Aspect Calling for the Most Energetic whether anything important has yet Measures on the Part of the Russian men Parade the Streets, Uttering the mands in Conjunction With the Employers and at the Same Time To-Morrow Will Not Be Permitted— actually flying over the palace and dropping around the statue of Alex-Hope of a Peaceful Solution Still ander I. in the palace square beyond. Entertained - Reports That the Workmen of Moscow and Other ALL ASSEMBLAGES FORBIDDEN. Large Interior Cities Are About to The Government Announces Its Inten-Join the Movement Increase the Prevailing Nervousness - Railroad With Their Families.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 21, 2:30 a. m .-With the Russian capital seemingly meetings imperiling public safety. on the verge of an incipient revolution, tators and fanatics sowing seeds of disorder, half the city in darkness and peared. without fire protection, owing to walkouts, the situation was hourly growing more tense, when the authorities decidto preserve order, prevent rioting and overawe the violent-minded, at the same time seeking to placate the striking workmen by offering satisfaction of the demands in so far as they are just and reasonable, thus acting with combined firmness and moderation.

GARRISON STRENGTHENED. The government to-night augmented the garrison of the city with 2,500 cavary and 1,000 infantry from Tsarskoe, and filled the streets, especially in the disaffected quarter, with heavy patrols of soldiers.

peror Nicholas at Tsarskoe Selo has presented a resolution which was add made it known that the great demonunlimited possibilities for an outbreak, will not be permitted to take place, at his seat, refused to retract, and walktion with a conference of employers it has been determined to offer concessions in the terms of employment, majority of the workmen would be Inclined to accept, if they were guar-

WORKMEN'S LEADER ARRESTED. men, has been quietly spirited away from his body-guard, and taken into threatening the peace of the city.

a peaceful solution of the problem.

The situation had entered an acute stage to-day, and the strike had asday was one of intense excitement. Mill after mill and factory after factory closed. Throngs of workmen paraded the streets, and when their colleagues refused to join them broke the textile mills and every printing of- morrow. fice in St. Petersburg are closed. One electric light plant and one water 000 men are out.

ALARMING REPORTS FROM

OTHER CITIES. · Throughout the day workinen's meetbeing uttered as to what would come in the event of the authorities and mands. The nervousness and the tread what the next few days might bring forth was increased by reports that the workmen of Moscow, Kieff, Kaharkoff, While the government and employers temporized, telegraphers and railroad employes threatened to join the walkthe country. Many foreigners are preparing to send their families abroad. Every newspaper in St. Petersburg has PROCEDURE IN SWAYNE CASE. been forced to suspend publication, owing to the strike. The suddenness of the strike and the far-reaching nature of the workmen's organization ment and employers. Starting with provision to the Swayne trial held a in the South, where the collapse of the walk-out of a few thousand employes of the Putiloff Iron Works, due to purely industrial causes, it spread as ence to the question of the time when furnaces, may be taken as evidence of rapidly as a conflagration through the the trials shall occur, and all the mem- confidence in the future. laboring classes.

Army Disaffection Seem Un-

St. Petersburg, Jan. 20.-In the midst of the fever of excitement to-day over the strike situation , the incident at the Winter Palace on Thursday is attracting secondary consideration. Sensational reports of a widespread conspiracy and wholesale disaffection in Penang.

the army seem to be absolutely without foundation. Grand Duke Sergius Michaelovitch, in his preliminary report, shows that the caisson of the battery contained charges of grape in The Appointation Monument Commis-IT NOW LOOKS LIKE A REVOLUTION readiness for a possible emergency. such as to rake the streets in case of rioting, one of which was introduced GOVERNMENT BESTIRS ITSELF. into a gun in front of the saluting charge. The gunners are under ar-The Great Strike Now Involves 100,000 rest, and their antecedents are being Men and Openly Bears a Political examined; but it is impossible to learn

been discovered. ities are inclined to believe that the Government-Factory After Factory incident was the work of two men, one Closes, Leaving the Whole Industrial of whom Inserted the missiles, while Center Idle, and Throngs of Work- the other trained the gun. An eyewitness has reported that ne nad seen Wildest Threats-The Authorities a cannoneer carefully training the Seek to Placate the Strikers by Offer- statement made by Grand Duke Sering Partial Satisfaction of Their De- gius to a prominent military attache that the gun must have been pointed downward, as the charge struck the ice, richochetting, and two balls en-Strengthens the City's Garrison With tering the imperial pavilion. One ball 2,509 Cavalry and 1,000 Infantry— also pierced a palace window, others Great Demonstration Planned for striking the facade of the palace, or

tion to Prevent Demonstrations. St. Petersburg, Jan. 21, 6 a. m.-A and Telegraph Employes Also proclamation has been issued this morning forbidding all assemblages, Threaten to Walk Out-Foreigners parades, or other demonstrations in the Preparing to Leave the Country city, and warning well-disposed workmen and other private individuals to avoid gathering, as the authorities are determined to break up and disperse

The proclamation is printed in The Police Messenger, which is the only the strikers parading the streets, agi- publication appearing this morning, the police having forced the printers to remain at work until the paper ap-

## MINERS EXPEL A DELEGATE.

President Mitchell Demands That Either Himself or His Recent Accuser Be Cast Out and the Convention Sustains Him.

Indianapolis, Jan. 29.—Robert Randall, delegate to the United Mine Workers' convention from Dietz, Wyoming, who chark-ed President Mitchell with having sold out to the operators during the recent Col-orado strike, was expelled from the or-ganization to-day by the national conven-

Randall took the floor and made a statement which was marked by an ab-sence of the abuse of President Mitchell which he used yesterday. President Mitchell replied to him and demanded that either himself or Randall should not be in the convention. In his statement, President Mitchell said: that this delegate makes is true, I am unfit to occupy the place I do. I should be deposed. If they are not, I have a right to protection. Either this tuen or I should not be here. One of us should leave this convention. I leave it for the delegates to say which it shall

Delegate Walker, of Illinois, floor leader workmen to present a petition to Em- of the Socialists in the organization, then ed unanimously. It declares the state-ment made by Randall to be false, and stration planned for Sunday, with its suspends him until he makes public re-unlimited possibilities for an outbreak traction of his "unwarranted attack" on

## ed from the convention. ARMY APPROPRIATION MADE.

porating the Amendment Reducing Bryan in the Lobby

Washington, Jan. 20.-The House toanteed protection from the more vio- day passed the army appropriation after voting by a large majority to incorporate in it an amendment providing that hereafter retired army Late to-night it was reported that officers assigned to the militia of the Father Gopon, the leader of the work- several States shall not receive any pay or allowances additional to their and allowances exceed those of custody, in furtherance of the plan to major. The Indian appropriation bill disorganize the elements that are was considered for the balance of the day, but was not concluded.

William J. Bryan appeared in the The authorities believe that by these House lobby during the session. Imsteps they have the situation well in mediately, the former member of the electing hand, and announce that they except House and presidential candidate was House and presidential candidate was J. Bryan Grimes, Secretary of State, surrounded by a number of friends, with its secretary. A design for a monu-A resolution was adopted designating Saturday, February 25, as the day for the exercises in connection with the reeptance of the statues of Samuel Houston and Stephen B. Austin, presented by the State of Texas.

The Speaker appointed as tellers on the part of the House to count the electoral vote, Messrs, Gaines, of West preme Court judges, Senators and Repdown gates and forced out the men. Virginia, and Russell, of Texas, after The whole industrial center is idic. All which the House adjourned until to- and the Governor, Senators and Rep-

## NO CHOICE IN MISSOURI.

plant have shut down, and over 100,- Little Change on the Fourth Ballot for Senator-Cancus Nominee and Bolters' Candidate Confer Pleasantly. Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 20.-After tak ing one ballot to-day, without result, for l'nited States Senator to succeed Francis

ings were held, at which incendiary speeches were made, the wildest threats being uttered as to what would come the sulfer of the service of six votes were required to elect to-day. Both houses adjourned until Monday. A fifteen-minute conference was held to-day between Thos. K. Niedringhaus, the Republican caucus nominee, and Richard C. Kerens, who caused the bolt. At the conclusion of the conference they said no agreement had been reached affecting the

Kishiness and other large cities in the interior might joint the movement. Wr. Kerens told Mr. Niedringhaus that he claimed precedence for senatorial honors on account of his service to the party and his long years of waiting. be willing to give up a senatorship if I had your youth, said Kerens to Niedring-haus, adding that he thought the caucus nominee could afford to wait. Mr. Niedof Mr. Kerens, and the best of feeling prevailed, apparently.

That It Should Be as Prompt as Poswas largely a surprise to the govern- special committee appointed to make some points and the unsettled feeling session to-day for the purpose of considering the method of proceeding with and caused many cancellations. That the case. There also was some refer- production is maintained by mills and bers of the committe agreed that reerdless of the legal requirements, woolens the feature in textile fabrics. SHOOTING INCIDENT DWARFED. Judge Swayne was entitled to a trial Settlement of the protracted labor at the earliset day possible. No definite conclusion was arrived at con- but the industrial atmosphere is disto Care Much About It Now—Prob-ably the Work of Two Men—Reports but the members were agreed that but the members were agreed that Judge Swayne should be officially no- ary idleness for this season. Railway gate, caught sight of a negro's head tified of the charges as soon as they carings for January thus far show a are formally made.

Warships Reported in Malacca

Straits.

Penang, Jan. 20.—Four Japanese warships are reported to be in the vicinity of
the Lankava Islands, forty miles north of

Failures numbers.

sion Accepts a Design for the State's Monument, Which is to Be Unveiled on the Battlefield in April-The Committees on Liquor Traffic Re-Surprise-Colonel Craig Exonerated by the Board of Inquiry.

Observer Bureau, 17 West Cabarrus Street,

Raleigh, Jan. 20. Governor Glenn, under the provisonsions of a bill which passed yesterday, to-day appointed his personal staff, this now consisting of seven members, two being what are known as naval aides. Commissioners were issued to-day to the following, all having the rank of colonel: F. G. James, Greenville; Charles E. Johnson, Raleigh; John S. Cunningham, Person county: Wescott Roberson, High Point; John L. Cobb, Lincolnton; and naval aides, W. D. Pollock, Kinston, and D. L. Ward, Newbern, Mador W. Hopkins Smith, of Goldsboro, is re-appointed assistant chief of ordinances.

Quartermaster General Macon to-day received khaki campaign shirts for the Second and Third Regiments, and regulation blanks for the entire National Guard of the State. Some minor articles of equipment were also received at the arsenal.

The House and Senate committees on liquor traffic were very much surprised to receive from a whiskey distiler, in the piedmont section, a letter urging that the anti-jug law be not whole State. Upon inquiry it was found that this distiler, who does a very great mail order business, is going out of the manufacture of straight whiskey and will make a drink known as "theckers," which is along on the line of Peruna.

gave the State officers and the Legislature last evening was the most elaborate in all its history. Rather more than 1,200 persons were present, and not only all of North Carolina, but several towns in Virginia and South Carolina were represented.

What is known as the legislative tion met here to-day and appointed as the special committee to look after bills all powerful. before the Lebislature Henry A. London, R. H. Phillips, and Achibald ing the corporation commission power to allow the railways to pay for their newspaper ådvertising in passes.

Superintendent Miller, of the Eastern Goldsboro, is here. Two years ago the laid down by the court, he said, Legislature appropriated \$50,000 for en- find 'the facts' without admission now on file, and there are no less than 500 patients now in the than to the negative. institution. \$60,000 annually will be of the jury he said, to reconcile the asked for maintenance, the amount evidence if possible and if this was now allowed for this being \$58,000.

A charter is granted the Asheville find Contsruction Company to build rail-ways, etc., operate drays and deal in both sides. Judge Peobles then charg-

Mrs. W. H. S. Burgwyn, State Secretary of the King's Daughters, came here this afternoon in the interest of second degree and manslaughter.

ic I her. The report of the board of officers which investigated, at the request of Col. J. M. Craig, of the Third Regiment, the facts as to his responsibility for the killing and injury of members of his regiment returning from the encampment was made public to-day. the Governor approved its finding. APPOMATTOX MONUMENT.

The North Carolina Appomattox commission, composed Messrs. H. A. London, E. J. lt, W. T. Jenkins, C. B. Watson D. McGill. Mr London chairman and whom he exchanged hearty greetings, ment of North Carolina granite was velled and a memorial celebration April 9th, the fortieth anniversary of Lee's surrender. The chairman was tol was fired by Joe Murray or by directed to arrange for transportation. Special trains will be run, with special acquitted. rates from all points in North Caro-lina and Virginia. The Governor, Suesentatives of North Carolina resentatives of Virginia will be invited. All Confederate veterans in North Carolina and Virginia, and especially veterans who surrendered at Appomat ox, the Daughters of the Confederacy, and members of ladies' memoria sociations will be invited to participate. Generals W. P. Roberts and W. Cox, and other prominent soldiers who surrendered at Appomattox, will be guests of honor. Major George A. Armes, United States army, retired, who generously deeded the site for the proposed monument, was voted the thanks of the commission and Was invited to be present. The North Carona National Guard will be invited to participate.

The House judiciary committee this afternoon reported favorably a bill ounishing the carrying of weapons by not less than \$20 for the first offense, and for the second offense not less than \$30 or imprisonment thirty days, or both.

Than in Distribution, Largely Owing to the Effect of Low Cotton in the South.

New York, Jan. 20 .- R. G. Dun & company's Weekly Review of Trade Senate Committee Unanimously Agrees to-morrow will say: "Progress is more rapid in manufacture than in distribution, but this is largely due to the ffect of unseasonable weather at some points and the unsettled feeling by Mr. J. E. Hawwed, who will move Washington, Jan. 20.-The Senate the ffect of unseasonable weather at cotton prices has retarded collectors steed plants lead in activity, with struggle at Fall River is encouraging, gain of 2.3 per cent. Foreign commerce ago, the last week showing gains of \$1,555,889 in value of imports and

States, against 358 last year.

cluding Argument by Solicitor Brooks, Who Makes a Fine Speech for the State—Judge Peebles' Charge Brief and to the Point—The Twelve Get the Case Shortly Before the Noon Hour.

Special to The Observer.

Durham, Jan. 20 .- The fate of Bob Murray was placed in the hands of the twelve men this morning at 11:30 o'clock. At 1 o'clock they went to their hotel for dinner, returning in three quarters of an hour: No verdict has yet been reached.

The case reached the jury earlier than was expected. This was on account of the fact that the attorneys for the State and the defense agreed that the copy for the evidence should be given the twelve men and relieved of reading the vast volume of evidence. Had Judge Peebles been required to read all of the evidence hours. The charge of the judge cover- lection of the Endowment House ed just three-quarters of an hour.

The final climax of the trial ic interest at the highest pitch. more interest in the case than during the final moments of the trial. The court room was packed and during repealed, but that it stand for the and the charge of the judge the atand the charge of the judge the at-tention shown was so great that there Senator Smoot if there was anything of was scarcely a sound in the court room, beyond that made by the speak-After the charge of the judge and when the case rested entirely with the twelve men the vast audience filed out on the street and stood around discussing the probable verdict of the The reception which the Capital Club jury. The general opinion, that is the cave the State officers and the Legwho heard the trial, the of counsel and the charge of the judge, was that the defendant would be victed or else there would be a mistrial.

The speech of Solicitor Brooks, who closed the argument in the case, was a great effort. His arraignment of the committee of the State Press Associa- prisoner was fearful and his interpreation of the evidence of witnesses was

Judge Peebles began his charge by saying that he congratulated the Johnson. A bill is to be prepared giv- on the fact that the long case was nearing an end. He also congratulated on both sides as to the able effort in which the case had been manduties have ended and now your duties and mine remain, said Hospital for the Colored Insane at the court. You will accept the law as ergement and improvements, but of Without knowing or thinking who you this only \$5,000 was paid, \$15,000 having will please or displease. Beginning his been borrowed. The hospital will ask charge, which was taken by the court for \$40,000 this year for a new building, two kinds of testimony, positive and That the jury should give negative. more credence to the positive testim not possible then to strike out and a verdict in accordance aspect of th murder in the first degree. degrees narrowed to murder in State. Several other ladies accompan- the burden of prof shifted if the jury of the people was that of toleration. found that Bob Murray was the one If Bob Murray did not fire that shot then the verdict would be not guilty If he did fire the shot then the verdict unless the defense had introduced such

would be murder in the second degree, asked if that sentiment of toleration, ments to the amendments to the Arevidence as to reduce the verdict to have occurred since the manifesto. that of manslaughter. If the finds, said the court, after finding that The board finds him not to blame and Bob Murray fired the fatal shot, that good citizen of Utah who would conupon his arrival upon the scene of done new plural marriages. the difficulty that he either pushed or struck the deceased that was an If the deceased then drew the further polygamy. assault. pistol and the prisoner grappled with jected to having Apostles Cowley and him to prevent him shooting that if he Taylor, who had taken plural wives secured the pistol he had no right to since the manifesto, sustained at the bids going upon the lands of another shoot, and that the verdict should be October Conference. President Smith without consent, "for the purpose of murder in the second degree. If prisoner was not the aggressor at the beginning but later secured the pistol to sustain Taylor and Cowley if they eccepted. The monument will be un- in his own possession, then he still had were found to have taken plural wive will no right to shoot, but that after dis- since the manifesto. He said he did he held at Appenattox Court House arming his man he should have with- not think a polygamist should hold a drawn from the difficulty. If the pis- government position, though eligible to a Church position then the prisoner should be

## BANKERS GO TO WINSTON.

State Convention to Meet There in May-Celebration of Lee's Birthday at Greensboro.

Special to The Observer Greenshore, Jan 29-At the meeting of the executive committee of the North Carolina Hankers' Association held here this afternoon incitations were received from Charlotte. Durham and Winston-Salem to hold the next annual meeting of the association, but the Charlotte and Durham invitations were later withdrawn 1905. The executive committee als establishment proposed bonded warehouses for farmers to store their cotton, taining receipts to be used as negotiable paper. Delegates to the convention in New Orleans, Jan. 25, were ap-

pointed. Guilford Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, held a most enthusiastic meet-ing in the parlors of Hotel Guilford yesterday afternoon, celebrating in an impressive and appropriate manner birthday of Gen. Robt. E. Lee. A feature of the meeting was an interesting paper by Mrs. J. G. Broadnax entitled "Jan-Nineteenth. Officers for the dary Kineteenth. Officers for the en-suing year were elected as follows: Pres-ident, Mrs. C. H. Fisher; first vice presi-dent. Mrs. Frank Dalton; second vice president, Mrs. Gilea Foushee; recording secretary, Miss Meth Eloise Benll; cor-responding secretary, Mrs. John N. Sta-ples; treasurer, Mrs. John L. King; registrar, Mrs. J. J. Horney; historian, Mrs.

Datton.
The store-room recently occupied as here from Red Springs. In the United States Court here to-day Judge Boyd adjudged Charles T. Pink-ston, a merchant of Mooresville, bankrupt The liabilities

reported at \$7,000, assets, \$3,500

Mr. Charles Huntley, who runs a store at the corner of College and Second streets, was awakened night about 12 o'clock by a noise at a said he believed the revelation in recorner window. He sleeps in the rear gard to polygamy was received by in the window. He quickly armed himself with a revolver and fired twice at this port is also better than a year at the intruder, who immediately disappeared. He reported the matter to police, saying that he was certain doing the same. Failures numbered 335 in the United searched the vicinity but found no abandoned his wives.

# GOVERNOR'S PERSONAL STAFF. THE PUBLIC'S INTEREST GREAT. MAKES EXCELLENT IMPRESSION.

Examination Well-Has Taken No the Government-Would Not Submit to Dictation by the Head of the said.

Polygamy.

Smoot investigation before the Senate of absence. committee on privileges and elections "I don't know. I would have conwas stirred to-day by the unexpected sulted with my friends, and if I had determination to put Senator Smoot concluded to run, I would have reon the stand in his own behalf, with- signed from the apostleship. under direct and cross-examination all Senator day, and frankly answered most of the questions asked. He acquitted himself favorable impression on the members The examination of sign his apostleship. f the committee. Senator Smoot related to matters intithat the judge would in this way be mately connected with Church policy, resign," Mr. Smoot replied. and his duty toward the Church as compared with his duties as a Senator. He said he had not taken any oaths that would interfere t would have required three or four loyalty to his government. His recolmony was indistinct, he said, but he eached with public sentiment and pub- taken to avenge the blood of the prophets upon "this nation" or "this during the long trial has there been eration," as had been testified to by witnesses for the prosecution.

Senator Smoot was examined by Mr Worthington, his counsel, the final argument of Solicitor Brooks what witnesses have alleged to be that character in the ceremony. "There was not."

> "Was there anything of vengeance pon this generation?

> "Was there anything in the ceremony which would affect your loyalty to "There was not."

Senator Smoot said when he became candidate for the Senate he obtained ave of absence from the first presi-"Was the Mormon Church a factor

in politics in your candidacy for the nate?" asked Mr. Worthington. "Not in the least. No man or woman vote the Republican ticket because 1

"Did any one ever attempt to inpolitics 'Not in any way. I would not permit

"Is the leave of absence received by Church endorsement of your andidacy?

regard it."
"If the President of the Mormon Church should ask you to vote accordattitude?

would vote as I believed was for the best interests of the country. "What would be your position if the President of the Church should attempt to influence your vote as a

Senator?

"I would not subnit to it for a min with ute. Senator Smoot said he knew President Smith had more than one wife. When asked whether he found guilty of any protest against those apostles re-Then the puted to be living in polygamous rela- in street cars; Mr. Sellers, to amend the reformatory bill, in which more said the main question was who fired existing conditions; that there had been tions require notice to quit on the part He the United States had accepted the interest is expressed, all over the the fatal shot. This being decided that no prosecutions, and that the attitude He declared that the people felt that tle the conditions was to let the polyg-

was an been any conspiracy of the apostles to The Senator said he would not

> "Neither do I feel that there is man in Utah that thinks a polygamist who continues to violate the laws of the land should hold such a place. To best of my knowledge, not a Federal office in Utah filled by a polygamist. I know that the postmaster at Provo was removed on that

cases of that kind." "Have you recommended to the President the appointment of a polygamist to a Federal office?" asked Mr. Worthington.

'No sir, and I do not intend to," replied the Senator. Senator Smoot said that he had never advised or countenanced any He said he thought it best not to hold religious classes in school house

Mr. Worthington asked: "Have you in any way since you bean apostle vised the practice of polygamy?

Taking up the charges in the pro-

It is charged that the President of Mormon Church and a majority of the twelve apostles now practice polygamy and some have taken plural wives since 1890. Have you any Have you knowledge on that subject except that produced here?"

"It is said these things have been ione with the knowledge and consent of Reed Smoot. That is not true "It is said that all of the first presi-

dency and apostles encouraged polyg mous collabitation. Do you? That they countenance it; do you?

That they countenance it; do you? "I do not." "Have you ever upheld any man for any office in the Church because he

was a polygamist?"

On cross-examination by Mr. Tay the Senator said the manifesto made the impression on him that was going to stop polygamy forever. He did not understand that it dis phraged the doctrine of polygamy, but that it did disparage the practice. He

Joseph Smith, but he did not believe

the practice of polygamy against

the laws of the land. Questioned by Chairman Burrows Smoot admitted President Smith was living in violation of the law and that Apostle John Henry Smith was He thought Presihe had killed his man. The police dent Smith would be condemned if he

## SEVEN COLONELS NAMED. MURRAY CASE WITH JURY. SMOOT TAKES THE STAND statement of John Henry Smith in rethe law so far as polygamy was concerned. The Senator said he knew of many polygamists who were not Court Room Packed to Hear Con- Decision of the Utah Senator's Counsel living with their plural wives.

to Offer Him as a Witness Earlier
Than Previously Expected Stirs Up
Fresh Interest—He Stands Crosswith the sanction of God. No law of the land could dissolve the relations, Oaths Inconsistent With Loyalty to but it could interfere with the carry ing out of the marriage contracts," he Church—Has Never Countenanced

Senator Overman asked the witess what he would have done if Washington, Jan. 20.-Interest in the President Smith had refused him leave

out waiting for other witnesses now en out waiting for other witnesses now en route from Utah. The Senator was harmony with the Church?" asked sentative W. W. Kitchin, in speaking Burrows

"More than likely, it would." Senator Overman asked If there was an excellently and appeared to make a any reason why he (Smoot) should greeting given Mr. Bryan amount get leave of absence rather than re- ed to

There was no reason why I should Senator Burrows wanted to know if action would be taken against him for the Senate, had leave of absence

members accorded him such a recepif he should have been a candidate tion. not been granted. The witness did not think action of any kind would have been taken. It might have put him out of harmony

with the Church, but he had not considered this course. The committee adjourned with Senator Smoot still on the stand.

MAY INVOLVE PROMINENT MEN.

South Carolina Legislature Appoints Commission to Investigate Malicious Act—Some Bills of General Interest Introduced in the House.

Observer Bureau. 1209 Main Street. Columbia, S. C., Jan. 20.

The concurrent resolution adopted by the Senate and House of the South Carolina Legislature calling for the appointment of a commission consisting of two Senators and three Representatives to employ a detective to assist in investigating the fact that on yes erday some "malicious person" invaded the basement of the State house and drew off the water from the boilers to such an extent that one of the bollers burst, is loaded and may result in springing a big sensation. The commission was appointed, and will at once get to work. The resolution means that there is suspicion that this trespass in the basement is the result of a conspiracy against the work of the State house commission, and it is possible, though not probable, that the investigation will invoive some prom-

inent men. With this exception the Senate spent day in the transaction of merely routine business, the few new bills introduced being merely of local interest. Among the new House bills of genal interest to-day were the following: Mr. Lonnax, to extend the law with regard to the inspection of commercial fertilizers to cotton seed meal; Mr. Miller's, to require uniformity and prevent change in school books for five years; Mr. Etheridge, to give to Win-thrope half of the fertilizer privileges tax now going to Clemson: Mr. Bruce. tions, he said that the government of the Brice act; Mr. Irby, to declare any contract void whereby corporaof employes; Mr. Lomax, to provide for the inspection, analysis and brand-

The House took up most of its time discussing amendments and amended to a third reading with two amend-"Oh, not at all," replied the Senator ments, one limiting the scope of the carnestly. "I do not believe there is a measure striking out the words, "or otherwise trespassing," and the other forbidding going upon the lands advertising against tresposs and forwithout consent, "for the purpose of the told him an inquiry would be made, hunting, fishing, trapping, netting, gahering fruit, vegetables or herbs or cutting timber.

The House killed Mr. Ashley's resolution calling for a sine die adpourn-

## ment on the 11th of next month, PARSON DREW A PISTOL.

'olored Divine Arrested at Winston-Salem-Groom Weighs 87 1/2 and Bride 237-Convict Escapes.

Special to The Observer.
Winston-Salem, Jan. 20.—Thos. Slaugh ter, colored, made his escape from the county convict camp early this morning it is thought that he left just after break fast, while the guards were getting the men out to go to work. Slaughter was fined to the buildings described above convicted at the September term of court of breaking in M. Citrenbaum's store and as being destroyed. The total loss is stealing merchandise. He was given two

years on the roads.
Rev. N. L. Glenn colored, paster of the new undenominational church recently creeted on East Ninth street, was arrestof this afternoon on the charge of carry-ing a concealed we from and threatening to shoot "Dock" Hrewer, a young white to shoot "Dock Hr wer, a young white num. The colored parsen was seen at the police station and questioned about the charges against him. He admitted that he carried a pistol occasionally, and said that he drew it on Brewer, but did it to make the white man stop throwing rocks at a little negro boy. The officers say that Glenn ran like a Turk when he saw the policemen comings after him. The It is stated that in the Friedburg sec-tion of this county, recently, a couple were matried the weight of the happy

groom being 57% pounds and that of the blushing bride 237. Mr. J. A. Jones is in receipt of a letter from Governor Douglas, of Massachusetts, which he states that he has been a number of the Odd Fellow lodge at Broc-

# STATEHOOD BILL ASSAILED.

Two More Senatorial Champions of Arizona Denounce the Consolidation what they can to find a theory. Plan-Virtually a Force Bill. Washington, Jan. 20.-The Statehood bill and the fur seal indemnity bill again divided the attention of the Sen-

ate to-day and both again went over

without action. Mr. Fulton spoke in

support of the indemnity bill, and

Messrs. McCreary and Bate in opposition to the Statehood measure Mr. McCreary said the "pending bill must be considered in the light of a force bill, distasteful alike to all in

both Territories." Mr. Bate opposed in vigorous guage the consolidation plan. Declaring that union was not desired, he said: "This double Territorial egg egg was laid by the chairman of the House committee on Territories, and upon the report of the committee was hatched in three and a half hours, the shortest period of gestation known to political

history.

The Senate adjorned until to-mor-

# A WELCOME FOR BRYAN.

NEBRASKAN VISITS THE CAPITOR

He is Given the Glad Hand by Den cratic Representatives and Has Private Conferences With a Number-No Concealment of the Fact That These Talks Relate to Re-habilitation of the Party—He May There is No Political Significance in

## BY W. A. HILDEBRAND.

Special to The Observer.

Washington, Jan. 20.-William Bryan, spent some time to-day in the of the manner in which an ovation. braskan has before visited the capital, but never before have Democratio

## GLAD HAND EXTENDED.

Claud Kitchin said: "The so-called

re-organizers, the men who a year or so ago were willing to adopt any sort of policy that promised success, were among the first to extend the glad hand of welcome." About half of the North Carolina delegation had something to say to Mr. Bryan, who, since he came to Washington, has had a number of private conferences with men high in the councils of the Democratic party in Congress, and while more or less reserve is being maintained about these talks because they are only in measure tentative at present, there is no concealment of the fact that they relate to the proposed re-habilitation of Democracy next fight. It is possible the former leader will call on President Roosevelt. Mr. Bryan has recently complimented the President on his tariff and commerce views and may pay him a visit

to tell him these things in person. NO POLITICS IN IT. Mr. Bryan was found this morning in the barber shop of the hotel, stretched out in a chair with his face

covered with lather. "My visit has no political significance," he said between sweeps of the "I was coming East anyway razor. and always like to visit Washington during a session of Congress to keep in touch with Members."

What do you think of president Roosevelt's position on the questions of freight rate legislation and a revision of the tariff?" he was asked. "The Republicans," he replied, "are stealing our thunder. Now if would steal our lightning as well, they

might accomplish something.

rates and enlargement of the power of the inter-State commerce commission is strictly a Democratic position. It has been our doctrine. If we are not in a position to accomplish it, the Republicans should. I believe the reg to the inter-State commerce commission. I do not care to discuss details of the question. In regard to

the tariff, of course you know that

question of proper regulation of freight

I am a tariff reformer. "Wil you visit the White Hous while here?" was asked. "I am not sure about that yet," replied Mr. Bryan. "I will only be here

## to-day and to-morrow. HAMLET MENACED BY FLAMES.

Fire Which Had Its Origin in a Livery Sweeps Business Section of the Town.

Special to The observer.

Hamlet, Jan. 21, 145 a. m.-A of another for the purpose of gath- fire, which started about 12 o'clock ering herbs. The new measure simply to-night in Hinson's livery stables, is obviates the necessity of posting and still raging, resisting all efforts at control, and threatening to wipe out a large portion of the tawn.

The huildings that have thus far succumbed to the flames are Hinson's stables. Armor's saloon, Lackey's saloon, McLeod's saloon, Spraight's grocery store, Mrs. Stull's boarding house, Thomas' beef market, Thomas' restaurant and J. D. Goodwin's store. of the buildings enumerated, which were substantial frame structures. The fire at this hour is still burning

Later-2.05 a. m.-The fire is now under control, the flames being convariously estimated at from \$25,000 to

# TWO HEADLESS BODIES FOUND.

Spartanburg Authorities Confronted With a Mystery-No Clue to Throw Light on the Affair. Special to The Observer.

Spartanburg, S. C., Jan. 20.-The headless bodies of a man and woman were found late this afternoon in the woods beyond Drayton Mills. The rethe policemen coming after him. The preacher went to the office of a colored lawyer, where the pistol was found. and decomposition had so far progressed that it was impossible to tell whether the persons were white or colored. An air of mystery surrounds the affair and no particulars have developed that would throw light on the matter, ing to their deaths. The county offichils were notified and went at once to the scene, where a large crowd collected. The police are in a quandary as to how to proceed, but are doing

# OFFICIALS TO MEET FARMERS.

Statistician Hyde and Director North Will Present First-Handed Informa —Willing to Let Farmers Decide, New Orleans, Jan. 20.—Advices fro Washington state that Statistician Job Hyde, of the Agricultural Departme

Hyde, of the Agricultural the cotton crop have attracted attention and discussion, will be p at the cotton convention next wee is said they desire to have certain ters the farmers discussed placed h the convention first-handed, so that will be no misuallerstanding. It is, stated that neither Mr. Hyde nor North care whether the ootton report their respective Departments are a tinued or discontinued. It is up to furmers to do exactly as they ploase, view of the extensive criticism of the partment of Agriculture and the government's cotton estimate, the presents the officials on the floor is anticipating the state of the control of the presents the officials on the floor is anticipating the control of the control of