# A LAUNCH TURNS TURTLE IN RIVER

Ten Persons Are Drowned in the Potomac as Result of Boat Capsizing.

IS CAUGHT BY CURRENT

Was Headed for Shore to Get Out of the Way of Four-Oared Shells-Occupants Rushed to One Side.

Washington, Aug. 16.—Ten persons were drowned as the result of the capsizing of a naptha launch on the Potomac river off Geargetown in the western section of this city during the annual Potomac regatta. Four others also were on the launch, but escaped. but one lived in this city.

ANDREW J. BOOZE, about 35 years old, a salesman, formerly of Asheville,

J. GEORGE SMITH, had been president of the Smith-Powell Paper company, of this city; married.

CHARLES F. BLUMER, 40 years old,

druggist; married. J. HERBERT COATES, of McKeesport, Pa., tailor, about 35 years old,
JOHN WALDMAN, JR., 20 years old,
machinist apprentice in navy yard.
WILLIAM SMITH, about 35 years

id, employe of the navy yard here.

MRS. LULU DREYFUSS.

BERTHA SELBACH, sister of Mrs.

HELEN HIZER.
HELEN MOORE, daughter of a

The saved:
Dr. C. W. Wagner,
Dr. C. A. Stewart,
J. A. Woulfe,
William Leader,
The accident was the worst in the
history of the Potomac river racing.
The name of the launch was Recreation owned by Drs Stewart and Wagner.

During the first race the launch got in the way of the four-oared shells and its wash was such that the officials reprimanded its crew and ordered them out of the way. There was some show of resentment at this order, and the launch headed for the shore, but miscalculated its course, and striking the strong undertow caused by a mill race, rocked for a moment and as the passengers rushed to one side turned tur-

tion, owned by Drs. Stewart and Wag-

Only a few of the thousands that lined the shore witnessed the accident, but the police immediately set to work to recover the bodies.

#### TWENTY DROWNED.

British Bark Inverkip Is Sunk Off Fastnet Rock, Ireland.

London, Aug. 16.—The British bark Inverkip, Captain Jones, from Mel-bourne for Queenstown, was sunk and twenty persons were drowned as the result of a collision off Fastnet rock, Ireland, with the British ship Loch

#### WRECK IN TENNESSEE

One Man Killed and About Forty Other Persons Injured by Derailing of Train.

Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 16.—One man was killed and about forty other persons was killed and about forty other persons injured in a passenger wreck on the Tennessee Central railroad, ten miles southeast of here. Westbound passenger train No. 2, from Knoxville to Nashville, and in charge of Conductor W. H. Beeland, was making the descent of Silver Point hill, when a flange of a wheel on a truck of the rear car broke, derailing the two last coaches. One of them turned completely over,

and both were badly wrecked.

The dead: W. S. PURNELL, Knoxville. The most seriously injured:

F. B. Longstreet, head badly bruised.
Mrs. Mary Nichols, Monterey, arm
broken and badly bruised.
W. B. Wells, Chicago, arm fractured

Bud Lee, Silver Point, leg broken. W. B. Herbert, Nashville, rib broken. Mrs. W. B. Herbert, Nashville, skull

B. T. Pegram, Nashville, rib broken. J. C. Barnes, Double Springs, leg

J. J. Aldridge, Nashville, leg broken

and head cut.

A 2-year-old baby of Mrs. Herbert
was hurled from a window down an
embankment, lodging between the car
wheels, and was unhurt when picked

#### 100,000 LOSE VOTES.

Great Number Who Secured Bogus Citizenship Papers Lose Their Franchise.

Washington, Aug. 16 .- The bureau of immigration estimates as a result of investigations carried on for some time by its agents and secret service detectives, that 100,000 immigrants have se-cured fraudulent naturalization papers within the last year. These papers, which entitle them to the full privileges of American citizenship, it has been discovered, were forged by a gang in the neighborhood of New York, and sold in the United States and abroad to immigrants. When they reached New York they would merely show their naturalization certificates and be permitted to enter the country without

Besides New York, frauds have been discovered in Boston, Indianapolis and other cities. Most of the men with the fraudulent papers are said to be Italians, many thousands of whom are in New York. As fast as discovered, their papers have been confiscated. It must necessarily follow that their

names will have to be stricken off the registration books and they be not permitted to vote at the November election. This fact is causing New York democratic politicians considerable anxiety, inasmuch as most of the Italians there are understood to democrats.

If all the bogus citizens' names are stricken from the registration books it probably will make a change of several thousand votes in New York city alone, it is said.

#### ORDERS BATTLESHIPS.

Japan Contracts for Two More Mon-

sters with English Concern. London, Aug. 16.—According to the Shipping Gazette Japan has just ordered two large battleships of twentythree knots from Vickers, Maxim Armstrong, in addition to the ball ship already building there.

#### TURKEY GIVES IN.

After a Long Session a Satisfactory Solution of the Conflicting Ques-

tion Has Been Reached. Constantinople, Aug. 16 .- After prolonged haggling on the part of the Turks a satisfactory solution of the American school question has been arrived at. This matter, which is the most important of the American demands, was settled by extending to American schools the same treatment as that accorded to schools under the

protection of other powers.

A settlement of other matters affecting American interests in Turkey of secondary importance has also been effected, and Minister Leishmann has telegraphed to Rear Admiral Jewell, in command of the United States squaders against the Santon and the Command of the United States squaders against the Santon and the Command of the United States squaders against the Santon and the Command of the United States squaders against the Santon and the Command of the United States squaders against the Santon and the Command of the United States squaders against the Santon and the Command of the United States against the Command o ron sent to Smyrna, instructing him to salute the batteries on land and de-

The sitting of the council of min-lsters at which the settlement was agreed upon was a long one, and it was not until near its close that an agreement was reached.

#### TALKS TURKEY TO TURKS

American Minister Gives Porte Some Very Straight Doctrine From Washington.

Constantinople, Aug. 16.-Minister Leishman today saw Tewfik Pasha, Turkish minister of foreign affairs, and renewed the urgent representations of the American government for immediate settlement of the demands regarding the rights of American citizens in Turkey. It is understood that im-portant developments are expected soon, either the porte giving way or Minister Leishman demanding his pass-

Thursday's conference between Mr. Leishman and the representatives of the palace lasted eight hours. In the course of the discussion the Turkish delegates attempted to impugn the character of some of the schools and contested the American claims to be granted certain privileges given to simgranted certain privileges given to similar French institutions. Mr. Leishman, however, firmly refused to consider for a moment any suggestion of discrimination and insisted on the full acceptance of the American list of about 300 schools, hospitals, charitable institutions and missionary dwellings, as filed with the porte eighteen months ago. He pointed out that the porte ago. He pointed out that the porte had had ample time to verify the list, but had done nothing. He positively refused to listen to any suggestion regarding treatment differing from that accorded the schools, etc., under the protection of other powers. The delegates finally left in order to report to the sultan, and promising a favorable

reply.

The conference appears to have settled one matter agreed upon at the time of the Beirut incident, but never ex-ecuted, namely, that of the payment to an American citizen of Smyrna of \$25,-000, being the value of land on which Moslem refugees illegally settled. The

amount will now be paid.

The usual attempt was made to induce Leishman to stop the American squadron from goi-r to Smyrna, by promising an immediate settlement, but the minister declined to intervene, and he is now in communication with Rear Admiral Jewell regarding ar-rangements in the event of a rupture and the consequent departure of the minister from Constantinopie.

#### AND RUSSIA LOVES PEACE.

St. Petersburg Worried Over Uncle Uncle Sam's Course in Turkey.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 13.—The Bourse Gazette commenting on the relations between the United States and Turkey expresses the opinion that the situation is likely to complicate the already com-plicated task of preserving peace and quiet in the near east, declaring that this view is shared by all thoughtful people in Russia.

Is Practically Settled.

Washington, Aug. 13.-The state department has received a communica-tion from the Turkish government which is regarded as a satisfactory nclusion of the negotiations with Turkey looking to the prevention of dis-crimination against American citizens in Turkey. It is expected the incident will be definitely settled by Monday with a victory for the state depart-

#### GERMAN BEER LEADS.

Figures Placing This Country Ahead in Production Disputed in Washington.

Washington, Aug. 16—Mr. Mason, the consul general at Berlin, has advised the state department that Germany yields first place in beer production to the United States. Mr. Mason furnishes figures to support this statement, and the internal revenue officials cannot understand where he has obtained them. Mr. Mason says that, according to the statistics of the German cording to the statistics of the German Brewers' association, their product in 1903 declined to 1,787,615,000 gallons, or 1903 declined to 1,787,615,000 gallons, or 137,085,230 gallons less than the output of the United States. Mr. Mason's conclusion is not justified by the official figures, showing the output of fermented liquors in this country.

The German statement, which is doubtless correct, is for the calendar year 1903; and when Mr. Mason wrote he had at hand a copy of the report

he had at hand a copy of the report of the commissioner of internal revenue of the United States for the year end-ing with June, 1903. According to that report, there were produced in the United States that year 46,650,730 bar-United States that year 46,650,730 barrels of fermented liquors, equivalent to 1,446,172,630 gallons. In addition, there were exported 2,152,919 gallons on which no tax was paid. This would make the total output for the year 1,448,335,549 gallons, which is 339,278,451 gallons below the production of Germany, as reported by Consul General Mason.

For the year ending June 30, 1004, the

For the year ending June 30, 1904, the production of fermented liquors in the United States w 3 48,208,133 barrels, equivalent to 1,449,452,123 gallons, 293,-162,878 gallons below the output of Germany for 1903. The quantity exported during 1904 is not available, but estimating it at 2,500,000 gallons, the production in this country would be 290,600,000 gallons below that of Germany.

#### PHILIPPINE DAY.

Secretary Taft Makes Chief Address on Anniversary of Manila's Fall at St. Louis.

St. Louis, Aug. 16.—The anniversary of Manila's fall was observed at the exposition today, this being designated as Philippine day. Among the distin-guished guests participating in the ex-ercises were Secretary of War Taft, Generals Chaffee, Merritt, Funston, King, Bell, Wheaton and others. Sec-retary Taft made the principal address.

# THE PORT ARTHUR FLEET IS SCATTERED TO THE WINDS

Battered and Crippled Remnants Turning Up at Neutral Ports to Tell of Their Losses and Ask for Sanctuary From Japs.

Japs Made a Special Attack on the Flagship Czarevitch, and Killed Admiral Withoft and Over 200 Others of Her Crew.

With Fleet Wrecked, the Japanese Are Now Understood to Be Making Their Last Great Assault at the Fortress.

Saturday's report from the east left no doubt that the Russian Port Arthu fleet has about ceased to be what Captain Mahin calls a "fleet in being." Whatever is left of it is in the form of several groups of crippled ducks, scattered to such various neutral har-bors as could be reached, and probably some of them still in Port Arthur, un-able to take the sea again and facing the reasonable certainty of either being

the reasonable certainty of either being blown up by the Russians or captured by the Japs when the fortress falls.

Admiral Withoft was killed aboard the flagship Czarevitch, and with him 210 others met death. The ship is practically a wreck, at the German harbor of Tsing Chou. Berlin reports that "several other" disabled Russian vessels are there. The cruiser Novik, which got into the harbor, was ordered out inside the twenty-four hour limit and went. Whether the Japs caught her outside, where they were waiting

her outside, where they were waiting in ample force, is not announced.

Admiral Togo's alleged report sent out from Tokio yesterday is now stated to have been bogus, never having been to have been bogus, never having been received from the admiral. A new report from him is, however, substituted today. It says five Russian battleships appear to have been heavily damaged, but does not tell what became of them. It is probable that Togo does not include the Czarevitch in his list of five, because, from the fact that she limped away from Tsing Chou, he would probbecause, from the fact that she limped away from Tsing Chou, he would probably assume that she was in better condition than the others; whereas the German report from Tsing Chou indicates that she is really wrecked. As there were six battleships in the Russian line, it would appear that probably all of them were badly used up. The cruiser Bayan has apparently dis-

sian line, it would appear that probably all of them were badly used up. The cruiser Bayan has apparently disappeared, neither Togo nor anybody else being able to report on her. She may be on the way to Vladivostok.

The Russian cruiser Askold and the destroyer Grozovoi, both badly damaged, reached Shanghai, being at once ordered out within the 24-hour limit. Three Russian cruisers are reported at Saddle island, with a Jap force waiting to fight them.

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It is persistently reported that the Japanese cruiser Kazagi was sunk in the battle, but no Japanese report confirms this.

If the final assault has not begun by the time it is contain to be undertaken

this time, it is certain to be undertaken immediately at Port Arthur. The fall of the place is predicted by all authoriies for an early date.

Tokio, Aug. 16.-Admiral Togo reports that five Russian battleships ap-pear to have been heavily damaged. The Pobieda lost two masts and one of her heavy guns was disabled. The flagship Retvizan which was hit several times at a distance of 3,500 yards seems to have sustained the greatest

The damage inflicted on the Russian cruisers was comparatively slight. The cruiser Bayan has not yet appeared since the engagement. The Japanese vessels have been temporarily repaired.

St. Petersgurg, Aug. 16.—According to a telegram received by the emperor, Rear Admiral Withoft, who commanded the Russian naval forces at Port ed the Russian naval forces at Port Arthur, and several other officers were killed during the engagement on Wednesday. Admiral Withoft met his death aboard the flagship Czarevitch. Both legs were blown off.

Captain Wamoff of the Czarevitch, Commander Samoff and several other officers were wounded. The battleship sustained severe damage. Her rudder

sustained severe damage. Her rudder was broken beyond hope of repair. The protected cruiser Novik has left Tsing Chou.

London, Aug. 16.—A news agency St. Petersburg dispatch says:
The machinery of the Czarevitch was so knocked about during the fight that most of it is worthless. She lost 210 officers and men killed and 60 wounded. Rear Admiral Withoft was on the bridge of the Czarevitch when a shell availabled there, blowing him to pieces. exploded there, blowing him to pieces.

Berlin, Aug. 16.-The Lokal Anzeiger's Tokio dispatch says: Heavy fighting took place at Port Arthur all night Tuesday and Wedneslay. The losses are reported enormous.

Iiao Yang, Aug. 16.—The Chinese governor at Mukden has issued a proc-amation welcoming the Japanese. This is due to the fact that the successive retirements of the Russians upon their main lines have caused the Chinese to ose faith in the Russian arms.

#### STRAGGLERS AT SHANGHAI.

Cruiser and Destroyer Go Into Port Much Damaged to Be Ordered Out. Shanghai, Aug. 16.-Yesterday afternoon the Russian torpedoboat destroyer Grozovoi steamed up the river, hav-ing vainly attempted to make Tsing Chou and being headed off by the Japanese. The Grozovoi was very dirty and unpainted, and the crew black with

smoke and grime. They had a hard time to escape the Japanese. Later the cruiser Askold, with Rear Admiral Oktoumsky on board, arrived in a badly damaged condition, with one lieutenant and eleven men killed and

fty wounded. Pilots report three Russian cruisers



Port Arthur and China Coast.

raises the point that they are entitled

#### WAS BURIED AT SEA.

Rear Admiral Withoft's Vessel Was

czarevitch that the Port Arthur squad-ron met the Japanese squadron twenty miles cut of the port. The flagship Czarevitch was specially attacked and changed her course for the Shan Tung peninsula. The Japanese followed and overhauled her and the accompanying vessels off Shan Tung at 4:30 p. m. A two hours' battle followed. Rear Admiral Withoft was killed on board the Czarevitch and buried at sea.

#### MORE LAME DUCKS.

Germany Reports Several Disabled Russian Vessels Are There. Berlin, Aug. 16.-Japan has given the

German government an intimation that she is preparing a statement regarding the seizure of the Ryeshitelni at Chefoo. The foreign office, therefore, is disinclined to express its views on the Washington dispatches, indicating that the state department is concerned about the apparent breach of neutrality on the part of Japan's torpedo boats.

The cruiser Novik left Tsing Chou within the twenty-four-hour limit. Several other Russian vessels are still in that harbor, in a disabled condition. The German government is not willing the names of the ships and the de-tails of their damages should be published on official authority, because such intelligence might be considered inconsistent with neutrality, and as affording Japan valuable information.
Instructions have been sent to Tsing Chou to permit the Russian vessels to chou to permit the Russian vessels to repair sufficiently to proceed to an-other port, but the repairs must be strictly limited to making them sea-worthy. The German naval forces are assembling at Kia Chou to prepare to Germany's neutrality against either belligerent.

#### BRIEF REPORT FROM TOGO.

He Thought the Czarevitch Had Probably Been Sunk. Tokio, Aug. 16.-Admiral Togo has

reported as follows: "On August 10 our combined fleet at-"On August 10 our combined fleet attacked the enemy's fleet near Gugan rock. The Russian vessels were emerging from Fort Artnur, trying to go south. We pursued the enemy to the eastward. Severe fighting lasted from 1 o'clock Wednesday afternoon until sundown. Toward the close the enemy's fire weakened remarkably, his formation became confused and his ships scattered. The Russian cruisers Askold and Novik and several tornedo Askold and Novik and several torpedo boat destroyers fied to the southward. Pilots report three Russian cruisers off Saddle island awaiting British collers from Tsing Chou. A Japanese squadron consisting of an ironclad, two large cruisers and four torpedoboat destroyers is watching outside to intercept the colliers.

Washington, Aug. 16.—Consul General Goodnow cables that the Russian today, seriously damaged, and wanted to dock. The Taoti has written the Russian consul general that the cruiser and torpedoboat must not remain more than twenty-for hours. The consul Czarevitch and the Pallada, appeared

to have returned to Port Arthur. Our damage was slight. Our fighting power has not been impaired."

ABOUT READY FOR ASSAULT.

Japanese Emperor Anxious for Most Humane Regulations at the Crisis. Tokio, Aug. 16.—Another sign that a general assault on Port Arthur is imminent is found in the fact that the emperor has notified Field Marshal Yamagata of his desire that non-com-

Yamagata of his desire that non-combatants shall be allowed opportunity to leave the fortress. Yamagata has given instructions to the Japanese commander at Port Dalny to that effect. Further details of the naval engagement of the 10th indicate that Togo's main attack was directed against the Russian battleships and that while this was going on the speedier Russian cruisers succeeded in getting away.

Chefoo, Aug. 16—A tunk which has

cruisers succeeded in getting away.

Chefoo, Aug. 16.—A junk which has arrived here, having left Port Arthur on August 3, brings confirmation of the previous reports of severe fighting day and night. One Japanese shell struck the corner of a building in Port Arthur and killed or wounded 200 people. Fifteen six-inch shells fell at one spot at the water front in one day, but hurt no one. It is roughly estimated that the Japanese are from five to eight miles from Port Arthur.

Tientsin, Aug. 13.—The Japanese 13.—The Japanese

Tientsin, Aug. 13.—The Japanese transports which are now lying at New-chwang have been forbidden to depart, presumably because of the fear that they might be subjected to danger at

It is believed here that the Japanese are delaying the general engagement at Liao Yang until after the fall of Port Arthur, where the assault is thought now to be taking place.

#### PRINCE MADE A COLONEL.

Royal Babe Takes Rank with the Em-

Royal Babe Takes Rank with the Emperor's Army Officers.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 16.—The emperor and empress have been flooded with congratulatory messages, including telegrams from all the crowned heads. Before he was 24 hours old the heir-apparent had received his first military honor, being made an honorary colonel of the Finland guards. The colonel of the regiment later went to Alexandra Villa to salute his baby chief. The heir-apparent is described as a strong and healthy baby.

### JAPS HAVE A GOOD STORY.

Claim They Were Entirely Justified in the Ryeshitelni Case.

London, Aug. 16.—The Japanese lega-tion this afternoon informed the Assotion this afternoon informed the Associated Press that Japan will send a circular note to the powers on the subject of the seizure of the Ryeshitelni. All the information received at the legation, which is not official, tends to establish the fact that the Japanese destroyers entered Chefoo for the purpose of ascertaining if the Ryeshitelni was really dismantled, and that the Japanese boat crew was attacked by the Russians. The Japanese replied in self defense. Seeing the Ryeshitelni was able to continue military operations she was towed out to sea. tions she was towed out to sea

#### ST. PETERSBURG YET HOPES.

But It Admits That the Naval Reverse Is a Severe Blow.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 16.—The news of the death of Rear Admiral Withoft and the failure of a majority of the larger warships of the Port Arthur squadron to break through the Japanese fleet was not known this morning when a prilling array of officers and diplobrilliant array of officers and diplo-matists assembled in the magnificent Kazan cathedral to attend a te deum in honor of the birth of the heir ap-parent, Alexis. The metropolitan read parent, Alexis. The metropolitan read to the congregation a manifesto announcing the birth, and then the whole assemblage bended the knee as the prelate invoked God's blessing on the future emperor. Veteran warriors were shaken with emotion and many persons wept and prayed audibly. Similar services were held throughout the empire.

Object of Special Jap Attack.

London, Aug. 16.—The correspondent of the Evening News at Tsing Chou cables that he has learned from the special properties of the sortic of the Russian was ships leaving no doubt of the series. sian warships, leaving no doubt of the severe character of the reverses sustained by the Port Arthur squadron. The return of a majority of the Russian warships to Port Arthur has not softened the blow. On the contrary it is felt that their retreat toward the beleagured fortress has dashed all hopes of a juncture with the Vladivostok squadron. sian warships, leaving no doubt of the

stok squadron, Naval men believe, however, that the Japanese were badly battered and that Togo will not be in a position to fol-

low up his success.

The Associated Press is able, on the highest authority, to deny the reports that Argentine warships have been purchased by Russia and joined the Vladivostok squadron. The admiralty strongly repudiates the allegation that the battleship Czarevitch is being repaired with German assistance. No such breach of neutrality is possible.

#### WANTS TARIFF REDUCED

J. J. Hill Predicts Greater Comforts for the Average American as a Result.

New York, Aug. 13.-James J. Hill, financier and railroad king, is optimistic regarding the political and business outlook. Returning to New York from an extended western trip, he said that the crop outlook was promising and that business was bound to be good because the farmer was never more pros-

eause the farmer was never more pros-perous than this season.

"Are you going to run for the gov-ernorship of Minnesota, as has been re-ported?" Mr. Hill was asked today.

"I never took an active interest in politics but once, and that was in the campaign of 1896. I do not intend to get into politics again if I can help it, and I do not see any reason why I should."

"What do you think of Judge Parker's chances?"
"Well," said Mr. Hill, "I have just been reading Judge Parker's speech of acceptance and I like it. I believe he is a sound man."

"What is the business and crop sit-uation in the west?" "I see no reason to change my original estimate as to the wheat crop, which was 540,000,000 bushels up in my section of the country, and further north reports indicate that the crop is in excellent condition. Everything points to a great fall business for the railroads. The Great Northern is doing a much larger business than it did last year. The farmers, very generally, are

## FEAR DISEASE IN THE STOCK YARDS

Federal Authorities Concerned About Live Stock Situation in Chicago.

#### DONNELLY WILL CONCEDE

Says He Is Willing to Give Up on Some Points, But Doesn't Expect the Packers Will Do Any Business for a While.

Chicago, Aug. 16 .- President Michaet J. Donnelly is admitting he is ready to waive some of the demands that have caused the deadlock in the stock yards strike, but declared today that he does not believe there is any prospect of immediate settlement, as he does not think the packers will accept the intervention of a third party. A statement to this effect came from Donnelly while the committee of retail meat dealers was preparing to call on Mayor Harrison to intervene and settle the strike.

son to intervene and settle the strike.

Donnelly today received notification that an agreement has been reached with the Nebraska Packing company, an independent concern of Nebraska City, Neb., through which 500 unionists returned to work after a month's lock-out. Union recognition and the other points demanded by the union are said to have been granted.

Fearing that stock yards fever would develop to a serious extent among the thousands of cattle held an unusually long time at the yards since the strike began, the department of agriculture has introduced itself in the Chicago situation by having a special investigation made, and a report on the situation has been prepared for the secretary of agriculture by S. F. Giles, who has conducted his culture work with fever germs.

#### RIOTING IN NEW YORK.

Women and Children in Demonstration Against Strike Breakers.

Against Strike Breakers.

New York, Aug. 16.—Women and children joined today in a riotous demonstration against the non-union men who have taken the places of the striking butchers and other employes in the packing houses. From the upper windows and roofs of buildings in the affected district they hurled missiles of all sorts at every luckless meat truck driver or beef carrier that passed along the street. The force of police assigned to the packing house police assigned to the packing house district was largely increased today, but the attacks continued.

#### FARMER IS PROSPEROUS

Banks in the West Report That They Have Pletnty of Money to Handle the Crops.

Chicago, Aug. 16.-Reports received by the Commercial National bank in answer to questions sent to correanswer to questions sent to correspondents in various cities in sixteen western and southern states and territories show that the banks of those sections are in excellent condition for handling the crops this fall. Replies were received from 1,342 bankers. They reported less land speculation by farmers than a year and two years ago, and that in many sections farmers had benefited by the speculation. Farm lands are reported as increasing in value and the farmers generally are said to be prosperous.

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The condition of the interior banks explains the tardiness of the call on Chicago and New York institutions for assistance in moving the crops. It is expected by local bankers that the call will come later this year than usual, and that the amounts of money required will be lighter. They are velocitied will be lighter. quired will be lighter. They are well prepared, generally, to meet the demand when it comes.

mand when it comes.

The prevailing condition of trade at interior points was reported as satisfactory and collections as good as they were a year ago. In the larger cities business in most lines is dull, showing a considerable falling off in volume of that of a year ago. This is particularly true of the southern banks on account of the large cotton crop last year.

Reports as to new enterprises were

count of the large cotton crop last year. Reports as to new enterprises were not satisfactory, many banks ignoring it altogether. It is estimated, however, that \$100,000,000 has been invested in new enterprises in the southern states within the year. The bank concludes that "good crops" are well assured and that if labor conditions were more satisfactory there would be no obstacle to general conditions of good business and prosperity. business and prosperity.

New York Bank Statement.

# New York Bank Statement. New York, Aug. 13.—The weekly bank statement shows the following: Loans, decrease. 1,014,500 Deposits, increase. 2,919,100 Circulation, decrease. 348,000 Legal tender, decrease. 1,534,300 Specke, increase. 2,153,400 Reserve, increase. 2,152,400 Surplus increase. 1,422,625 Ex-U. S. reposits, increase. 1,423,650

#### **NEW MORTGAGE RULE** United States Court Creates Important Changes in Illi-

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 16.—What was recently reported briefly as an inconsequential decision of the United States quential decision of the United States supreme court it now appears was nothing short of a judicial revolution concerning Illinois mortgages. The detision was given in the case of Bradley vs. Lightcap and it completely reverses a long line of Illinois decisions beginning with the one hundred and fifth report and continuing until the present date by holding in effect that a mortdate by holding in effect that a mort-gage amounts to a deed and that when the mortgagee secures possession under it his title to the property is perfect. The Illinois court has been holding that unless a deed is taken out within the threes a deed is taken out within the five years' period of redemption the title does not pass. In the Bradley case the court divided, Justices Beggs, Hand and Wilkins dissenting, and the federal court sustains them.

#### Must Be Competent.

St. Louis, Aug. 16.-The convention of the International Typographical union adjourned sine die today. The convention sustained the decision of the ex-ecutive council which upheld the action of a New Orleans foreman in dischargof a New Orleans foreman in discharging a certain printer on the ground of alleged incompetency. The sustaining of the verdict is of interest to every union printing office in the land, as it is necessary for a man working in any department of a union printing office to be absolutely competent to perform the work required of him.