

STATE NEWS.

Morehead City had a \$5,000 fire a few days ago. Mr. J. E. Humphrey, merchant, at Statesville, has made an assignment. Jack Wilfong, of Catawba, was killed in a fight with William Miller, of Irwell, last week. Rev. A. T. Howell, of Southport, has been called to the pastorate in the Dover Association, Virginia. Jesse Reid, of Battleboro, was fatally injured the other day by having his skull crushed by a falling tree. The barn of Capt. A. M. Clark, of Southern Pines, was destroyed by fire on last Friday night, says the Sanford Express. Burlington News: Mr. Wm. Coble shot and killed on Sunday morning an eagle measuring seven feet three inches from tip to tip. Laurie Weddell, a prosperous young merchant of Tarboro, died October 21. Only a year ago he was married to Miss Lillian Reid, of Rocky Mount. Red Springs Comet: The Episcopalians have raised nearly enough money to build their church at Maxton, and will soon begin its erection. Several po poises have been seen this week in the river opposite the town. It is unusual to see them so far from the sound, says the Washington Gazette. Scotland Neck Democrat: It is reported from several places in this section that water is very low in the wells, and in some cases the wells have entirely dried up. Miss S. L. Horison plucked from her father's orchard the other day an apple weighing one pound and nine ounces. Miss Sallie "is ahead," says the Bakersville News. Asheville Gazette: During October there were eighteen deaths in Asheville, according to reports filed by city physicians. Of these thirteen were white and five colored. North Carolina Presbyterian: First Church, Charlotte: The amount of \$700 has been raised by the church for the purpose of erecting a city missionary. Rev. E. Mack, pastor. It is said the Asheville Street Railway Company's force is contemplating a strike unless they are better paid. It is said also that the company owes several of its employees \$400 each. Mr. A. R. Henry has a prolific pear tree, although the tree is fifty years old, it has now two dozen pears on it, the second crop. He has placed on our table four pears, says the Shelby Aurora. D. F. Horton on Cove Creek sold eight head of two year old steers, that weighed 8,000 pounds. The oldest one, an April calf, weighed 1,130 pounds. Who can beat it? asks the Boone Democrat. Jonesboro Monitor: Dr. John McIver, living two miles south of town, had the misfortune of having two mules and a horse killed at one time by a train on the F. F. & Y. V. Railroad last night. Mr. Gillum Helms, who lives about three miles from town, had the misfortune to have his house destroyed by fire Saturday evening about four o'clock. We have no particulars, says the Monroe Enquirer. Maxton Union and Scottish Chief: Two bold and dastardly attempts were made to burn the town last Saturday night, but fortunately both fires were discovered and extinguished before much damage was done. Elizabeth City Carolinian: A live calf with a bull dog's head—a wonderful freak of nature—was one of the interesting curiosities at the Fair last week. The entire head had all the formations of the bull dog. The eleven year old son of Mr. J. T. Dees was bitten by a mad dog last Saturday night. He was taken to Charlotte and the mad stone applied, which stuck to the wounds about two hours, says the Monroe Enquirer. Charlotte News: During the month of October, as shown by the reports of Moses Thomas keeper of the cemeteries, there were but 14 deaths in Charlotte. Of this number eight were among the colored population. Goins, outlaw Rogers' companion, who was arrested in this city not long since and taken to Hillsboro where he was wanted for burglary, has been tried and sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary, says the Durham Sun. On Sunday night, the drug store of Tarboro & Edwards at Springhope and the store of W. H. Culpepper were burned. The cause was supposed to be accidental. There was some insurance, says the Rocky Mount Phoenix. Mr. T. A. White showed us yesterday a cotton ball which contained thirteen locks of seed cotton, something we never heard of before—the usual number being four to five locks to the boll, says the Wadesboro Messenger. Esquire Huffstetter showed us last week at Beonia an ear of corn containing 1440 grains. These grains were nearly an inch long. The corn is of a variety valuable chiefly for table use as roasting ears, etc, says the Gastonia Gazette. Asheville Citizen: A severe cold contracted some days since was the indirect cause of the death of Lloyd Alexander, the nineteen year old son of W. R. Alexander, which occurred Saturday night at his home on Woodfin street. Charlotte Observer: The hosiery mills at Scotland Neck and Kinston are receiving more orders than they can fill, while similar mills are in course of erection at Tarboro and New Berne. The Tarboro cotton mills made a profit of 20 per cent. for the past year, and have just declared a dividend of 8 per cent.

Charlotte News: Mr. E. R. Williamson, a book agent of Salem, was knocked from a trestle one mile east of Winston, this morning, and was instantly killed. He attempted to cross the trestle in the face of an approaching train. Asheville Citizen: Rev. D. H. Tuttle, who closed a very successful revival at the Central church last evening, left this morning for his old home in Caldwell county, where he will spend a few days before returning to his work at Tarboro. Fayetteville Gazette: The Presbyterian church was packed last Sunday night with people of every religious belief in town to hear Evangelist Fife preach his farewell sermon to the people of Fayetteville, prior to his departure for Charlotte. John Noel, charged with the murder of Ed. Brown, pleaded not guilty before the criminal court yesterday. The case has been continued until next session of court. The prisoner has been released on \$500 bond, says the Asheville Gazette. Elkin Times: The farmers in this section are using improved machinery more this year than ever before. About forty tons of fertilizer were received by our merchants last week. The amount sold this year is much greater than last year. Dr. Karl vonRuck has instituted suit in the Superior Court of Buncombe against Dr. A. B. Hawkins, one of the guests at the Hotel Belmont when it was burned. It is for the payment of Dr. Hawkins' \$250 board bill, says the Asheville Gazette. Charlotte Observer: Creamery stock is booming since large orders have come for the produce. The goods are to be placed as far south as Birmingham, in Lynchburg, and other remote places. The stockholders are enthused over the demand for supplies. Greenville Reflector: Mrs. Lydia James, wife of Mr. W. A. James, of Bethel township, died at 3 o'clock on last Saturday afternoon of paralysis. She was afflicted with this disease some weeks ago and had a second stroke Sunday before her death. She was 62 years old. Burlington News: News was received here Monday of a sad accident which befell Mr. T. H. Hornaday, of Snow Camp, this county, Saturday. He was working at a saw mill, and by some means got tangled in the saw, badly lacerating his leg and lameing him for life. Mr. E. Motz, superintendent of the Brewer gold mine, was at the Central this morning with a 15 pound brick. It was a beauty, and at the mint its value was ascertained to be \$3,000. Mr. Motz comes up every few days with bricks of that kind, says the Charlotte News. Sunday morning the alarm of fire was given. It was found that the cottage at Cannonville occupied by Lee Clark and family was on fire. No exertion could save the building the loss of which falls on the company. All the goods were saved, says the Concord Standard. Mr. Jno Saunders, of Globe, killed a fat bear on the Grandfather, last week and divided out the meat among his friends, so that, when the candidates invaded Globe, the people fed most of them on bear meat. Mr. Cloyd complains that he didn't get a bait, says the Lenoir Topic. Lou Pharr, colored struck Adam Holdbrooks, also colored, with a smothering iron Tuesday, and hurt him pretty badly. Adam was curing in front of Lou's house, when she told him to desist. He did not do so and she went at him with the above result, says the Concord Times. Lincoln News: The little boy of Mr. W. P. Martin, of North Brook township, was bitten by a mad dog one day this week. The boy was brought to town and Mr. Cobb's "mad stone" was applied to the wound. The stone adhered to the wound several times and then refused to adhere. Mr. H. M. Caldwell, of Sharon, has turned his attention to fruit-growing, garden produce, poultry, etc. Recently he sold \$57 worth of apples and \$100 worth of eggs and produce generally. He says he can make more off of fruit and vegetables than by raising cotton, says the Charlotte Democrat. Col. and Mrs. W. F. Davis have arrived, and are preparing their commodious and pleasant hotel for the reception of Northern guests, who will soon begin to pour in to spend the winter here in our delightful climate, and escape the severe weather of the North, says the Kittrell Monitor. J. J. Keller, a workman on Hotel Claiborn, had a painful accident this morning. While using a hatchet it flew off the handle and struck him across the back of his right hand, inflicting a severe gash. Dr. J. A. Smith dressed his wound and he will be unable to work for some days, says the Durham Sun. Lee Foy, colored, was up before Mayor Stockton in Salem last night for selling ardent spirits without license. He was found guilty and was fined \$25 and cost. The mayor disposed of another case for breach of the peace. The fines and costs in both cases aggregated \$30.56, says the Winston Sentinel. Greensboro Workman: Ensign A. H. Scales, of the United States Naval Service, who has been connected with the cruiser Yorktown during its operations in the Behring Sea, returned here this morning. Archie is the picture of robust health, and in every way is looking well. He left his ship at San Francisco. New Berne Journal: Mr. Jonathan E. Jones showed us yesterday a very fine sample of English Walnut grown by him. The tree is now nine years old from the planting of the seed and this is the first bearing year. Abundantly as these trees bear and as high as the walnuts sell it is surprising that their cultivation is not largely engaged in, and yet they are so scarce that a growing tree is a novelty.

Goldsboro Argus: The Goldsboro Cotton Mill will soon start up on its fullest possible running capacity. Mr. L. D. Gully, its new owner, has secured the services of one of the best cotton mill men in the South as its superintendent, and at an early day the machinery will be set going and kept on full running time. Wins on Sentinel: Easter Edwards, an aged colored woman, was found dead in her yard Sunday morning, October 30th, near Island Ford church, in Yadkin county. Four different bruises on her head showed that foul play had been used. Five persons, all colored, are under arrest to day and an investigation is being held. Rocky Mount Argonaut: Col. Garibaldi died near Halifax in the early part of the week, aged seventy-nine. Col. Garibaldi came to this country about fifty years ago. He left a widow to mourn her loss. His estate is valued at \$5,000. Although he did not claim the title in this country, Col. Garibaldi was an Italian Count. A severe loss has befallen Messrs. Hackburn & Willett in the destruction yesterday afternoon of their saw mill, box mill and fertilizer mill on their farm two and a half miles from the city. The fire caught underneath the mill from a spark. The loss was about \$5,000. There was no insurance whatever, says the New Berne Journal. Greensboro Record: F. F. Stevenson, colored, was tried for a criminal assault on Lizzie Smith, also colored, before A. P. Eckel, Esq., this morning. The evidence against Stevenson, who we learn is studying for the ministry, was very strong, and he was bound over to court in a bond of \$200, failing to give which he was placed in jail. News comes to us that last Saturday night a colored man was found near the bridge across Fishing creek below Enfield in almost senseless condition. He was not able to tell much but said that four men had beaten him. He was taken up and Sunday he died. An inquest was held over his body Monday, says the Scotland Neck Democrat. Morganton Herald: The Burke Tanning Company is so much pleased with outlook in Morganton that they have begun the work of doubling their plant here. — Isaac A. Peason, who was born on Silver Creek, this county, and who at one time represented Yancey county in the Legislature, died at Catawba Station last Tuesday, Oct. 25 h, aged 75 years. It is with pain we announce the death of Capt. Smith, conductor of freight train on the C. F. & Y. V. Railroad. We understand that his caboose jumped the track and ran for some distance, shaking him up very much. The shock was so great that he went to bed when he reached Fayetteville and never rallied, says the Red Springs Comet. Charlotte News: John Wilson, colored politician, has brought suit against postmaster Brady for \$35, which John claims Brady owes him for campaign work. John claims that by Brady's direction he put in three weeks getting the negro voters to register. He claims \$35 for his services, but Brady denies the claim and refuses to pay it, hence the suit. A gentleman who came over on the train last night tells us that a few miles beyond Harisburg some fellow threw a stone through the car window. The stone was larger than a man's head and fell in the aisle. Luckily no one was hit by it, though some small pieces of the glass from the car window got into a gentleman's eye, says the Concord Times. Kinston Free Press: It was reported in a dispatch sent out from Monroe, La., that Mr. J. Rouse, a native of this county, was shot and killed by a negro tenant on a plantation on the island of Desiard, of which Mr. Rouse is the manager. A telegram received here on the 20th says that he is severely wounded but improving and will soon be well again. Hickory Bulletin: Pink Sigmon, of this county, with his family "skipped" the State last Friday night, and left numerous creditors "in the soup." Pink has been a very loud Third party man, and for some time has been selling off his truck and land, preparatory to departure. He enjoyed a fair credit, and every one thought he would pay up before leaving, but he didn't. Monroe Enquirer: Mr. Caleb Dry, a prominent merchant of Monroe, died Tuesday at 4 o'clock p. m. Mr. Dry came to Monroe eight years ago and has been engaged in business here ever since. — Rev. G. W. Harmon of Monroe, went to Charlotte last Sunday to preach in Tryon street Baptist church. Mr. Harmon is in the very front rank of the Baptist ministry. Mount Airy News: Santa Salmons, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Salmons, of Yadkin county, was some days ago instantly killed by a molasses mill. He was driving the stock and stepped upon a chain, when the sweep came around and caught his head against the post, bent his head over, broke his neck and crushed the back part of the skull. He was about 11 years old. Mr. Chas. L. Davis of Morehead, was arrested Tuesday on the charge of setting the fire which destroyed the fish houses in that place Sunday night. An examination was held before Cicero Davis, J. P. of Beaufort and circumstantial evidence being strong against him he was bound over to court in the sum of \$3,000, which bond was given and he was released, says the New Berne Journal. The elevator in Mill No. 4, at Forest Hill became "cranky" at twelve. Seven or eight boys and young ladies were descending, when the elevator began moving so rapidly two young ladies jumped from it a distance of nearly fourteen feet. A Miss Plyler was considerably bruised on the back, and Miss Lyerly, in jumping, fell on her face, and sustained bad bruises. Those that remained on the elevator were only slightly shocked, says the Concord Standard.

Tarboro Southern: The Tarboro Water Works Company will bore for an artesian well, says Mr. Phipps, of the Connecticut Pipe Company. Mr. Spandour who put down the present system of water works has been asked for estimates and New York experts are also being consulted. It is now almost certain that the company will supply the town from wells and not from the creek. Mr. H. McN. Lytch's mill, cotton gin house and engine standing near by were burned last Sunday morning. The fire was discovered about 3 o'clock in morning. Origin of the fire unknown. In addition to the loss of the houses and engine five bales of seed cotton and 200 bushels of cotton seed were totally destroyed, and 14 bales of cotton were badly damaged, says the Laurinburg Exchange. A telegram of Messrs. Roberts Bros., informs them that their schooner, the Mattie E. Hiles, Capt. Dave Ireland, went ashore at Currituck inlet, 45 miles north of Nags Head. Both the vessel and cargo are a total loss. The cargo consisted of 600 sacks salt consigned jointly to Messrs. Roberts Bros., and Mr. E. K. Bishop, and of molasses and shot consigned to the former alone. The cargo was invoiced at \$900. The schooner was worth \$2,500, says the New Berne Journal. VOTE-BUYING. The November Review of Reviews, a very high class publication, in commenting on the political practices of the day, admits that things are not as they should be. The writer says the old fashioned method of having barbecues, big speakings and a powerful effort to raise enthusiasm and partisan feeling to the highest pitch, has been done away with, except in certain localities. The buying of votes is now the stock in trade for the campaign committees. The Review of Reviews says: The main reason, however, for the lack of noise and smoke and grime and violence in the campaign is due to a change of method. The transition began several years ago, and its full significance now begins to be apparent. It is smokeless and noiseless powder that has been introduced, with a corresponding revolution in tactics. What is the new method? Perhaps some of the readers of recent magazine articles (witness, for example, those summarized in our own department of "Leading Articles of the Month") will answer that the new method is simply the very elaborate and stealthy organization of vote buying, the principal business of campaign committees being to see how many venal votes can be actually bought and safely delivered with the great sums they collect and disburse. This is an entirely wrong view. There are infected spots, truly, where the disease of electoral venality has become epidemic and where both parties seem compelled to pay their own members for taking the time and trouble to come to the polls, while an element more venal still is shamelessly selling itself to the highest bidder. These spots appear, it is to be found chiefly in New England, although the disease has its small but distinct areas of infection in various other States. The real political leaders on both sides hate and deplore the accursed traffic in votes, though their henchmen are guilty of using what they claim as the only means that can now be used effectively in the infected districts. There is some reason to believe that the day is near at hand when both sides will join hands in a powerful attempt to stamp out this horrible disease, as the sanitary authorities would localize, isolate and stamp out the cholera infection. Our investigators and reformers are rendering a good service in their attempts to make a scientific and statistical study of venal voting, and the attention of the country cannot be focused too sharply upon these dangers and abuses. "Honest Politics" clubs, of inter-partisan membership and permanent character, ought to be formed in every community for the sake of fighting corrupt methods and practices. GRAND RALLY IN PLYMOUTH. One Thousand Men on the Ground.—The Speakers, Butler and Aycock, at Their Best. MR. EDITOR:—I never saw such a large turn out of the farmers in Washington county. They came from all parts of the county, both whites and black, to hear the issues of this campaign discussed. I tell you, sir, many of the old farmers were almost out of heart they had heard so much said about Bro. Butler by such men as T. J. Jarvis & Co. But their fears are all gone. Bro. Butler did a big thing for the people in this county. He showed the corruption of both of the old parties so clear and forcibly and the grand aim of the People's party that he made votes by the hundred for the People's party. A Rev. colored gentleman came to where Mr. Butler and I were standing and told Mr. Butler that he had made 150 colored votes that day. Mr. Aycock never answered one of the arguments that Mr. Butler made. He said more about Mr. Butler than he did about the issues. I tell you, sir, I never heard a man used up like Aycock was. Butler wore him out completely. He asked all who were going to vote for Gen. James B. Weaver to hold up their hands, and up went three-fourths of the vast multitude with shouts and yells that made the old forlorn Democrats quake and tremble. Comrades be of good cheer, that is just the way we eastern boys will vote in November, and we will show them better than we can tell them. I am of the decided opinion that we will carry North Carolina. The Democrats say they will do us like they did in Georgia. If they do they will have a lively time of it. The People's party is too strong to be bulldozed or run over by them. All we ask is a fair count and we will be satisfied with the result. So mote it be. Respectfully, A. C. WENTZ.

THE LATEST NEWS. Sparks from the Wires—Most Important Events Throughout the World for a Week. CHICAGO, Ill., Nov. 1.—The Chicago Athletic Association burned this morning. The building cost \$250,000. George J. Wheat, a locomotive engineer, was killed at Pittsburg by run over by a Pan Handle train. It is officially denied that the bodies washed ashore from the Roumania wreck have been plundered by wreckers. DES MOINES, Ia., Nov. 1.—The residence of George Cage was burned yesterday. Cage, his wife, and two children perished. Rutland, Vt., has had its first snow storm of the season. On the mountains east of there the snow is from two to three inches deep. KNOXVILLE, Nov. 1.—Francis Baker, the boy who killed his father Saturday, was acquitted yesterday on the ground of justifiable homicide. LONDON, Nov. 1.—The death of Robt. Grant, professor of astronomy in the University of Glasgow, at the age of seventy eight, is announced. In a fight between W. A. Ripple and Barney Whalen, soldiers at Fort Brown, Texas, over a woman, Whalen was shot dead by Ripple, who, to avoid arrest, then killed himself. A dispatch from London says the Northumberland miners, by a unanimous vote, have decided to accept a 5 per cent. reduction of wages, instead of going on a strike. DENVER, Col., Nov. 1.—Margaret Badger, aged fourteen, of Atlanta, Ga., is the winner of the Demorest diamond medal. Her subject was "Young America's War Cry." VANCOUVER, B. C., Nov. 1.—The China Mail says Chi Yui has been appointed the next Chinese minister to the United States. He now holds the post of chief of instruction. Samuel Connolly, of Harrison, N. J., is wanted by the police of that town for having inflicted injuries which may prove fatal upon Samuel Boan, of Jersey street, late on Monday night. JOHNSON CITY, Tenn., Nov. 1.—In a free for all fight at Embreeville, last night over a woman of the town, Joe Jay was shot and killed by Walter Smith. He has fled to the mountains. CHICAGO, Nov. 1.—Mrs. Sims Manack, an Esquimaux, presented her husband a four pound daughter in Esquimaux camp, World's Fair grounds. It is the first child born on the grounds. H. M. S. Howe is ashore on a reef inside the bar at Ferrol, in the Bay of Betanos, on the west coast of Spain. He has a great hole in her hull. The Howe carried ten guns and had a displacement of 10,300 tons. PORTLAND, Oregon, Nov. 2.—Lieutenant Frederick Schwatka, of Alaskan exploration fame, died here this morning. He was picked up on the street about 3 a. m. in an unconscious condition. Beside him was found an empty laudanum bottle. HURON, S. D., Nov. 2.—The Democrats have been instructed to forsake their electoral ticket and to vote for Weaver. The movement has created uneasiness in Republican circles, for if the Democrats follow instructions the State will be lost to Harrison. PORTLAND, Oregon, Nov. 2.—Instructions have been received from the National Democratic headquarters to withdraw the Cleveland electors. The action meets with the approval of the Democrats here and they claim that it assures the defeat of Harrison electors. The ravages of the cholera at Chong King are appalling. The deaths there estimated from 30,000 to 40,000. The people are going any distance from home to carry tags with the name and address thereon. The cholera is also ranging at Hankow, claiming numerous victims. NEW ORLEANS, La., Nov. 3.—Mr. Henry M. Neil, the well-known statistician, estimates the cotton crop of 1892 at 7,100,000 bales, maximum, exclusive of old cotton. In the event that the Texas yield falls below 2,000,000 bales, he believes the crop may not reach even 7,000,000 bales. NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 2.—New Orleans is on the verge of a general strike, which will affect every branch of industry. Seven thousand men will go out if a demand for increased wages, fewer hours work and the employment of none but union men is not complied with. The municipal authorities are friendly to the strikers. NEW YORK, Nov. 1.—The electric wire men met in Clarendon hall this morning and decided upon a general strike. The walking delegates were appealed to and a decision was reached that all the affiliated trades should be called out with the exception of tin workers and brick layers. The delegates started out this morning to call the union men off their jobs. It is thought the strike may affect 50,000 men. CHICAGO, Nov. 1.—Reports have reached Chicago that a large white steamer was wrecked off Manitow Island. It is now believed that the vessel is the W. H. Gilcher, the sister boat of the Western Reserve, which was lost several weeks ago. She passed the straits the afternoon of the big storm on the lake, bound for Milwaukee. She has not been reported there by the port officials, but may have made some other port. CHESTERTOWN, Md., Nov. 1.—Charles Brooks, Fletcher Williams, and Moses Brown, men, and Joshua Bairard, Louis Benson, Henry Hays, Frisby Comegys, and Charles S. Emory, boys, all convicted of the murder of Dr. Jas. H. Hill near Millington, Kent county, April 23 last, have been sentenced to be hanged at such time as Gov. Brown may appoint. All the convicted persons are colored and seem entirely indifferent regarding their fate. LAWRENCEBURG, Ind., Nov. 3.—John Lochner, aged 66, was bitten by a strange cat, supposed to be mad. Within a few minutes his hand began to

swell in an alarming manner. The unfortunate man was seized with fear of hydrophobia and drank enormous quantities of whiskey to avert the danger he imagined threatening him, and within three hours he was dead. Physicians are puzzled to know whether Lochner died of hydrophobia, alcohol poisoning, or simply fear. LONDON, Nov. 1.—The Board of Agriculture has ordered that all the cattle landed at Dundee from Canada by the steamers Hurona and Monkseaton be slaughtered, owing to the discovery of pleuro-pneumonia among them. The killing of the animals began on Friday last and has been continued since. Altogether the steamers landed 1,200 head of cattle. Scotch veterinary surgeons declare that the disease is not pleuro-pneumonia, but a non-contagious affection, the symptoms of which are similar to those of pleuro-pneumonia. They blame the government for acting too hastily in the matter. Irish dealers who have large supplies of cattle are jubilant at the prospect of a spurt in their business through it becoming necessary for Scotch farmers to replenish their stocks. The government has issued orders that incoming Canadian cattle be subjected to the sharpest scrutiny. THREE TRAINS IN A HEAP. PITTSBURG, Pa., Nov. 2.—A disastrous wreck occurred on the Fort Wayne road at the Washington avenue crossing in Allegheny about 1 o'clock this morning when a fast freight from the east was hit by the Keystone express from Chicago, smashing six cars and badly wrecking the engine of the express. In the confusion no precaution was taken to flag the fast express out of Chicago, and this train, running at a terrific speed, crashed into the first wreck, completing a blockade of the three tracks. Engineer Sauerback, of the Chicago express, was badly crushed. The fireman was badly hurt. The passengers in each of the express trains were badly frightened and many rushed out on the tracks in their night clothes. After about an hour's delay the tracks were cleared and extra engines proceeded with the passenger trains. TWENTY KILLED OUTRIGHT. Fearful Accident in an English Express Train. LONDON, Nov. 2.—An appalling railway accident occurred this morning near Thirsk, in Yorkshire, by which twenty persons were killed and a large number injured. The express train, which leaves Edinburgh every evening for London, was running at full speed as it approached Thirsk, when ahead of it appeared a heavily laden goods train. The engine of the express train reversed his engine and put on the brakes, but the momentum of the heavy express was too great, and it dashed into the goods train, making a most terrible wreck. To add to the horror the carriages caught fire and were destroyed. A large number of persons from nearby places were soon at the scene and did everything possible to extricate the dead and injured. The burning cars greatly hampered their efforts, but had it not been for their bravery, the loss of life would have been much greater. The scene at the wreck is pitiable. Some of the bodies taken out of the debris were burned beyond all semblance to humanity. Their clothing had been destroyed, and in some cases the jewelry worn was melted by the intense heat. This will render the identification of the dead extremely difficult, if not altogether impossible. A wrecking train was dispatched to the scene as soon as the fact of disaster became known. A number of physicians have been carried to the wreck and they at once devoted themselves to relieving the sufferings of the injured. THE RIVER SET ON FIRE. One Life Lost, Two Men Badly Burned, and a Vessel Damaged. PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 1.—A thoughtless act cost one life and much suffering to two men and destroyed \$15,000 worth of property this evening at Point Breeze, the extreme southern point of the city. The Schuykill river at Point Breeze is always covered with a thin scum of oil from adjacent oil works, and since the oil fire there on Sunday more than the usual quantity has been floating on the surface. William Miller, Albert Krumbach, and Warren Hilt, all young men, started from the eastern shore at Point Breeze this evening in a rowboat to cross the river. When about 150 feet from the shore one of the men lighted his pipe and carelessly tossed the blazing match into the water. As it fell into the water a burst of flame shot up alongside the skiff, and almost instantly the surface of the river around the boat was blazing fiercely. The flames of the burning oil licked the gunwales of the light craft, and the men, realizing that it would be quickly consumed, plunged into the burning fluid around them and started to swim ashore. The fire circle grew larger and spread more rapidly than they could swim, and they found that they were being roasted alive. Hilt sank beneath the flaming surface and was seen no more, but his two companions by repeatedly diving and swimming beneath the surface succeeded in reaching the shore. Both men were horribly burned about the shoulders, head, face and arms. They were taken to the hospital, where it was said that their condition was critical. The fire in the meantime had spread down the river, and the wrecking steamer Maryland, which was lying in the stream working to raise the burned bark Felix, caught fire, and before she could steam out of the fire she had been damaged to the extent of \$15,000. Streams of water from several engines and tugs finally put the burning oil out. The Maryland is owned by the Red Star Line.