TOWNS DAMAGED.

Ridge, Total, 19. Georgia—Columbus, Chipley, Harris, La Grange Griffin, McDonough, Lo-

ust Grove, Cedartown, Cave Springs

Albama—Albertville, High Mound. Hatton, Leesburg, Settlement, Blounts-

Meridan, Miss., April 26.—A disastrous tornado passed through a sparsely settled section of east Mississippi south of this city late today. Meridian also was visited by a remarkable wind, rain and hail storm, much damage being done to crops and shrubbery.

Reports from Causeyville say th

main tornado passed seven milés beloc that place in a sparsely settled distric

Pimber properties are reported almost ievastated.

A report received here tonight says that the timber section of southern Mississippi and the adjacent Alabama territory has again been visited by a heavy storm and much damage done.

Manils, April 27.—The Bonco Espa

nol-Filipino has been the victim of extensive frauds totaling over 75,000 pesos, or about 60,000 in gold. The

cushier says that trusted employes have been operating with outside ac-complices and honoring checks against

non-existing accounts, altering the books to conceal the frauds, which have been going on for years.

One clerk has been arrested and

One clerk has been arrested and other arrests are expected to follow. The bank will partly recoup itself through the seizure of property, be-longing to those implicated.

CHIEF OF CAVALRY.

Cavalry Officers Attached to Army

Staff College Recommend Onc.

Washington, April 27.-A strong rec-

ommendation for the appointment of an officer to be known as "chief of cavalry," has been made by a commit-tee of cavalry officers attached to the

army staff college. It is argued that the chief should be a member of the general staff and head of the commit-

tee considering questions relating to the cavairy, having power to inspect that branch of the service for the purpose of ascertaining and of determining where the standards of efficiency rec-

ommended may be maintained. The committee says that nearly every civ-ilized nation has a cavalry officer with

owers similar to those outlined abov

and expresses the belief that the prac-tise of those nations is ample warrant for the establishment of a similar of-

AWAKENING OF CHINA.

San Francisco, April 27.—"The most significant feature in the awakening of China, and what promises to be the most potent factor in raising the empire to the level of great western nations, is found in the earnestness with which the government is pursuing its policy of general education," said E. T. Williams, newly appointed consult general to Tientsin, who arrived here lastn ight.

TREATING TUBERCULOSIS.

Experiments With Mercury Being

Made, and Promising Success.

has been made to the surgeon-general by Surgeon B. L. Wright of the navy, who has been conducting investigations at the naval hospital at Fort Lyon,

who has been conducting investigations at the naval hospital at Fort Lyon, Colo. In commenting on this report Medical Inspector C. T. Hibett said the subject is engaging much attention by officers on duty at the hospital, and the treatment is being applied personally by Surgeons W. H. Bucher and Wright, in order that there may be no danger of infection by the needle to discourage the patients. The clinic, it is said, is steadily growing by voluntary applications for treatment, and the results so far are encouraging.

Washington, April 26 .- A preliminary report on the treatment of tubercu-losis, by the administration of mercury,

FILIPINO DEFRAUDED

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ville. Total 6.

NEW ENGLAND FOR "NO LICENSE"

On May 1 Many Radical Changes In Local Option Will Become Effective:

TEMPERANCE MOVE GAINING

m Massachusetts and Vermont There Will be a Marked Diminution In Number of Saloons

Boston, Apirl 26 .- Conditions gov erning traffic in intoxicating liquors in many portions of New England will considerably disturbed on the st of May, when changes in local otion take effect and temperance orkers are pointing to the general an index of spreading atiment against the saloon

In Massachusetts, by changes in sly ics and 3 6towns, 210 licensee sees, or 10 per cent of the total mber, must abandon the liquor pus-ess at 11 o'clock Thursday night. In Vermont only 27 cities and towns legalize the sale of liquor this r, as compared with \$2 license cit-and towns five years ago, when il option took the place of state

Hampshire an important ng of the state license commission-will take effect on May 1, whereby ggists' licenses throughout the te will be abolished.

ate will be abolished. In Rhode Island the temperance incrests have just succeeded in forcing strictive liquor legislation through the house of representatives. A more radical upsetting of the quor policy of Massachusetts has at occurred in many years than will a brought about on May 1, when tree of the largest manufacturing the of the state and a number of maller places, after long periods of tense, will give up the liquor traffic, accordance with the wish of the popts as expressed at the polls durcoordance with the wish of the

One of these cities—Worcsester, rith a population of 130,000—is shown by statistics to be the largest municiality in the country, if not in the world, under a no-license regime. For the first time since 1892 the Worces-ter voters, at the December municipal electicn, decided by a vote of 10,584 to 9,622 to close its saloons. When this decision takes effect on Thursday night the licenses of 128 pages in the licenses of 128 pages. licenses of 128 places, including botels, will be rendered void. At 17 lettels, will be rendered void. At the same time a cordon of towns around Worcester have gone no-license and a greater portion of the district will be "dry" April 30.

The second largest of the Massachu etis cities to enter upon a period of o-license this year is Lynn, which showed its opposition to the saloon for the first time in 12 years. The sa-leons of the cities have paid annually 193,591 in license fees.

Haverhill, another shoemaking city, this year turns against the saloon, leaving the citles of Lawrence and Gloucester and the little town of Mid-dletown the only license places in Es-

sex county.

The "no" vote through the states as shown by returns from all except-ing four towns, had a majority at the recent elections of 18,085. A year according to the Massachusetts Abstinence society, there was es" majority of 6.722, making the ear's net gain for no-license of 24,-07. Two cities and 13 towns changed o license, while four cities and 33 owns changed to no-license.

CUTICURA CURED ME Of sores on face and back.—Captain W. S. Ingraham, Wheeling, W. Va.

TOLSTOI DECLINES HONOR OF CELEBRATION

St. Petersburg, April 26 (Sunday).—Although in deference to the wishes of Count Tolstoi the plans for an international celebration at Yasnaya Polyana this summer of the writer's eightieth birthday, to which delegations from Russia and abroad had been invited, have been abandoned, admirers of the Russian novelist propose to signalize his jubilee by the formation of an international Tolstoi society, similar to the Goethe, Dante and Shakespearean societies, designed to study and propagate the ideas of Tolstoi, to collect materials concerning his life and activity, and ultimately to purchase the tome at Yasnaya Polyana for a Toltoian museum. Celebrations of the

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anniversary will be held in St. Petersburg, Moscow and other cities.

Tolstoi's reasons for declining the honor are given in a letter to Michael Stakhovich, in which he writes:

"I address myself to you with a very great request, namely, to stop the pian of a jubilee celebration, which will give me nothing but pain, and what is worse, the consciousness of evil doing. You know that, particularly at my age, when I am so hear death, nothing is more precious than the love of my fellow men, and I fear lest this affection suffer from this jubilee. I received yesterday a letter in which it was said that all members of the orthodox church (from which Tolstoi, as is well-known, was communicated), would be affronted by this celebration. I had never though of it in that light, but what was written is correct. Not only among the orthodox, but also among many others, the celebration of my jubilee would provoke avil feelings.

many others, the celebration of my jubilee would provoke evil feelings.
"Those who love me (I know them and they know me) need no outward forms to express their affection. There-

forms to express their affection. Therefore do what you can to prevent this celebration and free me from this sorrow. I shall ever be thankful.

Count Tolstoi has, it is said, written a new novel, which will only be published after his death. It is entitled "Father Sergius." It has as its hero a young guard officer who retires from the world and becomes a monk on learning of the unchastity of a young girl with whom he has fallen in love. He becomes famous for sanctity, but is subjected to repeated worldly temptasubjected to repeated worldly tempta-tions, finally yields to a tempest of sen-sual passion and after killing the vic-tim of his lust leaves the monastery to become a wanderer upon the earth.

TWO CONFIDENCE MEN

Reno, Nev., April 26.—Servante Da-vis and Salvatore Luhano, two Italian confidence men, now held in the counnow believed to be the same men who committed similar crimes in San Franstreet, securing \$450; San Jose, securing \$600: Los Angeles, securing \$900, and Victoria, B. C., where \$1,400 was stolen. L. Dondero, Luhano's partner, was taken to Victoria for the last crime but Luhano escaped. The information came to Chief Burke in a letter and postal both from San Francisco and postaned.

TWO MAIL BAGS FULL OF SECURITIES STOLEN

London, April 26.- The London postal authorities have learned that two bags of mail from this city, containing se-curities and other valuables worth \$500,-100, were stolen in New York the latter part of last month. According to the reports received here, one of the bags was destined for St. Louis and was was destined for St. Louis and was shipped by the Majestic, which arrived in New York on March 26; the other, destined for Brooklyn, was shipped by the steamer Quila, which arrived at New York March 29. Both bags disappeared in transit between the steamers and the postoffices. It is stated that they were handed ever to the mail. that they were handed over to the mail boats and receipted for. Efforts have been made to keep the theft a secret while the investigation is going on

AUTHORITIES KNOW LITTLE. AUTHORITIES KNOW LITTLE.

New York, April 26.-Postal authorities in this city tonight professed to know little about the loss reported in a dispatch from London of two mail bags containing securities and other valu-ables worth about \$500,000, which are said to have disappeared in this port in March, Postmaster Edward M. Morgan and Postal Inspector Walter S. Mayer both stated tonight that there had been no complaints or inquiries, and they thought it impossible for \$500,-000 worth of securities and other property to disappear without a complaint

Postal Inspector Mayer said that it was true that a couple of mail bags, which should have arrived here late in March, were missing and as yet unac-counted for, but the authorities here were inclined to believe that the ab-sence of the bags was due to an error. He said he thought they had probably here wrongly labeled been wrongly labeled.

ARTILLERY TUGBOATS.

Washington, April 27.—Proposals for the construction of 12 steel tugboats, the construction of 12 steel tugocats, 100 feet long, for service in the coast jartillery district, have been invited by the quartermaster general of the army. These boats will be slightly larger than those heretofore built for these purposes, possessing among other characteristics, living quarters for the full creations.

TORNADO'S WORK IN THE SOUTH

Killed Number 350; Painfully and Seriously Injured, 1,200; Homeless, Thousands.

REMARKABLE EXPERIENCES.

Many Had Them-Forty-Six Towns in Four States Report Great

New Orleans, April 26 .- The totals of leath, misery and ruin caused in four southern states by Friday's tornadoes ame to hand today in approximately orrect form. Briefly stated they are: Killed, about 350; injured painfully seriously, 1,200; homeless, several

Towns reporting serious wreckage, 46; habitations and business houses practically complete ruin in these towns, about 2,500.

The above figures do not include the reckage of plantations and farms, cores of which were struck and dam-

NUMBER OF DEAD.

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The number of dead may never be known accurately, for the reason that about 300 of them were negroes, and they were buried in many communities without careful records being made of their numbers. While some of the first reports giving apparently reliable death lists have since proved unreliable, nevertheless remote places which were late in reporting their dead have served to hold the total death list around 350. The manner in which this death list has grown for two days, in spite of continued substractions. n spite of continued substractions from early reports, has been a melan-holy index of the interstate scope of

the disaster.

By following the wreckage of towns the general direction of the tornadoes can be traced closely. Apparently the storm struck in three separate currents, each describing the arc of a circle and traveling toward the northeast.

east.

The first of these struck through northern Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee before daylight Friday morning. The second appeared farther south about 7 o'clock in Louisiana and Mississippi. This apparently was the portion of the storm which had swept through Alabama and Georgia on Friday night and Saturday morning. The day night and Saturday morning. The third portion of the storm appeared during Friday afternoon further south than either of its predecessors. This was the storm which demolished Amite, La, and Purvis, Miss., the town in which the wreckage was worst.

WHY FATALITIES SO LARGE.

Why the fatalities were so large is willy the fatalities were so large is apparently today from a glance at the photographs which have arrived here from many portions of the tornado belt. They all cell the same story. Whale blocks of what were formerly little residences and cabins he spread over the ground in separate boards. If a huge lumber pile had been scattered over these great the surpose. tered over these areas the number of boards unattached to anything else could scarcely have been greater. Uncould scarcely have been greater. Under this mass of wreckage many hundreds of persons were buried, not one in a hundred escaping without some injury. The houses which were thus scattered about were mostly negro habitations. The homes of the whites held together better, and the photographs show many of them with half the top of the upper half of the structure ringed off but leaving the helow! ture ripped off, but leaving the below protections which must have saved scores from death.

REMARKABLE EXPERIENCES. Along with the accounts of suffering

At Amite, La., when the tornado appeared there were seven persons at the dinner table at Hamilton Warner's home,including three children. One of the diners, Claude Bennett, saw the the diners, Claude Bennett, saw the whirling cloud in time to shout a warning and rushed out doors, but the others remained in the room. The wind in a second tore off two doors on opposite sides of the room, and an astonishing procession of live and inanimate objects began to pass into the room through these doorways. First same a calf running before the wind. The animal jumped over the dining table and went out the opposite door. Afterwards came a horse. Three children sought refuge under the table, ren sought refuge under the table, and no one was injured. Today has been one of relief meas-

res throughout the wrecked district.

The rulined towns have been visited by thousands of spectators, many of whom went with a few dollars in their pockets to distribute among the needy. Sheds made from the wreckage have become the homes of hundreds. Small parties of men an horseback have gone through country districts taking inventories of the assistance needed and rendering aid where it was most necessary. At least a dozen relief funds have been started is as many cities and towns. CANADIAN TOWN

Little French Hamlet of Notre Following is a list by states of the town reporting more or less dam-Dame de Salette, Province of age:
Louisiana—Lucerne, Kenmore, Lamourie, Richard, Amite, Essie, Pine, Angie, Franklinton, Sheridan, Avard, Eunice, Total 12.
Mississippi—Giles Bend, Purvis, Lorman, Church Hill, Tillman, Melton, Bayterville, Bruxton, Sundower, Wahalak, Wingate, Columbus, Walls, Fairchild's Creek, Quitman's Landing, McLaurin, McCallum, Winchester, Pine Ridge, Total, 19. Quebec. Scene of Disaster.

AT LEAST THIRTY ARE KILLED

Was Built on Mountain Side-Place Has No Telephone or Telegraph, Details Hard to Get.

Buckingham, Quebec, April 26 .-Half the little French hamlet of Notre Dame de Salette, 16 miles from here on the Lievre river, disappeared today under a sliding mountain, and at least 39 of its small population are known have perished. The hamlet has no telephone or telegraph, nor is it on a railroad. Meager bits of news of the disaster came in by messenger from the physicians and other rescuers who were hurried there when the first calls for aid came early this morning.

The river Lievre winds at the foot of the hamlet, and a mountain towers

behind. Spring rains for days have been melting snow and lee on the mountainside, and streams have been coursing down to the river.

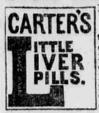
At 5 o'clock this morning, just as the little hamlet began to stir for early mass, plant of the mountain started to slide toward the river. It tore a peth of death and destruction for its way, and those who were not for its way, and those who were not killed when their homes were engulfed were left buried under the mass of rock and earth. Camille La Pointe's house stood first in the path of the avalanche. He and his family of 11 are avalanche. He and his family of II are known to have perished. Eight others, whose names have not been obtained, are known to be missing, and the res-cuers are attempting to find definitely how. how many more are missing. Mrs. Desjardin's cottage also was swept away, and she, with her two children, a domestic and a hired man, are known to be buried in the landslide.

De Salette, like many hamlets of its leids on the mountainside, so about half of it was not in the path of the slide. The sliding mass rushed with a roar and spread fan-like over part of the place and dumped itself in the awellen stream at its foot. Cut off from the outside world, messengers were dispatched to Houpere, the nearest hamlet. Those who arrived first estimated that at least a dozen houses were crushed in the path of the landslide. Buckingham was appealed to, but the flight of the messenger across the spring roads was slow. Those first on the scene found De Salette in a panic, with the uninjured ones packing their belongings for flight.

The first messenger to Buckingham ordered 25 ooffins to be sent to De Salette, and all the physicians of the town were hurried across country with rescue pairties. escue partles.

Tatest reports from De Salette make the number of known dead 30, of which 11 bodies have been recovered. In all 20 houses were engulfed in the slide. De Salette was built on the two banks of the river Lievre. One house on the west bank containing the only tele-

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tain, and in its wreek communication with the outside world was cut off. The slide carried two houses on the west bank into the swollen river and across to the east bank and then cov-ered is houses there. The river was dammed and these who were not killed

dammed and those who were not killed in the avalanche were drowned.

De Salette was built on a blue clay which rested on a stratum of limestone. Five years ago there was a similar disaster at Poupere and each spring the luhabitants along the river live in fear of landsides. Poupere then slipped gently into the river without loss of life, Landsides along the river are common each spring with the rains and swollen streams

The Lilevre at De Salette was a torient 50 yards wide. Occupants of the houses on the west bank felt the ground slipping and made a rush for safety.

out were carried into the river

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