and its owners will make two new locations at once.

IN FAVOR OF DEFENDER.

The Protested Race Given to the Ameri, can Yacht.

The regatta committee of the New York Yacht club, consisting of S. Nicholson Kane, Irving Grinnell and Chester Griswold, rendered a decision sustaining Mr. Iselin's protest against Valkyrie and awarded Thursday's race to Defender. Lord Dunraven and his friends held that his boat was crowded by the Defender, and that the accident was unavoidable. The committee gave each side ample opportunity to state their case and took the testimony of the captains of each yacht and of others who were on board. The decision was in the form of a letter to Mr. Iselin and

was as follows We beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter protesting Valkyrie. We have given the matter our careful consideration, and believe that the foul occurred through the miscalculation of the distance between the two yachtes at a critical mement. From our ob-servation, sustained by that of others who were in good position to see, we find that the Valkyrie, in contravention of section 11 of racing rule 16, bore down upon the Defender and found her by the swing of her main boom when luffling to straighten her course. We also consider that Defender allowed Valkyrie sufficient room to windward to pass clear of the committee boat. Your protest is therefore, sustained.

CIVIL SERVICE RULING.

Members of Boards Must Not Indulge in Partisan Activity.

Replying to a recent communication charging that a member of a local civil service board of examiners for the internal revenue service was guilty of improper partisan activity in connection with a recent political convention, the civil service commission asked the facts may warrant and in its letter to him

"While attendance at a political convention as a delegate is not in itself a violation of the civil service rules the commission holds that partisan activity sufficient to impair useful-ness as a representative of the civil service commission is sufficient cause for removal from membership in any of its boards of ex-

Train Blown To Pieces.

Passengers arriving by the steamer Mascotte at Key West, Fia., report that a big bat-tic has been fought near Camaguey between the insurgents under Maximo Gomez and the Spainards under Gen. Melo. The battle is said to have last 48 hours and the Spaniards were repulsed with heavy loss, leaving over 50 killed and wounded on the field.

Rojoff's band has been active during the last week, having blown up a troop train by dynamite near Santiago de Cuba at a bridge near Sagua. The Spaniards admit that the train was blown up, but claim that only five men were killed. Advices received here men were killed. Advices received here state that nearly 100 soldiers were mangled by the explosion.

China Is Defiant.

The Chinese refuse to execute a single murderer implicated in the massaure of mission aries. They are assured that with the exe cution of the men accused all other demands shall cease. The work of the limbs American joint commission is the same ped. Without the presence of a continue stop-ped. Without the presence of a continue fleet no punishment for the massacre is probable. The Vegetarians are relying on official sym-pathy to begin again setzing and torturing Christians.

SEVEN BURNED TO DEAT

STEAMER ON FIRE.

Five Women, The Stewardess and Child Cremated. The London and Edinburg steamship a pany's steamer Iona, plying between Leith

London, caught fire on her trip to Gn end Monday morning. The fire starte ber cabin, and five women and one a her cabin, and live passengers, and the stewardess were be passengers, and the stewardess were by

to death and a number of others were be burned and otherwise injured. The first extinguished by the use of the ships apparatus. The manager of the comp made this statement:

"The steamer lona left Leith Satur evening at 7 o'clock with 100 saloon passers and 50 second-class passengers, part of the boat in which the second-passengers slept was used as a saloon dar the day and at night it was divided by a tition into sleeping compartments for we and men. At 2 o'clock this morning fire discovered in the ladies' compartment, or port side. The flames spread so rands port side. The flames spread so rapidly the clouds of smoke were so stifling that crew were prevented from securing passengers, being several times driven i from the burning part of the ship. The was gotten under control about i o'd when the charred bodies of seven per when the charred bodies of seven per were found in their berths, so badly but as to be unrecognizable.

The cabin on the starboard side of the

was only slightly injured, the spread flames to that side being checked by the teeting steel deck. During the pathe flames the wildest excitement among the passengers. The sale gers, men, women and children, deck, some of them nearly naked, screaming and the children crying, not until the flames were subdued they were pacified."

The Iona is lying in a dock at

The ladies' cable was completely some of the killed appear to have their boths in their efforts to their bodies were found almost in the floor. The fire originated in room, which adjoined the cabin

AS A LIVING TORCH Train Load of Oil Explodes and One is Burned to Duath

The Chicago, Burlington & Quince is had a peculiarly had wreck just our toons, Ills. A west bound train broke and as the front part slowed up at the tank the rear part ran into the front a car of naptha to ignite. The cars of naphtha and petroleum and all were soon ignited. The hundreds of feet high. Three car with terrific force. The house Craver, near by, was set on fire a ed, and Mr. and Mrs. Craver bar with their lives. Samuel Weish tant, a village fireman, was

burning oil and burned to death, men were badly but not fatally b The loss to the raliway companyle Houses a quarter of a mile away were ed by the burning oil. C. O. Carista. motive fireman was thrown from a in injured about the head. Old or strewn along for half a mile. twisted, telegraph poles pulled down burned, trees blasted and the whole st

ON ITS MISSION OF PEACE

Columbia Liberty Bell Started a Tour Around the World. The Chicago Columbia liberty tell

started on its tour of the globe. Thesp train pulled out of the Van Buren inst tion, Chicago, Saturday, consisted beli-car, specially constructed by Central ratifoad, and the engine be car and a sleeper. The present delia of the bell is Atlanta of the bell is Atlanta, Ga., but on the stops will be made at all the principal

on the line to give the people an oppose to see and hear it.

At Atlanta the bell will be received it. civic ceremonies, will be installed in a of the exposition, and will remain until close as one of the principal attraction the close of the Cotton States expesi bell will be carried through Floridan other guil states to Mexico, where it welcomed by Fresident Dias and as place of honor in the Mexican ex-The bell and its escort will then Atlantic to England, where it w at Runnymede, in deletration of Magna Charta; and it will then be the continent and on around the wer

MRS. PIETZEL TESTIFIES

She Came Before an Indiana @

Jury Mrs. Carrie A. Pietzel, the wife and m of H. H. Holmes' victims, was before oner Castor, of Indiannpolis, and the # grand jury Tuesday, with her day

Bessie.

She told the story of Holmes' moved particularly in leading her over the si while he was making way with her dis She identified her son Howard s cal was prostrated by grief. Mrs. Pietril described the garment as she packed

September last. She also described the garment according to the state of the shown to her. She burk lamentations and said: "It is poor Helso coat. Oh, I must see him.

Mrs. Pietzel was so distracted thatis vestigation was suspended. In an use with her Mrs. Pietzel said she would be

for I could not commit murder, but is see him punished."

Death In a Wreck. Passenger trains Nos. 2 and 10

Minnesotta, Wednesday morns renning at a high rate of spe gether with terrific force James Thibidau, tireman engineer of No. 3, and both bag of whom is thought to be John Five were injured, includ clerks, one brakeman and one Wrecking crews wer scene from Barnesville and doctors from St. Cloud, Ferger Fall Alexandria.

Gave a \$1,000,000 Mortgage A million dollar mortgage was fish the auditor at Tacoma, Washington given by the Tacoma Land Compact Tacoma property, which is valued a \$5,000,000, the Providert Life and Company of Philadelphia, to secure a \$1,000,000. The proceeds are being the construction of a 2,000-ton wheat house, the purchase and filling in of all of the Tacoma tide flats and dress

Fleeing From Quito. The remnant of the Eucadoresa

ment is fleeing from Quito toward the ary of Columbia There, it is rept agents of the late government a faro. The latter, fearing that a reaction might be fomented by I has dispatched an envoy to Color measures be taken to prevent the of tion of armed forces bostile to him is