We are informed that a severe storm

On Friday, the fire at the corner of the Willard, and on Saturday, the fire at the corner of the Madison, was reported as being under control. A large part of the city was destroyed, but the loss is estimated at $500,000. A large number of people were injured, and several were killed. The fire is said to have been caused by carelessness in the use of lighted matches.

The United States Department of Agriculture has published a report on the condition of the cotton crop in the South. The report states that the crop is in good condition, and that the yield will be greater than that of last year. The report also states that the demand for cotton is increasing, and that prices are likely to rise.