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SUMMER'S FAREWELL.

[illegible]

[illegible] Summer, the lilies seem
[illegible] says good-by,
[illegible] says good-by:
[illegible] distress, like a tear-
[illegible]
[illegible] says good-by—
[illegible]

[illegible] would follow, the lily
[illegible]
[illegible] says good-by,
[illegible] says good-by;
[illegible] the roses weep;
[illegible] good-by—
[illegible]

[illegible] round her death-
[illegible] the sky,
[illegible] good-by,
[illegible] good-by;
[illegible] pressure while the
[illegible]
[illegible] "Good-by,
[illegible]"

C. G. Stanton.

VELAZZIO'S DAUGHTER.

[illegible] wrong—or why
[illegible] and the hunted expression back here! Masters, [illegible] and the dearest [illegible] world, had gripped [illegible] and whispered that [illegible] a week before. [illegible] named Velazzio, and [illegible] yourself free from [illegible] unless you're [illegible] to resume your club [illegible] being talked about. [illegible] The fellow knows [illegible] and lacks money. [illegible] meeting, but if he can't [illegible] Italian Anarchists [illegible] frontier last year—[illegible] Jeff?"

[illegible] hanging over [illegible] it, but it was [illegible] that. Velazzio [illegible] fascinating [illegible] sworn off by one [illegible] but there was Nina, [illegible] Masters could [illegible] but he had never [illegible] I was certain [illegible] precisely the [illegible]

[illegible] the devilly thing begun? I [illegible] Three months before [illegible] happened to sit near me [illegible] of a local Socialistic [illegible] first I had been [illegible] face—of a waxy [illegible], shining eyes, and [illegible] At one minute [illegible] eager and wistful [illegible] the next it would be [illegible] fanatic. Possibly [illegible] had been unusual. At [illegible] I stopped to light a cigar, [illegible] a man even look me. It [illegible] him, and he passed as if [illegible] known me for years. He [illegible] to accompany me home, [illegible] the time my door was reached, [illegible] positively fascinated; but the [illegible] part of it was that for the [illegible] days I seemed to run across [illegible] I went. Soon I found [illegible] unconsciously shunning old [illegible] associations to be in his [illegible]

[illegible] whether it was part of a [illegible] I never knew. Velazzio [illegible] a step farther. He invited me to [illegible] Quite casually, besides, [illegible] other, up to the moment [illegible] turned the key in his door—[illegible] in a street turning off [illegible]. I had been thinking of [illegible] a single man, who lived [illegible] his dreams—as a woman. The truth did not strike me [illegible] when I heard a girl's voice sing—[illegible] until he walked into the room [illegible] the calm remark:

"Mr. Masters, my daughter Nina—[illegible] in the world to love."

[illegible] I stood with my mouth [illegible] moment. His daughter [illegible] had been sitting at the [illegible] some bead work. When [illegible] and smiled, with a carmine [illegible] to both cheeks, I knew [illegible] that I had never seen [illegible] as Velazzio's daughter. [illegible] those wonderful dark eyes, [illegible] as changeable as his own; red [illegible] white skin, and mass of black [illegible] she looked as if she had [illegible] an Italian picture. If [illegible] had asked me, as I left his [illegible] night, to become a member [illegible] society, forswearing my [illegible] previous ties for his [illegible] sake, I do not think I [illegible] paused to reflect.

[illegible] too subtle for that. A [illegible] to a never-forgotten [illegible] the end of it I was hope[illegible] with Nina and ready to [illegible] earth to win her. Velazzio [illegible] unconscious. It was not [illegible] spoke me in a whisper one [illegible] to take charge of some incrimi[illegible] documents, as they would run [illegible] education in my hands than [illegible]. But I began to realize how [illegible] I allowed myself to drift into [illegible]

[illegible] I repeated, hardly know[illegible] I said, "You know I would [illegible] that, if you wish to try [illegible], you surely must under[illegible]

[illegible] certain enough," he [illegible] the others—they are [illegible] a stronger proof than [illegible] to give." A pause. [illegible] rail in the eyes; think[illegible] money, perhaps, although [illegible] me then. "Yes, mat[illegible] come to a head now," [illegible] he whispered, "love does [illegible] hand-in-hand with [illegible]

[illegible] that night in a sort [illegible] Nina. I felt I could [illegible] I had an indescrib[illegible] the price I might have [illegible] the true character of [illegible] associates. There [illegible] in my sitting-room. [illegible] I tiptoed upstairs. [illegible] was half open; my heart [illegible] sight of a man sitting [illegible] Masters, resting his chin [illegible] hands. I had avoid[illegible] a week, had seemed to [illegible] his world altogether. And [illegible] bolging out of my [illegible] sleep by and hide them [illegible]. Holding my breath, [illegible] it, when he took [illegible] and stood in the door[illegible] wide, his lips twitching. [illegible] has come to this, has it?" [illegible] A strained pause. [illegible] him. There "Jeff, [illegible] What does it [illegible] mean? Door to see [illegible] past me like a thief. Not a word! Come in here, you shall speak! Now, you mad fool, what are you mixed up in? I'll know before I leave this house—before I put the police on the fellow."

He held the doorway, and he meant something. The mere sight of his face, working with mingled incredulity and indignation—the mere recollection of all the dear old times together—was enough to break down the miserable barrier; but there was Nina—Nina's glorious face between us that night. I turned my head doggedly.

"Well?" he asked.

"It's too late," was my answer. I knew Masters; only the truth would silence him. "Anything that happens to him now, happens to me. Is that enough?"

"Good heavens!" He stood staring. "Jeff, Jeff! do you know what you have said—what you are doing?"

"Yes; too well." I spun round then, half inclined to try to keep it back come what might. "Jack, cut me dead, every one of you, but don't ask me questions, for I can't answer them. He does belong to a secret society—I admit to you, and not an hour ago I asked him to initiate me as a member—to put me to any test. There! no, I'm not mad; but—but I hope to marry his daughter, the dearest and most innocent girl on God's earth? Now you know—Jack!"

He had gone—picked up his hat like a man dazed, and gone! I heard him feeling his way down the stairs as if his sight had failed him—Masters, my lifelong chum! Myself, I could not move for a time. Call him back?—no, I could not! It was too late. If he meant Nina on the one hand and salvation on the other—I must choose Nina!

"For your life do not come near. The house is watched by police. A false move now, and the work of months goes—pouf! We want friends immediately—friends with money and devotion. You—you may have a double incentive! Say nothing of it, but go quietly to 4 Rupert street, Soho, at seven this evening. There is an emergency meeting, and there may be an ordeal from which you need not shrink. Knock twice and say, 'The Cause.'

VELAZZIO."

That was it in a double envelope, dropped into my letter box early two days later. "For your life do not come near!" I read it incredulously through over and over again, the blood almost into cowardice by the prego[illegible] of the message. My Nina in a house watched by the police! An ordeal! I spent that day in a perfect fever of uneasiness. Quite a dozen times I started out with the determination of seeing Velazzio and learning at any cost what had happened since yesterday, but each time something held me back. When 6 o'clock came I was in no condition to reflect. I set out mechanically to Soho, 4 Rupert street.

At seven I was standing outside it—a dull-gray house in an obscure thoroughfare. Barely a second of irresolution, and then I knocked twice and almost instantly the door was opened by a beady-eyed foreigner. "The Cause," I whispered. Next moment I was groping along the gloomiest, stillest passage imaginable. The man—where was he? Where was the meeting? I was conscious of a burning heat breaking out over me.

"Quick, this way, friend!"

It came, a muffled sound, from the end of the passage. Holding my breath, I walked forward, seeing nothing till suddenly my arm was grasped by a man who, I take it, had been standing behind a curve in the wall. I was swung round, and heard a door creak at my back. Then—a thick, husky voice was close at my ear.

"Why we should trust an Englishman, I know not, but Velazzio insists. So listen! We have one test only, and it is usually enough. In the darkened room behind you, twenty feet by eighteen, waits a man, chosen by lot, and armed with a knife precisely like this." I was just faintly conscious that my fingers had closed over a handle, and no more. "He is preparing to risk his life for the safety of the cause, and you yours. Courage! It need not be a duel to the death, nor even to a wound; should you cry out, 'Enough!' you may go as you came, on a condition which Velazzio says you fully understand. In each case, the door will be opened in five minutes. But remember your opponent will strike if he can."

To my dying day I could never forget my sensation while that astonishing proposal burning itself into my brain. But before I could properly realize, much less resist, a push—and I staggered into the horrible room, and I heard a lock click behind. Simultaneously I caught a movement close by me. I could have screamed, but the sound would not come; instead, I gave a convulsive twist aside, touched a wall, and stood panting and trembling against it, both hands waving madly. Not a sound; not a glimmer in the blackness. In that first moment every hair on my head seemed to be an erect, red-hot wire. Let any man conceive a more painful position, if he can.

A minute, and the tremble had perforce passed. My nerves at a tension bordering upon insanity, my eyes straining through the darkness, I waited for the other to move again. Only to know his whereabouts! Sir, myself I dared not, could not; there was the door close by, and there was the chance of ending it all by one shout, but I must have forgotten both in the sudden horror.

I expected every moment to feel his grip, to close with him, to feel the probe of his blade.

Five minutes—surely that number had passed!—and that door had not come. Involuntarily I took two strides out into the room, and there stood on toe tips, turning as on a pivot to clutch at something warm.

Nothing! But to stand still now, having once moved, was impossible. The cunning of sheer desperation took me. The floor seemed to be thickly carpeted, and gave back no sound. Two more stealthy strides—another; now I must be close to the opposite wall. I would reach out and touch it, and then make two rushes at different angles—clutch him with arms and legs, and hold him powerless. But—what was that? His breathing, just there, where the wall should be? I could bear it no longer; I threw out both arms in a frenzy, and my left palm touched a smooth, bald head. Back I went shuddering. It was a real man, stooping to avoid me, contemplating some trick—and the horror of that first contact brought the reaction. The light! the light! Nina must go—everything must go.

"Enough!" I shouted, madly; and simultaneously two arms closed about my waist. Ah! In an abandonment of fear, then, I gripped at his throat, bent him back and struck—twice, three times—at his chest, I think—and up to the very hilt each time, and then—

Some one was plucking me back and out into the passage. I sank on a stair and lay there, while the ground seemed to be rocking under me. I knew nothing that passed until a glass was put to my lips.

"Drink this! You have killed him, I think—but you cried 'Enough!'" that dear husky voice was whispering. "You must go straight away, in case it is discovered. Listen! a cab waits outside, and I have put money in your pockets. Go at once to Brighton—Brighton, do you hear?—and stay there until you hear from us that it is safe. Ask each day at the postoffice for a letter. No questions now; go, and all will be well!"

The rest seems like a part of a dream. I groped obediently out, half blinded by the sudden light, and into a hansom that waited outside. An hour later, without knowing how I had got there, I was in a train whirling south. "Killed him! Killed him!" sang in and out of my brain. I had killed a man! That was all; of Nina I never once thought. But, no—it was all some nightmare. I would credit nothing until I received that letter.

And one morning, when I put the usual hoarse inquiry, an envelope was handed to me. One nervous glance, then an incredulous gasp. The handwriting upon it was—Masters'! Ten minutes later, I was trying hard to take in a stupefying revelation, sob after sob of relief shaking me. A revelation—yes, indeed!

"DEAR OLD JEFF.—I am only praying that this reaches you all right. Heaven knows I have longed to put you out of your misery, but it was not safe. But now, however, Velazzio and his daughter should be well out of the country, and probably I have succeeded in preventing you making the mistake of your life.

"Jeff, it was all a clever trick of mine. That night, after what you told me, I saw you were on the edge of a precipice, and I took one of the fellows into my confidence. We hired the house in Soho, got the Italian to write that letter, and concocted an ordeal. When you stabbed so murderously at your opponent in the dark room you were stabbing at your old chum, Masters. Thank heaven, we had provided you with that 'property' knife, with the vanishing blade, that we bought for last year's theatricals.

"Disguised, I saw you safe off to Brighton, and then I put a real detective on Velazzio's track, and gave him his chance to clear out. Results show that he was only too glad to take it. And so it is all over, and you will live to thank me for it.

"Yours ever, JACK MASTERS."

—Tit-Bits.

Stage Coaches by Trolley.

Stage coaches run by electric trolley power represent the latest idea of inventive genius in regard to the application of electricity to purposes of transportation. At Greenwich, Conn., is now to be seen in operation a motor carriage running upon a highway, propelled by force taken from wires which are supported by poles along the side of the road. By an ingenious device the trolley, or rather a flexible metallic cable attached to the carriage, is conducted along the circuit wire in such a way that two trolley vehicles may pass each other, and each may turn round or pass from one side of the street to the other at the pleasure of the driver. Free from the bondage of a railway track and the tyranny of the despatcher and the switch tender, the electric stage coach may stop and start when it likes, calling for passengers at their doors on either side of the road, and rolling merrily along the highway, regardless of wind, snow or ice, its only limitation being the poles and wires which give it motion. Over the quarter of a mile stretch already equipped it is declared that the heavy carriage can easily run in forty-five seconds, which would mean the sufficiently rapid pace, for a stage coach, of thirty miles an hour. The trials are said to have been so successful that a permanent line of considerable length will soon be operated.—Boston Herald.

The Largest Floating Dry Dock.

A new floating dry dock has just been completed at Hamburg, Germany, in connection with the shipyard and machine shops of Messrs. Blohm & Voss. The American consul, Robertson, who reports the fact, says that it is "the largest of its kind in existence." It has a carrying capacity of 17,500 tons. Its length, with the pontoons, is 624 feet 4 inches, and its width 118 feet 1 inch. It will raise the largest merchant vessels that have thus far been built, and even the heaviest men-of-war. Owing to its peculiar construction, the dock, in time of war, or in case of other emergency, could be taken down the river like a boat. The dock will take vessels with a draught of 29 feet 6 1-2 inches. No vessel with a greater draught than 27 1-2 feet has ever succeeded in reaching Hamburg.

Peasant Life of an Artist.

Rosa Bonheur, the famous artist, leads the life of a peasant, rising early and going to bed late. Every morning on getting up, she takes a walk in her garden, invariably accompanied by her dog. From 9 o'clock until half past 11 she works in her studio. Then she has breakfast. At 1 o'clock work is resumed until 5, when Mlle. Bonheur goes for an excursion in the forest near her home. She finishes her day by reading.

Satisfactory.

"Do you find your fly screens useful, Mrs. Podger?"

"Yes; the flies are so busy trying to get into the house that they don't bother us when we sit on the porch."—Chicago Record.

COLLECTORS AND DEPUTIES.

An Opinion by Assistant Attorney-General Boyd

WHICH RENDERS CIVIL SERVICE

Null and Void, So Far as Protecting the Men Now in Office Are Concerned.

The Washington Star prints the following: Assistant Attorney-General Boyd is writing an opinion, which will probably receive the sanction of Attorney-General McKenna, sustaining the collectors of internal revenue and the United States marshal [illegible] discharged a large number of deputies. The opinion is really in the case of Collector Brady, of Virginia, but will cover the cases of a number of Southern collectors of internal revenue, who have followed the precedent set by Collector Brady.

It is said these dismissals and the attitude of the attorney have been talked over at cabinet meetings, with an agreement that the opinion of Mr. Boyd shall represent the views of the President and administration. It will be carefully worded, so that the spirit and letter of the civil service law will be upheld. The position to be taken by the decision is, that the tenure of office of a deputy collector or deputy marshal runs with that of the chief who appointed him; it will be held that the position is one of an administrative character and that no position of this kind can be considered permanent. No official of the government, it will be held, can be compelled to do anything more than is expressly required of him and it is not required that collectors and marshals re-appoint the deputies of their predecessors. Mr. Boyd will hold that the collectors and marshals can appoint whoever they please and do not have to call upon the civil service commission for an eligible list. It is held by the civil service commissioners that the collectors and marshals have to make temporary appointments if they have no eligible list, and if they have an eligible list, they must select their deputies from that.

WHEAT, CORN AND OATS.

Good General Yield of Wheat; Corn Falls Short.

The Orange Judd Farmer in its final estimate of the year's wheat crop, says that figures based on actual threshing returns indicate a total yield of 280,000,000 bushels, of which 273,530,000 bushels is winter and 215,470,000 bushels spring wheat.

With the exception of Illinois and Missouri, the winter wheat yield represents the full capacity of the soil. The spring wheat yield in Minnesota and the Dakotas has proven a disappointment, the aggregate being only 120,000,000 bushels. The shortage there is in a measure counterbalanced by the good yield in Nebraska, Oregon and Washington. The report says the corn crop is exceedingly disappointing, at an outside estimate of 1,750,000,000 bushels. Brought during the past two months reduced the average condition from 82.3 a month ago to 78.9 on October 1.

An average oat yield of 29.7 per acre suggests a crop of 814,000,000 bushels, 100,000,000 bushels more than last year.

NEGRO GIRL DENIED ADMISSION.

Ex-Congressman Miller's Daughter Could Not be Publicly Taught.

The Poughkeepsie, (N. Y.) Dispatch says: Ex-Congressman T. E. Miller, of South Carolina, recently applied to Eastman College for admission for his daughter, but, on account of the large number of young men from the South in the institution it was thought by President Clement C. Gaines inadvisable to give her public instruction. A letter to that effect was sent to the young woman's father, with an offer to give her private instruction. This was not agreeable to ex-Congressman Miller and he sent his daughter to a school in Brooklyn. She is very light in color, and would not be suspected of having negro blood. Her father is a lawyer, is well educated and was recently chosen president of the South Carolina Negro Normal and Industrial College.

SIX KILLED AT A CROSSING.

A Passenger Train Strikes a Wagon Load of People With Deadly Effect.

A special to the St. Louis (Mo.) Dispatch, from Willow Springs, Mo., says: A passenger train on the K. C., Ft. S. & M. R. R., ran into a wagon containing seven persons, at Dead Man's Cut, three miles North of here instantly killing six and fatally injuring the other one. Those killed were Phillip L. Wooten, Phillip Wooten, Jr., Amanda Wooten, Dora Wooten, Mrs. Francis Malbrey and an infant child four months old.

Excursion Train Wrecked.

One person killed, one so badly injured that he died soon after the accident and many injured is the record of a wreck on the Denver and Rio Grande narrow gauge at Cotopaxi, Col., seventy-two miles west of Pueblo, caused by the breaking of a journal on one of the coaches.

Miners Demand Better Wages.

The National Congress of miners, which has been in session at Liege, Belgium, decided to make a demand for an advance of 15 per cent. in wages. If this demand is not granted by the middle of November the executive committee will call a general strike.

Champions of 1898.

The Boston baseball club defeated the Baltimore team for the penant in the National league, thereby winning the Temple cup and making them the champions for 1898.

Winston's Tobacco Trade.

The Winston, N. C., Tobacco Association held its annual meeting last week when President Edmunds read his annual report, which showed that 14,061,912 pounds of leaf tobacco were sold on that market for $888,177. Also that 15,344,069 pounds of tobacco were manufactured there during the past year. The stamp on revenue collections aggregated $820,524.17.

Strikers Return to Work.

Four hundred longshoremen have given up the strike at Savannah, Ga., and returned to work.

TOLD IN A PARAGRAPH.

The South.

Geo. W. Reed has been appointed postmaster at Biltmore, N. C.

National Pythian Press Association will meet in Nashville, Tenn., Oct. 25-27.

Fire has caused a loss of $75,000 to the Central Railroad system, at Macon, Ga.

At Opelika, Ala., the calaboose was burned and two negroes perished in the flames.

Many men have been thrown out of work at Nashville, Tenn., by the burning of a large planing mill.

At Newport News, Va., W. H. Gallupe was shot down on the street and killed by Morris Foreman.

President McKinley was invited to the Norfolk (Va.) fair, but had to decline on account of the press of business.

A. P. Grace, of Statesville, the court stenographer, has disappeared, and all efforts to find him have been vain.

In a political fight at Knuckle, Ky., Jacob Howard, Republican, was killed by John Milton, a Democratic candidate.

The will of the late Lewis Gintee has been probated at Richmond, Va. The estate is valued at betwwen $7,000,000 and $8,000,000.

On account of the quarantine regulations the Fall Festival at Charleston, S. C., has been postponed until the week commencing December 13.

The stockholders of the Seaboard and Roanoke Railroad met in Portsmouth, Va. President R. C. Hoffman and the old board of directors were re-elected.

At Warsaw, Va., Alexander Carpenter, aged 72 years, a citizen of Port Royal, committed suicide by cutting his throat with a razor.

The contract for dredging the channel to the dry dock at Port Royal, S. C., has been awarded to the New York Dredging Company, at a cost of $140,000.

At Hernando, Miss., a mob took Henry Crowder, col., out of the justice of peace's office and lynched him for seducing Dovie Ferguson, a daughter of a prominent farmer.

W. H. Bone's meat market, at Dallas, Ga., was blown up by dynamite. There was also a notice placed upon a shade tree notifying the town council to change the town marshal.

Polly Brannum, the eldest woman in Tennessee, died the other day age at the age of 109. She was the daughter of a Revolutionary patriot and in her day was acquainted with Sevier, Blount, Roan, Carroll, Sam Houston, Andrew Johnson, Andrew Jackson, Polk and other men of national reputation.

The North.

Every house at Austin, Pa., has been burned, except five.

The business portion of the town of Alton, Ill., has been burned.

George H. Lewis, the millionair coal operator, died suddenly in Buffalo, N. Y.

At Greenfield, Ind., Albert Scott killed his brother, Benton, with a pump handle.

At East Longmeadow, Mass., a mother and two children perished in the burning of a dwelling house.

Chas. A. Dana, the veteran editor of the New York Sun, is slowly dying at his home in Glen Cove, L. I., New York.

Mrs. Mary Devine and others, of Alton, Ill., have sued the State, claiming $25,000 for the life of Mrs. Devine's son, who was hanged for murder twelve years ago.

Two miles south of Kansas City, Mo., two men stopped a cable car and at the point of pistols secured what small change the conductor had and escaped.

Train robbers held up a Rock Island passenger train ten miles north of Chickasaw, I. T., and relieved the passengers of two or three hundred dollars.

The Dexter park pavilion in Chicago, in which were 500 horses, and a large number of other buildings has been burned; one man and many of the horses were burned to death.

At Cleveland, Ohio, J. J. Shipherd has been arrested on a charge of embezzling nearly $200,000 from F. D. Robinson and a receiver has been asked for his firm, which is alleged to be insolvent and owing $2,000,000.

Fire, supposed to have been started by tramps, destroyed the stock barn of Burgess Brothers, at Winona, Ill. Thirty horses, many of which had taken premiums at State fairs, at Springfield, were destroyed. The loss is $20,000, with insurance on the barn alone.

Miscellaneous.

Capt. Frederick Chatard, the oldest surviving officer of the Confederate navy, has just died.

William Rollins was crushed to death between two cars on the Richmond and Fredericksburg railroad.

Great Britain refuses to enter into a sealing conference with Russia and Japan, on account of Canada's objection.

John W. Mackay and I. E. Hanchette have gone to Nevada to close a trade for the Silver Peak mines for about $1,000,000.

The North Atlantic squadron will participate on the 21st of October, in Boston harbor in the celebration of the centenary of the launching of the United States ship Constitution.

Washington.

John Wedderburn & Co. have been disbarred from practice before the Interior Department as patent attorneys or agents.

At Washington, D. C., the police have secured Guiteau's pistol, with which, it is claimed, President Garfield was shot.

Washington, D. C., has been selected as the place of meeting for the American Society of Municipal Improvement in 1898.

A Big Cotton Fire.

A special to The Macon, (Ga.) Telegraph from Montezuma, Ga., says: McKenzie's large iron warehouse, containing 1,000 bales of cotton, caught fire and was entirely consumed. The flames spread so rapidly that the fire department could not save the building. The cotton destroyed was valued at $80,000, the warehouse at $4,000, and other contents of the building at $1,000. Insurance amounts to $28,000.

Ethel—Do you believe in palmistry? Mabel—Oh, it's all right for a starter, if the fellow's shy.—Bazar.

CONFEDERACY'S DAUGHTERS.

Fourth Annual Convention of Their Society to Meet in Baltimore.

The Baltimore Sun says the fourth annual Convention of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will be held in Baltimore, beginning on November 10, and lasting probably three days. Lehman's Hall has been secured for the meetings.

About one hundred delegates are expected to be present, representing all the Southern States, Indian Territory, California and New York city. Mrs. Jefferson Davis is the honorary president of a large chapter of the Order in New York city, and she may attend.

Mrs. D. Girand Wright, wife of Judge Wright, will deliver the address of welcome. Mrs. Wright is first vice-president of the order and president of Maryland Chapter. The response will be made by Mrs. Augustine T. Smythe, of Charleston, S. C., second vice-president of the Order. Miss Fitzhugh Lee, wife of Gen. Lee, will preside at the convention. It is also expected that Mrs. William H. Felton, of Cartersville, Ga., will repeat during the convention her address on the education of the daughters of Confederate soldiers delivered at the Confederate reunion in Nashville some months ago. Reports will also be made to the convention by the various chapters of the work of the year and officers will be elected.

Among the distinguished Southern women expected at the convention will be Mrs. Ellison Capers, wife of Bishop and Gen. Capers, of South Carolina, and president of the division of that State. Mrs. John R. Currie, daughter of Gen. W. L. Cabell, of Dallas, president of the Texas division, Mrs. L. H. Raines, of Savannah, president of the chapter of Georgia and president of the national society in 1896; Mrs. C. Helen L. Plane of Atlanta, president of the Georgia division; Mrs. John P. Hickman, of Nashville, Tenn., national recording secretary, and Mrs. I. Jefferson Thomas, of Atlanta, national treasurer.

The Anna Stonewall Jackson Chapter of Washington, headed by their president, Mrs. Walter R. Bullock, will attend the convention in a body.

The local members will entertain the delegates, and there will be a reception during the Convention at the Confederate Soldiers' Home, at Pikeville. Miss Kate M. Rowland is the corresponding secretary of the Order.

The objects of the Order are memorial, monumental and beneficial. Aid is given destitute families of Confederate soldiers and help is extended in the erection of monuments to commemorate the valor of Confederates. The Order is also assisting in the work of having introduced in the schools histories in which the South will be properly treated.

BANKERS ARRESTED.

Embezzlement and Conspiracy the Charge—$30,000 Bond Each.

A special to the Raleigh (N. C.) News and Observer from Asheville says: Wm. E. Breese, president, W. H. Penland, cashier, and J. C. Dickinson, a director of the defunct First National Bank of Asheville, have been arrested on indictments from the United States Court, in session at Greensboro, charging them with embezzlement and conspiracy. Thirty thousand dollars bail was required in each case, which was given.

They have all been under $5,000 bonds since July 1, for violating the national banking act. Since then, National Bank Examiner Maxey has been in Asheville, and has made some startling discoveries. One of these discoveries is alleged to be the fact that $250,000 of "accommodation notes" signed by insolvent persons, and filled out by the officials, and some forged papers, are in the bank. Some of the insolvent notes had been re-discounted at other banks. C. B. Leonard, the man who is supposed to have secured the note signers, comprising janitors, street car motormen, plasterers, carpenters and others of no financial standing, has fled to Mexico.

INVITED TO SEE OUR MILLS.

Southern R. R. Wants to Bring Cotton Manufacturers South.

The Southern Railway Co. has extended an invitation to the New England Cotton Manufacturers Association, to visit the cotton mill centers of the South, located along that system of railway, and it is expected a large number of the members of the association will accept the invitation. About 200 cotton mills are located on the line of the Southern Railway, and the number is increasing.

Weyler Refuses to Resign.

Madrid, Spain. (By Cable.)—At a cabinet council the government decided to grant autonomy to Cuba under the suzerainty of Spain and to continue the campaign as long as may be necessary. Senor Gullom, minister of foreign affairs, explained to the cabinet the position of the diplomatic negotiations with the United States. Senor Sagasta, the premier, has received a cable message from Captain General Weyler, who offers his services to the government and says: "I shall not resign."

A Bank Robbed of $3,000.

A special to the Louisville Post from Morganfield, Ky., says: Thieves entered the office of the Union County Bank and secured over $3,000 in currency, which had been left in the cash drawer. When the bank officials returned they found that the drawer had been rifled. The vault was closed and locked, so the thieves had no chance to get the money within it without detection. The robbers made good their escape, leaving no clue behind them.

Murdered in the Public Road.

A special to the Macon Telegraph from Moultrie, Ga., says: W. H. Harris and his son, Robert Harris, met J. H. Neismith in the public road and shot him to death.

Infant Beat to Death.

In Opelika, Ky., a negro woman went to the field, leaving her infant in charge of her older children. The crying of the baby disturbed the other children and they beat the infant to death with switches and sticks.

Busy Mills and Better Pay.

The cheering information comes from Chattanooga, Tenn., that, on account of the improvement of the iron conditions in this section, Capt. H. S. Chamberlain, president of the Roane Iron Company, operating the Rockwood Furnace, and of the Cinco Furnace Company, has announced an advance of 10 per cent. in the wages of all employes of the two furnaces. This advance was unsolicited so far as the wage-earners were concerned.

FLORIDA'S FISH CONGRESS.

The Government Has Extended Invitations to Other Countries.

A BIG OCCASION AT TAMPA

To Talk About How to Grow Fish, Oysters, Turtles, Sponges and Bull Frogs.

Washington, (Special.)—The Fish Commission is very much interested in the National Fishery Congress which convenes at Tampa, Fla., in January, 1898. The congress will, it is believed, prove to be one of the most noteworthy gatherings of the kind ever held in this country. A large attendance of representatives of the various State fish commissions, angling and fishing associations and the National Fish Commission is expected; and all persons interested in fishing, angling and fish culture will be welcomed. The United States government has extended invitations to the governments of Great Britian, Germany, Russia, France, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Sweden and Norway, Denmark, Belgium, Austria, Hungary, Greece, The Netherlands, Japan, China, Mexico, Brazil, Venezuela and other countries. It is proposed to organize an International Fish Association at the congress.

The call for the Congress was issued by Governor Bloxham, of Florida. One of the main objects is to secure harmony among the States in providing for the preservation, propagation and protection of their water products. Fish culture, oyster culture, turtle culture and frog culture are down on the programme for discussion. The application of modern methods to the cultivation of oysters is a subject in which all the coast States will be interested. Turtle culture is an innovation, but is fast becoming a necessity in the absence of protection to the young and eggs of the green turtle. The utilization of waste marsh land and ponds for the rearing of bull frogs for market is a subject of great interest to many thousands of people. The opportunity for those of small means to engage in this business is excellent.

One of the timely topics that will be prominently presented to the congress is the sponge industry. While Florida is the only State actively participating in the sponge fishery, every State is indirectly interested. Already some of the best sponge grounds have been depleted and the necessity for artificial measures to maintain the supply is being generally appreciated. Sponge culture is one of the most promising fields now opening in connection with the fisheries. With unlimited water bottom of suitable character for planting, and with a home demand far in excess of present output of the Florida reefs, the growing of sponges ought to engage the attention of many persons in the next few years, and it is expected that this congress will give an incentive to the enterprise. The United States Fish Commission is said to be considering the transportation of some of the finer grades of Mediterranean sponges to Florida waters. The best Turkish and African sponges bring $4.0 to $8.0 a pound, while the choicest of the Florida sheep's wool sponges are worth only $2 to $3 a pound.

The conditions, extent methods and needs of the great question of fisheries will receive considerable attention, as will the question of fishery legislation. Exhibits of fishing apparatus, fishery products, and appliances for preserving or preparing fish are solicited from dealers, manufacturers and others. Some device for drying fish like fruit is said to be needed on parts of the Southern coast and inventors would do well to take advantage of this opportunity to exhibit methods for this. A session of the congress will be devoted to the angling interests. Florida in winter is an angler's paradise, and an opportunity will be afforded for an experience by anglers from all parts of the country. An angling tournament and competitive tests in fly casting with appropriate prizes have been provided for.

SEVEN YOUNG GIRLS PERISH.

Burned to Death in a Fire at a State Industrial School.

The girls' cottage at the State Industrial School at Plankinton, S. D., has been burned and Tilie Hooper, in charge of the sewing department; Nellie Johnston, aged 13, of Grafton, N. D., Mabel Fobert, aged 9, of Sioux Falls, Bessie Kerby, aged 14, of Hot Springs; Eva Warner, aged 10, of Watertown; Christian Fergman, aged 11, and Lillian West, aged 11, of Sioux Falls, perished in the building. Twenty-five escaped in their night clothes. The loss is about $20,000 with no insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown but was probably caused by a lamp exploding.

Living Huddled Together Like Sheep.

A special from Raleigh, N. C., says: Another ark load, forty-nine of Lynchites or sanctified band, arrived at Southport. There are now over 300 here, and they say more arks are coming. They are living huddled together like sheep, without regard to sex. Joseph Lynch, their leader, works daily for farmers. So do all, or nearly all, his flock work till they actually fall from exhaustion. Their women get any work they can do. Their meetings are held in the court house and some Methodists are meeting with them to the horror of others of that church.

Refused to Recognize Our Consul.

The German government refused to recognize Ferdinand Neumann, of Illinois, who was nominated by President McKinley on May 28th to be United States consul to Cologne.

Tar Heels Call on the President.

A party of 500 excursionists from Winston-Salem, N. C., and vicinity visited President McKinley at the White House last week.

Harris Nickel Plate Shows refused to give their performance in Bennettsville because the county tax had to be paid in advance.

Dr. S. M. Dateza's sanitarium, at Chester is to be enlarged by the addition of twelve rooms to accommodate new patients.

Senator McLaurin pledges himself to support the repeal of the prohibitive Federal tax on State banks and the creation of a State bank currency.

Mr. V. F. Martin, of Oconee, is mentioned for Comptroller General.

DESTROYED BY FLOODS.

Tens of Thousands Are Homeless in China.

Tacoma, Wash. (Special.)—The steamer Victoria brings news of the most disastrous floods that have visited China for many years. Sixty villages near Sung Chon, containing over 80,000 inhabitants, have been destroyed by floods and the people drowned or forced to flee. There are no means of finding out how many thousands have been drowned, but the number is estimated by Chinese authorities at 15,000 to 20,000.

The flooded district is within twelve miles of Peking, the capital of China. As a rule Chinese officials make very little stir when a calamity like this happens, but the proximity of the disaster has resulted in its being brought to the attention of the emperor, who has ordered that all possible relief be given.

Survivors from the villages nearest Peking have been allowed such shelter as they can find in the city walls but thousands are without protection against the rain, which continues to fall. Their distress is most pitiable. Public-spirited and wealthy men of Peking and Tung Chou are actively assisting the authorities in providing them with food. The floods have greatly damaged a large number of estates belonging to Peking nobles. The unusual rains began July 23, and continued until Aug. 13. The crops in the flooded districts were destroyed. The prefects, local magistrates and people of the flooded district prayed for the cessation of the rain seven days before they were finally driven out of their homes.

Early in September high officials of Pekin and Tien Sien suddenly forbade the slaughter of cattle, their object being to appease the wrath of God and stop the rain. Proclamations to this effect were posted. The result was to cut off the entire meat supply, which led foreign consuls to protest against the prohibition and to report the situation to the foreign ministers at Pekin. It is claimed that the action of the officials constitutes a violation of the treaty rights.

VIRGINIA REPUBLICANS.

Patrick Henry McCaull Named as the Candidate for Governor.

The State Republican convention of Virginia, in session at Lynchburg, nominated the following ticket: Henry McCaull, of Culpeiper, for Governor; Col. O. B. Roller, of Harrisonburg, for Lieutenant Governor, and James Lyons, of Richmond for Attorney General. Col. Wm. F. Wickham, of Powhattan was elected State chairman, and he with J. S. Pattie, of Roanoke; Alva Martin, of Norfolk; T. K. Hackan, of Harrisonburg, and Colonel R. T. Hubbard, of Buckingham, compose the State executive committee. The State central committee is made up of three members from each congressional district.

A complete plan of organization was adopted. The platform is brief and endorses the National Republican platform, the McKinley administration honest election, etc., and deals with State names.

FIRE SWEEPS MANITOBA.

Some of the Towns Threatened—All Farmers Suffer.

Winnepeg, Man. (Special.)—Reports continue to pour in from all parts of the province of destruction by prairie fires. In some districts not a farmer escaped loss by the fiery wave that swept over the country. Appeals were made in all the city churches for aid for those who sustained loss in the brush country east of the city. This was where the two women and five children lost their lives and many other families had thrilling escapes from fire which had hedged them in on all sides. Several families lost homes, crops and all live stock, and as they are new settlers are left destitute. The fire ran to within 100 yards of one of the principal residence portions of the city south of the Assiniboine, and firemen had to be called out to beat out the threatening flames.

ECLIPSE OF THE SUN.

To be Witnessed in India by American Astronomers.

Two expeditions will leave California this month for India to witness the total eclipse of the sun. Prof. Burckhalter astronomer at the Chabot observatory, will go with a complete outfit, and Prof. W. W. Campbell, of Lick observatory, will represent the State Institution. The Pierson expedition for the Chabot observatory will leave October 20. W. W. Campbell, of the Lick observatory, will start October 12, and it is probable that the two expeditions will meet in the Orient.

Collapse of a Big Hotel.

Two men are dead and ten injured as the result of the blowing down of a big new hotel at Lindsay Park, Charlevoix, Mich. The structure had been all enclosed and partly plastered. About 40 men were at work in and around the building when the crash came. All were buried in the ruins. The building was 440 feet long, and the south end began to sway, the roof seemed to lift and the whole immense structure careened and crashed, the ruin following like a tidal wave to the north end. It is asserted