## AFTER FLAGG.

## Postoffice Authorities After \$100,000 in Cash.

By Accused Brokers.

#### Flagg and Joshua Brown Released, Monday, on Bail.

New York, Sept. 25,-After spending opportunity for work to be done for the better part of two cays in the city the farmer in Congress, and he reprison, Jared Flagg, the broker, ex-United States treasurer, Daniel L. representative or a senator can do for by hostile natives yesterday at the the morning preaching service at the Morgan, the Rev. James T. Shock and the farmers depends largely upon the Yacans Islands, which form part of the M. E. church. His text was Hebrews as many others who were arrested Frireleased from the Tombs today on bail State of Maine, for instance; when we verely wounded. The details of the afday in the raid on Flagg's office were aggregating \$65,000. The greater part had but 10,000 Grange members, noof the sum was furnished by a surety body cared what they did or advocompany, including the \$10,000 required cated, but when the membership befor Morgan, Shock and Attorney Alvin H. Higgins. Ernest Flagg, an architect, went on the bond of his brother for \$25,000.

A ninth arrest in the case was made late today when post office inspectors took into custody Elbridge T. Sewall, the cashier of the raided brokerage firm. He was held in \$10,000 bail, which had not been furnished tonight.

After his release Flagg renewed the charges that he and his associates were the victims of a conspiracy.

New York, Sept. 25 .- The post office authorities today took steps to lay their hands on a large sum, said to be more than \$100,000 in cash, which they believe was kept in reserve by Jared rested Saturday charged with violating the postal laws to defraud inves-

Flage and his alleged associates. Former United States Treasurer Daniel N. Morgan, F. Tennyson Neely, the former publisher, and others, spent Saturday and Sunday nights in jail, but today the federal officials expected they would produce cash for bail, in spite of the fact that the court will require \$65,000 before releasing them.

To prevent the accused stock brokers from reaching their reserve fund before the federal authorities can get control of it, the post office inpectors prepared to have some of Flagg's customers file a petition in bankruptcy against him. In addition to \$67,000 in cash which the inspectors a safe deposit box, it is said that \$191,000 has been received from customers since Sept. 1, indicating the magnitude of the business contributed by investors.

Fingg maintains that his profits avcrazed 53 per cent, but declares that further said: every dollar was made through legitimate Stock Exchange transactions.

The federal officers have collected a number of witnesses, four of whom, they say, have turned over to Flagg's concern as much as \$60,000. The government charges that Flagg's scheme was to pay customers this immense dividend for a short time after their investment, taking the money from the principal invested by his small army of customers Three wagon loads of By far the largest number of customers outside of New York City, live in N. Morgan. Ithaca, N. Y., is said to a close third and Franklin, Pa., next.

The detectives say that the weekly ous restaurant near Flagg's offices ance of eash on hand. were a strong feature of his campaign. At these functions no expense was spared, although the conversation seldom touched on business.

Alvin M. Higgins, the lawyer who is said to have been the legal adviser of Jared Flagg, and who with Flagg and six other men, was taken in the round-up, made on Saturday, was the first of the prisoners to secure his release on bail today. The \$10,000 bond required by United States Commislawyer was released.

have played an important part in Flagg's financial operations and post office inspectors hoped to question her

This afternoon Flagg was released on a bond for \$25,000 given by his brother Ern- trees uprooted and telephone, electric est. Joshua Brown furnished a bondsman light and fire alarm wires put out of H.; James Kincald from Manchester, N. for \$2500. Brown is accused of being one of the firm's "cappers."

p cted later in the day to arrest a man gets at the Bay State Rifle Range were nd a woman employed in Flagg's offices. The inspectors exhibited a booklet written by Flagg entitled "How to Make Money Out of Wall Street," in which the author asserts that his system is founded 'on the rocky bottom of mathematical

Postmaster General Hitchcock took under personal inspection today the Jared Flagg case.

"The case is one of the most important that the post office department has handled for years," he said. "I want to express my gratification to the inspection officers here on the manner in which they have handled it. They have done most admirably; all the post office men con cerned have done excellent work."

Warren L. Dickson, inspector in charge Mr. Hitchcock said, had practically han dled the entire case from the beginning.

#### UPON FARMERS.

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from a candidate for stenographer. "I shall be a candidate before the primaries next June and before the next Legislature to succeed myself," said Mr. Gardner Monday in discuss-

Maine's new senator believes that reculturists in every section where this it is only a question of time when the invention would make farming easier, people instead of the Legislatures will the expense, which is prohibitive in elect the United States senators and individual cases, being shared among declares that he will do all for his the groups using the machine. Co-oppower to bring about that condition of erative farming, as it were.

things. He is also a strong advocate of a parcels post system. "I am an extremist in favor of this plan," said he, "I believe in a system that would be applicable everywhere in this country, a system less restricted than that

dvocated in Congress." Mr. Gardner says that he has not hanged his attitude in regard to recprocity since its overwhelming defeat in Canada, but admits that it must be held in abeyance for a time. He pre dicts that in the future there will not tween the United States and some of the South American countries.

"Maine has had senators in the past that have been interested in agriculture, but I believe that I shall be when I take my seat in the United States Senate, the only actual farmer that ever represented the State," declared Mr. Gardner. He was asked it he did not think that there was a great plied: "The amount of work that a fermers themselves and the support Philippine archipelago, several sailgiven in legislative work. Take the came upwards of 50,000 the Grange be-Grange of Maine could bring them- in Southern Philippine waters. selves to apply themselves as a unit to great questions of public policy they would be an invincible force."

#### AUGUSTA LOCALS.

AUGUSTA OWLS

Their First Anniversary Celebrate Monday Evening.

Augusta Nest, No. 1366, Order o Owls, celebrated its first anniversary Monday evening with an attendance of about 100 members and in a manner that was characterized by good cheer throughout the evening. It proved the most enjoyable occasion in which the members had participated for some

The program of the evening included the initiation of a class of seven candidates, the service of refreshments and a general good time, during which speeches were made by many of those

Past President E. W. Hanks spoke of the remarkable growth of the order at large, there being in the United States over 5000 subordinate nests with a membership of nearly 5,000,000, and that at an age of only seven years. President Niles L. Perkins, taking up Augusta Nest, No. 1366, said that just a year ago it was organized with 187 charter members, and that during declare Flagg and his partners kept the year 45 applications had been received. During the year three members have died-Albert L. Foster, who passed away early in the year, George Robbins, March 24, and William T. Worthing Aug. 14. President Perkins

"We have lived a year today and stand as one of the best fraternal beneliciary orders in the State, and aside from the social strata of good fellowship, harmony and unity that runs through the order, we have made mark as a charitable and munificent body of men, whose willing hands. ready hearts and generous purses are outstretched to assist their unfortunate brothers.

"We have alone expended for bene fits charity and doctors' bills nearly books and correspondence seized in \$500, besides furnishing these splendid Saturday's raid on his brokerage con- quarters for lodge work and ample cers are being examined for evidence. accommodations for recreation in the usting from the Portsmouth High

Bridgeport, Conn., the home of Daniel President George Morrill, George God- Louise S. Hovey, resides at 57 State soc and others.

The treasurer's report showed the financial condition of the nest to be very satisfactory, that all bills had been luncheons given customers at a fam- paid and that there was a goodly bal-

# der and Lightning.

Boston, Sept. 25.-An unusually heavy rain, accompanied by thunder and lightning, fell upon eastern Massachusetts late today. In the two hours that the storm lasted, 1.05 inches sioner Gilchrist was furnished and the of rain fell, according to weather bureau records. Heavy damage result-A pretty 19-year-old girl is said to ed from the downpour, streets being washed out, cellars flooded and street car service in many of the suburbs paralyzed.

Wind and lightning also did some damage, several houses being struck, commission.

In Reading a new house was wreck-The post office inspectors said they ex- ed by a falling tree; in Wakefield tarblown over and hail stones gave the street a winter appearance; in Melrose street cars were tied up and streets on the hillsides washed out; in Medford the Mystic valley was flooded and one house was struck by lightning, and in Winchester similar damage was done, The rain belt extended as far west

as Springfield, but in that city the storm was of short duration and the electrical exhibition was not of a seri-

#### SEVERE AROUND PORTLAND.

Several People Prostrated by Lightning, But All Will Recover.

Portland, Me., Sept. 25 .- Portland and vicinity were visited by a severe rain and electrical storm late this afternoon. Lightning struck near a store at Peaks Island and five people were prostrated, but they recovered within tion. Strange to say, however, he has a short time. At Westbrook, the house not yet received a single application of Mrs. Delphin Wedge was struck and for several hours.

A Bath farmer, appreciating the ading with a Journal reporter his future vantages of a harvester, intends to plans. "I should not have accepted purchase a new one before another the appointment at the hands of the season, and will let it out to his neigh-Governor, if I had not had this in borr for a consideration. Harvester clubs might be formed among the ag-

## KILLED ON DUTY.

Death in Philippines.

Believed Kept as Reserve Fund only be reciprocity between the Unit-Several Sailors Wounded.

Mother at Portsmouth, N. H.

25.—Ensign ors of Ensign Hovey's party being sement. Commander Fahs in charge of the

naval station at Olongapo, cabled the came an influence in making and brief report from Commander Scheenmoulding public opinion. If the feld of the gunboat Quiros, cruising report stated that there had been an action yesterday between the force from the gunboat Pampanga and hostile Yacans on the Basilan Islands which lie just south of the town of Zamboango between Mindanao and the Jolo group. J. H. Catherwood, ordinary seaman, was severely wounded, J. H. McGuire, hospital apprentice and G. F. Henreichen, machinist's mate, second class, were slightly vounded Ensign Hovey was a native of Tex-

as, temporarily attached to the Pamanga. He was graduated from the Naval Academy in 1908 and was regularly attached to the destroyed Deca-

Catherwood has been in the naval aval service about three years. His pother is Mrs. E. J. Catherwood of Springfield, Ill. McGuire has had two years'

ice. His mother is Mrs. Jennie Mc-Guire, Gordonville, Mo. Henreichen has been in the navy two years and is a son of John J. Hen-

reichen, Hartford, Conn. Naval officials expressed the belief that the party was on an exploring expedition in the interior of the Island of Basilan and suddenly met the Yacans vho are a primitove Malayan tribe and fanatical adherents of the Moslen faith. They are very poor and their principal weapon is the famou 'sumpitan" or blow gun with which they project poisoned darts to great distances.

Washington, Sept. 25.-Ensign Charles E. Hovey graduated from the Naval Academy in the class of 1907. Next of kir is his mother, Louise S. Hovey of 57 State street, Portsmouth, N. H.

Portsmouth, N. H., Sept. 25.-Ensign harles Emerson Hovey, commanding the gunboat Pampanga, who was killed by hostile natives in the Philippines vesterday, according to dispatches from Washington, was a native Portsmouth and about 23 years of age His father, who died two years ago was Rev. Henry Emerson Hovey, for many years rector of St. John's Episcopal church, the oldest Episcopal church in the country. Ensign Hovey attended the local schools, gradschool and was very highly thought of Remarks were also made by Vice in his native city. His mother, Mrs street. Ensign Hovey was an only

Evert Wetsel was granted a furlough Monday which he will pass with relatives in Brooklyn.

James B. Clark left the hospital Monday on a furlough to visit relatives in Springfield. He was accompanied by hi daughter.

The remains of the late James Golden were sent Monday to Cambridge for burial in the family lot.

The first moving picture show will be given this Tuesday evening in the Home theatre. Admission will be five cents to members and 10 cents to members' families and civilian employes and families. The returns from furloughs Monday were: Patrick Higgins and Thomas Mass from Boston; James H. Duffy from Gardiner; Patrick McCabe from Dover, N.

Canada's failure to fatify the reciproci ty agreement was declared the chief reason for an increase Monday of one-half a cent a pound on the price of butter on half-sister, Miss DeForest, won the Elgin, Ill., Board of Trade. The pres- straight heats. ent quotation is 261 cents.

H.: William E. Roberts from Boston.

A new foot warmer for automobilists utilizes the heat of both the exhaust gases and the circulation water.

The barbers of London threaten to decline the patronage of those who shave themselves and visit the barber only for a hair cut.

#### MONEY LOST By Sickness and Enforced Idleness.

Many of the days of sickness and misery, too often accompanied by loss of pay, may easily be charged to neglect or indiscretion on the part of the individual. Just a little more care in the matter of diet and attention to reg. ularity of habits will change such days the woman was rendered unconscious into happy and profitable ones. Give heed to Nature's first warnings of approaching trouble, keep your stomach iness man, and occupied by his two and digestion right and your bowel; sons and daughter-in-law. A leaky gasregular,-then everything will look oline tank is believed to have been the cheerful and your day's work will be cause.

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## MADISON.

Ensign C. E. Hovey Meets Rev. C. K. Evans Cele- Whole Lot of Fuss Over brates His 80th Birthday.

Vote to the No Side.

Hovey an Only Son of Widowed Emden Cattle Show and Fair Post- Rev. Fr. H. H. Hamakers to Have poned Until October 2.

Rev. C. K. Evans, the oldest resident Charles E. Hovey, commanding the clergyman in Madison, celebrated his ittle gunboat Pampanga, was killed 80th birthday Sunday by conducting ii:16 and the theme was 'Heaven." A special musical feature was a solo by fair have not reached the navy depart- a resident of Anson and Madison for 40 ears. For three years from 1869 to 1871 he served as pastor of the Madison and North Anson churches. For two years he was pastor of the Mercer returned to North Anson for a second respected by all of the older residents throughout this section. Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Remick, who have

> been absent for the past six weeks on a trip to the Pacific coast, returned to Madison Saturday night. Postmaster George A. Herrick left

Sunday for Portland, where he will have his eyes treated. An inspection of the ballots cast in the town of Madison in the recent election, Saturday evening, by parties representing the Governor and Council,

shows a gain of one No vote on the prohibitory question. H. Leslie Sawyer, who has been pass ng the summer with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. G. Sawver, left Monday or Princeton, N. J., to enter upon his luties as assistant professor in the hemistry department at Princeton

College. Mr. and Mrs. Perham Tinkham re turned Sunday from Bingham, where hey have been visiting relatives for few days.

Rev. Harry C. Hull, who has been upplying the pulpit of the Free Bapist church for the past three months, finished his work Sunday and left Monday for his home in Greene

Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Taggert of Skowegan were the guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Silas George at their home n Main street. Mrs. Charles O. Beale and little

laughter left Monday for Oklahoma

where they will make an extended visit

with Mrs. Beale's parents. Miss Florence Gilbert of Lewiston was the guest over Sunday of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Gilbert. The cattle show and fair at Embder

Station was postponed owing to the rain on Monday, until Oct. 2. Forest Wentworth of Lynn, Mass arrived in Madison Saturday, being alled here by the critical illness of his

other, Mrs. Sarah Wentworth. Mr. and Mrs. Jared Bates, who have een rassing a week with friends it Portland and Lowell, Mass., returned ome Saturday night.

Mrs. Alice Baker of Skowhegan i isiting her brother, Horace Savage his residence on Rowell street. Mr. and Mrs. Forest Ward were the ruests of friends in Bingham Saturday and Sunday.

Truman Carl of North Anson is pass ng the week with Harold Danforth Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Pierce of Noridgewock were the guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Tinkham and other relatives in Anson. Mrs. Georgia A. Smiley, who has

een passing a two-weeks vacation in St. John, N. B., and vicinity, returned home Saturday.

#### WINDSOR

WEST-The Ladies' Union will mee Wednesday, Sept. 27, with Mrs. Harry Merrill.

### CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

William Grimes, 67 years old, committed suicide by hanging Monday at Lawrence, Mass., in a stable where he was employed Despondency was probably the cause of the act.

At the fall trotting meeting of the Co lumbus, Ohio, Driving Association Monday, Pansy Silver, the chestnut mar which won a six-heat race at Detroit last week, jumped to her death. In the tedious scoring for the second heat in the 2.19 trot she was in the bunen next t the rail on the back stretch, when sn suddenly jumped the fence and was dead in an instant. Her driver escaped unin lured. The Horse Revief Futurity for year-old pacers was the largest purse of the card and brought out a field of sour Fred DeForest was the favorite, but hi

Forty drivers and helpers employed by wo Boston milk companies were out or strike for two hours early monday fo higher wages or a unitorm scale and bet ter conditions, and after a conference with their employers agreed to return to work when their demands had beer agreed to. The strike, which was endorsed by the Milk Wagon Drivers' and Helpers' Union, was ordered to enforce the same schedule as demanded by three large companies two weeks ago, which resulted in a big strike which was wor by the men after they had been out for three days. At present 40 firms, employing 600 men, have established the conditions asked.

#### SPARKS FROM MAINE WIRES.

An automobile valued at \$3000 caught fire on Congress street, Portland, Monday afternoon and burned with such rapidity that the occupants barely had time to get out. It was owned by James C. Hamlin, a prominent bus-

The New York West Side police are ach, nausea, headache or constipation searching for Irene Westley, a comely take one or two teaspoonfuls of L. F 17-year-old girl, who was kidnapped Atwood's Medicine, and the function by four unidentified men early Monday will resume their normal activity, you as she was returning home with James will avoid the expense of sickness, and Kearns, an 18-year-old neighbor ioine Co., Portland, Maine. York hospital with a fractured skull the clerk's organization.

## BELFAST.

# A Little Hen Case.

ing a \$4.50 Quarrel.

Long European Trip.

Belfast, Me., Sept. 25 .- (Special) .-Although a large amount of business vas done in the Waldo county supreme judicial court Saturday a good proudly a few minutes before, the seadeal of time was taken up with the hen case," as it was called, and the gling desperately and small boats were for about \$4.50 worth of hens. Levi P. Harvey of Waldo, who was accused of her guns discharged a requiem staof the larceny of six hens belonging to Albert Nickerson, was tried and afand Norridgewock churches, and later ter deliberating for six hours, longer than the jury is out on many murder term. Mr. Evans is widely known and trials, a verdict was rendered of not guilty and Harvey was acquitted. He was represented by James S. Harriman and Fred W. Brown, both of Bel-The case of Mrs. Iva Hall Coombs,

harged with assault on Mrs. Lillian M. Clements, last summer, and who was convicted in the lower court, at which time she appealed, was entered in the criminal docket Saturday as came as a stunning blow to the French follows: "Verdict of the lower court naval officials. It is the climax of a long approved, fine and cests, amounting series of disasters which have marked to \$26.54. State vs. Perley M. Gray, App.

Search and seizure. ower court approved. Defaulted." The case of Samuel Davis, known as 'Big Sara," indicted for obstructing an officer at the time of the raid on Ralph M. Wood's place last summer. s entered: "Continued, personal recognizance given for \$100 to appear from term to term. Dr. George Shorkley of Camden, D.

W. H. Young of Camden and Joe H. Mullen of Lincolnville were indicted for automobiling on the turnpike, a prohibited road. The first two cases are entered: "To be heard before the presiding justice as per stipulations on file." In Mullen's case the entry is: 'Personal recognizance given for \$100 to appear from term to term."

Linneus C. Merchant, indicted for on-support of wife and child, and placed on probation for one year, prodding he pays \$2 per week for their support, secured Mrs. Fanny L. and diss Marchia Merchant as sureties. The case of W. I. Hunt of Burnham

indicted at the April term for cheating by false pretences in weighing pressed av at Thorndike, on complaint of Jo seph L. Peabody, continued through the morning and a portion of the afternoon. After being out a short time the jury brought in a verdict of not guilty.

State vs. Reymond Ellis, search and seizure. On account of the small amount of evidence the judge ordered verdict for the respondent.

Ralph M. Wood, common nuisance. Sentence of \$500 and 30 days in jail, and in default of payment of fine, 30 Jays additional. H. C. Buzzell of Searsport, Wood's counsel, filed a motion afternoon and talked to them about or an arrest of judgment, which was the catastropes. It vere taken and allowed and a stay of xecution of sentence pending exceptions granted. The case will go to the December law court. Wood furnished bail in \$500.

Sumner Maddocks, indicted for search and seizure, retracted a plea of not guilty and pleaded guilty. The the men of the other ships. ase was continued for sentence, the espondent giving personal recogniz-

ince in the sum of \$500. Sidney Bennett, search and seizure.

'ase continued for sentence and bond or \$500 furnished by respondent. It is expected that court will adjourn Cuesday forenoon. Seven cases have seen tried during the term and seven verdicts have been rendered.

Rev. Fr. Herman H. Hamakers, of

it, Francis Catholic church of Belfast, nd St. Mary's-of-the-Isle, Dark Haror, will leave tomorrow for New York and will sail on the Holland-American ine, steamship Potsdam, in a few days or Holland where he will spend sever-I months in rest and recuperation. fter which he will travel. His headuarters will be at his old home at 'he Hague, at Waldeck-Prymont kade 7. Father Hamakers has been in America some 30 or more years and has crossed the ocean many time, alhough not for 17 years and his presnt visit to his old home is looked forvard to with the greatest pleasure by is kinsmen. He has been located in Belfast for about six years and during hat time has also held mass in the urrounding towns including Islesboro, Castine and Searsport. He has made great many friends in the community utside of his parish for all admire is fine intellect and his broad mind, is wit and droll speech. Although 'ery reserved and very busy with his arish duties, he always has a pleasnt greeting for all whom he met nd he will be greatly missed. His nany friends wish him a pleasant oyage and happy year in his native and, and a safe return to Belfast. During his absence, Father McCabe, vho has been his assistant during the ast several months, will take charge f his work.

Miss Anna Louise, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Dennett, and Leon, son of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Beckwith, of City Point, were married last light at 7.30 at the home of the bride's earents on Union street. The cerenony, using the single ring, was perormed by Rev. A. A. Blair of the Uniersalist church, in the presence of e relatives of the young couple only.

#### CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Between six and seven hundred railay clerks employed by the Illinois phe entral and Yazoo and Mississippi Valey Railroads walked out shortly after earn your usual pay. Get a bottle to Kearns was beaten into insensibility non Monday. It is said the strike reday from your dealer or write us to with a beer bottle wielded by one of mail a free sample. The "L. F." Med the assailants and is dying in the New officials to re-open negotiations with Iena disaster stood as the greatest redays, is realistic.

300 FRENCH SAILORS PERISH IN TOULON HARBOR. (Continued from Page One.)

apparatus to the aid of their sister

flung themselves overboard.

Cries of "Save yourselves; fire near water in the stillness of the clear navy and said:

From every side scores of sailors leaped overboard and swam frantically for safety, but scarcely more than 100 had plunged into the water before the series of detonations culminated in a terrific explosion that seemed to tear out the sides of the great steel vessel, which swayed over to one side and

sank swiftly. In a moment bodies and debris were floating about in the disturbed waters that splashed around the upper works. In a wide circle around the spot where the craft had floated so men who escaped death were strugpicking up as many as they could

As the battleship went down several

The Liberte had a complement of 700 men. Of these 140 were away on shere leave, so that 560 were aboard when the fire broke out. A rough estimate places the number of those who jumped overboard somewhere between 100 and 200.

The rumble of the explosion was heard throughout the city and immense crowds of people gathered at the wharves.

Paris, Sept. 25 .- The news of explosions of the magazines of the battleship Liberte the history of the French navy since the blowing up of the battleship Iena on "Judgment of March 3, 1907. The accounts of the disasnours varied widely. The most authentic dispatches stated that the sinking came nearly two hours after the discovery of fire in the forward hold. Another account said that the ship broke in half from the force of the explosions and sank 20 minutes later. According to this version the battleship afterwards reappeared at the surface for a time, a grim carcass of iron surrounded by a tangled ass of wreckage. Estimates of the number of dead vary

from 350 to 500. The minister of marine as received the following telegram from Vice Admiral Aubert, commanding the leet at Toulon:

"Four explosions were heard on Liberte this morning at intervals of one steadily. The last explosion occurred at out the first advices as to the extent 5.53 o'clock. The ship sank. After the of the loss of life on the Liberte, the ortions of the structure stood above." The ministry of marine issued this note:

pletely satisfactory condition and especially regarding the precautions taken in caring for the magazines." Vice Admiral Bellue, commanding the second squadron, to which the Liberte

was attached, telegraphed the ministry

of marine tonight as follows: "Three hundred men are dead or mis ng, which estimate includes those from other ships in the harbor."

The minister of marine, M. Delcasse received the members of the press this the catastrophe. He was greatly dis- in town for a few days.

official telegrams from Toulon, but he and 5, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thurswas unable to estimate accurately the day. The public will kindly remember others have been accounted for, leaving Watch for further announcement. 303 missing, besides some losses among

that of spontaneous combustion of a Thimble tea given in honor of her sispowder, since it had been regularly ter, Mrs. Elwood Tolman of New York. renewed and the magazines were kept Among those invited from out of town at a moderate temperature.

said that the commanding admiral specified that during the hottest weather the temperature in his own cabin Beach, Mrs. Kelley's summer home. had sometimes been 101 degrees Fahrenheit, when the temperature in the ton Falls was discovered to be on fire magazines was from 84 to 86 degrees. about midnight Sunday evening. Mr. M. Delcasse thought that the theory of a short circuit wire advanced at Toulon was the most probable.

The German ambassador to France, Herr Von Schoen was the first to call at the foreign office and convey the condolences of his government and himself, and Emperor William was the first ruler to send a telegram of sympathy to President Fallieres. His Majesty said:

"Words fail me in endeavoring to find expression for my profound sympathy for France in the national misfortune. The families so terribly grieved may be consoled by the knowledge that the men of the Liberte have perished in the performance of their duty toward their country."

The American ambassador, Mr. Bacon, called at the foreign office and expressed the sympathy of the United States and himself.

#### Other Disasters.

The battleship Liberte was the type ship of the so-called Liberte class in the French navy-a boat of 14,900 tons displacement and an over-all length of Sawyer has purchased. 452 feet. She carried a crew of 793 men and bore four 12-inch guns and 10 guns of the French 7.6-inch type. She also had 23 small guns and four torpedo tubes. She was completed in 1907 at a cost of about \$7,000,000. The Liberte class battleships include

the Democratic, the Justice, the Verite and the Liberte, all 18-knot vessels of the most modern type. They correspond approximately to the five American battleships of the New Jersey class, including the Virginia, Georgia, Nebraska, Rhode Island and New The recent history of the French

navy contains a series of disastrous accidents, most of them caused by explosions, and several occurring at Toulon, the scene of today's catastro-

On March 12, 1907, the battleship Iena was almost destroyed by an explosion

navy in times of peace. Like the Liberte, the Iena was blown up in the harbor of Toulon, but the loss of life was less, mainly because the lena re-

mained affoat. An investigation of the Iena explosion resulted in an official report that t was due to spontaneous combustion Presently minor explosions began of the powder in a magazine where within the Liberte, and many seamen the temperature was too high on account of the proximity of the dynamite compartment. The report severemagazines," could be heard across the ly censured the organization of the

"The real cause of the disaster was the absence of accord, as well as the division and antagonism existing in the different branches of the service. The listressing weakness of the central power explains the progressive weakening of our naval forces. Where will it lead us?"

A Parliamentary committee, appointed in 1907, personated a report scathingly condemning the naval administration of the preceding 10 years and recommending a complete reorganization with special attention to the elimination of red tape and the distribution of responsibility. Other notable French naval disasters of recent years were: Oct. 16, 1906-Submarine Lutina, lest

off Bizerta, 13 dead. Feb. 8, 1907-Explosion of torpedo beat No. 339; nine dead. Feb. 19, 1907-Cruiser Jean Bart, lost

off the northwestern coast of Africa; no deaths. Aug. 13, 1908-Gun exploded aboard school ship Couronno at Toulon; six

Sept. 23, 1908-Gun exploded aboard cruiser La Touche Treville, at Toulon; 13 dead. May 27, 1910-Submarine Pluviose re-

mained submerged after diving in the harbor of Calais; 27 dead. Sept. 20, 1911-A gun exploded on he French armoured cruiser Gloire at Toulon. One man was killed and 13

others injured, five fatally."

### SMOKELESS POWDER

Having Deteriorated, May Have Been Cause of the Disaster.

Washington, Sept. 25,-Based upor he first reports of the terrible naval disaster in Toulon, the experts of the navy department here, were disposed to believe that the explosion on the Liberte resulted from the spontaneous ignition of some of the smokeless powder which had deteriorated from having been kept too long without inspection. It is to guard against just such accidents that United States naval regulations require a careful examination of the powder in the magazines of warships at comparatively short intervals of time. - The best American practice, also provides for the refrigeration of magazines by the adoption of a cold storage system. It is not known here whether the French minute, beginning at 5.35, and followed has adopted this additional precausmoke and flames which mounted tion. If subsequent information bears moke had blown away one perceived that disaster will go down in history as one of the greatest in naval annals, the loss of more than 250 lives on the The last report of the general inspec- American battleship Maine, Feb. 15, or showed the Liberte to be in a com- 1898, standing second in the mortality

## FAIRFIELD.

Mrs. A. W. Hatch of Vassalboro, who has been visiting Mrs. P. E. Delano, has eturned to her home

Mrs. H. S. Hopkins has returned to her home in Skowhegan, after visiting friends R. O. Files wishes to announce the The minister had before him many dates of the millinery opening, Oct. 3, 4

loss of life. The ship had 717 officers the dates and visit our department where and men, of whom 140 were ashore on the latest styles will be shown by our leave. Two hundred and seventy-four new milliner, Miss Eva Beebe of Boston. A pretty affair occurred at the home of Mrs. Albert Kelley, No. 31 High street, In considering the possible causes of Thursday afternoon, when 40 ladies gaththe explosion, M. Delcasses excluded ered with their fancy bags and baskets to

were Mrs. Asher Hinds of Washington. Referring to an official report of D. C., and Mrs. Lizzie Hinds Reed from Sept. 9 upon this subject, the minister Virginia. Dainty refreshments were served and each guest presented with a basket, made by the Indians of Crescent The house of Ferdinand Black at Ben-Black smelled smoke and, getting up and going to the kitchen, found the ceiling

> fire caught around the chimney. 'Inc loss was covered by insurance. The costumes for the play "Broken Bonds" have arrived and are very attrac-

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blackstone have

was all afire. By the aid of a force

pump the blaze was extinguished. The

returned from Boston, where they were called by the death of a relative. Miss Maud McFadden is visiting in Mad-Miss Phyllis Thomas has resumed her duties in Files' store, after enjoying a

short vacation. Clyde Chapman, who has been night clerk at The Gerald, will leave Tuesday morning for Brunswick, where he is a

field Lodge, I. O. O. F., was held Monday evening with work in the Third degree. Refreshments were served. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sawyer-have gone

will return in an automobil; which Mr. Miss Lela Holbrook of Kingsclear is plete file of the Blade as published in

the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fitzpatrick at Benton. Miss Adelaide Moody of Lynn, Mass., is the guest of Miss Sadie Woodman. The bronze tablet that has been placed in the Lawrence library will be unveiled at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening. The public

is cordially invited to attend the exer-Miss Gladys Greenleaf has returned from Lewiston, where she passed Sunday with relatives.

Mrs. W. A. Worthey and Miss Annie Delano are visiting friends in Skowhegan. George Abbott luckily escaped a bad injury at the car barn Saturday, suffering, as it was, a cut on his right hand from a

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cent calamity suffered by the French list for sev fal days, is gaining.

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