ONE JAPANESE WARSHIP WAS SUNK AT PORT AUTHUR and entire confidence is expressed in its ultimate success of the Russian arms.

This is the News Sent by a Witness to the Fight -- The Japanese are Always Secretive Regarding their Casualities.

Ships--No News of Vladivostock Squadron.

(By Associated Press)

St. Petersburg, Feb. 13.-Russia is evidently not prepared at this time to give an answer to the U.S. to Secretary Hay's note on the subject of the rentrality of China. As previously stated in these dispatches hostilities must begun, the military authorities must be consulted, and the Czar doubtless will refer the matter to Viceroy Alexiell, if he has not already done so. Russia it can be said, is certainly as anxious as the U.S. that the war cause no uprisings or disorders in China, indeed, the attitude of China is already causing some misgivings here as she has not, yet declared her neutrality. It is thought that the action of the

Japanese in flooding Pekin with posters relating to their victories is part of a well laid plan projected to break down Russia's prestige in China for the surpose of ultimately effecting the union of the two races, which would make the "Yellow peril" a reality. Germany and Great Britain, it is unnow the theatre of war. Germany's views in this respect were anticipated | found. but Great Britain's failure to give Secretary Hay unqualified support has

Significant Silence.

London, Feb. 13 .- Complete silence has fallen over the far East. Not a word of news is to be had here except the report given out at the Japanese legation of the shelling of the Russian warships and the report from Viceroy Alexieff of the blowing up of the Rus-

sian torpedo transport Yenisei. This long silence has given rise to the belief that important events are

The correspondent of The Times at Wei Hai Wei, in a dispatch dated February 11, says the steamer Fu Ping. which is taking refugees to Shanghai has brought the following account of the Port Arthur engagement.

The officers of the forts were absent from their stations, so retaliation was impossible. Daylight showed two Russian battleships and one cruiser apparently total wrecks. The Japanese attack was resumed in the morning when another battleship was disabled and beached. The firef rom the forts compelled the Japanese to retire. The Russians appeared to be completely demoralized and their torpedoes were

useless against the Japanese. The Fu Ping, which was flying the British flag, moved out as she held a Russian permit to go. The Russian guardship, however, fired three shells at her, which are said to have wounded live of her Chinese crew. Captain Gray, commanding the Fu Ping, boarded the guardship and obtained permission to proceed, after he signed a promse not of divulge what had occurred. The Russians said they were very sorry they had fired on his ship.

German Diversions.

London, Feb. 12 .- The St. Peters burg correspondent of the Daily Tele graph claims unimpeachable authority to declare that in the event of Russia being defeated in the Far East, Germany will make a diversion in her favor likely to have far-reaching

Russian Transport Sunk.

10 t Yenisel has been blown up as the result of accidentaly striking a mine at Capt. Sanoif, three officers and 91 men

Report Denied.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 13 .- The Asso- in the least damaged. Clated Press is authorized to deny the report that the Japanese have landed cially of the movements of the probably been sent to you already diostock squadron but reports recently by Admiral Uria. it had sunk Japanese transports is impossible for the squadron In two places at once. Victory board the ship is unharmed. Alexieff's silence about the Vladivostock squadron is explained by the out that the Japanese are not likely facts. that during the Chines war the Ja- works in 1899. She has 2,500 tons dis- F. P. Venable, of the University, pre- in the Parkhurst building. hanese were most secretive about placement and could steam 16 knots. Sided. Probelieved be broken which accounts firing guns. for the absence if direct news of the ((Signed)

naval engagement at Chemulpo. The blowing up of the Russian torpedo blowing up of the Russian torpedo transport Yenisei, as the result of striking a mine was sent vesterday.

CARNEGIE AND CLEVELAND.

The Latter Writes a Letter and the striking a mine was sent yesterday but not given out till the names of the officers killed were known. The first feeling of depression is disappearing and entire confidence is expressed in trial education and its bearings on

San Francisco Sails. Port Arthur, Feb. 13.—United States Cruiser San Francisco which arrived Wednesday from Beirut sailed today and Principal Frissell, of Hampton for Bombay and Yokahoma.

Chinese Neutrality. Tokio, Feb. 13.—The Chinese proclaimed neutrality yesterday of that of our country, are deeply concerned country during the war between Russia in the better equipment of the negro

John Hay, Diplomat.

after a preliminary exchange of views manner best suited to their several of a Japanese Merchant- between this government and other powers interested in Chinese mattrs. man by Four Russian War- The Department February 10 sent the following instructions to the American representative in St. Petersburg, Tokoi, and Pekin: "You will express to the Minister of Foreign Affairs the that no agencies can possibly do betearnest desire of the United States government that in the course of mil- amelioration than in the institutions itary operations now begun between in which they are taught how to be Russia and Japan, the neutrality of self-supporting and self-respecting. China, and in all practical ways her tilities be localized as much as possible, so that undue excitement and disturbance of the Chinese people may be prevented, and the least pos- this is done may well be accepted as sible loss to the commerce of ...e world be occasioned.' Signed, JOHN MAY.

COLORED WOMAN'S ESCAPE.

Remarkable Escape of a Negro Woman Who Jumped From a Train.

No. 30, the fast train from Asheville to Statesville, approached Connelly station this morning, a negro woman, tion, walked to the platform of the car and leaped into the air. The passengers were much excited, of derstood both report sympathy with its course, and the conductor signalied purpose but with an important reser- the train to stop, and then to back to the spot where it was supposed that the negro's dead body would be

> To the surprise of everybody the woman was found to be alive and not hurt enough to prevent her getting into the train herself. She boarded the train this side of Asheville, and was bound for Plotts.

ADMIRAL TOGO'S OFFICIAL REPORT

The Japanese Admiral is Apparently as Modest as he is Brave -- An Admirable Sketch of the Naval Bat

(By Associated Press)

Tokio, Thursday, Feb. 11.-Vice Admiral Togo's official report of the attack of the Japanese fleet at Port Arthur, reached Tokio late this after-

The report was written at sea, February 10, at a point undisclosed by the Navy Department. The report briefly and modestly recounts the Japanese victory. Vice Admiral Togo left the battleground not knowing the full extent of the damage his torpedo shells had inflicted but he was evidently confident that the Russians had suffered beavily. A translation of Vice Admiral Togo's report follows: "After the combined fleet left Sasebo

on February 6, everything went as planned. At midnight Feb. 8, advance squadron attacked the enemy at Port Arthur. At the time the enemy's advance squadron was for the most part outside of Port Arthur. Of the advance squadron at least the battleship Poltya the protected cruiser Askeld and two others appeared struck by our torpedoes. On February 9th at noon our fleet advanced in the offing of Port Arthur St. Petersburg, Feb. 13 .- A report has bay and attacked the rest of the enebeen received from Viceroy Alexieff my's ships about forty minutes. The saying that the Russian torpedo trans- result of the attack is not known but it is believed considerable damage was inflicted and I believe that they were Port Arthur. The Yenisel sank and greatly demoralized. They stopped fighting about 1 o'clock and appeared to retreat into the harbor. In this action the damage to our fleet was very slight and our fighting strength is not

The number of killed and wounded was 53. Of these four were killed and at Port Arthur with the loss of two 54 wounded. A report of the engageregiments. Nothing is known here ment of the squadron at Chemulpo has

"Our advance squadron bore the off Won San and destroyed Hakkoda brunt of the enemy's fire and after the are generally discredited. As pointed attack, for the most part, rejoined the siding main fleet. The Imperial Princess on

"The conduct of all our officers dufact that being empowered to dispose Guring ordinary manouvers. Since the ing an increase capital to \$100,000. D. of the ships and of the ships and men without consult- battle their spirits have been high but E. Allen is president and Frank J. Oliver, secretary. giving a their conduct was very calm during the Oliver, secretary. the the ships or mand the giving a their conduct was very taking the alite the ships or mand to enumber battle. This morning, owing to a erate the ships engaged at Port Ar- heavy south wind there has been no scholarships held today it A private telegram from a resi- communication between the ships and cided to extend the time for receiving dent at Port Arthur says he saw one the detailed has been received from each the applications until March 1, and to Japanese warship sink. It is pointed vessel, so I merely report the advance hold the examination at the State

CARNEGIE AND CLEVELAND.

Former Makes a Speech at Hampton.

(By Associated Press) the race problem were discussed here tonight at a meeting of the Hampton Institute by Andrew Carnegie, President Elliott, of Harvard, Booker T. Washington, of Tuskagee Institute, Institute. Mr. Carnegie presided. Ex-President Grover Cleveland sent letter saying:

"All our people, and every section population for self-support and usefulness. There should be a general agreement as to the neessity of their Washington, Feb. 13.-The State improvement in this direction, and Rumor of the Sinking of a Department today issued a statement all good men should continue in the circumstances to the accomplishment of this beneficent result.

> "Different sections of our country are affected in different degrees, and with greater or less directness, but it seems to me that all must concede ter service to the cause of negro Such institutions as these which have administrative entity, be respected by demonstrated their efficiency and ooth parties, and that the area of hos- which prove their merit by an exhibit of successful effort, should be constantly and generously encouraged and assisted. The extent to which a test of our sincerity in the cause of negro improvement." In opening the meeting Mr. Carnegie

"There never was, so far as I know, an intelligent, worthy, kindly norththem is the needed work of raising the negro to be successfully accom-

"After all is said and done, the improvement of the South, white and tion has not been sent. black, must be accomplished by the best educated element in the South, which is in sympathy with our views and seeks the steady, though perhaps slow, elevation of both races; not the continued degradation of either."

Booker T. Washington, speaking of the problem from a moral and religious point of view, said:

"Not a single graduate of the Hampton Institute or the Tuskagee Instient, of the colored people in prison hour. that the negro grows in crime as his education increases."

SECRETARY MOODY

Takes Issue With Gorman on the Losser Navy. (By Associated Press)

New York, Feb. 12.-Lincoln's birththe Waldorf tonight. Many expressions of sympathy were heard when letter of regret from Senator Hanna ws read. President Roosevelt sent a message eulogizing Lincoln. Secretary of the Navy Moody was the principal speaker. He replied to Mr. Gorman's recent speech on naval policy, quoting he late Mr. Whitney in favor of a strong navy and saying that Annapolis graduates were not swashbucklers swaggering around the world with a chip on their shoulders. "I like to repeat what I have heard our great admiral say so many times:

'We have as good ships; as good officers as any navy and we have the pest enlisted men in the world." Secretary Moody referred to the war

n the far East, saying that under no circumstances he could conceive that there was danger to the peace of our

CHARLOTTE FIRM INCREASES CAPITAL

The Allen Hardware Company \$100,000--- Executive Committee of Teachers' Assem-

Raleigh, Feb. 13.-The executive committee of the State Teachers' Assembly met today and decided that the next session will be held June 8th at a place to be selected at a special ses-

The Secretary of State issued an amendment to the charter of the Allen ring the action was cool not unlike that Hardware Company, Charlotte, author-

At a meeting of the North Caro-

their casualties. The telegraph line Her armament constel of five twelve Prof. Carlyle, of Wake Forest; from Port Arthur to the Yalu River pounder and six three pounder quick | Prof. Mims, of Trinity, and Prof. | Douglass, of Davidson, were the com-Douglass, of Davidson, were the com- Mrs. J. J. Morris, on East Avenue, has posed this hed been caused by grief at the suggestion was made that hostili- Misses Todd, Little, Bagwell, Neal, mitteemen present.

UNANIMOUS FOR THE CONSTITUTION

Only Eighty Executive Officers is a Condition That triots With Dismay--Army of one Hundred Men.

Dr. Amadore Slated for the Presidency---The New_Re-Hundred Thousand Dollars Since the "Revolution."

(By Associated Press) New York, Feb. 13 .- A Herald dispatch from Panama says that following the resignation of Minister of War Obarrio all employes of the department have given up their posi- time till election day." tions. Their resignation followed the action of the Constitutional Convention abolishing the office. This is the penses. The Republic has spent more! ly four ministers to reduce the army

guished Patient is Better. (By Associated Press)

Washington, Feb. 13.-Senator Hanna's temperature continues high. The high altitude and the fact that his fever does not yield to sponge baths has given concern. While his general condition is better than at 6 o'clock last tute can be found today in any jail night, it is not so good as yesterday or State penitentiary. The records morning. Throughout the night oxyof the South show that ninety per gen was given at intervals of about one

are without knowledge of trades and | The Scuator continues drowsy. It is 61 per cent, are illiterate. This state | not believed the patient can withstand ment alone disproves the assertion the fever at so high temperature and the fight is being made to reduce this. His stomach is in good condition and he is able to take nourishment. The Senator has shown wonderful vitality. It is said the recovery from the sinking spell yesterday was a most remarkable one. The case is regarded as most critical, but not hopeless.

lay was celebrated by the Republican ing is the bulletin issued at 9:30 this there are two supplementary libra-Club of New York by a banquet at morning by physicians: Senator Han- ries for Alleghany, and one for Dare. na had a comfortable night. Tempera- Pitt gets three new libraries. ture 104.9, pulse 120, respiration 3z. Taking nourishment well.

> Senator Hanna is resting quietly. Phy- national bank ever organized in Ralsicians regard his condition as good if eigh, and was appointed by Gov. Ellis

Condition Improved.

Washington, Feb. 13.-There is a report from Senator Hanna's bedside that his temperature is improving as the result of efforts since this morning to reduce it. His condition is considerably improved.

Last Bulletin.

Washington, Feb. 13.-At 2:30 Senaor Hanna's brother said: "My brother's temperature has been reduced to 100 8-10, and all conditions are favorable."

RELEASED ON BOND.

Men involved in the Coal Creek Riots Released From Jail on Heavy Bond.

(By Associated Press) Knoxville, Feb. 13.—Judge Sneed in he circuit court today granted bail to hose under arrest charged with murder and assault in connection with the troubles at Coal Creek last Sunday. Reed and Bolter were released on five hounsand dollar bond and Burton in Increases Capital Stock to a ten thousand dollar bond. The Coal Creek Coal Company which employed the men as guards signed the bonds.

NEW YORK COTTON.

The Market is Pretty Steady With Professional Trading of Saturday.
(By Associated Press)
New York, Feb. 13.—The cotton

market opened steady at a decline of eight points to an advance of eleven showing steadiness as the call progressed. While the local market was steady there was a break at New Oreans and fear of further complications n the Far East tended to increase the offerings soon after call. The latter market ruled quiet and irregular with money and valuables, nineteen huntrading largely professional, common

Fire in Topeka. (By Associated Press)

destroyed the Parkhurst-Davis Comadjoining occupied by the McCormick trace of the robbers. Harvester Company. The loss is \$400,hold the examination at the State 000. No lives were lost. The fire was to admit such a loss and it is recalled The Yenisel was built at the Baltic University on March 9. President started by the explosion of chemicals F. P. Venable, of the University, pre-

returned to Mooresville.

TEMPERANCE EDUCATION.

Anti-Salcon League Plans Series of County Board Education Takes Bull Important Lectures.

Mr. F. R. McNinch, a member of the executive committee of the Charlotte at its recent meeting, as follows:

cutive committee to make a statement place the insurance elsewhere at once of our plans. We have decided to con- There are 21 policies on school house duct a sort of campaign of education along temperance lines for the next local company this month, as all nego-Strikes the Panama Pa- two or three months. This work will tiations have about been completed be done quietly, systematically and thoroughly, and we will ask all of the work by preaching special sermons on insurance paid on Bain Academy, re

ince sermons or addresses will be delivered by Rev. W. W. Orr, D. D., at public has Spent Seven the A. R. P. Tabernacle on Sunday night, the 21st, instant, and each suc ceeding Sabbath a special sermon will be preached in various churches of the city.

"When this series of addresses has been finished the petition for an election will be presented to the Board of Aldermen, and then an active campaign will be prosecuted from that

Gross Ignorance.

gressional committee appointed to than seven hundred thousand dollars investigate the charges against Federsince it was formed double the in- al Judge Charles A. Swayne, met come. The Government is to have on- here today. The morning session was devoted to the introduction of ern man, who became conversant to a hundred men and some soldiers records by the prosecution, showing pathize deeply with his sorely tried Police. Office-holders are dissatisfied juage. Only three witnesses were branch of government. The constitu- dent of the judicial district, and that old friend, Mr. John Hirst, an extion is not entirely complete. Dr. his decisions indicated groos ignor- printer in whose office the first issue HANNA'S CONDITION IMPROVED. Court engaged United States Com- insurance. The Latest News is That the Distin- his influence with Judge Swayne. loner Tunison, for the reason of

Raleigh Letter. (Correspondence The News) RALEIGH, FEB. 13.

Gov. Aycock says the proposition he now has for the lease of the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad is by odds the best he has ever received for the property, but he gives no intimation of any likelihood of his changing his determination announced some weeks ago not to lease the road under any consideration. The proposition pending is from Capt. V. E. Mc-Bee, J. W. Edwards and others. The particulars of the proposition are not

struction has issued warrants for the establishments of 17 new school libraries. There are one each for Alexander, Martin, Pasquotank, Johnson, Durham, Craven. Brunswick, Beau-Washington, Feb. 13 .- The follow- fort, and six for Alleghany. Then

The remains of Major William B. Gulick were brought here today from Columbia, S, C., for interment. The Washington, Feb. 13.-At 11 c'clock deceased was for years a resident of word camef rom the sick room that Raleigh. He was cashier of the first

ton, N. C., before the war. News has been received here of the protruded through the charred flesh. It is though that her clothing caught from the open fire-place.

BOLD ROBBERY AT COLONIAL CLUB

The San Francisco Club Finds its Members Held Up and Take All Their Watches and Small Change.

(By Associated Press) entered the Colonial Club last night, frequented by sporting men, and while one remained on guard the others lined up the inmates against the wall of Great Britain, it is a matter of rewith hands up and relieved them of dred dollars in all besides watches and jewelry. They took the keys of a the invitation until it has learned fur- not a dangerous hurt it proved to be a bank from one the men and secured ther details. On the highest authority very painful one and she will not have five hundred dollars from it. Then it can be stated that there are no de-Topeka, Kan. Feb. 13.—Fire today they bound the victims face down on pany's building and the Sells' building the floor and escaped. There is no rent action by so many powers upon

Suicide Caused by Grief.

the recent death of his son.

CHANGE INSURANCE.

by the Horns. The county board of education at their last meeting received notice from Anti-Saloon League, made a state- pany of their decision not to take any the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Comment today as to the plans of cam- more insurance on school houses after paign mapped out by the committee January, 1905. The board immediately took the bull by the horns and at the same meeting ordered the county super "I have been requested by the exe- intendent to make arrangements to insured with the Farmers' Mutual, but these will probably be placed with a with the local insurance company's representatives. It will be remembered that on last Saturday the directors pastors of the city to take part in the of the Farmers Mutual ordered \$1,200 cently burned, but the board of direc-"The first of this series of temper- tors likewise concluded that it would not be wise for them to continue to carry insurance on public schools of

SEVERE WEATHER NORTH.

Capt. Tucker of Southern Says Last Night Was Record Breaker. Capt. R. A. Tucker who came in this norning from Washington on No. 39 tells a News representative that in his judgment last night was the coldest and most severe of the entire winter. Capt. Tucker says that the cold throughout Virginia last night was intense and the country for many miles snow and ice.

Capt. Tucker's run is between Washngton and Charlotte.

OPENS OFFICE.

The Sun Life Assurance Co. of Canada Represented Here. The Sun Life Assurance Co., of Can

ada has opened a branch office at 21" with the conditions, who did not sym- will be transferred into the National the icompetency and partiallity of the North Tryon street. The district manager of this well-known company is pathize deeply with his solely tried at the purpose to have only eighty heard, and their testimony tended to Rev. B. F. Estes, formerly of Laurens, only through cordial cooperation with men fill all the offices of the executive snow that Swayne, not being a resi- S C., who located here last fall. Our Amadore will be elected President ance; also that his absence from the of The Charlotte News saw the light, Monday. The date of the inaugura- district greatly delayed and inconven- is connected with this company. Some ienced litigants. They also testified years ago he gave up the stick and rule that persons having cases before the and has since made a success writing

> Mrs. Barron's Sister Paralyzed. ligence today that her sister, Mrs. Jno. the recent burning of Bain Academy, 3. Blackley, of Staunton, Va., had suffered a stroke of paralysis. The message did not state how selious Mrs. Blackley's condition was.

POSITION DEFINED

The Superintendent of Public In- Great Britain Wants to Know who may be burnt out needs his money if the "Administrative Entity" Includes Manchuria Concert.

Washington, Feb. 13.-To Russia and | are set forth in the by-laws. Japan the Washington government suggests the propriety of limiting hostilities within as small an area as pos- two years and is working well. We are sible and of respecting the neutrality not better than at the same hour yes- as commissary for North Carolina and administrative entity of China, dictation. Our association manages its State troops during the war. He ed- that China may be free from disturb- affairs in its own way and furnishes inited a Democratic paper in Washing-lances and foreign interests there from menace.

horrible burning to death of Miss abled to give as the substance of the ganization which they have built up Helen Blake, a maiden lady who lived note addressed by Secretary Hay on and as was remarked in the first annual alone on her farm seven miles from February 10th to the St. Petersburg report twelve months ago, "If we will Raleigh, yesterday. She was heard and Tokio governments. On February only adhere strictly to business prinscreaming, and when neighbors 8 in a note to Germany, Great Britain reached the house her body was found and France, Mr. Hay invited these powin the floor horribly burned; so bad- e.s concurrently to address Russia and ly, indeed, that some of the bones Japan with the same suggestion and on February 11 this invitation was extended to Italy, Austria-Hungary, the books are found to be correct and in Netherlands, Denmark, Spain and Bel-

Germany was the first to respond Baine Academy remain intact only with a prompt acceptance of the invi- \$1,200 was paid on the insurance of tation and the promise that she im-mediately would address the two com-

aid down in the note, but principal tirety" of China involved Manchuri, Japan was heard from quickly with the answer that she would act readily Tied by Masked Men who Russia. Italy-Hungary and the Netherlands expressed sympathy with the idea and promised an answer after consultation with other powers. There is 100 stereopticon pictures, on Sunday reason to believe that Spain and Belgium will also accept that invitation. church, and Tuesday night at East Ave-Russia thus far has been silent and nue Presbyterian church, and Friday the attitude of France is one of the night at the Second Presbyterian San Francisco, Feb. 13 .- Five men station. This is the situation last night. | church, and Wednesday night at Trin-Meantime it is learned that Germany ity Methodist church. All are invited. is addressing the combatants with a Adults and children. No admission note in substance the same as that of fee is charged. Lecture at 7:45 a. m. Secretary Hay. Regarding the attitude gret to the officials here that, as the princial is one for which the British was going about her household duties have stood in the past so stalwartly, she stumbled over a bicycle and fell it should hold up formal acceptance of upon her wirst, dislocating it. Though tails to the note, as it would be mani- time. festly impossible to hope for concurany but the most general lines. That the officials of the Washington government could have had in mind the neu- teachers in Long Creek township, at trality of Manchuria is declared on the | which a number of papers were read (By Associated Press) trality of Manchuria is declared on the which a number of papers were read St. Louis, Feb. 13.—Wm. J. Lemp, face of it to be absurd. Manchuria is by teachers dealing with school work. President of Lemp Brewing Company, recognized by this government with The papers were carefully prepared Mrs. G. M. Morris, of Mooresville, committed suicide today by shooting Korea to be the natural theatre of the and were of great interest to the teachwho has visiting her mother-in-law, himself through the head. It is sup- war, and for that reason, primarily, ers. Those presenting papers were ties be restricted.

FARMERS MUTUAL IN ANNUAL SESSION

Mecklenburg Farmers Assemble Today to Elect Offlcers and to Hear Reports of the Work in the Past Vear.

Capt. Ardrey Re-Elected President -- Company in Good Financial Shape and is Prospering-The Number of Policies in Force.

The annual meeting of the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company was held this morning in the county court house, The report of the president, which was the chief feature of the meeting, was presented, as follows:

Report by H. D. Stowe, chairman of south of Washington is covered with the Executive Committee M. F. M. F.

The Mecklenburg Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company has now been in successful operation for two years. The executive committee in making its first annual report twelve months ago, deemed it necessary, as a matter of information to refer briefly to the action taken in effecting a separation from the State Association and forming our independent local association. In this second annual report which the committee submits today, reference is made only to the workings of the association since the first annual report was made twelve months ago. The new y-laws require a reserve fund of not less than \$1,000 to be kept on hand at all times for the payment of insured losses and expenses. The first assessgent that was made soon after our organization was completed, has been kept in the bank for this purpose until which building was insured in our company for \$1,400. Besides this building. the company has sustained other losses amounting to \$214.50, making a total less of \$1,640.50. These losses have more than consumed the reserve fund required by the by-laws to be kept on hand. The recent assessment of 50 cents on the \$100 was made to meet this deficiency and provide for the reserve fund that the by-laws require to be kept on hand. Our association is intended to afford a mutual protection to ts members and the provision in the by-laws requiring a reserve fund to be kept on hand, is a good one. A member t cace. In this way there can be no delinquenst as the assessments are paid in advance. Our association is growing steadily in membership and insurance. We now have 533 policies issued cover--The Powers Will Act in we now have 533 poncies issued covering \$423,145 of insurance, 58 of the above mentioned policies have been forfeited. The holders of these forfeited policies are now without protect'on until they pay up all arrearages and take the legal steps to be restored as

As has been stated, our new association has now been in force for about now under the influence of no outside surance to its members at cost. The farmers of Mecklenburg are to be con-This the Associated Press, is en- gratulated for the splendid home or-

> ciples a bright future awaists us." It is required of the executive committee to audit the books of the treasarer before each annual meeting of the association. This has been done and his good condition. Owing to the fact that the walls of

The old officers were re-elected as follows:

Great Britain was heard from next appressing adherence to the principal Captain W. E. Ardrey, president; John McDowell, vice-president; R. C. Freeman, secretary and treasurer. Board of directors: H. D. Stowe, W. mal acceptance, pending an answer in-quiry whether the "administrative en-S. Pharr, S. T. Caldwell, Dr. H. Q. Alexander, Dr. W. P. Craven, J. H.

McClintock, John McDowell. Executive committee: H. D. Stowe. J. H. McClintock, W. S. Pharr.

Illustrated Lectures Next Week. Evangelist C. M. Howard will give an interesting lecture, illustrated with night at Brevard Street Methodist

A Painful Accident. This morning as Mrs. M. E. Bangle

Long Creek Teachers Meet. An interesting meeting was held yesterday afternoon of the public school Mrs. Alexander and Mr. Wm. Faulk.