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THE SOUTH'S GREAT INDUS-TRIAL PAPER.

The losses in the appalling conflagration in Baltimore were so stupendous that many of the serious individual calamities are only beginning to dawn upon us.

The STAR's dispatches covered the general story of the great fire, and it was stated that all of Baltimore's newspaper establishment's were destroyed, but we have just realized that among the publications to meet with misfortune was America's greatest industrial and financial paper, the Manufacturers' Record. The printing establishment of that journal, to the influence of which we have often attributed the miraculous industrial growth of the South, went up in ashes, and for that calamity the STAR has a special regret.

It affords us pleasure, however, to state that the Record will not miss an issue but will appear this week as usual. As soon as the Record's printing house was burned, the enterprising publishers at once made arrangements to have this week's issue printed through the co-operation of three of the largest printing establishments in Philadelphia. Thiswill be good news throughout the South where the Record covers a wider field in financial, industrial, and business circles than any publication in the United. States.

It is gratifying for the STAR to state also that the lessons taught by the fire have caused the publishers of the Manufacturers' Record to decide to erect in Baltimore a building for its exclusive use. Meanwhile the Record Publishing House has closed a contract for two full floors at Holliday and Saratoga streets, Baltimore, and is putting in a full equipment of the most modern presses, the latest type, etc., so that operations will be resumed in Baltimore as soon as possible.

COLONIAL BLOOD PUDDLES.

The cablegrams yesterday tell us that if China's proclamation of neutrality during the Russo-Jap war is observed "it will, of course, prevent the use of her (China's) soil by elther Russian or Japanese troops."

Yet, Corea, a so-called independent, sovereign empire, and Manchuria, a province of China, must be trampled up and bedaubed with blood by two nations that ought to scatter each other's carcasses on their own ground!

The Coreans and the Manchurians have to dodge bullets and nide out from suella and have their business, industrial and agricultural pursuits paralyzed for an indefinite period, while the fighters are butchering each other to settle the question as to which, vampire like, shall feast and suck the life blood out of Corea and Manchuria.

It is not a battle for liberty but for trade and spoils, and probably Corea and Manchuria are of the opinion that it is "dog eat dog."

Thus we see that the "colonial policy" of two so-called civilized nations leads them to shed the gore of men far away from their homes, and about all the soldiers get out of it is privation, hunger, disease, suffering, festering wounds and bloody graves,

We read of the "Dark Ages," but if the ashes of the people of those periods could scramble out of earth at "the witching hour of night, when churchyards yawn and Hell itself breathes out contagion to the world," they would hold up their hands and exclaim:

"Tis the damned spot we left! but now 'tis hell itself!"

In the Philippines, in the land of the Boers and throughout Africa. A cablegram states that "Lloyd there are fresh colonial blood pudhas raised rates of insurance against dles, and in Corea and Manchuria risk of war between Great Britain there are others. and France from 20 to 30 per cent." Gee whiz! we didn't know that

Russia has a fleet of war vessels bottled up in the Black Sea. Turkey made an agreement with other powers a number of years ago not to allow the Black Sea fleet to pass through the Dardanelles and Great Britain would never consent to allow the Russian ships to come through. These ships have no way of skating arross the country, hence the greedy Japanese will never get has so far escaped a Japanese them for breakfast.

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under the penal code.

every description.

WAR ON FORTUNE TELLERS.

Under the laws in New York for-

ing on some of them to have his

fortune told. He had to cough up

the cash, too, but he had lots of

fun, and if he goes to the end of the

rainbow he will find "sky-scrapers"

full of gold, diamonds by the

schooner load, and costly gems of

Instead of making the fortune

tellers hand out unlimited graft to

keep from being exposed in a bright.

clean newspaper, the reportor parted

with his coin of the realm and gave

the fortune tellers a free write-up. It

was an entertaining and clever ex-

posure of a set of unprincipled

swindlers and freebooters, and the

purpose of the Globe was to do a

valuable public service in getting

The result of the Globe's expose

of the methods of the witches and

oracles who have been imposing

upon and fleecing the public is that

war is to be made on the breed.

A list of the names of the fakirs,

male and female, has been handed

to Police Commissioner McAdoo

and he will assign two plain-

clothes men to the work of driv-

ing them out of their present

The Globe ascertained that there

were several degrees of imposition

practiced on people and that the

classes of fortune tellers ran all the

way from pestilence breeders to

those who hold forth in luxury.

They are to be found in every pre-

cinct of the city and they find it not

only easy to gather the hard-earned

cash of the working classes but to

Police Commissioner McAdoo, in

taking hold of the complaints

against the fakers, said many poor

people who are hardly able to buy

bread, rake up money to have their

their fortunes told, and as for so-

ciety people, many of them believe

implicitly everything the seers tell

them and pay them fabulous sums

It is pad enough for the poor and

gnorant to be fooled by the villain-

ous seers, but it is astonishing that

people of wealth and social stand-

ing are so feather-headed as to fall

into their traps. If the Globe is the

means of driving the imposters out,

not merely causing them to simply

change their locations, that splen-

did newspaper will deserve a bless-

At any rate, the exposure will

open the eyes of the public to the

enormity of the swindling opera-

tions, and it will probably enlighten

many who would otherwise be

During a recent gun practice by

the United States cruiser Missouri,

off the Chesapeake capes, a shell

fired from a 12 inch gun fell into the

ocean within a few hundred feet of

a vessel fifteen miles distant. It

probably covered the 15 miles in

forty seconds, and its velocity was

so swift that no glass could trace its

course. The Missouri could lay off

Wrightsville and land shells in the

The House naval committee is

generally commended in accepting

Admiral Dewey's advice as to the

kinds of new war ships to build for

our navy. The appropriation this

year will be \$4,000,000, to be used in

two armored cruisers and two co

liers. There is also a propositio.

to expend an additional \$82,000,000

It is reported that Admiral Stark,

As this is election year and every

North Carolinian will want to vote

not pay their poll tax cannot vote.

France would risk a war with Great

Perhaps the Russians have a to-

boggan slide for the Japanese cmy

when it goes over into frozen Ma.

Britain.

A word to the wise is sufficient.

commanding the Russian fleet at

the construction of one battleship,

city of Wilmington.

for new war ships.

for their tommyrot.

duped.

leece people high up in society.

abodes.

the law after the vampires.

WILMINGTON, N. C., FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1904.

VICE CRUSADE.

tune tellers, or those who pretend to tell fortunes, are classed as dis-Compromise Reached in Law and orderly persons and are punishable Order League Cases in Su-The New York Globe says there perior Court Yesterday.

are about 300 fakirs of that description in the city and recently a re-ILLICIT TRAFFIC TO STOP. porter for that paper has been call-

Eight Defendants Will Pay Costs, Vacate Houses and Walk Circumspectly in Future--As to Renting of Property for lilegal Parposes.

Upon terms which are regarded as constituting doubtful victory for either side, a wholesale compromise was reached yesterday in the thirtyodd cases being prosecuted by the Law and Order League of Wilmington, against eight or more keepers of alleged disorderly and tilfamed houses in different sections of the city. The history of the crusade against vice inaugurated systematically several months ago by certain citizens, backed by a vigorous municipal administration, is well known to readers of the city papers. Two convictions and two acquittals, with a compromise in another, had been secured after days of closely contested trials and the Superior Court had opened with the trial of another yesterday morning, when the strong array of legal counsel on both sides withdrew for a conference. The conference lasted an hour or more. when the attorneys came into court again and Solicitor Duffy announced that an agreement had been reached, which he thought would meet the ends of justice without the further tedious process of dealing with each case separately.

Those terms were afterwards found to meet with Judge Ferguson's approval and judgment was entered accordingly. Solicitor Duffy, in stating the terms to the court, said that the conference of counsel had resulted in a proposition on the part of Laura Keetor, Kate Jenkins, Lola Harris, Mattie Allen, Gussie Grier, Mamie Sheridan, Effie May and Trixle Johnson to plead guilty to the charges of keeping a bawdy house and of retailing without license and on Sunday, making a submission in three cases each, except as to Gussie Grier, only charged with retailing; Mattie Allen, selling liquor on Sunday and without license, and Laura Keetor, who only pleaded guilty to keeping a bawdy house, cases against her for retailing without license and selling on Sunday having been nol prossed. There would then be a prayer for judgment and the prayer would be continued, the defendants to pay costs in each of the cases at this term of court. It would be understood that such a disposition of the cases would be upon condition that the conduct of the houses and illicit traffic is stopped at once, the prosecution being at liberty at any time, when complaint is made, either before the next term of court in April or after that time, to pray the judgment of the court. It was also stated further that the houses occupied by the defendants would not be allowed to be rented for the purposes of prostitution. It was stated nat the grand jury had recommended that the city authorities should issue no further license except to keepers of bona-fide boarding houses and that the Superior Court would adopt the recommendation. It was also stated in concluding the settlement that it was recognized as the desire of the prosecution to put all persons on notice that if these or other houses are rented for illicit purposes, such action would be called to the attention of future grand juries and the matter vigorously prosecuted. The announcement to that effect was to put all people upon their guard and in order that no one might feel that undue advantage had been taken. The compromise outlined by Mr. Duffy was accepted and the defendants were instructed to pay the costs, which

cases against each defendant. MR. P. R. KING HAS SMALLPOX.

Well Developed Case Upon Popular Young

Business Man-Quarantined.

range from \$10 to \$25 in each of three

Mr. Frank R. King, the popular young junior member of the firm of Roger Moore's Sons & Co., yesterday developed a case of smallpox at his home, No. 711 Grace street. Mr. Port Arthur, has been called home King had been ill several days and because of the disastrous attack by Friday an eruption was noticed on his the Japanese February 8th-9th. If face by the physician in attendance. Dr. W. D. McMillan, county superinthe Czar can induce the Mikado to tendent of health, was called in and call the Jap navy home it will be the disease was pronounced smallpox. better than to break it off in poor Capt. Robert Green established a quarantine at the residence and the patient will remain there. He is fortunate in having for a nurse his father, who had the disease several for President, members of Congress years ago. Young Mr. King was restand State officers, all who have not ing very well last night. A night

tax before May 1st. All who do ed to do quarantine duty.

done so already should pay their poll | and a day policeman have been detail-

Hanging Will Be Public. The gallows for the hanging of Jabel Register, at Whiteville Thursday week, has been constructed in the jall yard there within the past few days. Contrary to the expectation of many. it is said that the execution will be public-a fact which many of the citizens of Columbus deplore, irrespective of their sympathy for or against the condemned man.

- Claude Leslie, a young white man well known in the city, was sent to jail yesterday for a term of 30 days on the county roads in default of pay-The Russian air ship Skyhigh ment of a fine of \$5 and costs in the seems to be about the only one that back costs aggregating in all \$25,80.

ITS EXCEPTIONS OVERRULED.

Corporation Commission Says A. S. L. Must Make Selma Connection ... A. & N. 6. Lease-Teachers' Assembly.

[Special Star Telegram.]

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 13. - The Corporation Commission issued an order lo-day, overruling the exceptions of the Atlantic Coast Line to the order of the Commission for schedule connection of trains of the Coast Line and Southern Railway at Selma. The order overruling the exceptions declares that facilities given heretofore by the A.C.L. should not be lessened; that the connection furnishes passengers by means of the Washington branch, Norfolk and Carolina branch, Plymouth branch and Nashville branch, with train No.185; that connection with the Southern at Selma for nearly ten years should be restored; that, if this cannot be done by Coast Line's train No. 39 as formerly, then other facili-ties should be furnished by the Coast Line: that this connection has been the principal outlet for passengers from Eastern Carolina to Selma and other Southern Railway points for the last ten years. Instead of being abandoned it should be made prominent; that this result be accomplished by extending the run of either the Spring Hope-Rocky Mount or Plymouth-Rocky Mount train from Rocky Mount to Selma to connect with the Southern or else run an extra train from Rocky Mount to Selma for this connection The terms of proposal to lease the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad as submitted by Captain McBee to Governor Aycock are for a 99-year lease-2½ per cent. ten years, 3 per cent. second ten, 4 per cent. for third ten, 5 per cent. for the next twenty years and 7 per cent. for the last forty rears. The road to be extended from lewbern to Washington; thence to lymouth and connect by steamer on Albemarle sound with Edenton. This is believed to mean that the Vanderbilts are after the road as a connection for the Norfolk and Southern from Norfolk. It is also proposed to extend the A. & N.O. from Goldsboro to Sanford, connecting there with the Seaboard Air Line, Southern, and Atlantic Coast Line.

The Executive Committee of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly decided to day to hold the next session of the assembly June 8th, at a at Pee Dee. The mistake was fatal and place to be selected at a later meeting both trains came together at full weeks. Prof. J. B. Carlyle, of Wake Forest, is president of the Assembly. The Committee on Cecil Rhodes Scholarship, in session here to-day, decided to postpone the examination of applicants until March 9th, and that all applications must be in by March 1st. North Carolina is entitled to only one scholarship.

THE NEWS IN RALEIGH.

North Carolina Ice Association-Baptis University Mortgage Cancelled.

[Special Star Correspondence,] RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 11.-The North Carolina Ice Association held its annual meeting in this city last night and elected E. R. Conger. of Edenton, president; W. E. Thompson of Greensboro, vice president, and William Dunn, of Newbern, secre tary and treasurer. was selected as the next place of meeting. W. E. Worth, of Wilming-

ton, is a member and ex-president of the Association. The case of State vs. Patterson, from Durham, involving the question of the application of the "anti-jug law to all prohibition and dispensary territory in the State, was argued before the Supreme Court to-day, Attor ney General Gilmer, H. A. Forsher and R. E. Boon appearing for the State and ex-Judge R. W. Winston and H. E. Bryan, of Durham, for the

defendant. A mortgage of \$31,000 against the Baptist Female University here was cancelled yesterday, the entire am ount having been paid off, so that the insti tution is now entirely out of debt.

Universal Oil & Pertilizer Co.

Mr. W. E. Worth, general manager of the Universal Oil & Fertilizer Co., has been granted a permit by the city to construct the buildings of the plant of his company on the block bounded by Hall, Moore, Dickinson and Ander son streets, which is near the tobacco warehouse site. The buildings will be three-story frame, metal-roof structure, 67x47 feet in size, with brick and metal roof engine and boiler room attached, an eight-inch brick wall being between. The oil is to be extracted by the Edson naptha process and tanks containing the naptha are to be placed underground, 100 feet from any build-

Cargo of Peravian Guano. The Charleston News and Courier notes the arrival in that city of the steamer "Borade" with a cargo of 5,000 tons of genuine Peruvian guano for interior shipment. The steamer "Cuzco" arrived there some time ago with a similar cargo. Within a few days a guano steamer from Peru will arrive at Wilmington for the Smith-Davis Company, of this city, which is the pioneer in reviving the Peruvian guano trade in this section. The company already has a large number of orders for interior shipment, and expects to build up a big trade in that favorite fertilizing material.

Raleigh Playhouse Lease.

J. Sherwood Upchurch has succeedd E. H. Baker as lessee of the Metropolitan Opera House in Raleigh, the last named going to St. Louis as private secretary to Prof. J. A. Holmes, in charge of the N. C. Exhibit at the Exposition. It was stated that Mr. S. A. Schloss, of Wilmington, was behind the deal but Mr. Upchurch said that was incorrect. The house rents for \$850 per year.

- The negro Randalı Pittman,

A. C. L. TRAINS CRASH

Frightful Collision of Extra and Local Freights Near Pee Dee, S. C, Saturday.

ENGINEER TAYLOR KILLED

Six Others More or Less Injured an Track Piled With Wreckage, Blocking Traffic Many Hours-Dead Man from Wilmington.

Two Atlantic Coast Line freight trains, one of them an extra from Wilmington, bound south, and the other a local, going north from Florence to Fayetteville, were in head-on collision at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon, two miles south of Pee Dee justion and only a short distance beyond the south end of the long trestle over Pee Dee river at that point. Engineer Bruce Taylor, 28 years old, of Wilmington, in charge of the extra, bound south, was almost instantly killed his; fireman, John Hay, white, of Florence, S. C., was badly injured, and five others were more or less seriously hurt. Both engines and five cars were almost completely demolished while a number of others suffered to some extent. The track was blocked until 8 o'clock Sunday morning and trains to and from the north were run by Darlington, Bennettaville, Maxton and Parkton over the old C. S. & N. and C. F. & Y. V roads, until the line was cleared.

The wreck occurred on the fill at the foot of Winona hill on Pee Dee trestle. Engineer Taylor's train was extra No. 347 and left Wilmington early Saturday morning, being drawn by one of the big Baldwin engines, recently purchased by the Coast Line. The local freight was No. 10, in charge of Engineer McLaughlin, and was going north. The extra had no orders over the local and should have looked out for it, registering for orders or waiting the extra meeting the local at the curve just beyond the river. Engineer McLaughlin, of the ocal, saw the extra approaching and jumped in time to escape with only a few bruises. Engineer Taylor could not see ahead of him the distance of more than five telegraph poles and met death in his cab. The other injured, most of whom are colored and from Florence, are:

Joshua Nichols, train hand on extra right leg and shoulder bruised. Arthur Branch, left hand bruised

and right ankle sprained. Dan Poe, slight bruises on right houlder. John Hay, firemen on extra, slight

scalp wound; arm bruised and back strained. Alonzo Moravan, trainman on local back and legs injured from jumping.

The little engine, drawing the local reight, was totally wrecked while the big Baldwin escaped with less damage. Two cars on the local were splintered; three on the extra were badly damaged while several others suffered by having the bumpers jerked out. Wreck trains from both Wilmington and Florence were immediately dispatched to the scene. On the latter a corps of physicians were sent and everything possible was done for the injured men. The Florence train arrived at the wreck at 5:30 o'clock and a large force of hands were engaged Saturday night removing the debris and clearing the

It was expected that all trains on the W., C. & A. between Wilmington and Pee Dee would have to be annulled. The main line trains were also delayed several hours as the rails are very light on the old O. S. & N. road and small engines will have to be sub- was the comment of the Tar Heel stituted for the large ones in bringing | judge. the coaches around.

The local freight from Florence was six hours late and that is assigned as the reason the extra train conductor and engineer overlooked the wait at Pee Dee. Engineer Taylor is well and favorably known in Wilmington. His home is on Castle, between Second and Third streets, and he leaves a wife and two little daughters, aged two and five years, respectively. His father. Mr. Henry Taylor, has been an emplove of the A. C. L. machine shops in this city for many years. The young engineer was formerly employed on the Seacoast railroad, but had lately been in the A. C. L. shops here and running as an extra engineer. He was a member of Wilmington Lodge of Odd Fellows and the Masonic fraternity.

- Sister Lucas and Betsle Mills, colored women of bad repute, were committed to jail for the roads by Justice Bornemann yesterday. One was found guilty of simple assault and the other couldn't pay the costs in a frivolous prosecution she brought against John Williams, colored.

- Winston's Weekly: We no longer make pilgrimages to the holy land in search of a Saviour's tomb. We build ironclad cruisers to do our searching. We no longer allow miracles to stop the sun of progress. We no longer repeat fairy tales to our children. We instruct them in the value of dividends. There is no place at our firesides for the wandering minstrel. We feed Lazarus, only after he sawed the wood. Suiwho, on Saturday, Feb. 6th, killed only after he sawed the wood. Sui-his sweetheart and then shot her cide has become the only refuge of sister because the first-named re- the weak. Like King Richard, we fused to marry him, was arrested are born with teeth. We not only near Scotland Neck a few days ago by Stephen Purvis, white, and Bud Hanson, a negro, at whose house crete "slang" has taken the place of police court, where he was charged Pittman had stopped. A reward of ornate expression. We are even with being drunk and down. He owed \$100 had been offered for Pittman's considering the proposition to make valuable ore, specimens of which he delphia, State bank examiner, is temreligion dividend paying.

RIVENBARK TO THE HOSPITAL.

Unfortunate Man Removed from Jail for Treatment in Pleasant Quarters.

Growing weaker, both physically and mentally, according to the physiclans in attendance, A. W. Rivenbark was yesterday transferred from his unpleasant surroundings in the county jail to the James Walker Memorial Hospital. The history of Mr. Rivenbark's sad case is known to readers of this paper. Upon the court's denial of a writ of habeas corpus about a week ago, he was placed under the care of Dr. W. D. McMillan, county superintendent of health, and yesterday Dr. McMillan thought best to transfer him to some place where he would more readily respond to medical treatment He is said to be affected with cirrhosis of the liver and to have vomited blood recently. The unfortunate man has many friends in Wilmington who hope for his recovery under the changed conditions that will necessarily follow his transfer to the hospital.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

- Chief Dickens, of Wilson, has brought back from Suffolk, Louis Cattle, alias Henry James, a negro wanted for the murder of an aged citizen of this State.

- Durham Herald: We lived in the east in the days when the Republicans were supposed to play dirty politics, but they did not have the gang here skinned a little bit. - The Salisbury Sun states that the Rowan Distilling Company has been chartered with a capital of

\$25,000. The company will operate rectifying and wholesale whiskey house at Salisbury. - A former Salisburian who is now living in Charlotte, raked off

\$18,000 on cotton a short while since. He went in when the rise first started and sold out at the highest price before the drop. - Durham Herald: If the State received dollar for dollar for those bonds in railroad stock, and the stock is now worth something like

\$1.70, it appears to us that we are head of the game anway it turns. Hog and hominy will pay. At the big sale of Berkshire pigs at Biltmore there was a brisk demand, the pigs bringing from \$75 to \$100. Think of one hog sale in North Carolina bringing in \$12,000. George is doing a good work in improving the sort of hogs grown in North Carolina.

- A dispatch from Cartharge says that Louis McNeill, arrested on a capias from Harnett county, for carrying concealed weapons, is thought to be the negro who assaulted Mrs. Duncan Cole, of Wil lanow, on December 21st. The ne gro is held pending developments.

— Washington Gazette-Messenger: Mr. Samuel C. Williams, Transter's creek section, is the champion hog raiser. On Monday of last week he killed a hog which weighed 526 pounds. He was six feet and six inches girth and seven feet eight inches long and would

have been three years old in March. -There is no longeranydoubt that black lead being found in Alexander. Mr. R. L. Matheson has discovered a vein on his property south of town, and brought in a fine specimen last week weighing ten and one-half pounds. If this mineral is properly worked it will become one of the many valuable resources of our country .- Taylorsville Scout.

-Judge Frank I. Osborne, Charlotte, who was in Washington a few days ago, was a college mate of John Sharp Williams, the leader of the minority in the House, at the University of Virginia. The two had a pleasant chat, reviewing boyhood days. Mr. Williams recalled that Judge Osborne voted to give him the debater's medal in the Jefferson Society. "And you won it,"

- Major Wallace, a negro who formerly worked in Kinston, was arrested at Newbern and taken to Kinston. He is charged with burning the Carolina warehouse and other property in the tobacco section of the city of Kinston. The fires were believed to be incendiary at the time, and the insurance companies offered liberal rewards for the apprehension of the guilty parties. The clored detective who had the arrest made had been quietly working up the case for some time.

- Greensboro Telegram : "The rospects for a large movement of ertilizers this Spring are very bright," said Commissioner of Agriculture S. L. Patterson last night, who was here on his way from Raeigh to Winston-Salem. The exceptional movement of fertilizers is believed to be a sign that there will be much cotton planted in North Carolina this year. The price of that staple is so attractive that many people are tempted to become cotton - Greensboro Telegram: When

the attorneys for the Greensboro Ice and Coal Company appealed to the Corporation Commission to get relief from an embargo laid by the ing up a far reaching question. And so they were, for what do we find now but the Southern's lawyers actually claiming that the Corporation Commission is an unconstitutional body. Wonder why the Southern has been so long finding this out!

- Salisbury Sun, Feb. 12: Mr. L. L. Cranford is still striking it rich on his farm near Salisbury. It ago he found gold in considerable quantity on his farm and since that time several propositions have been made him by parties who desire to sink shafts on the place. He has \$50,000, was closed yesterday by or-not yet made any deal. Yesterday der of the State banking departbrought to Salisbury last night.

THE ACADEMY LEASE.

prietors of Wilmington Playhouse Five More Years.

BIDS OPENED YESTERDAY.

Decision to Make Improvements Results ia |Almost Doubling Rental -Three Proposals of More Than \$1,200. Award Recommended.

for the five-year lease of the Academy of Music upon the opening of sealed proposals by the Public Building Committee of the Board of Aldermen yesterday at noon. There were only two other bidders, viz: Messrs. S. A. Schloss, manager of the houses in Greensboro, Charlotte and other cities in the State, and Mr. Thos. H. Wright, formerly treasurer of the theatre here when Mr. Schloss was the lessee. Messra. Cowan Bros. bid \$1,401.54; Mr. Schloss, \$1,301, and Mr. Wright \$1,205. Chairman Z. E. Murrell and Aldermen Walter E. Yopp and J. A. Karr, of the committee, wers present for the opening of the bids and at once agreed unanimously upon an award to the Messrs. Cowan. There were no protests by the other bidders as all the proposals were in strict accordance with the specifications as outlined in the official advertisement. The decision of the committee to make the award to Cowan Bros. will meet with general favor by the public. They are young men of energy, perseverance and wide experience in the theatrical profession. Their present lease expires June 1st.

The theatre is at present leased for something like \$850 and the increase is by reason of the fact that the city has agreed to expend \$4,000, or so much thereof as is needed, in decided improvements to the house, including the installation of a modern heating plant before next season. Among the other improvements will be ceiling the house and changing the prosce-- Raleigh News and Observer: nium, boxes etc. All the work will be completed not later than Sept. 15th,

MADE A FULL CONFESSION.

Negro Who Assaulted Mrs. Shields and

ROANOKE, VA., Feb. 12.-Henry Williams, colored, who was arrested at North Fork, W. Va., Tuesday, on suspicion of having committed a mur-derous assault and outrage on Mrs. George L. Shields and her three-year old daughter, in her home here on the 30th of January, made a full confession of the crime to William G. Baldwin, president of the railway special agents' association of the United States and Canada, in the Bluefield, West Va., jail, to-day. Williams gave up two watches and some clothing atolen from the Shields home. He was placed on a special train and rushed through to Richmond under a heavy guard. The train passed Roanoke at 3 o'clock this afternoon, travelling at a speed of forty miles an hour, and Williams will be placed in the State penitentlary for safe-keeping, the intense feeling being such that the au-thorities are satisfied it would be unwise to bring him here at this time. Williams entered the Shields residence in the heart of the city at noon and brutally assaulted Mrs. Shields and her daughter with a razor and hatchet, leaving both for dead. Mrs. Shields was found tucked in a closet with ber throat cut from ear to ear and her skull fractured in several places. Rewards aggregating \$2,000 were offered for the capture of the negro. The local military companies were kept under arms for more than a week after the

crime was committed. Several negroes who have expressed themselves

in incendiary language concerning the case have been driven out of

COMMITTED SUISIDE: Wm. J. Lemp, Aged Millionaire Brewei

By Telegraph to the morning Star ST. LOUIS, February 13.-Wm. J. Lemp, president of the Lemp Brewing Company, committed suicide today at his residence, 3332 South 13th street, by shooting himself in the right temple with a revolver. He died an hour after firing the fatal shot. Growing depression over the death of his favorite son. Fred Lemp, three years ago, and the loss of Frederick Pabst, of Milwaukee, a life long friend, is believed to have been the

of St. Louis, Mo.

cause of the rash act. Mr. Lemp, who was 68 years old and a native of Germany, thas lived in St. Louis for forty-eight years. He stood high in business and social circles and was reputed to be a million-

TWO MEN KILLED.

Judge S. T. Morgan and His Brother Shot Down in Kingsland, Ark.

CAMDEN, ARK., Feb. 13.-J. D. Knight, a livery man of Kingsland, has been lodged in jail here on a prolonged we may expect wheat in charge of killing Judge S. T. Morgan, this country to reach very high of Cleveland county, and Henry Morgan, his brother, at Kingsland, to day. During a difficulty between Knight and a competitor named Knicker-bocker, the latter, it is alleged drew a knife and cut at Knight. Knight fied, and on turning a corner almost ran into the Morgan brothers on whom he opened fire with a revolver, killing both. Knight claims he thought the Morgans intended intercepting him.

Public sentiment is much inflamed will be recalled that several weeks at Kingsland and Knight was brought here for safe-keeping.

> The State Bank of Pittsburg, Pa. a small institution, capitalized at der of the State banking departporarily in charge.

CHINA DECLARES NEUTRALITY

Proclamation Issued by the Emperer

Every Precaution Will be Taken for Protection of Pereigners.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

tung Liang Cheng, the Chinese min-

ister here, called at the State Depart-

ment to-day and formally notified

Secretary Hay that the Emperor of

Ohina had issued a proclamation of

neutrality.

The minister's cablegram contained the further information that in issuit this proclamation the Emperor had in the strongest terms enjoined upon the

viceroys and the governors of the pro-vinces to adopt every precaution for protection of foreign life and prop-erty in their respective territories. The

ment. He bore with him a telegram dated to-day and reading as follows:

"His Majesty, the Emperor, having been greatly affected to learn of the

points to prevent a breach of neutrali-

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Secretary

Hay has added another to his long list

of diplomatic triumphs and the United

States is once more enabled by his

diplomacy to head the nations in a con-

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.-Bir Chan-

Messrs, Cowan Brothers Pro-

minister feels that there is now no danger to be apprehended of attacks upon foreigners in China, in view of the strong language of the proclamation and its speedy distribution. The Japanese minister, Mr. Taka hira, also called at the State Depart-

Messrs. Cowan Brothers, the present

managers, were the successful bidders

great conflagration which recently oc-curred in Baltimore, commands me to convey to the President this expression of deep condolence and sympathy with the people of that city.' Will be Respected by Jopan, Paris, Feb. 13.—The Japanese La gation here to-day gave out the text of a lengthy cable message from Tokio, defining Japan's attitude towards the neutrality of China. It says China hould observe strict neutrality and ays down the following principles: First. The belligerents are morally bound to reduce to a minimum the area of war. To this end the war opeations should be geographically lim Second. The number of belligerent owers should be reduced as much as ossible, and the war should be con ined to Japan and Russia, in order to revent a general conflagration. Third. It is of the utmost import ance that order be preserved through-out the interior of China and at the reaty ports. Therefore, Japan has instructed her minister at Pekin to urge upon Prince Ching that China scrupulously observe neutrality, maintain order, and refrain from furnishing supplies to the belligerents. China should also keep sufficient garrisons at Shan-Hai-Kwah, and other strategic

y and see that all territory except fanchuria is free from war operations. "Under the foregoing conditions Japan will respect Ohina's neutrality. A DIPLOMATIC TRIUMPH. All the European Powers Join the Wash-Ington Government in Urging Russia and Japan to Respect Neutrality. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

current effort to preserve the integrity of Chins. Mr. Hay's note of February Her Child Arrested and Put in Virginia 10th to Russia and Japan, urging them State Prison for Safe Keeping. to confine hostilities within as small an area as possible and to respect the neu-

trality and administrative entity of Ohina, will be accepted by Russia as well as by Japan, and all the nations will join the Washington government in inviting the combatants to agree to M. Jusserand, the French ambassa dor, called upon Secretary Hay at his residence to day, officially, to inform him of France's acceptance and inferentially it is known that Russia's acquiesence will be communicated very oon. At the Russian embassy to-nigh no intimation had been received of the government's probable answer to Secretary Hay's note, but Count Cassini, the Russian am-Hay's note, inform Secretary Hay as soon as St. Petersburg sdvises aim. The London government it is expected will not be inclined further to inquire as to the details of the proposition. It has been known for several days that England adhered to the principle. The formal acceptance of the other powers it is expected will follow rap dly, but the success of the proposition and Japan to agree to it.

s assured by the decision of Russia DENMARK PREPARING.

Army Reserves Ordered in Readiness for

Mobilization Within Twelve Hours. By Cable to the Morning Star. COPENHAGEN, DENMARK, Feb. 16 .-

The British government has inquired if the Danish government is prepared to defend Denmark's neutrality, especially the important sea routes. Den-mark replied in effect: "We will de-fend ourselves." The construction placed on this in-

quiry here is that Great Britain appreciates the danger of Russia occupying Danish fortresses in the event of plications between Great B. itain and Russia over the Far Eastern ques

partment has ordered the army reserves to be ready for mobilizing throughout Denmark within twelve hours. All the regimental offices are open day and night. SAN DOMINGO.

American Property Interests Suffering as a Result of Insurrection. By Telegraph to the Morning Star WASHINGTON, Feb. 13. - Minister

Powell has cabled the State Department that American property interests in San Domingo are suffering heavily as a result of the insurrection. This is true of the property near the city of Ban Domingo and in the lines of the revolution. The patience of the State Department is being severely tested by these reports and some action may

- Raleigh Post: In case war is figures. England and Germany draw upon Russia very heavily for their wheat. Russia would of course hold on to her supply for her own use and this would force the countries named to depend entirely upon the United States and Argentina, and the demand then would be far greater than the supply. Japan also would draw heavily upon us. Wheat is tied up between the dollar posts to stay; consumers in this country will be fortunate if they do not have to pay much more before August.

- "You can't vote unless you pay your soil tax, uncie" 'Boss, you mo den a dollar fo?"-Houston Post.