

The report of the Commission expreases the belief that, although remedy the block signal system, air ships or machines that will fly

particulars of accidents are required to be made, there is reason to believe that the law is not complied with, and many facts are not made known at all. However, it is certain that all the more serious accidents are reported in the press, and is is the more serious sort that has become so alarmingly frequent. It was to be expected that the steady incresse of railway mileage, which is now 201,000, and in passenger and other traffic would bring up the number and fatality of accidents, although it is claimed that the proportion is no greater than with less traffic and mileage.

The Commission's report states states that the number of men employed in the train service on June 30, 1903, was about 12 per cent. larger than on June 30, 1902, a fact which in part explains the increase in deaths and injuries. This is the her centage, taking the country as a thele. On the roads of densest traffic, where the liability to accident is greater than on roads of light traffic, the increase has been more than 12 per cent. The enormous expansion of freight traffic has led to the employment of new men so rapidly that the per centage of inexperienced men in the service was, in the year under review, larger than before for many years, and an increase in the number of inexperienced men usually is accom-

of accidents. The report calls attention to the fact that certain disastrous collisions have been occasioned by the misconduct or negligence of telegraph operators or signalmen under 21 years of age, and says that the Congress might well consider the propriety of a statute making it unlawful for any person under 21 years of age to act as telegraph operator (to perform the duties referred to) or as block signalmen.

panied by increases in the number

The Commission in its report sets forth that the most prominent fact in this year's record of train accidents is the appalling loss of life and property in collisions. The showing cannot be called materially worse nor materially better than that made a year ago, and the total number of passengers killed and injured does not differ from the record of the preceding year to such extent as to call for comment; but the mere continuance of the record, though it be no worse than in former years, is a disgrace to the American people, painful to every careful observer.

which is intended to insure that no two trains shall be upon the same block or subdivision of the track at the same time. That is to say, on a single subdivision of road between two given stations, one train going in a particular direction must pass the station at the far end of the can Indian. block before another goes on it at

the near end. This, however, is only reliable on double track roads, where all the trains go up on one track and come down on the other. On single track roads it is not to be depended on. This is the rule in England, and the immunity from collisions on English

railroads is so nearly complete and the casualty records so low as to be a powerful argument for its adoption. The Commission, therefore, recommends the consideration of a law like that in force in Great Britain and Ireland, requiring the adoption and use of the block system in the United States, unless some better device can be secured.

In the course of time all the great trunk railways in the United States will be double tracked. At present this is only practicable in thicklysettled countries. In the meantime something ought to be done to reduce the great risks from railway train collisions.

It need not be feared that Gorman and other Democratic Senators who favor the Hoar resolution will vote against the Panama treaty

when it comes up for final action. They are only calling for information that will show whether or not the administration was a party to the fraud that created the so called republic.

Panama, the Philippines and Cuba give the terrible Teddy some trouble; but this isn't a circumstance to the fear that haunts his daily walk and his nightly sleep that Mark Hanna may become his com-

petitor for the presidential nomination. Curtailment of the production of cotton goods will very likely pan out like reduction of the acreage in cot. ton. The mills that have a sufficient

stock of the raw material on hand to run several weeks or months will decline to be curtailers and will make money.

the second balcony of the house of Engine Company No. 2, at Sixtn and If the business men of Wilming-Castle streets, watching some boys who ton really feel any interest in the were in the street below shooting fire postmastership of this city, now is works, he slipped and fell over the the time to show it and to make railing to the hard pavement below.

wood and returned to his seat a few feet away. Just as he reached bi safely throughout the space of worlds? seat, he turned to his wife and with a If these air ship people from the other look of distress, said "Come here." He worlds had landed on our earth, they then fell over and by the time his wife would have made a discovery greater reached him he was gasping in death. and more astounding than that of Mr. Presson's family will have the Columbus when he discovered America sincere sympathy of a large circle of and found what he supposed to be a New World, inhabited by a strange friends and acquaintances. He was a people, now known to us as the Ameri good man and all who know him esteemed him for his unimpeachable The alrahips which were said to integrity and high sense of honor. He have been seen passing over Wilmington were reputed at the time to

was a genial, companionable man, and pave come from the furtherest eastall who knew him regarded him as an ern coast of North Carolina. Who exceptionally good man and citizen. knows but what it was the airship of He was about 70 years of age and was ) ville and Wilbur Wright, the born at Williamsburg, Va. He came Onio men, who got way over on the uninhabited coast region to experi to Wilmington about 14 years ago ment with their invention? They from Kinston where he had lived a however, got caught up with last number of years. Since he has re-Chursday at Kitty Hawk, N. C., as Press dispatches. The dispatches sided in Wilmington, he has done considerable business as a build'r and stated that their dirigible airship, o contractor. We learn that he was a flying machine, sailed successfully for Confederate veteran but probably three miles against a stiff gale. Perhaps the Wright brothers die served with the Virginia troops. He not want anybody to find out what was a member of the Royal Arch they were doing, and instead of fly Masons o! Kinston. The deceased ing three miles, as some one discov leaves a wife and seven children, ered, they may have just gotten in Messrs. Robert E. and John W. Prefrom a trip from away in the regions of space. They have certainly acted son, and Misses Katie, Agnes, Beatmysteriously about their airship, and, rice, Lillie and Bessie Presson, all of although they have met with what whom are grown. He was a member appears to be success, they have been of the Baptist church. His death was tiving the newspaper men the dodge. due to heart disease. We pause in this aerial flight, with

no promise to let the matter drop

where it is or to take it up at some fu-

ture time, just here to give space to

the following which we find in the

and Wilbur Wright, the Ohio bro

thers, who made a successful experi

several days on the Carolina coast.

but the Wrights determined to eat

heir Christmas dinner at their Ohio

home, have decided to brave the

storm and hope to reach the city on

the Pasquotank in their little boat

"The inventors are said to have dis-

guised their personal appearance and

hope to be able to pass the Norfolk re-

obtain an interview with the airship

mer, and it is hardly possible that they

will agree to talk for publication before

they return from their visit to their

Christmas evening about 6 o'clock,

Feli from the Second Story Balcony,

"No one has been able, so far, to

porters without being recognized.

mas holidays with their relatives.

cially at this time.

home in Dayton."

"This morning at daybreak, Orville

Norfolk Virginia-Pilot of Tuesday:

## NEOROES FIGHT.

Sam High Badly flurt by Cromwell Higtop, at Tarboro,

[Special Star Telegram.]

ment with their airship at Kitty Hawk, N. C., last Thursday, will leave TARBORO, N. C., Dec. 24 -Late this for their home to spend the Christ alternoon a fight occurred here, opposite the City Hall, in which Sam High "With the hope of attracting little was hit on the forehead by Oromwell attention and avoiding meeting newspaper correspondents, the inventors Hinton and it is supposed a fatal have chosen a roundabout way to wound was inflicted. The weapon make the trip from Kitty Hawk to Norfolk They will atwas a large, heavy oak stick. High tempt to cross the dangerous Albewas taken to the hospital in an unmarle sound in an open sail boat conscious condition. Hinton ran reach Elizabeth City and board a train out of town, but was captured by there for this city. The proposed trip Chief Cotton in a cornfield just the is fraught with many dangers, espeother side of the cotton factory. Both "A fierce storm has been raging for parties are colored. High is expect-

ed to die.

U. S. GUNBOAT VICKSBURG.

Ordered from Shanghal to Gorea for Protection of American Interests.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 .- Rear Admiral Stirling, temporarily in command of the Asiatic station, cables the Navy Department announcing the departure of the gunboat Vicksburg to-day from Shanghai for Chemulpo, Corea, where she has been ordered at the instance of Mr. Allen, the American minister at Seoul. The local riots at Chemulpo recently endangered American life and property and the

while Fireman James Walton was on dispatch of a warch p, was thought necessary As the marine guard of the Vicks burg does not exceed a half dozen men, Rear Admiral Sterling has been instructed to send a company of

least 20 recruits for the roads. Among the cases was one against John Reed, colored, charged with the arceny of a coat. He was bound over to the Superior Court in a bond of \$50. West Richardson, colored, for using vulgar and obscene language and cursing on the streets, was given a straight sentence of 30 days on the

quite probable that there will be at

roads. Mayor Springer served notice on all thugs that this was one thing for which he would always inflict the highest penalty. The defendants who were fined will have the privilege of paying up, but

if they do not do so they will have to work out their fines on the roads. It is safe to say that quite a number of them will have to be put to work.

## TEN PERSONS KILLED THIRTY-ONE INJURED

## Two Trains Demolished in a Head-on Collision Near Grand Rapids, Mich. Growded With Passengers.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., Dec. 26.-

Ten persons are dead and thirty-one injured, several of them fatally, as the result of the collision early this evening of two passenger trains on the Pere Marquette railroad, one-half mile west of East Paris and six miles east of this city. The collision, which was head-on, was caused, according to a statement issued by the officials of the road at the general offices in De troit, by the high wind blowing out the red signal lamp at McOords where the west bound train should have stopped and received orders to pass the east bound train. The injured are all Michigan people. The two trains were running at ful speed and the engines were reduced to

tangled bits of wreckage. The first cars were also demolished and the entire trains left the track, except the last coach on each, so great was the force of the collision. The wreck is said to be due to a misunderstanding of orders. The east bound train was crowded

with passengers when it left Grand Rapids. It carried scores of Christman visitors returning to their home along the Pere Marquette line after spending the holiday here. The train was much heavier than usual on account of this rush. It is reported that the incoming train was heavily loaded. It, too, bore a holiday crowd, as well as the regular Saturday rush of passengers. As usual, the smokers were damaged more than any of the other coaches and in the smokers

every seat was occupied. LATER.-The list of dead in the Pere Marquette wreck totals seventeen, with thirty-three injured; several of them fatally.

on Broadway, New York Sity. By Telegraph to the Morning Star,

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.-The tallest building on earth is to be erected in

SUNK IN COLLISION.

rounds and went from door to door leaving their baskets. The wind and rain deterred them not and the sand hills of the suburbs were no obstacle By Telegraph to the Morning Star. to their good work. BOSTON, MASS., Dec. 26.-Ia a blind-The coming of the Elks was unhering snow storm which swept Boston

alded, as no previous mention had harbor this afternoon the new Clyde been made in the newspapers that they line steamer Kiows, inward bound intended to do this work. Consefrom Jacksonville, Fia, and Charles quently their visit was an absolute ton, S. C., was rammed and sunk by surprise to the poor people whose the steamer Admiral Dewey, of the United Fruit Company, outward homes they visited, and it was a veribound, for Port Antonio, Jamaica, and table visit from Santa Claus. For two hours the Elks distributed their Christ-Captain Chickester and the entire crews of the Klows, numbering thirty men, were rescued by a sug. The Admiral Dewey sustained practically no

mas cheer, and the work made them rejoice, for they heard expressions which filled their hearts with the tendamage and, after laying to for the derest emotions. parpose of rendericg possible assist-Everywhere the Elks went their ance, she proceeded on her voyage. gracious and bountiful gifts met with With several passengers and a big

ted Charities and the charitable socie-

ties of the various churches the names

deep appreciation, many receiving general freight cargo the Admiral Dewey sailed from this city shortly their baskets with brimming eyes and after 12 o'clock. Owing to the driving sobs, too full to express their thanks, snow storm, the Dewey was making while others were profuse in the exher way out at slow speed. A few pression of their appreciation of the miles beyond Boston light, the Kiowa appeared through the clouds of mist benevolence of the kind-hearted Elks and snow, directly shead. Before the who had brought them some of the course could be shifted the steamers good things of life. When the Elks collided. The Admiral Dewey struck the Kiowa a powerful blow on the came across worthy colored families port side just abait the main-rigging, they also dispensed their benevolence the sharp prow of the fruiter cutting in to them.

The Elks entered into their work en-The damaged craft immediately be thusiastically and it will do their gan to fill. The city of Boston's tug Cormorant, which was passing, ran hearts good for many a day to contemalongside the Kiowa and took off her plate the happiness which they carcaptain and crew. This was a most ried to many a home of absolute want. difficult task owing to the heavy ses, We are sure the community will apand in attempting to jump from their vessel to the tug some of the Klowo's preciate the good work of the Elks, men fell into the water. They were and our city is fortunate in having an rescued by the Cormorant's men and organization that is willing and able all hands brought to this city. The to dispense charity like that witnessed Kiowa sank shortly after the accident.

She had a big cargo of lumber, cotton, on Christmas day. naval stores, iron and general mer-AN UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT.

> To Lynch a Negro in Jali at Bartow, Fig., Suspected of Shooting Gol, and Mrs. John Beatty.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BARTOW, FLA., Dec. 26.-Night before last, shortly after dark, about twenty-five or thirty men, armed to the teetb, marched into this city and for a time it was thought that the crowd would make a determined effort to get Berry Henry, the negro in jail supposed to be the one wanted for shooting Colonel and Mrs. John Beatty Thursday morning. But for the dogged determination of Sheriff Tilly it is more than likely that they would have made a raid on the jail With guns pointed at the officer, they told him to get out of the way and let them have the negro; but he very coolly told them that if they advance Chinese commercial treaty, and in closer they would do so at their own Minister Allen's demands upon the peril.

Oorean government, before the crisis The mob finally dispersed, being becomes more acute. It is realized that assured that the negro would be taken should hostilities break out between before Colonel Beatty for identifica-Russia and Japan, the resulting peace tion at the earliest possible moment. Henry was spirited to Tampa last treaty probably would leave the United States and other neutral naaight, the sheriff fearing another attions entirely outside of the pale of ad tempt to lynch him. Officers drove vantage in Corea, no matter which to Pridgeni with the negro, where they boarded a train for Tampa.

SEVERE STORM SWEEPS NEW YORK CITY.

Driving Snow and Winds of Hurricane Force-Rapidly Falling Temperature. Number of People Isjured.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.-A driving now storm, accompanied by furious squalls that at times rose to almost hurricane force, struck the city early to-day. Lowering black clouds pressing down on a bank of sea fog and the dense character of the snowfall combined to produce for nearly half an the hour so deep a darkness that lights were lit in all the down town streets and along the river fronts. During this period many ferry boats and other craft lost their bearings complately and the harbor resounded with the whistles of vessels cautiously groping their way through gloom. One Brooklyn boat, heading for the Manhattan side, found herself off the Battery, several blocks away from her slip. Ocean steamers bound in and out were compelled to stop and lie to until the darkness lifted. The ferry boal John G. Carlisle, carrying immigrants from Ellis Island, crashed into the steamboat Tauras off the Battery, but both vessels escaped with slight damage. The darkness lifted almost as quickly as it settled down and the now was succeeded by clearing skies, high gales and a rapidly falling temperature, the mercury going down fifteen degrees, from 34 to 19 within three hours. So fierce was the gale during the afternoon that many pedestrians were thrown down and in some instances were seriously injured. Around, "Cape Flat Iron." at Broadway and 23d streets, the wind raged in gusts of almost clyconic Here one man was dangerously fury. hurt by being struck with a fragment

of a large plate glass window, blown out of an adjacent building. Towards evening the wind, which had at times attained a velocity of sixty miles an hour, died down, the mercury continuing to drop until at 10 o'clock it touched 7 degrees above zero with indications of still lower figures during the night. In all, about a dozen persons were reported by the police to have been injured by the fall of flying pieces of debris during the day. The total snowfall was only about half an inch.

BRYAN IN GERMANY.

Was Not Received in Audience by Emperor William,

By Cable to the Morning Star

BERLIN, Dec. 26.-William J. Bryan was entertained at luncheon to-day by Ambassador Tower and called on Forign Secretary Richtoff

Emperor William has expressed regrets at the fact that domestic Christmas festivities will prevent him from receiving Mr. Bryan in audience.

About one hundred Americans and rominent Germans were introduced Mr. Bryan to-day at the reception of the American Chamber of Com nerce, given in his honor, at the hotel Bristol. After the reception Mr. Bryan took the night train for Amsterdam. He will sail for New York Wednesday from Liverpool on board the White

Star Line steamer Celtic

tion in the East has caused the officials of the State Department to renew their efforts to secure for the United States from Ohina and Corea certain necessa ry trade advantages as embodied in the

TALLEST ON EARTH.

Building Forty Stories High to be Erected

marines from the Philippines to lower Broadway, if the present plans way the tide of victory turned. There-

SITUATION IN THE EAST. State Department Renewing Efforts to Secure Final Ratification of Treaties

2,254 and gross tonnage 2,949.

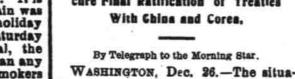
The Kiowa was the latest addition

to the Olyde Line fleet, having been

built at Philadelphia early the present

year. She was a steel, two-masted, three-decked yessel, 800 feet long,

with 22 feet depth of hold, net tonnage



chandise.

Port Limon, Costa Rica.

for a considerable distance.

118, senge State singl cond with fatal have ed b ment of an cryin Raili and cons and dicts	ays the report: "That 130, or or any large number of pas- gers are killed in the United es in the course of a year in a le class of accidents indicates a lition which should not pass nout serious attention. These lities are due to causes which enever been adequately consider- by any department of govern- it, either of the United States or my of the States, and there is a ng need for such consideration. Iroad accidents, their causes their results, have been sidered in judicial decisions in the deliberations and var- is of Coroners and Coroners'	that influence felt in Washington. We are told that the "per capita" circulation in the country has reached \$30.00. That may be the average, but our "per capita " looks more like 30 cents. "Stand pat" will be the next Re- publican national platform. What- ever may be thought of it otherwise, it will be commended for its brevity. " And now the Democrats are ap- prehensive that Roosevelt will not be the Republican nominee for	The floor of the balcony was wet, and in turning to go inside, his feet went from under him. He got a hard fall but suffered no serious injury. Dr. Russell was called to him, but found that no bones had been broken by the fall. SAN DOMINGO. The Tows of Macoris Has Declared in Favor of the insurgents. By Telegraph to the Morning Star. WASHINGTON, Dec. 26. — United States Minister Powell reports to the State Department under yesterday's date from San Domingo City, confirm- ing the cabled announcement that the town of Macoris has pronounced in favor of Jiminez, and adds that troops from that place under the insurgent	Zafiro. The marines will go aboard the Vicksburg at Chemulpo, and it is stated that they will not be landed un- less American interests are further threatened. White Man Killed and Four Negroes Se- riously Wounded. By Telegraph to the Morning Stat. BROWNSVILLE, TENN., Dec. 26.— One man was killed and four men were seriously wounded as the result of a pitched battle near Randolph. The trouble started by a fusilade from a double-barrel shot-gun in the hands of a young merchant named Tom Hol- lingshead, and the volley was return- ed by John Jackson with a pistol. Hollingshead fell dead with a bullet through his heart, and John, Walter,	low the street level, forty stories high from the entrance to the top floor and surmounted by a sixty-foot tower, the gigantic new building will have a total height of 615 feet, making it over twice as high as the Flat Iron build- ing and almost as tall again as the Park Row building, which at present holds the record. This building would extend one full block on Broadway and its cost in- cluding the site will reach \$10,000,000. The land is said to have been secured, and completion of the building within one year is promised. — Allen was baiting Governor Dockery, of Missouri. "Dockery," he said, "I understand you were not very fierce endurin' of the wah." "Pshaw, John!" said a bystander, "Dockery was in the war." "I know," said Allen. "I understand he cioned a commany of home	fore the State Department is bringing pressure to bear upon the Chinese court to insure the speedy ratification of the trade treaty, and as other na- tions have indirectly been given to understand in this negotiation, it is hoped that final ratifications of the treaty may be exchanged in Wash- ington within three months at the outside. This will result in the open- ing to the United States the trade of the ports of Antung and Moukden, in Manchuria. Across the river from Antung, in Corean territory, lies Wiju, and the State Department has prompted Mr. Allen at Seoul to renew his pressure upon the Corean govern- ment to secure the opening of that port to trade.	danger. The attending physician reports that her skull was fractured. It is not at all certain that she will recover. Colonel Beatty's wound was slight. FATAL AFFRAY. At a Christmas Festival, in a Construction of the Killing of John Parsons by A. J Lockhart, at a Christmas tree festival given at a church. Lockhart, a peace officer, was acting as Santa Claus. It is alleged that Parsons became dinor derly while the exercises were in pro- gress and Lockhart halted the proceed ings and cjected him. When the affall was over Parsons attacked Lockhart	<ul> <li>NEW YORK BANKS.</li> <li>Statement of Averages of the Aciated Banks. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.</li> <li>NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The statem of averages of the clearing he banks of this city for the week she Loans \$892,262 800; increase \$13, 600. Deposits \$865,918,700; increase \$13, 600. Beserve \$229,074,800; increase \$3,264,800, serve \$3,264,000.</li> </ul>
and dicta jurid by S none	in the deliberations and var- is of Coroners and Coroners' es, and to a very limited extent State Railroad Commissions, but	be the Republican nominee for President. Mr. Bryan did not get sick enough on his ocean voyage to "throw up	ing the cabled announcement that the town of Macoris has pronounced in favor of Jiminez, and adds that troops from that place under the insurgent flag are marching on the city of San Domingo. A great many arrests are being made at the capital, but other-	lingshead, and the volley was return- ed by John Jackson with a pistol. Hollingshead fell dead with a bullet through his heart, and John, Walter, Henry Jackson and Andrew Pugh, all negroes, were seriously wounded. The trouble arrows over the sattlement of a	"Pshaw, John!" said a bystander, "Dockery was in the war." "I know," said Allen. "I understand he joined a company of home guards, which solemnly vowed not	sight is to see a man hunting for his spectacles when they are pushed up	a derly while the exercises were in pro- gress and Lockhart halted the proceed ings and cjected him. When the affai was over Parsons attacked Lockhar with a knife as the latter left the build	<ul> <li>B. deposits \$91,786 255; decrease</li> <li>446,000.</li> <li>Insurance Applicant - S</li> <li>times I have pipe dreams. Mr</li> </ul>