THE PLANE WE REAL THE PARTY

Accident.

Grasp Her Sinking Sweetheart.

Her Death in the Schuylkill.

TO SAVE HER LOVER.

lently against the gunwhale. rendered partially unconscious blow and sank back into the

the imperiled man beneath his arms and

was unsuccessful and sank back into the water just as her lover was rescued by

Club. An effort was made to reach the

strove to reach the boat again.

several members of the

He

Crescent Boat

THE ATHENS REPORTER. AUG. 23. 1905

BANNER YEAR FOR CROPS. Very Favorable Report of Ontario Gov-

The August crop bulletin, about to be ssued by the Ontario Department of Ag-iculture, will contain the following re-garding conditions on the first of the

ernment.

Fall Wheat-The crop will be a big one

Barley—This grain, like the other cer-eals, will go considerably over the aver-age in yield per acre. The condition of the crop is variable, some correspondents speaking of much injury from rain and lodging, while others describe. it as be-ing first-class, both in point of yield and mality. Bari -This grain, like the other cer-

Dats-The yield promises to be one of the largest, both as regards acreage and total yields, several correspondents class-ing it as the finest crop in years. The straw is described as being long, bright and stiff, and the heads as being well

was by the water. Relinquishnig her grasp upon the side of the cance Miss Ober pluckily caught

ing to the ravages of the pea-weevil, or, as it is commonly called, "the bug." This season, happily, the pest is mentioned only to tell of its absence. The crop has been injured more or less by rain, never theless the yield per acre will run over

beans give promise of a large yield per acre, notwithstanding damage from heavy rains at the time of planting. heavy rains at the time of planting. Hay and Clover—On the first of Aug-ust there was some hay yet to mow in various localities. Hay cut early was more or less injured by rain, but that harvested later was housed in fine con-dition. The average yield for the Pro-vince will be among the best on record, although the big yields are chiefly in the western and central counties. In the opinion of most correspondents, timothy did relatively better than clover. Tobacco—Although the plant suffered Tobacco-Although the plant suffered considerably from wet weather early in the season, it made a good recovery, and

good yield, especialy mangels and sugar beets, which are doing better than tur-

Fruit-All varieties of berries have Fruit—All varieties of berries have yielded well, and grapes also promise well. Apples will be poor in point of yield but the quality will be rather above the average. In many sections there will be barely enough for local consumption. Peaches have done better, and may be classed as from fair to grad. Some corclassed as from fair to good. Some cor-respondents report good yields of plums, while others claim an almost complete failure. The common red cherry did well, but other varieties were a disap-

of all classes were doing well. Immense quantities of both butter and cheese have been made, but very little of either ar-ticle remains in the hands of manufacturers. The creamery industry appears to be still growing in favor.

Corn-The very favorable weather of July brought growth along with a bound and it is now likely that corn fields will have a full yield. Correspondents are generally of the opinion that corn for the silo will be relatively ahead of cob corn in yield.



President Gompers' Speech at the I. T. U. Convention,

EIGHT HOUR DAY.

A Toronto report: The drastic expulsion of Delegate Shelby Smith, as regards the yield per acre, more especially in the Lake krie counties. Most of the fail wheat stood up well, and there was not so much "lodging" as is usual in the case of a heavy crop. In short, 1905 may be classed as one on On-tario's best fall wheat years. tario's best fall wheat years. Spring Wheat—Comparatively little en by roll call am:d silence that was spring wheat is now grown. The crop is described as being full in the head, with clearly a distasteful task to perform, good straw, and promises more than an but did it with a firmness as great as

and stift, and the heads as being well filled, although in some cases lodging is complained of. Ryc—The yield per acre is above the average, and the gain is of good quality. Peas—During the last four or five years the acreage of peas in this Pro-vince has shrunk by about one-half, ow-

an average Beans-Where grown as a field crop,

its general condition was classed as good by most of those who reported on it. Potatoes—A large yield of potatoes is promised, and of good quality. Roots—All classes of roots promise a

pointment. The report regarding pears, as in the case of plums, vary much, but they have done better than apples. Pasture and Live Stock-Live stock



its reluctance. The vote for the con-

Samuel Gompers, delivered by Mr. Samuel Gom President of the A. F. L., the grand man of labor, who has been so largely instrumental in the general reducti the working day. The Afternoon Session.

Delegate Max Hayes, Chairman of the Eight-hour Day Committee, then read the report, which was of great length and covered nine printed reviewed the history of the a criticism of the statement of President Ellis on behalf of the employers, and finally recommended that the eightand finally recommended that the eight-hour day go into effect on January 1, 1906. The unions were also urged to set aside an eight-hour fund to meet eventualities.

President Gompers.

Mr. Samuel Gompers, President of the A. F. L., was received with enthusiasm. He counted himself fortunate in being present at a meeting which promised the crystallization of the eight-hour day. Passin isted in the day. Passing over the evils that ex-isted in the earlier days of the print-ing business, the President pointed out that the A. F. L. convention at San Francisco had given enthusiastic sup-port to this movement. While professing the utmost respect for President. Ellis of the Typothetae of America, he took issue with him that the reduction of hours meant ruin to the employers The adoption of the nine-hour day had not injuriously affected them. "Once your declaration is made to the world it would be absolutely ruinous to change that resolution in one particu-lar," he said. "Men are taken at their lar," he said. "Men are taken at their word so long as their word is known to be dependable. Once made your resolution must be kept." A historical reference was made to the success of the eight-hour movement in other trades affiliated with the A. F. L., and he de-clared that employers generally learn learn best after a contest how much

can afford to pay labor. Let a contest be waged and in ninety-nine cases out of one hundred they would gladly have wished themselves back to the time of negotiations. Preparation for a contest other to the solution of the was the safest way to save labor from it. In conclusion, he promised the con-vention that if they had to make a fight for it the American Federation

would give its support. Mr. T. J. O'Brien, an old Toronto boy Mr. I. J. O'Bren, an old Toronto boy who is attending the typos' convention, is showing what is decidedly a novely, namely, a Gordon press which is capable of printing two colors at one impression. This development of the typographic art occasions much interest among craft.

LIGHTNING AND BARNS.

Seeking Moisture, It Hits Where Green Hay Lies.

A Toronto report: Why are so many barns struck by lightning these days?" was the query put to Mr. F. L. Blake, as

DISAGREEMENT **AMONG ENVOYS**

The Indemnity Question Proves to be a Stumbling Block.

The Cession of Territory and Possession of Interned Shins

Still Unsettled-Envoys Will Consult Their Governments.

A Portsmouth, N. H., report: To-morrow the peace conference will be adjourned until Monday to give the Russian and the Japanese envoys the op portunity of communicating with their Governments. Judged by to-day's developments and an expected repetition to-morrow, Monday's meeting will bring matters to a head, and the world will probably soon know whether there is to be peace or a continuation of the war in the Far East. Both sides have refused to compromise on, the matter of indemnity, the one great stumbling block to a successful termination of the current negotiations. Other points of With Generals He Protests Peace Terms difference exist also, but on the subject of Japan's demand that she be remun-A London cable says: A

erated by Russia for the costs of the war there is a hard and fast deadlock.

In that lies the danger of absolute failure, and from all outward appearfailure, and from all outward appear-ances the prospects of a happy ending are not the best. To-night the gossip in the lobby, the ballroom, and the cor-ridors of the Wentworth, where the peace plenipotentiaries and their suites are stopping is that the whole thing is over. It is maintained that the Russian commissioners came here fully de-termined not to make an agreement. They are accused of having played the game merely to ascertain the Japanese conditions. It is maintained that if the President of the United States had not insisted upon it they would not have come at all.

Abandoning the field of speculation, for speculation is a dangerous thing in these critical hours, when the peace of a considerable portion of the world are now having their turn in the festivi-seems to hang in the balance, there is ties prepared for them by the citizens

seems to hang in the balance, there is enough of fact at hand to give some intelligent idea of the situation. To-day's developments marked the beginning of the crisis in the negotia-tion. The main point discussed was the remuneration proposal of Japan. Carriages were landed from the warships, the remuneration proposal of Japan. Each side clung tenaciously to its posi-tion, and it became apparent that there was no rhyme or re discussion question of Japan's demand for the possession of the Russian ships in-tered at American and Chinese ports, but there was such a divergence of views that the envoys decided to lay it aside temporarily, without recording that they were unable to agree. There was some discussion of Japan's insistence upon the limitation of Japan's insist-ence upon the limitation of Russia's naval armament in the Far Eastern waters, but this had not been conclud-ed when the conference was adjourned for the day.

some who may find cause for hope in the fact that the Japanese demand for the formal cession of Sag-halien Island, which they claimed by of conquest, has been practically According to the under-obtained to-day, the Ensadjusted.

the railway line, which means a sub-stantial concession from the Japanese SACRIFICED HER LIFE stantial concession from the Japanese side. The worst feature of the situation is the deadlock upon the question of in-demnity. M, de Witte apparently be-lieves that there is no hope of a com-promise. His instructions from St. Petersburg are all in line with the original Russian programme, that not a penny must be paid to Japan to secure immunity from further hostin-ties on the part of the victorious army of Oyama. The Russian encoys think they have already gone far enough to satisfy the most exacting enemy who had won many battles but had not conquered. They believe that Japan will not be satisfied with less than the payment of several hundred million dolars by Russia, and they wow and declare that not a cent of this shall be paid. Tragic Death of a Young Philadelphian in Canoeing The Brave Girl Gave Up Her Hold on the Boat to

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As for the Japanese, it is contended Young Man Was Rescued Just as She Sank to they are equally determined to go on with the war if Russia does not consent to remunerate them for what they have spent in prosecuting the conflict. Japan must have money, it is held, and her only way to secure it is at the Philadelphia, Aug. 21.—Thrown into the turbulent waters of the Schuylkill River, last night, by the capsizing of a expense of her opponent. If the Rus-sians are as firm as they say they are in their decision not to pay indemnity,

OYAMA EAGER FOR BATTLE.

to lend a sustaining hand to her imper-

brave girl sank to her death just as despatch a volunteer crew from the Crescent Boat to the Telegraph from Tokio, under date of Aug. 16, says that the throne received on Aug. 13 a strong memorial from Field Marshal Oyama and all the Club bore Alexander safely to shore. The fact that Alexander and Miss Ober were engaged to be married was generals, declaring that the forces were anxious to deliver a crushing blow to the enemy and strenuously adnot known until the young man, in a vocating the imposition of stronger her body:

of Aug 17, says that a distinct change of feeling has taken place in influential circles, and that peace prospects are now considered excellent.

GRAND NAVAL PARADE.

Fleet.

and men of the second cruiser squadron

carriages were landed from the warships and hauled up Mountain Hill to the Dufferin Terrace to await the disem-barkment of the sailors and marines, at this time. Then came barkment of the sailors and marines, thousand men on the ships. The disem barkment and re-embarkment of the im mense complement of men was a sight well worth seeing. At 9.30 o'clock a steam launch towing three boats took without recording position at the ship's gangways, when le to agree. There of Japan's insist-on board with the alacrity of monkeys, and in less than half an hour they were landed and in line on the King's wharf, when, headed by the band of the flag. ed when the conference was tadjourned for the day. Only the bare facts of what has been accomplished have managed to penctrate beyond the guarded doors of the star chamber, where the construction of the sailors and the star chamber, where the construction of the street metil these street metil the street metil

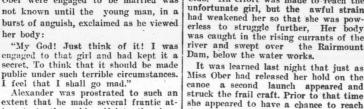
star chamber, where the fate of t nations is being discussed Esplanade, and were joined by the Royal the star chamber, where the fate of great nations is being discussed. Enough is known, however, to throw some sidelights on the existing situa-tion, and to give an intelligent idea of the momentous problems with which the plenipotentiaries are confronted. There are some who may find comea formidable showing, marched out by the Grand Allee with the precision of veterans and down Maple avenue to St. John street, thence through St. Rochs and by the Lower Town to the King's wharf, where the sailors embarked in their

River, last night, by the capsizing of a canoe, Miss Anna B. Ober, a pretty 19-year old girl, sacrificed her life in trying to save that of her lover, M. F. Alex-ander, of No. 2033 North Thirty-second street. Neither Alexander nor the girl could swim and when the latter had an and the Japanese as firm as they are represented to be in their decision to adhere to their demand for payment, adhere to then the jig is up, and there will be could swim, and when the latter had an canoe, Alexander struck his head vio no peace. opportunity to cling to the overturned

iled lover. Exhausted in her efforts the Are Too Mild.

The same correspondent, under date

Two Thousand Men Landed Ffom the Quebec, Aug. 21 .- The petty officers



Kind hands restrained him and he was ed back to the boathouse, while edgely Guard House. Alekandea who is an enthusiastic canoeist, visited the public boat-house near Lemon Hill, in Fairmount Park,

was carried to the public hoat house, where he was resuscitated with consid-erable difficulty. When he had recovered from the shock he visited the home of Miss Ober, at 3027 Norris street, and about 7.45 o'clock, acompanied by Miss Ober. A recent downpour of rain had told her parents of the sad accident. rendered the river very turbulent, and Both were completely prostrated. when the couple entered the canoe it began to toss upon the water like an eggshell. Alexander, however, paddled away from the shore in a contident man-ner. Just as they were opposite the surprise to her parents.

ALIVE WITH NECK BROKEN. A TERRIBLE DEATH ROLL. Over Ninety Thousand Casualties on U. Executed Murderer Gives Prearranged

Signals to Clergyman. S. Railroads. Washington, D. C., Aug. 21 .- The an

New York, Aug. 21 .- According to the Vorld, the Rev. E. A. Meury, pastor of nual report of the Interstate Commerce the Second Reformed Church in Jersey Commission, giving the railroad sta-City, made this astonishing statement tistics for the year 1904, shows that esterday: That to him and five others there were at the end of the year 297,-073 miles of railroads in the United murderer proved, while being executed States. Total number of casualties on the gallows, that he retained conwas 94,291, 10,046 having been killed sciousness, memory and the power of voluntary motion after his neck was brokand 84,155 injured. Of those killed en. The Rev. Mr. Meury has been chos-441 were passengers and of the wound-ed 9,111, or one passenger killed out of en to serve on the Sheriff's jury at the every 662,267 carried and one injured out of every 78,523 carried. The number of passengers reported hanging of Edward F. Tapley in the Hudson County jail, and has been asked carried in the year was 715,419,682, in-

Hudson County jan, and has been assed to minister religiously to the doomed man. He will serve on the jury, al-though he is strongly opposed to capital punishment. He said last night: "I have seen seven unfortunates hang-ed. One was Paul Genz, who was exc-ented in the Hudson county inil. April cuted in the Hudson county jail, April 13, 1897, for the murder of Clara Ar-nim. In the fight I shall make to abolment in New Jerse

my neck is broken. I will wait about a minute; then I will close my hands twice, then once, then twice again. I

rrange this signal now so that none

MRS CLARKE'S THANKS

Her Letter to Mr. Osler With Regard to

Testimonial Fund.

A Toronto report: The widow of the

late E. F. Clarke has written to Mr. E. B. Osler, M. P., who acted as chairman

of the committee in charge of the E. F.

engaged to that girl and had kept it a secret. To think that it should be made ublic under such terrible circumstances feel that I shall go mad." Alexander was prostrated to such an extent that he made several frantic at-tempts to throw himself into the river. the shore, but the sudden shock and the subsequent heavy swells rendered that impossible. The unconscious form of Alexander the ody of his financee was removed to the

canoe she heroically signored it in order

standin sians have virtually consented to Ja-panese limited possession of Sagha-lin, but under the condition that it shall not be fortified or used as a base of naval operations. However, there of navai operations. However, there is apparently no absolute compromise yet arranged, and the Saghalin demands, which is article 5 of the Japanese con-ditions, will be taken up again when the envoys come to consider, in con-solidated and correlated form, the points upon which dimension the taken to be a solution of the solution the second cruiser squadron, with the exception of the commanding officers and the petty offi-solidated and correlated form, the brints upon which dimension the second cruiser

points upon which divergence of view was received.

The importance of the virtual under standing as to the disposition of the territorial conquest of the Japanese cannot be overestimated under pres-out conditions. conditions. From the first the Russians have maintained that they would never surrender an inch of ter their enemy, and when the subject of Saghalin was reached i the exchanges there were many who believed, and honestly believed, that the good ship of peace had gone on the rocks. It was here that a crisis have come, bpt it was averted by the sense of the plezipotentiaries in good agreeing to leave the question for fu ture discussion. Later on it appears both sides found means of coming to gether, and while they have not for hally entered into an agreement as to his particular matter, it seems now thi as if the very important question of territorial cession would be compro-

Conciliation Methods.

Another thing, too, shows that th envoys have been animated by a spirit of conciliation in the discussion of points upon which it was believed neither would give way. The Japanese demand for the possession of the East-ern Chunese Railway, that Manchurian enterprise of Russia's, which had more Britain. to do, perhaps, than anything else in bringing about the present disastrons war, was also regarded as one of the worst stumbling blocks in the pathwa successful negotiation. Yesterda evoys, to the surprise of all thos of successful on the outside, managed to reach an ed refuge in the Westchester poorhouse, agreement that the portion of this rail-way running from Vladivostock to a point ten miles from Harbin should be after having lived up to his fortune, was rescued yesterday by a stylishly dressed woman, who said she was his nicce. The under Russian control and the portion from that point mentioned to Port Arthur should be under Japanese con-Port woman told the officials that she had Arthur should be under Japanese con-trol, subject to a future arrangement f detail. It became became the subject to be subject to be the subject to be the subject to be the of details. It became known to day excuse for being in the poorhouse," said that this future arragement of details she. "If he had taken care of his money related to the rights of persons who he could now be living in a mansion on related to the rights of persons who he could now be living in a mansion on had subscribed for bond issues to build Fifth avenue."

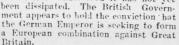
oats, and went on board their vesse in the same order that they landed. The streets were lined with citizens to watch the parade, and, judging from he enthusiastic applause that greeted the jack tars they met with great favor. The personnel of the second cruiser squadron, with the exception of the

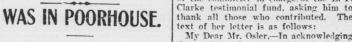
BRITAIN AND GERMANY.

arrange this signal now so that hole of the doubters who may be looking at me can say that my movements are only involuntary twitchings." The clergyman continued: "When Genz fell after being jerked into the air by the fall of the weight his body stif-fored. About three-oughters of a win-

Berlin, Aug. 21.-According to severa sigh officials of the Government, Prince evera Von Buelow, the Imperial Chancellor, who yesterday left Norderney, where he was spending his vacation, for Berlin, went to day to the castle of Wilhelmshocho to see Emperor William. Dr his pinioned hands make the signal he said he would give me. So did six other men whom I had told Genz' promise of Von Muelberg, Under Secretary of the Foreign Office, who left Britain for a vacation of several weeks, was sudden what he would do. The horror of it recalled to join the Chancellor at Wil-helmshocho. The reason for these move-ments is so far only the subject of conwas almost overwhelming." The then Sheriff. Heller, of Hudson ounty, and Dr. Schneider were as positive as Meury that Genz made the pre arranged signal. ecture, but it is known that the rela itoms between Great Britain and Ger-many have recently been on the point of breaking to an extent beyond the knowledge of the public.

Precisely what happened has not been earned, but a scrious situation existed; adced it is understood it has not yet





the receipt of your statement of the investments which have been made of MIGHT HAVE BEEN LIVING IN FIFTH AVENUE MANSION.

the trust fund so thoughtfully organ-ized by you. I desire to express through New York, Aug. 21 .- J. T. Raplee, an aged broker, said to have been once you my deep sense of gratitude to your self and all the friends of my dear husband, who have so generously conworth \$500,000, and who recently obtain-

tributed the handsome sum of \$21,418 for the benefit of myself and family. While fully appreciating the material value of this municifent gift, I esteen still more highly the affectionate re-cognition of my husband's public ser-vice, which has evoked so much kind-

ness to his bereaved family. I am, my dear Mr. Osler, very sincerevours, Charlotte E. Clarke.

ording

Toronic, Aug. 11, 1905.

carried in the year was 715,419,682, in-crease 20,508,147. The passenger mile-age, or the number of passengers car-ried one mile, was 21,923,213,536, increase 1,007,449,655. The number of tons of freight carried was 1,309,899,165, increase 5,504,842 tons. The ton mileage, or the number of tons carried one mile, was 174,522,089,577. The gross earnings were \$1,975,174,091, increase \$74,327,184. The operating expenses were \$1,338,064. Is had argue that sometimes a man is conscious after his neck is broken. Paul Genz was in my charge; he and I dis-cussed the question whether a man's brain might be active after his cervical workshow were broken. Cong was cert The operating expenses were \$1,338,906, 253, increase \$81,357,401. The number of 203, increase corport, or the nationals persons on the pay rolls of the railroads of the United States as returned for June 30, 1904, was 1,296,121, decrease vertebrae was broken. Genz was cer 16,416. The wages and salaries paid for ain he would be conscious after the year amounted to \$817,598,810. neck was broken. He said to me: Watch me closely. After my body is jerked upward and I fall to the rope's end and

BRANTFORD ON MAIN LINE.

Grand Trunk Will Make Deviation Sec ond Week in September.

A Brantford report: The Granl Trunk authorities announce that the main line of their system will be deviated by way

of Brantford the second week in Septem ber. For this concession the city some ber. For this concession the city some three years ago voted a bonus of \$57,-000: Hereafter all main line trains be-tween Suspension Bridge and Detroit will come by way of and stop at Brantby the fail of three-quarters of a min-fened. About three-quarters of a min-tute passed, then Genz closed his hands twice, opened them again, closed them once, then twice again. I distinctly say ford. Harrisburg will be cut off the interview of hands make the signal he map, the run from Hamilton to Brant-tord hoing made to Lynden, and from map, the run from Hamilton to Bran ford being made to Lynden, and fro there to this city by the new "cut-off" branch running from here to Paris over the Buffalo and Goderich branch. Trains will meet the main line again at Par

The outlay to the company has been

enormous. It is said the new bridge over the Grand River at Paris alone cost two hundred thousand dollars. In addition, the company has erected a fine new station here, at a cost of \$45,000. Brantford is well satisfied with its deal

THE PRICE OF PEACHES.

Growers Say It Will Not Be so Low After All.

A St. Catharines report: Some of the leading growers around here state that the report with regard to the heavy peach crop in the Niagara District was somewhat misleading. One grower put it this way to day.

"Whereas there is a splendid crop of

peaches in proportion to the number of peach trees, the hard winters of late and San Jose scale have thinned out the trees in a most alarming degree. To-day there is hardly one healthy peach day there is hardly one healthy peach tree standing, where several years ago there were ten. People who expect to get peaches cheaper than last year will be disappointed. While the yield, acg to the acreage, is large, in my a there will not be enough peaches some friends.

to go around. There are about twice as many canning factories doing business this year as there were two years ago. That makes a big difference."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Some three hundred immigrants cor nected with the East End and Self Help Society and the Salvation Army, have

left for Canada by the Victorian. The net traffic earnings of the Temis-kaming & Northern Railway for April, May, June and July have averaged \$8,grain, which are moist to a certain de-tent, and the moisture attracts lightning 000 per month.

The Brandon Binder Twine Company because it is a good conductor. On the other hand, houses are dry, Lightning rods are a good protection if they are farmers' corporation, will be wound u The assets are estimated at \$65,000 and the liabilities at \$10,000. numerous enough, and have good ground connections." The stockholders of the Calumet and

"Is it of any value to have trees near Hecla Mining Co., at their annual meeting to-day voted to amend the by-laws a barn?

so as to permit Calumet and Hecla, stock-holders, to buy and sell shares of other mining companies. ture.

The Chamber of Commerce, of celling ham, Wash., by unapimous vote last night sent to the reciprocity conference now in session in Chicago an emphatic protest against any attempt to remove or modify the tariff on timber and pro-

A Cleveland desnatch save that an or der has been placed with the Great Lakes Engineering Company there for the con-struction of a car ferry which will be the most powerful and complete of her class on the lakes. The vessel will run between Ohio ports and Canada.

Louis Coste, of Port Colborne, J. P. Maybee, of Toronto, and George Clinton of Buffalo, members of the International Deep Waterways Commission, are at Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., for an investigation of the power canals on either side of the river to determine the effect of the use of water on the lake and river

LAY ALL NIGHT IN CEMETERY.

Napanee Man, Stricken With Paralysis, Could Not Attract Attention.

A Kingston report: William aged 85, of Napanee, had a decidedly disagreeable experience. On a trip to the cemetery he was stricken with paralysis, and lay all night in the graveyard unable to move or speak to make any one hear him. He was missed from his home, but nothing was thought of it, as it was supposed he stayed with

some friends. The stroke has left him in a very weak condition. The doctor says no ill effects were caused by his⁶long ex- I have suggested to the National Ri posure, as the night was mild. Association that they be provided.

tronomical officer at the Observatory. last night.

"I am not sure there are more than there used to be," Mr. Blake replied. "The impression that there are may

be due to greater publicity given to the occurrences. You may have , noticed occurrences. You may have , noticed that more barns than houses are burned by lightning. I think that is because the barns generaly contain hay and

Lightning

"Well, lightning usually strikes a tree

ecause it contains sap, which is mois-ure. The denuding of the forests, I

think, may increase the danger from lightning, as it makes the air drier. Lightning is simply an accumulation of electricity in the air seeking the other pole, and in doing so it comes down through the air to the earth through convenient medium. The reason country has worse thunderstorms any convenient medium.

is that in the city ever l pinnacle reaching up iron point and pinnacle reaching insensibly drawing the electricity out of the overcharged air, and thus reducing the danger of an explosion."

BISLEY TRAINING WRONG.

Views of the Winner of the King's Prize on Shooting There.

London, Aug. 21.—Walter Winans, in The World, giving his views on tiffe shooting at Bisley, says: "The system of shooting is all wrong. It is absolute-

y contrary to the conditions of warfare. The Bisley champion is almost more use-less at the front than the man who ever before handled a rifle. Shooting

at a big stationary target at longe sange is the worst possible training. The Bis-ley man fires under the most artificial The down on his stom

ach, rests his elbows on and a baby could do that. and a baby could do that." Interviewed on Mr. Winans' article, Sergt. Comber, the King's Prize winner, was asked if he thought much of the shooting at Bisley. "Too artificial" he said, "certainly some of it is; for in-stance the wearing of orthodoplic glasses

in the last stage of the King's Prize. Ninety per cent. of the men wear them, but you do not use such things in war.