

#### Canal Proposed Across Florida Peninsular for the Passage of Big Ships--Officers Elected for Ensuing Year.

la of Florida in two by an east and and eastern part of the United States, west ship canal connecting the Atlan- east of the Rocky mountains. tic ocean and the Gulf of Mexico was the leading question before the con- can be dug for \$50,000,000. vention. Senator-elect D. U. Fletcher of Florida outlined the plans of the more than 30,000,000 tons would pass convention in a speech in which he through the canal yearly, which does said: "We must initiate waterway not include the enormous traffic from improvements in foreign countries by Mexica, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, nor waterway improvements at home, if other countries which will use the we maintain supremacy or even stand- Panama canal. A reasonable estimate ing in markets abroad.

"It is believed that if each farmer total of 60,000,000 tons annually. would contribute for two years one cent for every bushel of corn and tercuastal canals ought to be construcwheat he raises which would find its ted as rapidly as possible. A transporway through this canal, these contri-butions would supply enough money for cheaper and quicked transportato build the canal. This project is not tion must be answered." new. The importance of a ship canal across the peninsula of Florida has ed: long been directed to the attention President, Duncan U. Fletcher of of the maritine world. Such a canal Jacksonville, Fla.; vict president-atwould shorten about five hundred large, Charles J. Swift of Columbus, miles the route from the Atlantic Ga.; secreary, Leland J. Henderson, ocean into the Gulf of Mexico, espec- Apalachicola, Fla.; secretary, G. A. States, and avoid the dangerous navi- president, John Craft, Mobile, Ala., regation of the gulf stream through the tiring president. straights of Florida. By the construvstraights of Florida. By the construc- Betjeman, Albany; Florida, J. H. travel of this northern continent Drummon, St. Andrews; Alabama, G. would be placed more than one thous- G. Grosvenor, Montgomery; Mississipand miles nearer to the Central Amer- pa, Benjamin Humphries; Louisiana, ican republics.

ble because it would be impossible to A. Thompson, Richmond, Ind. canal controls the water, and the nav- | Waterways association to the Missisigation is safe at all seasons. "Almost a straight line across the eiation.

Columbus, Ga. - After a session | narrowest part of the peninsular could crowded with interesting features, the be selected, passing through a number Mississippi-to-the-Atlantic Inland Wa-could be utilized. There are no enginterway-association adjourned to meet eering difficulties in the way. Nearly next year in the city of Jacksonville, the whole work can be done by float Fla., at a date to be determined by ing dredges. This canal would be a part of the contempleted inland wa-The project of cutting the peninsu- ter circuit of the whole of the central tinuation of this improvement and for

'One estimator says that the canal

the election to a number of Associa-"It has been estimated also that tions' members, asking them to state specifically how many working men would be added to their present force by December 1, if nothing occurred to shake commercial confidence. A refor these other countries would be a azine as fololws:

"A complete national system of in-The following officers were elect-

ially to the gulf ports of the United Weterman, Pensacola, Fla.; honorary

Vice presidents: Georgia, John fidence of ..6 ..6 ..6 ..6 ..6. interests of the country will be ena-Warren B. Reid; Illinois, Robert Ish-"The weight of opinion seems to be am Randolph; vice president Nationthat a tide water canal is impractica- al Rivers and Harbors Congress, S. control the water and maintain uni- The name of the association was form depths. By the lock system the changed from the Gulf Coast Inland

### products. PLUNGED TO HIS DEATH. sippi-io-the-Atlantic Waterways asso-

Son of Henry Watterson Fell Nine heartrending. Stories and Was Killed.

sociation of Manufacturers publishes

in the current issue of American In-

dustries, its official magazine, a con-

tinuation of the statements on trade

members representing every branch of industry. The first series of these

statements, showing improvement in

commercial conditions, appeared in the

series now published indicates a con-

Telegrams were also sent prior to

"The percentage of replies received

000 members of the National Associa-

"Taking this as a basis," says the

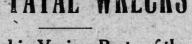
13,000 manufactuories, which, accord-

average of 100 men or over, each will

October 15 issue of the magazine. Th

the business outlook.

000 working men.



New York City.-The National As- Occurred in Various Parts of the Country in One Day.

conditions contributed by its 3,000 33 PERSONS WERE KILLED

Collision Near New Orleans Resulted in 11 Deaths --- Runaway Train ... Wyoming Kills Nin-

New Orleans, La.-It was a heavy the most part an optimistic view of price in human flesh and, blood that was paid for the errors of railroad trainmen when a Great Northern express crashed into the rear of a New Orleans and Northeastern local at Little Woods station, a fishing and huntsume of the information contained in ing camp on Lake Pontchartrain, 12 miles from the city. these replies is also given by the mag-

Eleven dead and many more injured. some of them fatally, is the record of indicate that an average of 135 men each will be added to the majority of the wreck, which was attended by unmanufacturing plants in the Associa usually gruesome scenes in the fortion by December 1. The percentage bound swamps of the lake shore. To shows that at least one-half of the 3, add to the horror of the situation, the add to the horror of the situation, the wreck caught fire, and only the heroic tion of Manufacturers expect to add work of the surviving passengers preto their present force more than 200,vented the cremation of those pinned down in the debris.

No one on the Great Northern Exarticle, "it is safe to assume that the press was seriously hurt, but those aboard the Northeastern local were ing to the census of 1900, employed an not so fortunate. The nose of the big express engine had torn its way enadd at least 50 per cent to the prestirely through the two rear coaches ent force; making a total in round fig- of the local, and the crash and the ures of 650,000 men. In other words, sound of splitting timbers was followwith the continuance of business coned by the wails and groans of those pinned down in the wreckage wrought fidence the important manufacturing by the passage of the huge engine.

Little Woods has no telegraph stabled to increase their present force by tion, and serious delay was experiencmore than half a million workingmen ed in getting a telephone message to to meet the market demands for their New Orleans. Even then it was two hours before a rescue train arrived, and in the meantime the scenes around the smouldering wreck were

When the rescue party reached Lit-New York City .- Harvey W. Wat- the Woods the scene that met their terson, a lawyer, and younger son of eyes was one of terror, desolation, Henry Watterson, editor of the Louis- death. The wreck had caught fire ville Courier-Journal, plunged to his and the first efforts of the passengers death from the nineteenth floor of his and the few fishermen and hunters office building at 37 Wall street. His lounging around the Lake Pontcharbody shot downward about one hun- train camp were directed toward subino es. In this they had

the financier, who has been sentenced to fifteen years' imprisonment at hard labor, and it now seems certain that the former multi-millionaire must remain in the Tombs prison at least until December 3 next, when arguments on the writ of error that have been granted him may come up.

Edward M. Morgan, postmaster of New York, who was shot by Eric H. B. Mackey, an escaped lunatic, who then blew out his own brains, is on the road to recovery and his physicians believe he will be out of danger cians believe he will be out in ten days or two weeks.

Results obtained in tests of the Maxim silent firearms before the United States army board are reported to have been encouraging, the explosion being only faintly audible. The muffling is obtained at some expense of velocity.

Supposed yeggmen entered the insurance and real estate office of W. A. Goldsmith at Greenville, S. C., chloroformed the cashier and bookeeper, T. E. McCullough, and went through his pockets. They found the keys to the safe, rifled the money drawer and set fire to the books and papers.

The emperor of China, who has been suffering for nearly two weeks from an intestinal disorder, is reported to be much worse. His majesty refuses foreign medical aid or to take foreign medicine. He is unusually weak, but in spite of this, he received the members of the grand council. He was propped up on pillows during the interview. Public business has been suspended on account of the indisposition of the dowager empress.

Instruction in dancing is to be given Boston public school teachers. The department of school hygiene under Dr. T. L. Harrington is to institute classes in the Terpsichroean art at once. The dancing lessons are to be given to the aeachers in connection with the physical training of pupils of the normal, high and elementary schools.

The French foreign office has been advised from Berlin that M. Camdon, the French ambassador, and Baron von Waechter, the acting secretary for foreign affairs have signed. an agreement in settlement of the Casablanca incident .The formula of settlement as it was accepted consists of The first provides two declarations. that after the exchange of expressions of mutual regret that the incident occurred, the entire question of law and facts shall be submitted to the arbitration of the Hague tribunal. The second declaration is that the country whose agents are adjudged at fault shall apologize to the other.

## THE PEOPLE TAKE IT QUIETLY

**Emperor and Empress Die On** 

Same Day

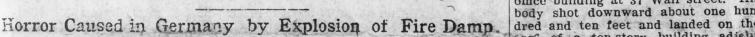
Shortly After 5 O'Clock, Saturday. the Emperor Breathed His Last\_ Prince Chun, His Brother, Now Regent, May Be Accepted as Succes-

Pekin, China, By Cable.-The Emperor of China died shortly after 5 o'clock Saturday evening. As early as 3 o'clock in the afternoon, it was reported that the Emperor was so low that his death was regarded as imminent. The Foreign Board of the government has confirmed the report circulated Fri-day that the Dowager Empress is also mortally ill.

The Emperor had been ill for a long time and during recent audiences with foreign representatives he was unable either to sit up on the throne or even in an erect position. It was evident for a long time that he would be unable to withstand a crisis which sooner or later must develop in the disease from which he was suffering. Recent climatic extremes caused the develoment of fatal complications that resulted in his death.

At the moment of death the Emperer, the Dowager Empress' own death chamber chair was waiting in the courtyard. She, too, had been in a serious condition, and word that was brought her earlier in the day that the Emperor was dying, caused her to collapse. This has prevented her from assuming the relationship of grand mother to the successor to the throne, which, according to the Chinese system would enormously augment her authority.

There is little indication of emotion among the people over the events which have been transpiring.



339 LIVES ARE LOST IN

## Only Thirty-Five Miners Escaped.

hundred and eighty miners working remaining three hundred and two to the hospitals. have been given up for lost.

violent, destroyed one of the shafts, owing to the impossibility of entering which had to be partly repaired be- the galleries, and an order was issued fore the rescue work was begun. In to flood the mine. First reports indialmost insurmountable obstacles in of an explosion of coal dust, but the the early efforts of the rescuing par- statements of the injured men render ties.

Hamm, Westphalia, Germany .- The men who rendered such valuable aid createst mine disaster in many years in the terrible mine disaster at Couin Germany occurred in the Radbod rived on the scene shortly before mine, about three miles from this noon, but were unable to enter the place. There was a heavy explosion mine, being forced to await the rein the mine and almost immediately sult of the determined efforts of the the mine took fire. There were three firemen to keep the flames in check. Meantime heartrending scenes were under the ground at the time, and on- being enacted at the mine when the ly six escaped without injury. Thirty dead and wounded were brought to five were taken out slightly injured, the surface, and there were similar and thirty-seven were dead when scenes in the town where the injured brought to the mouth of the pit. The were transported through the streets

It was decided that any attempt to The explosion, which was unusually rescue the entombed men was in vain, addition, the flames and smoke proved cate that the accident was the result this improbable, and it is not clear

A special corps, composed of the just what caused it.

# **A REDUCTION IN COTTON CROP**

#### Of Twenty-Five Per Cent is Asked by the Farmers' Union in Their Convention at New Orleans.

tant questions brought before it, and and L. H. Morris, Alabama. adjourned.

be summed up as follows:

crop and diversification of crops.

nouncing "night riding."

warehouse system on an extensive mittee's hands. scale and the formation of interstate companies.

Resolution passed calling for the appointment of a committee of one from each state to confer with president of the United States relative to exten- Hong Kong, China, addressed the consion of rural free delivery and establishment of parcels post.

hold it until they choose to sell.

The committee representing the lows:

New Orleans, La .- The Farmers' T. J. Brooks, Tennessee; G. R. Educational and Co-operative associa- Hightower, Mississippi; J. Z. Greene, tion, in convention assembled, con- North Carolina; J. W. Boyett, Jr., cluded its consideration of the impor- Louisiana; L. H. O'Marion, Georgia,

It was stipulated that the commitshould have at its disposal a million Resolution passed calling for the re- bales of cotton to sell whenever it relations between the two states. duction of 25 per cent in the cotton deems the market capable of absorbing that much. The matter of secur-Resolution unanimously adopted de ing warehouse certificates for the cotton and making them negotiable at lo-Resolution passed calling for the cal banks was also placed in the com-

> The convention also adopted a resolution urging all the states to appoint agricultural commissions such as exxist in Georgia.

Li Sum Ling, editor of a paper at vention on trade relations between The supply of fresh meat in the town China and America. The address was Authorized the building of a large mainly along the line of the advancentral warehouse at New Orleans, tages which would be enjoyed by both where the planters of haif a dozen or countries if closer trade relations decided to have meat or bust, and hirmore states can store their cotton and were established between China and America.

The delegates assembled here repunion in the warehouse matter fol- resented two million farmers, principally of southern states ..

1001 of a ten-story building adjelu- been partially successful, but little ing. Almost every bone was broken, succor had been given to the badly and the head crushed, and death was injured and several of those died instantaneous.

tragic death of Harvey W. Watterson about their wounds in an effort to created a profound impression in Lou- stop the flow of blocd, and in many isville, and the editor is sitting at instances the later examination of the his home benumbed by grief, while railroad surgeons showed that more hundreds of telegrams from men of than one life had been saved in this national prominence already, are pour- manner. ing in, offering condolence and sympa-

thy. and his son was an unusually strong bathed the wounds of the injured and one, their common interest in politics swathed them in bandages that stopand national affairs beig very keen, ped the flow of blood. It was the men ad the father's satisfaction at the rapidly advancing career of the son maining seats of the wrecked coaches, was very great.

## CHINESE TREATY PLANNED.

United States and Japan to Respect Independenc eof China.

New York City .- The Herald gives prominence to a dispatch from Tokio that a report is prevalent in thee high financial circles close to the Katsura ministry that Secretary Root and Baron Takahira are negotiating a new treaty between the United States and Japan, the chief terms of which are that the high contracting parties shall respect the integrity and indepen- and several division superintendets of dence of the Chinese empire; shall the Southern Pacific railroad on a genpreserve the "open door" and shall eral tour of inspection. agree that in default of a special arrangement the passage of laborers of of one to that of the other shall be. interdicted after it has been recognized in the treaty that the presence of large numbers of loborers of each men say that the automobile carried The results of the convention may tee representing the Farmers' union nation within the territory of the other is calculated to impair the friendly

## RATTLESNAKE ON MENU.

For Gold Camp Borders When . Meat Was Exhausted.

Sylvanite, New Mexico.-Sylvanite, the newest gold camp of New Mexico, now considers itself strictly on the that could be heard several miles, the map in the matter of up-to-date dish-The piece de resistance at one es.

hotel recently was rattlesnake, and you can't get that even in New York. North Ba ran out and the guests who pay \$16 a day for board kicked for meat. William Godsmith, the proprietor,

ed everybody he could to go after Deep River, Conn.-Four are dead rattlers. In three hours they got sevly relished by the hungry guests.

while lying beside the smoldering de-Louisville, Ky .- The news of the bris. Rude bandages had been bound None worked harder than the wom-

on passengers in this crude surgery. The bond between Mr. Watterson Tearing up underskirts, they hastily who tore the cushions from the rebut it was the women that tenderly laid out the injured upon them and gave their attention to nursing until the relief train arrived.

The cause of the wreck will be definitely determined in an official investigation by the authorities.

Red Bluff, Cal.-In a collision between an automobile and a locomotive in this city four persons were killed and one slightly injured.

The automobile carrying the Willard family and Mrs. Hayes was struck by the engine of a special train carrying General Superintendent Young

Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Willard, their daughter, Miss Olive Willard, and Mrs. either nationality from the territory Irene Hayes were thrown a distance of 200 feet and killed. Miss Imogen Willard was thrown on the cowcatchmen say that the automobile carried no lights.

Boree, Wyo. — Nine persons are known to have lost their lives and three were seriously injured as the result of a runaway freight train crashing into an engine on the Union Pacific railroad.

Going down a steep grade, the train got beyond control and ran away for seven miles. With a deafening crash engines came together. Thirty cars were piled in a heap and immediately

North Bay, Ont .- The boilers of the lake steamer Temiskaming exploded as the vessel was making a landing at that village, killing five persons. Six men were badly scalded, but it is thought all will recover.

and many injured as a result of a enty-eight snakes, for which they got train wreck near here. A work train 50 cents each. The snakes were great- carrying twenty-eight Italians ran into a freight.

Man Under Jes Fifteen Operations.

New York City .-- William Smith,

President Castro of Venezuela has been advised by his physicians to go to Europe for medical treatment for the malady from which he is suffering. Whether he follows this advice or not depends upon the progress he makes toward recovery.

#### Washington.

President Roosevelt has issued invitations for a notable "labor legislation" dinner to be held at the white house Tuesday, November 17. The guests will include many national labor organization chiefs, several prominent judges and executive officials, but it is understood President Gompers, Secretary Morrison, Vice President O'Connell and Treasurer Lennon of the American Federation of

Labor, are not included. Postmaster General Meyer has established a new division of the railway mail service with headquarters at New Orleans, and has appointed H. M. Robinson as assistant superintendent of the new division. It will be known as the twelfth division and will comprise the states of Mississippi and Louisiana and such railway postoffice lines outside of those states as may be assigned to it. Mr. Robinson was formerly assistant superintendent of posts at Manila.

The formal opening of the War college was signalized by an important address by Secretary Root, popularly known as the "father of the institution." On account of the limited capacity of the lecture hall in which the exercises were held, the attendance was limited to the president and members of his cabinet, members of the diplomatic corps, the officers of the army, navy and marine corps, and other leading officials of the government.

The New York Shipping company of Camden, N. J., was the lowest bidder for constructing the battleshhip Utah. Their proposition is for a twenty and three-quarter knot vessel at \$3,946,000. The Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock company was the lowest bidder for installing machinery in the battleship Florida, being built by the government at Brooklyn, their bid being \$1,517,000 guaranteeing a vessel of twenty and three-fourth knot speed.

Rev. Dr. Alfred H. Harding, for the past twenty-two years rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church, Washington, was elected bishop to succeed the late Henry W. Satterlee at the fourth meeting of the thirteenth annual con- Holland, a member of the first comvention of the Washington diocease. The Rev. Charles H. Brunt, bishop of the Philippines, who was elected twice declined both times, and Rev. Dr. Mann of Trinity church, Boston, elected at the third meeting, also declined.

In his annual report for the last fiscal year, Commissioner Fred Dennett, of the general land office, recommends the withdrawal from entry of all public lands which may be irrigated which are not now capable of being utilized for homes.

The Emperor's death and the probable death of the Dowager Empress within a very short time have had but little effect upon the Chinese, who are pursuing the even tenor of their way without signs of mourn-

Kuang-Hsu's later life was a pitiable spectacle to his attendants. His feebleness had rendered him a mere puppet and he had suffered long from ill health, which was combined with fear and despair. Latterly he showed marked signs of mental disturbances, and even went so far last August as to declare himself

mad. The foregoing dispatch from Pekin sets at rest the conflicting rumors of the past two days that have originated in Pekin and been published around the world. The Emperor of China is dead. The report from London of his improvement probably referred to a temporary condition only. The Pekin message is the first

unqualified statement to come from the Chinese capital and it specifically gives the time of the passing away of His Majesty.

The regent is Prince Chun, the Emperor's brother, and if he is accepted by the government before the Dowager Empress dies, the likelihood of any revolutionary outbreak in China will be materially reduced.

#### Dowager Empress Dead.

Pekin, By Cable.-Tsze Hsi An, the Dowager Empress of China, the autocratic head of the government, which she directed without successful interference since 1861 and without protest since 1881, died at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

The announcement of the Dowager Empress' death was official and followed closely upon the announcement that Kuang-Hsu, the Emperor, had died Saturday at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, but it is believed that the death of both the Emperor and the Dowager Empress occurred a considerable time before that set down in the official statements.

An edict issued at 8 o'clock Sunday morning placed upon the throne Prince Pu-Yi, the 3-year-old son of Prince Chun, the Regent of the Empire, in accordance with a promise given by the Dowager Empress soon after the marriage of Prince Chun in 1903. An edict issued on Friday made Pu-Yi heir presumptive.

#### Prominent Confederate Veteran Dead

Washington, Special.-Albert G pany organized in Washington to fight for the Confederacy, died suddenly in this city Sunday. Mr. Holland took part in the first battle of Manassas, fought valiantly until captured and sent to Camp Chase, where he was released at the close of the war. He was a member of the firm of Copeland &Co., and it was said manufactured flags for the Federal government while it was his aim to destroy them during the war.

#### TO KILL HER MOTHER. China's Ruler Dead.

#### Daughter Employed Detective Who told Police of Murder Plans.

Chicago, Ill .-- Miss Mae L. Otis, 36 years old, has been arrested, charged Otis, 57 years old.

Mauston, Wis., and a private detec-tive, supposed by Miss Otis to be a press, Tsu-Hsi, was the virtual ruler uabe timber in the West Tennessee and stomach trouble, has had his right "slugger," had been employed to help and she kept Kwang Su, who appears river bottoms has been destroyed com- foot and leg amputated and in the her kill her mother.

the detective notified Police Captain eign legation in Pekin offered the sermoney and life insurance, together their offers were declined by the emworth \$3,800.

## Washington, D. C.-Official notice of Hundreds of Thousands Worth of Timthe death of the emperor of China has

been received at the state department Nashvile, Tenn.-Forest fires are dohere and at the Chinest legation. He ing great damage in this state, West- tient in St. Vincents Hospital, West by the police with having instigated a died suddenly in the imperial palace ern Kentucky and Northern Alabama. plot to murder her mether, Mrs. Sarah at Pekin. The emperor was but 25 Timber amounting to hundreds of has undergone fifteen operations and years old and his health had been a thousands of dollars have been de-According to the police, the mother matter of grave concern to the em-was to have arrived in Chicago from pire. During the entire period of his the fires are reported to be still burn-as snow. He has been operated on pletely. to have been a moral and mental Instead of promoting the scheme, weakling, in the background. The for-O'Brien. The mother is said to have vices of their skilled physicians, but tracts of valuable timber and miles of will be amputated and later his left forest fires, which are still burning press dowager.

## DAMAGE BY FOREST FIRES.

ber Were Destroyed.

aged 38, is puzzling the medical fraternity of Staten Island. He is a pa-

New Brighton. Within a year Smith he is now being prepared for a series

course of a few days will have his In North Alabama, particularly in left leg taken off above the knee. By Limestone and Madison counties, large the time this has healed his right arm fencing have been wiped out by the arm will have to come off. He is suffering from tuberculosis of the bone.

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