FRIDAY. - -

## AFTER THE ARCH FIEND.

The Federal government is getting next to the hearts of the newspapers. "Full many a shaft" will be held in the archer's bow for the reason that it is announced that the chief mogul of the "Bad Trusts" is to be proceeded against—the odious, iniquitious and remorseless Paper Trust.

The STAR's press dispatches from Washington announced yesterday that Attorney General Moody, through the United States District Attorney, Haupt, and Frank B. Kellogg and James M. Beck, special attorneys general of the United States, on Monday afternoon filed a petition in the United States District Court, in which he names the General Paper Company as principal defendant and its constituent companies as parties defendant in a suit to enjoin and restrain them from doing business through the General Paper Company as the salesagent in violation of the provisions of sections one and two of the Act of Congress, approved July 2, 1890, entitled an "Act to protect trade and commerce against unlawful restraints and monopolies."

The General Paper Company is

known as the paper trust and its operations not only very seriously affect the interests of all newspa pers and newspaper readers, but every merchant who uses wrapping paper and every person who uses sheet of paper to write a letter and in fact everybody who has to use s scrap of paper of any kind. The socalled constituent companies are those who manufacture paper and paper stock and the General Paper Company is a multi-millionaire concern, which has either induced or compelled the manufacturers to enter a combine by which the General Company fixes the prices and makes all the sales of paper products. A more monstrous and oppressive combine never existed, and as the Spaniard would say, its methods are practiced with the most unblushing audacity. The Paper Trust not only fixes the price of paper, but arbitrarily and oppressively fixes the weight per ream, compelling publishers and printers to pay, in many instances, for four to five pounds per ream more than they need. For example, we can state of our own knowledge and experience, and greatly to our annoyance, that the Trust will not furnish paper used by newspapers, 24 by 40 inches in size, of less weight than 39 pounds to the ream, whereas many publishers formerly and preferably used a thirty-five pound paper, which was formerly and customarily one of the standard weights of newspaper. It can thus be seen that in this one instance the combine compels publishers to use and pay for four pounds more of paper in every ream, entirely unnecessary and undesirable in his business. This item of extortion amounts to a burden where a large quantity of paper is used, and as a matter of fact it is more oppressive to the small customer who is the least unable to pay it. Another of the oppressive methods of the Trust in order to keep up prices, is to control the production of paper to such an extent as to really create a paper famine. Publishers remember that this has been done, a spe cial instance being a few years ago when a paper famine was created for, what every publisher knows, the basis of an excuse for forcing up prices. It was for these iniquities and ten fold others that led Congressman John B. Bellamy, of bills! Wilmington, to introduce a bill to relieve publishers by taking the duty

off wood pulp and paper stock. The Paper Trust is one of the protected cormorants that has grown up under an excessive tariff that enables them to monopolize and hold paper users by the the throat. That the combine is what is alleged, it may be repeated that Attorney General Moody's petition recites that the General Paper Company was organized under the laws of Wisconsin, May 26th, 1900, with a capital steck of \$100,000, divided into 1,000 shares, which were distributed among and are now held by certain of the defendants named, and that later the others were taken into the combination, naming them in the order in which they entered the combine and goes on to state that the General Paper Company became the exclusive selling agent for the control the output of the various mills, fix the price of all paper sold and to whom and upon what terms and conditions the paper should be sold; and into what States and places it shall be shipped and what customers and which mills each shall supply.

The petition alleges that the defendants entered into an agreement to combine and control the sale of the product of the different companies through the General Paper Company in that the General Paper Company regulated prices, sales and shipments and territory for the sale of the same and after deducting operating expenses of the General Paper Company, divided the under bond of \$25.

aurplus among the members of the corporation. It is furthermore alleged that in consequence of the manufacture, sale and distribution of paper had been restricted and the price of all the other paper pro-DEC. 30, 1904 ducts greatly increased, particularly that of the news print paper, which has been increased about 50 per cent. It further states that no dealers or newspapers or other consumers in the territory west of the Mississippl, with the exception of certain newspaper publishers in St. Louis and Chicago, can purchase any paper except through the General Paper Company, and only upon

terms dictated by the latter. The court is asked to declare the alleged combination unlawful and that the defendants be perpetually enjoined from doing any act in pur suance of the same. That the Gen. eral Company be enjoined from acting as sales agent for the other defendants, and that the latter be enjoined from continuing their arrangement with the General Paper company. The court is also asked to direct the defendants to come into court and answer all questions relating to the allegations of the petition as may be necessary.

A Wilmingtonian declares that he never wants to look another turkey in the face. Up to and including to-day his wife has made the remains of the Christmas gobler do for breakfast, dinner and supper, with the result that he feels like he's got it in the neck-that is, the turkey in his neck. That accounts for the way he struts down town.

Next Sunday is the birthday of the horse editor of THE WEEK-LY STAR. He has been pulling the newspaper plough through many long and weary years and is entitled to a lot of fodder. Every payment for subscription promptly made will be considered a New Year's gift.

One Santa Claus got his whiskers burned off by a lighted taper with which the appendage came in contact. With his blistered chin in a sling, he is wound up to give us chin music about insisting that Santa Claus should hereafter give the barbers a chance.

We return thanks to ourself for a box of the best Havana cheroots. fabrica de los Americana tobaces, as a Christmas present. Such deeds of kindness on the part of the generous giver will always be remembered-by the dealer who hereafter attempts to collect the bill.

Mr.J.T. Perry, a New York, artist, says: "The picture of a woman is the safest of all." The attention of married men is called to the fact that Perry doesn't mean that it is safest when it is left in his pocket where his wife explores for works of

This is about the time to make New Year's resolutions. After they are adopted, however, they are always held to be null and void, owing to a defect in the enacting clause, which falled to be read three separate times in the House of its friends.

"Crumpacker has got it in for everything Southern," declares an exchange. Old Crump should get a divorce from Anna Mosity and steer clear of the Miss Anthropy that is the co-respondent in his trouble.

The Morning News says: "Fireworks, valued approximately at \$65,000, were the sales for Christmas." Wonder how much for fire water?

Ah! how well we'll all remember The exit of the bleak December; But e'en the New Year hath no thrills Midst the deluge of our Christmas

A New Jersey woman has been convicted in a court for being a common scold. We can't see how stripes for a woman can check her.

When the grand inaugural parade takes place in Washington the colored on-looker will naturally ask: "Vardaman from Mississippi?"

It seems to be up to the ginners to saw wood and say nothing that a Wall street gambler can figure on.

And now a distinguished savant has discovered that bacteria aid digestion. We give it up.

- As he was about to leave for his home on the northbound A. C. L. train yesterday morning, Mr. Thomas King, of Clinton, N. C., discovered that he had lost his pocket book condefendants with absolute power to taining about \$150. Mr. King thinks he lost the wallet between Front and Queen City and a brother of the groom, Residence of Prof. J. Allen Helt Com-Red Cross streets and the passenger station. He doesn't think his pockets were picked.

- Many friends in this city will read with regret the following item from Lumberton: "Emma Douglas Parmalee, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Parmalee, died suddenly Monday morning. The funeral was conducted Tuesday from the residence by Rev. Charles H. Durham, of the

Baptist church." - Dave Robinson, colored, was given a preliminary trial before Esquire W. McD. Evans yesterday on a have a reliable saive handy, and there charge of an assault with a deadly weapon upon John Johnson, colored, and was bound over to Superior Court

## DOWN GOES COTTON.

combination, all competition in the Big Slump in Market Yesterday Has Very Depressing Effect Upon Local Interests.

MAY GO DOWN EVEN LOWER.

Wilmington Operators Take Very Gleomy View of Situation-New York Brokers, However, Send & storing Advices to Their Clients Here.

There was a slump in the cotton market yesterday that almost took the breath away from those who had confidently expected an advance in the staple after the Ohristmas holidays. Futures tumbled headlong from 35 to 50 points from closing the day before and New York spot at one fell swoop, so to speak, dropped from 7.35 on Tuesday to an even seven with a tone of quiet. That the slump will have a very depressing effect upon trade generally, every one who observed the market during the day was ready to admit. Nothing has occurred in Wilmington in a single day io a loog time that has so completely taken the "wind out of the sails" of local business men as did the rapid decline of the market during the day. Very few now take an optimistic view of the situation and some large operatore here say that five-cent cotton in the end would come as no surprise after the late developments. Kindred expressions now come from many who heretofore held firmly to the prediction that 10 cent cotton was not at all unikely after the holiday season.

The slump yesterday was due to the Census Bureau's report of the amount of cotton ginned up to Dec. 18th, from governmental reports received from 734 out of 820 cotton raising counties heard from. The market has been aloof awaiting this report to see if it would confirm the Agricultural Department's estimate of a total crop of 12,182,000 bales, which was so genererally hooted at when first issued. As a matter of fact the ginners' report vesterday more than confirms the Agricultural report and indicates a crop of something over thirteen million.

However, in the face of the very depressing report, several large brokerage firms wired assuring messages to connections here. Messrs. E. & C. Randolph, E. Norden & Co., and Shearson Hammill & Co. advised early in the day that if the market delined on the Bureau report, they thought distant months a safe pur-

Local cotton receipts yesterday were 2,831 bales against only 654 bales same day last season. The local market remsins "nominal." Last year on the same date cotton was firm at 13.20 for

PRETTY WEDDING AT-GRONLY.

diss Louise 6. Formy Davall the Bride o

Mr. D. D. Beylas, of Wilmington.

At the home of the bride's father, near Cronly, N.C., yesterday morning at 9:30 o'clock, Mr. Daniel Deems Boy lan, a popular young Wilmingtonian, and Miss Louise C. Formy Duyall, the attractive young daughter of Mr. L. FormyDuvall, were matried in a beautiful and most impressive service performed by the Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D., pastor of Saint Andrew's Presbyterian church, this city. The home was tastefully decorated for the event and a number of friends and relatives were present to witness the happy affair. The attendants were Mr. A.M. McAllister, with Miss Dora FormyDuvall, and Mr. George S. Boylan with Miss Janie Riley. Others in attendance from Wilmington were Mr. Joe E. Boylan, Miss Emma Clowe, Mr. C. E. McCulloch, Mr. Jesse Haskett and Mr. J. O. Kendail, Mr. E. K. Walker and Mr. Hines, of Savannah, with other members of the family made a happy wedding party. An elegant wedding breakfast was served. Mr. and Mrs. Boylan arrived in Wilmington on the noon train and will reside at No. 419 North Fourth street,

FILED A DEED OF TRUST.

has. L. Schulken, Grocere, Assigns to Mr

H. L. Vellers-Amount Small. A deed of trust was filed for record vesterday by which Charles L. Schulin trade, books, accounts, etc., at his place of business at northeast corner of Fourth and Nixon streets, the same to be sold at either public or private sale for the benefit of creditors, first deducting the costs and expenses of such sale and five per cent. commission on receipts and disbursements arising from such sale; then to pay to and distribute pro rata among each and every creditorithe net proceeds of such sale. Any residue after such settlement is to be paid to Mr. Schulken. It is understood that the liabilities and assets are about the same and do not exceed \$300. Messrs. Bellamy & Bellamy are the attorneys for Mr. Schulken, who claims no exemption.

Returning from Wedding Trip.

Mr. J. E. Redfern and bride, nee Miss Mabel Doxee, of Ocracoke, N. C. arrived yesterday and are guests at The Orton. They are accompanied by Mr. W. H. Redfern, of Charlotte, a popular young newspaper man of the who was best man at the ceremony. Mr. Redfern and bride are on their way to Dothan, Columbus county, where the groom is principal of Dothan Academy, a flourishing institution of that section of the State. Mr. and Mrs. Redfern were married Saturday at the home of the bride in the presence of a large assemblage of guests, including friends and relatives of the bride and

A Frightened Horse, Running like med down the street dumping the occupacis, or a hundred other accidents, are every day occurrences. It behooves everybody to is none as good as Bucklen's Arnica Saive. Burns, Cuis, Sores, Eczema and Piles disappear quickly under its soothing effect. Only 25c, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store.

## REWARD \$1,000.00 OFFERED

TO ANY ONE PROVING THAT THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IS NOT BASED ON ACTUAL FACTS. MORE REYNOLDS' SUN CURED WAS SOLD IN THE PAST YEAR, 1903, THE THIRD YEAR IT WAS OFFERED TO CHEWERS THAN THE AMOUNT IN THE UNITED USED STATES OF ANY BRAND OF TOBACCO CLAIMED TO BE SUN CURED.

PRETTY HOLIDAY AFFAIRS

Wilmington Sunday Schools and What

They Did to Entertain the Young

People Last Night.

This is the season of the annual

The annual Obristmas entertain-

ment for the children of St. John's

parish took place yesterday afternoon

church building. A Christmas tree

and various little games and diver-

sions delighted the little folks until 5

o'clock. Prof. Washington Oatlett,

superintendent of the Sunday school,

highly appreciated by the children.

made a neat little address, which was

Last night the annual Xmas tree

and exercises by the children of Fifth

Street M. E. Sunday school took place

superintendent, a talk by the pastor

and a very pleasing programme of

children. The decorations were very

pretty, and each and every one pres-

ent had a delightful time. The enter.

tainment lasted until about 10 o'clock.

holiday season at St. Matthew's Eng-

lish Lutheran church last night, begin-

ning at 7:30 o'clock. The church was

very elaborately decorated and the

handsome new chandeliers were used

for the first time. Mr. W. W. Koch,

superintendent of the Sunday school,

had provided a pretty X mas tree, and

it was beatifully decorated by teachers

and young ladies of the school. A feast

of good things were distributed from

its heavily laden branches. Rev. C.

W. Kegley, the pastor, Mr. Koch.

Mr. Wessell and other prominent men

little talks and the children delight-

fully entertained with a number of

songs, recitations, etc. Rev. Mr. Keg-

ley received a number of presents, one

of which was a handsome centre table

given by the school. Others were

from individuals in the congregation.

The main auditorium of Brooklyn

Baptist church was the scene of an

elaborate Christmas affair by the

Sunday School of that congregation.

The decorations were pretty and the

children rendered a select programme of songs and recitations. Mrs. L. O.

Smith, assisted by Miss Glen Gore and

Miss May McDougall, had general

success of the affair. Presents from a

beautiful tree were announced by

Mr. L. O. Smith while Mr. C. O. Rice

as Santy Claus and Master George

lew, as Saint Nick, Jr., gave the little

folks something to interest themselves

all the while. The presents were de-

livered and the people shown to their seats by Messrs. Lloyd Sanders, W. H. Scarborough, Ernest Hines, Marsden Smith and A. W. Allen.

An even half dozen cases were dis

posed of in the Mayor's court yester-

day but none was of importance save

that of Jim Sanders, the negro who

was drunk Christmas day and stole

hegro Who Stole Horse.

derly conduct.

ments on foot.

New I. O. O. F. Building.

He now occupies room No. 13 in the

northeast corner, on the first floor.

and is very comfortably located. The

Odd Fellows will not occupy their

hall in the building until the furnish-

ings are here. A bazaar for the pur-

pose of buying the furnishings will be

held the last of February or the first

of March. The committee will meet

n a day or two to get the arrange-

EXPOSURE to a sudden climatic change produces cold in the head and

catarrh is apt to follow. Provided

charge of the affair and

is due much

Very pretty exercises marked the

four such were given last night, each

the exercises.

HOMISIDES IN COLUMBUS.

Two Occurred Around Whiteville During Xmas fiolidays-Officer in Defence.

Two homicides occurred in Columbus county, in and near Whiteville during the Christmas holidays, both the victims having been colored.

Saturday night at a logging camp of the Cape Fear Lumber Company, a negro employed by the company shot and killed another negro who also belonged in the camp. Only one shot was fired and the killing appears to have been a deliberate murder, as it is stated that the murdered man had made no assault upon the other. The motive for the murder was not learned. Immediately after the deed had been committed, the murderer fled from the camp and had not been captured at last accounts. The logging camp where the tragedy occurred, is on the Cape Fear Lumber Company's railroad extending from Whiteville to

Sunday forenoon, in the town of Whiteville, a bad South Carolina ne- in the auditorium of the church. gro, employed at one of the logging | There were a number of addresses by camps in the neighborhood, came down to Whiteville, and was generally abusive and on mischief bent. He shot s negro woman in the town and Messre. Little and Lon Baldwin were deputized by the sheriff to go and arrest him. They went to the house of the woman after the negro, but upon the approach of the officers the negro drew a pistol and defied them. Mr. Baldwin saw the attitude of the negro and shouted a warning to Mr. Little. The last named saw the negro and dropped him before he had a chance to shoot. The negro was apparently not dangerously wounded and slipped off down to Vineland and took the train for South Carolina. Before the train reached Chadbourn, however, the negro died. Mr. Little immediately gave himself up to the sheriff, but as he acted in self defence he will not be held to account for the shooting. He is a hard-working man and is held in high esteem in the community.

QUIET HOME WEDDING.

Miss Octavia Hortesse Boatwright the

Bride of Mr. Robt. H. Gwaltney. Charming for its simplicity and delightful for the precision and beauty with which every detail of the pleasing arrangements was carried out, the marriage of Miss Octavia Hortense Boatwright, daughter of Captain and Mrs. John Love Boatwright, of this city, and Mr. Robert Howell Gwaltney, son of Rev. and Mrs. William R. Gwaltney, of Hickory, N. C., was solemnized at 6 o'clock yesterday evening at the home of the bride's parents, No. 404 Orange street. Conforming to the wishes of the family and of the bride and groom themsilves, the wedding was very quiet and the ceremony was witnessed only by members of the immediate family. ken conveys to H. L. Vollers for \$1 | The parlors of the home were attracand other considerations, all his stock tively decorated and the service was most impressively said by the Rev. R. W. Hogue, rector of Saint James' Episcopal parish, at an improvised altar of pure white, lighted by candles in handsomely burnished candelabra, the whole making a scene of rare beauty and elegance. The bride is one of Wilmington's most charming young society women and the groom is a young man of prominence and rare culture. He is at present general agent in North Carolina of the Franklin Life Insurance Company, of Springfield, Ill. The large number of handsome wedding gifts bespeak in no uncertain terms the popularity of bride and groom in a wide circle of friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Gwaltney left on the northbound A. C. L. train at 7 o'clock last evening for a bridal tour North Later they will return and be at home at the residence of Mr. D. M. Williams, No. 513 Market street.

FIRE AT OAK RIDGE.

pletely Destroyed.

[Special to Raleigh Post.] OAK RIDGE, N. C., Dec. 26.-The handsome residence of Prof. J. Allen Holt, of the Oak Bidge Institute here, was burned to the ground at 8 o'clock this morning. The fire was first discovered by the kitchen falling in. Mr. Earle Holt, son of Professor J. Allen Holt, was painfully burnt about the neck and hands, but his wounds are not serious. By heroic efforts of the students, professors and faculty the dormitory and the institute were saved. The total value of the property burned was \$6,000; fully covered by insurance.

> CASTORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought

A FRIEND'S ADVICE

Will Often Help You Greatly. Read What a Wilmington Citisen Says.

You may hesitate to listen to the advice of strangers, but the testi mony of friends or residents of Wilmington is worth your most careful attention. It is an easy matter to investigate such proof as this. The evidence must be conclusive. Read the following:
P. C. Le Moyne, contractor, of

223 North Seventh street, says: did not know that the trouble with my back was caused by my kidneys not acting properly, although I noticed the secretions from those organs were dark and very irregular, sometimes free and at other times scanty. I saw Doan's Kidney Pills advertised and went to Bellamy's drug store and got a box. I was surprised at the result, for I have not had backache since I used them. I also got a box of Doan's Ointment. I have had itching hemorrhoids or piles for years, and tried everything knew of without benefit. Doan't Ointment gave me instant relief. heard about Doan's Kidney Pills in England some years ago, and until now I was under the impression that they were made only in England. In addition to my backache being cured the kidney secretions have all cleared up and become normal since using the Pills." For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo,

New York, sole agents for the United States. Remember the name-Doan's-

and take no substitute.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

holiday church entertainments and - A Lumberton special says: The condition of Mr. A. W. McLean of them having been well attended and continues to improve and his phyfull of happiness for the little people sicians now think he will recover. who were present and participated in

- Miss Fiorence Simmons returned yesterday from Falson, where she spent the holidays with friends. - Representative-elect C. Ed at 3 o'clock in the chapel of the

Taylor, of Southport, was here yesterday, returning from a hunting trip in upper Brunswick. - Among the visitors in Wil-

mington is Mr. J. W. Braswell, of Rocky Mount, who is the guest of his sister, Mrs. D. W. Bulluck. - Editor Fred R. Mintz, of the Mount Olive Tribune, was here yes terday returning from Southport where

he spent Christmas at his old home. - Dr. Clint. Bunting, of Gaston the Sunday school teachers and the ia, arrived yesterday to spend a few days with his parents and is being cordially greeted by his numerous recitations, music and the like by the friends here.

- After spending the holidays at home, Mr. Leslie B. B. Wiggs left yesterday to resume his studies in medicine at the Medical College of Virginia, at Richmond.

- Friends of Dr. E. S. Pigford

will be delighted to know that he is

improving. A message from the hospital last night stated that he was resting very well indeed. - Mr. W. A. Carney, a young Wilmingtonian, but now of Mobile, Ala., is here spending the holidays

with relatives and greeting his many friends on the streets. - Mrs. M. H. Bowler, Miss Mabel Bowler and Master Dixte Bowler left yesterday for Raleigh to spend a few days. From there they will go to of the church made made pleasing

Sanford, Fla., which will be their home in the future. - Mr. E. L. McClammy, son of Mr. George J. McClammy, of this city, has returned to Salisbury after baving spent the holidays with his ather. He is at present with the erecting department of the Southern

Ballway at Spencer. - Among yesterday's arrivals at The Orton were Dr. E. C. Vitou, Southport; J. S. Manning, Durham; M. J. Grant and wife, Conway, S. C.; James Poole and wife and Arch McKinnon, North Carolina; W. S. Crane, Augusta, Ga.; C. K. Wyley, Savannah, and J. P. Kirven, Dovesville, S. C.

WHITEVILLE IS PLOURISHING.

New Graded School the Pride of the Town Business Blocks and Residences.

Mr. Sims E. Memory, a prominent merchant of Whiteville, was in the city yesterday and in speaking of his town said it was growing right along. Besides the new bank, a number of brick business blocks have been built and many pretty residences. Business is good and the prospects of the town are brighter than at any period in its

Dr. J. T. Schonwald's horse and buggy from in front of a negro restaurant The pride of Whiteville, Mr. Memoon Second street where the turn-out y declares, is the new high school had been left for a moment by the building recently erected and soon to colored driver by whom Dr. Schonbe completed with a hard old finish on wald had sent it to the stables. Santhe inside. The building is 58x78 feet ders was represented by W. P. Gafin dimensions, is two stories in height. ford, Esq., who waived examination and architectually is a beautiful strucof his client and submitted to his beture. On the first floor are four large ing sent over to the higher court. He class rooms fitted with modern school was jailed in default of \$50 bond. desks and furniture, while on the Rose Watson, colored, an habitual second story are two music rooms. offender was given 80 days for disortwo dressing rooms and a handsome auditorium with a commodious stage and scenery. The auditorium seats 500 people, and already it has been used Cameron F. MacRae, Eq., is the for various entertainments, including first of the tenants to move into the lyceum course attraction once a new I. O. O. F. building at northwest corner of Third and Princess streets.

month, and now and then a theatre company. Last Thursday and Friday the ladies of Whiteville gave an en yable bazaar and raised about \$275 towards a fund of \$400 to be used in furnishing the auditorium with opera chairs. The chairs are to be placed right away. The building, which cost \$5,000, is midway between Whiteville and Vineland, which are one corporation-a twin town as it were. It is a credit to Whiteville and naturally the

citizens are proud of it.

The graded school for which the building is used is the special object of the people of the town. Aiready a splendid school has been organized with Ely's Oream Balm you are armed and is largely attended. Mrs. W. H. Speight, formerly of Fremont, N. C., against Nasal Catarrh. Price 50 cents at Druggists or Ely Brothers, 56 Wara teacher of fine ability and experen Street, New York, will mail it. The Balm cures without pain, does rience, is principal, and she has most capable assistants in Miss Taylor, of not irritate or cause sneezing. It spreads itself over an irritated and Granville, county, N. C., and Miss Hodges, of South Carolina. A special tax is levied for the school, and the angry surface, relieving immediately the painful inflammation, cleanses and cures. Oream Balm quickly cures proceeds of all entertainmentsand attractions are also devoted to that pur-

HOSTILE ARMIES CONTINUE QUIET

Little Expectation of a Decisive Movement by Either Japs or Russians Until Spring.

SITUATION AT PORT ARTHUR.

Carrison Confident That Relief Will Arrive Before March - Russian General Killed-Battleship Sevastopel. Movements of Warships.

By Cable to the Morning Star HUAN SHAN, December 28 .- Everything continues quiet along the front of the hostile armies. There is little expectation of a decisive movement till Spring, when it will be possible for both sides to throw in strong reinforce ments and recommence the campaigs in carnest. In the meantime, the chief Japanese uneasiness seems to be with regard to their communications eastward. They have an unusually full equipment of narrow gauge field rail. Kuroki's base at Shahedzi with Feng Wang Cheng, with a branch to Baime zes. A supplementary line is being constructed, connecting Liao Yang with Hricheng. There is an impor ant line of warehouses along the Yain river, and many bridges have recently been constructed, with a care unusual

southeastward. There are many evidences that the Japanese are strengthening and fortilying their line of communication toward Korea, which necessarily will absorb a considerable force.

in field operations. This elaborate

system has been seriously threatened

by General Rennenkampff's raids

Port Arthur Advices. Tokie, Dec. 28, 10:30 A. M.-Trust wortny advices from Port Arthur confirm the report that General Kondrachenko has been killed and that General Stoessel has been injured by falling from his horse. General Smilnoff is also reported wounded. The advices further say that the battleship Sevastopol has sunk in shallow water. Her bow is damaged in two places and the steering gear is also

damaged. The garrison is reported to be confi dent in the belief that relief will arrive before March 1. Despite its heavy losses November 26 and subsequently, the garrison is said to be cheerful and resolved to continue the struggle as long as a single soldier remains. The army claims to have sufficient provisions to last until February. The navy possesses about one month's stores. The price of food in the beleagured fortress is high. Beef is a rouble and one half per pound borse meat six copeks per pound; dog meat 25 copeks per pound; turkeys 150 roubles spiece; eggs 160 roubles per 100. But few junks bearing supplies reached the garrison during the past

It is expected that the capture of the heights of Pigeon Bay will further curtail the landing of supplies. Japanese Operations,

TOKIO, Dec. 28.—It is understood that the Japanese dynamiting and paralleling against the eastern section of the main circle of forts around Port Arthur is progressing favorably. The right wing of the besiegers continues a heavy and effective shelling tions which are nearing completion. It is probable that the next attack will be simultaneously directed against the east and west faces of the fortress in an endeavor to divide and weaken the resistance of the defenders.

Harbors Mised.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28. - The State Department has been officially informed that mines have been placed in Ke lung harbor, northeast coast of Formosa, and that shipping has been no-

Hong Kong, Dec. 28.-A large Japanese cruiser arrived at Amoy yester day. Two Japanese cruisers were sighted off Hong Kong to-day.

MISS KATHLEEN ELMORE A BRIDE.

Popular Young Teacher in Public Schools

Claimed by Mr. J. H. Johnston.

Last evening at 7:30 o'clock at the parsonage of the First Baptist church, Pastor Fred D. Hale in the presence of a few friends and relatives joined in marriage Miss Kathleen Elmore, a successful teacher in the county public schools, and Mr. James Herbert Johnson, a prosperous young truck grower and merchant who lives four miles north of Wilmington on the Castle Haynes road. The wedding was 'very quiet, conforming to the wishes of the bride and groom. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Johnson drove to their home, "Oedarbrook Farm", near Acorn Branch. Their numerous friends wish them much happiness and prosperity. The bride is a sister of Capt. James Elmore, of the Atlantic Coast Line, Mrs. Thad Jones, of Kenansville, and Messrs. Samuel Elmore, of Mt. Olive and Robert Elmore of North Wilkesbero.

WHITE MAN KILLED.

Pell from the Shoo Ply Train Near Tarboro Menday Night,

Special Star Telegram. TABBORO, N. C., Dec. 37.-The lifeless body of a white man, identified by letters found on his person as Joseph N. Kenny, of Charlotte, N. C., was found lying near the railroad track about four miles from town between Tarboro and Rocky Mount early this morning, with an arm broken and an ugly gash upon the chin, besides bruises upon the head. A coro ner's inquest was held and the jury returned a verdict to the effect that the anfortunate man came to his death falling from the Shoo Fly train that passed here at 7:30 last night south bound. Inquires have been telegraph to Charlotte but no reply has been received.

J. B. Harrison, a prominent cotton buyer of Barnesville, Ga., shot and killed himself yesterday. Heavy Guaranteed by R. R. BELLAMY, drug-losses on cotton contracts led to the gist. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bot-

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PORT FISHER VETERAN.

Gen. Pennypacker, of Pennsylvania, Promoted to Brigadier General.

The Philadelphia Record says: "At the head of a long list of promotions to the regular and sent to stands the name of Col. Galusha Penypacker, retired, for Brigadier General. This is a just though tardy reognition of the distinguished services f a Pennsylvania hero who was a major before his majority and who came out of he deadly fire of Fort Fisher a victorious and severely wounded major general of volunteers. Since his retirement from the regular army because of disabilities from many wounds received in action, General Pennypacker has been residing in

Philadelphia. General Pennypacker is a brother of the late Capt. E. J. Pennypacker, once collector of the port of Wilmington. Governor Pennypacker, of Pennsylvania, is also a member of the same family.

HIGH LIGENSE PROPOSITION.

Beard of Aldermen Will Tackle Important Problem at Meeting This Evening

The special meeting of the Board of Aldermen to pass upon the proposition to increase the l'quor license of the city from \$264 to \$1,000 per anoum will be held to-night and a strong fight between advocates and opponents of the measure will most certainly de velop. There is a very grave doubt about the success of the movement for higher license as at first contemplated the Aldermen yesterday of a compremise by which the increase would be from \$264 to \$600 per year E read that increase is said to be in dougt second ing to members of the council, who were interviewed by a reporter yesterday. The opponents of the increase will likely be represented by a mque array of counsel at the meeting to-

OUTLAW GAPTURED

Deputy Sheriff Monaghan Arrels Nord

Fayetteville Observer: Deputy Sherff Monaghan made an arrest on Salarday, which is, perhaps, the most important that has been made in this secion for many a day.

Since the burgiaries which have been committed in this city during the past week, Mr. Monaghan has been quietly working on the case, and of saturday morning apprehended the leader of the gang of thieves, now known to have operated extensively between here and Wilson. The man, a negro, Will Harriss,

alias Will Jones, by which name he is lesperate character. He is an e-capid convict from the penitentiary, as from the chain gang at Smubfield, where he was serving a five years term for burglary; also wanted by the United States authorities for robning the mails at Smithfield of \$3,000

Reunion of Strange Pamily

Fayetteville Observer: On Christmas day, twenty-one persons were entertained at dinner at the hospitable home of Mrs. James Strange, on Rowan street. Mrs. Strange is the widow of Captain Strange, of the Confederate army, son of the late Judge Robert Str nge. Since the death, two or three years ago, of Mr French Strange, of Atlanta, this venerable lady (bern Hy man) has been the only survivor of that generation of the Stranges. Those pres ent on Christmas were her children, or their husbands or wives, and their children. They were: Mr. and Mr. J. W. Mallett, of Georgia; Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McNeill; Mrs. H. N. Parsl v and her son Oscar Parsley; Misses Bessie, Mary and Minerva McNeill; Messrs Jam s. George and Robert McNeill; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Stranger Mrs. Samuel Strange an i taeir son, Samuel Strange, Jr.; Mr. John Strange, of Florida; Miss Fanny Strang; Miss Maggie Strauge, and Mr. James Strange' Mr. and Mrs. Robert Strange.

- Governor Aycock will return o Raleigh on the night of January Ist, and on the next day will have his message to the Legislature ready. His long trip South, with peeches in Louisiana and Florids, s a flying one. His last speech will be at the laying of the corner stone of the agricultural building at the Agricultural and Mechanical College, fanuary 10th.

Fight Will Be Bitter.

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