Syndicate Will Take a Large Amount of Cotton

OFFER OF 13 CENTS

Sales 13

FARMERS MAY HOLD HIGHER

A Proposition That Insures a High Price For Cotton to the Producer-May Hold For 15 Cents.

Atlanta, Ga.-Special. - President Harvie Jordan, of the Southern Cotton Association, made the following announcement:

"I have secured an agreement with a syndicate of Eastern capitalists, headed by E. R. Thomas, to take 500,-000 bales of middling cotton from Southern planters at the minimum price of 13 cents a pound, deliverable at interior points or the ports, by or before July 1, 1906, the deal to be closed as soon as option on the syndicate's requirements shall have been secured.

"The agreement further provides for the taking of all cotton ready for market next Aungust and September from the crop of 1906 at the then market prices, to be not less than the minimum price fixed by the Southern Cotton Association. This agreement is not intended to affect holders who are demanding a maximum of 15 cents at present. New York bankers are prepared to finance fully all Southern bankers in assisting holders of cotton for higher prices. Option contracts will be forwarded upon appli-

What Our National Law Makers Are Doing Day by Day.

WORK

CONGRESS AT

The Senate adopted a joint resolution reported by Mr. Tillman from the Senate committee on Interstate commerce, which directs the Interstate Commerce Commission to investigate the charge of discrimination and combination in restraint of trade made against the railroads. The adoption of the resolution was preceded by a speech by Mr. Tillman, in which he practically charged that the administration was not proceeding in good faith to secure railroad legislation, because he was not satisfied with the President's advisers. Among these he mentioned Secretary Root and Senator Knox, the former of whom he said was an adviser of the "magnates responsible for the devilment", and the latter of whom had been for years attorney for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. Mr. Knox contradicted the charge relative to himself, saying that he never had been attorney for the Pennsylvania Railroad.

The joint resolution passed by the Senate for the investigation of railroads instructs the Interstate Commerce Commission to inquire:

First, whether any common carriers by railroad, subject to the Interstate commerce act, own or have any interest in, by means of stock ownership in other corporations, or otherwise, any of the coal or other products which they, or any of them, directly or through other companies which they have an interest, carry over their or any of their lines, as common carriers.

Second, whether the officers' of any of the carriers aforesaid or any person or persons charged with the duty of distributing cars or furnishing fa-

A \$200,000,000 LOAN WRECK AT GREENSBORD POLITICAL WARFARE on the table were: Howard, Lee, Bartlett, Bell, Brantlev and Livingston of Georgia; Gaines and Houston of Tennessee; Rixley Jones and Lamb of Virginia; Pou and Small of North Carolina.

The Parker bill requiring the return of freight rebates was passed, also a measure relating to court proceedure. The rebate bill provides that when a rebate has been received with guilty knowldge it is a violation of law, double the amount is to be returned by the recipient and half of this amount is to go to the informant.

News in Brief.

M. Olivier Taigny, formerly French charge d'affaires in Venezuela, on going ashore in New York talked breifly about his differences with Castro, and afterward went to Washington to confer with Ambassador Jusserand.

The testimony in Greene and Gavnor case related largely to stock deals of Captain Carter with New York brokers.

Mrs. Antoinette Tolla, sentenced to leath for murdering a man, got another reprieve of 60 days.

Three Struck and Killed.

York, Pa., Special-Three men were struck and killed by an accomodation on the Northern Central Railroad, near Seitzland, 16 miles south of this city. The victims were part of the crew of a fast northbound train. They were repairing a burst tire of the driving wheel of the locomotive and, blinded and deafened by the escaping steam, did not notice the approach of the accomodation.

Texas Central to Build Extensions.

Austin, Tex., Special .- The Texas Central Railroad filed an amendment to its charter providing for the construction of a branch road from Waco to the town of Stamford, in Jones county, also a branch from Chairette in Erath county to Straw, in Palo Pinto county, and for a branch from Daleon in Comanche county to Nolain. in Nolan county. The total distance of these three branches will be 163 miles.

A Progressive Movement By

the Southern Railway

IT MEANS MUCH TO THE SOUTH

Official Announcement is Made That the Road's Stocksholders Will Be Asked to Authorize Creation of New General Mortgage, at Four Per Cent. President Spencer Stating That Dividends on Preferred Stock Will Not Be Jeopardized-How the Vast Sum Will be Expended_\$99.834.000 to be Reserved for Future.

New York, Special .- Announcementwas made that the Southern Railway Company has decided to ask the stockholders to authorize the issue of \$200,000,000 development and general mortgage four per cent. bonds. Of this amount \$15,000,000 will be issued immediately for the following purposes: \$4,962,774 to refund payments for equipment heretofore made and charged to capital; \$3,500,000 to refund investments in securities of, and advances to, subordinate companies heretofore made and for the acquisition of property not heretofore funded, and \$6,536,226 for double track, revision of grades, new wards, ships, etc.

The balance, of \$185,000,000, will be reserved for the following purposes: \$31,158,000 to retire divisional prior lien bonds on properties acquired for which no provision is made in the consolidation mortgage; \$16,000,000 to retire not later than April 1, 1909, collateral trust fives; 18,008,000 to retire, as they mature in the next 15 years, equipment capital obligations; \$10,000,000 to acquire capital stocks of certain lines; \$10,000,000 to pay, not later than July 1, 1908 for the eastern division of the Tennessee Central and immediate improvements. After provision for the foregoing bligations are made there will be left \$99,834,000, which will be used to provide for future acquitions and bet-

Fast Passenger Train No. 34, on Southern Railway, Crushes Into a Switch Engine in Pomona Yards-Three Trainmen Instantly Killed and Two Scumb Later. Greensbor, Special .- Five trainmen

were killed and one seriously injured in a collision between north-bound passenger train No. 34, of the Southern Railway, and aswitch engine at Pomonia, at 1:20 o'clock Sunday morning. The dead are: Owen Norville, engineer of No. 34.

W. W. Sellers, engineer of the switch engine.

Charles H. Johnson, fireman on switch engine.

S. Y. Newman, yard brakeman. William Bailey, telegraph student. No passengers were injured. Wm. Sparger, fireman of No. 34 was badly hurt, but will recover.

The wreck occurred near the Pomora yard office and almost directly in front of the Central Carolina fair grounds, one mile west of this city." Train No. 34, in charge of Engineer Owen Norville, ran into the switch engine in charge of Engineer W. W. Sellers. Both engineers, Charles H. Johnson, fireman on the switch engine,, were instantly killed, and S. G. Newman, yard brakeman on the switch engine, and William Bailey, a young man reported to be learing telegraphy, who, it is supposed, was riding on the engine to the Pomona telegraph office, both received injuries from which they died, Newman lived only one hour after the accident and Bailey expired at 12 o'clock at Greensboro Hospital, where he was

Street Duel in Savannah, Ga. **Between Factions**

FOUR PERSONS WERE WOUNDED

Petty Politicians Belonging to Rival City Organization Do Battle in Street, Exchanging Some 40 Shots -Was Third Street Fight Recently.

Savannah. Ga., Special.-Political partisans of the two rival factions had a pistol fight in front of the exchange. "Babe" Dyer was killed: Frank Nagle, a by-stander, was shot through the eye and is in a critical condition; Pat Kearney, policeman off duty at this time, was shot through the neck, and C. H. of "Sap" Dyr was shot twice through the legs.

"Snatcher" Dyer and Thomas Hewitt, a private detective, are unde arrest. Besides those under arrest or wounded, those who participated in the shooting were: Harbor Master James McBride; his son, Tim McBride who is a clerk in his father's office: Plumbing inspector Richard McKenna and James Lane, keepr of the police stables.

- It is not known definitely who fired the shots by which the killed and wounded were struck. The shooting was general and about 40 shots were fired.

The battle started when the three Dyers attacked McKenna, one felling bim with a billy. The others came to the assistance of McKenna.

cation to all cotton growers.

Four Lose Lives in Fire.

Portland, Ore .- Special -At least four persons lost their lives in a fire that swept a busy commercial district at the east end of the Morrison street bridge spanning the Willamette river and eleven persons were seriously injured.

The first started in the Mount Hood Saloon and consumed that place and the lodging house above it, in which a majority of those killed and injured were sleeping. Twenty-two horses, property of the Eastside Transfer Co., were destroyed.

Watchhman Nathaniel P. Young met death in a heroic effort to save the horses. He made several trips into the transfer company's stables and finally was cut off by the flames. Looking from an upper window, he waved his hands to the crowd below, and cried: "Good-bye, boys; I can't get out this time," and he fell back into the flames."

The loss if \$50,000.

England Blames Germany.

London, by Cable.-It is expected in official circles that the Algeciras Conference will break up, possibly during the present week, leaving the Moroccan situation where it was before the conference was called. Germany is given the credit for the failure. In fact, it is believed here that Emperor William, realizing that there is no hope of Germany's demands being endorsed by the powers, is now anxious that the conference shall fail. Great Britain maintains her position, supporting the French demands in regard to the police, and cannot see any reason for a compromise. Should the conference break up, it is understood that France will continue her policy of policing the Algerian frontier, and should serious trouble break out within the Sultan's domains, France will undertake to suppress them, notifying the powers that she cannot allow the disorder to continue, as it threatens the peace of her colony

Greene-Gaynor's Sixth Week.

Savannah, Special .- The trial of Greene and Gaynor entered upon its sixth week. The most recently expressed opinions of council for both the government and the defense indicate that it will consume at least six weeks longer. Greater progress has been made during the last two weeks

cilities to shippers are interested, either directly or indirectly, by means of stock ownership or otherwise, in corporations or companies owning, operating, leasing, or otherwise interested in any coal mines, coal properties, or any other traffic over the railroads with which they or any of them are connected or by which they or any of them are employed.

Third, whether there is any con-

tract, combination in the form of trust or otherwise, or conspiracy in restraint of trade or commerce among the several States, in which any common carrier engaged in the transportation of bituminous coal or other products is interested, or to which it is a party; or whether any such common carrier monopolizes or attempts to monopolize, or combines or conspires with any other carrier, company or companies, person or persons to monopolize, any part of the trade or commerce in bituminous coal, or other traffic among the several States, or with foreign nations, and whether or not, and if so to what extent, such carriers or any of them limit and control, directly or indirectly, the output

of coal mines or the price of coal. Fourth, if the Interstate Commerce

Commission shall find that the facts set forth in the three paragraphs above do exist, then that it be further required to report as to their, effect upon the general public as consumers of such coal and other products.

Fifth, that said commission be also required to investigate and report the system of car distribution in effect upon the several railway lines engaged in the transportation of bituminous coal or other products as aforesaid, and whether said system is fair and equitable, and whether the same are carried out fairly and property; and whether said carriers or any of them discriminate against shippers or parties wishing to become shippers, over their several lines, either in the matter of distribution of cars or in furnishing of facilities of instrumentalities connected with the receiving, forwarding or carrying of coal as aforesaid.

The commission is also required to report remedies for the evils if they exist, to report any pertinent facts or conclusions, and to make the investigation at its earliest convenience.

In the House.

to establish a whipping post for wife- the Order of the Red Eagle to Count beaters in District of Columbia, and Witte was announced. then laid it on the table, effectively disposing of it by a vote of 153 to 60. The most impassioned speech for the measure was delivered by Mr. Hepburn, of Iowa, who depicted the brutality of the man who beat his wife, and declared that to be whipped was hardly adequate punishment. Mr. Adams opened the discussion with a serious speech in favor of the bill. All of the opposing speeches partook of levity, and Mr. Adams received more than one fling because he is a bachelor. Mr. Sims, of Tennessee, opposing the bill, predicted that it would get one vote only in the House. The President, he said, had advocated increasing punishment for wife-beaters a year ago, "but he is a year older now, and his message said nothing about it." He made the further point that the report of the local chief of police indicated that 'co'mmon law wives and other females" received most of the beatings. "Some one has suggested we amend the bill to apply to wife-chasers," he declared further. "I don't whom they would hit." (Laughter.)

Midnight Fire in Wilmington.

Wilmington, Special .- Fire of an inknown origin which broke out shorty before midnight totally destroyed the Willard Bag and Manufacturin Company's building, the Germania Hall building, several warehouses, and badly damaged adjoining property in one of the principal business blocks of the city. The loss between \$75,000 and \$100,000, pretty well covered by insurance. The loss in the bag and overall factory alone is \$40,000.

IN THE PUBLIC EYE.

Thomas A. Edison, the wizard, is something of a joker.

Senator Crane, of Massachusetts, is an expert judge of paper.

The Sultan of Turkey has a camera made by an American firm.

Senator William A. Clark, of Montana, has a high, reedy tenor voice. M. Fallieres, the newly elected French President, was born in Mezin. Senator La Follette, of Wisconsin, is said to be the only vegetarian in the Senate.

Senator McLaurin, of Mississippi had limited opportunities for an early education.

Admiral Dewey, dapper, smiling, and sprightly, is a familiar figure on Washington's streets.

King Carlos of Portugal an artist of considerable ability, usually sends his paintings as gifts.

King Edward carefully preserves programmes of the proceedings in which he has taken part.

President Schurman, of Cornell University, was a member of the commission sent to the Philippines.

Newspaper men in Washington, D. C., find it impossible to get within speaking distance of Senator Depew these days.

Gen. John C. Bates, head of the general staff, is the first bachelor in the history of the American army to attain this eminence.

Governor A. J. Montague, of Virginia, has been elected professor of constitutional and international law in Richmond College.

The presentation by Emperor Will-The House had sport with the bill lam of the Chain and Great Cross of

President Samuel Spencer, of the Southern Railway Company, in a communication to the voting trustees of the capital stock of the company relative to the proposed bond issue, says that the existing financial condition of the the company is such as to justify the creation of a new mortgage and the immediate issue of \$15,000,000 of the new bonds as proposed without disturbance of the dividend now paid on the preferred stock.

terments.

England Launches Monster.

Portsmouth, Eengland, By Cable .--The monster battleship, Dreadnaught, which, when finished, will have cost \$7,500,000, was launched here Saturday by King Edward. The ceremony was the most simple imaginable, the King having vetoed all decorations and pagentry on account of the death of his father-in-law, King Christian. There was a moment of suspense after the King touched the electric button removing the last block, as the huge ship hesitated and appeared reluctant to take the water. But, ultimateiy, she glided down the ways in safety. This is the heaviest and fastest battleship ever constructed.

Bigamist Hoch Must Hang.

Springfield, Ill., Special .- The Supreme Court denied a rehearing in the case of Johann Hoch, sentenced ta be hanged in Chicago, Feb. 23, for wife murder.

Two Brothers Shot Down.

Rochelle, Ga., Special-At the home of Jesse Hearn North, of Rochelle, Joe Watts shot and instantly killed D. S. McDuffie, sons of D. S. McDuffie, Sr., and aged 19 and 16 respectively. They were at the gate leaving for home from a party. There were few words between Watts and the elder McDuffie . Then Watts shot both the young men through the heart. killing them instantly. Watts fled and is now being pursued by the

taken for treatment. W. M. Sparger, fireman on train No. 34, was also injured, but will recover. He is at the hospital and it is stated that he will be able to be out within a week.

Hasty's Trial February 26.

Gaffney. Special .-- George Hasty, of this city, who fatally shot Milan Bennett and George Abbott Davidson, of the "Nothing but Money" threatrical company here December 15, 1905, will be tried on the charge of murder February 26. Hasty, who has been in jail since the killing, will be defended by local councel. The prosecution will. be conducted by T. S. Sease, State attorney for the circuit, who will be assisted, it is understood, by special councel employed by the Actor's Association of New York, which has taken the matter up. Several witnesses of the tragedy, members of the theatrical company, will appear on the stand for the State.

. Three Die by Fire in Lockup.

Eastman, Ga., Special.-Saturday night the town barracks with its three inmates, who were placed there for drunk and disorderly conduct, being consumed. The inmates were D. A. Cooper, Elbert Mullis and John B. Hart, all white men. Cooper was about 55 years old and left a large family. Mullis was about 50 years old and leaves a large family also. Hart was a young man and left a wife and child. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Clyde Line Officers.

New York, Special .-- Calvin Austin and M. H. Campbell have been elected president and treasurer, respectively. of the new incorporated Clyde Steamship company of Maine. Mr. Austin is president of the Metropolitan Steamship company, which is one of the Forse lines. Mr. Campbell is president of the People's line, which operates steamboats between this city and Albany. The directors of the new company will be selected next week.

Five Die by Asphyxiation.

Boston, Special .- A woman and four children were found dead in bed in their home on 29 Dennis street, Roxbury district. An investigation by the police indicates that the woman Mrs. Annie L. Dixon, had killed the children and herself by opening three

DEMANDES OF MINERS.

Intimations Are Unofficially Given at Wilkesbarre-Eight-Hour Day and Slight Wage Increase in Program.

Wikesbarre, Pa., Special.-The anthricite scale committee of the United Mine Workers went into session here. An agreement having been made at the Shamokin convention that Mr. Mitchell should act as the press committee nothing definite was given out. It is intimated, however, that six requests are to be made when the miners' delegates and railroad and mine officials meet. They are as follows:

(1) An eight-hour day for the company hands.

(2) A trade agreement with the operators.

(3) Slight increase in wages for all classes in and about the mines.

(4) Uniform scale for rock, slate. water and all other dead work.

1,000 Pennsylvania Miners Strike.

Punaisutanwey, Pa., Special-At a mas meeting here of miners employed by the Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburg Coal and Iron Company, the Jefferson and Clearfield Coal and Iron Company, and allied concerns with headquarters here, it was decided unanimously not to go to work again until all grievances between the men and the companies have been adjusted. It is alleged by the miners that the Altoona scale is being violated. About 1,000 men are affected.

Greene-Gaynor Case Drags.

Savanuah, Specia: -- The accounts f O. M. Carter and R. F. Wescott, his father-in-law, with New York brokers, were offered un evidence by the government in the Greene and Gaynor case. A number of witnesses were examined, among them being three representatives of New York banking or brokerage houses.

Considerable progress was made in the presentation of the evidence shown in the acounts, but there is yet much more.

Kills Sick Woman and Suicides.

San Fransisco, Special.-Ebb Coley, who lived near Macon, Ga., and who was formerly a sergeant in the Sixteenth Company of the Coast Artillery, having also served in the Twentieth Field Artillery, shot and killed Josie Labat, of Santa Clara; and then shot and killed himself. The shooting occurred in a room at the Grand Pacific Hotel. Coley killed the woman as she lay in bed, sick and helpless. The couple had lived together for some time.

than seemed likely during the earlier stages of the trial.

Canton Victim to Blame.

Hong Kong, By Cable .- A dispatch received here from Canton says that the anti-foreign sentiment there due to the attitude of the Viceroy, appears to be determined to create friction with the United States States. The Viceroy, up to the present time has taken no action in connection with the representations of the consular body regarding the recent attacks on foregners. A leflet has been widely circulated in the city of Canton urging the people to co-operate with a view to the expulsion of the Vicerov.

May Establish Fruit Exchange. Martinsburg, Special. - President Alexander Clohan, of the Berkeley County Horticultural Society, has issued a call for a meeting of the society on Saturday, February 10, for the purpose of discussing the establishment of a fruit exchange in this city. Prof. W. E. Rumsey, of the West Virginia Agricultural Station, will address the society on the ques tion of scale destroyers.

Among those who voted against laying the Adams whipping post bill

Poultney Bigelow, who recently criticised conditions in Panama, has resigned as special lecturer on international law at Boston University.

LAUNDRY BAGS FOR THE MAN. Here is the way to make a bag for "the man"-a bag that will not fill his soul with distrust and his mind with wild misgivngs as to which is the right way to enter its mysterious depths:

Cut a round cardboard that measpres seven inches in diameter; cover this with any preferred materialdark blue or crimson satin, or brown, are perhaps the most lasting, and therefore preferable. Buy a strip of leather at any finding shop, six inches wide and long enough to go all around the edge of the round; line this strip, which should be of the same color as the covering on the cardboard, with some of the satin or whatever has been selected; bind the edges with narrow ribbon; overhand one edge to the round, and in the other punch holes in eyelet style, through which runs a cord.

Into this convenient bag collars may go in the same shape as brought from the laundry, without the trouble of lifting a lid-only pulling open the top and drawing it up again by the cord. Nearly Wiped Out by Flames.

sheriff.

New Martinsville, W. Va., Special -Fire broke out in Littleton, an oil town near here, and before it could be extinguished nearly every business house was destroyed, about 800 of the 1.50 inhabitants were without home: and a financial loss of more than \$200-000 was sustained.

For Causing Run on Bank.

New Orelans, Special.-The sensational run on the Germania Savings Bank last year had its sequel in the conviction for criminal libel of Peter Kiernan, the owner and editor, and Jesse Webb, the city editor, of The Daily American, the newspaper which caused the flurry. The paper has since loss of popularity following the attack on the bank.

gas jets.

Ex-Senator Hill Improved.

Charleston, S. C., Special.-Since his arrival here, the condition of former United States Senator David B. Hill, of New York, has shown marked and steady improvement. He is muc' strengthened. Mr. Hill expressed himself as being delighted with the climate of Camden, which is proving so beneficial to his health. He is to remain here until the termination of the season, having been ordered here by his physician, the ex-Senator being in need of rest and change of climate

Souvenir Stamps for Jamestown Exposition.

Norfolk, Special .- Postmaster General Cortelyou has notified the board of governors of the Jamestown Exposition Company that the Postoffice Department will publish a special issue of souvenir stamps commemorating suspended, largely as the result of its | the Jamestown Exposition. They will be in denomination of one and two cents and will be of appropriate design.

Longworth Has Tonsilitis.

Washington, Special-Representative Nicholas Longworth, of Ohio, whose marriage to Miss Alice Roosevelt is to take place one week from Saturday, is ill at the home of his mother in this city. Mrs. Longworth stated, however, that the illness is not serious and that her son would be all right in a few days. He has a slight attack of tonsilitis.

Paul Lawrence Dunbar Dead.

Dayton, Ohio, Special .- Paul Laurence Dunbar, the poet of the negro race, died at his home of consumption. For three years he has been seriously ill and for a year critically ill, but he kept at his work intermittenly and wrote his last poem for his Christmas book, "Howdy, Honey, Honey," just before Christmas.