CHARLOTTE, N. C., TUESDAY MORNING, JUNE 12, 1900.

THE GOVERNMENT DROPS ITS MASK

The Empress No Longer Makes a Pretenct of Concealing Her Anti-Foreign Policyriende in Front of the Building in Which They Have Taken Refuge-Street Fighting Has Been Going on Since Sunday Afternoon-The French Minister Telegraphs That a Crisis is Imminent-The Turbulence Spreads to the Capital.

London, June 12, 3 a. m .- The last message out of Pekin to reach London, left there yesterday morning at 11 o'clock, going by way of the Russian telegraph, the Tien-Tsin line being cut. It is as follows: "General Tung, a Mohammedan, extremely hostile to foreigners, arrived here this morning and had a long audience with Prince Tuan, father of the heir apparent, who is seemingly friendly to the Boxers. Prince Tuan has been appointed chief of the Foreign Office over Prince Ching, who is more friendly toward the foreigners. The dispatch of more marines was in response to a telegram from the ministers to the consuls at Tien-Tsin for additional troops, Conveyances have left Pekin to meet the troops coming by the first train.

"The arrival of the Empress Dowager has rendered the city somewhat more quiet than it had been recently. The Protestants have erected a barricade before the building in which they have taken refuge, and they have a small guard. The Catholics are concentrated north of the Cathedral under the protection of a French guard of 25 men. who will hold out to the end. I am convinced that Pekin, especially the Tartar city, is safe.

"At Tien-Tsin the Viceroy finally consented to furnish transports for a relief force of 400 under an American commander. The partial restoration of the railway is expected to be effected by to-morrow. More massacres of Christians are reported."

Shanghal, under yesterday's date, cables that there has been street fighting in Pekin since early Sunday afternoon. The Russians are making large purchases of canned provisions at Shanghai, and everything points to an outbreak of hostilities.

The Shanghai correspondent of The Daily Telegraph in a dispatch dated United States in their future action. was interrupted this morning. A special train left at 5 o'clock this evening with Daily Telegraph in a dispatch dated from the Yun Nan Fu district say that States in this respect was to be strict. It is considered that the number will be the French minister has telegraphed that a crisis is imminent and that he is advising all foreigners to evacuate

Yun Nan." 'All the telegrams indicate that the situation has not in the least improved. On the contrary, the disorder has spread from the neighborhood of Pekin to the capital. Itself, which is growing turbulent in anti-foreign demonstrations. In addition to the burning of the Pekin Club, the secretary of the Belgian legation has been roughly handled in the streets. Hostile crowds continue to demonstrate against the lega-

tions.

The United States, according to dis patches, have given "hearty adhesion" to the scheme for a European demonstration. The Russian minister in Pekin, who also acts as the envoy of Denmark, is credited with having sent a dispatch to the Danish Foreign Office to the effect that a demonstration has been planned, under the leadership of England and Russia, in which all the great powers and several of the smaller will take part. The latter are not called upon to send troops, as there are enough on the spot; but they are to be asked to delegate the right to hoist their flags to the great powers in order that a demonstration may be made or a battle fought, under the flags of all Europe. Japan and the United States have been informed and agree to the arrangement.

A NEW SHUFFLE.

Weng Tung Ho Sends a Message to the People of the West-His Scheme for Putting an End to the Reign of Anarchy-Wants the Foreign Powers to Turn Out the Present Government and Found a New Capital.

London, June 12 .- The Shanghai correspondent of The Daily Express, telegraphing yesterday, says: "Weng Tung Ho, Emperor Kwang Hsu's tutor and the interest of no single nation, but of native pupils, whom it was impossible confidant, who was dismissed by the Downger Empress after the coup 'd etat in 1898, sends with the special sanction of the Emperor and his party, including three Viceroys, a message to the people of the west. In part it is as follows:

"'His Majesty is convinced, through amply trustworthy sources, that the loyal support of many scores of millions of the Chinese will be accorded to his proposals for putting to an end the state of anarchy brought about by the action of the Empress Tsi Tsi.

The government of China being virn-existent, the Emperor poses that the foreign powers whose dominate the capital shall remove his imperial person from the pal-ace in which His Majesty is confined a prisoner, shall declare Empress Tsi Tsi and her present ministers to be usurp-ers, and bring Emperor Kwang Hsu to Nanking, Wuching or Shanghal, which ever the said foreign powers deem to be the most suitable situation for the new capital of the Chinese empire, un-

new condit "It is proposed by His Majesty and his advisers that the foreign powers amound declare a joint protectorate and undertake the lask of governing the country himself."

"The message suggests that the protectorate should abolish certain boards in Pekin; appoint new ministers; abolish the existing so-called armies; eatablish gendarmies under foreign control; establish a uniform currency; re-

just taxation and insure the freedon Weng Tung Ho, who predicts a peace

prance of such a regime, goes on alch the reactionaries vainly seek to sm. If it is so that the foreign powers ment of the Chinese empire, they have before them the huge task of facing dense millions who, although lacking in

training and who make but contempt) ble soldiers, possess boundless powers of passive resistance, and would be able to wear out the patience of any Euro-pean rulers seeking to govern them without regard to one prejudices of the oldest civilization.
"The question of the division and con-

quest of China would be possible with 100,000 troops, but to retain the government would require 1,000,000 soldiers and centuries of work.

"His Majesty and his advisers beg America and Japan to pause before re-sorting to dismemberment, which can be deferred at least until the Emperor's efforts to govern his people and to re-store the happiness of this great divison of the human race have proved abortive. If the people are assured that the powers are guiding and protecting His Majesty, and do not intend to swal low the county piece-meal, they and the soldiers will return unquestionably to theallegiance from which the Empress

CONGER ASKS FOR INSTRUCTIONS.

He is Ordered to Act Independently as Fa as Possible-No Troops Can be Spared from the Philippines.

Washington June 11 .- Mr. Conger's doubt as to the permanence of the Chinese ability to protect the missions is in line with his previous expressions of opinion, indicating a belief in his mind that the few Chinese generals who are disposed to protect the foreigners are to be overcome by the element at the Chinese court which is favorable to the

The attitude of the United States government respecting the Boxer roubles having been misrepresented in ertain quarters, it can be stated auhoritatively that up to this point not the first step has been taken toward sending any troops from General Mac-Arthur's army in the Philippines to Thina. It was decided last week that none of the troops could be spared, if wanted, and that none would be spared even if they could be, for such a purpose in the present aspect of the Chinese trouble.

Mr. Conger asked for further instructions, and was directed to proceed with energy in the protection of American interests and more especially with the protection of the American citizens not to be a party to any alliance or was practicable, although he was not forbidden to take concurrent action with other diplomatic representatives if sudden necessity should arise for it. He was to do nothing to commit the

Secretary Long this afternoon stated that he had sent no direct answer to Admiral Kempff, nor was such answer necessary in view of the subsequent cablegram to Admiral Remey, at Manila. week, would indicate the Department's Solace a full week to make the trip, acording to the estimate of the naval officers, for it is about 2,000 miles from Manila to Taku. It is evident that the Navy Department approves all Admiral Kempff has done up to this point at least, as is shown by the disinclination to hamper him by instructions.

AMERICAN MISSION BURNED.

The German Embassy Will Probably be Attacked Next.

the American mission house at Tung Chow, the river port of Pekin, has been ourned by natives. The officials of the Foreign Office suppose this happened Saturday or Sunday morning. The disoatch further says the International Bub, butside a gate of Pekin, has been burned and that the Belgian secretary of legation was attacked by Chinese oldiers. The Foreign Office interprets the latter news as confirming the serious view it has taken of the situation and expresses fear that the German embassy will be next attacked. An official of the German Foreign Office called attention to a remark ascribed to Col. John Hay, the United States Secretary of State, to the effect that the United States could not enter into an alliance with the powers regarding China, and added: "There is no question of an alliance, which is unnecessary, but only of a political combination for a specific purpose. There is ma political question, but a police question. The case involves

all, in common." It was further added at the Foreign Office that there are now 650 foreign soldiers in Tien-Tain. Of the 1,500 now on the way to Pekin, 160 are German. They will repair the railroad as needed, probably reaching Pekin to-day. One of the I'wo telegraph wires to Pekin, which was destroyed, has been restored. The German gun-boat Tiger has been ordered to sail for China immediately. The Getman government of Taing Tow has been ordered to co-operate in quelling the disturbance.

Four Special Trains Commandeered. Tien-Tsin, June 11.-The captain in charge of the defenses here commandeered a Third special train vesterday and a fourth to-day, for the transport of 23 Russians and two guns and 63 French marines, with stores and one gun for the British. The international forces are near Lang Fong, 40 miles from Pekin, but it is doubtful if they reach the capital before Tuesday.

Head of a Foreigner on a Paling. London, June 11.—A special dispatch from Shanghal, dated to-day, says: "All the naval forces except the Russians, are acting under the orders of the British admiral. It is reported that the head of a foreigner has been exposed on a paing northwest of Tienkin and Tien-Tsin to Shanghai.
"There are ominous Indications

Anti-Foreign Policy.

London, June 12.-The Pekin ndent of The Times, telegraphing yesterday, says: Changes have been made in the Tsung Li Yamen. nese has been retired and Manchus, rigidly conservative, have been appointed. Prince Ching, the only member with a knowledge of foraffairs, has been superseded by Prince Tuan, a powerful supporter of the Boxer brotherhood.

The Times, commenting upon the re-organisation of the Tsung Li Yamen considers its significance unmistakabl and says: "It means that the Empress Dowager has finally thrown off the mask and has

resolved to stake everything on her anti-foreign policy. Prince Tuan is a creature of the Empress, one of the chief patrons of the Hoxers and a representative of the most reactionary party in China. If the Empress is to have her way, the position of no foreign power in China will be worth a month's purchase, and Western civilization will disappear from the country altogether." One Hundred Marines Ordered to Join Admiral Kempff.

Washington, June 11 .- The Navy Department has received the following ca-biegram from Admiral Kempff: Tong Ku, June 11,

Secretary of the Navy: "In case all communication Pekin cut, not able to go alone; if other naions go will join to relieve Americans pending instructions. Situation serious. Battalion of marines from Manila has been urgently requested. Answer. "KEMPFF.

Upon receipt of the above Secretary Long sent the following cablegram to Admiral Remey, at Manila: "Navy Department, June 11.

Remey, Manila: by Solace immediately all dispatch to Kempff 100 marines, arranging if practicable that after landing Solace shall continue homeward voyage as previously ordered. LONG." The following undated dispatch has been received at the Navy Department: "Secretary of Navy:

'Forces landed by different nations Opening communication to Pekin. Americans joined. An Urgent Message to McKinley.

New York, June 11.-The following able from Pekin was received to-day at the Methodist Episcopal board: "Pekin, June 9. "Massacre native Christians. Situa-

tion foreigners critical. Press Washington. "GAMEWELL." This came direct from the missionary Society at Pekin, of which Messrs. Davis and Gamewell are in charge, copy of the message was immediately

sent to President McKinley. In readin China. He was warned, however, ing the cable to the President the missionary secretary added: "This means combination of groups of powers. He our people are in great danger and was to act indepedently whenever this greatly in need of such protection as our government can afford." A Force Dispatched to Tong Shan.

Tien-Tsin, June 10.-Telegraphic communication between here and Pekin was interrupted this morning. A special 30 British troops to guard Tong Shan. nadequate. If trouble arises in Tona Shan, all the Northern China Rallroad will be at a standstill. Owing to difficulty in securing the Viceroy's permission for a third special train to start The re-enforcements in the shape of 100 for Pekin, the foreign troops occupied additional marines, which will come to driver ran away with his locomotive. cars, whereupon the Chinese engine The crowd tried to pull up the track, position sufficiently. It will take the but the troops cleared the rabble away at the point of the bayonet and seized the engine. On learning of this the Viceroy granted permission and the train left at 516 p. m. with about 500 men. The force was made up of 350 Germans, 80 British and the rest French troops.

The British Force Preponderates Tien-Tsin, Sunday, June 10 .- It

carned that but for the firmness of the Inited States consul and Captain Mc-Calle, of the Newark, in charge of the American landing party, and the British consul, there would have been fur-Berlin, June 11 .- The German Foreign ther delay in d'spatching the Interna-Office has received a dispatch from tional Guards to Pekin, and the major-Pekin, dated Sunday afternoon, saying ity of the forces would not have been British. At a meeting of the consula and commanders of troops, last evening, when the necessity for the immediate dispatch of troops was considered, the representatives of two European powers questioned the necessity and afterwards disregarded the idea that the British force should prepon-

> The Anglo-Americans, however, in sisted and carried their point. The Americans generally deplore the smallness of the United States force here. As the same time they are ready to defer to whatever may be considered best at Washington.

All the Missionary Stations Abandoned. London, June 11.-The special dispatch from Pekin under date of June 10, says: "The situation is growing steadily more alarming. The missionary stations were all abandoned yesterday. Fifty American and English missionaries are gathered at the American Methodist mission, surrounded by 300 to send to their homes. They are wait ing with a few revolvers, and guarded by ten Americans, for re-enforcements to take them to the coast. A missionary who has returned from the country to the east, says the populace are asserting that they must have a new Emperor.'

Anxiety as to the Fate of Foreigners in

Pekin. Tien-Tsin, June 11 .- An American of front, reports that his forces are repairing the track between Lo Fa and Larg Fang. He caught a Boxer last cannot reach the capital before Tuesday night and the fear is that an attack will be made before then. It is reliably asserted that the Russians night, provided they can get transport the village has swollen into a over the Taku Bay.

The Empress Reported to Have Fled. from Tien-Tsin says it is reported the Donkerspoort, to the southern extrem Dowager Empress has fied to the Rus- ity of the Free State, ten miles from slan legation at Pekin.

Mrs. Gladstone Has a Relaps London, June 11.-Mrs. Gladstone has

THE EMPRESS THROWS OFF THE MARK AN ENTIRE REGIMENT LOST. that prior to Wednesday be liberated ONLY TWO THINGS TO BE DONE.

The Years 14 Years Regganhed Upon an A FRESH DISASTER TO THE BRITISH.

> on With the Outer World Attended by a Serious Lass of Life The News or, and J. W. Sauer, Comm Lieutenant Hawley Among the Killed-General Forestian-Walker's Dispatches

London, June 11. Lieutenant General Sir Frederick Porestier-Walker, in ommand of the lines of communicaion in South Africa, reports that in the disaster to the troops on June 7th, at Roodeval, where the Boers cut' Lord two of their late prisoners at Mostia Roberts' line of communication, the landed at Belra a week ago. The or-Regiment were all-killed, wounded or made prisoners except six enlisted Two officers and 15 men were wounded, many of them severely. The Boers returned the wounded to

the British. The officers killed were Lieutenant Colonel Baird-Douglas and have been slighted by the Boer women Lieutenant Hawley. The wounded in- who are nursing the Boer sick in the lude Colonel Wilkinson and Lieutenant Blanchard, of the Canadian Infantry, the Americans are nursing the English. Gen. Forestier-Walker's report says: "Cape Town, Jan, 10 .- The following elegram has been received from Chas.

Knox: 'Kroonstad, The following casualties, reported from itoodeval, June 7th, received from Stonehan, commanding the Imperial Yeomanry Hospital, dated Rhenoster River, June 8, received here by flag of truce June 10: "The Fourth Battalion of the Derbyshire Regiment (the Sherwood Foresters)-Killed Lieutenant Colonel Baird-Douglas and Lieutenant Hawley and 15 of the rank and file; wounded, Col. Wilkinson, Capt. Bailey, Lieutenants Hall, Lawder and Blanchard, and 59 of the rank and file; the Shropshire Light Infantry one; Cape Ploneer Railway Regiment seven; Ammunition Park, Royal Marines and Imperial Telegraphs one each." ' Stoneman reports that many were severely wounded and the remaining of the Fourth Derbyshire and detalls of prisoners, except six of the rank and file, are in his camp. All the wounded are in his camp, lately occupled by the Fourth Derbyshires. Inquiries are being made as to the names,"

It is inferred that the Boers captured over 500 men and as late as June 10th ger has a body guard of 1,000 burghers, held positions cutting off the British Stores are being moved as quickly as ield positions cutting off the British forces north of Kroonstad from re-enforcements.

Another dispatch from General Forstier-Walker says General Methuen was fighting within ten miles of Hellbron on June 6th, as follows:

"Cape Town, June 10 .- Kelly-Kenny reports from Bloemfontein this morning that Methuen, with the greater part of his division, was fighting early in the morning of June 8th ten miles south of Heilbron, where Colville was reported to be with the Highland Brigade. Methuen left Lindley June 5th with ample supplies for himself and Colville, leaving Paget to hold Lindley with a sufficient force and supplies. Kelly-Kenny has ordered Knox to press in the enemy's outposts, believing the enemy's strength to be exaggerated. All is quiet and there is no anxiety as regards the district to the south. Communications north of Kroonstad have been cut since June 8 Lord Roberts' communication with the outer world was accompanied with such sign it as the reason for the decision

The news that the shutting off of was thought when the news came, it that the destruction of the railroad was accomplished by Free Staters, who were avoiding rather than annihilating the British detachments stationed at the point attacked.

Nor are General Forestler-Walker's vague statements regarding Methuen and the situation at Heilbron looked upon as reassuring. The Boers appear to be in sufficient strength to completely separate all the British north and south of a line stretching some 50 miles between Roodeval and latter place seems somewhat in the nature of a movement for the relief Colville. The only British officer left at Roodeval appears to be the doctor in charge of the hospital, which is full of wounded.

THE NEW CAPITAL.

Machadorp, a Small Town, Swells Into s City-50,000 British After the Boers North of Kroonstad-Brabant Said to Have Taken in 1,500 Boers-The Derbyshires Lost Over 600 Men. London, June 12, 3:30 a. m.-Fifty

thousand British troops are within half a hundred miles of the marauding Boers north of Kroonstad, and they are expected, of course, to make short work slender War Office telegrams no one knows what is going on. South of Kroonstad there is, a wide gap. The icer, who has just arrived from the railroad is only partially defended, and as General Kelly Kenny has hurried all the available troops north, the assumpevening who was attempting to set fire tion is that there is danger of a secto a bridge and he saw several corpses, ond raid. The loss of the Derhyshires evidently the bodies of men killed by is estimated at from 600 to 700 men. A troops of General Nich. The fifth train dispatch from Maseru, dated June 11, Great anxiety is felt here respecting the says: "Fifteen hundred Boers surren-fate of foreigners in Pekin. The troops dered to General Brabant in the Ficksburg district."

Machadorp has been officially pro-claimed capital of the Transvaal. A will land over a formen with artilery to- Lorenzo Marques dispatch says that small city, the majority of the new inhabi-London, June II.-A special dispatch telegram asserts that the British have been defeated, with considerable loss a Norval's pont. It was thought this district had been cleared of Boers, and

The Boers still cling to Laing's Nek. London, June 11.—Mrs. Gladstone has but General Buller's forces are still suffered another relapse and is now un-conscious.

but General Buller's forces are still working far around in that direction.

Lord Roberts has wired Cape Town

Mr. Schreiner, the Cape Premier, had 8 supporters out of 40 at a called caycus meeting to consider the ministerial programme. J. X. Merriman, Treasur-Struck London Like a Boit from a Clear

Sky A Severe Bererse at Roodeval—

Lieutenant Colonel Baird-Douglas and

nation is believed to be imminent, although he may reconstruct the minis-try with the aid of the opposition. The cabinet situation is so interesting that Sir Alfred Milner will postpone his trip

north.

Food is still scarce at Mafeking, but the railroad is nearly repaired. Seventy-two rebels have been arrested in the Vryburg and Mafeking districts. Sixty-five were marched into Mafeking by from the north is already advanced. A Boer deserter who arrived at Mazeru yesterday asserts that 7,000 Boers par-ticipated in the Roockrantz engagekilled and five officers and 72 men were ment; that General Olivier was killed and General DeVilliers mortally wounded.

The American young women who are nursing in the hospital at Ladybrand same hospital, and have been made the objects of unpleasant remarks because A Report from Buller.

London, June 11,11:30 a. m .- The following report from General Buller has been issued by the War Office: "Headquarters, in Natal, June 11 The force concentrated on the Kiip river at its junction with the Gansvalel, last night. We anticipated at that defile a force of the enemy about 3,000 strong, who had, I think, intended to occupy it and he retired as soon as our heavy guns opened, which were very brought into action by Major May, of the Royal Artillery, and Cap-

tain Jones, of the Royal navy. "The South African Light Horse and the Second Cavalry brigade were smartly engaged while covering our left front. Our casualties are about six killed and 7 wounded."

Rundle Receives the Boer Peace Delegation London, June fl.-Reports from Maseru, Basutoland, June 9th, say that the Boers refuse to surrender and severe fighting is expected, though a dispatch. June 8th, from Hammonia, which is only a few miles from Ficksburg, says the situation in the southeast corner of the Orange River Colony is unchanged; that General Rundle has received the Boer delegates sent to negotiate peace terms and that the result of the negotiations are not known. Kruger's Big Body Guard.

London, June 12.-The Lorenzo Marques correspondent of The Times says: At Machedorp, President Krupossible from that point of Lydenburg. The Portuguese authorities sent a further body of troops to the border today.

Ventersdorp, June 11 .- Two hundred and fifty Boers have surrendered to General Hunter and the remainder in hls district have promised to give up

THE PREY OF POLITICIANS.

their arms.

Governor Wood Advised That the Govern ment is Going Too Fast in the Direction

of Independence for Cuba Havana, June 11 .- Of late Governor General Wood has had many callersamong them lawyers, bankers, merchants and even two members of the former cabinet-who have taken the position that the United States government is going ahead too fast in the direction of granting independence to Cuba. Those who take this ground asa serious loss came like a bolt from a not to join in the coming elections. comparatively clear sky. In London, They point out that there is not a single candidate in the island who is not a professional politician, and they ara professional politician, and they ar-gue that to turn Cuba over to men of ding, W. C. Taylor, W. L. Williams, R. this class would mean her absolute A. P. Cooley, W. P. White, C. A. White

These visits and statements were the result of an interview with General Clarkson, S. M. Gattis, H. A. Foushee, Wood published by The Discussion, in F. E. James, C. W. Davis, M. S. Wilwhich he was reported as saying that forces in all probability a constitutional convention would be called in September next, consisting of all the mayors elect-Hellbron. methuen's march upon the ed. Business circles were thoroughly alarmed by this announcement, although there is no doubt that a great majority of the people received it with favor.

Jones in Chlengo.

Chicago, June 11. - Senator James K. ones, chairman, arrived in Chicago today to remain for several days, looking over the prelminary work of the oming campaign. Wednesday Wm. J. tryan will meet Senator Jones here for a final conference before the Kansas City convention. Senator Jones said: "There is absolutely no truth in the report that I will endeavor to persuade Mr. Bryan to consent to the dropping of the 16 to 1 plank from the Chicago platform. There will be no abandonof them. Nevertheless, outside of the ment of any issue of the Chicago plat-

Rain Falls in India.

London, June 11 .- The Vicercy of India has cabled to the Secretary of State for India, announcing that rain has also what had been the effect of the fallen in southern India and that there amendment in Louisiana. have been scattering showers elsewhere. The hot weather, however, still prevalls, and the famine realer situation Louisians of the right of suffrage is has not altered. There are now about 6,802,000 persons receiving relief.

Large Shipments of Gold Expected. New York, June 11.-There was talk in banking circles to-day of several gold experts on the French steamer leaving this port on Thursday next, The amount of these shipments was variously estimated at from \$5,000,000 tion of a large mass of the negro voto \$2,250,000. The names of the probable shippers were not disclosed.

Hells Hayd, the Confederate Spy, Dead. Kilbourne, Wis., June 21.-Belle Boyd, the female spy of Confederate fame, died auddenly of heart disease, at Kilbourne, to-night, where she had gone to lecture. She was 57 years of age and known all over the country.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

be special Legislative Committee Buel to Add a Provision That the Mens Shall Stand or Fall as a Whole and to Strike Out the Word "Qualified" as Ap plied to Voters-Members of the Legi lature Pouring In There are Very Pe Republicans The Legislature Meets s Noon To-Day Chairman Simmons Hoars from Gov. Heard as to the success of Louisiana's Constitutional Amendment-The Vance Statue Will be Unveiled August 22nd-The Supreme Court Deeldes in Payor of the State Treasurer Against a Charlotte Firm.

Observer Bureau 16 West Hargett Street, Raieigh, June 11.

The committee on the Vance statue

net this afternoon. Richard H. Battle presided. The other members present were R. H. Speight, J. D. Boushall and Joseph G. Brown, of the State committee, and A. A. Thompson, of the local doned, There is much that committee. After thorough discussion as to the time best suited for the exer-montes of the unveiling, Wednesday, August 22d, was decided upon. chief reasons for the selection are that by that time the excitement of the ampaign and election will be ended and the heavy work of the farmers will be over, as the crops will have been laid by. Chairman Battle was given authority to appoint a committee of five on plan and scope. It will have general directions and will be subdivided into subordinate committees on ceremonies, programme, invitation and finance. The bronze tablet to be placed upon the base will bear the following inscription, which the committee accepted: "Zebulon Baird Vance, May 18, 1830. April 14, 1894. State legislator. Member United States House of Representatives. Thrice Governor of North Carolina. Four times elected United States Senator. The great tribune of the people." The date "1900" will be carved in the granite base.

It is ascertained that a book company has sent to those members of the Legislature who have been re-nominated circulators marked "confidential and private," offering to sell them preferred stock in the company at special rates. There is no evidence that any members have bitten at this balt. Much indignation is expressed by members at the receipt of the circulars.

Judge Purnell will next week hold the term of the District Court at Wilming-

Members of the Legislature poured in on the afternoon trains, nearly every one Democrats. They went to the capitol, where the committee on the constitutional amendment was in session. They all heard the discussion by the committee, and in fact some participated in it. George Rountree presided. The committee read what it had previously done at sittings during the past few days. It was agreed by the committee, by vote, that only two things need be done as to the amendment, that is to add a provision that it shall stand or fall as a whole and to strike out the word "qualified" as applied to voters, so it will simply provide for ratification by a majority of the votes

cast. Lieutenant Governor Reynolds is here. He says very few Republican members game, as there is no general business to be done, but that if they were here they would all vote against what the Democrats do.

There is more than a quorum of the Legislature now here. This was shown by the attendance this afternoon. At the Democratic caucus to-night \$5 Senators and 77 Representatives answered to the roll-call. More will arrive to-night. Senator Skinner presided at the caucus, and H. McD. Robinson was secretary. It was decided that no private legislation be taken up and no other public legislation until after the constitutional amendment and election law are disposed of. The com-

to-morrow, The Legislature meets at noon. It will quickly adjourn and the Democrats will go into a caucus. Among the legislators who arrived this afternoon were W. H. Carroll, D. R. field, S. T. Hartsell, Locke Craig, R. L. Leatherwood, W. J. Cocke, Lee S. Overman, R. L. Smith, W. Lambert, Heriot lard, W. W. Carraway, J. E. W. Sugg W. I. Davis, J. H. Bellamy, H. A. Gilliam, J. Floyd Brown, D. B. McNeill H. W. Stubbs, B. W. Edwards, J. W.

Robinson. The Supreme Court in the case against a Charlotte firm decides in favor of the State Treasurer that dealers n planes and organs must pay \$10 annual license for each agent it has in the

The Republicans are making much of the re-nomination in Brunswick county of Dr. McNeill, who voted against the onstitutional amendment. To-night a & Southern Ballroad into the poses opy of the resolutions adopted by the Democratic convention which re-nominated McNeill was received here. The resolutions say that the convention expresses its approval of the Democratic platform, including the constitutional amendment, and demands that its nominees support it.

The Republicans are circulating

circular claiming that in his inaugural

address Governor Heard, of Louislana, said that the new constitutional amendment of that State distranchised fillt-erate white men, as well as ignorant regroes. Chairman Simmons sent a in the transfer. The price copy of the circular to Governor Heard, \$125,000. The capital sleek negroes. Chairman Simmons asking if he meant to imply that any white man had been disfranchised, and Heard's statement is to the effect that the charge that the Democratic party had deprived any white people not true. Section 5 of the law opened the reference to the meeting in door to practically every white man in the State, whether rich or poor, educated or illiterate. In reference to the beneficial effects of the suffrage in his inaugural address, he considers that from a general standpoint there has been a vast improvement in the electorate of the State since the eliminaers. He regrets that "anyone out of Louisiana should have used my re-mark to misrepresent the action of the Democratic party of my fitate, which has ever been the true friend of all classes of white people within her hor-ders." The following certificate accompanies Governor Heard's letter:

We, the undersigned members of Congress from Louisiana state that the suffrage amendment to the constitution

is giving great satisfaction to the pe

BRYAN AND DEED

Ticket a Boost of

Columbus, O., June 1 eratic State conver miral Dowey, of last week. It Dewey here during the co rather hold the conven and Dewey being nor City on the same ticket. Due agitation for Bryan and De coming men for the national t there is one man wanted here others at this time, and that n John R. McLean, the last De candidate for Governor, and the knowledged leader of the Ohio De racy. But all calls for MoLean fall get a favorable response. He has I nounced that he must sail for En with his family next Saturday more from New York, and furthermore, ! he cannot return in time to atte national convention in Kansas City. three weeks hence, He would be place at the head of the Ohlo delegation to Kansas City if he would give a single word of consent, but he declines at lutely.

'As he is a brother-in-law of Ad Dewey, his friends say that he do-Dewey, his friends say that he does no want to appear in the role of family references, but they insist that if lad miral Dewey is put on the ticket wit Bryan without his personal efforts he will return from Europe at once an devote himself exclusively to the campaign in the interest of Bryan and Dawer.

All who are agitating Bryan Dewey as the ticket, think there is doubt about the admiral accept There is a diversity of opinion as whether this convention should take initial step in endorsing Dewey as was Bryan, for the national ticket,

THE NEW CENTURY MOVEMENT.

an Important Question to be Dis the Secretaries of the Baptist Mission Board.

Atlanta, June 11 .- The State secretaries of the Baptist State n board throughout the Southern States will be here to-morrow for the annual conference with the home mission board of the Southern Baptist C president of the home mission will preside. The members of the he mission board will hear and con

the plans of the secretaries. The most interesting subject to discussed will be the new ce movement. This contemplates a effective organization of more the 000 Baptist churches, with the view increasing their contributions to m sions and education home and ab The point at issue seems to he heretofore each State has manage own missionary work through its own organized channels. The change proposed is that the committee on co-or eration of the Southern Baptist Co vention should solicit funds and di rect all the contributions of Souther Baptists without regard to State line mittees on those matters meet early Great importance is attached to a tlement of this question. The accetance of the home mission boards of Alabama, Arkansas, District of Columbia Florida, Georgia, Indian Territory Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tannesser, A. Texas and Virginia are expected to be present.

VIRGINIA BRACH SOLD.

Bought by Philadelphia and Atlastic Cit

Capitalists for \$125,000. Norfolk, Va., June 11 .- On Satur a contract was signed in Philade consummating the largest transfer real estate that has occurred in t section for many years. Practic the entire Virginia Beach pr passed from the hands of the No of a stock company composed of car talists from Philadelphia and Atlan

City. The property comprises 1,300 including the entire holdings railroad company, the whole tr land known as, and extend the life-saving station to the qua grounds. Virginta Beach, will exception of one or two very plats and the Princess Anne having been the property of the folk & Bouthern, is of course inclin the transfer. The price raid company is \$500,000.

New York, June 11.-George Peabody, chairman of the n committee of the gold D day made the following sta lis, on July 25th; The third ticket must a until after the two co been held and the pistfo publican and De