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#### WEEK'S NEWS FORECASTED CONGO AFFAIRS NOT OURS CHINESE RULERS IN FEAR SUIT WILL GO TO TRIAL SUPT. HENDRICKS REPLIES WIFE MURDER IN DURHAM MINERS' STRIKE AVERTED JOHN IL HODGES' BRUTAL DEED OPERATORS TO RESTORE CUT EVE OF BATTLE ON RATE BILL NO RIGHT TO PROBE CHARGES PALACE GUARDS ARE DOUBLED NO OLIVE BRANCH FROM DUKE INSURANCE INSPECTION KNOFFE

ragged From Sick Bed by Infuriated Man and Her Left Arm Broken in the Scuffle, Mrs. Mattle Hodges is Shot Through the Heart While Lying on the Floor at Husband's Freet 19-Year-Old Son of the Comile Knocked Draw Couple Knocked Down on Attempt-ng to Interfere—Wife Was Seeking Divorce—Murderer Confesses. Special to The Observer.

Durham, Feb. 25 .- One of the fouldist and most trutal murders ever committed in this section or in the State was done at West Durham last night at midnight, when John H. Hodges dragged his wife from her sick bed and shot her to death.

The six children of the mother wit-The six children of the mother wil-nessed the murder and were afraid to speak when the brutal father and general strike in the mining industry husband drew his pistol and fired the fatal shot into the hear of his wife fatal shot into the hear of his wife years ago, and perhaps more. F. L. and erstwhile companion. One son, Robhins, of Pennsylvania, and Mr. the oldest, did enter protest and did Taylor, of Illinois, leaders of the operwhat he could to prevent the terrible ators, recognize their untenable

deed. fully submitted to the inevitable and "Stand back and shut your mouth," will pay an advance to the miners. A said the brutal demon. "If you say general strike will be averted. Busia word I will kill you." With this the trial strife. An era of peace will be father and husband knocked back the established for another period of years con and he fell to the floor. This was and the trade agreement method of settling labor disputes will win new before the murder, but while Hodges friends to its standard. "The anthracite operators must now was trying to shoot -

"I knew when I deeded this house grant an advance in view of the ac-tion of the bituminous operators. "The details will be worked out later, and lot to you, Miss Mattie," said the demon, "that you would kick me out." and probably through a special nation-

"I did not," pleaded the helpless wife. "I have been very sick and am sick now. All I want is for you to be good and do right. You can have house and lot," she said, this being according to the statement of her eldest son, who heard the entire mat-

tor. "You can take this," he hissed. The shot fired. A life ended.

Within two hours he was arrested and locked up in the police station. He was arrested on Duke street by Sergeant Aldridge and Policeman When first arrested he mitted the terrible crime and said he was glad of it.

Soon after the arrival of the coroner a jury was summoned and an investigation held. It was a short in because nothing further vestigation, was needed. One witness was exam-ined. That witness was Fred Hodges, son of the murderer and murdered man. He was in the room when the struggles began. In fact the six children, four daughters and two sons, ere all in the room at the time. Fred Hodges told his story. He

that re was n bed sleepng, and that n the room was his mother and one brother and four sisters. He is

talking. He was sitting on the side of situation between the bituminous coal the bed. I heard his say 'Miss Mat.

Vice President of United Mine Work-cra of America Insues Statement to the Effect That the Operators Have Receded From Their Position and That the Strike Scheduled for April 1 Will Not Take Place—Says Anthracite Operators Must Now Grant Advance in View of Bitu-minous Operators' Action—Public Not to Suffer Much. Indianapolis, Feb. 25.—In a statement issued to-night to the Associated Press What is Universally Regarded as Most Important Question Before the Present Session of Congress Will be Reached in Senate To-Day, but Position of Statchood Bill on Calen-dar Will Limit Debate—Minor Measures in House—Kalser's Sec-ond Son to Wed Duchess Sophie Charlotte Conference Tuesday,

From the time that Senator Tiliman meants his report on the railroad rate issued to-night to the Associated Press, Vice President T. L. Lewis, of the United Mine Workers of America, debill to the Senate to-day until sure shall have finally been disclares there will be no strike of the United Mine Workers in April, saying osed of by the Senate, that bill will ictually, if not technically, occupy the the operators will restore the reduc-tion accepted by the miners two years foremost place on the Senate calendar. From the beginning of the session ago, and perhaps more. the rate regulation question has

The statement follows:

al convention of the mine workers.

re prosperous than now.

ceived eager attention whenever the subject has been approached, even though in an informal way, as been the case on several occasions, and April 1. The operators will restore the the formal reporting of the measure reduction accepted by the miners two will necessarily intensify the interest In It. There is no prospect of immediately isplacing the statehood bill, but there DO sition at Indianapolis and have grad have been many intimations that such

course might be pursued if that bill continues to be unacted on when, a few days later, Senators generally find themselves prepared to enter what all have believed from the beginning would be the real contest of the session. All Senators, whatever their dividual view, unite in considerinng the railroad question as the most important before Congress and friends and opponents of the Hepburn-Dolliver bill

unite in the desire to have it taken up as promptly as possible. There will be a luil, however, after the formal report is made, because all who expect to participate in the de-"Practically all of our agreements bate feel the necessity for sufficient expire March 31 next. By virtue of time to prepare for the conflict. With this preparation once made, it now this arrangement the mine workers of the country are now in a position to looks as if no other subject less sericompel operators to deal with us justsidered would be allowed to

ly. "The iron and steel industry and the stand in its way. railroads of the country-the very large consumers of coal-were never FIRST SKIRMISH TO-DAY.

It is not at all improbable that the presentation of the report to-day will develop debate, and it is quite well "Developments will prove, first, that ome of the large corporations repreunderstood that several members of sented at the recent Indianapolis joint the committee on inter-State comconvention were not in a position to merce, by which the bill has been under consideration, will take this oppormake a successful resistance of the miners' demands, and second, that the tunity to explain their votes in great coal consuming public will not mittee. This line of proceeding will not materially suffer by reason and the adbe permitted to go beyond 2 o'clock, vance which will be granted to the miners. T. L. LEWIS, Vice Pres., "United Mine Workers of America." however, for at that hour the statehood bill will have the right of way, and cannot be replaced except with the consent of its friends.

On Wednesday Senator Foraker will UNCHANGED, SAYS OPERATOR. take the floor with a prepared speech on the railroad question. So far as an-In Remarks Before Statement of nouncement has been made, the Ohio

Miner' 'Official Had Been Given Senator stands alone in opposing all

one brother and four sisters. He is to the inter-State agreement, was not the Senate in some particulars. most in the city to-night, but earlier in of the Democratic members of the in-bow his father entered the room. In the city to-night, but earlier in of the Democratic members of the in-the day he said: "There has been no change in the as other Democratic Senators, have ex-attraction between the bituminous coal present the opinion that there should

Complaints of Gross Evils Under Belgian Monarch's Administration of Central African State Lead Secretary Root to Define American Position in Letter to Representative Denby -- Under Berlin Agreement Actual Exercise of Power is Con-fined to Country's Possessing Territory in Africa-Should Remember Difficulties in Philippines and Have Charity.

pression. Washington, Feb. 25 .- The attitude of Pekin, Feb. 25 .- The guards around the American government toward the the Forbidden City have been doubled conditions in the Congo Free State and since yesterday and all the palaces and the American desire for some plan for residences of high officials especially the administration of all of Central Africa by the several powers ruling or guarded. The police, who have hitherexercising a controlling influence there, to carried batons, are now armed with are stated in a letter sent by Secre. rifles. All the officials that are accestary Root to Representative Denby, of sible either refuse any information or Michigan. Secretary Root says this gov- profess ignorance of the reason for the ernment has no opportunity or power to investigate Congo conditions. His letter precautions that have been taken, and as a result many rumors are afloat.

"We are parties to a general act for the suppression of the snave trade and the regulation of the first and liquor traffics in Central Africa, but that act The chief of police and other officials were telephoned yesterday to report to y the regulation of the fire arms and liquor traffics in Central Africa, but that act regulates and confines all power and functions to these ends to the several powers having possessions or spheres of influence in Africa. The United States be and in a participation in the general act was on the distinct under-standing that we had no territorial or administrative interest in that quarter. Our only potential function is in relation coast, and no occasion has arisen to the search and conture of slave ves-sels within certain waters of the African coast, and no occasion has arisen to act of Berlin, which applies only to its signatories. It is questionable whether the treaty rights of the signatories are then to intervention by any one or more of them. The Congo State absolutely de-nies any right on their of the to the the the treaty rights of the signatories are in its affairs, and more to the contro-wert that defail." The Secretary may that, moreover, we are without opportunity or power to in-vestigate conditions in the Congo to the secretary may that, moreover, we are without opportunity or power to in-vestigate conditions in the Congo to the secretary may that, moreover, we are without opportunity or power to in-vestigate conditions in the Congo to the secretary may that, moreover, we are without opportunity or power to inthe palace, and the display of force of the Empress Dowager over the friend of Mr. Duke in discussing the

days ago telegraphed the government, N. Duke, in New York, making occa-

Rumors Are Afloat to Explain Taking of Extraordinary Precau-

tions, the Most Credible Being That

the Revolutionary Element Was, Reported to Have Chosen Saturday

Whatever of Anti-Foreign Feeling

Against China Produce Bad Im-

-News of American Preparations

-No Indications

Disturbances

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vert that denial." The Secretary are that, moreover, we are without opportunity or power to in-vestigate conditions in the Congo, not tatives in that country, and adds: "Whenever complaint has been made by American interests in the Congo that the administrative conditions there im-pair American rights or endanger Ameri-can establishments, the matter has been brought, promptly and forchby, before the Congo government and has been met with due assurance of investigation and if substantiated, full redress. In taking with due assurance of investigation and, if substantiated, full redress. In taking this course we act within our sovereignty rights, directly and without subordinat-ing them to the judgment of any third parties. So far as we have rights of our own in the Congo, it would be impos-sible to submit them to an international courserance. missions ordered abroad to study foreign political methods, killing four per

The reports of trouble within palace cannot be corroborated, but they probably are founded on gossip, or are based on the strengthening of

"I most sincerely wish that some way could be found by which the whole Central Africa could be rightly administhe palace guards. Miner' Official Had Been Given Out, Agreement is Said to be Far Off. Pittsburg, Feb. 25.—Francis L. Rob-bins, chairman of the executive board of the Pittsburg Coal Company, and of the Pittsburg Coal Company, and of the fittsburg to the inter-state agreement, was not the day he said: "There has been no change in the situation between the bituminous coal operators and the United Mine Work-ers regarding the arrangement of the The police to-night appeared without their rifles. The city was never quiet-

As Pekin Was Never Quieter, Many Friend of the Tobacco Magnate Declares "His Infatuation for His Pretty Wife is Dispelled and He is Done With Her Forever"—Case to be Called April 23-Mr. James B. Duke and His Brother and Family Planning a Long Trip Abroad as Soon as the Trial Shalj Have Been Concluded. Special to The Observer.

that the divorce trial will go on. "Mr. Duke's infatuation for his pret-

sional visits to his estate here.

TION.

Duke and his family are utterly op-posed to a reconciliation between Mr.

It is well known that Benjamin N.

case to-night.

New York State Official 1 Answer to Criticisms of Legisl Committee and Declares That \$ 000 to \$400,000 a Year Would be Required to Do What it is Said He Should Have Done on \$40,000-Would Make Him Virtually Managing Director of All State's Con panies, Which He Deems Unwis Plan. Syracuse, N. Y., Feb. 25 .- Francis

Somerville, N. J., Feb. 25 .- The re-Hendricks, state superintendent of port that a reconciliation is about to insurance, to-night, issued a state e effected between James B. Duke, ment relating to the recent report of the Armstrong committee of the president of the American Tobacco the Company, and his wife, Lillian N. Legislature, with special reference to that portion of the report white criticises the administration of the Duke, whom he is suing for a divorce, emphatically denied by Mr. Duke's insurance department. He dwells close friends here to-day, Richard V. length on the manifold duties of Lindebury, Mr. Duke's counsel, also department, states that he has no knowledge of This department has no pow

states that he has no knowledge of punish or remove directors for any intent on the part of Mr. Duke proper acts. Mr. Hendricks says: "I doubt if it would be wise to into settle his differences with Mrs. Duke out of court, and he is quite positive vest any State official with the power and responsibility of overseeing any administering of the details of the ly wife has been dispelled and he is business management of insurance with her forever," said a close companies, as in certain quarters it is now being claimed he should do. "Since his separation Some of the recommendations of the from his wife Mr. Duke has taken up Armstrong committee and many of his abode with his brother, Benjamin the suggestions being made now else where, if carried out, would him, in effect, a managing director FAMILY OPPOSES RECONCILIAof all the insurance companies in the State. I do not believe that this would be a wise policy, but if it is deemed wise, there must be an entire re-organization of the insurance de Duke and his wife and it is believed partment, giving the superintendent that the tobacco magnate's suit for di- increased power and an adequate

vorce will proceed without delay on supply of force and money to do "While it is a matter of mere eath-April 23, the time set by the Chancery Court. Immediatly after the trial Mr. mate. I am sure that it would require Duke and the family of Benjamin N. an appropriation of from \$300,000 to Duke will start on a four months' trip \$400,000 a year for a department to Europe. Extensive preparations do the things which it is now said for this tour are now being made at should have been done by my ministration upon an appropriation which for several years has averaged only \$4,000 per year.

Notwithstanding all that has been said. it still seems to me that the administration of those details 10 business which involve ordinary busis ness honesty and competency must be left to those directly entrusted with the management of insurance, companies, rather than to a State de partment."

MARION HAS WHOLESALE STORE

Bids Fair to Become an Important Establishment -- Italians Acquitted of Burning Barn.

Special to The Observer.

Marion, Feb. 25.-Mr. J. D. Ledbetter has opened up one of the largest wholesale general merchandise store wholesale general metchandon Depot in western North Carolina on Depot street, in the Buffalo building, just completed. Although only establ since the first of the year, the trade of this new firm extends into all of the adjoining counties and hids fair to become one of the leading wholesale stores of the State.

The South & Western Rallway Company has closed out with very

inal side of the docket was that of the

ployed as laborers on the South &

Marfon to spend their coin and on the

way back to camp happened to stop

in this barn for protection from the

native boys in the stable who were

drinking and smoking cigarettes. The jury did not hesitate very long in find-

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Western Railroad and had been

cold rain. There were two or

the Duke estate here. The party will tour Europe in four automobiles which are now being put in shape at Mr. Duke's garage. On the return of the party to this country Benjamin N. Duke and his family will take up their abode at the country place of James B. Duke here. During the absence of the owner, the work of making the Duke place one of the most magnificent in America will continue. work of excavating for two large artificial lakes is going forward now.

PUSHING SOUTH & WESTERN.

one Conclusion-Two New Rural Routes-Personal and News Notes.

Rutherfordton, Feb. 25 .- The South Western Railway people are quite active in this vicinity now and are busily engaged in pushng the work with a view of locating the line so that the construction work can be be-

and the other north, locating the line military preparations of the American

That the New Line Will Touch Rutherfordton is Said to be a Fore-

gun in the early spring. They have three engineering corps in the field one at this point, one south of town

when I dee ded you this house and lot you would kick me out." Mother pleaded. She said: 'I did not sick now. I want you to be good and do right. You can take back your house and lot.' There was then a struggle. Father was dragging my mother from her bed. She was struggling. I was in another bed and jumped out. I grabbed the hand of my father and tried to take the pistol from him. He turned and knocked me ack and I fell to the floor. He then turned and grabbed my mother They were struggling when I ran out towards the door to get help. I heard father say: 'You take this.' The pistol fired and the struggle ceas In a few moments he ran from house bare-headed and went Into the back yard and disappeared. One man saw the man as he left the house, bare-headed and went out into the

darkness. Hodges told the correspondent that had been twice married. He married first in Danville, but later there was a divorce. He then came to Durham and married Miss Mattle High, the woman last night cruelly murdered. This was 20 years ago. He has had eight children. Two are dead and six are living.

Frequently he has been in court for mistreating his wift and several times the woman has withdrawn warfants that were against him. Recently, however, Mrs. Hodges instituted suit for porce and that case is now pending in the courts. He was also under peace warrant and had not been at his wife's home for some time.

CLEARS UP N. & W. FORGERIES.

#### Alleged Accomplice Humphreys Re Arrested and Another Arrest Made -\$57,000,000 Scheme Netted Only \$8,000 for Swindlers.

New York, Feb. 25.-With the re-arrest Douglas E. Smith to-night on the eve the day when Charles A. Seton is to sentenced for swindling a Texas rail-ay, the notorious Norfolk & Western way, the notorious Norfolk & Western Railway forgeries are believed to have

Railway forgeries are believed to have been cleared up. Mystery was thrown around the case by the detectives. Humphreys himself and he had been ordered to go to the Tombs and "keep his mouth shut." Smith has not appeared in the case be-fore, but there was a mysterious "E. L. Green," for whom the police have been looking. Humphreys was sent back to the Tombs on the charge of breaking his parole, while Smith was held on a short affidavit charging him with complicity ir the swindle.

tr the swindle. A ply the sharp eye of a clerk of a company prevented perhaps the swindling forgery ever attempted a country. The swindlers through forged letter purporting to come from the president of the Norfolk & Western halfway, obtained from a reputable en-traving company a fac-simile of the Norfolk & Western certificates, except that they used "railroad" for "railway." They contemplated selling some and hypothecating others for loans. They would have netted nearly \$7,000,000 if miccessful, but only realised \$6,000 before captured.

### Defeats Racquet Champion

Dereats Racquet Champion Boston, Feb. 55.—Catching the illie-holder. Lawrence Waterbury, of New Tork, off his game, Percy D. Haugh-ton, of Boston, wen his way into the indis of the mations' racquet cham-pionship at the Boston Athletic Asso-pionship at the Boston Athletic Asso-piation to-day and will meet Payne Whitney, of New York, the winner of the other semi-dual match, for the championship to-morrow.

#### Due to Disease, Not Old Wou

Due to Disense, Not Old Wound. Tampa, Pia, Feb. 25.-By order of reult Judge Wall, an autopsy was rformed to-day by County Physi-an Hamblin and others on the body Captain C. L. Parks, who died sud-nly yesteriasy. The physicain de-ared that death was due to acute that death was due to acute that disease and not to the bullet cand inflicted by Harry Bomford Infit

ers regarding the arrangement of the new wage agreement for the year starting April next. There can be kick you out. I have been very sick no compromise offer to the miners without a meeting of the operators' who are members of the inter-State agreement, and no such meeting has been held nor has one been called. The dispute between the miners and the operators remains identically as it has been since the adjournment of the joint conference in Indianapolis."

THREE FEUDISTS GET DEATH.

Old Sore Breaks Out in Cannon Coun ty, Tennessee, at Young People's Candy Pulling—One of the Injured Shot Four Times in the Stomach. Woodbury, Tenn., Feb. 25.-The ohnson-Motley feud in this (Oannon) county broke out afresh last night and as a result the following are fatally wounded: Sam Blair, shot four times in the

stomach

Bob Motley, shot twice in groin. Richard Johnson, throat cut. The trouble between the Motleys an

the Johnsons, two large families of the Pea Ridge neighborhood near the De-Kalb county line, oright ated years ago over the operation of an dilicit distil-lery, when blood was shed, and has

broken out intermittently since. Last night's renewal came at a young ple's candy pulling, where it is said some liquor had been drunk. Both Motiey and Blair were shot by Johnson, but who cut the latter's throa is unknown.

The sheriff has gone to the se which is in a wild, mountainous district, and hopes to prevent further trouble, although it is said that coniderable excitement prevails.

GOVERNOR TO SEE HANGING.

Arrangements for Execution of Negro Whose Crime Infuriated Shreveport —One of Four Military Companies Relieved From Duty.

Shreveport, La,, Feb. 25 .- It is probable that Governor Blanchard will wit-ness the hanging of Charles Coleman the negro murderer of Margaret Lear in the parish jail here next Thursday. The hanging will take place between the hours of 11 a. m. and 2 p. m. Gov. ernor Blanchard left to-day for Baton Rouge and will return to Shreveport Thursday morning, accompanied by assistant secretary of State, who will

bring the State seal with him. Im-mediately after the Governor's arrival mediately after the Governor's arrival here he will dign the death wasrant. Feeling having subsided, the military company from Monroe, which has been here guarding Coleman, was relieved from duty bo-day and ordered home, leaving the city this afternoon. Three companies are still at the jail and will be been unfil after the beauter. be kept until after the hanging.

## CASTRO DEFIES WHOLE EARTH.

lan Dictator's Sub-Though jects Yearn for American Pro-tectorate, He is Reported as Saying That He Will Humble France and Then Pitch Into Americans, English and Germans .

and Germans Willemstadt, Curacaso, Feb. 25.—Ad-vices received here from Venezuela are to the effect that President Castro says he will humble France, break up the Monroe doctrine, clear out the French from Venezuela, and then start on Americana, Englishmen and Ger-mans, who, he declares, are worse than the Chinese. He is reported as anying mat he will clear the country of for-aigners. He is very bitter against Americanas, who, he says, are after his country.

The populace is yearning for an American protectorate, and the better class of Venezueians are reported as saying that the situation demands im-mediate intervention by the United States for the sake of humanity. ntry.

probable that they will alter their minds simply because the consideration of the measure has been transfer-

conference

red from the committee room to the Senate floor. The same may be said of the Republican members committee who reported against reporting the bill, and other Republican Senators. It is already apparent that the crucial amendment will be the addition of an appeal clause, and over that there will be unquestonably be determined conflict. Friends of such a nodification claim 33 Repub"can ators favorable to the addition of this

provision, and some of the Democrats have in the past stated that they would regard such a clause with favor. HOPE FOR STATEHOOD BILL. Senators Beveridge and Nelson, who have the statehood bill in charge, will not admit the possibility of displace-ment, even in the remote future, and at noon they will do their utmost to press its

consideration. Mr. Beveridge is temporarily absent, but Senator Nelson will insist Monday that nothing shall stand in the way speech in support of joint statehood. Mr. Dick will be followed by other

Senators. Senator Foraker will press his mendment for a separate vote for Arizona on admission and will try to secure an agreement to vote at an early day; but the friends of the bill as it stands will not concede that

point until after further discussion and probably not at any time unless there is an agreement to vote on the bill at the same time. The fortifications appropriation bill will be reported during the week and

probably taken up for amendment. and Chairman Hull says there will be no effort to hurry the consideration. He predicts that it will pass Thurs compromise on the provision

bolishing the grade of lieutemant general in the army has been practically agreed upon whereby General Corbin and General McArthur will be allowed to reach that rank before their re-

tirement. Monday will be devoted in House to the consideration of legis-lation for the District of Columbia, and then, if there is time, Mr. David-son will call up the Dalzell bill for the

son will call up the Dalgell bill for the incorporation of the Lake Erie & Ohio Ship Canal Company. Test votes in-dicate enough to pass the latter bill. The Indian appropriation bill may be brought forward for consideration the last of the week when the legis-lative, executive and judicial appro-priation bill will be reported. The feeling of unrest in the date. The feeling of unrest in the delib erations of the Algeciras conference on Moroccan affairs the past week

seems to have been at least tempor arily supplanted by a mor hopeful and conciliative atti-tude of the delegates. The attidelegates. formal debates and the sessions of the special committee on the question

the special committee on the question of the Moroccan Bank will continue this week, and dispatches tend to create the impression that with the adjournment of this point the ali-im-portant problem of the policing of Mo-rocco will come to the front again with better chances of an amicable settlement settlement.

PRINCE EITEL FRITZ TO WED.

PRINCE EITEL PRITZ TO WED. The wedding of Prince Eitel-Fred-erick, second son of Emperor William, of Germany, to the Duchess Sophie Charlotte, oldest daughter of the grand Duke of Oldenburg, will take place in Berlin on Feb. 27. A meeting of the joint committee of seven coal operators and seven miners to discuss the demands of the miners is expected to occurr on Tuesday. The scales committee of the anthracite mine workers has ratified the sched-ule of demands. The demands are be-lieved to be, in brief, a full recogni-tion of the union; a general eight-hour work day; an advance in wages, in

who have assumed control and under-taken by mutual agreement to regulate its exercise." government for trouble in China have newspapers and are considered decid-MR .TILLMAN'S PROGRAMME. edly unfriendly.

Germans and French on Watch for Floor Manager of Rate Bill in Senate Says He Expects to Report It To-Day, Together With Data Gathered by Committee, Without Comments -Recovering From His Cold

Washington, Feb. 25 .- Senator Tillnan, who was designated by the Senate committee on inter-State and foreign commerce to report the railroad rate bill to the Senate and who was confined to his home vesterday suffering from the effect of his recent severe cold, was considerably improved to-day and was able to go out for a walk. If the improvement con tinues the Senator will be on hand promptly at the meeting of the Senate to-morrow and at the first on portunity will report the bill and have

it placed on the calendar. Accompanying the measure will be the mass of testimony taken by the committee during its many sessions of hearing of Senator Dicks' proceeding with his on the railroad rate question, together with the digest and collation of the material gathered by the experts employed by the committee for that pur-

speeches on the subject.

Employes

pose. This information, Senator Tillman said to-night, cost the govern- of paresis, which attacked him nine ment \$30,000 to obtain and he says he months ago. Col. Henderson began to thinks it right and proper that it sink Friday afternoon, ralled Saturshould be presented to the Senate day morning, but in the afternoon lapwith the bill.

Senator Tiliman, in discussing the rapidly until the end came. All of his subject this evening, said that he did family except a son in California, were not expect to-morrow to make any re-marks when presenting the report of unable to recognize anyone but his the committee, nor would there be wife since a week ago, except on Fri-any formal written statement of reasons by the committee in support of tal faculties. Colonel Henderson was the measure, which is the course or-dinarily followed by committees of his condition grew so grave that he

ing members of Congress and oth- a disease, until a week ego last Friday ers interested in the action of the when he suffered another stroke which committee and has not had time to resulted in total blindness. The former prepare any speech or report. He ad-ded that he will make an early effort mentally until Friday, when his mental to have the bill called up for consideration and when this is done will incorporate in his remarks what report death. there may be to make on the bill. Meantime he said that in all probabi-ity opportunity will be taken advan-

Former Congree Grand Army. George D. Perkins, of Sloux City, will deliver an eulogy. The body is to lie

with the rural guards." arrested.

Killed in Quarrel Over Moonshine Whiskey. Canton, Ga., Feb. 25.—Cleveland Picklesimon shot and killed Thomas Grey in the road about eight miles from here to-day. It is stated that the men quarreled over some whiskey they had made together. Grey feaves a wife and several children. to be throught about by a re-adjustbakery. The rural guards say that the leader of the rioters wore a policeman's

to be brought about by a re-adjust ment of the present scale, and a re-construction of the rules governing the conclusion board. The intermational convention of the bill in Nasheville, Tenn., Feb. 25 to bill strend. The American inter-collegists foot-hall rules committee, which meets in New Tork on March 5, will discuss the revision in football tacks effec-tive next season.

the S ea. board Air Line connection nearly all of the property owners in line will now come by Rutherfordton this county for rights of way and as is almost a foregone conclusion. Di-vision Engineer Daniels is here in a result some fifteen or twenty thousand dollars have been placed charge of the work and will remain uncirculation in the immediate vicinity of Marion, which is being feit in the til the route is finally and permanently located. I also learn from a most recommercial life of the town. lable source that the Seaboard Air McDowell county Superior Court met last Monday for the dispatch of Line will at an early date begin great improvements on their line betwee criminal and civil causes, with Judge this point and Wilmington, prepara-O. H. Allen, of Kinston, presiding. tory to making this important connec The most interesting case on the crim tion with the South & Western. One

authority says that this company will put in new and heavier iron bridges, State against five Italians who were charged with burning the barn of one of the wealthy farmers on the Ca-tawba river. The Italians were emand straighten the line. This work will all be done by the time the South & Western reaches this place. Two new delivery routes have just been established to go out from Rutherfordton, which will cover the western and northern portions of the county and will be started up April 2. These routes make four to go out from this place and a total of 18 in the county. The salary of each carrier is \$720. which makes quite a neat sum to be Dr. Henry Norris and wife, of Phila-

ing the Italians not guilty, although they were prosecuted by the State and the property owner. pelphia, spent several days here this and last week. The returned to their EIGHTH WEEK AT SAVANNAH.

> Counsel on Both Sides in Green Gaynor Trial Looking Forward to Judge Speer's Decision on Right to Cross-Examine Brunswick Man.

Savannuh, Ga., Feb. 25 .- The Greene and Gaynor case enters to-morrow up on its eighth week. Judge Speer, on adjournment of court yesterday, expressed satisfaction with the progress nade during the week and the hope that the coming week would witness as will soon return to Rutherfordton to great expeditions as the counsel for the live. Mr. Beam was one of the county's government and the defense had best citizens and the people here will be glad to know that he is to return. hown during that just passed.

With much interest counsels on both ides are looking forward to Judge Speer's announcement to-morrow of his decision as to whether the defense hould be permitted to cross-examine C. P. Goodyear, of Brunswick, touch-ing the dynamite blastings of the harbor bed of that port. Such cross

amination was begun and promised to be interesting, but was interrupted by the court, who ruled against its ad-Havana, Feb. 25 .- The quartered missibility. Subsequently, he announced the suspension of his decision and that he would take matter under advisement and render a decision o the convening of court on Monday,

STUDENT VOLUNTEER MEETING

Great Body of 4,000 to 5,000 In gates to Convene in Nashy Wednesday Afternoon-Great F eign Workers Expected.

Nashville, Feb. 25.-The fifth or ennian convention of the Student unteer Movement will asser Nashville Wednesday, the sea extend over five days. Chairm R. Mott, of the executive cor will call this great body to c 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon 3 o'clock Wednesday atternoon in Ryman Auditorium, when it is exp ed that between 4,000 and 5,000 o gates will be present. A number o delegates are already here, but main body will rash Nashville to-row. Included in those arriving torow, Included in those arriving row will be the executive of and Sir Mortimer Durand, Bri bassador to the United States the foreign missionary search pected are: Rev. George Ro Edinburg, Scotland: Herbert ter, M. D., of London, Eugh Karl Fries, Ph. D., of S Sweden.

Death of an ) Mrs. J. A. Norris, die this morning at the ho rems, 205 North Eine to Blinn

uniform, and they claim to have recog-nised some of the others. The rioters dropped a few weapons and other ar-ticles in their flight. Government se-cret soldiers are searching for the cul-

London, Feb. 26 .- The correspondent of the Tribune at Pekin says that since the reported appearance of Chi-

nese bandits in Tsinwantao, the Germans and French have been kept at arms at Shanhakkwan, Tsinwantao and Tongshan, while the Germans are patrolling the villages, with orders shoot all suspicious Chinese. to German officers who formerly dined at the hotel at Shanhaikwan, the correspondent adds, are now confind to bar-

been widely published in the Chinese

Bandits.

racks after nightfall. EX-SPEAKER HENDERSON DEAD.

Nine Months' Attack of Parcsis Ends in Death of Former Head of House of Representatives -- Unconscious

Since Saturday Afternoon-Funeral distributed in the county. Under G. A. R. Auspices Thursday. Dubuque, Ia., Feb. 25.-David B. Henderson, formerly speaker of the home yesterday .- Mr. Thomas P. Rey national House of Representatives, nolds, a former citizen of this county. died this afternoon at Mercy Hospital who is now engaged in the insurance business at Asheville, spent several days here this week visiting friends

sed into unconsciousness and failed

both houses of Congress when report-ing a measure of great importance. Was removed to a hospital in Septem-ber. His condition remained unchan-ged, except for the usual period of such lowed by a relapse which resulted in

The funeral will be held next Thurs-

Want 8-Hour Law Retained for Canal Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 25.-Acting upon a resolution adopted to-day, a telegram was sent to President Roose-

ATTACK SLEEPING SOLDIERS. in Cuban Town of Guanabacoa 30 **Rioters** With Rifles and Revolvers Fire Into Dormitories of Rural Guards-Two Soldiers Killed and Four Wounded.

town of Guanabacoa, occupied by 25 rural guards, was attacked early this

morning by about 30 rioters, armed with rifles and revolvers, who sudden y entered from the rear and began shooting indiscriminately into the

day, with services in the Episcopal church under the auspices of the tage of by various Senators to make

in state on Thursday at the church.

mitories of the sleeping soldiers, shouting, "Long live the constitution, Long live the Liberal party," "Down Feb. 25.--Former

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 25.—Acting upon a resolution adopted to-day, a telegram was sent to President Roose-velt to-night by officers of the Birm-Ingham Trades Council urging him to veto the urgent deficiency bill, now, before him, embodying a repeal of the 5-hour law so far as it applies to em-ployes of Panama Canal zone. The resolution sets forth that this bill is "considered a stop towards revoking the law as it applies to all govern-ment employes." Killed in Quarrel Over Moonshine

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and relatives and incidentally looking after insurance matters. Ex-Sheriff Ed Beam, who has been residing at Rutherford College for a number of years for the purpose of educating his children, has purchased a half interest in the general merchan-dise establishment of C. C. Reid and

turn. powers returned for a few hours, fot-

Washington,

As soon as the dazed soldiers realized the situation they seized their arms and bgan to return the fire, whereupor the rioters fied. None of them has been

It was found to-night that a sergeant had been killed in his bed and that a corporal on guard was also killed, while 4 rural guards were wounded. Nothing took place during Saturday's celebration of independence day to cause the attack except that rural mards prevented a group of striking