# NATALDAY'S BLOODY STREAK Jersey 402. Altogether there were 4,413 ac-

Killing and Maiming Record of July Fourth Reviewed.

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Showing of Nebraska and Adjoining States-Public Indifference Painfully Manifest-Is the Celebration Worth While?

Nebraska did not score in the Fourth of Journal of the American Medical association from doctors' reports. This is an unusual as well as a fortunate record. Fifty-eight injuries are reported as a result of various explosives, the most serious cases being one loss of sight and two losses of one eye each. Iowa is credited with nine deaths and 222 cases of non-fatal injuries. Kansas had four deaths and sixty-four injuries. South Dakota scored only eight neglected. In a certain medium sized city, cases of injuries, and Wyoming is given a men and boys were seen to shoot deliberclean sheet.

According to this authority, the total deaths in the United States attributed to cartridge pistol is appailing to one who Fourth of July explosives this year was realizes the danger lurking in the slight 154, and injuries 4.413. The death record for 1906 was 158, for 1906 183, for 1904 183 and for 1908 446.

The Journal finds a slight cause for satisfaction in the fact that tetanus deaths are ridge pistols were limited to the individuals decreasing. The lowest number of deaths from this cause was reached this year- son to complain. But a large percentage seventy-three. Four years ago there were of the sufferers are people who prefer 466 deaths from tetanus. The improvement other means of celebration. On the Fourth is credited to the general education that the of July no crowd of people is safe from public has had along these lines and the the senseless "joker" with his giant better methods of sugery adopted.

The Annual Slaughter.

sons who lost their lives this year because of the present idiotic method of celebrating deaths were inflicted by others on perthe Fourth of July. The total number of sons who are engaged in more enlightened deaths this year, therefore, including te- methods of enjoying their holiday. tanus, was 164, or six more than last year. The annual sigughter still continues, although tetanus is becomins a less potent factor. Of the 102 deaths aside from tetanus, gunshot wounds caused twenty, giant crackers caused thirteen and thirteen deaths were due to explosions of powder, torpedoes and dynamite. Ten deaths were due to falls or runaways caused by firecrackefs. One person was drowned because a 'practical joker' threw a giant cracker into a boat crowded with young people.

"The extremity of tolerance is reached, however, when we know that thirty-one persons were burned to death, the majority of these being young girls and children whose dresses easily catch fire. One hundred and sixty-four lives were sacrificed therefore in the celebration of our nation's independence!"

Public Indifference. The official organ of the medical profes-

sion goes on to say: "It would seem from these statistics that the medical profession has learned its lesson and done its part, but that the public does not care enough about the matter to insist on its own protection. Every municipality has laws prohibiting the use of firearms and large cannon crackers, but in compliance with popular sentiment they remain unenforced. Here and there some active body of citizens or some alert pub-He official has insisted on the enforcement of the statutes, with the result of securing safety and comparative peace for the combeen honored solely in the breach.

with those other manifestations of the gines are so built that the exhaust vapor cheapness of human life in our country. is turned into gas and is carried up into

idents this year, as compared with 5,468 last year, a decrease of 1,053. "There were 4.249 nonfatal injuries, a decrease of 1,059 below last year, when the total was 5,305. Only twelve persons were ompletely blinded this year, or ten less

than last year; seventy-five people lost one eye this year, or three more than last year, but thirty-one less than in 1865; fiftyseven lost an arm or a hand this year, or one more than last year, and 237 persons lost one or more fingers this year, this being ten more than last year.

"The principal cause of the most mutilating wounds is by far the glant cracker. This destructive means of celebration, along July death record for 1907, complied by the with the toy pistol, should be condemned. This year 1,439 injuries, including thirteen deaths and eight cases of lockjaw, were due to the giant cracker. Firearms rank second in causing mutilating wounds, being responsible for 502 injuries and twenty-four deaths, including four cases of tetanus.

"Blank cartridge wounds, as a rule, are not mutilating, but for that reason are the more dangerous, since they are more often ately at each other on the street at close range. Such reckless use of the blank wounds caused by them.

#### Is it Worth While?

"If the injuries caused by firearms, by the giant cracker, and by the blank cartwho use them, there would seem less reacracker. No person walking on the street is safe from the stray bullet from the "Besides the deaths due to tetanus," says revolver of some irresponsible hoodlum. A the Journal editorially. "there were 102 per- considerable number of injuries resulting in several cases of tetanus and in a few "The total results of our last "jolly celebration" of Independence day were 164

killed and 4,249 injured, many of these being maimed for life! Is this method of celebration really worth while?"

#### ENGLAND HAS WAR BALLOON Solves Problem of Aerial Navigation by Making Long Trip Over London.

LONDON, Oct. 5 .- That the British army has made practical progress in the solution of the problem of aerial navigation was shown to the satisfaction of Londoners when the dirigable war balloon which has been given several trials at Aldershot camp sailed from Farnborough, thirty-five miles southwest of here, to London and after maneuvering over the city started back to Aldershot.

The balloon crossed the Thames at Blackfriars' bridge and, making a sharp turn, proceeded over Fleet street and the Strand, making a complete circle over the latter thoroughfare, watched by thousands of people. The balloon went around Trafalgar square over the war office and past Westminster Abbey and the houses of Parliament, traveling at the rate of about fifteen miles an hour and being under complete control.

The balloon is sausage shaped, about 100 feet long by thirty feet in diameter and has a lifting capacity of about one ton, which, after deducting the weight of the car, engines and other apparatus, permits carrying munity, but more frequently the laws have a drew of three men. The car of the balloon, which is shaped like a boat, is con-"We must class this public indifference structed of aluminum and canvas. The en-

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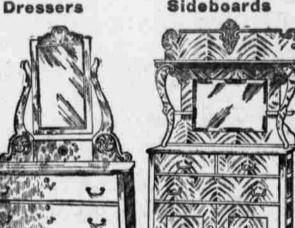
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ties in railroad wrecks and in industrial The petroleum for the motors is carried in accidents, not to mention our peaceful sub- two torpedo-like cylinders above the car. mission to universally spidemic typhoid, The envelope of the balloon is a parchtain that the attitude of every medical so- feet square, which is used as a rudder, ciety and that of every medical man should From the center of the car on either side be that of active insistence that every law project a pair of wings at right angles to local medical societies in this regard, and and the balloon. that much can be done for the improvement of the conditions on the Fourth is shown by what has been accomplished in some com munities."

What Does the Business. The Journal continues its review of the casualties, as follows:

"Blank cartridges are still responsible for the great majority of cases, 52 or 71 per cent of all cases this year being due to that cause, as compared with 60 per cent last year. Giant crackers caused only eight cases this year, compared with seventeen fog ran on the rocks and after long and last year, and toy cannon caused six cases this year, where they only caused one case last year. Table No. 8 gives a comparison of the causes of tetanus cases for the five years:

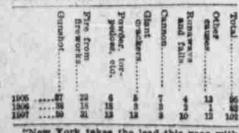
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"Besides the cases of tockjaw, due directly to Fourth of July injuries, an unusually large number of other cases were reported this year, these being due to penetrating wounds from nails or splinters and

to crushing injuries. There were ninetyfour such cases reported this year, as compared with sixty last year and thirty-two in the International exhibition in Dublin 1905. number of these cases, the number from | tion of the Irish people on the ground that Fourth of July injuries has decreased. This it was designed to foster foreign and not would seem to indicate that Fourth of July Irish trade. The managing committee dis than other injuries. The next thought the stallholders who were supposed to be would naturally be that all penetrating exhibiting Irish jewelry and curios were wounds, regardless of their cause, should have like treatment.

"As heretofore, all accidents not directly due to the discharge or handling of fire- fuming and threatening for a time the works or other means of noise production holders agreed to stop their fraudulent on or about the Fourt of July have been practices. omlited. Accidents which occurred in regular occupations and gunshot wounds received in brawls have likewise been omit ted.

Causes of Death. "The following table shows a compari son of the causes of death other than from totanus for the last three years:



"Now York takes the lead this year with 153 casualties, Pennsylvania taking second | must have been very heavy.

which permits us to shock the civilized the balloon above by means of a tube. The world with our frightful figures of fatall- capacity of the balloon is 75,000 cubic feet. hydrophobia and other preventable dis- ment like material, similar to gold beatsuses. Possibly these things are the results ers' skin and is built up of thousands upon of overestimation of the importance of thousands of pieces a few inches square personal liberty and fear of governmental joined together by a secret process. There paternalism inherent in us; we leave that is a large sail at the stern of the gar, question to the sociologist, while we main- stretched on a wooden frame fully twelve passed for the preservation and improve- the balloon, which made it appear like an ment of health must be enforced. There re- scroplane, and other wing arrangements mains a great deal that can be done by are attached to the rigging between the car

**NEW BOW OF STEAMER SUEVIC** Vessel "tranded on Rocks Will Be Re-

paired and Enlarged in So Doing.

BELFAST, Ireland, Oct. 5 .- A remarkable launch occurred here today when the new bow built for the White Star line steamer Sucvic to replace the one left on stag rock, near the Lizard, March 17 last, slid into the water. The Suevic during a ineffectual attempts to refloat it the salvers cut away its forepart, refloated the rest of the ship and towed it to Southampton, where it is now in dock and ready to receive the new bow. The bow, which is 200 feet long, considerably longer than the old how, is fitted with deckhouses, captain's bridge, mast and so on, will be towed to Southampton, where it will be placed in the dock with the other portion and the two sections will be connected, almost in

the same shape as when they were soparated. The Suevic, a vessel of 13,500 tons, plies between London and Australia by way of Capetown.

STALL HOLDERS CENSURED

Irish People Boycott Exposition Because of Sale of Chesp English Made Goods.

DUBLIN, Oct. 5 .- (Special.)-There has been something approaching a scandal at Notwithstanding the increase in the | which has been boycotted by a large secinjuries may have been better attended to covered a few days ago that several of doing a thriving trade in the sale of cheap Burmingham-made imitations. These stalls were promptly closed, and after

> LAND OUESTION IS UNSOLVED Rents Reduced by Commission to a Large Amount for Last

Year. DUBLIN, Oct. 5 .- (Special.)-The report tion in Ireland has been solved. The commission dealt with first term rents, amounting to \$39,368,710, and reduced them reduced them to \$9,183,660, an average of



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Work.

FORT RILEY, Kan., Oct 5 .- (Special)-Vernon Pierce, chief engineer of the Department of Public Roads of the United States, stopped at the post last Friday while going over the proposed route of the military highway between Forts Riley and Leavenworth. Mr. Pierce made the trip in an automobile and was very enthusiastic over the prospects for the road. Everywhere along the way, at farms, towns and of the Irish Land commission for the year the rock that was needed for macadamining cities, the citizens promised to furnish all ended March 21 last is interesting reading and building purposes free of charge. Aside for those who maintain that the land ques- from the value of the road as a military convenience during the extensive maneuver periods every year, it will do more to promote an interest on the subject of good to \$23,544,565, an average of 20.7 per cent roads in this section of the state than anyover the whole of Ireland. It also dealt thing else could do. After Mr. Pierce has with \$11,356,740 in second term rents and complied his data on the subject he will return to Washington, when Congressman 19.6 on first term rents. When it is borns Anthony will introduce the bill in the lower in mind that in many cases there were no house and Senator Curtis in the senate. reductions it is evident some of the others | The road will be built throughout with con-

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will be the officer, as he is particularly fitted for the duties from long experience.

Other Building Plans. Building plans for this post are assuming

Whitman, expects to be apprised what buildings will be undertaken during the present fiscal year. The plans for the Signal corps post are receiving the attention of the quartermaster general's office and advices are expected almost any day to the effect that bids will be advertised for as soon as practicable. The increasing of the water mains, which has been made absolutely necessary by the enlarging of the post, will be decided within the next few days, when definite plans will be drawn.

a special train on Sunday evening. All were very enthusiastic over the week they had himself. spent at the military tournament, and could not say enough for the management

returned with a goodly share of the cash from Omaha. prizes, which were distributed among the winners.

#### Bridge Over the Kansas.

The engineer battalion will complete the reception to General and Mrs. Godfrey portion of the state of Kansas. bridge over the Kansas river by the mid- prior to his retirement from active service

constructing quartermaster, Captain W. M. Major Thomas Rees, who commands the command.

can be carried away without endangering en route by marching to Hastings, Neb., cement. The engineers feel very proud of there the middle of this month. Battery A, Sixth field artillery and troop for the ability of the enlisted personnel, and Republic, Kan., and Superior, Law-L, Seventh cavalry, with the individual con- which had worked unremittingly to carry rence and Pauline, Neb. testants, returned from St. Joseph, Mo., in out the plans of their superiors. The work was supervised throughout by Major Rees

# **Reception** to General Godfrey.

which did so much to make their stay a by his aide, Lieutenant G. R. Allin- be left in the post. The route proposed pleasant one. The troops of this garrison Sixth field artillery, returned yesterday will be on the circle order and will in-

On Monday evening the Grand Army of Hutchinson, Wichita, Newton, Peabody, the Republic post and the Ladies' Relief Marion, Herrington, White City and home.

sumed in July and all that remains to be mand of this post immediately upon Gen-

view of resisting high water and one span son, left the post on Tuesday morning

another. The structure is almost 500 feet where the command will participate in long and rests on steel caissons filled with the frontier carnival which will be held The their work, and well they may, for command will be absent from the garrimany of the plans and all of the structural son for three weeks and is due to arrive work was done by the enlisted men of the at Hastings about October 12. The route battalion. The results achieved speak well of march is by way of Clyde, Concordia

### Practice March.

The Sixth field artillery, commanded by Colonel Macomb, will leave the post about October 10 on a practice march of about Brigadier General Godfrey, accompanied 250 miles. The band and Battery F will clude Salina, Lindsborg, MuPherson, Corps of Junction City will give a farewell This route will include the south-central

Major Ernest Hinds, adjutant general's vict labor from the United States prison die of this month, when it will pack up and on the 9th inst. The members of the two department, has begun his duties as ad-

eave for its station at Fort Leavenworth. organizations are making preparations to jutant general of the post, he having ar-The bridge, which was begun last year dur- the end that the affair may be memorable, rived with Mrs. Hinds from San Antonio Captain George H. Cameron of the Fourth ing the summer maneuvers, was left early in local society annals. On the following the last of the month. Major Hinds is cavalry is acting commandant of the school | in the winter in an unfinished condition, as night and on the eve of General Godfrey's the first adjutant general that Fort Riley Chief Engineer Pierce Pleased at Out- at this post pending instructions from the orders from the War department directed retirement, the officers and the ladies of the has ever had. He relieved Captain Na-War department as to who shall be ap- the movement of the engineers to Cuba garrison will give a farewell reception in than K. Averili, Seventh cavalry, who pointed permanently to this position. It is where they were until spring making a mil- his honor. It is not expected that any gen- had been adjutant of the post. Captain understood, however, that Captain Cameron itary map of that island. Work was re- eral officer will be assigned to the com- Averill is now in command of his troop marching to Hastings, Neb.

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impossible for the markemen to locate the target, while under that figure even as low as 200 yards only the outline could be distinguished.

miners to the Philippines the first of the week, where they will be employed in mines which the War department is developing with a view of using the coal for the transport service of the guartermaster's department. The men were see cured in Oklahoma by the quartermaster general's office. They are under contract for two years, one as foreman at \$150 a month and the others at \$100 a month. Upon arriving in the islands they will receive an additional allowance of \$15 a month for house rent.

#### Assistance for Bertha Claiche.

NEW YORK, Oct. 5.—A fund of several thousand doilars has been raised for Ber-tha Chalche, who is serving a two-year term in the Bedford reformatory for killing Emil Gerdon, her former sweetheart, who she declared had enslaved her in this city. The money will be used in fixing up a little dreasmaking establishment for the young woman. She will be free in a few weeks.

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