From Four to Six Feet of Water In Streets.

Some Loss of Life-Damage Well Over a Million.

Augusta, Ga., Aug. 31.- Last night was a night of darkness and terror in Augusta. The town was cut of from munication with the outside world by telegraph and telephone and was total darkness. The Savann River was forty feet out of its banks and Broad street was a racing rivor with water five feet deep down its entire length. Practically the entire city of Augusta was under water

By noon there was three feet of water racing down Broad street and every store on the street was inundated to a depth of at least two feet. At 3.30 o'clock in the afternoon the depth of five feet was reached. Augusta has not had such an ex

Augusta has not had such an experience since 1888, when there was a flood that did a vast amount of damage. It is believed that the present freshet will do even greater damage than that of 1888.

At 2.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon the big dam at the head of the canal

of water rolled unrestrained upon the inundated city, adding to the terror of those in its pathway. A Great Flood.

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 31.—With the water rushing through Broad street breast deep in a current so strong that it is impossible for a man to wade through, Augusta is being swept by a flood that has not been surpass-ed in its history."

From 4 to 6 feet of water is the

gauge on the principal streets of the town. On Broad street, the main tusiness thoroughfare of the city, there are located nearly all of the public buildings, together with the principal business houses and banks, the flood is playing have with the

the flood is playing havoc with first floors and basements. The city is without light, fire or police protection.

Fires started last night in the cot-

ton warehouse of Nixon & Danforth and in the warehouse of the Nixon wholesale grocery company. It is said the fires were caused by water reaching lime stored in one of the warehouses which exploded. The fire department was unable to render any assistance on account of the high water.
It was reported that a boat contain-

ing a family of husband, wife and two children was capsized and all drown-ed, but this could not be confirmed. A conservative estimate of the damage by flood and fire has been placed well above the million mark, but it believed this sum will be greatly exceeded before the flood waters sub-

So far as known three persons have been drowned, their identity having not been learned this morning.

Reports of capsizing boats in the swift current have been received, but have not been verified, because of the

the sudden rise of the water.

There is a great deal of suffering

Tuesday night with the thought that they would wake in time to escape from the flood, but, greatly to their surprise, they awoke to find themselves surrounded and cut off from escape except by

portunity, and at once began to charge exorbitant prices for moving those unfortunate enough to be caught.

Many, in attempting to wade or swim from their homes or from places of busi ness in the flooded district to points of vantage, lost their footing, and only saved themselves from the rushing tor-rent by catching to tree limbs. It is rent by catching to tree limbs. It is reported that boatmen passed a number thus caught and refused to go to their assistance unless assured of exorbitant fees. One man was seen in a tree who was pouring forth pitiful appeals for as-sistance, and offering \$50 to any one that would rescue him. The police department early establish-

ed temporary headquarters at the health and drainage department office on May avenue, out of the high water district, and patrolmen were placed on beats up to the water line. They made few arrests, however, the people seeming to appreciate the situation, and keeping within the law limits.

Western Union Telegraph office, when the water began to rise, many of the operators left the building for mes. Five remained, but were competed to abandon the telegraph of-fice for the Chamber of Comerce bulld-ing, where wires were found still intact. The operators were in communication with the Atlantic office about midnight. No business was handled, however. At daybreak this morning the operators reported that the water had fallen four and a half inches since midnight, and George Crawford, Horse-Thief, Taken that if the fall continued telegraph

that it the limit continued teregraph of munication with the outside world would be re-established by noon.

At the Postal Telegraph Office the operating force was compelled to desert bion, Mich., was taken back to Amtheir office when the water reached the erican soil to-day by the Deputy Shertop of the operating quarters. However, the company was able to make enough changes to establish through service east

ST. JOHN BOY SHOT.

Fatal Accident In the Woods Near St. George, N. B.

St. John, N. B., Aug. 31.-Frank B. Dick, son of Hazen J. Dick, a St. John druggist, was accidentally shot and killed by a companion in the woods near St. George, N. B., to-day. He and his Walter were on a holiday, brother Walter were on a holiday, and with Bert Cameron, aged 19, of Mascareue, near St. George, went into the woods with a rifle. Cameron was withdrawing the cartridge, as the lads were about to return home, and the hammer of the rifle caught in Cameron's clothes, and was jerked back, falling with sufficient force to discharge the

The bullet struck Dick on the left side just below the heart. Death was almost instantaneous. The body will be brought here to-morrow. An inquest has been considered unnecessary.

FLED FROM FIRE

Guelph Family Burned Out at an Early Hour.

Parents and Children Escaped Alive -Lost Nearly Everything.

A Guelph, Ont., despatch: Seven small children, the oldest fourteen years of age, and their parents, Mr. and Mrs Chas. Robinson, Verney street, escaped at an early hour this morning from their burning home, with nothing but their night clothes. The house was a small, four-roomed affair, with back kitchen and three of the children slept in the rear, while the others were in the front with their parents. About 4 o'clock one of the children, who slept in the back room, was awakened by the fire, which had gained a great headway, and the roof above the bed where the children slept was already blazing. She at once awakened the other children, and, going to the front of the house, aroused her to the front of the house, aroused her parents. They got up at once, and the utmost confusion prevailed. The front door was opened, and immediately the whole interior of the house was in flames. The inmates got out with the utmost difficulty, the night dress of one little girl taking fire, and some of the younger children having no clothing on whatever. Nothing worth saving was got out of the house with the exception of a sewing machine and Mr. Robinson. got out of the house with the exception of a sewing machine, and Mr. Robinson could not even get out his trousers, which contained his pay he got the day before. The family are now homeless and without their clothing, and the small nsurance on the place will no more cover a mortgage hanging over it. cause of the fire is a mystery.

BROTHERS KILLED.

Crossing Accident on the Intercolonial Near Truro.

Truro, Aug. 31.—This morning at 7 o'clock while No. 10 I. C. R. train was bowling along towards Truro and was approaching Eastville crossing a carriage containing two brothers, sons of William Scott, Lornevale, was struck and the occupants immediately killed. The horse was also killed and the car-There is a great deal of suffering among the poorer classes of whites and the negroes, who occupied houses nearest the low lands.

is one of the most dangerous on the Intercolonial, being hidden by bluffs and curved bank. Driver Saunders was powerless to prevent the accident. The engine struck the rig, smashing it to splinters, and instantkilling the two men and their horses. The train was immediately brought to a standstill and a doctor, who was on the train, made an examination, and said death had been instantaneous.

UNION OF BAPTISTS.

Proposal For Dominion Body Making Rapid Progress.

A Toronto despatch: The project to unite all the Baptist associations of Canada into one body is making rapid progress. The Ontario and Quebec, Mar. itime and Manitoba and Northwest conventions have already passed approving resolutions, and it is arranged that a joint committee representing all the Baptist conventions shall sit in Ottawa in October, during the sessions of the forthcoming Ontario and Quebec convention, and there arrange for the organization of the united society which it is proposed to call the Dominion Bap-tist Union. For the present the objects of the union are foreign missions, such home missions as require a Dominion appeal, publication, Sunday school work, temperance reform, moral reform and Christian stewardship.

Back to Michigan.

St. Thomas despatch: George Craw ford, an escaped horse thief from Al-

BIG RUN ON BERLIN BANK Montreal Properties Escape Taxa-

Caused by School Teacher Telling Pupils It Was Insolvent.

A Warrant Has Been Issued For His Arrest.

Thousands Gathered at Bank and

Demanded Their Money.

Berlin, Aug. 31.—There were most exciting scenes around the Freidrichsber-ger Bank, in the eastern district of Berlin, late yesterday afternoon and evening, in consequence of rumors that the institution was in difficulties. Thousands gathered before the building, denanding the return of their deposits.

street cars were forced to stop and a arge force of police, which was called out, was unable to control the excited

The crowd became so dense that the

out, was unable to control the excited throng.

The president of the police personally directed his forces.

The directors of the bank obtained permission to keep the institution open until 8 o'clock. More than \$250,000 was drawn out in small sums, and the bank was able to satisfy all demands for call money, with the assistance of the Imper-

was able to satisfy all demands for call money, with the assistance of the Imperial and Dresdner Banks, but other customers received only \$250 each on account, owing to lack of ready cash. The directorate of the bank declares that the institution is perfectly sound. It is stated that the rumor of the bank's difficulties was set on foot by a school teacher, who, during lessons, advised his pupils to inform their parents that the bank was insolvent. A warrant for his arrest has been applied for. An immense crowd of depositors were still shouting crowd of depositors were still shouting for their money at midnight.

BABY IN BUSH.

No Trace of Mother Who Deserted It Near Guelph.

Guelph despatch: The discovery of the veek-old baby girl in a bush at the city limits, about a mile from the centre of the town, is still surrounded by the the town, is still surrounded by the deepest mystery. The baby is doing well, and is none the worse for its experience, but the efforts of the police to discover the mother, whose shoe marks could be seen in the soft ground where the baby was found, are so far fruitless. Undoubtedly the baby was placed in the bushes in the hope that it would never be found, and its recovery was the merest chance. Enquiry fails to give any information, and although the baby must have been placed in the bush during the day, no one seems though the baby must have been placed in the bush during the day, no one seems to have seen the mother approach of

DROWNED IN SEWER

Desperate Fight of an Imprisoned Man In New York.

New York, Aug. 31.—Fighting desperately for life in a sewer in East 81st street, into which waters from flooded cellars poured in a furious torrent, John Lynch, a sewer department employee, with one foot wedged beneath a cellar pipe, watched the swirling waters rise to his waist, to his throat, and then his life was blotted out. Two companions who had gone with Lynch into the narrow manhole from the street to the sewer to open choked pipes, stood on the ladder leading into the pitchy darkness of the sewer, and with horror saw the man engulfed in the waters, despite their frontie efforts to dark

the man engulied in the waters, despite their frantic efforts to drag him forth. They did not relinquish their hold on the man's hands, however, until he ceased to struggle. An alarm was quickv sent to the fire department, but the engines arrived and pumped off the water the flood had receded as swiftly as it rose, and the body was recovered without difficulty.

IGNORANCE IS BLISS.

Possible for Imperial Ministers Know Too Much of Colonies.

London, Aug. 31.—Referring to Si Reginald Pole-Carew's advocacy of residence in the colonies as a qualification for Ministers, The Daily Mail says one of the greatest changes in British politics has been the desire for an increase in knowledge of the for an increase in knowledge of the colonies. It claims that we are well on the way to the fulfillment of General Pole-Carew's ideal, but questions the advantage of a full realization thereof. If the Cabinet Ministers are to recognize their limitations sufficiently and give the man on the spot a free hand their ignorance will be as profitable as a little knowledge.

The News (Radical) describes Feneral Pole-Carew's speech as an indiscretion and an abuse of the public interest foll in terest felt in a distinguished officer.

WINNIPEG YOUTH KILLED.

Exploded Cartridges With Hamm and Bullet Went to His Heart.

Winnipeg, Aug. 28.—Harold McKay, aged sixteen, youngest son of G. D. McKay, president of the dry goods firm of McKay, Williams & Co., was killed almost instantly last evening.
The lad had been in the habit of exploding small calibre cartridges with

ASSESSMENT FRAUDS

tion Altogether.

Montreal, Aug. 31.—Some startling evelations have been made by the new city assessors. - It has been discovered that in one division of the city alone over twenty dwellings were not assessed by the old officials; that a huge yard in the city, with various dwellings and other structures upon it, had escaped assessment for untold years; and that properties wich are now being assessed at \$9,000 were escaping with an assessment of \$900. There will be a civic investigation.

THIRTY MINERS SUFFOCATED.

ENTOMBED BY FIRE IN OKLA HOMA COAL MINE.

wenty-five Bodies Already Recovered -Believed Six or Eight More Will be Brought Out-Fire Started From an Oil Barrel.

McAlester, Okla., Aug. 31.-More than thirty miners were suffocated this morn ing in Hailey, Okla., coal mine No. near Haileyville, fourteen miles east of McAlester, where fire destroyed the hoisting shaft and air shaft, and cut off

air from the men below.

Twenty-five dead bodies were removed from the mine to-night, following successful three hours' battle with the flames. It is believed that six or eight more will be brought out. Twenty-five mules were suffocated, and some of their

It is impossible for the rescuers to work far from the base of the mine shaft and it probably will be twenty-four hours before a thorough search of the entire mine can be made. Some

ong.

After the miners had gone down in a miner was trying to divide. The flames spread at once to the hoisting shaft and the airshaft, and all communication with

the airshaft, and all communication with the top was cut off. The first indication the people at the surface had of the trouble was the flames and smoke coming out of the top of the shaft.

Hundreds of miners rushed to the scene and tried to get into the air shaft, but this was impossible as flames and smoke were coming up that way with such force as to drive them back. Then an effort was made to operate the cages running up and down the hoisting shaft, but it was found that the cages, the cables and the guides had been burned. There was absolutely no help for the imprisoned miners. They have been there under the fire since 8 o'clock his morning, and there is no hope that his morning, and there is no hope that they are alive. The property loss may reach \$50,000.

TOO MUCH RED TAPE

GERMAN CROWN PRINCE DIS-GUSTED WITH IT.

Shock to Officials of Ministry ate.

A report from Toronto that the Exe-Documents Superfluous Scribble-Instituting Business Reforms.

Berlin, Aug. 31.—The officials in the Ministry of the Interior suffered a rude shock on the receipt of the last mail from the Crown Prince, who is taking

Away with all this superfluous scrib-"Friedrich Wilhelm, Crown Prince."

The Prince, who has been studying closely the work of the Ministry for the past year, has all documents sent to him while he is away in order to keep in touch with the progress of affairs. He is taking the greatest interest in a scheme for the reform of the existing methods of doing business that is now being drawn up at his request, and he has on several occasions pointed out ways in which the work could be sim-

He recently expressed the apinion that the district sheriffs, who are complaining of overwork and demanding the appointment of deputies, are too much occupied with unnecessary writ-ing, and this view is confirmed by the fact that the Crown Prince has been compelled to spend a considerable por tion of his holiday in passing upon triv-ialities that could have been attended to easily by others.

GLASS OUTLOOK IS GOOD. Prospects for Unusually Busy Season

in South Jersey. Glassboro, N. J., Aug. 31.—The glass eason in South Jersey, whom the season in South Jersey, when the plants resume work promises to be one of the busiest that this section has experienced. At Glassboro one factory will start in on September 1 and although many repairs have been made to the season of the sea

erican soil to-day by the Deputy Sheriff, who paid \$50 reward to P. C. Howard, who effected the capture. Crawford freed himself from the Michigan officers by jumping out of a car window on a train going 90 miles an hour and in St. Thomas he made a.

The hullet is a strike breaker, causing considerable go in, in full blast on September J. The Millville Bottle Works will go in, in full blast on September J. The Millville Bottle Works will go in, in full blast on September J. The Millville Bottle Works will go in, in full blast on September J. The Millville Bottle Works will go in, in full blast on September J. Superior division are of one mind as results and and reports good trade prospects. The Vineland plant expects to start September J. September J. Superior division are of one mind as results.

THE STRIKERS

Five Montreal Men Charged With

To Be a Strike Leader is No Crime. Says Judge.

A Montreal Que., despatch Five mer charged with intimidating strike-break ers and causing violence at the recent attack on Papineau Road crossing were arraigned before Judge Leet this morning. Two charged with throwing a brick through the window of a car filled with strike-breakers were allowed out on bail, while two foreigners, who openly as-saulted the breagers and are said to have been instrumental in breaking the leg of one, were held without bail. A bitter legal battle occurred in the courtroom. Superintendent Carrington, of the Thiel Detective Agency, alleged that one of the discharged men was a strike leader. Judge Leet ruled that a leader of strikers constituted no crime, and let

C. P. R. TROUBLE.

ENGINEERS, CONDUCTORS AND FIREMEN WILL NOT STRIKE.

nflicting Stories as to the Conditions of the Company's Rolling Stock-Trouble at North Bay-Intimidation at Montreal is Being Stamped Out.

Toronto despatch: The failure of the green mechanics engaged by the C. P. R. in the place of the strikers to keep Explorations in the channels this afternoon revealed that none of the men met death by burning, but that all were suffocated.

The impossible for the rescuers to the impossible for the rescuers to the speed at which the repair shops can be reorganized. Trains are running late, and, according to returning passengers, and are many "dead" engines along

the line.
The company's officers admit that the new men are in many cases not up to the standard, but state their belief that they can be licked into shape before the con-dition of the rolling stock becomes ser-

The attitude of the engineers, fire The attitude of the engineers, firemen and brakemen, whose lives would be in more serious danger than usual were the rolling stock allowed to deteriorate to the point of danger, is not definitely known. It is, however, certain that the brotherhoods will not join that the brotherhoods will not join that the brotherhoods will not join that the brotherhoods. tain that the brotherhoods will not join in what is known as a "sympathetid" strike. They must have adequate grievances of their own before venturing to the up the Dominion's greatest railway system. The condition of their engines and cars might later on furnish that grievance. It does not do so yet.

Montreal despatch: Rumors reaching here to-day as to alleged friction be-tween the C. P. R. officials and its operating staff are given an unqualified denial. C. P. R. officials state that there is not the slightest friction, and their trainmen are periectly satisfied. At any rate, they point out that the Lemieux act would prevent them from going on strike in sympathy with the mechanics. At a late hour to-night leading officials stated again that there was assolutely no friction and that the was absolutely no friction, and that the story was started by the strikers be-cause their position is becoming desper-

cutive officers representing the Bro-therhood of Locomotive Engineers, Bro-therhood of Locomotive Firemen, Order Railway Trainmen and Order of Railway Telegraphers have assembled here for the purpose of holding a joint con-terence with regard to the mechanics a vacation from his duties in the Min-istry. His Highness returned a bundle the C. P. k. They are not dissatisfied. istry. His Highness returned a bundle of reports, which had been sent him for his perusal, with this message in plain

was anything in the story.

The poince to-night arrested two strikers for taking part in the attack on C. P. R. workers on Monday night They are John D. Andy and Antonia Charfide. While the men were being taken to the station in a patrol waggon George Rouscow threw a brick at the police, and he was promptly taken into ustody. Albert Payette and Albert Dondelon, two boys, were also arrested for throwing stones at C. P. R. men. At a meeting of the executive Committee of the strikers a resolution was passed condemning the attacks made on the strike-breakers. They throw the

blame on the sympathizers. At the Angus shops fifty men were set to work to-day. Reports from Winnipeg state that the C. P. R. have offered liberal concessions to the strikers if they would return to work. This is most emphatically denied by C. P. R. officials, who claim that the western men are clamoring for negotiations to be opened. The company state that there is nothing to discuss. The men went on strike and were dismissed and the company is now busily engaged in filling the places of the strikers, and is meeting with satisfactory progress.

Some Minor Accidents. North Bay despatch: Early this mornbridge on the Nipigon section of the C.

P. R. west of Schreiber, resulting in a delay of traffic of ten hours at least. tory will start in on September 1 and although many repairs have been made to the plant the company hopes to have all the factories running smoothly soon after that date.

Manager Garwood has already started fires under two furnaces at Williamstown and both the factories will go in, in full blast on September 1. The Millville Bottle Works will essume operations on September 7 and superintendent Brady were held up by the wreck on their return the law the superintendent Brady were held up by the wreck on their return the law the superintendent Brady were held up by the wreck on their return the law to have all the factories will an engine plunged into the turn being a strike-breaker, causing considerable damage and delay.

Enginemen and trainmen of the Luke Superior division are of one mind as regards the condition of the engines, which No one was injured. General Manager

changes to estations through service east and west on a few wires. No business has been transacted by the telegraph shad on a train going 90 miles and in St. Thomas he made and up until about 7.30 p. m., and finally collapsed, perhaps the last communication from that city to Atlanta being between the Associated Press and its approach to the arms of the chief.

Crawford freed himself from the Mich damage. The boy had been warned of the engines, which damage. The boy had been warned of the engines, which damage. The boy had been warned of the engines, which they say is very bad. A freight whey say is very bad. A freight they say is very bad. A freight the comports no one was seriously injured.

ANNUAL PENSIONS.

Llyod-George's Investigation Germany's System.

London, Aug. 31.—David Lloyd-George, Chancellor of the Exchequer, has returned to London. He said, when it was suggested that he discussed naval programmes in the course of his stay in Germany, that he had gone to that country simply to investigate the Ger man system of old-age pensions.

Punch, commenting on this, says: "Now that his recommendation to grant pensions has been adopted he naturally

pensions has been adopted he naturally feels that he ought to seriously study the question."

It seems, according to Mr. Idoyd-George's statements in an interview, that he did not find the German system to be of such a Socialistic character as he and his friends advocate in Great Britain. He said:

"Employers will tell you that nearly all their workmen are Socialista."

Referring to the pension system, he said: "What a gigantic scheme is theirs compared with ours. Thirty-four million pounds are distributed in pensions every year, but," he added, "of this the State pays £2,800,000, the cost of administration only. Bor the rest, £14,000,000 is sick pay. The workmen contribute two-thirds. Eleven million pounds is paid to the aged and incapacitated, masters and men contributing equally. Nine million pounds is paid to the aged and incapacitated, masters and men contributing equally. Nine million pounds is paid to the employers must meet.'

GIRL'S LONG SWIM AT SEA.

Surprises Friends and Wins Wage by Circling Pier.

Atlantic City, Aug. 31.—Circling the end of the Steel Pier in an ocean swim, Miss Emma Logendorfer, a girl athlete of Philadelphia, surprised friends, with whom she had made a wager that she could accomplish the feat. The young woman is stopping at the Hotel Isleworth, and has become quite familiar with the surf and its currents during the summer. She had previously distinguished herself by swimming long distances outside had previously distinguished herself by swimming long distances outside the breakers, but had never before at-tempted the difficult task of circling the ocean pier. Crowds on shore watched the daring swimmer as sha passed out beyond the line of break-ers. She took the swells gracefully, and by alternately swimming and floating made the trip around in a little less than an hour.

SUPPLY OF WATER.

State Control Discussed by Health Congress.

Winnipeg, Aug. 31.—The management of infectious diseases in rural municipalities and a discussion of water supplies and sewage occupied the American health convention this morning. The convention met in three sections. In the

convention met in three sections. In the vital statistics department there was considerable discussion upon methods of collecting and classifying. Dr. Hodgetts, Toronto, was elected president of this department.

The general meeting in the afternoon was addressed by Dr. Probst upon State control of water supplies, and Dr. Amyot, Toronto, contributed a valuable paper upon the pollution of the great lakes and rivers.

The delegates were entertained at the

The delegates were entertained at the house of Chief Justice Howell in the

GAVE BIRTH BY ROADSIDE. Woman Found Unconscious With Dead Infant Beside Her. Toronto despatch: An unfortunate oc-currence took place Tuesday night near West Toronto. A young woman named Mrs. Wilson, who resides at Fairbank, a district about one mile north of Daven neighbor's house, and on her return was overtaken by the stork on the roadside before she could reach home.

Wychwood, was sent for. He found the child stillborn. TO TAKE BANK'S LAND.

The occurrence was learned of shortly afterwards and Dr. C. A. Warren, of

Captain Bernier Has Orders to Push Through Ice. Ottawa, Aug. 31.—The Canadian Government cruiser Arctic, which sailed from Quebec last month, is under instruct Quebec last month, is under instituctions to push its way through Lancaster Sound and Melville Sound, if the ice permits, and Melville Sound, if the nee permitted to Bank's Land, and to take possession of that territory and other islands in the vicinity. If the ice blocks the paster wastward, the vessel is to visit sage westward, the vessel is to visit the Gulf of Boothia, and may either return in the fall of 1909 or stay over until 1910. Captain Bernier is injunctions to take no course might result in international

STICK TO \$300 POLICY.

Hibernians Defeat Proposal to Increase It-Will be Graded.

crease It—Will be Graded.

Ottawa despatch: The only business of importance before the Ontario Hibernians' convention to-day was a discussion on insurance rates, this problem having been hanging fire for several years. The report of Superintendent of Insurance Walsh, of Toronto, recommended that the order double its funds, and that a new graded insurance. funds, and that a new graded insurance rate be adopted. An increase in the policy from \$300 to \$500 and \$800 was sugested, but after a three-hour discus t was decided to retain the \$300 policy, grading it according to age.

HAD LUNCH WITH KING.

Russian Minister and French Prime Minister Meet His Majesty.

Marienbad, Aug. 31.—King Edward, M. Ivolsky, Russian Foreign Minister; M. Clemenceau, the French Prime Minister; Sir William Goschen, British Ambassador at Vienna; Major-General Sir Stanley Clarke, chief equerry to King Edward, and three others took lunch together to-day. Subsequently King Methods gether to-day. Subsequently King Ed-ward and M. Isvolsky and Clemencean conversed for ten minutes in a balcony