FIFTEEN KILLED.

Tornado Causes Fatalities in Nebraska.

Hastings, Neb., May 26 .- A series of heavy storms, two of which developed into the worst tornadoes that have visited Southern Nebraska for years, passed over portions of Clay, Franklin and Kearney Counties yesterday. Fifteen persons are known to have lost their lives, and over a score of persons were more or less seriously in-The dead :- Near Norman Daniel McCurdy, Robert McCurdy,

Daniel McCurdy, Robert McCurdy, Mrs. John Wehlever, Mrs. Earl Bacon, Mrs. C. A. Tipple. Near Upland—Lutheran minister, name unknown; Mrs. John Peters, farmer's wife; Mrs. Curtis Lamers and mother. At Pauline—Mr. and M.s. James Mumaw and child, Frank Quigg, Flora Palmer, John Palmer. Near No. nan, at the home of Daniel McCurdy, a number of relatives and friends were spending the day, and not one in the house escaped death or serious injury. Two miles south of Upland German Lutheran services were being held in a school house when the storm struck and demolished it, killing four of the occupants, including the minister, and injuring a number of others. The storm was equally destructive at Fairfield, but the people were warned of its coming and sought cellars for safety. Six dwellings were blown to pieces at that place, but their occupants escaped injury with a few exceptions. Every dwelling and outbuilding in the path of the tornado was blown to pieces, and the financial loss thus far accounted for will reach about \$60,000.

ORDER AT MONTREAL. Firemen Called Out to Assist the

Police. Montreal, May 26.—The steps taken by the authorities to prevent further trouble have been effective. Not only were the police supplied with revolvers for day duty, but fifty firemen, armed with batons and revolvers. went on duty to assist in keeping the peace.

on any body of citizens in the streets that should refuse to disperse. The Mayor empowered the Chief of Police to prevent any further attempt to form a parade of the strikers and to arrest the leaders. Bail was refused to the men who were arrested yesterday, and they will be kept in the cells until their cases have been investigated. There was little lawlessness on the streets, but some of the tracks were torn up. Thirty-six cars were operated yesterday, and Senator Forget, President of the company, promises a larger number to-day, which will be run on a-s ecial schedule. No attempt will be made to run the cars after dark.

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They had instructions to turn the hose

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The Power Company have been able to keep the city lighted, and the Manager says he will have no trouble in replacing the men. Senator Forget says that more men than can be used at present are offering, but all the cars that can be supplied with enough policemen to protect the crews, and the public will be kept going until the strikers give in. Some of them have already done so, and many applications from others who wish to enter as novices are being received. The cars in operation to-day were well patronized. Every effort will be made to prevent a repetition of the scenes of yesterday.

AN APPAILING RECORD.

Six Killed, Twelve Hurt in Automobile Races.

Paris, May 26.-The Paris-Madrid automobile race, the first stage of which was marked by such terrible accidents, in which sixe people were killed, will probably be the last ever permitted in France over the national thoroughfares. Public opinion is now thoroughfares. Public opinion is now thoroughly aroused, and earnest protests are showering in at the Ministry of the Interior from districts all along the route. It is estimated that nearly two million spectators lined the road from Versailles to Bordeaux yesterday, and the route is now dotted with the wrecks and debris of motor cars. The French officials are firmly resolved not to allow such scenes of wanton and brutal carnage to be repeated. It is considered a death-knell to motor car facing.

PLUCKY MRS. KEPPEL.

Assisted Footman to Baffle Burglars.

London, May 26.-The Hon. Mrs. George Keppel had an exciting experience Saturday night. On returning to her home, near midnight, she found two burglars in her bedroom just ready to leave with \$5,000 worth of jewellery. leave with \$5,000 worth of jewellery.

Mrs. Keppel summoned a footman, and
the latter attacked the burglars on the
stairs. After a struggle the burglars
felled the footman and reached the
front door, but found it locked. Mrs.
Keppel pluckily followed the burglars
to the door and pointed out that it was
impossible for them to escape, and the
men then quietly awaited the arrival of
the police. The burglars were remandted after the evidence of Mrs. Keppel
sand the footman had been taken.

POSTOFFICE SCANDALS.

U. S. Postmaster-General Dismisses One of the Principals.

Washington, May 26 .- Postmaster-General Payne has summarily dis-missed Daniel V. Miller, As-sistant Attorney in the office of the Assistant Attorney-General for the Postoffice Department, for accepting a bribe in connection with the case of John J. Ryan & Company, charged with fraudi. Jent use of the mails. A warrant has been issued for

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MILITIA ON GUARD.

Attempt to Investigate Kentucky As-

Jackson, Ky., May 26.-With the State militia on guard the Grand Jury of Breathitt County began an investigation of the asassination of Lawyer James B. Marcum yesterday. He was shot some time ago while entering the court house. Everyone who entered the court house was searched for weapons. The witnesses were not to be found. Tom Cockrell, one of the principals in the case, sent word from Winchester that he did not propose to answer a summons that would cost his life, and said that his fear came from those in county offices.

Colonel Williams in command of the militia, summoned the visiting correspondents to-day, and asked that no sensational stories be sent out. The correspondents were given a tent to themselves, but owing to it being within easy reach of the mountain from which any one of them might be singled out and shot there is some misgiving, and the Colonel was asked to change the location. Some of the correspondents are wearing soldiers' uniforms in the hope that this will protect them. of Breathitt County began an inves-

NOT UNDER COMMAND.

The Bulgaria Bound for Halifax-Nearly 3,000 Passengers.

New York, May 26 .- The Atlantic Transport Line steamer Minnetonka, reported that on May 20, in latitude 41.10, longitude 30.58, she spoke the German steamer Bulgaria, not under command. The Bulgaria did not require assistance. The Bulgaria carried 2,900 steerage passengers, bound from Hamburg to Halifax.

THE RUSSIAN VIEW.

The Tribes in Manchuria Are Inso-

St. Petersburg, May 25.—The evacuation of southern Manchuria by the Russian troops led to a display of everincreasing insolence on the part of disorderly tribes, whose numbers are orderly tribes, whose numbers are rapidly augmenting, says a Vladivistock despatch to The Novoe Vremya. The correspondent proceeds:—"Many Chinese and Manchurians in the Provinces of Mukden and Kirin are in fear of their lives and property. Unemployed Chinese laborers are congregating along the Eastern China Railway. Referring to the Russian timber concession on the Yalu River, the despatch says "a Russian company, with a capital of \$1,500,000, has been formed in Corea to exploit the concession."

Waldeck Rousseau Blackballed.

Paris, May. 25.—M. Waldeck-Rosseau, ex-Premier of France, has been black-balled at the Yach Club here on political grounds. M. Caston Menier and M. Fornand Crouan, his proposer, and several other members of the committee have resigned, the rules of the club forbidding that political considerations should influence the election of members.

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Long before history had trodden a pathway across the insecure ground of legend and tradition the Irish harp was alike the reflex and interpreter of popular feeling. Perhaps it may be said to have come prominently into the general view when James I, placed it in the third quarter of the Royal Arms of Great Britain. But a century before this Henry VIII. had impressed a harp on the Irish coinage, a seemingly, prosaic fact which yet cannot be divorced from the strong element of romance which permeates every phase of the subject. For it seems that a son of King Brian Boru presented his father's harp to Pope John XVIII. in 1003; and that it was treasured in Rome until Leo X, sent it to Henry VIII. five hundred years afterward. He in turn gave it to the first Parl of Clanricarde; and after passing into the possession of several Irish families, Brian's storied harp eventually found a home in the College Museum in Dublin. But supposing this venerable instrument to be at least a thousand years old, that is a mere trifle in the history of the harp—and especially of the Trish harp. We may accept the Theban harp as a pretty ancient representative of its great family; but then the older Irish historians go back to the Deluge, and it is only in the very mist-land of antiquity that we lose touch with their national symbol. And even there we seem to catch the echo of its strains.

But though boasting of such a remote past, the Irish harp is simply an adaptation of an instrument common to Central and Northern Europe. We find it in the hands of the German and Celtic bards, and of the German and Celtic bards, and of the

mote past, the Irish harp is simply an adaptation of an instrument common to Central and Northern Europe. We find it in the hands of the German and Celtic bards, and of the Scandinavian skalds; and every race has been able to impress upon it something of its own peculiar genius. The violin is Italian in its birth, and is said to be animated by an Italian soul. And, in like manner, such of the old Irish music as has come down to us essentially consists of strains of the harp. This, however, is not surprising, for we are told that "long before the lyre was known in Rome or Greece the Gael of Ireland had attained a high degree of perfection in the form and management of the harp." This is indeed a high bid for antiquity, and it would be interesting to know if it could be really sustained, There can be no doubt that in Irish hands the harp was a supreme exponent of popular feeling and enthusiasm, the very excess of which has largely obscured the history and traditions of the country.

confined to the bardic order; but so strong was the national instinct in this direction that every hero, every virgin, could touch the harp long ere the useful arts got foot in Erin." But neither the accomplishment nor the respect in which it was held was confined to Ireland. By the old Welsh laws no person could claim to be a freeman who could not play upon the harp, and it was expressly forbidden to a slave to touch it.

Sir William Apson

Sir William Anson.

Sir William Anson, who introduced the London education bill, which is the cause of bitter debates in the House of Commons, is Unionist member for Oxford University, and has been Parliamentary Sccretary to the Board of Education since last year. The cldest son of Sir John Anson, second Baronet, of Birch Hall, Lancashire, and great-grandson on his mother's side of the first Marquess of Waterford, he was born in 1843, and was educated at Eton and Balliol. In 1867, says The London Star, he was elected a fellow of All Souls', and two years later was called to the Bar, facts which recall the following lines in that 'Masque of Balliol,' which delighted Oxford men in the seventies: "I'm the great Sir William Anson,

"I'm the great Sir William Anson, Versed alike in Cope and Hanson, All Souls claret is a boon, I belong to All Souls; soon If the Fates and I agree, All souls will belong to me."

He succeeded to the baronetcy in 1873, when his father was killed in a terrible railway accident at Wigan. In 1881 he was elected Warden of All Souls, and in the Autumn of 1898 became Vice-Chancellor of the university on Lord Salisbury's nom-

General Who Occupied Sokoto.

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Brigadier-General Geo. Vere Kemball, who occupied Sokoto on March 15, took command of the Kano expedition at the end of January last. Born in October, 1859, the son of Major-General J. S. Kemball, and educated at Harrow, General Kemball was gazetted to the Royal Artillery in 1878, was promoted Captain in 1886, Major in 1896, and Lieutenant-Colonel in 1901. He is now Brigadier-General of the West African Frontier Force. He was for some years on the Headquarters Staff in India, and has seen considerable service. In 1879 and 1880 he took part in the fighting in Afghanistan, and was awarded the medal. In 1895 he was with the Chitral Relief Force, and earned the medal with clasp and a mention in despatches; in 1897 and 1898 he was again mentioned, and received the clasp for the operations on the northwest frontier of India; and in 1901, as Commander of the expedition against Kontagora and Bida, he was montioned, and given the medal and clasp and the D.S.O. He matried Hattie, daughter of Mr. Gilbert Elliot, I.C.S., in 1889.

Why They Laughed.

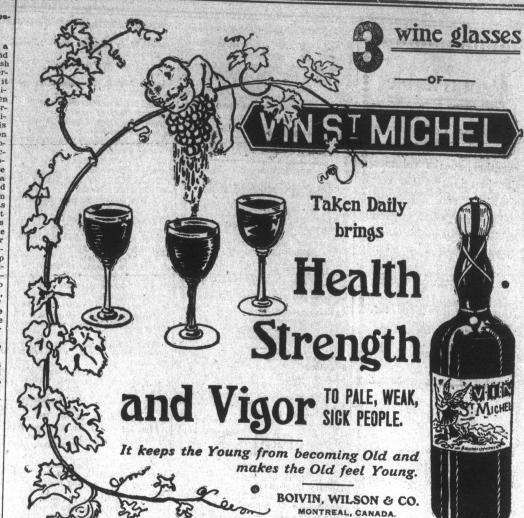
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Some time ago at a Council meeting in the North of England one of the members rose splemnly and said:

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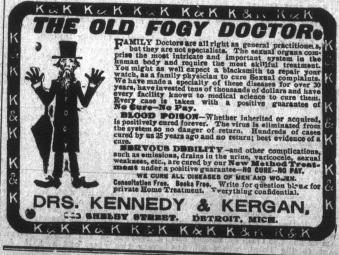
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