

loss of life were 34: 12 from explosions, 5 from fire, 11 collisions, and 6 from snags, wrecks, and sinking. The lives lost numbered 284, of which 69 were from explosions. As compared with the previous year the report shows a decrease in the number of accidents of seven, and an increase in the number of lives lost of 79.

A great fire has destroyed two thousand acres of forest in Maine.

Trow & Co's great wheat elevator at Madison, Ind., was burned last Friday. 100,000 bushels of grain were destroyed.

An extensive fire at Mifflintown, Pa., on Saturday, destroyed a large hotel, a post office, a residence, and a block of brick stores.

A large button factory at Ionia, Mich., was burned on Tuesday.

A fire occurred at Pottsville, Pa., on Tuesday. Ned Loftus fell dead of heart disease while trying to rescue Mrs. Keenan from the flames. The lady was burned to death.

A large wire factory at Annsville, N. Y., has been burned and two hundred and fifty of those who were employed in it are out of work.

On the 22nd inst. a fire occurred at Dollarville, Mich. Sixteen dwelling houses were burned and two children lost their lives.

An oil still exploded at South Brooklyn, N. Y., on Monday afternoon. Several men were injured by the burning oil, John Reynolds fatally. The entire South Brooklyn Oil Works, and Gray's Sulphur Works near by, were burned.

On Sunday night a tenement house in Boston was burned. Eight families lived in the building. Four persons were burned to death, and several others are not expected to live.

The family of Wm. Ludder, at Winsted, Minn., ate cheese cooked in a brass kettle, and all were poisoned. Three died, and the others are not expected to recover.

Two gentlemen and two ladies, from Boston, were drowned while bathing in the surf at Well's Beach, near Portland, Me., on the 23rd inst.

The house of Mrs. Fannington, a rich widow, living near Erin, Pa., was burglarized on Sunday night. The lady was gagged and robbed of \$4,000.

Some lumbermen created a riot on Saturday at Manington, W. Va. Several men were badly hurt, and one Walter Turbee is expected to die. A large number were arrested.

A gang of outlaws recently attacked George W. Dresser, who lives near Pittsburg, Pa. Dresser had circumvented some proposed villianry of the gang, and in revenge they stabbed him brutally. He is not expected to live.

In a drunken quarrel on Saturday night near Saginaw City, Mich., Caleb Lincoln was shot and instantly killed by his son Charles. The murderer gave himself up.

On Monday, in Milwaukee, the body of Mrs. Sophia Holzel was discovered in a hovel partially eaten by rats. It is believed she died of starvation. There were two starving children in the room with the corpse, and the head of the family asleep, drunk.

Christian Duesner, proprietor of a saloon in the Fifth Ward of Toledo, Ohio, Friday night shot and instantly killed Corbin Caswell.

A quarrel occurred among some negro families at Forestville, Ga. Walker, one of the disputants, subsequently contributed some provisions to his opponents; later on the latter were taken ill with symptoms of poisoning. Two of them died. Walker was arrested.

GREAT BRITAIN.

On the 23rd inst. the House of Lords passed the Irish Tramways Bill, and at the last moment on Saturday agreed to the Agricultural Holidays Bill.

Parliament was prorogued on Saturday, the Queen's speech being read by one of the royal commissioners.

A telegram from Admiral Pierre, the French commander at Madagascar, states that Mr. Shaw has not been found guilty of the offence charged against him, and he will be liberated.

It is stated that Mr. Parnell will contest county Down at the next elections for member of Parliament.

A great convention of the Irish National League is to be held at Leeds on the 27th of September.

Three men have been arrested at Cork for concealing arms and infernal machines.

On Saturday last another riot between Catholics and Orangemen broke out at Coatbridge. Twenty-two arrests were made.

On Sunday the French steamer St. Germain collided with the English steamer Woodburn, near the Eddystone lighthouse. The latter vessel sank in five minutes. The captain, sixteen of the crew

and one passenger were lost. But for calm weather the loss of life would have been much greater. The other steamer, carrying a load of passengers, was badly injured, but all on board escaped.

FOREIGN.

A painful accident recently happened to M. Gratien, a French aeronaut. While he was preparing for an ascension his balloon broke loose; a cord fastened to the car and coiled around his hand was suddenly tightened in a knot about two of his fingers, and by this slender hold he was lifted, carried about four miles, and dragged through thorns and underbrush in terrible torture and pain. He was ultimately rescued and is expected to recover from his serious injuries.

Much excitement has been caused by a recent attack upon French newspapers by the *North German Gazette*. The latter journal charges that the French press has been unduly severe in criticising Germany's lines of policy. It is thought in some quarters that Bismarck is anxious for a quarrel.

The Count de Chambord is dead, and the Count de Pavis is now the representative head of the Bourbon family.

The steamer Palermo, from Hamburg, and the steamer Rivoli, from Bilbao, collided near Ushant, in a thick fog. The Rivoli went down. Five persons were drowned.

Although the Spanish insurrection is put down, it is expected that stringent measures must be taken to prevent another outbreak.

The new Spanish minister for Washington will not be appointed at present. Senor De Lorne will have temporary charge of his office.

By the falling of a scaffold at the King of Bavaria's palace at Lake Chiem, twenty-three workmen were killed and seventeen wounded.

An anti-Jewish riot broke out in Hungary on Friday last. A mob of two thousand wrecked the houses and shops of the Jews. Similar outrages occurred in other towns. The soldiers suppressed the riot with much difficulty. Many lives were lost, and a great number of families are homeless.

Anti Magyar riots broke out recently at Agram. Troops had to interfere, and several peasants were killed.

The Emperor of Annam has submitted and received the French Envoy. He will have to pay the costs of the war, the French meantime holding the forts on the Hue as security.

There is trouble at Canton. A European official in a quarrel shot one victim and wounded two others. The people became greatly excited, and bills were posted on the city walls calling for a massacre of the foreigners. A British sloop of war has been sent to Canton.

It is reported that cholera has broken out at Sumatra.

A conference of representatives from Australian colonies is to be held at Melbourne, to consider the question of the annexation of New Guinea and some other neighboring islands.

Mexico and Central America are being scourged with small-pox and typhus.

Stanley is said to have stopped all trade on the Upper Congo by stopping all travel on the river.

It is reported that Queen Ranavalona, of Madagascar, is dead.

The German Reichstag is in session, considering the treaty with Spain.

An awful catastrophe has occurred in the East Indies. On Saturday a volcanic eruption broke out in the Island of Krakatoa, in the Sunda Straits. Subterranean disturbances spread rapidly through all the adjacent territory, and by Sunday evening fifteen volcanoes in the Java were in a state of activity. Immense quantities of red-hot stones, mud, lava, and ashes fell over that large and densely populated island. It is estimated that at least 20,000 people have perished. Some islands have been completely submerged, and the devastation is terrible in the extreme.

No, young man, it doesn't hurt you a particle to sow your wild oats. Go ahead and sow as many as you wish. But it's the gathering in of the crop that will make you howl. And you have to gather it in, too. If you don't it gathers you, and one is a great deal worse than the other. Go on and sow your wild oats; but keep away from this office during harvest time.—*Burlington Hawkeye*.

WHEN all the scaffoldings which surround the Bible are taken away, by which men have tried to prop it up, the world will begin truly to recognize its real glory. Kingdoms fall, institutions perish, civilizations change, human doctrines disappear; but the imperishable truths which pervade and sanctify the Bible shall bear it up above the flood of change and deluge of years.—*James Freeman Clarke*.