

THE WEATHER.

Clearing and colder Saturday. Sunday fair brisk and high northwest winds.

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OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS.

Mr. Dooley says it occasionally smashes in the door—take a look over the Business Local columns of today's paper.

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156 PERSONS DIE IN SEA DISASTER

Passenger Steamer Foundered on Reefs to Mediterranean Sea.

SOLE SURVIVOR OF WRECK

Eighty-Seven Passengers and 70 Composed Crew—News of Wreck Causes Consternation at Marseilles.

Palma, Island of Majorca, Feb. 11.—Driven helplessly from her course, in one of the wildest storms that has swept the Mediterranean Sea in 40 years, the French Transatlantic Steamship Company's steamer General Chanzy chased at full speed, in the dead of night, on the treacherous reefs near the Island Minorca, and all but one of the 157 souls on board perished.

The sole survivor is an Algerian customs official, Mariel Rodol, who lies tonight in the hospital at Ciudadela raving as a result of the tortures through which he passed and unable to give an account of the disaster.

In the ship's company were 37 passengers, of whom 30 were in the first cabin. The crew numbered 70. It is not thought that any Americans were aboard the liner. The ship was in command of Captain Cayol, one of the most careful officers of the line. In his long experience he has never before met with an accident. He had intended to retire from the service in the near future.

The passengers of the Chanzy were mostly French officers and officials returning to their posts in Algeria accompanied by their wives and children; a few soldiers, some Italians and Turks, and one priest. The only Anglo-Saxon names on the passenger list were Green and Staley. They were members of an opera troupe of 11 which had been engaged to sing at the Casino in Algiers.

The General Chanzy sailed from Marseilles Wednesday at noon and was due to arrive at Algiers Thursday afternoon.

The Chanzy is a total wreck. Steamers have been despatched from Spain and from points in the Blearis islands to the scene of the catastrophe. Among the victims was the celebrated Parisian music hall singer, Francis DuFor, as well as other prominent music hall favorites.

The General Chanzy struck at 9 o'clock Thursday night after Capt. Cayol, with all his experience, had been unable to cope with the tempest of almost unprecedented violence. Other ships in the neighborhood had safely ridden out the storm but the Chanzy fell prey to the elements, was drifted off her course through the Balearic archipelago, and brought up on the coast of Minorca in the vicinity of Ciudadela. Fishermen at day break picked up Rodol clinging to a piece of wreckage.

Marseilles, Feb. 11.—When the Chanzy sailed from this port, according to the details reaching here tonight, instead of heading direct for Algiers, she hugged the coast as far as Barcelona in order to avoid the storm, and finally ran under the shelter of the islands of Minorca and Majorca. The engines broke down, however, and the vessel was rendered powerless. The storm hurled her against the rocks on the north coast of the island of Minorca, in the vicinity of Ciudadela, and she went down almost immediately. The only survivor, Mariel Rodol, brought the news to Palma.

According to the steamship company's sailing list, the steamer March Bugeaud should have sailed on Wednesday, but was replaced by the Chanzy. Many passengers for Algiers had waited to go by the Chanzy, because of the great confidence they felt in her captain.

The French authorities say that they have hopes that some of the passengers have escaped and landed on other parts of the island of Minorca. It is now believed that three American vaudeville players, hailing from San Francisco, were on board the steamer. Their names are Elsie Henry and Messrs. Drenda and Delym.

Relatives and Friends Aboard. Marseilles, Feb. 11.—The news of the wreck of the General Chanzy caused consternation in this city, whence the vessel sailed Wednesday for Algiers. Relatives and friends of the passengers rushed to the steamship office, imploring details of the accident. Pathetic scenes were enacted when they were informed that with the exception of one passenger all on board had perished.

The government is arranging to assist the families of the crew who all were members of the merchant marine.

THE RIVER SEINE.

Rise Only Few Inches During Night. Relief Measured.

Paris, Feb. 11.—The Seine rose only a few inches last night, and the hydrographic authorities predicted today that the high level which would be reached tomorrow would be about eight inches less than anticipated. The chamber of deputies today unanimously voted the \$4,000,000 for the aid of flood victims, which had been asked for by the cabinet.

The government contemplates relief loans amounting to \$20,000,000.

CONFESSED TRAIN ROBBERY

Ebelton Declared He Held Up Missouri Pacific Train and Vindicates Two Others—Guilty of Mail Robbery Also.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 11.—Following his confession that he took part in the robbery of a Missouri Pacific train at Eureka, Mo., on the night of January 21st, George Ebelton pleaded guilty this afternoon to a charge of robbing the mails.

Ebelton was arrested yesterday at Hot Springs, Ark. W. W. Lowe, who is implicated by Ebelton's confession, his brother, James Lowe, and S. W. Emerson, were arrested here Wednesday. Arrests of the four men was kept secret until Ebelton was brought here today.

The Lowes and Emerson, when arraigned before United States Commissioner Morsey, pleaded not guilty to a charge of robbing the mails, and were ordered held in \$20,000 bond each until next Friday. Ebelton's bond was fixed at the same amount. Emerson declared he could prove he was not outside of the city of St. Louis on the night of the robbery. Ebelton, in his confession to the postoffice inspector, said James Lowe and Emerson had no part in the hold up and robbery. W. W. Lowe, according to the postoffice inspectors, was in the train robbery at Blue Cut, near Kansas City, in 1893.

He said he confessed his part and turned State's evidence. The robbery near Eureka according to Ebelton, netted \$600. The Missouri Pacific Railroad Wednesday announced the robbers obtained \$155.

GUNNERS ON BATTLESHIP HURT.

Explosion on Virginia White Vessel Was Firing a Salute.

Washington, Feb. 11.—Two gunners were injured in an explosion which occurred on the battleship Virginia yesterday while that vessel was engaged in firing a salute of Guantanamo.

A charge which was being hoisted into one of the Virginia's guns exploded as it was being placed in the breach. Third class gunners' mate, J. Irban, who was working at the gun, had his right hand badly mutilated by the explosion and the surgeons found it necessary to amputate the arm above the wrist. E. W. Brunner, another third class gunners' mate, was severely burned about the face. Both the men were transferred to the fleet hospital ship Solace, where their injuries are being cared for.

Rear Admiral Schroeder, commander-in-chief of the fleet, has ordered an investigation into the cause of the accident. The Virginia with the other battleships of the Atlantic fleet, are engaged in maneuvers in the West Indies with Guantanamo as headquarters.

MADAME PERIWINKLE DEAD.

Removes Unique and Pathetic Figure From American Stage.

Cincinnati, O., Feb. 11.—Death removed today one of the most pathetic and unique figures of the American stage, "Madame Periwinkle" has passed away, convinced to the end that the jeering audiences which greeted her above the world. E. W. Brunner, another third class gunners' mate, was severely burned about the face. Both the men were transferred to the fleet hospital ship Solace, where their injuries are being cared for.

Twenty years ago Mrs. Susanne Martin (Madame Periwinkle) her mind unbalanced by the acts of her husband, conceived the idea that she was a great actress. A cynical manager, foreseeing a unique future for his house, encouraged the belief and Madame Periwinkle appeared in vaudeville.

She could neither sing nor dance and her costume was made up of weird, ill-fitting odds and ends, but again and again she appeared before crowded houses and received the jeering plaudits as genuine appreciation. The novelty at last wore off, and her feeble brain gave way entirely. She was 61 years old.

FOUR PERISHED IN FIRE.

Negroes, Two Nieces and Infant Hemmed in by the Flames.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 11.—Hemmed by flames in the upper portion of their home near Lands Station, on Princess Anne county, the wife of Ernest Forbes, colored, her two nieces, and two months' old infant, were burned to death about 7 o'clock this morning.

Forbes built a fire in a stove down stairs soon after arising and went into the yard. Soon thereafter his wife, who was still upstairs with the children, observed that smoke was coming up into the second story from below, and went down stairs to investigate.

Finding the lower portion of the house in flames, she rushed back up stairs to get the children out of danger, but before she could do so, found her own means of escape cut off and she and the children perished together.

SNOWING IN VIRGINIA.

Fleecy White Holds Parts of Virginia and Maryland in Grasp.

Winchester, Va., Feb. 11.—Northern and Western Virginia and Maryland are fast in the grasp of a heavy snow storm. The fall began at 9 o'clock this morning and has reached a depth of more than six inches on the levels with no signs of abatement.

Lynchburg, Va., Feb. 11.—John Goodykooz, of Roanoke, trainmaster of the Norfolk division of the Norfolk and Western Railway, was probably fatally injured late today when a blast went off prematurely as a work train on which he was riding, was passing. He sustained a compound depressed fracture of the skull, among other injuries. He will be operated upon here tonight.

BRIBERY CHARGE IS SENSATIONAL

Accuser Jotham P. Allds Testifies in New York State Senate.

ADJOURNED FOR WEEK-END

Skillful Manoeuvring on Part of Counsel For Prosecution—Alleged Transaction Given in Detail Before Legislature.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 11.—Skillful manoeuvring by Senator Benn Conger's attorneys sent the members of the State Senate home for the week-end recess this afternoon with the personal testimony of Senator Jotham P. Allds, accuser, ringing in his ears.

Conger's affidavit, charging Allds with taking a \$1,000 bribe from the bridge building company was read before the Senate when it began this investigation last Wednesday as a committee of the whole but his cold legal phrases could not carry the weight of Conger's accusations voiced on the witness stand today.

Conger not only confirmed the story of Moe, the Groton bank cashier and church deacon, but he went back of Moe's story and related the incidents preceding the actual delivery of the alleged bribe. He told how Allds said to him: "You better get your men up here and see the rules committee (to which Allds was a member) so that bill will come out."

He recited in detail how Allds bargained with the witness' brother, Frank Conger, the vice president of the bridge company until Allds finally consented to protect the bridge interests for \$1,000.

The investigation today went one step further toward identifying the other men charged by Conger and Moe with having shared with Allds the \$6,000 sent from Gorton to Albany by Frank Conger on behalf of the American Bridge Company. Conger asserted that neither of those men was a member of the legislature at the present time.

SENTENCE AULD AND ROBBETT.

Decision of Assistant Secretary Winthrop—Reduced in Grade.

Washington, Feb. 11.—Assistant Secretary Winthrop, of the Navy Department, has passed upon the cases of Paymaster George P. Auld, U. S. N., and Past Assistant Surgeon Auey H. Robnett, who were charged at a ball recently given in Boston by a naval officer with conduct unbecoming officers and gentlemen in assaulting Dr. Cowles, a civilian. In the case of Auld the loss of numbers adjudged by the court is remitted and he is ordered released from arrest and restored to duty. The findings of the court and sentence, however, are approved.

In the case of Robnett, the sentence is mitigated to a loss of two numbers in his grade, and he is ordered released from arrest and restored to duty. The sentence of the court was that each officer should lose five numbers in his grade.

Boston, Mass., Feb. 11.—While the naval officers at the Charlestown yard immediately concerned in the court martial proceedings declined to comment on the action of Assistant Secretary Winthrop in remitting the loss of numbers adjudged by the court in the case of Paymaster Auld, the news was hailed with satisfaction in navy yard circles generally. The finding of guilty by the court in both cases occasioned no surprise, as it had been expected by the accused and their friends.

Boston, Mass., Feb. 11.—The reversal of the verdict and disregard for the recommended sentence in the case of Auld together with the reduction of Robnett's sentence, verifies the belief that influence was brought to bear in the Navy Department at Washington, said Dr. Edward S. Cowles, after he had been informed of the decision.

Dr. Cowles is the civilian, who, as a guest at the memorable "hop" in the Charlestown navy yard, was the subject of the alleged assault by Paymaster Auld and discourtesy subsequently by Dr. Robnett.

VISIBLE SUPPLY OF COTTON.

Secretary Hester's Statement Shows 4,693,368 Bales for Week.

New Orleans, Feb. 11.—Secretary Hester's statement of the world's visible supply of cotton issued today shows: The total visible supply to be 4,693,368 against 4,793,731 last week and 5,607,484 last year. Of this the total of American cotton is 3,421,368 against 3,594,731 last week and 4,482,484 last year, and of all other kinds, including Egypt, Brazil, India, etc., 1,272,000 against 1,269,000 last week and 1,195,000 last year. Of the world's visible supply of cotton there is now afloat and held in Great Britain and Continental Europe 2,647,000 against 3,171,000 last year; in Egypt 202,000 against 305,000 last year; in India 584,000 against 474,000, and in the United States 1,340,000 against 1,657,000 last year.

Passengers arriving on the Seaboard train early this morning stated that it began snowing in Charlotte at 10 o'clock yesterday morning and at 5 o'clock had reached a depth of six inches and was still falling. Snow was notified as far down as Monroe. The day was extremely cold in Charlotte.

RIVERS AND HARBORS BILL

Carries Total Appropriation of Over \$42,000,000—Will be Taken Up Monday—Some of the Projects Included.

Washington, Feb. 11.—Waterway projects at a cost of \$42,355,276, of which \$7,206,430 is for continuing contracts, are provided for in the Rivers and Harbors Appropriation bill which was reported to the House today by the Committee on Rivers and Harbors. The bill will be called up in the House Monday in an effort to press the measure to expeditious passage.

The bill provides for harbor projects for greater depth at Norfolk, Va., and Mobile, Ala., besides a host of big projects for the Mississippi river and the Great Lakes New York harbor and Pacific coast waterway improvements.

The projects already under improvement aggregate \$22,017,400, including the Mississippi river from Cairo to the head of the passes. Southern projects of \$20,000 or more follow:

Virginia: Norfolk harbor and its approaches, general improvement \$45,000; removal of Thimble Shoal \$300,000; Cape Charles harbor \$200,000; York, Mattaponi and Pamunkey rivers and Occoquan and Carter Creek, \$50,000; James river, \$100,000; Appomattox river, maintenance and improvement \$28,000, at Petersburg \$5,000.

North Carolina: Neuse and Trent rivers \$36,000; New river including inland waterways between coast harbor and New river and Swansboro, \$23,700; Cape Fear river at and below Wilmington \$200,000; Bay river \$21,000.

South Carolina: Winyaw Bay \$150,000; Canariston \$130,000; Little Pee Dee river \$20,000; Great Pee Dee river \$30,000; Santee Waterway and Congaree rivers and Rtherville-Minim Creek canal \$95,000.

STEAMER IS RECAPTURED.

Managua Abandoned By Captors—In Managua.

Managua, Nicaragua, Feb. 11.—The steamer Managua, which was forcibly taken at her wharf by a group of 30 young men of the conservative party yesterday, was recaptured today at San Ramon on the northern shore of Lake Managua, according to an announcement by the Government tonight. She had been captured by the captors. The body of her commander, Capt. Loruno, was found aboard.

The Managua was apparently undamaged, her captors having run her into a cove at San Ramon and abandoned her. No particulars are available as to how Capt. Loruno met his death.

The pursuit of the Managua as she steamed out of this port in the hands of her captors yesterday afternoon created great excitement among the inhabitants, but was a good deal of an opera bouffe affair.

Cavalry clattered through the streets to the wharf but arrived only in time to see the Managua under way and draw rapidly away to the northward. General Porter Carrero reported today a skirmish with the insurgents at Sebaco, in which he was wounded. The insurgents, according to the report were repulsed.

MODEL LICENSE LEAGUE

President to Address South Carolina Legislative Committee.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 11.—F. M. Gilmore, president of the National Model License league, today accepted an invitation from J. T. Black, president of the South Carolina Senate committee on regulations, to address the committee on Tuesday on the subject of a model license law.

The Senate has rejected one State-wide bill this session, but may have to vote on another recently introduced in the house. The dispensary system prevails in the six wet counties of the State.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 11.—The common council of the lower House of the governing body of Richmond tonight by a vote of 22 to 11, adopted an ordinance providing for the consolidation of Richmond and Manchester. The board of aldermen, the upper body, will act on the proposition next Tuesday.

OUTLINES.

One hundred and 33 lives were lost in the wreck of the steamer General Chanzy which foundered in the Mediterranean Sea Friday night. There was only one survivor and he was rescued by a fisherman.—The Rivers and Harbors bill, carrying appropriations of over \$42,000,000, was reported to the House yesterday and will be taken up Monday.—The hearing with reference to exchanges, before a committee of the House, was in progress throughout yesterday.—In the court review for the week the rise was based on the activity in the actual cotton.—George Ebelton yesterday confessed that he held up and robbed a Missouri Pacific train and also pleaded guilty to robbing the mails.—Indicated two others held on the charge.—Assistant Secretary Winthrop, of the Navy, yesterday passed on the court martial of Allds and Robnett, two army officers.

New York markets: Money on call easy 2 1/2 to 3 per cent, ruling rate 2 7/8, closing bid 2 1/2, offered at 3; spot cotton closed quiet ten points lower, middling uplands 15.15, middling gulf 15.40; flour steady with quiet trade; wheat spot easy, No. 2 red 1.29 nominal elevator domestic and f. o. b. elevator, corn spot firm, No. 2, 72 1/2 cent, domestic and 73 delivered and 71 f. o. b. spot nominal; oats spot quiet, mixed nominal; rosin steady, turpentine quiet.

GREAT PROGRESS IN E. CAROLINA

Railroad Development in Many Sections of State is Reported.

DAY'S DOINGS IN RALEIGH

Licensed to Practice Law—Big Cotton Mill Chartered—Sales of Tobacco—Meredith College News—Other Notes.

(Special Star Correspondence.) Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 11.—Corporation Commissioner S. L. Rogers, just back from an inspection trip over a number of the Eastern Carolina railroads, declares that any man who can survey the conditions and progress in Eastern Carolina and contemplate the possibilities in the immediate future and not grow enthusiastic to the highest degree is devoid of commercial and industrial appreciation. The steady development at this time, he says is simply wonderful and in the people are sanguine and in the best of spirits.

Mr. Rogers inspected the railroad facilities and service about Oriental, Plymouth, Elizabeth City, went over the new million dollar bridge across the Albemarle Sound on the Norfolk & Southern and came by Weldon where he looked into the improvements under way by the Atlantic Coast Line and the Seaboard Air Line.

He also spent a while at Newberns looking into the situation as to the union passenger station there. He found that the Atlantic Coast Line and the Norfolk & Southern have prepared a very desirable site for the station and that the Norfolk & Southern has prepared and submitted to the Atlantic Coast Line plans for an adequate station. He thinks that the preliminary arrangements will be perfected very soon now so that, possibly within a year, Newberns will have ample union station facilities.

As a result of his inspection he will recommend to the commission that two new stations be established on the Oriental branch line together with improved passenger facilities along with improvements in the service Edenton to Suffolk and Elizabeth City to Suffolk.

Mr. Rogers found that the Atlantic Coast Line and the Seaboard Air Line have about agreed on immense improvements at Weldon that include fine new double deck bridge across the Roanoke and a two story passenger station adapted especially to the double bridge over which the approach to the station will be made.

The report to the full commission will also take needed adjustment in the Fayetteville and Selma connection and the connections at Plymouth with the Atlantic Coast Line for the Roanoke river.

A big cotton mill corporation for Chapel Hill, having \$100,000 capital authorized and \$75,000 subscribed, was chartered today. It was the T. F. Lloyd Manufacturing Co. T. F. Lloyd and I. F. Pritchard are the principal incorporators. The charter specifies the manufacture of a variety of cotton fabrics.

Gov. Kitchin spent this afternoon at Wake Forest, his beloved alma mater, attending a debate in which representatives of both the literary societies participated.

Winston-Salem led North Carolina tobacco markets again during January in the amount of leaf tobacco sold on the warehouse floors, her sales aggregating 209,123 pounds, with Wilson second, although far behind, with \$46,035. The total sales on the Carolina markets was 10,302,168 pounds, first hand of the farmers and 11,259,485 pounds including resales.

The Raleigh High School has just selected its team of debaters to take part in the triangular debate to be held next month between the Raleigh, Durham and Greensboro High Schools, the query to be: "Resolved: That the commission plan of city government would be the best for our North Carolina cities."

Only 34 of the 53 applicants for law licenses examined before the Supreme Court Monday passed. They followed: W. B. Hampton, Surry county; J. W. VanHoy, Iredell; J. R. Stewart, Davis; C. L. Station, Halifax; A. L. Suskins, Craven; C. T. Bell, Carteret; W. C. Berry, Mitchell; H. McBeem, McDowell; A. E. Clark, Halifax; H. C. Benton, Mecklenburg; J. E. Kinlaw, Robeson; F. T. Bennett, Sampson; W. R. Dalton, Rockingham; G. M. Fountain, Edgecombe; Donnell Gilliam, Edgecombe; W. B. R. Guion, Craven; J. D. McLean, Scotland; R. G. Parker, Northampton; H. L. Perry, Vance; M. H. Schulken, Columbus; J. C. M. Vann, Union; E. L. Wooten, Robeson; J. H. Taylor, Halifax; E. C. Bivins, Union; C. E. Carpenter, Gaston; J. H. Bonner, Beaufort; T. H. Gorman, Carteret; W. H. Swift, Guilford; J. B. Barbee, Durham; D. J. Bost, Carteret; H. G. Whitaker, Surry; W. B. Todd, Ashe; J. F. Flowers, Mecklenburg; P. E. Powell, Florida.

Preparations are being made for the annual meeting of the presidents of the colleges for women in North and South Carolina to be held at Meredith College March 30th to April 1st. President R. T. Vann and the faculty of Meredith to be the hosts. Miss Leatherman, expert librarian.

COTTON MARKET CONDITIONS

Rise of Past Week Caused by Activity in Actual Staple—Spot Sales in South Increased—The General Situation.

New York, Feb. 11.—The rise of the past week in cotton was based on the activity in the actual cotton not only in this country, but also in Europe, where Lancashire and the Continent have bought with avidity. Liverpool's daily spot sales have ranged from 10,000 to 22,000 bales a day, averaging about 12,000. Also at some points in the South the spot sales have noticeably increased.

The recent large purchases of March and May here by prominent interests are supposed to have been with a view of accepting delivery of considerable quantities of the New York stock. East India crop estimates have been reduced about 250,000 bales. Texas rains have been deficit thus far this winter. The total deficit in December and January as compared with the normal amounts to 1.3 inches. The interest of this lies in the fact that it seems to be necessary in Texas to have a copious winter rainfall in order that the sub-soil may store up what is known as a good "season" to enable the cotton area of the State to withstand the effects of summer droughts. The crops from 1899-1900 to 1903-1904, both inclusive, ranged from 9,436,000 bales to 10,727,000 bales, and was inadequate as in the meantime the world's consumption had taken a big leap forward. Partly for the reason a good deal has been said of late about the deficiency thus far in the winter rains in Texas. Later rains may put a good "season" in the soil. The acreage, it is estimated, will be increased in Texas and wherever else it may be possible. But many are sceptical as to the possibility of inaugurating another bull campaign this season.

The general public is ignoring cotton after the severe punishment which it received some time ago. Of late there has been a growing feeling that a reaction is due. After a rise of about three-quarters of a cent, the stock market was one time a disturbing factor. It is also contended that curtailment during the rest of the season will be so marked that the effects of a bullish situation will be largely if not wholly neutralized. In any case it is felt that spot trade with the mills of the world will fix the price and not speculation, whether quotations fall as some prophecy or rise as still others predict.

GOOD TRADE CONDITIONS.

Liberal Buying for Spring Noted and Buyers at Leading Markets.

New York, Feb. 11.—Bradstreet tomorrow will say: Trade still maintains the quiet undertone previously noted. Buyers are gathering at leading markets in preparation of the impending Spring campaign. Reports of buyers being numerous, but of buying being conservative, come largely from the leading northern and central western markets. In the Northwest, South and on the Pacific coast reports are still highly optimistic, and liberal buying for Spring is noted.

Among the leading industries it might be noted that iron and steel are quieter, that there is weakness in pig iron and that high prices of some kinds of cotton goods depress dealings. In other lines of cotton, however, and in woolen goods there is a good movement. In the lumber trade for export, southern reports are of satisfactory conditions. Good reports as to the shoe trade and in rubber goods come from the West generally.

Fears of a coal strike in the bituminous regions have led to heavy buying by railroads and manufacturers. Depressing of railway buying of material is reported based on a desire to see the course of legislation at Washington.

Business failures in the United States for the week ending with February 10th, were 249, against 232 last week and 211 in the like week of 1909.

WHITE SLAVE BILL PASSED.

Bennett Measures Goes Through the Senate—Congress.

Washington, Feb. 11.—The diplomatic and consular bill was passed by the House today. It carried an appropriation of more than \$3,700,000. While this measure was before the House, Representatives Harrison and Fitzgerald, of New York, made attacks upon the State Department suggesting that the activity of the Department in the interest of American trade involved the use of coercion upon weaker governments and resulted in favor of bankers receiving the benefits of loans directed toward this country.

The Senate today passed the Bennett "white slave" bill which had previously received the sanction of the House. The measure was so amended as to eliminate the interstate regulations originally contained in the bill. The object of the Senate being to divorce the immigration feature of the question from all others.

The House was in session about six hours today, the Senate adjourning after being in session a little more than two hours.

Neither House will meet again until Monday on account of tomorrow being Lincoln's birthday.

Secretary of the State Library Commission, has been engaged by Meredith College to re-arrange and thoroughly systematize the college library which is an exceptionally extensive one, especially for so young a college.

COTTON INQUIRY STILL UNDER WAY

Vice President Marsh Resents Imputation of Fraud on Exchange.

SENATOR SMITH IN CLASH

J. E. Latham, of Greensboro, Testifies, Farmers' Union Representative Asks Questions—Gambling Phase of Question.

Washington, Feb. 11.—"I regard that question as an insult to me and to every member of the Cotton Exchange," declared Vice President Arthur R. Marsh, of the New York Cotton Exchange, at today's hearing before the House Committee on Agriculture on the anti-option bill.

Representative Sims, of Tennessee, had asked Mr. Marsh if there was any way of eliminating transactions which did not contemplate actual delivery causing in effect, business in contraction of the regular rules of the exchange.

Mr. Marsh, with livid face, emphatically resented any imputation that the members of the exchange countenanced fraud or cheating. Mr. Sims explained that what he meant was whether the business could not be so conducted as to eliminate gambling, "not that Mr. Marsh or other members are consciously guilty of such practices."

"I am against all iniquity," declared Mr. Marsh. "I pronounce all undertakings entered into by any human beings with the intent of not fulfilling that which he undertakes to do as iniquitous."

Mr. Marsh admitted that there was some speculative transactions on the exchange. He insisted that the present system of transactions amounted to actual delivery.

"The world is not producing enough cotton for its needs," he declared. "This year it is producing 3,000,000 to 3,500,000 bales less than it consumed last year. There has never been a time in the history of the cotton industry when there has been more uneasiness regarding the price of cotton than there is now. This will continue until the world normally produces enough for its needs or the needs are brought down to the production."

Chairman Scott asked if there was much speculation in cotton on 'change' of its members by entering into contracts for purchase or sale of cotton with the hope of profit.

"There is no member of the exchange," was Mr. Marsh's reply, "whose entire fortune is not responsible for his contracts with fellow members."

Mr. Scott read a letter from H. L. Scales, of a New York firm, characterizing the cotton exchange contract as a menace. Mr. Marsh agreed that spinners could not afford to buy future contracts in the New York Cotton Exchange unless they exercise mercantile functions.

"Then how can the New York merchants furnish the spinners with cotton?" asked Mr. Scott.

"The spinner," replied Mr. Marsh, "gets it from the merchant, who has the true New York stock, secured from one part of the world to another. The New York stock is all the cotton in the world against which contracts have been sold to buyers in New York. Every contract on the New York Cotton Exchange," he insisted, "is enforceable and legal."

Mr. Marsh characterized the Scott bill to regulate cotton exchange transactions as futile and unconstitutional.

Smith and Mandel