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CROP REPORTS UNPOPULAR

LAST "GUESS" COST \$80,000,000.

Representative Livingstone Introduces a Resolution Requesting the Secretary of Agriculture to Make Public the Data Upon Which His Latest Report Was Based—North Carolina Delegation Has a Meeting—Body of Lieut. Pritchard Reaches San Francisco—No Report on the Morrell Bill.

By W. A. HILDEBRAND.

Special to The Observer.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Certain Southern members have contemplated the latest estimate of the cotton crop, pro- der to reach their homes. mulgated by the Agricultural Department with a growing sense of indignation, and the feeling that the Departmeat has over-reached itself found formal expression to-day when Representative Livingston, of Georgia, introduced a resolution requesting the Secretary of Agriculture to forward to the therefore, low prices for the weed. House all data upon which the last report on cotton acreage and production was made. The preamble recites that of confidence in the reports, especially as to the last report. In private conversation Mr. Livingston declared that the last "guess" of the Department had farmers of the South \$80,000 .ood, as it was estimated that the present grop would amount to more than 12,000,000 bales. Of course officials of the Department will antagonize the resolution, but there is reason to believe that Chairman Wadsworth, of the ricultural committee, will favor its passage. Anway, Mr. Wadsworth was heard to say some time ago that it might be well for the Department to go out of this guessing business. Senator Overman expressed the belief tonight that any sort of investigation would result in promoting confidence in the government's sources of information. Several members of the House who have discussed the subject with Secretary Wilson, are similarly mind-

STATE DELEGATION MEETS. A meeting of the North Carolina delegation was held this afternoon in one of the Democratic cloak rooms at the It was stated by some members who have made inquiries among Republican members that an omnibus public building bill would in all probability be introduced, carrying some-thing like \$8,000,000. Following this announcement the members agreed to say that they will be greeted with that more than \$300,000 should go to North Carolina, which amount take care of three or four projects, the favored ones, as heretofore stated, Winston, Salisbury and Asheville, Congressman Gudger filed additional data December 22nd. pearing on the Asheville bill, the papers including letters from Judge Pritchard. ho recounted teh interesting statement instead of Richmond in future. Con- Richmond, Va.-Capt, gressman Thomas said he had been told of Henderson, is here. by Representative Howard, of the subthat his anxious for a bill are somewhat conopposition of Speaker Cannon to a large toll. that he feels as though the demands on the Treasury for rivers and harbors and public buildings improvements, under continuing contracts now in force, make a big sum, and possibly as much as the government can afford at The money required under sundry civil bill, as in years gone by. BODY OF LIEUT. PRITCHARD.

Congressman Gudger to-day received a telephone message from the War Department saving that the body of Lieutenant Pritchard had reached San Francisco, and should arrive at Marshall about the 32nd. It was added that the Department would immediately advise Judge Pritchard, as soon as It should reach the former home of the

Representative Kluttz returned today from New York, where he went to attend the banquet of the North Carelina society. His son, will remain in New York a few days. Mr. Kluttz said the speech of President Alderman, of the Virginia University, held the crowd during his remarks on "Needs of the

NO REPORT ON MORRELL BILL. The House committee on the election of President and Vice President and members of Congress met to-day, but report any attention to the Morrell bill for the reapportionment of representation and it was announced that the subject would be taken later, but it seems doubtful whether bill will be taken up before the holidays. Anyway only moderate interest is being manifested in its movements.

Representative Webb has recom-mended Isaac W. Tull, of Morganton, for appointment as a cadet at West Point and Eric Hooper, of Lincolnton, as alternate.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Langley have returned from their honey-moon trip Florida and have taken apartments at the Marlborough.-Senator Simmons eft to-night for Norfolk and from there will go to Raleigh.

NO MORMON DEMOCRATIC VOTES

An Idabo Witnesss Testifies That the Democratic Ticket Was Positively Boycotted.

Washington, Dec. 16 .- The investigation of the committee into the right of Senator Smoot to hold his seat in the United States Senate was resumed

Mr. Jackson, of Boise, Idaho, said the Mormons declared that not a vote the Mormons declared that not a vote would be given the Democrats in the last campaign, and according to the witness, "they made good." He stated as his belief that no Mormon voted the Democratic ticket. As a result, he said that the increased Republican management in the Mayman counties comjorities in the Mormon counties compared with the increased Republican majorities in the Gentile counties was

Mr. Jackson said he hod talked with many Mormons who had been Demo-crats and they had told him that if were known that they were to vote the Democratic ticket they would be

The hearing was adjourned until to-

Danville Aldermen Invite the Presi

Danville, Va., Dec. 18.—The board of al-ermen to-night passed the following res-lution: "Whafeas, we learn with great leasure that during the spring of 1905 resident Roosevelt contemplates visit-ing the South, therefore, be it

LOUISBURG NEWS ITEMS.

Six Inches of Snow Covers Ground — Farmers Interested Raising the Price of the Staple Drug Firm to Dissolve. Special to The Observer,

Louisburg, Dec. 16.-Six inches 'the beautiful" robes in a mantle of white this entire section and is a knock-out blow to business generally, as the country folks cannot come to town with their produce and carry back part of the immense stocks of Christmas goods now loading the shelves of our merchants. On yesterday some farmers from Wake county, who had brought in loads of tobacco 29-mile drive through the spow in or-

prices being paid are said to be sat-isfactory and, strange to say, tobacco men are interesting themselves about the low price of cotton and are lending their aid to the plans being formulated to raise the price of the great staple, Low-priced cotton means tremendous acreage in tobacco, and,

and Mr. S. P. Boddie goes with the Drug Company, who move there is great dissatisfaction and want into their new store early in january. The Osman Stock Company gave a performance in the opera house last night, and also to-night and Saturday nights. The show is a good one, and deserves to be well patronized. Messrs. Stokes & Gurgurson an-

nounce a dissolution of their business on January 1st, and Mr. C. T. Stokes will engage in business on his own account in the store now occupied by the Ayeock Drug Company.

The remains of the late Mrs. Bettle Thomas were brought to Louisburg it, I guess they can take their pris-Wednesday from Henderson and interred at the cemetery, Rev. L. Massey conducting the She was formerly of Louisburg, and had many friends among our

people. Col. W. T. Hughes is giving pleasure to a large number of his friends by almost daily fox-hunts. He has just had a fine pack of 12 hounds brought over from Chase City, of whose big hotel he is the president, that would make your most genial correspondent Red Buck thrill with admiration.

On next Tuesday night there will be given "Scenes From the Latest Operas" at the local opera house. There will be over one hundred people in the production, it is stated, and nearby all of local talent. It is safe a crowded house.

Mr. Charles L. Coon, of the educational department, is announced to deliver an address on the subject of education at Mapleville Academy on

Dr. R. T. Yarborough has returned after an absence of a month in New York, taking lectures along special that the Court of Appeals would in all lines.-Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Bickett probability hold its terms in Asheville have returned from a short visit to W. B. Shaw,

committee having in charge the North | HEARING ON RATE REGULATION. would hold a session Monday. Those Milwaukee Man Addresses the Senate Committee on Inter-State Commerce and the Bill to Strengthen the Inter-

cussed. Washington, Dec. 16 .- The Quarles-Cooper bill, permitting the inter-State Commerce Commission to fix rates, was Senate committee on inter-State commerce, at which Edward B. Bacon, of these contracts could be cashed on the Milwaukee, was the principal speaker. Sundry civil bill, as in years gone by. In response to an interrogation from Senator Tillman, Mr. Bacon, said he was confident that the bill represents the wishes of the business interests in providing for suspending the finding of the commission in cases of an ap-

"Then," said Mr. Tillman, 'you don' agree with the President, who recommends that a rate fixed by the commission shall go into immediate effect. The answer was that the President had not gone into detail in his message, but Mr. Tillman replied that if he understood the English language he was certain that his construction of the message is correct.

Mr. Bacon said in response to Sena-tor Elkins that in case it should be ultimately decided that the rate fixed by the commission was too low the raffroads would have no recourse account of the loss sustained, but he agreed with Senator Tillman that such condition would be no worse on the inifrouds than a rate that is too high vould be on the shippers.

FARMERS HOLDING COTTON.

Anson Planters Wait for a Rise-Nev Town Marshall Elected-Personal. Special to The Observer.

Wadesboro, Dec. 16.-Cotton is being marketed slowly as the farmers are holding it back waiting for a rise in

Wednesday Mr. Robinson, clerk of court, here received the pension war rants for the Confederate veterans and widows of Confederate veterans of this county. There are 164 warrants in all making the total amount of money received, \$2,733. Mr. Robinson is anxious to deliver the warrants at once as it will be such a welcome Christmas pres ent to the veterans and widows.

About 8 o'clock last Friday night the barn of Mr. B. G. Covington, situated about a mile south of town was destroyed by fire. It was filled with cotton seed and fertilizer. It is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary as the barn was locked up and no one had been in it for several days.

Mr. B. E. Bennett was elected town marshal to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. R. H. Gulledge. Dr. J. M. Covington, Jr., attended the annual meeting of surgeons of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad at Savannah.

Mrs. D. H. Milton, of Raleigh, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. M. Tuck-er.-Mr. Roy Huntley, who is attending the Dental College in Atlanta, is home to spend Christmas.

TROUBLE MAY FOLLOW DUEL Friends of Dead School Teacher and

Seriously Wounded Patron About to

Jackson, Miss., Dec. 16.-Information from Magee, Miss., is to the effect that serious trouble is feared there over the recent pistol duel between Mangum and Woodward, in which the former was killed and the latter seriously, probably fatally, wounded. Many friends of both persons ar armed, and a clash is said to be mo mentarily expected. Saner and more conservative citizens are doing every-thing to prevent a serious outbreak. The trouble is said to have started

SECLUDE MRS. CHADWICK.

NO VISITOR WITHOUT PERMIT.

States Judge Tssues an Order That the Privilege of Sceing the Prisoner be Denied Except Upon the Marshal's Written Permission—Conflict of Authority at the Jail Ended Rage at a Newspaper Reporter.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 16.-Mrs. Chad-The drug firm of Boddie, Bobbitt & ed to leave. This action was in di-Emil Hoover, the son of Mrs. Chadwick, and the nurse, should be admitted at any time to see Mrs. Chadwick.

"The order applies to them as well as to anybody else," said the sheriff, "and I will ignore the order of Marshal Chandler. This is a county jail, and the Federal authorities nothing to say about its administration. If they don't like the way I run

oner to some other jail." Sheriff Barry further declared that no visitors to Mrs. Chadwick would be permitted to see her except in the regular visiting hours at the jail, which are from 1 to 3 o'clock on every day except Saturdays, Sundays and holi-

days. The order of Judge Wing put a period to the episodes at the jail, and her attorneys declared this afternoon that there would be no further developments in the legal end of the case until Mrs. Chadwick was brought into the court, either for arraignment or

M. F. Bramley, a wealthy contractor, called on Mrs. Chadwick just prior to the receipt of Judge Wing's order, with Sheldon Kerruish, one of Mrs. Chadwick's attorneys. He was asked if he was going to give bail for her, and said he was not. When asked if he intended to furnish money for the expenses of her defense, he laughed and would make no reply.

During the latter part of the mornng, Mrs. Chadwick showed considerable ill humor. She announced that her breakfast did not suit her, and declared that hereafter she would order her meals from a restaurant, which supply an entire and more or less comp. ..ensive repast for 25 cents.

About noon, the Associated Press epresentative was admitted to the matron's quarters, where Mrs. Chadwith a silken robe thrown across her despair and anger. The prisoner did not preheretofore. Her features showed the tension she has been under, while her eyes flashed with spirit as she saw her visitor approach.

"Who gave you permission to come here?" she demanded, before a question had been asked. She was angered over something, and refused to discuss any topic whatever. She was told that the promised statement she was to make was anxiously awaited by the people of Cleveland, as well as ther parts of the country, and it was again pressed upon her, but she maintained the spirit of resentment against everybody, and especially the newspapers, for printing the interview that resident Beckwith had with her vesterday. Finally Mrs. Chadwick said: 'I have made my last statement: I vill have nothing further to say," and

she closed the interview. During the conversation her nurse, Freda, sat beside her, stroking the prisoner's hands, and trying to soc he

he enraged woman. Receiver Loeser this evening made arrangements with Harold Remington, eferee in bankruptcy, to examine Mrs. Chadwick Monday morning. Whether or not the inquiry will be held, depends upon the physical ability of Mrs. Chadwick to undergo the examination.

Order Intended to Prevent Conference

Toledo, O., Dec. 16.-United States an order to the effect that no visitors work in Chesapeake Bay. are to be permitted to see Mrs. Cassie der from United States Marshal \$6.55 for his ten week's work.

Chandler. The order is designed to same day. Robinson said, the prevent President Beckwith, of the Oberlin Bank, from seeing Mrs. Chad-Denies Being in Debt to Pittsburg

Banks. Pittsburg, Dec. 16.-In a telegram to The Pittsburg Dispatch, Mrs. Cassie Chadwick denies that she is in debt to any Pittsburg bank. The telegram says: "Kindly deny report that owe money to any Pittsburg banks.

don't owe them one dollar. "MRS. C. L. CHADWICK."

NEGRO MURDERER HANGED.

Efforts to Evade Arrest by Pretended Death and Burial Proved a Failure. Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 16.-Will lones, colored, was hanged at Helena at 11:10 o'clock this morning for the murder of W. A. Robertson. The negro's neck was broken and he was pronounced dead in 11 minutes. Jones' murdered his victim in cold blood on

Jones escaped, and later his friends told a circumstantial story of his being killed in a crap game. Officers vere suspicious, disinterred the body buried as Jones', and found it was not his, Search was renewed, and he was captured at Rosedale, Miss.

PLEASING ENTERTAINMENT.

Ariel Quartette, With Miss Seymour and Mr. Ovens, Gave an Enjoyable Concert Last Night.

A very good-sized audience was in attendance upon the concert given last night at the Colonial Club under the auspices of St. Elizabeth Guild, of the

STATEMENT BY V. P. I. FACULTY.

Origin of the Trouble Resulting in the Resignation of the Junior Class and the Subsequent Dismissal of All the Cadets. Blacksburg, Va., Dec. 16 .- The fac-

ulty of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute to-night made a public stateby This Action—Wealthy Contractor Calls Prior to the Receipt of the Order—Mrs. Chadwick Flies Into a of the junior class from the institute. According to the statement, a member of the junior class was dismissed for wick will, from now until the time of taking part in the hanging in effigy her arraignment in court, be rigidly of the commandant of cadets. Thereexcluded from all visitors, and even upon the junior class passed resoluher son and nurse will be denied per- tions that if the dismissed member mission to see her, except with a writ- were not reinstated unconditionally, Speaking of tobacco sales here, the ten order of United States Marshal the class as a whole would resign. Chandler. This afternoon an order A committee from the class waited on was received at the jail by Sheriff President McBride, but did not pre-Barry, directing him to deny all peo- sent the ultimatum. Dr. McBride ple the privilege of seeing her, and pointed out the seriousness of the he at once ordered that the nurse, student's offense, and, the statement Freda Swanstrom, who was then in says, was led to believe that the the jail with Mrs. Chadwick, be order- class would bring before him the real leaders of the affair. He told the Company will dissolve January 1st, rect opposition to an order of United committee that if this were done, it States Marshal Chandler, issued yes- would probably mitigate the action terday, in which he directed that taken in the counter-case. Later, Dr. McBride heard of the class' action in threatening to resign. He then summoned the class president, and told him that if the class' action were not rescinded, the matter would be closed, students and faculty as to which should control the institute. The statement says the class met, refused to rescind its action, and signed another paper, resigning from the institute. After some delay, the faculty dismissed every student whose name remained on the paper "for taking part in an act of insubordination and rebellion, which threatened the dostruction of all discipline and obedi-

ence to constituted authority.' In conclusion, the faculty statement says seven members of the class withdrew their names from the paper and seven others declared they were forced by pressure of class spirit to sign. We have every reason to believe," the statement adds, "that others were similarly coerced." Six members took no part in the action of their class.

ARBITRATION RALLY HELD.

McClellan, Archbishop Ireland and Others Address Peace Advo-cates—An Unseemly Interruption of the Archbishop.

New York, Dec. 16,-A mass meeting called to urge the prompt ratification of the arbitration treatles recently signed by the State Department with several of the leading foreign powers was held to-night at Carnegie Hall, under the auspices of the New York executive committee of the American conference of international arbitration. John Crosby Brown, in an opening address, expressed regret at the absence of Andrew Carnegie, who was to have opened the meeting, but who, he said, could not be present.

Mayor George B. McClellan presided and was the first speaker. He was followed by M. Linn Bruce and Arch-She was sitting on a couch bishop Ireland. While the archbishop was speaking he was interrupted by a lap, and was resting her chin in her man who cried: "Give somebody else

The archbishop immediately sat Considerable Discussion on the Action sent the trim appearance she has down. The audience hooted the man who had shouted and ushers tried to traces of anxiety and the nervous find him, but failed. Then the audience applauded until Archbehop Ireland resumed his speech. After expressing the hope that the pending treaties would lead ultimately to ideal pages and justice, the archbishop concluded

as follows: "Meanwhile let us be prottical. are yet far from the ideal. America may strive for the best; but until the best is secured beyond peril, she must be ready for the worst; and so long as war is still possible, so long as it mains the sole arbitrament in defense of vital interests, so long must America put faith in her army and navy."

Letters from Grover Cleveland, Carl Schurz, and John Mitchell were read.

CHARGES OF CRUELTY.

A Georgian, Who Applied for Shelter at Philadelphia Police Station, Tells by Maryland Authorities.

Philadelphia, Dec. 16.-William Robinson, 20 years old, of Augusta, Ga., who applied for shelter at a police station here to-day, told the magistrate a story of alleged cruelty on an oyster boat, which will be to the altimore authorities. Robinson stated that he was shanghaled from Baltimore on a promise of \$18 month. He was taken aboard the Samuel Thornton, and for ten weeks, Judge Wing here this afternoon issued the declared, the crew was kept at day he was discharged at a point on L. Chadwick unless they have an or- the Eastern Shore of Maryland, with cook committed suicide because of abuse. Robinson says he returned to Baltimore ,and went to the office where he had been engaged to ship. He was told that as the Joseph B. Smith was registered in Virginia, nothing could be done for him.

COLLEGE GIVEN \$100,000.

New Jersey Blind Philanthropist Makes Donation to Institution at Maryville, Tenn.

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 16.-Maryville, Tenn., College has received a donation of \$10,000 from the blind philanthropist, Ralph Voorhees, of New Jersey. Dr. Samuel T. Wilson, president of the college, received the check Thursday, but kept the donation a secret until chapel exercises of to-day. Fifteen thousand dollars are to be spent in building a chapel and assembly hall, and \$85,000 will go into endowment fund. Mr. Vo gift is the largest ever made to Maryville College by a living donor. The Fayerweather gift of \$239,000 to the same institution was a bequest,

CRUISER WAS WELL LOADED

Collector of Customs Finds Ostrick Feathers, Shawls, China Ware and Other Japanese Valuables—Captain Pleads Ignorance of Custom Laws. Newport News, Va., Dec. 16.-Depu-ty Collector of Customs B. M. Smith, stationed at Old Point Comfort, visited the United States cruiser San Francisco, in Hampton Roads, and francisco, in Hampton Roads, and found several large boxes, said to contain ostrich feathers, shawis, ch'naware and other Japanese valuables. The articles, he said, had been consigned to a Baltimore man. The goods were confiscated by the collector, who notified the authorities at Washington. The

PHILIPPINE BILL, PASSED VOTE IN THE SENATE 44 TO 28.

Several Western Republicans Voted for Amendments Offered by Democrats, but Only Senator McCumber Sided With the Minority on the Final Passage—Rates of Interest on Railroad Bonds Guaranteed by the Government Lowered to 4 Per Cent. as a Result of the Debate—Other Features of the Measure.

Washington, Dec. 16,-The Senate today carried out its unanimous agreement to vote on the Philippine civil of the Russian ships indicates that the Japanese abandoned the hope of capturing the fortress. The Japanese to 23 passed the measure. The final lost three torpedo boats within the vote was preceded by the presentation past month by mines, the last one of many amendments and a sengral of many amendments and a general discussion of them, as well as of the provisions of the bill. There were ocasional political references, but, in the main, the discussion was confined to the merits of the measure. On some of the amendments suggested by Democratic Senators several Western Republicans cast their votes in the affirmative, but Mr. McCumber was the only Republican who voted with

the Democrats against the final passage of the bill. The most notable change made during the day was the lowering of the rate of interest on railroad bonds to be guaranteed by the Philippine government from 5 to 4 per cent.

The bill as passed exempts from taxation all bonds issued by the Philippine and Porto Rican governments; authorizes the Philippine government on railroad bonds at the rate of 4 administration of the immigration laws by the Philippine authorities; establishes a system for the location and patenting of inineral, coal and saline lands; fixes the metric system for the islands and gives the civil Gov-

ernor the title of Governor General. During the day Senator Beverldge, from the committee on Territories, reported the Statehood bill. He gave notice at that time that immediately after the disposal of the Philippine bill he would move the consideration of the Statehood bill, but upon discovering that the rules require that committee reports lie over for a day he decided not to enter the motion until after the Christmas holidays, his intention nemake the motion on the first day that the Senate convenes in Jan-

During the debate on the Philippine bill the provision exempting bonds from taxation, met with opposition rom Mr. Gorman, who contended that the exemption was wrong in principle. Carmack said he was opposed to the railroad bond provision, because would make it more difficult for the United States to get out of the Philippines. He quoted the President's hope that our Cuban policy might at some time be adopted in the Philip-pines. This he characterized as a renunciation of the Republican policy and in line with the Democratic plat-

ranks of the anti-imperialists," "he is almost, if not quite, eligible to membership in the Boston Anti-The Senate adjourned until Monday.

PRIVATE BILLS IN THE HOUSE.

of a Customs Inspector at El Paso, Texas.

Washington, Dec. 16 .- To-day's sion of the House was given over almost exclusively to the consideration of bills on the private calendar, a dozen or more being passed. The Senate amendments to the urgent deficiency bill were agreed to, and adjournment was taken until Monday.

There was considerable discussion over a bill for the relief of Jos Et. Sargent, of New Haven, Conn., had been detained by a customs inspector at El Paso, Texas, on a charge of smuggling Mexican drawn work into the United States.

Mr. Maddox, of Georgia, inquired whether there had been any complaint to the President about the customs inspector. He contended that if the statement as to the action of the inspector was true, he should be remov-

House Committee Hears Woman Suffragist.

Washington, Dec. 16.-The House committee on the election of President, Vice President and Members of Congress to-day heard Mrs. C. B. Colby. of Portland, Oregon, in favor of the French bill, providing for woman suffrage in the election of Members of Congress. In her argument Mrs. Colby remarked: "It does not require brains

"The last election demonstrated rejoined Representative Hardwick, of Georgia, Democrat,

Wants Data on Which Cotton Report Was Based.

Washington, Dec. 16 .- Representative Livingston, of Georgia, introduce! a resolution to-day requesting the Secretary of Agriculture to forward to the House all data upon which the last report on cotton acreage and production was made. The preamble recites that "there is great dissatisfaction and want of confidence in the reports on cotton acreage and production by the Department of Agriculture, especially as 10 the last report made on December 3,

Will Present Individual Views on Impeachment.

Washington, Dec. 16.-The House sub-committee on the impeachment proceedings against Judge Swayne decided that the views of each of its seven members should be prepared and presented at a meeting of the sub-committee to be held January 5, when the articles of impeachment will be prepared for submission to the judiciary committee. Senate Confirmations.

Washington, Dec. 16.-The Senate today in executive session confirmed the following nomination: Charles P. Neill, District of Columbia, commissioner of labor; Newell B. Hull,

postmaster, Starke, Fla.

ORDER MADE PERPETULAL. Judge Purnell Makes Latest Move in a Noted Greensboro Case. Observer Bureau,

17 West Cabarrus Street, Judge Purnell this evening signed an order in the important case of the Southern Railway Company against the Southern stallway Company against the Greensboro Ice and Coal Company, and the Corporation Commission. A re-straining order was recently entered to enjoin the defendant from bringing suits for damages and penalties by reason of the refusal of the railway to place certain cars on the coal com-

RUSSIAN LOSSES CONFIRMED. assengers From the Peninsula Verify Reports of the Sinking of Russian Warships Near Port Arthur.

Chee Foo. Dec. 16.—Passengers who arrived here to-day from the Kwangtung peninsula confirm the truthfulness of the Japanese reports of the sinking of various Russian ships recently at Port Arthur. They say the Japanese would have been able to accomplish this in the passengers. but apparently preferred to use their gunsagainst the Russian military forces. It is believed the destruction cember 14th on the Russian battleship

The fighting during which 203 Metre was captured was terrific, that achievement alone costing the Japa-12,00 casualties. have been unable to occupy the hill except for observation. They have taken none of the main forts.

Three steamers laden with ammunition and provisions ran the blockade of Port Arthur in the past fortnight, and there are high hopes that the will hold out for many months. The Japanese are alleged to be depressed at their unsuccessful sacrifice of lives.

NEWS FROM PORT ARTHUR.

Russians in Civilian Garb Arrive at Chee r'oo in an Open Boat and Ob-

serve Great Secrecy. Chee Foo, Dec. 15 .- Seven Russians in civilian garb, but a military train-ing obvious in their bearing, arrived to-day in an open sail boat carrying dispatches. They were unwilling to talk and went to the Russian consu-A high wind enabled them to make a quick passage from Port Arthur. The sall boat left Port Arthur last night under cover of a snow storm and had a terrible experience in crossing. The men were nearly frozen when they made this port and were unable to leave the boat without us-The Russians brought large number of dispatches.

POOR CLARENCE PRICE.

He Languishes in a Cell and Resorts, for Comfort, to Profanity.

Poor Clarence Price was consoled last night at 2 o'clock by a representative of The Observer. He is confined at the police station under the false charge of being drunk. He is just now in from Texas, and he commands the most cloquent flow of profanity that ever you heard. If women did not read the papers, the reporter would set down the words which Clarence uttered; for they

were classic in their kind. 'Is this New Mexico?" he inquired. "I have heard that it is. If ever I git back to Texas I will never put my foot on American soil again."

He knocked his tin cup of water off the receptacle and swore the air blue about it. Being done with this, he thrust a large gold watch through the bars and said, "I'll give you this free of charge if you'll send off a little message for me." "Good, old man, Give it out. "Here she goes (with several accompaniments): Henry Moore Dallas,

come to me and see mee out and exscuse me. Clarence Price." "It's all a shame, how they've got you in here," sympathized the reporter, "Yes," said Clarence. "It bores my heart, but I've got to stand ft."

And so Clarence spent the night, his PATTERSON TRIAL MEST GO ON.

Acquittal--Prosecution Rests and De-Secures Adjournment Until

Monday. New York, Dec. 16.-Without hearing rested its case, Justice Vernon M. Davis to-day denied the motion of Nan Patterson's counsel to acquit her of the

The question of the estraiscibility of evidence concerding J. Morgan Smith and his wife was again raised, and Justice Davis decided to admit the evidence.

John Mellin, Young's racing partner, was recalled and identified several let- say that the man was wholly ters written by Young to Miss Patterson. Only two other witnesses were called today, part of the session being taken ip was married and lived at Severaville. by argument of counsel. The letters were read to the jury. One of them, dated May 1st, and Young had heard some unpleasant things about Miss Patierson and that he had caught "Smith sizing him up." He said he was glad to hear the she was having a good time. It was signed. "With love and kisses. Frank. A second letter dated May, 3 childed the defendant for being persistent in wanting to see him, and promised that he would make a big bet, "not for myself but for

Attorney Levy said the defendant's counsel had not yet decided whether any defense would be put in, but he amounced that if a defense was decided upon, to expedite matters, he would waive his opening address to the jury. Adjournment to Monday was then ordered.

VARDAMAN GETS INVITATION. The Inauguration Committee Won-

dering What He'll Say. Washington, Dec. 16.-The Vardaman issue has been settled by sending the Mississippi Governor an invitation

to the inauguration. The committee is

breathlessly awaiting his answer.

Meanwhile the committee has inundated with protests against extending any invitation to Vardaman at all. Some of the letters maintain that Vardaman should not only be without an invitation, but should be rigidly excluded from the city limits while the inaugural ceremonles going on. General George H. Harries, chairman of the committee on military, explains that the invitations to the Governors are purely official, and that personalities are not to be con-

Imagined Wealth Shrinks. Atlanta, Dec. 16 .- Max Hart, the New York postal clerk who purchased an old trunk and found it contained \$20,000 worth of bonds, of the Douglasville, Ga., Electric Lighting and Water Company, upon writing here, found his imagined wealth was worthless, as the bonds had never been negotiated.

CORDIAL ON MEETING LAW

being responsible for the being responsible for the in corpper shares, came to day and was met at the raine by Mr. Lawson. The raine by Mr. Lawson. The raine by Mr. Lawson by solidated Copper, together wis market developments of the pa days, all had combined to sugg possibility of a class between operators. So far as became however, nothing of the ki

A member of a prominent Boston brokerage firm, who attended the con-ference, issued a statement which he said had been assented to by both Col-

Greene and Mr. Lawson.
The substantial part of the was that Col. Greene had matthe conference that the recent in the stock market were due public uteerances of Mr. Lawso the colonel felt keenly the de ested, and that Mr. Lawson had me tained, in answer to Col. Greene, the had done nothing to bring all any fall in the stocks Greene was interested. The sta concluded with the words: "Each tleman has a perfect understanding the other's position. There is nothing further to state of public interest." Col. Greene and Mr. Lawson fused to discuss in any way the co ference, saying that the general state-ment contained all they had to ex-

Col. Greene had publicly advertised that he would call upon Mr. Lawson but Mr. Lawson anticipated this by appearing at the Hotel Touraine a an early hour. Mr. Lawson seamed constrained when they met, but Col Greene smiled warmly, uttered a dial salutation, and extending his his which Mr. Lawson seized, invited th Boston operator to his room. Greene's manner seemed very h but Mr. Lawson was apparently much reserved. The men were in confer in Col, Greene's room for almost sev hours, all outsiders and all messay

of every kind being excluded. Meantime the police had arrived and virtually taken possession of the hotel, three officers in citizens' clothes, patrolling the building.

GREENE AND GAYNOR HEARING.

Case of the United States on Appeal Against Extradition Decision Comes Up in London.

London, Dec. 16.-The appeal of the inited States against the decision the case of Greene and Gaynor came up before the privy council to-day. Sir Edward Clarke, K. C., who, with Donald MacMaster, K. C., of Montreal Texas, or Verge Lodgin, theeko, 'Pex- represents the United States, or as: I'm in guardhouse to-night in Charhe case, reciting the we Mr. MacMaster occupied the the day and was still speaking when

I am yours fraternally, the court adjourned until to-morrow. Secretary Henry White, of the Amer ican embassy, was present throughout the session of the Greene and Gaynor

hearing. NEGRO KILLED.

Run Over by Street Car at Seversville Yesterday Afternoon—Inquest This Morning—Car Men Say the Victim Paid No Attention to Their Alarm.

Alexander Jetton, a negro laborer, 25 years of age, was killed almost instantly yesterday afternoon at 12:45 o'clock at Seversville, by being run argument by the prosecution, which had over by a street car in front of W. J. Fite's store. The man came upon the track by means of a side street, wi is situated in a deep cut. It is said he was near-sighted. The motorman charge of murdering Caesar Young, and had no time to stop his car, which adjourned the trial until Monday at the struck Jetton squarely, knocked him request of the defense? feet. The body was terribly man Coroner W. A. Gresham will hold an inquest this morning. was removed to an undertaking establishment. The motorman, I. A. Brigman, and the conductor, A. Ferrall

the man paid no attention. The ne

blame, since the gong was rung, but

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE. Barn of Mr. Frank Johnston Burn With a Loss of \$3,000—Believed to Have Been Work of Incendiary. The work of an incendiary, it is belleved, caused the fire which destroye the barn of Mr. Frank Johnston early yesterday morning, two miles frecity, on the Derita road. The uninsured, was about \$3,000. Five mules and three horses, a large quantity of hay and fodder, were d Mr. Johnston did not know of the flagration until neighbors awoke nothing was saved. Mr. Johnston phoned into the city—to the police, Deputy Sheriff Johnson—asking bloodhounds, but there were nonhad, the nearest being at Lo

Creek township.
There have been a number properties evidently set afire by m ious persons, and the farmers of the county are discussing ways and me to check the dastardly work.

ARRESTED FOR FORGERY.

Citizen of Stuart, Va., Who It ished His Financial Resources Bogus Drafts.

The Register from Stuart, Va., says John Axford, secretary and treasure of the Stuart Manufacturing Compa of the Stuart Manufacturing on has been arrested on a chafforgery. Mr. Axford, who had into financial straits, forged an same of a draft from a New Yor ty, in which State he formerly for \$1,200, which draft was call the First National Bank of tall the state of the Forgeries for smaller at made on concerns to whice debted. Mr. Axford was