

SUMMARY OF NEWS.

Mrs. Alice Petit, wife of Dr. Petit, living one mile from Greenville, Mo., was burned to death. Starting a fire in the cook stove, she poured oil on the fuel. The blaze ignited her clothing. She died in a short time.

G. Percival Stewart of New York, president of the American Investors' Company, surrendered to the Syracuse authorities under four indictments found against him by the grand jury charging him with grand larceny. He was admitted to \$2,000 bail.

James Nunley of Coal Bluff, Ind., returned from the Soldiers' Home at Lafayette a few weeks ago. He began drinking, and at night set fire to the house and then cut his throat and died. He attempted suicide once before after a quarrel with his wife.

After doing business since 1892 the Paducah Building and Trust Company of Paducah, Ky., has assigned to R. G. Caldwell. The liabilities are \$200,000 and assets the same, largely in property. Adverse court decisions and heavy demands for withdrawals by stockholders are given as the cause of the failure.

Sadie R. Matthews, 26 years old, was murdered by Samuel Kowens, 57 years old, at Foster, R. I. Both were drunk. Owens knocked her down with an ax, stabbed her twice, and then, pouring kerosene oil over her, set her on fire while she was still breathing. Her body was burned to a crisp.

In a dingy, stuffy room in St. Louis Officer Hanrahan found in a dirty trunk and a valise over \$15,000 in Government bonds, gold and bills. The police think this fortune is the property of Mrs. Walberger Wackerle, an aged German woman, who is now a patient at the city insane asylum.

Fully 95 per cent of the zinc mines in the Missouri-Kansas district have been closed down, in accordance with the request of the Zinc Miners' Association, and it is thought the remaining plants will be idle in a few days. The smelters are now paying the association schedule to get ore. It is generally believed that the mines will be in full operation again in a few weeks, and the fight between the smelting trust and the ore producers will be settled.

Mrs. Margaret Woegler of Chicago died from burns. At 2 o'clock in the morning her husband was awakened, hearing her screaming with pain. He ran to her room and found her lying on the floor with her dress on fire. He extinguished the flames, but his wife was burned so badly that she died within a few hours. It is supposed that Mrs. Woegler dropped a lighted match in her clothing while lighting the gas. A coroner's jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

A man was found dead in a movers' camp west of Brazil, Ind. Sheriff Klingler and Coroner Mershon went to the camp and took charge of the body. A man named Johnson and several women who were with him said the man died of heart disease. They gave his name as James Ayers and said his home was in Lexington, Ky. Only 5 cents was found on his person. Later it was learned that the man had been seen with a large roll of money a short time before his death. The travelers were arrested.

The standing of the clubs in the National League race is as follows:

W. L.	W. L.
Brooklyn ... 45	16 Cincinnati ... 29
Boston ... 38	21 New York ... 30
Philadelphia ... 36	22 Pittsburgh ... 26
Chicago ... 36	24 Louisville ... 21
Baltimore ... 33	25 Washington ... 18
St. Louis ... 35	27 Cleveland ... 10

Following is the standing of the clubs in the Western League:

W. L.	W. L.
Minneapolis ... 32	23 St. Paul ... 27
Indianapolis ... 30	24 Milwaukee ... 27
Detroit ... 29	26 Kansas City ... 23
Columbus ... 29	27 Buffalo ... 23

NEWS NUGGETS.

Arthur Tennyson, youngest brother of Alfred Tennyson, is dead.

The wages of all employees of the Ohio River Railroad have been increased 10 per cent.

Armed Chinese peasants have been destroying the German railroad from Kichow to Kiamo.

Capt. Coghlan, U. S. N., lectured before the Winfield, Kan., Chautauqua on "The Battle of Manila."

The peace congress at The Hague has decided that the Russian disarmament proposals are unacceptable.

A liberal ministry has been formed in Chili, in succession to the conservative cabinet which resigned June 2.

Rev. Dr. N. E. Wood, formerly of Chicago, has been chosen president of Newton, Mass., Theological Institute.

William Gobel was nominated for Governor on the twenty-sixth ballot by the Kentucky Democratic convention at Louisville.

While riding along the public road in Elliott County, twenty miles south of Georgetown, Ky., Lee Sparks was fatally shot from ambush. No clue to the murderer.

Three strikers were killed during the rioting at the Bochum coal mines, Germany. The number of men wounded is not known, as many of them were spirited away to private houses. Thirty-six arrests were made.

Commissioner General Powderly of the immigration bureau has mailed to San Francisco warrants for the arrest and deportation of six Japanese recently released from custody by the Federal Court on a writ of habeas corpus.

At Vintonville, Pa., the large sawmill of the Vinton Lumber Company was destroyed by fire. The loss is \$600,000, with no insurance.

The American Glucose Sugar Refining Company, recently organized under the laws of New Jersey, has filed papers changing its corporate name to the Federal Contract Company.

It is announced that Russia has placed an order for \$20,000,000 of American ordnance. L. L. Driggs of the Driggs Seabury Gun and Ammunition Company, New York, is the authority for this statement.

EASTERN.

According to a Washington dispatch the President has decided to enlist 12,000 volunteers for service in the Philippines.

A receiver has been appointed for the Prang-Taber Art Company of Springfield, Mass. Liabilities \$170,000, assets \$450,000.

It is announced that the Keystone Watch Case Company and the Riverside Watch Case Company of Philadelphia have consolidated.

A. L. Dewar of Chicago has purchased a seat on the New York Stock Exchange for \$40,000. This is the third seat that has been sold for that sum.

Henry Bradley Plant, owner of the Plant railway system, a line of steamships and much real estate in the State of Florida, died at New York.

The jury in the case of Mrs. Clementine M. Reckford, on trial at Towson, Md., for the murder of her husband, returned a verdict of manslaughter.

In Boston, Benjamin Lang, 84 years of age, killed his wife, Clara E. Lang, with an ax. It is thought that he committed the deed while in a fit of mental aberration.

Fire damaged the More-Phillips Chemical works at Camden, N. J., to the extent of \$100,000. Three large buildings used in the manufacture of phosphates were destroyed.

For the second time within six weeks, distinct earthquake shocks were felt in towns along the Connecticut river from a point a short distance east of Hartford as far as Saybrook.

The eight-oared shell race for the intercollegiate championship of America, at Poughkeepsie, on the Hudson, was won by Pennsylvania in 20:04. Wisconsin came in second in 20:03 1/2.

The terra cotta works of William Galloway, Philadelphia, were entirely destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at \$100,000. The fire is supposed to have originated in one of the kilns.

A partial examination of the books of ex-Tax Collector George L. Griswold, who was arrested at Norwich, Conn., the other day, a self-confessed embezzler, shows a shortage of about \$25,000.

J. W. Smith was at work on the Cincinnati Saengerfest building when some timbers being hoisted about seventy-five feet above him fell. A heavy joist struck him squarely, knocking him down and fracturing his skull.

More than 2,400 members of the East Side Tailors' Union went out on a strike in New York. Incidentally above 5,000 women and children will be thrown out of employment. The men had been working sixteen hours a day for \$6 a week.

Mrs. George B. Barrow, when arraigned before Justice Werner in the criminal branch of the Supreme Court at New York, pleaded guilty to the charge of kidnapping Baby Marion Clarke. She was sentenced to twelve years and ten months in prison.

Edward F. Powell, who inherited \$250,000 on reaching his majority a year ago, tried to amuse his young lady friends at Norristown, Pa., by showing them how fast he could run backward. He stumbled and fell, breaking his neck, and died immediately.

William Ballard, a colored hostler, was arrested in New York, accused of the murder of his employer, Clayton Young, a horse owner, in St. Louis, on Aug. 22, 1896. Ballard said he killed Young because the latter had frequently beaten and abused him.

The steamer Nellie Torrent, bound down from Lake Superior with a cargo of lumber, burned to the water's edge abreast of Point au Frame, St. Mary's river. The vessel was beached and scuttled on Lime Island. The cargo of lumber is a total loss.

Mrs. Grace Ramsey cut the throat of her husband, Harvey J. Ramsey, assistant treasurer of Madison Square Garden, while he slept in their apartments at the Garden Hotel, New York. Ramsey died in Bellevue hospital a few hours later. It is believed Mrs. Ramsey is insane.

Prof. Willis L. Moore, chief of the weather bureau of the Department of Agriculture, and Philander Johnson, a newspaper writer of Washington, were rescued from drowning while bathing in the surf at Cape May by Congressman Henry C. Loudenslager, chairman of the Pension Committee, and W. H. Kirkpatrick of the Philadelphia Press.

Fire in Laurel, Del., destroyed seventy-eight buildings, including two hotels, a bank, the postoffice, two drug stores, nearly all the business houses and the homes of the most wealthy residents of the place. The loss is estimated at over \$200,000, insurance \$20,000. It is believed that the fire was caused by incendiaries who wished to cover up a murder.

WESTERN.

Judge William H. Clark, aged 39, is dead at Los Angeles, Cal.

Colorado is to be represented at the Paris exposition by a gold statue of a girl to cost \$1,000,000.

Jesse Spalding of Chicago has been elected president of the Chicago Union Traction Company.

A Mecca lubricating oil well worth \$100 a day was struck on Richard King's farm, near Warren, Ohio.

An agreement has been reached by Cleveland street car men and the company by which the strike is called off.

A strike of 3,000 men in the large packing houses at the Chicago stock yards caused the suspension of hog killing operations, and but little canning is being done.

At Hartsville, Mo., a desperate attempt was made to break jail by the MacComb train robbers, but it was frustrated by the guards. All the prisoners were then handcuffed.

James F. Walton of the Walton Architectural Company, Cincinnati, has filed a petition in voluntary bankruptcy in the United States Court. Liabilities \$46,489, assets none.

Frank Neal, the St. Louis boxer, known as "Dutch" Neal, who succumbed during a bout with Harry Peppers of San Francisco at the Adelphi Theater in Chicago, is dead of blood clot.

Miss Cora Rosebrook, aged 38 years, died in St. Luke's hospital in St. Paul from injuries received in the tornado at New Richmond, Wis., making a total of 114 known dead so far.

A passenger train on the Burlington, Cedar Rapids and Northern road was wrecked on a ten-foot embankment two miles beyond the city limits of Muscatine, Iowa, by a broken engine truck, the engine rolling down the bank and both

coaches leaving the rails. Three persons were injured.

The Music Teachers' National Association convention at Cincinnati adjourned after electing A. J. Gantvoort of that city president. Next year's meeting will be held at Des Moines, Iowa.

At Lima, Ohio, two men called at the city transfer barns and wanted Frank Harris, night manager, to give them money for beer. When he refused they shot him in the groin, making a fatal wound.

Miss Lena Falk of Chicago was drowned at Put-in-Bay while rowing with a male companion. The sea was rough and the boat capsized, drowning the woman before help could arrive. The man was rescued after some difficulty.

Gov. Stephens of Missouri announces that he will call a special election in the Eighth congressional district of Missouri about the first of September to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Richard P. Bland.

At Leavenworth, Kan., twenty-two suits, the aggregate amount being for \$212,000, were filed in the District Court against the Leavenworth and Home River-side coal companies, to compel payment of royalties.

A heavy storm swept over Pine Bluff, Ark., and did great damage to telephone and telegraph wires. Lightning struck in several places, doing great damage. On the James Trulock place William Patterson and Jim Jackson were killed.

Frederick Schatz of Graytown, Ohio, who died at the home of his wife, was not killed, but died of heart disease. Wm. H. Schatz stated that the dispatches sent out to the effect that his father was murdered by the wife are absolutely false.

Bartley, Neb., and adjacent territory was visited by a destructive hail and rain storm. For miles to the northeast not a stalk of corn or spear of wheat was left standing. Little hail insurance is carried by the farmers, and the loss will be heavy.

O. H. Hillis, clerk of the United States Circuit Court at Omaha, is dead. He had been in apparently perfect health and entered the bath room, and not reappearing, an investigation was made. He was found dead in the bath tub, heart failure being the cause.

Jennings, one of the train robbers at Hartsville, Mo., on trial for complicity in the Macomb hold-up in January last, for which robbery "Jack" Kennedy was given seventeen years in the penitentiary, was found guilty and sentenced to twenty years in the penitentiary.

Private Wesley Kirby of Company H, Twenty-fourth infantry, was shot through the leg by Private Frank Wigfall of the same company at the headquarters at the Presidio, San Francisco. The wound is serious, and no cause is assigned for the attempt to commit murder.

At Shell Mound, Cal., J. E. Gorman of the Golden Gate Pistol and Rifle Club tied the world's fifty-yard pistol shooting record, which has been held for a long time by E. E. Partridge of the Massachusetts Rifle Association. His ten shot scores on the standard ammunition target were 93, 96, 92, 95, 89; total, 465.

At Toledo, Judge Millard set aside the verdict of the jury in the case of the Manufacturers' railroad, which desires to occupy certain streets of the city as a right of way. The jury granted the petition of the railroad, but awarded the city a damage of \$50,000. A motion has been made for a new trial by the road and Judge Millard of the probate court set aside the verdict and granted the motion.

Fire broke out in some unexplained manner in the freight house of the Michigan Central at Toledo. In a few minutes the whole structure, including the freight offices, was a solid mass of flame. One freight house of the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton fell a prey. One hundred freight cars, nearly all loaded, were destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$500,000.

Miles McDonald, aged 20, employed by the F. M. Long Sirup Company, as the result of a wager with some fellow-employees, dived from the center span of the Eads bridge at St. Louis, badly injuring himself and narrowly escaping death. The distance from the bridge to the water is 115 feet. McDonald alighted on his shoulders and the upper part of his back, and but for the prompt assistance of a boat and crew in readiness he would have drowned.

Word has been received at San Diego, Cal., that a party of twenty miners, bound for the Sierra Pintada placers, lost their way in the desert and wandered around a long time, finally dying of thirst. The information came in a letter received by J. P. Canthin, one of the charterers of the schooner Thomas S. Negus, which took a party of sixty prospectors to San Roque landing, from L. J. Allen, pursuer of the Negus. The corpses of the lost miners were accidentally discovered in the desert by another party bound in the same direction.

SOUTHERN.

The Southern Pacific Railway Company has issued an order that after July 1 no more liquor is to be sold at any railroad hotel over its entire system.

Three negroes are dead and one is fatally injured as a result of a riot between the white and negro miners at the ore mines near Cardiff, Ala.

While alone at the home of H. M. Beckett at Ridley, Tenn., the house caught fire and Edith Beckett, aged 5, and the 3-year-old son of J. P. Cawthron were burned to death.

The steam tug Bernice, belonging to Patterson, Downing & Co. of Mobile, was burned at Round Island, Miss. William Moore, a passenger, was lost. The remnant of the tug was towed into Pascagoula.

A Norfolk and Southern passenger train, when within a mile of Elizabeth City, N. C., dashed into a buggy, killing Henry and William Mann, aged respectively 14 and 10 years, and Charles Baker, aged 14.

The elder House at Indian Springs, a watering place about seventy miles from Mason, Ga., was destroyed by fire. About 100 guests were in the building. All escaped but two, who were slightly injured. All the baggage was lost.

By the sinking of the steamer Apalache, plying between Columbus and Apalachicola, Fla., in the Chipola river, near Wehatchka, Fla., four persons, one of them a Chicago woman, were drowned. The steamer's boilers exploded as she sank and several persons were injured.

Mrs. T. J. Lloyd, living seven miles northwest of Lampasas, Texas, with her five daughters and a visitor, Miss Childers, went in bathing in a creek. The three

youngest girls went beyond their depth, when their eldest sister and Miss Childers went to their rescue and all five were drowned. Mrs. Lloyd saved her other daughter only by heroic efforts.

FOREIGN.

The Queen Regent of Spain has signed the bill for the cession to Germany of the Caroline Islands.

The Boer Government has placed orders with the Krupps for twenty-five quick-firing guns and several of heavier caliber.

Vonole, the famous Arab charger of Lord Roberts of Kandahar, and Perdita II., the well-known mare of the Prince of Wales, are dead.

The Atlantic transport line steamer Montana, from Baltimore, reached Fal-mouth, England, with its propeller shaft broken. It had been towed for six days by the steamer Elderslie.

Frank C. Lewis of Chicago is on his way to Peking, China, for the purpose of negotiating with the Chinese Government with a view to tearing down a portion of the Chinese wall and using the stone to construct a roadway to Nankin.

A dispatch from Saigon, describing the anti-foreign disturbances that recently occurred in Mengsu, province of Yunnan, says that the Wong-tse custom house, which was in charge of American officials, was sacked and destroyed.

Anti-budget riots have been in progress in Saragossa, Spain. The troops fired on the mob in the Plaza de la Constancia, killing one person and seriously wounding two others. Many persons were injured. Seventeen persons received dangerous wounds.

The Carnegie Steel Company has contracted with representatives of the Russian Government to furnish that country with 180,000 tons of steel rails for its immense railroad enterprises in Siberia and China. This is the largest order ever placed with one firm in the world, and represents an outlay of between \$4,500,000 and \$5,000,000.

IN GENERAL.

Prof. Samuel Harris of Yale College is dead, aged 85.

At Hamilton, Ont., Benjamin Parrott was hanged for the murder of his mother. The murderer left a confession.

News has been received of the destruction of the d'Arcy Island, B. C., leper station by fire. One leper is dead.

The Dominion Steel and Smelting Company, with a capital of \$20,000,000, has been formed at Montreal. H. M. Whitney of Boston is president.

The village of St. Raymond, thirty-five miles from Quebec, was almost wiped out by a fire. Forty buildings were burned. Loss \$50,000, well insured.

A number of mirror manufacturers who control the business of the United States in that line have formed a combine for the regulation of prices and production. J. M. Conroy of Conroy, Prugh & Co. was elected president.

The International Supreme Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars met in Toronto, Ont. About 500 delegates were there, among them representatives from England, Ireland, Scotland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark and India.

Five men were working in the 625-foot level of the War Eagle mine at Rossland, B. C., with machine drills when one of the drills struck a "missed hole," where the shot had failed to go off. A frightful explosion took place. Charles Post and Charles Lee were instantly killed and Mike Griffin was so badly injured that he died on the way to the hospital.

Bradstreet's views the trade situation thus: "Less than the average effect of approaching mid-summer influences is discernible in current trade reports. Prices, too, show a strength unusual at this period, and particularly in view of recent steady advances. This is notably manifest, of course, in the iron and steel industry, where the tendency of values is still upward. Hopes of improvement in the woolen goods industry have materialized in an active demand at leading markets for the manufactured product. Improved crop reports are responsible chiefly for lower quotations of products declining in price this week. Cotton crop prospects have continued to improve, and the raw product is lower. Raw sugar is lower on unanimous reports of improving crop prospects the world over, but refined sugar is in heavy domestic demand and firm. Lumber retains all of its early activity and strength alike as regards movement and prices. Wheat, including flour, shipments for the week aggregated 3,746,718 bushels, against 2,790,471 bushels last week. Corn exports for the week aggregate 2,872,432 bushels, against 3,285,301 bushels last week."

MARKET REPORTS.

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.00 to \$5.75; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, fair to choice, \$3.00 to \$5.50; wheat, No. 2 red, 72c to 73c; corn, No. 2, 33c to 35c; oats, No. 2, 24c to 26c; rye, No. 2, 59c to 61c; butter, choice creamery, 17c to 19c; eggs, fresh, 12c to 13c; potatoes, choice new, 40c to 50c per bushel.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs, choice light, \$2.75 to \$4.00; sheep, common to choice, \$2.50 to \$4.25; wheat, No. 2 red, 74c to 75c; corn, No. 2 white, 34c to 35c; oats, No. 2 white, 29c to 30c.

St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.50 to \$5.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, \$3.00 to \$5.00; wheat, No. 2, 74c to 75c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 34c to 35c; oats, No. 2, 26c to 28c; rye, No. 2, 57c to 59c.

Cincinnati—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2, 72c to 74c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 35c to 36c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 27c to 29c; rye, No. 2, 64c to 66c.

Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, \$2.50 to \$5.50; wheat, No. 2, 78c to 80c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 35c to 36c; oats, No. 2 white, 30c to 31c; rye, 58c to 60c.

Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 mixed, 74c to 76c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 34c to 35c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 25c to 26c; rye, No. 2, 59c to 61c; clover seed, new, \$3.95 to \$4.05.

Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 spring, 72c to 73c; corn, No. 3, 34c to 35c; oats, No. 2 white, 27c to 29c; rye, No. 1, 60c to 61c; barley, No. 2, 41c to 43c; pork, mess, \$8.00 to \$8.50.

Buffalo—Cattle, good shipping steers, \$3.00 to \$5.75; hogs, common to choice, \$3.25 to \$4.50; sheep, fair to choice wethers, \$3.50 to \$5.50; lambs, common to extra, \$4.50 to \$7.25.

New York—Cattle, \$3.25 to \$6.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.50; sheep, \$3.00 to \$5.50; wheat, No. 2 red, 80c to 81c; corn, No. 2, 40c to 41c; oats, No. 2 white, 32c to 34c; butter, creamery, 15c to 16c; eggs, Western, 14c to 16c.

CLEVELAND STRIKE SETTLED.

Street Car Men and the Company Reach an Agreement.

Cars are running on all the lines of the Big Consolidated Street Railway Company in Cleveland. The big strike was settled Saturday night through the efforts of the Council peace committee after all hope of settlement seemed gone.

This committee drew up a set of articles of settlement which both sides mutually signed, and the trouble was over. Cars were started early Sunday morning. The agreement provides for the hearing of grievances and a resort to arbitration in case the men and the company cannot agree, and it also provides for the reinstatement of practically 80 per cent of the old men at once, the remainder, except those who have been guilty of violence, being placed on the waiting list.

Only one outbreak attended the resumption of traffic. There was objection in some parts of the city to the retention of the non-union men who were left by the company.

A party of twenty-five men assembled near the Brooklyn bridge, just south of the city, and whenever a car came along with a non-union crew the passengers were asked to disembark and wait for a car manned by a union crew. In most cases the passengers did as requested.

Finally a non-union conductor undertook to argue with the crowd and he was promptly struck over the head with a club, and he and the motorcar driven away. The mob refused to permit the car to be moved until a union crew came along and pushed it to the barns.

A member of the company says the company expects most of the non-union men to leave now. The strike lasted just three weeks. The men practically gained what they were after, tacit recognition of the union and arbitration of differences.

BANK THIEF SOON CAUGHT.

George Shea Carries His \$10,000 of Plunder Only Six Hours.

George Shea, alias Philip Lambelle, a resident of Chicago, is likely to serve many years' imprisonment in payment for one half day's use of \$10,000.

Shea went into the Metropolitan National Bank, Boston, at noon and got away undetected with \$10,000. He made for New York, where he was promptly arrested, a good description of the thief having been sent all over the Eastern States within an hour after the robbery. He offered the officer making the arrest the whole \$10,000 to set him free. All of the money was recovered.

The story of the robbery, as told by the bank officials, is that a man came into the bank and made some inquiries as to where he could obtain a money order. He carried on his conversation with Clarence S. Delfendahl, the receiving teller, who was acting as paying teller. The teller, after answering the man's questions, went on with his work and paid no further attention to the stranger, meantime going to a telephone. While the official's back was turned toward him, Shea seized a roll of bills and escaped. A stenographer saw him take the money and gave the alarm as he was going out, but it was too late to stop the thief.

BIG STORM IN NEW ENGLAND.

Rain, Hail and Lightning Do Great Damage in Vicinity of Boston.

The southeastern portion of New England was the center of heavy electrical storms the other night, in which a combination of the elements wrought extensive damage, hail destroying crops and breaking window glass, rain causing washouts on lines of suburban street railways and electricity wrecking buildings and causing some loss of life.

At Sandwich, Mass., an electric bolt killed Abram Ellis, but did not injure his wife and child, who were in the same room. At Fall River several structures were set on fire, including the Globe yarn mill, but the losses were not great.

In Wareham, three men in a vehicle took refuge in a barn. The lightning demolished the structure, killing the horse and two men, Perry and Westgate, and injuring the third.

New Bedford had a very severe experience, many houses catching fire. A summer hotel at Dartmouth kept by Benjamin Potter was burned and the guests lost all their effects.

RECRUITING GOES ON RAPIDLY.

The Army Is Now Up to the Maximum of 65,000 Men.

It is said by officials at the War Department interested in the recruiting movement that this work is progressing with pleasing rapidity. Recruits have been received at the rate of 1,000 a week for three weeks. The army is now practically recruited up to its legal maximum of 65,000 men, but it is understood that the recruiting at the present rate will be kept up for some time, or at least till the department receives further advice from Gen. Otis.

DEIGNAN DECIDES TO RETIRE.

Sailor of Meritmac Fame Not to Enter the Military Academy.

Oscar W. Deignan of Meritmac fame has given up the idea of becoming a naval cadet. A bill was introduced in Congress authorizing the President to make him a naval cadet, but it was amended, requiring him to pass an examination the same as any other cadet. He has not the means to go through a preparatory course and has rejected offers of support made by friends.

SUN EXPLODES DYNAMITE.

Missouri Zinc Mines Narrowly Escape Being Blown Up.

A strange story of an explosion of dynamite by the sun comes from the Turkey Track zinc mines, near Aurora, Mo. The miners left half a dozen sticks of dynamite in an open box not far from the shaft. Just before noon the rays of the sun, becoming focused on the dynamite, caused its explosion. Some of the huster men narrowly escaped.

Notes of Current Events.

Slight earthquake shock felt in San Francisco. No damage.

Seven persons suffocated in a burning residence, Stetten, Germany.

Rochester, N. Y., street railway company increased wages 10 per cent.

John Schree