Record and Even Her. Dog—Wife Belongs to Splandid Family—Trial Set for April 25.

pecial to The Observer.

New York, Feb. 1.—The Evening fournal to-day prints the following: For the first time. Mrs. James H. Duke's own version of the troubles in he multi-millionaire's family, which are reached the acute stage of the liveres court, is made public to-day. Its. Duke's most intimate woman riend tells the story. She says: "Lilie is one of the most abused of women. If the public knew the story of her wrongs there would be a storm of adignation against the president of he American Tobacco Company, First of all, I knew that they had a great leal of trouble because she tried to sensuade him to change his business nethods. She said in my hearing, James, you know it is wicked to sensuade show it is wicked to whether Santo Domingo had been cohave reached the acute stage of the divorce court, is made public to-day. Mrs. Duke's most intimate woman friend tells the story. She says: "Lillie is one of the most abused of wothe American Tobacco Company, First of all, I know that they had a great deal of trouble because she tried to Tames, you know it is wicked to open a tobacce shop right beside some poor fellow who earns his meagre living at a cigar stand. Probably he has a large family to support and you may have taken the bread out of their mouths. You have money enough. Do earn an honest living.' Lillie is a very tender-hearted woman and, when she traveled with him, as she did to North Carolina, when his aged father was dying and saw his stores beside some

Mr. Tiliman said he had not been aware of the frequent change of reference for the bills. He said that he hours were numbered, she said she dying and saw his stores beside some

"Besides being an extremely suslclous man, Mr. Duke was insanely jealous. He was jealous of Lillie's women friends, of her music, her French, and even of her little dog, Nigger. His manners were boorish even at home. When she protested against the way when she protested against the way he treated her, he shook her until she nearly fainted, and kicked her out of bed one night. She is of a fine old family. Her father, Addison Fletcher, of Cinchmati, could trace his gencially to the sixteenth century. Louis Seal, of Philadelphia, who was associated with George W. Childs in business for many years, is a relative."

other ports with which there s now no drect communcation, such, for natance, as the ports of South Amerca. He believed that such lines should be encouraged. Mr. Spooner suggested that the bli would afford encouragement only to large concerns, as vessels would receive subsidy for but 10 years. Such vessels would here come into competition with subsidized ships, with the inevitable result, as he thought, of forcing their scale to the larger companies operating subsidized vessels. ness for many years, is a relative."

Trial Set for April 23.

Special to The Observer. Newark, N. J., Feb. 1.—Vice Chancellor Pitney to day fixed April 23 to April 26 as the time for the trial of the divorce suit brought by James B. Duke against his wife, Lillian N. Duke. Mrs. Duke's application for counsel's fees was refused on the counsel's fees was refused on the insel's fees was refused on the Mr. Carter expressed the opinion that that she had a separate that the bill would be endorsed by the state. Later, however, the vice chancellor anaounced that he would take the matter under advisement.

THREE DEATHS IN ROWAN.

Mr. Aaron Yost Dies at Age of 90— Mrs. George T. Jenkins and Mrs. Monroe Ketner Dead — Executive Committee of Intheran Synod Meets—Salisbury News Notes.

pecial to The Observer. Salisbury, Feb. 1.—Mr. Aaron Yost, ving at Enochville, this county, died this home Tuesday night after a this nome Tuesday hight after a hort illness, the nature of which was of known. He had been four times sarried, and leaves besides his chilren, grand-children and great grand-lildren, a young wife whom he marked not long ago. Mr. Yost was about

sildren, a young wife whom he marled not long ago. Mr. Yost was about
years old and was known throughst the county.
Mrs. George T. Jenkins filed this
surping in this city at 5 o'clock, conimption being the cause. She was
is mother of three children, whom she
aves, together with a husband. The
marail services will be held to-mor-

Mrs. Monroe Ketner, a well known dy of Organ Church, in this county, led at if o'clock this morning at the cepital. She was about 60 years olders. Ketner had been long afflicted nd was placed under the knife as a st resort. The burial will take place her old home to morrow.

The regular quarterly meeting of a executive committee of the North troiling Lutheran Synod was held toy in the Lutheran church here, but ir. L. Harris, about 60 years of came near losing his life yester-while cutting in the woods. He I chopped one tree that fell partly and then another, which held the limit of the limit was the limit of the limit which held the limit was when the limit of the limit was when he limit was when he limit was well felling throw when he limit was well as the limit was the lim

in all felling three. When he d to down the fourth one of the swund around and knocked bim breaking his shoulder blade

Rev. Sidney S. Bost, of Durham, assed through Salisbury this afteroon on his way to Charlotte, where
e performed to night the weding ceremony for Miss Grace King
and Mrs. Charles Cutter.

There was a small fire this morning
the home of A. Parker, the variety
are man. The companies responded
aickly and the result was unconseuential. A defective flue caused the
outble.

KILLS MAN FOUND WITH WIFE

ALASKA DELEGATE AUTHORIZED

these poor fellows a chance to statement concerning the bills holding an housest living. Lillie is a very ployes, Mr. Elkins withdrew his motion for their reference to the committee on the judiciary, thus leaving them with the committee on the judiciary. with the committee on inter-State

hours were numbered, she said she secure the change of reference because had a revuision of feeling toward her the inter-State commerce committee as so much engaged on the railroad

rate question. At 2 o'clock the ship subsidy bill was taken up. Mr. Bacon said that he would be inclined to support the shipping bill if its operations were con-fined to granting aid in the way of liberal mail subsidies to steamship lines between ports of the United States and other ports with which there s now no

operating subsidized vessels.

Mr. Gallinger intimated a willingness to amend the bill to mee the objection.

Mr. Penrose declared that for 20

entire Rocky Mountain region. Mr. Penrose declared the report that there was a ship building trust to be "a figment of the imagination."
"There can be no division of opinion

on party lines over the need of smash-ing the foreign monopoly," he said. At 4:05 p. m. the Senate went into executive session, adjourning at 4:15 until to-morrow.

GOV. SWANSON'S INAUGURATION.

Former Congressman Takes Oath Be-fore Brilliant Gathering in House of Delegates at Richmond—Urges Progress and Development and End to Partisan Politics.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 1.—Claude A. Swanson, of Pittsylvania county, for seven terms a member of Congress, representing the fifth Virginia district. was inaugurated as Governor of the State at noon to-day, succeeding Andrew Jackson Montague. The cere-House of Delegates, before the General Assembly in joint session, and in the presence of the Supreme Court of Appeals, the corporation commission, the heads of the State government depart-ments, and former Governors Cameron and Tyler, and a brilliant general gathering. The oath of office was ad-ministered by Judge Stafford G. Whittle, of the Supreme Court, after prayer, by Rev. J. Sidney Peters, pastor of Trinity Methodist church, this city, Trinity Methodist church, this citlivered his inaugural address, oath of office was then administered to the Lieutenant Governor-elect, J. Taylor Ellison, of this citz, which ended the official ceremonies. Governor Swanson, in his inaugural adress, urged progress and develop-ment in Virginia, holding that "the

ment in Virginia, holding that "the time has come when the people of the Commonwealth should cease partisan politics and factional differences."

He said the State has a surplus in the treasury of over \$285,000 and has reasonable right to expect an annual surplus of more than \$650,000, a considerable proportion of which he recommends for use in anticipating payment of the public debt. He urges improving the public schools in the country, public road improvement, establishment of a road department, and employment of convicts to prepare tablishment of a road department, and employment of convicts to prepare material for road making. He favors stimulation and regulation of immigration, reasonable regulation of railway traffic, close supervision of the banking and insurance agencies, enforcement of the pure food laws, help for the Confederate veterans and preservation of the Blate's war records. Governor Swanson gave a public preservation at the Executive Mannion.

South Carolina Dispensary Investisouth Carolina Dispensary Investigating Committee of System He
Inaugurated to Rid City of Blind
Tigers — Number Reduced From
250 to 140—Owners Paid Quarterly
Fines Which Was Practically Same
as License — Constable Holmes
Testified That This System Had
Accomplished Nothing—Some Sidelights on Whiskey Situation in City
By the Sea.

Observer Bureau, 1309 Main street, umbia, S. C., Feb. 1. Columbia, S. C., Feb. 1.

Mayor Rhett, of Charleston, was on the stand this afternoon at the hearing before the dispensary investigating committee. He testified about the figer situation in Charleston, elucidating an interesting system he inaugurated on going into office, which he finds is still operating satisfactority to Charleston. When he became mayor there were over 250 tiger piaces in Charleston but, by means of systematically raiding with a special squad of five policemen aided by hired detectives, the number has been reduced to about 14. He explained that he obtained a list of tigers and went to work on them systematically, the State board of dispensary conrol demanding a better enforcement of the law. Mayor Rhett said that a tiger resisting conviction was fined only 35. In answer to questions from Sensator Christensen, he said those submitting to the fine were not broken up and were raided not more than four times a year. He said other tigers were raided daily for weeks at a time by the squad of five, but even this failed to break up their business and to obtain much evidence against them. He said the system of fining, amounting to licensing had reduced the number of tigers by half, those who were fined informing on the others, who also paid fines. The mayor said this was the most effective and practical method he could find to deal with the situation.

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Division Chief Constable Holmes, who has been at work in Charleston three pears, acceeding Sam Howle, who is said to have exacted blackmail from the

years, succeeding Sam Howie, who is said to have exacted blackmail from the Charleston tigers, was the next witness and his testimony was even more interesting than that of Mayor Rhett. He said that the system of fining had no effect in closing out the tigers able to pay the \$100 a year, though it did close out the poorer tigers. He said the better tigers sent in the fine quarterly without being raided. He said it was unnecessary for the tigers to buy the police because the police made no effort against them. He spoke of the local sentiment in favor of the tigers and gave illustrations to show it was impossible to get even negroes convicted and ...ow grand juries threw out cases. Witness thought he might stamp out tigers in Charleston with all the constables of the State concentrated here, or with a double police force determined to carry out the law, provided he had some buggies and a steam launch. The launch would be necessary in order to handle the Clyde Line wharf situation. Since the Clyde Line people got an injunction excluding the constables from the wharf, it was used as a blind tiger warehouse. The constables laying in walt were avoided by a launch carrying the stuff to various landing about the city. The witness also told how J. S. Farnum and other wholesale beer dealers in Charleston sold to tigers. He testified that, on one occasion, he found tiger beer stored in a man's parior. Committeman Lyon wanted to compel him to give the name of the owner of the parior but the committee decided otherwise. The beer was left in the parior by the owner's son, who cierked for a tiger.

ROGRESS IN SAVANNAH TRIA Method in Government's Introduction of Evidence Against Greene and Gaynor Becomes Apparent—Formation of Atlantic Contracting Co.

Reviewed. Savannah, Ga., Feb. 1.—District At-torney Marion Erwin, who is conducting the prosecution of Greene and Gay nor, to-day began to associate the evidence he is introducing. For the first time since the trial began, this asso-ciation of certain evidence was apparent. Hitherto the vouchers, contracts letters and checks have been put in without any conection being estab-lished, but Mr. Erwin has now begun to associate them, and the case begins to unfold itself to the jury along lines he mapped out in his opening state

ment. George W. Marlor, Deputy United States Treasurer in charge of the sub-Treasury at New York, was on the stand for a considerable part of the session, his evidence relating to the checks paid Greene and Gaynor for contracts for river and harbor work. contracts for river and harbor work.

A certified copy of the charter of the Atlantic Contracting Company, Issued in West Virginia, was admitted, the district attorney showing by if, he contended, that Greene and John F. Gaynor were the chief owners of the stock, holding \$14,960 and \$14,965, respectively. This company was formed in 1892 and the big Savannah contract was let to it three months later. Mr. Erwin read a three months later. Mr. Erwin read a letter from Carter to the Secretary of State of West Virginia, of date of August 10, 1892, asking for a copy of the certificate of incorporation of the Atlantic Contracting Company and offering to pay any charges or expense that might be presented. that might be necessary to secure it. The district attorney said that this was important, in that the advertisement for bids on the Savannah harbor contract had not then even appeared, and yet Carter was anxious to gain infor-mation about the company, to which subsequently was awarded the con-

Mr. Sterley said that spe for this contract were out at the time the letter was written. At this point, adjournment was taken until to-morrow morning.

TRYING TO SPIRIT HER AWAY?

Plain-Clothes Policeman Delailed to Watch Pince Where Miss Pauline Webster Resides—Brother Appears on Scene and Offers \$1,000 Cash for Her Interest in Property, Which She Refuses—Property Said to be Worth \$10,000.

Worth \$10,000.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 1.—Fearing that plans are being laid to hide or spirit away Miss Fauline Webster, the chief of police to-day detailed a plain-clothes man to watch constantly until further notice the house of Mrs. Helen Washburn where the house of Mrs. Helen Washburn where the staying. Anna Taggart, the police matron, went to see Miss Pauline yesterday and found that she wanted to move Mrs. Taggart saw that all bills were set tied and called a carriage. Airs. Washburn, her husband and mother interfered and objected to her leaving. A room had been engaged at 1234 Locust and the control of the Washburn home and

MRS. DUKE'S SIDE OF CASE SHIPPING BILL IN SENATE MAYOR RHETT ON STAND FLAMES ON TROOP SHIP FOR EXECUTION OF LAWS ON BALES NOT YET GINNED MAY GET MILITARY ROAD

At Pier in San Francisco, Transport Mende's Forward Hold Was Suifocating Furnace for Three Hours and Firemon Worked in Danger of Frames Reaching Tons of Explosives—City Fire Captain Among Dead—Vessel Not Seriously Intered, but Loss of Personal Effects Reaches \$50,000—Theory of Infernal Machine Being Investigated. San Francisco, Cal., Feb, 1.—Three men were killed and 58 injured, mostly by sufficialion, in a fire that damaged the United States transport Meade \$2,000 as she lay at the Folsom street pier this morning.

For three hours after midnight, the forward hold of the big troop ship was a suffocating furnace from which firemen were borne in an almost continuous stream. Belays of men promptly stepped forward to take the places of those who were carried out unconscious.

Tons of high explosives were loaded to the agence of the series and the

Tons of high explosives were loaded in the after part of the vessel and the firemen worked with the possibility ev-er before them that the flames would reach this compartment.

Owing probably to the fact that an infernal machine was found in the bunkers of the transport Thomas on her last voyage, the rumor was circulated that a plot had been laid to fire the Meade at sea, as she was to have departed for Manile to-day. Major C. A. Devol, chief of the transport service. vice, is investigating this theory with great care. He is having the cargo taken from compartment No. 2, where the fire started, to ascertain the real cause of the disaster. The flames did not spread from compartment No. 2. Dock Captain Dun believes that some of the officers had packed matches in their trunks and that some of these were ignited in loading.

A thousand pleces of baggage were ruined. Trunks, boxes and barrels were water-scaked or burned. Wearing apparel and household furnishings

were ruined. One officer places the damage to personal effects at \$50,000. The vessel is not seriously injured and will be ready to sail for Manila on Saturday. on Saturday.

Immediately after the alarm was given Captain Wilson, Third Officer Wallace and Fourth Officer Dahl were notified and proceeded to investigate. They descended to the first hold, where they found the cargo on the starboard side of the vessel burning under a slow fire and the hold choked with smoke.

him to his cabin, where the ship's surgeon with great difficulty revived him. Wallace and Dahl again descended to the second hold, after directing that an alarm of fire be turned in from the wharf. Both were carried to the deck by firemen, but Wallace soon died.

Captain Wilson, who was lying unconscious in the cabin, was carried ashore and sent to the harber hospital. He was suffering from bad burns in addition to his injured shoul-

The captain fell limp, and Wallace and Dahl picked him up and carried

Eighty thousand dollars in gold, diers also guared the entrance to the

Fire Captain Dakin lost his life behe hold. To the action of Acting Chief Sul-

livan in opening the hatch and letting a long ladder down into the hold, is due the saving of the lives of many. The men overcome in the hold could otherwise have been rescued, as the next hatch led into the heavily lalen coal bunkers.

Captain Gilbert, of the fire department, was carried away unconscious.

Fireman McClosky was overcome by smoke and earried out, but revived and made a heroic attempt to save his chief, Captain Dakin.

MOTOR BOATS MAKE FAST TIME George Gingras' "23" Covers 15.5
Statute Miles in 1:42—All Boats
Handicapped on Basis of Time
Previously Made.

Previously Made.

Palm Beach, Fla., Feb. 1.—Three events were run off here to-day. Easily the feature of the races was the fast work of George Gingras' "22," in the last event of the day. The race was won by Coo in 1:40:55 with a handiscap of nearly five statute miles. The "23" was started at the scratch and finished fourth, only a few yards behind the third boat, after making the \$3.525 statute miles in the fast time of 1:42:17. Nine boats started in the race. the race.

The first event of the day, open to boats of all classes and over a course equivalent to 10.35 and a fraction statute miles, was won by T. R. Collins' Comet in 1:06:49. The Comet was the fourth boat to start, but by fast driving passed the first three boats and took the trophy. Fourteen boats startand in this event. d in this event.

The second event, over a course equivalent to 5.175 statute miles, was won by T. R. Pettles' "Twentieth Century" in 21:12. Only six boats started in this event. All boats were handicapped on basis of time made in events of the two previous days.

W. VIRGINIA MINE DISASTER.

errible Explosion in Operation Near Delorme—One Dead and Three Se-riously Injured Miners Are Taken Out and Victims Are Believed to Number Many More.

Roanoke, Va., Feb. 1.—A specia he Roanoke Times from Blufield. report has just reach terrible explosion whice terrible explosion which occurred out 5 o'clock this afternoon in what called the "Ball Knob" Mine, No. one of the operations of the Red cket Coal and Coke Company, near rme, Mingo county, W. Va.
to 7:30 o'clock this evening,
r airendy dead, and three oth ictims are not yet known.
A force of men were at we nines at the time of the exp

CHARLESTON'S BLIND TIGERS THREE DEAD AND 58 INJURED GOVERNOR WRITES TO SHERIFFS HOUSE CALLS FOR ESTIMATE

Lecent Laxity in Enforcement of Laws, Especially as Regards Watts and Ward Acta, Prompts Governor Glenn to Address Letter to Every Sheriff in the State Calling for Renewed Energy in Hunting Down Offenders—Will Render All Possible Assistance—W. T. Waller, Penible Assistance—W. T. Waller, Peni-tentiary Guard,, Found Dead in Red—Charters Granted—December Weather Report-News of the State Observer Bureau, 122 South Dawson Street,

Raleigh, Feb. 1. Governor Glenn sends, the following letter to every sheriff in the State; "It is my duty to see that all laws are properly executed and, as some newspapers have suggested that the laws, especially those arising under the Watts and Ward acts, are not being enforced by county officers, I write this personal letter to urge you and your deputies to do everything in your power to rigidly and promptly execute all laws. The best way to suppress crime is to bring about quick detection and sure pun-ishment. Counties in which peace and good order most prevail are those in which officers are most effeelent and watchful. I would call your attention especially to sections 3533, 3634 and 3526 of the new code, or chapter 498, sections 2, 5, 6, 7 and 8, acts of 1905, setting forth your duty, and trust you will let nothing interfere with your promptly carrying out those provisions, by having warrants

sworn out and executed.
"Our State was never more prosperous in its history than it is to-day, so let none of us, upon whom has been placed the duty of preserving order, shirk this duty, but let us do all we can to bring all criminals to speedy justice by offering rewards, or by asking for requisitions from other States, when needed. I assure you, you shall have my hearty assistance in seeing that every citizen and community shall be protected from lawlessness and vio-

lation of plain statues."
The Governor requests all newspa pers and citizens who know of any officers refusing or neglecting to dis-charge their duties not to make a general reflection on all officers by saying they fall to do their duty, but to call his attention to the officers so acting, and he will at once put the matters in the hands of the solicitor of the district for investigation and, if found to be true, he will see that said officer is prosecuted and punished according to aw. The Governor does not think it is right to make faithful officers suffer for the wrong doing of bad ones, hence his suggestion that charges be

made special and not general. W. T. Walley, guard at the peniten tiary, aged 72, was found dead in his bed there to-day. Death is supposed to have been due to heart trouble. He was a German and had been guard for two years. The survivors are a maring carried as military treasure to mains were taken to Statesville for Manila, was rescued from the ship and guarded by soldiers. Lines of sol- Davidson, foreman of the brick-laying

department at the penitentiary. The secretary of State to-day granted charters to the Goldsboro Invest cause of his dauntless courage in fighting the fire. His body was found at
the foot of the ladder. It is thought
that he may have been drowned in
the fire. His body was found at
the foot of the ladder. It is thought
that he may have been drowned in and R. J. Corbitt, of Henderson; the Claud Brown Co., at Hendersonville, to conduct a live stock business with its branch lines, capitalized at \$10,000, incorporators, Travis K. Taylor, Como, Miss.; Claud Brown and L. T. Brown both of Hendersonville.

Mr. J. William Bailey, chairman of the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League, yesterday announced his resignation to the executive committee, which will meet in this city for action next week. Mr. Bailey has been chairman of the league for three years, or since its organization, and his work has been most effectual and strong in all of his undertakings with that body. During his chairmanship the organization has been perfected and marked results have already been noted. Mr. Balley states, as a reason for his resignation that he will accept the new trust, with President W. L. Poteat, to labor in curing the endowment of \$150,000 Wake Forest College. So far, there is no intimation of Mr. Bailey's succes-

An additional charter was granted to the Winston-Blake Drug Youngsville, Franklin county, authorfzed capital stock \$10,000, of which amount \$4,000 is subscribed by C. C. Winston, C. N. Blake, A. V. Bobbitt and Dr. L G. Riddick, all of Youngs-The official transfer has been made

as to the office of Internal Revenue Collector E. C. Duncan, by which he succeeds himself. Deputy Commissioner J. C. Wheeler, in the service for 25 or 30 years, and once located in Raleigh, made the transfer, assisted by Revenue Agent R. B. Sams, The Raleigh postoffice shows a de-eided gain in receipts for January, the total having been \$6,610,41 as against \$5,956,01 for the same month in 1905, or

a gain of ten per cent. W. H. Sandelin, of Windsor, is a voluntary petitioner in bankruptcy, with assets stated at \$28,800 and liabilities at \$29,060, assets consisting of stock. Mr. Sandelin conducted a merantile business.

VOTE ON MORGAN BILL TO-DAY. Its Passage Will Mean the Abolitic of the Dispensary us a State Insti-tution—\$10,000 for Monument to

Calhoun.

Observer Bureau,
1329 Main street,
Columbia, S. C., Feb. I.
In the Senate to night the bill to provide for a commission to locate an epileptic and inebriate asylum in Columbia passed as did also the bill to appropriate \$10.000 for a statue to Calhoun in the congressional statuary hall. The bill to prohibit municipalities from granting exclusive franchises without a vote of qualified electors was passed. The first commission bill passed wothout apposition. The bucket shop bill was made a special order for Tuesday.

The Morgan bill has been materially changed, it having been decided to drop the license feature altogether, with the exception of the section relating to Charleston, which shall be permitted to have the license system. For the rest of the State it will be a question of prohibition or county discounter. ton, which man Por the license system. For the license system. For the state at all the system of prohibits at it will be a question of prohibits at it will be a polished if the state of the state of

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Sims Resolution Making Request of Census Bureau is Presented by Mr. Crumpneker, of Anti-South Notoriety, and the Unexpected Sponsoring of the Measure Contributed to Arouse Keen Interest in It—Estimate to be Sent to the House—Mr. Sibley, of Pennsylvania, Former Populist, Attacks Rate Bill as Socialistic,

Washington, Feb. 1.-The House to day called for an estimate of cotton not yet to be ginned, which the Di-rector of the Census has compiled, but which he has no authority to make public until March. This action cipitated a lively discussion, but there was no opposition to the resolution on

its passage.

The discussion of the railroad rate bill was continued and the House agreed to meet at 11 o'clock hereafter until the debate is ended. The feature to day was the lengthy speech of Mr. Sibley (Pa.) who announced unalterable opposition to the bill. When he charged that the legislation was Socialistic and a step towards govern-ment ownership and the dream of Bryan and Hearst, Mr. James (Ky.) asked what the reason for the right about face of the Republican party in the direction of the Bryan leadership. "I will gracefully place the responsi bility on my colleagues of broader shoulders," retorted Mr. Sibley. In presenting a privileged resolution askinf for the Census Bureau estimate

of cotton yet to be ginned, Mr. Crum-packer (Ind.) elicted keen interest. The resolution was introduced some time ago by Mr. Sims (Tenn.) Mr. Crumpacker explained that the Director of the Census had collected the information sought at the same time the last semi-monthly inquiry made as to the quantity of cotton actually ginned up to January 16. It was secured then to save expenses, as the inquiry in question was not required by law until the middle of March. The Director had said that the information was not required by the information was not required by law until the middle of the information was not complete. Mr. Lovering (Mass.) wanted the resolu-tion amended so that the information could be made qublic in exactly the

not sent to the House. Mr. Sims said but three men knew the result of the inquiry and it was unfair to them to keep it secret. Mr. Ellerbe (S. C.) said a rumor was current that the testimony had already

Opposition to the resolution was made by Mr. Adams (Pa.) and also by Mr. Payne (N. Y.), who declared he was heartily sick and tired of constant efforts to force information to aid in gambling. Mr. Lovering's amendment was ruled out of order and the resolution agreed to without objection.

Characterizing the new policy being ships in the large circles of acquain-inaugurated as "political rate-making tances and friends in which her moth-and business by law suit," Mr. Sibley er, Mrs. Overman, moves. two years. The survivors and a ried son, living near Davidson, and a and business by law suit," Mr. Sibley er, Mrs. Overman, moves, daughter at Orange Station. The re-daughter at Orange Station. The re-daughter at Orange Station of Statesville for soil endorsement of Bryan and charge of the Union Cotton Mills Com-Hearst, as a distinct advance towards, scovernment ownership. Why should government ownership. Why should the government not also fix the price Mr. Sibley dictated a

cure the rebate evil. This was to make rate discriminations a crime, with the favored shipper a party to the crime, with penalties on both sides of from \$10,000 to \$100,000 fine and from two to ten years' imprisonment for each official or employe having guilty knowledge. The inter-State commerce commission, he said, had been declar ed in error by the Supreme Court in nine out of every ten cases, and the next step then was government ownership.

Referring to the Panama Canal, Mr. Sibley said 70 per cent. of the estimated cost of the Nicaraguan Cana already had been spent. He said h believed there has been an honest administration of affairs, but that the work has not progressed. Reverting to the rate question, he asked how men could be held to stricter accountability than under the Elkins law against rebates. A resolution was agreed to calling

on the Secretary of the Treasury for information as to the number of manent annual appropriations which have been made during the past two years. It is stated that there were 220 such appropriations. Mr. Tawney, has a bill pending to abolish all these ex-cept those necessitated by existing trusts. The House adjourned at 5 o'clock until to-morrow.

Director of the Census North will submit the figures to the House tomorrow morning.

MINERS' STRIKE LIKELY.

Counter-Proposal of Central District Operators is Almost Unanimously Rejected — Steps to Provide Big Strike Fund. Indianapolis, Feb. 1.-Rejection of

the counter-proposal of the coal operators of the central competitive district by an almost unanimous vote of the national convention of the United Mine Workers and the adoption of a resolution placing the miners on rec-ord as a unit in refusing to sign an agreement for any district units an agreement for any district until an agreement was signed for all districts under the jurisdiction of the United Mine Workers, to-day created a situation, which, in the opinion of the miners' organization, will result in a disruption of the joint agreement and possibly a great strike of organized labor throughout the country.

Immediately, the miners convention set about to provide means for accumulating a strike fund of 35,500,600 in addition to a like amount flow on deposit in international, district and subposit in international, district and sub-

ganizations. DEAD IN NEW YORK.

fr. Alfred Palmer, Son-in-Law of Maj. Chas, M. Steadman, of Greens-boro, Passes Away After Long Ill-Special to The Observer.

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Greensboro, Feb. 1.—It is learned here that Mr. Alfred Palmer died last Saturday in All Saints Home, Duches country, New York, after a lingerfug illness. Mr. Palmer was for some time organist at St. Barnabas Episcopal church in this city, two or three years ago, and had many friends here. About two years ago he married Miss Katherine Stedman, daughter of Maj, Charles M. Stedman, and they went to Kahmaszoo, Mich, where Mr. Parker held a pusition an arolessor of music in a college. While there he contrasted theoreticals and was forced to leave that climate. He spent account.

Appropriation of \$15,000 to Entish Road From Salisbury National Cometery Reported In ably by Schate Committee—J. C. Dancy Responded Recorde Deeds for District of Columb Mrs. Overman Gives Elaborate ception at Cortess Residual ception at Cochran Hotel-Alice Baird, of Charlotte, In Guest at White House Official

> BY W. A. HUDEBRAND, Observer Bureau, 1417 G Street, N. W., Washington, Feb. 1

Senator Overman to-day succeeded in bringing out of the committee on military affairs of the Senate a unanimous report favoring his bill to each tablish a military road from Salisbury to the National Cemetery. For many years efforts have been made, periodically, to secure the passage of a bill carrying an appropriation for this pur pose, but until to-day the outlook has not appeared very promising. The bill calls for an expenditure of \$15,000 and it is assumed that it will pass Senate without delay. DANCY REAPPOINTED.

The several sided contest over the office of Recorder of Deeds of the Dis-trict of Columbia has at last been brought to a close. John C. Dancy, of North Carolina, again gets the job. The present recorder, who holds his office at the will of the President, has been notified that he may renew his bond. Several Senators and Represen-tatives had brought forward candidates from various States and it has several times been reported that Booker Washingon had, a candidate, but the President approves of the manner in which the duties of the office have been discharged and, besides the President has always felt that the corder did some effective work the Central Western States during the last presidential campaign. This po-sition and that of Register of the Treasury are the two big Federal jobs held by representatives of the same manner as other statistics, and

rolored race MRS. OVERMAN ENTERTAINS. The parlors of the Cochran Hotel were thronged this afternoon during the reception given by Mrs. Overman and two or three other ladies of the House party and the wives of other Senators. The diplomatic corps, as well as congressional circles, was largely represented, and the function was pronounced one of the most de-lightful affairs of the present social season, which has been crowded with such events. Mrs. Simmons, Mrs. A. ruled out of order and the resolution agreed to without objection.
Support to the rate bill was pledged by Mr. Shackleford (Mo.), who united with Mr. Lamar (Fia.) last session in a report on the Hearst bill.

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> which has pany, held a meeting here to-day for tails of organization. W. C. of Charlotte, was among those in attendance. CHARLOTTE GIRL AT WHITE

> HOUSE. Miss Alice Baird, of Charlotte, who is visiting in Washington, was among the invited guests at the White House this evening at the official reception given to the members of Congress by he President and Mrs. Roos

WITHERSPOON-MONTGOMERY.

Popular Young Manager of Lancaster Mercantile Co. Weds Daughter of Judge W. J. Montgomery, at Concord. Special to The Observer. Concord, Feb. 1.-This evening at

7:30 o'clock, at the handsome home of Judge W. J. Montgomery, there was witnessed, a most pleasant event in which North and South Carolina linked their fortunes, when Miss Lacy Montgomery, the attractive daughter of Judge and Mrs. W. J. Montgomery, was married to Mr. J. Hazel Witherof Judge and Mrs. W. J. Montgomery, was married to Mr. J. Hazel Witherspoon, the popular manager of the Lancaster Mercantile Company. Dr. E. H. Harding, uncle of the bride, performed the ceremony. He used the old Presbyterian ceremony, which was very beautiful. Miss Eima Cole played exquisitely the wedding march. Mr. J. T. Stevens, of Lancaster, was best man. Miss Sheriey Montgomery, sister of the bride, was maid of honor.

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It was a quiet home wedding with only a few special friends and relatives present. Among these were Mrs. Leroy Springs, Mr. C. D. Jones, Mr. J. T. Stevens, of Lancaster, S. C.: Dr. Hard-ing and Mrs. F. H. Whitaker, of Mel-ton; Dr. J. C. Montgomery and Mrs. Dr. E. C. Register, of Charlotte. Af-ter the ceremony a pleasant reception was given and refreshments served. The bride and groom left on No. 18 for a trip to New York. Mrs. Witherspoon is very popular all over the State in social circles. The best wishes of all their many friends follow the happy couple. They will be at home at Lan-caster on their return.

FOR N. & W. STOCK FRAUD.

C. S. Northrop, Said to Have Sc Over \$20,000 in East Tenness Bound Over to Federal Cou Omaha, Neb., Charged With Malls to Dofraud. Knexville, Tenn., Feb. 1.-C.

Knowville, Tenn., Feb. 1.—C. S. throp, accused of using the U States mails to defraud, was hover by the United States Consider here to day to the May of the United States Court at the New York of the United States Court at the New York of the United States Court at the New York of the United States Court at the New York of the United States Court at the York of the United States of States while under jurisdiction of the Omaha cour means of which he disposed of we less Norfolk & Western stock throp, it is charged, secured in cess of \$29,000 by his operation

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