ELABORATE STATEMENT ISSUED

Sensational Rate Bill Incident Has as Its Latest Development Two Let-ters Issued from the White House Giving President's region and At-Giving President's version and At-torney General, Moody's as Far as Acquaintance With Circum-inces Goes. — Not the Slightest portunity for Honest Misconcep-Chandler or Any One Else, sident, Adding That He Had Never Committed Himself to Any Particular Amendment and so Could Not Have Broken Faith.— Regarded Chandler as Tillman's tative and Had Declared Him an Unsatisfactory Intermedi--Attorney General States That He Had Advised President Not to Commit Himself and That President Agreed With Him,

Washington, May 14.—The sensa-tional rate bill incident in the Senate Saturday during which Mr. Tillman, on the authoriy of former Senator Chandler, made statements regarding the President's course in connection with pending railroad rate legislation. one of which statements was denied by Mr. Lodge on behalf of the President, had its sequel his evening when an official statement was issued by White House, giving an account of the subject on the part of the President and Attorney General The statement comprised two letters, one from the President to Senator Allison and the other from Atorney General Moody to the President, both dated to-day. The President says, "In no case, either in the case of Mr. Chandler or any one else, was there the slightest opportunity for any honest misconception of my attitude or any belief that I pledged myself specifically to one and only myself specifically to one and only one amendment or set of amend-ments, or that I would not be satis-fled with any amendment which pre-served the essential features of the served the essential features of the Hepburn bill as it came from the

HAD NEVER INSISTED ON THEM. The President says that as to many The President says that as to many of the amendments, including the so-called Long, Overman, Bacon and Spooner amendments, he said he should be entirely satisfied to have them in the bill, and suggested modifications as to other amendments, but that "as to none (of the amendments) did I ever say either to Mr. Chandler or to any one else that I should insist upon having them in the bill as a condition of my approval," and that on the contrary he (the President) was careful to state that he was not trying to dictate any particular pro-

The President says the statements made to Senator Chandler were the same in substance as those made to Mr. Allison and other Sentaors of both parties. He said he was asked to see Senator Chandler as the rep-resentative of Mr. Tillman in change of the bill and that the conferences Attorney General Moody had with Senators Tillman and Bailey were such as had been held with many such as had been held with many other Senators to determine the phraseology and discuss the effect of amendments proposed by them. The President states that he became con-vinced that it was impossible for Sen-ators, "with advantage," to use him as an intermediary and suggested to

ADVISERS AGREE WITH HIM. The President says that his own opinion that the Allison amendment in no way changed the court review as provided in the original Hepburn bill is also the opinion of Attorney General Moody and Secretaries Root and Taft.

General Moody and Secretaries Root and Taft.

The Attorney General's letter gives an account, at the President's request, of the conferences which Mr. Moody had by the President's direction with Senators Tillman and Bailey regarding the court review feature. He says he advised the President that he should not at any stage become finally committed beyond recall to any form of language in any part of the bill, and the President affirmed the wisdom of that sourse. He reviews the discussion of interlocutory injunctions, and concludes that there was nothing in the "conversations" between the Senators and himself which bound the President to any particular amendment.

SAYS CHANDLER FALSIFIED. "At different times at least a score of tentative amendments were either prepared by the Attorney General at the request of Senators or submitted to me by Senators. As to many of these amendments (including among others the substance of the so-called Long, Overman, Bacon and Spooner amendments), I stated that I should be entirely satisfied to have them in the bill; as to others I suggested modifications which would make them satisfactory; as to none did I ever say, either to Mr. Chandler or to any one eise, that I should insist upon having them in the bill as a condition of my approving it. On the contrary, I was always most careful to state that I was not trying to dietrary, I was always most careful to state that I was not trying to dictate any particular programme of action. In no case, either in the case of Mr. Chadier or in the case of Mr. Chadier or in the case of any one else, was there the slightest opportunity for any honest misconception of my attitude or any belief that I had pledged myself specifically to one and only one amendment, or set of amendments, or that I would not be satisfied with any amendment which preserved the essential features of the Hepburn bill as it came from the House. You will doubtless recall that in the course of the several visits that you personally made me we discussed a number of these proposed amendments, trying to find out for which one there could be obtained a sufficient body of assent to secure its passage and the passage of the rate bill.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

The White House, Washington, May

"My Dear Senator Allison:—As Senator Tillman brought in your name in connection with mine in the satatement he made concerning our rela-tions to the rate bill last Saturday, it is perhaps due you that I should write you on the matter. After the rate bill was reported from the com-mittee, and, after by vote of the com-mittee, Mr. Tillman had been put in

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"To all whom I saw I stated that the Hepburn bill was in its essence entirely satisfactory to me. The Hepburn bill as it passed the House simply recognised the right of review by the courts—but did not attempt to define it, thus leaving the courts to prescribe the limits of their own inrisdiction. This was in accordance with the ideas of the Attorney General, his belief being that thereby we avoided all danger of the bill being declared unconstitutional because of the attempt to confer either too much or to little jurisdiction on the courts.

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TILLAMAN TALKS CONFIDENTLY.

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CHANDLER SATS PRESIDENT INVITED HIM.

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SUSIE HANNON SENTENCED HACKETT WINS IN ROWAN TO REGULATE PHONE RATES FIVE YEARS IN STATE PRISON DEMOCRATS IN SPICY MEETING.

cial to The Observer. Concord, May 14.-When the sec weeks term of Cabarrus Su-

perior Court convened this morning at 19 o'clock. Susie Hannon, the last 29 o'clock was accompanied by the grip in passing zentiance. Judge Bryan referred to the conditions under which she had been reared and to the influences, expressing a hope that she might be able to get into a reformatory and be given a chance to grow into a useful and virtuous woman. An appeal was taken and the appeal bond fixed at 25, the appearance bond at 25,000. The first case on the docket was one against T. D. Maness, Esq., of this city, who is indicted for "compounding a felony." The case is one growing out of some action of Mr. Maness in handling a case before a magistrate's court. He is represented by Messra Armfield and Adams, of the last of the Democrats of the eighth one of the Democrats of the limits as Stanly did. It did hitter, for while the county was not in animous for him as Stanly did. It did hitter, for while the county at 10 o'clock, Susie Hannon, the Following is the correspondence embraced in the statement given out at the White House. The letter of the President: magistrate's court. He is represente by Messrs. Armfield and Adams, of

Sidney Cruse, a small boy of about 15 years, was caught last night in the Ritchie Hardware Company's store, where he was making a raid on pis-tols, knives and such other articles as appealed to his youthful desires. Mr. M. F. Ritchie went into the store for something and as soon as he entered the front door, realized

attend the seesion of the General Assembly, to convene this week at Greenville, St. C.

Mr. W. L. Bell, secretary of the North Carolina Funeral Directors Association, spent to-day in Green boro, attending a meeting of the exponent of the control of the fall of the convenience of the control of the fall of the fall

tion the Greatest Held in Years.—
Hackett's Almost Umanimous Nomination Seems to Insure His Election and the Downfall of Blackburnism.—Semator Simmons and Solicitor Hammer Endorsed.—Move to Ask for Legalized Primary Evokes Animated Controversy — The County Officers Nominated.—Court Adjourned for the Convention.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., TUESDAY, MORNING, MAY 15, 1906.

Salisbury, May 14. - Wher Mr. R. N. Hackett, of the "State of Witkes," was here a month ago, he declared that he would be the nomi-

Judge Ward adjourned court at noon and for five hours there was nohing dry about the proceedings. The first thing done was the gracious move of J. H. Horah to make the nomination of Whitehead Kluttz unanimous. John M. Julian, who made the finest run on the toket, was declared the nominee of the convention, having received \$4 of the \$9\$ votes of the county. Walter Murphy receiving \$3 of the electoral votes, was then declared the second nominee and, on motion of his opponent, W. D. Pether was made the unanimous choice of the convention. J. Frank McCubbins was chosen clerk of the county court without opposition and J. H. Krider was nominated for sheriff over J. H. McKensie, who came within two votes

was nominated for sheriff over J. H. McKensie, who came within two votes of capturing the job.

The office of register of deeds developed the liveliest contest of the day. On first ballot Miller led and then the suspense that followed for five votes was intense. At the beginning of the fifth, Professor G. B. Wetmore, one of the county's most gifted men, arose and in a delightful little speech withdrew from the convention. This was the deciding point and the next ballot resulted in the election of E. H. Miller, a former pupil of Mr. Wetmore and himself a teacher. Prof. F. E. Wright then pledged

wished.

The primary just closed is the greatest one held in years. More votes were cast and a good feeling prevailed. The well-to-do, the former offifice holders and the popular fell out and the convention that ratified the wish of the people did a good day's work.

SECY. GRIMES FILES COMPLAINT

Overcharges on Part of Bell Tele-phone Company, Makes Complaint to Corporation Commission and That Long Distance Rates and Monthly Rentals be Fixed, Naming the Figures—Raleigh & Southport Nearing Fayetteville With Tracks— Matters Quiet in National Guard Circles—"The Land of Opportuni-ties."

Observer Bureau, 122 South Dawson Street, Raleigh, May 14. Secretary of State Grimes files a complaint with the corporation com-

ssion against the Bell Telephone Company for alleged over charge for long distance business in North Carolina, asking that the rate be made five cens per minute for the first five and two and one-half cents afterwards. Also that rental rates be fixed at \$1.50 per month for residences and \$2 for business places. Secretary of State Grimes returned

to-day from his farm in Pitt county. He says that a number of farmers there and in Bufort county say they expect to have to plow up their cotton and that he learned in that section and also around Weldon a lot of cotton just coming up was caught at what is known as "the double," which is the most critical period, this being as it peeps above ground and before the leaves unfold. Secretary Bruner, of the agricultural department, also came back to-day from the east. He says there was some frost on the other side of the river, but as far as he could learn it did not do much damage.

The Supreme Court is at work this week on the 15th district. WITHIN FIVE MILES OF FAY-ETTEVILLE.

The Raleigh & Southport Railway now within five miles of Fayetteville with its rail and will push into

"THE LAND OF OPPORTUNITIES"
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The Governor was to have spoken

DEATH OF CARL SCHURZ.

Widely Known German-American, Former Editor and Cabinet Mem-ber, Passes Away at His Home in New York, Aged 76. New York, May 14 .- Carl Schurz, widely known as a publicist and former cabinet member, died at his home

in this city at 4:35 o'clock this morning. Death was due to a complication of diseases following an attack of stomach trouble, which became acute on Thursday last. In spite of brief periods of seeming improvement, Mr. Schurz slowly failed and yesterday afternoon sank into a state of

East Ninety-first street, where the funeral will be held Thursday. President Telegraphs His Sympathy.

Washington, May 14.—President Rootsyelt to-day sent the following telegram to Carl L. Schurz, at New

a statesman of Lincoln's generation those services both in peace and in war, at the great crisis of the republic's history, will not be forgotten while that history lears. while that history lasts."

RUSSIAN ADMIRAL MURDERED.

St. Petersburg, May 14.—Vice Admiral Kusmich, commander of the SAY CHANDLER AND TILLMAN port, who was very unpopular with the workmen, was assassinated here

admiralty works, a government insti-tution, where most of the 2,000 men employed reported for duty at 5 most of them simply content thememployed, reported for duty at 5 o'clock this morning. They wanted immediately to march out in a body and celebrate the Russian May Day, but finally agreed to work till 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The admiral however, made a speech to the men, saying that he could not agree to their leaving work at 2 o'clock and the galleries in the Senate chamber in leaving work at 2 o'clock, and the matter was left open.

search for the murderer was unavail- resentatives. It was the ing, his comrades professing igno- of Republican opinion at the

Widow Living Near Eastman, Ga., Ready for Negro Second Time Af-ter Falling Victim First—Wounded Man Setung up By Mob.

Eastman, Ga., May 14.—Mrs. Pope, widow, who lives alone about six "THE LAND OF OPPORTUNITIES"
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The Governor was to have spoken at Fayetteville this evening at the closing of one of the schools, but yesterday his brother, whom he had not seen since last September, Tarrived here from Macon, Ga., with a little son, to remain until to-morrow, so the Governor stayed here and State Auditor Dixon went to Fsyetteville in his stead.

CHARTERS GRANTED.

The State authorizes the Elk Mountain Cotton Mills, at Asheville, to ismiles north of Eastman, was assault-

THE PRESIDENT'S DENIAL IT IS REGARDED RATHER WEAR

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

Official Washington Sits Up Takes Profound Notice of Dec ments as to Mr. Tiliman's G Criticism of the President's A in Rate Bill Matter—Majority press Belief That Mesers. The and Chandler Told the Truth Regard Mr. Roosevelt's Reply Rather Weak—Mr. Hoody I to the Tall Timbers.

BY W. A. HILDEBRAND.

day afternoon sank into a state of coma, which continued until the end. At the bedside were a son, Carl L., and two daughters, Marianne and Agatha; Edward L. Pretorius, Mr. Schurz's business pariner, and Doctors Jacobi and Strauss.

Mr. Schurz was 76 year old, having been born in Cologne, March 2, 1829. His residence here was at 24 broke faith with them. Very many times before has the President actimes before has the President ac-cused men of lying after they had visited the White House without taking the precaution to have a stenographer nearby. Henry M. Whitney, of Boston; John F. Wallace, formerly head of the Pansma canal commission; Albert Bowen, former minister to Venezuela; Alton York:
"Pray accept the expression of my profound sympathy in the death of profound sympathy in the death of Senator Tom Platt have won additional distinction by being included and, if anybody but Mr. Roosevel had dealt the cards, one might commander of the Port of St. Petersburg is Stabbed to Death From Behind as Result of Workmen's Plot at Admiralty Works—Had Refused May Day Holiday.

St. Petersburg. May 14.—Vice Ad-

TOLD TRUTH.
Feeling then that criticism of the to-day by workmen whose May Day demonstration he had attempted to be tempered because of the high office which he holds, people here do not say that the President has said

All day long people crowded the galleries in the Senate chamber in matter was left open.

At about 9:30 a, m. the admiral was emerging from a small shop in the works when a workman, who had been concealed around the corner of the building, leaped on Kuzmich from behind and drove a long dagger into his back. The admiral fell forward on his face, which was baddy cut by stones, and died immediately. The assassin fied into a large forge, where he was lost among the men employed there. The works were promptly surposed to the President, but nothing happened. Early this afternoon Attornated the President, and after their departure a report became persistent that the President would send a letter to Senator Allison, which would be read on the Senate floor. This was not done, but about dark copies of a statement from the President in the form of a letter to Senator allison was not done, but about dark copies of a statement from the President in the form of a letter to Senator allison was not done, but about dark copies of a statement from the President was not done, but about dark copies of a statement from the President was not done, but about dark copies of a statement from the President would send a letter to Senator allison was not done and president would send a letter to Senator allison was not done and president would send a letter to Senator allison was not done and president would send a letter to Senator allison was not done and president would send a letter to senator allison held a lengthy conference with the President would send a letter to Senator allison held a lengthy conference with the President would send a letter to Senator allison which would send a letter to Senator allison was not done all the president would send a letter to Senator allison was not done all the president would send a letter to Senator allison was not done all the president would send a letter to Senator allison was not done all the president would send a letter to Senator allison was not done all the president would send a letter to Senator allison was not done all the president would send a let expectation of hearing some defer

The police say it is evident that the assassination of the admiral had been planned in advance. The dagger, which was found on the spot, was concealed in a round stick, like a sword-cane.

Among the workmen are many former sastors and revolutionists. Kuzmich had a bad reputation among the workmen, being regarded as hard and despotic.

That it would be the part of wisdom for the President to let the matter disappointment must, perforce, have been intensified when they saw what the President had evolved. The absurdity of the endeavor to create the impression that Mr. Chandler was an emissary of the Democrate rather than an emissary from the White House to the Senator in charge and despotic. SHOOTS RETURNING ASSAILANT. of the rate bill, will be self-evident to everybody acquainted with Senator Tillman and who are familiar with his antipathy towards the President.

BAFFLES COMPREHENSION.

Mr. Chandler, in the opinion of everyone here, would never have thought of opening up negatiations between the President and the Demothought of opening up negatiations between the President and the Democratic Senators had the President not written him a note requesting him is do so. What the President means by his pretense that there is no particular difference between the White House or Long amendment and the amendment for which Senator Allison is being held resonsible, and his oft expressed preference for the Overman amendment and his later consent to the emasculation of the proviso, are simply matters that baffle the comprehension of most people. The difference between these amendments is antipodal, else why has the Aldrich element spent weeks in a desperate and successful effort to defeat any provision such as that introduced by Senator Long? Not only is the President's reply regarded generally as a rather weak docugenerally as a rather weak docu-ment, touching only in very high places the real accusations that have been laid at the President's door, but many feel that Attorney General Moody also failed to show up very strong.

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