The average age of the Japanese navy is lower than that of any other navy in the world. No one over 20 years old is accepted for enlistment. The average height is 5 feet 4 inchesless than the average height of any other navy in the world.

The city of Trebizond is one of the most important cities and ports on the Black sea. It is about 480 miles from Constantinople and 100 miles from Batoum. It is the port of entry as well as the distributing point for the interior, viz., Erzerum, Bitlis and Van, and for the caravan route to and from

The area of Canada is 3,745,574 square miles, and the population estimated in 1902 at 5,456,931, or 1.5 person to the square mile. The total area of the United Kingdom is 121,371 square miles, with a population of 41,-605,220. The total area of the United States, including Alaska, is 3,610,035 square miles, with, in 1900, a population of 76,149,386.

Miss Adalaide Michel, a teacher in the art department of the Bradley Polytechnic institute, in an attempt to rediscover madder printing, has discovered a chemical resistant that when used on white duck with a stenciled design makes possible dyeing in blue and white. The design is clear, there being no evidence of running colors. The process is similar to zinc etching 700 persons, mostly women and children.

Blacking shoes is the novel method adopted by Miss Pauline Rockwell to raise money for the Mount Holyoke college library, to which Andrew Carnegie has pledged a large conditional subscription. The bootblacking arrangements of Miss Rockwell, who is a member of the freshman class, consist of a chair and a soap box in the college post office. Over the chair is the notice "Shoes blacked. Five

Uncle Sam has paid big bills abroad before now, but this Panama payment shore and hundreds of small boats imtops them all. Six years ago he paid mediately put off to the rescue. Owing Spain \$20,000,000 on account of the to the rocks on either side of the channel Philippines, but the amount was sent in four warrants of \$5,000,000 each. beach the vessel. The captain stuck to Previous to that the most historical his post at the wheel and headed the warrants were \$8,000,000 issued to vessel straight up the river for North Russia in payment for Alaska in 1868 Brother island, where she was put and \$5,500,000 paid England for aground in the shallow water. Several awards in Halifax fishing infringements.

it appears probable that hypnotism after she had been beached. The boat net, a Frenchman, reports that he has rapidly burned to the water's edge. increased and diminished the number of pulse beats, at will, and as far as he could venture with safety. It is said to be also proved that circulation is seriously affected, even if it is not quite certain that the heart can be

Up to the present time tea from China was imported into Germany by sea and the cost was considerable. In 1903 some Berlin firms made a trial of ordering parcels of tea from wholesale traders in Warsaw, and found out that but for the high duty the transportation of tea overland would be considerably cheaper than by sea. The Berlin tea traders have made applications to have the custom house duties on tea reduced.

The sale of California fruits in Alsace-Lorraine and Baden, Germany, is many times greater than it would be were hurried from the shore. Every man were there no local agents in Strassburg. This season one Strassburg board loaded down with children. Many dealer has disposed of about 35 car- of these heroes lost their lives, because, loads of fruit, principally apricots and prunes. The same dealer has also sold 150 sacks of California almonds, and he anticipates an increased business in fruits and nuts next season. There are a number of other dealers in Strassburg buying direct.

The government crop report states that on May 1 there were 6.000,000 acres less in winter wheat than were one year ago. In the month of April about 5,000,000 acres of wheat were plowed up to be planted in other crops because the grain was badly winter killed. The heaviest loss was in Indian and near-by states. This gives some idea of the fearful damage done by the hard winter. The indications now are for a short crop of wheat. The plowed wheat land will mostly go into oats and corn.

The emperor of Japan, Mutsuhito, is very tall for a man of his country, being 5 feet 7 inches in height, and rather heavily built. He is 52 years old, but looks older than his years. no headway against the overpowering His beard is long, and he has the swirl of the tide as it rushes from the coarse black hair all his subjects have. His eyes are coal black and very bright when he is interested, but generally their expression is dull and heavy. It has been said that this believed that many that are now re-Mikado of "enlightened peace," as he is called, is one of the most remark- ally will be heard from by the officials able men of the age.

Several French soldiers, survivors of the Chinese expedition of 1856, are responsible for the statement that Gen-Kuroki, who is leading the Japanese forces in Manchuria, is in reality half French. His name, they say, is properly spelled Curique. According to the story of these soldiers, a French out of the flames on the General Sloofficer, Capt. Curique, while serving cum, and at least 200 persons were in China in 1856, married a Japanese girl. A son was born to them, who was given the Japanese name Kuroki, many of them have already been discorresponding to the French Curiqua. | charged. This son is Gen. Kuroki, commanding the Jananess, First army corps,

## Cooperstown Courier. STEAMER SAILS ON **VOYAGE OF DEATH**

LOADED WITH EXCURSIONISTS THE GENERAL SLOCUM BURNS IN EAST RIVER, NEW YORK.

Before the Doomed Vessel Could Be Beached More Than 700 Lives Had Been Lost-Over Five Handred Bodies Becovered So Far.

New York, June 18 .- At 1:30 a. m. the officials at the Bellevue morgue gave out these figures on the Slocum disaster:

The dead recovered, 560. The dead identified, 521.

The dead unidentified and unrecognizable, 30.

The dead to be identified, nine. Together with the announcement

from the morgue that the number of recovered dead was 560, came the statement that about 425 persons are still unaccounted for. There can be no doubt that very many of these are dead, because for 48 hours and more relatives have been searching for

The Awful Disaster.

New York, June 17.-The threedecked excursion steamer General Slocum, of the Knickerbocker Steamboat company, burned to the water's edge off North Brother island, East river, at the entrance of Long Island sound, Wednesday morning, resluting in the death through burning or drowning of at least

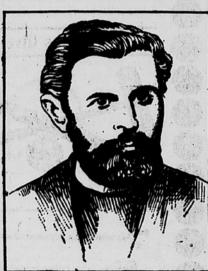
Carried Excursion Party.

The Slocum, with the annual Sunday school excursion of St. Mark's German Lutheran church of this city on board. was proceeding up the river to one of the many resorts of Long Island sound. When near One Hundred and Twentyfifth street, persons on shore saw smoke and flames spring from the upper part of the crowded steamer. A panic ensued on the boat almost instantly. The crowds on the forward deck began to spring overboard or to crowd to the after part of the boat. The screams of the terrified passengers could be heard on at this point, it had been impossible to hundred feet of open water still lay between the burning steamer and the shore and many persons perished either According to recent investigations, in the water or on the burning vessel can stop the action of a person's was beached at the reef at the northern heart and thus cause death. A. Jour- end of North Brother island, where she

Decks Give Way. It was just before she beached that the hurricane deck, the supports of which had burned away, fell with its load of women and children, adding to the panic and horror of those on the deck below. Very soon after parts of the second and third decks also caved Walter Tracey had come alongside the burning steamer and been lashed to it. Many of the passangers were taken off by the crew of the Tracey, which remained alongside the steamer until the

tug's pilot-house took fire. Many Frightfully Burned.

Many of those picked up alive in the river will die in the hospitals. Most of them were frightfully burned, having delayed leaping from the boat until their clothing was on fire. Some died in the improvised ambulances in which they on board who could swim went over-



REV. G. C. F. HAAS. (Leader of the Ill-Fated Church Excur burdened as they were, they could make

East river into the sound. Many May Be Safe.

There are a number of places where the living may have landed, and it is ported missing are safe, and eventuwho have the rescue work in hand. Indeed, a surprising number of persons reported to these officials that they had been saved, thus cutting the list of missing down considerably, as well as the probable mortality list.

Many Injured. Many persons who were injured in the panic that followed the breaking taken to the hospitals. Not a death has occurred so far among these, and

A Remarkable Experience. Perhaps the most remarkable case ceased

in the many appalling experiences of those who were on the Slocum was that of Miss Clara Hartman, who was picked up for dead, towed behind a boat for several miles, wrapped in a tarpaulin and tagged as dead, and then recovered consciousness at the Alexander avenue police station. It is now believed she will recover.

Belief Sadly Needed. Mayor McClellan on Thursday, after receiving messages of condolence from many sources, visited North Brother island, and later visited the morgue. He issued a proclamation to the citizens of New York, and appointed a relief committee of prominent men, and relief will be sadly needed in that little East side territory which the vast majority of those that perished were accustomed to call home.

Criticism for Crew. There is open criticism of the failure of the Slocum's officers and crew to meet the emergency, but as yet no formal action has been taken by either the municipal or federal authorities. Capt.



Map showing that portion of the Eas river where the General Slocum was burned and hundreds of lives sacrificed

Van Schaick and the two pilots are under arrest, but are held only as witness. That there was terrible failure to meet the responsibilities is undoubted. No effort, as far as can be learned, was streets of this village Tuesday. made to launch the life rafts or boats equipping the helpless women and children with life preservers. There is very for their failure to turn the vessel ashore | Tow. the moment they were informed that the fire had gained headway. Engineer Conklin, who, it was reported, perished is now said to be alive and in hiding. A search is being made for him.

Cortelyou on the Scene. Secretary of oCmmerce and Labor George B. Cortelyou, who had a long spector of the Second district of New York, after his arrival here, said Friday that he would give his personal attention to the federal investigation of the Slocum disaster. Mr. Cortelyou said that if it was found to be true that employes of the government have been criminally negligent in their inspection of boilers in New York harbor the public can rest assured that no one will be shielded, but that the blame will be placed where it properly belongs.

TRADE REVIEW.

eading Crops Show Marked Improvement-General Trade and Industry Quiet.

New York, June 18.—Bradstreet's, reviewing the state of trade, says: "Favorable features this week are the further improvement shown in leading crops and the ending of the tie-up on the great lakes. Wheat, oats and cotton have improved, but corn is still backward, owing to the cool weather. General trade and industry have remained quiet, and may be said to have "marked time." The notable underlying feature of the entire situation is the feeling that with an average crop of wheat and large yields of the other cereals and of cotton now in prospect, a good fall and winter business is to be looked for. Pending further progress in this direction the tendency is to await events. Railway earnings reflect current quietness in business, and the decreases of three-fifths per cent. of gross in May and of six per cent. in April net, indicated last week, are confirmed by fuller details. Transportation business generally is better than in 1902. Bank clearings, a more immediate reflection of current business. show an enlargement over last week but grand totals will still show recessions from a year ago."

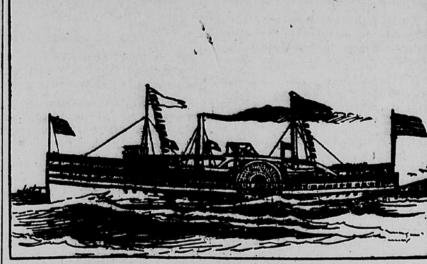
R. G. Dun & Co., in their Weekly Review of Trade, say: "Industry suffers from an epidemic of ultra conservatism, emanating apparently from the theory that a season of depression must come every ten years, while the coincidence of a presidential election furnishes another precedent. As a result stocks of merchandise have been reduced, railway traffic is lessened, preparations for future business are curtailed and less money is distributed in the form of wages; while those having capital to invest confine their attention to the highest classes of bonds or hold back for still lower security

"Failures this week numbered 257 in the United States, against 213 last year, and 16 in Canada, compared with 24 a year ago."

Verdict Upheld.

Toronto, Ont., June 18.-The high court of justice has upheld the verdict for \$5,000 in favor of the plaintiff in the case of Delehanty versus the Michigan Central Railroad company, tried recently at Welland. Edward J. Delehanty, a professional ball player, was expelled from a train of the defendants at Bridgeburg, and lost his life by falling off the bridge across the Niagara river connecting Bridgeburg and Buffalo. The action was brought by crops under the Amity canal, which canthe widow and daughter of the de-

ILL-FATED STEAMER GEN. SLOCUM.



The General Slocum was built for an excursion boat, and when not chartered for special excursions ran between New York and Rockaway Beach. It was owned by the Knickerbocker Boat company, which also owns the excursion steamer Grand Republic. At yacht races the great size of the boat made it preminent in the fleet of excursion steamers that lined the course. The vessel was launched at Brooklyn in April, 1891. The keel was 235 feet, the deck 250 feet long. Its breadth of hull was 37 feet, overguard, 70 feet. The gross tonnage was 1,284 and the net tonnage 1,013. The boat had two bollers, each 231/2 feet long and 91/2 feet in diameter, and four furnaces.

RENEWAL OF FEUD CAUSES TER-RIBLE AFFRAY IN STREETS OF AN INDIANA TOWN.

Factions Meet and Begin Shooting in Bryantsville-Two Men Are Killed -Three Others Are Wounded-One May Die.

Bryantsville, Ind., June 15.-Two are lead and three wounded, one fatally. as the result of a duel fought in the

The dead: Charles Rout, 32 years and no concerted attempt made toward old; James Rout, 30 years old. Fatally wounded: Milton Tow, 30 ears old, shot twice in the breast. Seriously woundgeneral criticism of the captain and pilots ed: James Bobley, 21 years old; Henry

Feud Causes Fight.

The fight is the culmination of a feud between the Rout and Tow families, which has existed for several years. The Routs reside at Bedford, eight miles east of Bryantsville, and the Tow boys are farmers near here. The latter are relatives of the Tow family which parconference with Robert S. Rodie, in- ticipated in the notorious Tow-Bass feud, which formed a bloody record for Lawrence county and southern Indiana.

A free gravel road election was held here Tuesday, and the little village of 300 was crowded. Farmers from the surrounding country gathered, and there was considerable drinking. Shortly before noon the two Rout brothers drove into town in a livery rig. The Tow boys were standing near each other in the crowd around the election booth when the Rout boys drove past, and it was whispered through the crowd at once that trouble would fol-

Two weeks ago at a social affair the smoldering hostility between the two families had been rekindled by a fancled insult to Charles Rout by a young woman who favored one of the Tow boys. Hostilities were averted at the time. Tuesday the Rout brothers openly announced on their arrival here that they had come to "even things

up." Many Shots Fired. Within five minutes from the time the Rout boys arrived in town they itism and misrule; point to the failure were seen approaching the booth. The Tow brothers drew together, and, after legal trusts and combinations, and to a whispered conversation of a few seconds, stood about ten feet apart awaiting the arrival of the Routs. There coal trust; record the steadfast confiis a dispute as to whether there were any words before the shooting began, and it is also in doubt as to who fired the first shot, but it seemed to be mutually recognized that it was a death battle. Each of the five men drew a revolver and each side advanced, all

The men were not 15 feet apart when the firing ceased and on the tions recommend the extension of furground lay two men dead, and one ther suffrage rights to women; favor dying, with two bullets in his breast. just compensation for labor, and uphold I wo others were wounded seriously by blows on the head with the butts of revolvers.

TROOPS WITHDRAWN.

Martial Law in San Miguel County, Col., Ended by Gov. Peabody.

Denver, Col., June 16.-Gov. Peabody has issued an order declaring martial law in San Miguel county at an end, directing the release of the troops from duty and instructing Capt Bulkeley Wells, in command of the troops, to turn over to at Telluride. Gov. Peabody says that these orders were issued before he had any knowledge of the action Wednesday by Judge Thayer, of the United States circuit court of appeals at St. Louis, directing that Moyer be produced before him in St. Louis on July 5. It is understood, however, that the order did not go into effect in San Miguel county until nine o'clock p. m., when it was publicly read in Telluride by Capt. Wells.

Dam Bursts.

Fert Lyons, Col., June 17.—The Amity dam, completed last year at a cost of \$100,000, has been torn out by the high water in the Arkansas river. The loss is total. Immense damage is feared to not secure water until the dam is re-

## ILLINOIS DEMOCRATS.

State Convention Instructs Delegates to Vote for Hearst-The Ticket and the Platform.

Springfield, Ill., June 15 .- The following ticket was nominated by the state democratic convention on Tues-

Governor-Lawrence B. Stringer, of Lincoln.

Lieutenant Governor-Thomas Ferns, of Jerseyville. Secretary of state-Frank E. Dooley

of Sangamon county. , State treasurer-Charles B. Thomas, of McLeansboro.

State auditor-R. E. Spangler, of Chi-

Attorney general-Albert Watson, of Jefferson county.

University trustees-Mrs. Anna G. Solomon, of Chicago; Theodore C. Loehr, of Carlinville; F. P. Merril, of St. Clair county.

Delegates-at-large to the St. Louis convention—John P. Hopkins, A. M. Lawrence, Ben T. Cable, Samuel Als-



LAWRENCE B. STRINGER. (Democratic Candidate for Governor of Illinois.)

The convention instructed the delegation to the democratic national convention to vote for Mr. Hearst for president as long as his name remained before the

convention. The resolutions adopted denounce the past eight years of republican riot of corruption and extravagance, favorof the attorney general to prosecute ilthe fact that he left it to a private citizen, at large expense, to uncover the dence of the party in the perpetuity of self-government; pledge the democratic party of Illinois to enact direct primary election legislation for the whole state, a law for proper regulation of service and charges of street railroads, gas, electric light, telephone and power companies, and an effective state civil service law. The resoluthe right of labor to be fraternal, and demand that the government be taken out of the hands of the friends of monopoly and restored to the untrameled representatives of the people.

TRAIN IS ROBBED.

Northern Coast Limited Held Up in Montana-Bandits Secure Sum of \$65,000.

Bearmouth, Mont., June 18.-At 11 o'clock Thursday night two masked men held up North Coast Limited Northern Pacific passenger train, east the civil authorities President Charles bound, at about a mile and a half east H. Moyer, of the Western Federation of of this station. After bringing the Miners, now a prisoner in the bull pen train to a stop they dynamited the express car, blew open the safe and secured all of its contents.

The robbers secured \$65,000 from the Northern Pacific Express company's safe, which they dynamited. The safe was billed through from the coast to Chicago.

Nominated a Woman.

Boston, June 18.—The Massachusetts prohibitionists made a departure from custom at their state convention here Friday when they placed a woman on their state ticket by nominating Mrs. Fannie J. Clary, of Williamsburg, for secretary of state.

Noted Physician Dead. Chicago, June 17.-Dr. Nathan S.

## A CRUSHING BLOW FOR THE RUSSIANS

JAPANESE MEET ATTEMPT TO TURN THEIR RIGHT FLANK WITH DECISIVE DEFEAT.

den. Stakelberg Reports That He Is Forced to Betreat with His Russian Command, and Has Suffered

London, June 17.—The Russian army at Vafangow, 50,000 strong, has been crushed by Gen. Nodzu, with 60,000 Japanese troops. The Russians abandoned 13 guns, their supplies, their baggage train, their regimental colors, and their dead and wounded. They are in full retreat northward along three roads. The Japanese admit that they lost 1,000 men, killed and wounded. They say the Russians left more than 500 dead and wounded on the field. Gen. Kuroki is reported to have sent two divisions from Siuyen to intercept Stackelberg's retreat. As Stackelberg is 100 miles from Kuropatkin's main army at Liaoyang he may be compelled to surrender.

St. Petersburg, June 17.-Emperor Nicholas has received the following telegram, dated June 16, from Gen. Kuropatkin: "I have received the following dispatch from Lieut. Gen. Baron Stakelberg, dated June 16, 1:20 a. m.:

"'Yesterday I had intended to attack the enemy's right flank, but just as our troops had been assigned for the purpose and were beginning to successfully envelop the enemy's right flank, the Japanese in their turn attacked my right flank with superior forces, and I was compelled to retreat by three roads to the north. Our losses are heavy, but they are not yet completely known. During the engagement the Third and Fourth batteries of the First artillery brigade were literally cut to pieces by the Japanese shells. Of 16 guns, 13 were rendered completely useless and were abandoned. The conduct of the troops was excellent. a large proportion of them refusing to retire until after they had been repeatedly ordered to do so."

Between Two Jap Armies. London, June 18.-A dispatch from St. Petersburg stated that two Japanese divisions were marching from Siuven to intercept Gen. Stakelberg's army. If this is true, and the Japanese army from Siuyen has reached Tashicao, as stated by the Daily Mail's correspondent, then Gen. Stakelberg's army is in a most critical situation, with 20,000 fresh Japanese troops blocking his way to the north and the 60,000 men of Gen. Nodzu's army pressing him from the south.

or fight. Cruiser Reported Sunk.

He cannot retreat eastward. He must

either withdraw toward Newchwang

London, June 18.—Reports reaching London indicate that the Vladivostok squadron has escaped with perhaps the loss of the cruiser Rurik, and that a Japanese army has attacked Gen. Stakelberg's retreating army north of

Bulletins from several Japanese ports tell of a running fight in the fog and storm in the Korean straits, in which one Russian cruiser, believed to be the Rurik, was sunk. While these reports are not confirmed, they cannot be denied.

Race to Vladivostok.

The Vladivostok squadron-or a part of it, at least—was sighted early this (Saturday) morning off the western end of the Straits of Tsugaru, between the main island of Japan and the island of Yezo. This would locate the Russian vessels 400 miles due east of Vladivostok. Presuming that Vice Admiral Kamimura is in close pursuit, it is a quesiton of speed whether the Russians can get into safe harbor at Vladivostok without a battle.

Japs Killed by Mine Explosion. Tokio, June 15.-While the Taihoku was engaged in laying mines at the entrance to Port Arthur Monday night a mine exploded killing one officer and 18 men and wounding two officers and seven men. The Taihoku, which is a naval transport, was not seriously dam-

Great Loss to Japanese.

Tokio, June 17.—The Vladivostok squadron apparently has escaped after a raid into the Korean strait, which cost Japan at least two transports and the lives of nearly 1,000 men. Vice Admiral Kamamura with a Japanese squadron is in hot pursuit. Heavy fogs prevail over the strait. As far as ascertained the net results of the Russian raid are summarized as follows:

Hatachi, transport, sunk with 700 men on board; all killed or drowned save 397 men.

Sado, transport, sunk with 700 men on board; 153 escape in boats. Izuma, transport with soldiers and

supplies; missing. Bussian Casualties.

St. Petersburg, June 14.-The following official statement of Russian losses in the war has been issued: Navy, 44 officers and 920 men killed; 13 officers and 220 men wounded. Army, 36 officers and 980 men killed; 103 officers and 2,080 men wounded. Taken prisoners, 20 officers and 696 men.

Will Sue for Damages. Denver. Col., June 17.-Former Gov.

Charles S. Thomas, it is announced, is preparing papers in behalf of James F. Burns, president and manager of the Portland mine, in a damage suit which Burns will bring against Gov. James H. Peabody, Adjt. Gen. Sherman M. Davis, 87 years old, one of Chicago's Bell and the state of Colorado for pioneer physicians, died Thursday \$100,000 for the closing of the Portland morning at eight o'clock, at his home. I mine by the military.