E. Hood, a Merchant and Son of Ex-Register of Beeds W. H. Hood, and Vlotet Page, an Habitue of the Red Light District, Die Locked Each Other's Arms After Taking The Two-Ounce Bottles of Laudanium—Hood, Who Was a Dope Find, Had Been on Spree Since Christmas Eve—Left Insurance Policy to Wife and Watch and Ring to Little Girls—Curious Throng Views Bodies as They Lay Side by Side in Undertaker's Shop.

Observer Bureau.

Observer Bureau. 122 South Dawson Street, Raleigh, Jan. 7.

Violet Page, one of Raleigh's tender oln women, and W. H. Hood, a wellknown young man of this city, comsuicide together to-day by taking laudanum and died in a close embrace, the deed having been done in a house in a questionable quarter of the city, owned by a negress, Jane Hood rented the room last night and later took Violet there. The woman who owns the house noticed nothing unusual until about noon when her attention was attracted by heavy breathing in the room. She knocked at the doors and windows but received no response. She then telephoned for policemen and relatives of Hood. Members of the police force ided at once and broke open the door to find the woman dead and the man drawing his last gasps. NINE EMPTY BOTTLES.

Nine empty laudenum bottles on s table in the room told the tale; they were two ounce bottles and bore the label of a Greensboro drug store. Beside the empty laudanum bottles, on the table was found a note from Hood to his wife, enclosing a ring and a watch for his two little girls and a \$2,-000 life insurance policy for herself. The note gave no reason for the terrible deed.

HOOD A DOPE FIEND. Hood had been on a debauch since Christmas eve. He was a dope fiend. He had become inratuated with th woman and only recently his wife and relatives had persuaded him to leave her. His father, Mr. W. H. Hood, is one of the best known citizens of the county and was for years register of deeds. He is a one-armed Confederate veteran. His son, the suicide, had for years been chief clerk to his father but had recently been engaged in the mercantile business in this city. He quit work Christmas eve and had been on a spree since. The woman's real name was Bessle Pendley, aged 22 years. She was formerly an inmate of an orphanage, later went to Durham, where she worked in a cotton mill. here some time ago with a woman of notorious reputation, with whom she lived until recently, when they parted.

The bodies of the suicides lay all has amounced his intention of aiding turing the afternon side by side in the them in maintaining their status.

There is no expectation of being able during the afternon side by side in the dead room of an undertaker's establahment, where they were viewed by a large number of carious spectators. To-night Hood's wife, after refusing for hours to permit his body to be taken to her home, gave her consent and the body of the dead man was removed from the undertaker's shop to his residence. The women of the tenderloin section of the city will bear the funeral expenses of the dead-wo-

MANY PROPLE VIEWED BODIES. This affair created quite a sensation the city and many people visited the house where the suicide occurred while many others viewed the bodies at the undertaker's. The woman was siender and rather graceful of figure, with an attractive face which looked quite childlike in death, though there were purple splotches on her throat and breast. Her marble-like face was framed in a mass of auburn hair.

Coroner Jordan held an inquest over the bodies and pronounced death due to laudanum. Hood leaves, besides a wife and two children, a mother, three sisters, and three brothers, all of whom reside here. He had received treatment at a number of institutions for the whiskey and drug habits. The woman was one of the unfortunates who was removed by Dr. Masses from a den of vice in East Raleigh recently. An interview with Mr. E. J. Bagsdale, tobacco planter in this section, has been ublished, in which he stated that he was use from what he learned in the eastern obacco section of the State that the creage will be cut this year from 30 to per cent.

40 per cent.

This news is confirmed by the representative of the American Tobacco Company here, who says that the high price of cotton will, in all probability, bring about this result, in the territory east of Baleigh. Most of the land is naturally shout this result in the territory east of Raielgh. Most of the land is naturally totton land any way, and most of the farmers really prefer cotton to tobacco. Then, too, last summer was very wet and, in consequence, the tobacco in that section of the State was inferior in quality and little of high grade was produced. Prices have been and are good, but in the aggregate, of course the crop gave no great return, compared with what it would have doile in a favorable year, while for cotton the price obtained is quite a fancy one.

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Most of the tobacco grown in this eastern section is bright but is thinner and lighter than that grown to the westward of Raleigh and the American Tobacco Company has used it very largely not for home consumption, but for the Oriental trade, being made up in the main into a special brand of cigarettes, sold in those countries. It may be fully expected therefore, that if cotton stays at good prices there will be a heavy reduction of North Carolina acreage, in all fint section of the State east of Raleigh, known a cline new tobacco belt, and in which is some of the largest Southern leaf markets, such as Kinston and Greenville. The high price of cotton will; therefore, never no little bearing upon the outlook of reliow leaf of this year seems certain. s little bearing upon the outlook of leaf of this year seems certain.

SECOND TRIAL.

Frome, Gu., Jan. 7.—Vincent T. San-ford will be placed on trial again to-morrow for the killing of George Wright. This will be the second trial of Sanford for the killing of Wright. It will be remembered that the jury in the case, when it was tried last fall, failed to agree and Judge Wright de-clared a mistrial Sanford recently filed suit against his wife for total

rjection of San Domingo Arrange-ment Preferred by Chief Executive to Continued Failure to Actu-Sension Tilman to Press Resolu-tion of Inquiry—Ship Subsidy Bill and Treaty Ceding Isle of Pines to Cubs Also Coming Up During Week—Date of Final Adjournment Already Under Discussion.

Washington, Jan. 7.-The Senate will egin the week with the consideration of the question of the relations between this country and Sair Domingo. The subject will be brought up on Sensior Tillman's resolution calling upon the President for information relative to the status of affairs since the flight of Morales, and if the Senate does not take up that resolution, Mr. Rainer will address the Senate on the general Dominican question. It is Senator Tillwill address the Senate on the general Dominican question. It is Senator Tillman's intention to press his resolution; and unless it is accepted by the Senate he will probably talk on it, if not tomorrow then on some other day during the week. With the subject once opened up, considerable debate may be expected, for the Perublican Senators. expected, for the Republican Senators are prepared to defend the attitude of the President in the Dominican matter. It is not expected that the treaty with Morales will be presented for some Morales will be presented for some time, but Republican Senators say they have no intention of letting it go by

anxious for action and prefers rejection to failure to set. His friends in the Senate cité the course of events in the present revolution, when the financial affairs of the country have been less disturbed than in previous uprisings, as sustaining the President's attitude to-ward the little republic. On the other hand, the revolution has had a tend-ency to solidify the Democratic Senators against the agreement, and if they hold together they will be able to

lefeat ratification. Senator Gallinger, chairman of the merchant marine commission, has givmerchant marine commission, has given notice of his intention to call up the commission's shipping bill to-morrow, and if he does so, that measure, being the unfinished business, will supplant the Dominican question. If, through courtesy, he should give way to Senators who desire to discuss the other questions, he will bring up the shipping bill later. When the commission's bill is taken up. Mr. Gallinger will open the is taken up. Mr. Gallinger will open the debate on that measure. He will be followed later by Senator Lodge, in support of and by Senator Mallory in opposition to the bill. The measure will probably be before the Senate for some time, but Senator Gallinger will urge a vote as soon as possible.

It is expected that the treaty with

Cuba relative to the Isle of Pines will be discussed during the week, but, if deferred, the discussion will be had in the near future. This treaty is in the hands of Senator Foraker, and he will make an effort to secure attom at the first practical moment. The treaty will not be ratified without opposition, Several Senators have expressed them-selves of opinion that the Americans on the Isle of Pines acquired nome rights as such under promises made them by representatives of their goverument. Many Pennsylvania people are on the island and Senator Penrose

for several weeks, but the Senate leaders say the consideration of that sub-ject will not be unduly postponed. sibilities of the final adjournment of the session, and a conference on that subject with Speaker Cannon has been held. The Speaker assured the Sen-ators that it would be possible to get all the appropriation bills through the House by the first of June. In that event, adjournment by the 10th of that month will be possible, for the Senate managers express confidence that the, railroad, statehood and Philippine questions will have been disposed of by that time, and it is not their intention to permit other subjects to hold them

in session late in the summer. The emergency appropriation bill, which the Senate expects to receive from the House toward the end of this week, will carry a much larger amount week, will carry a much larger amount than usual. Ordinarity only the press-ing deficiencies are provided for in this bill, others being left for a general de-ficiency hill, the last important meas-ure to be considered before adjourn-ment. It has been found, however, that this plan often leads to delay, and the present policy is to get the important items on the early bill, leaving only new and small deficiences to be taken care of on the later bill.

PHILIPPINE BILL FIRST.

Proposal to Sidetrack Tariff Reduc tion Measure Fails to Find Favor
—Statehood Bill Next in order. Washington, Jan. 7. After contemplating a plan to displace the Philippine tariff bill with the statehood measure in the House this week, the leaders arrived at the conclusion just before adjournment Saturday that the present order of business should not be disturbed, and the list of speeches which is to occurrent cupy at least the first half of week on the revenue measure be undisturbed. Mr. Payne, will be undisturbed. Mr. Payne, charge of the bill, estimates that charge of the bill, estimates that the discussion on the subject next week will occupy the first three or four days. After the Phillippine bill has been disposed of the statehood bill, which the committee on Territories has still in preparation, will be brought forward immediately and that question discussed and acted upon without interruption.

No appropriation measures will be taken up until the statehood bill has been disposed of, but the regular supply measures are expected to come in with regularity, thereafter.

WITHERSPOON'S CONDITION.

Victim of Dr. McDow's Bullet at Lancaster Resting Well—Crists Not Yet Reached. Special to The Observer.

Laneaster, S. C., Jan. 7.—J. Hasel Witherspoon, who was desperately wounded by one of Dr. E. S. McDow's bullets in yesterday's difficulty, rested very will last night, and there has lay, except that he has ceased to spit blood, a favorable symptom. The phy-sicians do not look for a crisis under three or four days.

ndor Revolutionists Gain Re Guayaquii, Jan. T.—A body of reservists attacked the police station
here this afternoon. The police fired,
dispersing the renervists, one of
whom was killed and two wounded.
Part of Colonei Larrea a scoops
have gone over to the revolutionists.

Lower Harbor the Kearsarge and Kentucky Were swept Slightly Out of Their Course and Grounded, The Strong Flood Tide Carrying the Alabama, Next in Line, Into the Kentucky With a Crasbthe Kentucky With a Clancing One, Blow Fortunately a Glancing One, Did Serious Damage Above but Did Serious Damage Above Water Line—Injured Vessel Ordered Back for Repairs.

New York, Jan. 7 .- While the batdeship squadron under command of Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans was proceeding to sea to-day, the battleships Kearsarge and Kentucky ran aground in the lower harbor off the West Bank light. The Alabama and Illinois were following next in line and before they could alter their course the Alabama collided with the Kentucky, striking her a glancing blow. The Illinois just got clear of tangle and proceeded down the bay, anchoring outside the bar with the flagship Maine. The accident oc-

curred shortly after 1 o'clock. The Alabama remained by to render assistance to the Kentucky and Kearsarge, and wireless messages were sent to the Brooklyn navy yard

for tugs.

AF 2.45 o'clock the Kearsarge and Kentucky both were floated and started for sea, accompanied by the The Kentucky, however, was ordered back, and returned to Tompkinsville, where she anchored late this afternoon.
The Maine, Illinois, Alabama and

Kearsarge remained off the bar until 5.25 o'clock, when they weighed anchor and proceeded to sea. A wireless message was received at the Brooklyn navy yard to-night from the Kentucky, stating that the starboard side of the vessel, above the water line, had been quite badly damaged in the collision with the Alabama. It also was stated that he Kentucky will come up to the navy yard to-morrow for repairs. The squadron of battleships was boun for Hampton Roads, where the several divisions of the North Atlantic Feet now in home waters are to be assembled under

divisions of the North Atiantic Feet now in home waters are to be assembled under Read Admiral Evans preparatory to sailing for West Indian and South American waters for the annual winter manoeuvres. The hattleships had gathered in New York harbor after undergoing extensive repairs, some at the Brooklyn navy yard. The fleet had been divided following the visit of Prince Louis of Battenberg to New York.

The battleships anchored off Tompkinsyille, Staten Island, last night under orders to proceed to sea to-day. It was 1 o'clock this afternoon before the entire squadron was under way. The flagship Maine, with Admiral Evans on board headed the column, the Keansarge and Kentucky following. These latter were eightly out of their course and, being deep in the water with heavy supplies on board and coal bunkers full, grounded just off the West Bank lightship. The navigating officer of the Ainbama made every effort to swing wide of the grounded that was running carried the Alabama into the Kentucky with a crash. ships, but the sweep of the strong noon de that was running carried the Ala

hams into the Kentucky with a crash. Luckily, the blow was a glancing one. It fell on the starboard side. The Illinois barely missed colliding with the two ves-sels already in trouble. There was a rapid exchange of signals, There was a rapid exchange of signals, the Alabama, which had not been seriously injured, being ordered to stand by to
render assistance to the Kearsarge and
Kentucky. When the navy yard tigs arrived the battleshift were soon pulled into deep water and both started for sea.
Admiral Evans, however, ordered the
Kentucky to turn back and proceed to the
navy yard for repairs, which was done.
The Alabama, Maine, Kearsarge, and
Illinois should arrive in Hampton Roads
late to-morrow night or early Tuesday
morning.

morning.

As soon as the Kentucky joins the fleet
Admiral Evans probably will order a
court of injuly to investigate the grounding of the two ships and the subsequent
collision.

PLAN FOR 11-CENT COTTON.

Mississippi Delegates to New Orleans Convention Will Urge Formation of Buying and Selling Corporation Capitalized at \$110,000,000.

tson, Miss., Jan. 7.—The Mississipp tes to the New Orleans cotion conwhich will be held this week, will

go with instructions to try to secure the oftion by the convention of what is known as the Witherspoon plan.

This plan, in brief, is that a corporation to be known as the Southern Cotton Company shall be formed, with a capital of 115,000,000 to begin histories as soon as the capital is paid in. The shares are planted at 1100 each, and are payable in cash, or cotton at 150 a bale. The corporation is to purchase \$100,000,000 worth of cotton at ten cents per pound regardless of the market price, and is not to sell till the price shall have reached eleven cents, when it shall be sold for eleven cents, no more, no less.

ADVANCING TO COMPLETION.

New Port Works at Manzanillo, Mexi-co, When Completed, Will Work Transformation in Coast Trade— 87,006,000 Already Expended. Mexico City, Jan. 7 .- Advices from

Manzanillo report a long advance toward the completion of the new port works which have already cost the sovernment some \$7,000,000. The transgovernment some \$1,000,000. The transformation of Manzanillo into a modern port, with safety guaranteed to ships and steamers, will mark an epoch in the dovelopment of that portion of the Pacific coast of the republic. The great sea-wall, extending along the habor front for a kilometer, and a higherakwater are among the principal portions of this work. The Mexican Central Railway, which is extending its line to Manzanillo, has purchased land for terminal purposes.

DEAD IN POLICE STATION.

L C. Benton, Aged 70, at One Time a Prominent Cotton Shipper of Eastern Carolina, Succumbs to ecial to The Observer, forfolk, Va., Jan. 7.—M. C. Benton in of age, of Sunbury, N. C. died central police station resterday at n shortly after he had been

shortly after he had been bro the corner of Cave and Cumber ts, where the old man had fa h was due to heart failure. The s will be sent to Sunbury.

RALEIGH HAS A TRAGEDY WANTS ACTION ON TREATY TWO BATTLESHIPS COLLIDE UNCLE SAM AND GERMANY LESS WAR TALK IN FRANCE BRITISH LIBERALS' POLICY ONE MILLION ANNUALLY BOUBLE SUICIDE INTENDERLOIN PRESIDENT RILED AT SENATE MISHAP ON LEAVING NEW YORK \$300,000,000 TRADE AT STAKE HOPE TO OUTVOTE GERMANY PREMIER SCORES PROTECTION SALISBURY'S WHISKEY

> View of United States' Se Imrgest Customer's Amounced Intention to Withdraw Most Favore Nation Treatment Unless Grante Similar Concessions, Department of Similar Concessions, Department of Commerce and Labor Issues Report on Trade Relations—Exports to Germany \$194,000,000, Including \$87,000,000 Raw Cotton, and Im-ports \$118,000,000—Other Princi-pal Items.

Washington, Jan. 7.-Trade between the United States and Germany, whose trade relationes are now the subject of negotiations between the two governments, aggregated in the fisal year 1905 over \$300,000.000.

A report issued to-day by the Bureau of Statistics of the Department of Commerce and Labor says: "The imopris from Germany were

\$118,000,000 in value and exceeded inports from that country in any earlier year. The exports to Germany were \$194,000,000 and exceeded our exports to that country in any earlier year except 1904, in which the total was a little over \$214,000,000, this decrease in 1905, compared with 1904, having occurred in raw cotton and being altogether due to a fall in price, since the quantity in 1905 was greather than in 1904. "Germany stands second in the order of magnitude of our trade with foreign countries, both as to imports and ex-

ports. "Manufactures are the bulk of \$118,-000,000 worth of merchandise imported from Germany. These manufactures nclude cotton goods, about \$14,000,000 "Raw cotton is by far the greatest

single item in our exports to Germany, amounting in 1905 to \$87,000,000 in value as compared with exports of \$43,000,-000 in value in 1895. The increase, however, is due in part to the general advance in the price of cotton.
"Breadstuffs form a less important factor in our trade with Germany than formerly, owing to the great falling off of the quantity which the United States is able to spare to the world. The value of cotton seed oil exported the United States to Germany from practically reached 1½ million dollars and oil cake 5% millions, against less

GAYNOR-GREENE CASE TUESDAY

than one million dollars and less than

21/2 millions, respectively, a decade

Trial of Four, or Perhaps Only Two, Defendants on Charge of Defraud-ing Government Out of \$2,000,000 on Savannah Harbor Contracts, About to Begin—Ex-Capt. Carter Not to be Tried Again.

Savanah, Ga., Jan. 7 .- The cases gainst John F. Gaynor, Benjamin D. Greene, Wm. Gaynor, Edward Gaynor ind former Captain Oberlin M. Carter will be called in the United States Court for the southern district of Georgia, on Tuesday, Jan. 9. Judge Emory Speer, who is to preside, and the prosecuting officers and court of-ficials are expected to arrive to-morrow frauded the United States government out of some \$2,000,000 in carrying out of Savannah harbor contracts.

Garrard Meldrim and Osborne awrence, of this city, represent the defendants and James Gaynor, of New York, attorney and brother of the de-fendant Gaynors, is also here. Special Assistant United States Attorney eral Marion Erwin, assisted by Assistant District Attorney Alexander Aker man, will prosecute. It is understood that both sides will announce readiness for trial, though demurrers to the indictments recently found against the defendants' will be submitted by the defendants' attorneys.

The defendants will seek to have the court admit them or their attorneys when the names of jurors to try th cases are drawn from the box. The court is yet to pass upon the petition to secure this concession. It is the hope of the defense that furors may be secured from this division of the dis-trict, their idea being to obtain jurors with instructions to try to secure the who may in some measure be familiar

with harbor work.

The summoning of the jurors will consume several days, so that it is believed that it will be the latter part of week or the first of next week fore the cases come to trial. It has been admitted by the special assistant United States Attorney General that rmer Captain Carter will not be ought to trial again, and there is ormer speculation as to whether or not Wil-liam and Edward Gaynor will be tried. It is possible that the indictments against them will be dismissed and that John F. Gaynor and Greene will be the sole defendants.

1,500 BALES BURN AT CHESTER.

Cotton Warehouse of Eureka Mill in a Blaze — Adjoining Warehouse Containing Two or Three Thousand Bales Threatened. Columbia, S. C., Jan. 7 .- A special to

The State from Chester says: Fire which started in the cotton warehouse of the Eureka Mill at 9 o'clock to-night has already destroyed 1,500 bales of cotton, resulting in a loss of between \$80,000 and \$90,000, is still burning flercely, and at 11:30 p. m. threatens to spread to an adjoining warehouse in which is stored two or three thousand bales of cotton. The loss is fully covered by insurance.

The Eureka Mill is located about a quarter of a mile outside the corporate limits of the city, and little aid can be rendered by the city fire department. The company has its own fire apparatus and is fighting the flames with all its force.

BONAPARTE TO CHARLESTON. tary of the Navy Leaves to tend Ceremony of Presenting Silver Service to Cruiser Charleston—Will trrive on the Vessel,

ore, Mr., Jan. 7.-S Navy Charles J. Bonaparte to-day on the United States dispatch to Dolphin for Hampton Roads, are he will board the United States see Charleston and proceed to rieston, S. C., where the citizens Charleston are to present a silvering to the cruiser. Secretary

Italian Government's Selection of Pro-French Statesman to Head its Delegation Gives Rise to Bellef That German Influence Will be Outweighed in Moroccan Confer-ence—Need of Completing Military Preparations Still Discussed— France's Relation to Morocco Like That of United States to Cuba.

Paris, Jan. 7.—Public uneasiness over the Moroccan conference has undergone a distinct improvement. This s due mainly to the confident attitude ti Venosta to head its delegation as strengthening the position of France. It is evident that the officials hold the view that if France can secure the support of the great powers having tangible interests in the Mediterranean and in Morocco, it will be diffi-cult for Germany to stand against the force of this moral influence. Therefore, Italy's choice of Marquis Viconti Venosta who was one of the earliest advocates of the Franco-Italian entente, strengthens the government's expectation of the united the leading Mediterranean powers.

The martial tone of the press has considerably diminished, and the sensational branch of it no longer prints alarmist reports of the frontier preparations. None the less, the public and the press continue, though with great calmness, to discuss the imperative need of completing military

preparations Now that the French delegates are preparing to start for Algecieras, there s evidence of the great firmness in lding the French position, the esential feature of which is that France through her geographical proximity to Morocco, which is analogous to that of the position of the United States toward Cuba, and through her vast Algeriran borders, is justly entitled to have a privileged position in Morrocco. Germany, while yielding much, has never clearly yielded the claim of France to a special position in Mor-occo. This is the vital issue, and the occo. This is the vital issue, and the minor questions regarding police, ous-toms, finance and contraband can be adjusted, once it is definitely settled whether France has or has not special and privileged position in

If the French position is upheld, the conference, it is expected, will charge France with the police, customs and other duties. Against this, Germany will seek to secure control of the police, the customs and other matters, gving all nations, including Germany. the same status in Morocco as that of France.

The French delegates will start without the slightest thought of yielding or compromising the essential principles of France's privileged postition and therein lies the danger the Franco-German outlook.

The Berlin correspendent of The Femps says that Germany, following the action of the United States and Great Britain, is sending a squadron to Algeciras. The paper says that france, thus far, has not ordered a squadron to the neighborhood of the from Macon and all is in readiness for conference. It adds that three British the opening of the cases of the defend-squadrons, comprising the Channel, spuadrons will ren dezvous in Cadiz Bay, near Algecrias, in the middle of February.

WIFTE THINKS KAISER PACIFIC. Russian Premier Expects no Trouble Between France and Germany-

Says Russia Will Emerge From Her Crisis Rejuvenated. Her Crisis Rejuvenated.

St. Petersburg, May. 7.—Interviewed by the Official Telegraph Agency to-day. Count Witte declared he did not believe the reports that Germany would resort to an aggressive policy in the Moroccan conference at Algederas. Throughout Emperor William's remarkable reign, he said. Germany's policy had been consistently pacific. He believed it would remain so and that the conference would terminate without any untoward incident, particularly between France and Germany. It was his belief that the rumors to the contrary were spread for the purpose of indusencing the bourses.

Turning to the situation in Russia, Count Witte protested against what he characterized as the unfounded and sensational reports aprend in the foreign press, and expressed the conviction that Russia would emerge from the present crisis rejuvenated. He concluded by declaring that France continued to display towards Russia sentiments of friendship and good will, which Russia reciprocated.

HOTEL BURNS AT ELYRIA, O. including Adjoining Business Buildings Destroyed, the Loss is \$120,000—No Fatalities.

Elyria, O., Jan. 7.—The Hotel Andrew and the block in which it was loated was destroyed by fire this morning. The loss is estimated at \$120,000, the bulk of which is sustained by the hotel property. Half a dozen small business stores were burned, as was also the Bell Telephone exchange and the Loraine County Bank. The insur-ance is only partial. Help was sent from Cleveland and Loraine.

The hotel was located at the corner of Broad and Court streets. There were no fatalities, but Miss Fitzgerald, a waitress, in whose room on the fourth floor the fire caught from a gas jet, sustained serious burns about the face and hands in attempting to secure personal savings of \$600 which she had in her room. She was carried mass. personal savings of 800 which she had in her room. She was carried unsclous from the upper floor by Clerk O'Hara. The Elyria Block, on the west, and Türner Block, on the south, both office buildings, were in serious danger from the fire. There were only twelve guests at the hotel and all got

SHIP IN DISTRES Capt. Mowatt, of the Shawmut, Sights Disabled British Bark Which Declines Assistance.

Declines Assistance.

Philadelphia, Penn., Jan. 7.—Captain Mowait, of the steamer Shawmut, which has arrived here from port Tampa, reports that at 4 p. m., January 4, nine miles south of Frying Pan lightship, he spoke the British bark Robert S. Besnard, from Montevideo, November 2, for New York with mainmast and missen topmast and all yards above the lower foretopsail yards gone. The Besnard is under foretopaall jib and missen staysails. Captain Andrews of the bark declined assistance. He said be would work the ves-

tichmond, Va. Jan 7.—The re nce at "Laburnum," the splen intry seat near Richmond of Jose

Election Address of Head of New Government Attacks Predecessors for Reckless Adventures Abroad and General Mismanagement at Home—Protection Tenets of Unionists Fraught With Incalculable Mischief to Nation and Empire—Will Hold Fast to Time-Honored Principles of British Liberalism.

London, Jan. 7 .- The election address of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the Primier, is wholly devoted to a severe indictment of the late governof the officials of the Foreign Office, ment's record and its pelicy on protecwho consider the selection of the Ital- tion and to refer the electors to his ian government of the Marquis Vicon- public declaration on assuming office for the expesition of his government's

intended policy. The Primier declares that the last decade represents a well-nigh unbroken expanse of mismanagement and legislation continued for the benefit of privileged classes, of wars and adventures abroad, hastily embarked upon and recklessly pursued, and that the legacy the Unionists bequeathed to their successors is in the main a legacy of embarrassment, an accumulation of public mischief and confusion absolutely appaling in its extent and ramifications.

He declines to regard Mr. Balfour's free trade tents as having more than tating the matter most. a nominal place in the estimation of the majoriay of the Unionists, whose fiscal reform policy he holds, is fraught with incalculable mischief to the nation and the empire. He characterizes protection as immoral and oppres sive, based, as he says it must be, on the exploitation of the community the interest of favored trades and financial groups, and declared that the policy of his government would be hold fast to the time-honored principle of Liberalism, peace, economy, selfgovernment and civil and religious liberty, and to pursue a substantial confinuity of the foreign policy without departing from the friendly and unprotective methods adhered to by prelous Liberal administrations.

CHRISTMAS IN CZAR'S PALACE. Russian Sovereign Presides at Tree for His Children and Later Distributes Presents to Guard-Day

Quiet in St. Petersburg. St. Petersburg. Jan. 7 .- Fine snow sifting down from a cold sky furnished ideal weather for the Russian Christmas, so far as St. Petersburg was concerned. All the theatres and other places of public amusement, event the restaurants were closed, and the day was given up to the proverbial Russian hospitality. The dissensions which have torn and distracted the intry seemed to have disappeared for the moment and even the radical newspapers, animated by the senti-ment of peace and good will to all silenced their guns.

The day passed quietly and without untoward incident. The religious ser-vices in the churches were largely at-

At the palace at Tsarskoe-Selo, the Christmas tree. Later, accompanied by the imperial children, his majesty visited the quarters of his imperial Cossack escort, to the members of which he distributed presents.

RUSSIANS AND ITALIANS FIGHT.

Christmas Celebration of Czar's Ex-Subjects Took Form of Setting Off

Dynamite and Riot Results, Washington, Jan. 7.-Celebration of that nationality at the Meadow Lands Coal Works, four miles from here. caused a race riot this evening between Russians and Italians in which one man's skull was fractured, a woman with a baby in her arms knocked down with a brick, and others received serious injuries. The Russians be gan their celebration of Christmas last midnight by setting off dynamite. The explosions were so heavy that several windows in the homes of Italians were shattered. The Italians rushed the merry-makers, capturing several, whom they bound and placed in vacant houses, where they were found by friends this morning. This evening the Russians armed themselves with bricks, stones and

200 men engaged in the rioting. Slight Falling Off in Russian Revenues. St. Petersburg, Jan. 7.—According to The Novoe Vremys, the revised budget as submitted to the Emperor makes the revenues for 1906 \$1,014,000. 000, as against \$1,027,000,000 for last

clubs and attacked the Italian quar-

ters. Few of the belligerents escaped

unhurt and about a dozen, chiefly Ital-

ians, received serious injuries. About

FRENCH SENATE ELECTIONS.

year.

Contest for One-Third of Membership Results in Government Victory. Paris, Jan. 7 .- The tri-ennial elecion for one-third of the membership of the Senate has resulted in the re turn of most of the former Senators. The supporters of the government in many instances received increased ma-jorities. M. Falileres, president of the Senate, and M. Bourgeos; former Pri-Senate, and M. Bourgeos, former Pri-mier, both of whom are mentioned in connection with the presidency of the republic, were re-elected, as also was Senator Chaumie, Minister of Justice, M. Trouillot, Minister of Commerce, heretofore a member of the Chamber of Deputies, was elected a Senator.

SHOT BY JEALOUS WOMAN. Fatal Affair in Restaurant at Troy N. V.-Was to Have Married An

other. Troy, N. Y., Jan. 7.—Herbert D. Ashdowne, collector for a local clothing house, is dying in the Samsritan Hospital, having been shot in a restaurant this evening, it is alleged, by Mrs. ant this evening, it is an eged, by Mrs. Jennie Purkett. Ashdowns was shorting to have been married to another woman, and jealousy on the part of Mrs. Purkett is supposed to have prompted the shooting. Mrs. Purkett's husband is a wire worker, living in Ashedowne at first shielded Mrs. Purkett, but in his ante-mortem statement he told in detail of the

King Edward to Attend Olyu

ws agency from Athens says: "It is announced that King Edwa

of Raising L believe of Raising Liquor From \$600 to \$1,000 Am he Settled at Special Maddermen This Week-Liquor Business Amoun Million a Year-Novelty Gets Orders for Produc Factory Begins Operation Lifters at Work-Poulty Closes—Dance for Visitin Ladies—News Notes and Closes Dance for Valles News Notes and Pe Special to The Observer.

Sallabury, Jan. 7-The much-deba question whether Salisbury is to re ceive \$1,000 license tax from unicon men and other whiskey dealers, or retain the low rate of \$600, will be asttled at a called meeting this week. The aldermen will fight the matter out among themselves, so far there having been no petitions to them to act other-wise than they see their way clear to do. The difference in revenue between the present rate and the proposed one will amount to \$6,000 or more. It is freely conjuctured that the freely conjuctured that the higher license men will win. Certainly that sentiment which your corresp has met, favors the change and should the matter resolve itself to a tie, sv-erybody knows the way Mayor Boyden would cast his vote. Salisbury does annually more than \$1,000,000 business in the wriskey traffic and the belist grown in favor and the men who vote the wet ticket are those who are egi-

ORDERS MONTHS AHEAD. Two and a half months before wheel is turned, the Dixie Nove Company has an order for loads of the company's goods. are to be delivered in May. Mr. W. C. Russell, manager of the works, expeto have the machinery ready for eration by March 15 and this ord which comes from the R. K. Carter Purchasing Company, Pittsburg, Pa, is the first. The stockholders feel sur-that this, the first manufactory of its kind in the whole South, will have a fine market for its goods, and are much pleased. The professional grip-lifters have at

last struck Salisbury and the owns of the articles are clinging tightly them, Thursday night Frank Ster man, a news agent of Atlanta, left hi valise long enough to have it stolen After reaching the place he sent a description which did the work handsomely. Officer Poole saw a negro yesterday who tallied handsomely with the kind who steal, and questions revealed his crookedness. When ar-rested, the negro had several articles mentioned in the valice. He was a South Carolina man and the first charge against him was vagrancy. Before Mayor Boycen he was tried and bound speedily over to court to await Superior Court in February. The officers yesterday arrested he Alex Truesdale, a negro man wanted in Lancaster, South Carolina, The warrant does not specify the charges but says he is much wanted. South Carolina officers will be here to-morrow to take Truesdale back

with them. POULTRY SHOW CLOSES. The Piedmont Poultry Show closed exhibiting. In point of spectators, the show was not up to the standard; but the fowls were fine ones. At the former meetings Vanderbilt has been an interested exhibitor, having generally as many as 150 birds. This year he did not contest for prizes. The mer chants gave liberally to the prize list and many poultry men were paid handsomely for their trouble. Charlotte's birds did well and there were several enthusiastic chicken the Russian Christmas by miners of from that city. The association held only one short business session and the matter of deciding next year's meeting placed did not come up. It is not denied that this fair, which had been designed for the largest in the association's history, did not a quite

come up to expectations.

following from Charlotte: Davis, F. M. Shannonhouse, B. S. John P. Green, George L. Dooley and W. Alexander. Wednesday night of this week, the young men will give a dance to young ladies visiting in Salisbe especially to Miss Grace Miss Ross Concord, who is visiting Miss Ross Mary Carlton, of Bernhardt, Miss Mary Carlton, of Statesville, and Miss Elizabeth Crump's guest and Miss Catherins Cartmell, the company of Misses Marion and Lillie Helley. It is intended further as an honor to Miss Fan Me Neely, who has spent 15 months in the far West and whose home-coming yesterday brought happiness to all Salis bury. With Miss Fan McNeely, were V. D. Dixon, and little daughter, and her sister, Miss Mary; her sister, her mother, Mrs. J. D. MoNeely, This party has been together all months at Whipple Barracks, Arin and White Rock, Utah, where two of the maiden McNeelys married tenants in the United States Army, It has been a ceaseless picnic to th

Among the prize winners were the

all and Salisbury has greatly them. The recent promotion of Mr. J. S. Parker, whose home is in Salisbury, to the chief clerkship in Superintendent Land's office in Norfolk, will his delightful family from this pi to the Virginia city. The picus Salisbury finds in Mr. Parker's forti is almost lost in the am that he ceases to live with us. graded school resumes work to-row after a fortnight's shut down, of the teachers have returned to plans and the school opens wit larger enrollment than it has y cialmed. The faculty loses one of I real moments, Miss Setbelle Boyd, wi has visited and taught so long the no other city had barely the ner to claim her. Mrs. W. A. Chapman. Anderson, South Carolina, is the gue of her sister, Mrs. W. H. Overman, Misses Elizabeth Bingham and Mario Mallette are home from a Metropolita Mallette are bome from a trip of two weeks.

ELLIOT DANFORTH DEAD

New York, Jan. 7.—Elliot De State treasurer from 1889 to D