Washington, May 19,-By a vote of 107 to 66, the House to-day refused to pass the "anti-graft" bill, socalled, dealing with cotton leaks and other matters of a confidential character which, should they become publicly known, might have a tendency to effect markets, because the con-ferees had recommended that mem-bers of Congress be included within the scope of the bill, which makes it a misdemeanor for advance information to be given out by any officer or employe of the government that would tend to exert an influence or affect the market value of any product grown within the United States or affect the value of stocks and bonds.

The conferees of both Senate and House recommend that the penalty prescribed for officers of the govern ni who violate the code created the act should apply to members AS IF MEMBERS WERE CROOKED

ing the opposition against making members of Congress amenable to the penalties of the measure, said the clause of the bill sought to be incorporated was an advertisement to the world that the members were crooked. He said members of Congress, were neither collectors nor the guardians of secret governmental statistics. They are representatives and can have are representatives and tutents.

"If you are to enter upon this field," Mr. McCall said, "why not make a complect code? Why not provide that members shall be taken into the police court and be fined when they fail to vote, imprisoned when they do not attend the sessions of the House, and that the Speaker hen he plays the Czar shall be flogged at the cart's tail in the public

DEFENDED BY MR. BURLESON. Mr. Burleson, of Texas, the author of the bill said that the measure was ned at the corrupt and venal pretice of giving out information of a confidential character which might included in the bill, not because he believed they would violate confi-dences, but might be tempted of some occasions to use the information they possessed of for purposes of gain. This bill degrades the high office of a member of Congress," said Mr. Grosvenor, of Ohio, and, for one, he

was against its provisions. He said his career as a legislator was exceedingly short and he would not place a stigma upon those who come after him by impugning their motives. WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN.

Mr. Gardner said that last summer the herring fishermen of Gloucester "There is an evidence of growth," he were having considerable difficulty said, "of which the Atlanta I first with the Canadian authorities. Fishing sloops were being seized and it
became necessary for him to see the
Secretary of State: He came to
South. She holds a position of ex-Washington, being in close communi-cation by cable with his constituents fishing off Newfoundland. On that visit to the Secretary of State he earned much that was not generally known, and he caused the informa-tion to be made public. As a result, the price of herring fluctuated con

"If this bill should pass, both the Secretary of State and myself would be candidates for the pen," he said. The conference report was rejected. 210 to 28.

Mr. McCall then moved to lay the bill and amendments on the table and hill went to the junk heap-year, 107; nays, 66; present, 35.

HOUSE'S PARSIMONY TO NAVY.

Disaster in Case of War Within Next Few Years is Predicted by Admiral Mason—Will Probably be Compelled to Discontinue Target Practice Washington, May 19.—"Should war break out within the next few years the condition of the navy will be such as to lead to disaster."
Such is the statement made by Rear Admiral Mason, chief of the Bureau of Ordinance, Navy Department in a

statement to the Secretary of the Navy calling attention to the reduction in the estimates of the Bureau of Ordinance made by the Department. and the House committee on naval affairs. Admiral Mason shows that more than \$12,760,800 has been cut out of the estimates, and he describes condition of the bureau as "little short of despesate" for the coming He says there is not now and will not be any reserve amunition available for any of the important guns. It will be necessary, probably, to discontinue target practice and new ships must be sent into commission without amunition or ordnance stores. There will be no reserve guns, torpedoes or reserve mines on hand, and range-finders and the money to buy

Valdosta, Ga., May 19.—Deputs Marshal Mack Dees, at Lenox. Ga., was shot and killed this afternoon by a negro, whom he was trying to arrest. The negro was later killed by a posse who were trying to catch him. The negro was a desperate character and is said to have killed two negroes, a man and woman, at Tifton, several weeks ago. It was for that crime that the officer was trying to arrest him.

Leaksville Street Bonds Sold. Special to The Observer.

Reidsville, May 19.—The \$10,000 worth of Leaksville bonds, issued for street improvements, have been sold, and the purchase money has been placed on deposit. Mr. C. B. Keesee, of Martinsville, Va., was the purchaser. Leaksville people will no longer walk in mud, notwithstanding the preference of their country friends as expressed last Saturday.

inted Fourth-Class Pe Washington, May 19.—The following appointments of fourth-class postmasters were announced to-day: North Carolina.—Dresden, Wilsy P. Turner; Kerr, Frederick F. Newton. Virginia.—Kincaid, Herman D. Jenkins; Totaro, Robert E. Dayls.

COTTON LEAK BILL KILLED FAIRBANKS AT ATLANTA NEED OF MORE MINISTERS Assembly ordered the sending of the TO HONOR AVERY EDITORS BANK OFFICIAL A SUICIDE OVERMAN'S BILL FAVORED WOULD STIGMATIZE CONGRESS. SPEECH CAPS 12 BUSY HOURS CRY OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

By Vote of 107 to 66, House Send to Junk Heap Measure Making it a Misdemeanor for Government Employes, Including Members of Congress, to Reveal Information Likely to Affect Markets — Attacked by Messrs. McCall, Grosvenor and Gardner as Placing Stigma Upon Congress—Defense by Mr. Burleson of No. Avail.

Western From Birmingham to Washington—Banquet Closing Event, the Vice President Dwelling Upon the Spirit of Re-United Country as Shown by Spanish War and San Francisco Calamity and Complimenting Atlanta's Growth.

Atlanta, Ga., May 19 .- Vice President and Mrs. Charles W. Fairbanks, on their return from Birmingham to Washington, spent 12 strenuous hours in the hands of their Atlanta friends to-day. From noon till midnight but little time was allowed to escape from a round of entertainment tendered by personal and official friends. Accompanied by Mrs. Charles H. Ack-ert, a close friend of Mrs. Fairbanks ert, a close friend of Mrs. Fairbanka, the party arrived a few moments be-fore noon. To greet them were Col. Robert H. Lowry, an intimate friend of the Vice President, and his host during his Atlanta visit, and Major E. W. Halford; also Major Walts and Captain C. C. Clarke as military aides detailed to attend the distinguished guest of the day.

EVENTS OF STRENUOUS DAY. The programme of entertainment included a luncheon to the Vice President, tendered by Col, Lowry at the o'clock this morning and Rev. D. M. Capital City Club, where a dozen Sweets, of Kentucky, conducted the guests were invited to meet him; foldeyotional exercises. He read as the Mr. McCall, of Massachusetts lead- lowing this, a reception to the Ohio the opposition against making Club. There was an automobile drive ending at Fort Macpherson, where the vice presidential salute of 19 guns was fired and a review of the troops at the post and a reception for the officers were tendered by Col. John T. Van Orsdale, commanding the Seventeenth Infantry. At 6 o'clock a public reception was given and more than a thousand persons greeted the Vice President. A banquet at 8 o'clock, attended by about 40 of the leading citizens of Atlanta, closed the

day. MRS. FAIRBANKS ENTERTAINED. Mrs. Fairbanks and Mrs. Ackert were entertained at luncheon by Lowry, the Atlanta Woman's Club tendered a reception, and later the Atlanta Daughters of the American Revolution gave a reception at the Piedmont Driving Club to their distinguished guests.

A drive to various points of inter-est and an informal dinner completed the day.

No speeches were indulged in during the entire day until the banquet seriously affect markets or stocks. He this evening. Concluding this event, wanted members of Congress to be where about 50 leading citizens of Atlanta and Georgia gathered to wel-come the Vice President informally. everal addresses were delivered, including the principal one by John Temple Graves. Vice President Fair-banks replied at some length. MR. FAIRBANKS' ADDRESS.

In thanking the people of Atlanta for their cordial welcome, Vice President Fairbanks said there was some-thing in the hospitality of the South which is unsurpased anywhere. He expressed wonder at the transformation that had occurred in the city since his last visit, twenty years ago. "There is an evidence of growth," he He came to South. She holds a position of ex-close communi- ceptional strategic importance in the world of commerce and trade. That she will prove worthy of her opportunity, her past and present are complete assurance."

The struggle of two-score years ago was spoken of by the Vice President and he praised the people for their prompt resumption of peace and obn of the scars of war and then said:

JOINT HEIRS OF HEROISM. "We realize that we are fellowvided in purpose and one in our de-votion to the same flag. We are votion to the same flag. We proud of our country, proud of industrial strength, proud of the splendid cit senship, all eager to pro-mote its high destiny. While we are conscious of its material strength, and while we take pride in it, we value more than all else the intelligence, the high morality and the ex-alted patriotism of our countrymen. We are the joint heirs of the heroism and the valor of our fathers. respect those who fought where the conscience led. The world regards those who peril all in the cause of duty as they see it. There never have been produced brayer men than

on the historic fields of other the South. GEN. JOE WHEELER. Speaking of the ready response from North and South to the call to arms in the Spanish-American con-test, he said: "The South is entitled to great honor for her part in that national exigency. I shall never for-get an evening I spent with President William McKinley—a name which is a priceless heritage to us all. He loved the South and the South loved him. He was then preparing to meet the grave contest which was near at hand. General Joe Wheeler came to tender his sword in his country's cause. He was cordially received by

the Americans who opposed

the Chief Executive, who said: 'So you want to go to war, General 'Yes,' replied the general, great feeling. I followed by con-science and once fought against the flag, Mr. President, and I want a chance to fight for it before I die. This was a brave and patriotic ut-erance. It voiced the sentiment which filled the heart of every true soldier who served in the Southern army more than a generation ago. General Wheeler sleeps well at Ariington among the nation's heroic dead, his memory revered by every lover of American liberty."

SAN. FRANCISCO RELIEF. As an illustration of our national unity and the spirit of good neighborhood which everywhere prevails, he
referred to the catastrophe at San
Prancisco which laid the city in ashes
and left more than three hundred
thousand homeless, "Waste and
want were on every hand," he said,
"but before earthquake and fire had
completed their horrible work and
before the terror-stricken citizens
were aware of the magnitude of their
disaster, their countrymen everwhere,
North and South were pouring into
San Francisce food, ciothing, medicine
and money to sustain them in their
extremity.

"The appailing calamity has awak-

Scarcity of Ministerial Candidates Maiter of Virtual Concern—Dr Henry Louis Smith, Addresses Gen-eral Assembly on Christian Educa-tion—Special Committee Appointed on Articles of Agreement—Report of Committee on Closer Relations Referred to Special Committee— Night Session Devoted to Addresses on Sunday School Work. Special to The Observer.

Greenville, S. C., May 19 .- Barring the interest in the case of Rev. William Caldwell, if it should come before the Assembly for discussion, there is no subject probably that will elicit the interest that will be shown in the discussion of the cause of education which will be resumed Monday, and that on the report of the special committee on the articles of agreement. It is very evident that these two subjects are much in the minds of the commissioners and that both will receive careful and, if need be, lengthy discussion. No mention is heard of final adjournment of the Assembly and some predict the acs-sion will continue more than another

The Assembly convened at 9:30 morning lesson a part of the first and second chapters of the first epistle

NEED OF MORE MINISTERS.

In his remarks Mr. Sweets spoke candidates for the ministry. He said that as he looked into the faces of the members of the Assembly he felt that all realized that, above all else, the great need of the Church is more young men to enter the ministry, and he requested Rev. S. M. Neel, D. D., lead the Assembly in prayer for this need to be met.

Moderator Hail took the chair at 10 o'clock and called the Assembly to order for the business of the day. The minutes of yesterday's session were read by Rev. T. M. Law, D. D., permanent clerk, and were approved. COMMITTEE ON ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT.

The moderator announced that he would, at this juncture, appoint the special committee on articles of agreement which was ordered yes-He stated further that he chairman of the committee, but would appoint one commissioner from each Synod in the Church to serve on the committee, and they would elect their chairman. The committee is as fol-

Alabama, Rev. E. D. McDougal; Arkansas, General, B. W. Green; Florida, Rev. B. L. Baker; Georgia, Rev. T. H. Rice; Kentucky, Rev. D. M. Sweets; Louisiana, Elder George Batalora; Missouri, Rev. H. M. Spencer: North Carolina, Rev. A. J. Kelway; South Carolina, Rev. J. H. Thornwell: Tennessee, Rev. G. Bull: Texas, Rev. O. G. Jones; ginia, Rey. Eugene Daniel
Ali overtures before the Assembly
with reference to closer relations will

Moore, of Tuscaloosa Presbytery, recommending that the Assembly do Moore, of Tuscaloosa not receive and adopt the articles of agreement. The memorial was referred to the special committee. A memorial from the educational union of the Southern Presbyterian Church was read and was referred to the standing committee on Church education. and Christian memorial urged the Church to greater activity in the cause of education and deplored the fact that for severa years there had been a falling off in the establishment of schools under the care of the Southern Presbyterian Church. The following reports were read and referred to appropriate committees: The report of the twen-tieth century fund, of the Divinity School of Southwestern University

REPORT OF COMMITTEE CLOSER RELATIONS. The Assembly committee on closer relations submitted the following re-

and of the trustees of Durant College

with the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches in the United States, appointed originally by the Mobile Assembly, was continued by the Assemb ly last year at Fort Worth, and enlarged by the addition of the following names: Rev. W. J. McKay, D. D., Rev. W. McF. Alexander, D. D., Hon. T. C. McRae, and Rev. J. T. Plunket, D. D., and was authorized to confer with similar committees of other Presbyterian and Reformed Churches with a view of perfecting plan of co-operation and was instructed to give due consideration to all suggestions and criticisms that might be offered by any of the church courts or by any of the officers and members of one church.

ference with the Reformed Presbyterian Church, (General Synod), the
Reformed Church in America, the
Presbyterian Church in the United
States of America, the United Presbyterian Church, the Reformed
Church in the United States and the
Associate Reformed Church. After
the days of conference, articles of
agreement were adopted. After
these articles had been adopted by
the General Conference, they were
approved by your committees by a
vote of 12 to 2, and ordered to be
sent to this Assembly with the recommendation that they be adopted.

"We add that the chairman of the
executive conference, Rev. J. Preston
Searle, and the temporary secretary,
ask from the constituent bodies, approving the articles of agreement,

ask from the constituent bodies, approving the articles of agreement, authority to make such arrangements as may be necessary for convening the first meeting of the council provided in the articles.

"G. B. STRICKLER."

This report was referred to the special committee on articles of amendment. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMIT-

TEES.

A part of the standing committee on home missions was fead by the chairman, Rev J. R. Howerton. This referred to some home mission territory in the Southwest of the Southern Presbyterian Church the Northern Presbyterian Church

the Northern Presbylerian Church has workers also.

The report of the committee recommended file anding of a felegram to the General Assembly of the Northern Presbylerian Church, now in secretary, next Wednesday, to the General Assembly of the Northern Presbylerian Church, now in secretary, next Wednesday, for Presbylerian Church, now in secretary, next Wednesday, is pattled. Really, it is become satisfactory arrangement or consummated between the two Churches as to the work of each in the Southwest, so that all friction between the two might be avoided. The

EDUCATION

The report of the committee on Church and Christion education was submitted and read by Rev. T. H. Rice, chairman. Among other important suggestions made in the report, one was the recommendation that the Assembly appoint a committee on education and a secretary of education whose duty should be to devote his entire time to the work of extending the interests of Christian devote his entire time to the work of extending the interests of Christian education throughout the Church. Dr. Rice spoke with enthusiasm on the point of the appointment of this secretary, stating that the standing committee had in mind a man who could be secured for this place, and that he was a man in every way fitted for the place. There were calls for the name of the man, but Dr. Rice stated that he could not yet make that

PRESIDENT SMITH SPEAKS. Dr. H. L. Smith, president of Da-vidson College, addressed the Assem-bly in the interest of Christian education, and gave many striking fig-ures in support of his arguments. He deplored the great failing off during recent years in the number of young men studying for the ministry and claimed that a larger and more substantial support of school would remedy this falling off to a large degree. He cited the fact that, in the entire Southern Presby-557 preachers, while there are 3, of the great need of more without pasters. Dr. Smith announced that this was his first attendance upon a General Assembly, but that fact did not lessen the enthusiasm with which he spoke.

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE. Rev. W. S. Red rose to a point of personal privilege and his request was d. He stated that he gave a gentleman on the staff of The Greenville Daily News a clipping from Fort Worth paper concerning the case of Dr. William Caldwell, but that when the article appeared in The News of yesterday morning un-der the head "Caldwell Will Quote Law," it had been so changed that some might thing it was given to The News by Dr. Caldwell or his counsel, whereas they knew nothing whatever about it. He stated further that he hoped no member of the Assembly would become prejudiced against Dr. would not indicate who should act as Caldwell on account of the publication of this article

The complaint of Dr. Caldwell against the Synod of Texas, and the complaint of the First Presbyterian church of Fort Worth against the Synod of Texas and the Fort Worth Presbytery have been referred to the judicial committee, as has the complaint of Rev. S. S. Laws, D. D.

against the Synod of Virginia. DEFENDS PRESBYTERIAN SCHOOLS.

Rev. J. P. Robertson, of Texas, spoke in defense of Presbyterian educational interests, and objected to the comparisons made with other de-nominations as to this subject, referring to the fact, no doubt, that in his address Dr. Smith had stated that the Presigterian Church was far behind the Methodist and Baptist Churches in this respect. Mr. Rob-ertson said he preferred that his low dog' in the case, but that she be likened to the hound and be petted and encouraged to greater activng arrived, Mr. Robertson closed his address.

SUBJECT LEFT OPEN. On motion the Assembly voted to take recess until to-night, when a special order will be observed, and eave the discussion of the report the committee on Church and Christian education open until Monday morning, when it will be resumed. The Assembly adjourned at 1 o'clock The Assembly met to-night to conder the interests of the Sunday schools. Three addresses were de-livered, one by Rev. William Meggin-son on "Sunday School Ideals," one by Rey. R. E. L. Porter on "The Correlation of Sunday Schools," and one by Rev. A. O. Browne on "The Sunday School Values." Many of the pulpits will be filled to-morrow by visiting ministers. Large mass meetings in the interest of the meetings in the interest of the young peoples work will be held to-

morrow afternoon and night. SPAETH IS GUILTY OF THEFT."

Charge Made in Wording of Requi-sition for Alleged Robber of Fore-Paugh-Sells Circus—Matter to be Submitted to Governor in Briefs. Special to The Observer,

Columbus, O., May 19:-As a result of the conference between the attorneys for both sides with L. B. Hock. secretary to Governor Pattison, the extradition case of W. M. Spaeth. wanted at Tarboro, N. C., for robbing of one church.

"This committee, on the 14th of March, 1906, in the First Presbyterian church, Charlotte, N. C., met in conference with the Reformed Presbyterian Church, (General Synod), the Reformed Church in America, the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, the United Presbyterian Church, the Reformed Church at the United States of America, the United Presbyterian Church, the Reformed Church in the United Presbyterian Church, the Reformed Church in the United States and the Associate Reformed Church. After the days of conference, articles of agreement were adopted. After these articles had been adopted by the General Conference, they were approved by your committees by a vote of 12 to 2, and ordered to be sent to this Assembly with the recommendation that they be adopted.

AS A LAST RESOURCE.

If Spacth Requisition is Granted, De-feudant's Attorneys Will Bring Action to Determine Gov. Pattison's Mental Competency.

Cincinnati, Ohio, May 19,—The mental competency of the Governor of Ohio, John H. Pattison, ill in Christ's Hospital, this city, with an aliment the nature of which his physicians refuse to disclose, but which has prevented his giving the slightest attention since inauguration day to the gubernatorial work and which, it is strongly hinted, has affected his brain, may determine whether William T. Spaeth returns to Tarboro, N. C., to answer the charge of robbing the Forepaugh-Sells Brothers circus. His attorneys arranged in Columbus to-day to file briefs against the requisition demand with Lewis B. Houck, the Governor's private secretary, next Wadnesday, The matter then, presumably, is to go to Pattison. Really, it is believed, he attaches his signature as Houck sugnerous. Cincinnati, Ohio, May 19,-The

Banquet Last Night Tendered Editors of "Idle Comments," Mr. J. W. Bailey Being the Only Absentee—After Dinner Epecches by Dr. Edwin Mims, Dr. Alphonso Smith, and Rev. Plato Durham—Emphasizing Different Points, the Speakers Agree in Praise of Mr. Avery and His Work and of the Spirit of Its Promoters to Put It in Permanent Form—Notes of the Speeches.

Last night Drs. Alphonso Smith, professor of English at the University and Edwin Mims, professor of English at Trinity College, and Rev. Plato Durham, of this city, were guests of the Commercial Club at a dinner given them as editors of the late f. E. Avery's "file Comments." Mr. J. P. Caldwell, another of the editors, was present as a member of Raleigh, also one of the editors, temple as the door was thrown open. could not attend.

Speeches were made by the three Dr. Edwin Mims said that, of the work done by him last year, nathing had afforded him so much pleasure as his part in the selection and preparation for the press of the writings terian Church last year, there were only 322 candidates for the ministry, fewer by 123 than 12 years ago. He stated farther that, in the Southern merit has grown upon him. But which Mr. Avery lett behind him Presbyterion Church, there are but there were two points which he unertook to press in particular: That 129 churches, leaving 723 churches it was the marking of an epoch of without pasters. Dr. Smith announce Southern life when The Charlotte Observer distinguished the quality such a man as Avery and gave him a chance; and that a new spirit was dis-covered here in the determination of the promoters of the book, the four men, Messrs, George Stephens, Chase Brenizer, W. H. Twity, and D. A. Tompkins, who said, "We will not let this man's work die, but will put it into suitable and permanent form." He spoke with enthusiasm of the beauty of the book, as a book, and of its reception by the public. Dr. Mims deplored the familiar outery in our section, especially from the colleges, against "the commercial spirit." That spirit is what we need to cultivate.

for we must have a basis of wealth

for our literature and art; and the

publication of the Avery book and its

exploitation illustrates the need in a

case where it was met. Dr. Alphonso Smith told an incident to the effect that at a meeting of the editors in a hotel, after they had worked over the material all day, piling what they had agreed on for the book, what they were undecided about, and what they had agreed to reject in separate places. they adjourned for supper, and came back to the room to find it swept clean of the sorted clippings. The matron went white when they told her, and for half an hour thought the material was destroyed. At last, however, it was discovered. but jumbled together. The body of Dr. Smith's remarks related to Mr. Avery as an interpreter of small things, of the comings and goings on the streets, flowers, and common ob-jects. This, he said, is what the masters did and what makes literature, The coloring of these everyday events and sights with his own personality. its charm. He concurred in what Dr. Mims had said as touching the service of The Observer in promoting

literature along with its record of the news from day to day. Plato Durham spoke as a nersonal friend of Mr. Avery. "There was not a yell between us," he said; i knew him perfectly, and with his death there went out of my little life its greatest inspiration. And, as a friend who knew him and his ambitions, I take this occasion to say that every line in that book is a red drop of blood from the man's heart." He spoke of the lack in the South of men with the gift and desire to express its peculiar life, and said to do this was Avery's ambition. "Idle Comments" realizes this ambi tion in no small measure. Of the character of his friend he spoke with great feeling-of his fineness, his ina long Southern ancestry, of his great human sympathy, and of the struggle within himself of good against

It is needless to say of these speak ers, so well known wherever this report will be read, that they made the occasion one of dignity and thoughtfulness, aside from the pleasure which they gave the members of the club. Each of them expressed his joy in just such an opportunity to speak his mind of the book, of the laudable spirit which made it, of the author as man and a writer.
Mr. J. L. Chambers, president of

the club, acted as toastmaster and did the honors with grace. CADETS HONOR PROF. BURKETT

Students of A. & M. College Present Dr. C. W. Burkett, Retiring Profes-sor of Agriculture, With Handsome Token of Esteem—News Notes of State Capital. Observer Bureau,

122 South Dawson Street Raicigh, May 19.

A charter is granted the Asheville Automobile & Transit Co., which is given power to operate automobiles or other vehicles over the public roads in Buncombe and elsewhere, and transport passengers and freight, to have the right of passage over any public road, D. G. Norland and several other Asheville business men being the stockholders.

the stockholders.

The State charters the W. G. Jarrell Machine Co., Charlotte, capital stock \$25,000.

The North Carolina Academy of Science to-day elected Collier Cobb, of Chapel Hill, president; J. C. Lake, of Wake Forest, vice president; T. L. Stephens, of West Raieigh, scoretary-treasurer; Franklin Sherman, W. C. Coker and John F. Lavneau, executive committee.

The agricultural students at the Agricultural & Mechanical College last evening, through Cadet S. W. Foster, presented to the retiring head of that department, Dr. Charles W. Burkett, a very large and handsome loving cup. Prof. Burkett goes to a college in the Northwest to fill the chair of agriculture.

agriculture.

The hearing in regard to the dam-The hearing in regard to the damage done by the Raleigh & Pamiso Sound Railway to the Glenwood property here continues and there are some rather lively scenes, particularly between the lawyers on the two sides. The estimates of the damage done now range all the way from nothing at all to \$61,600. One of the lawyers in to-day's hearing asked if part of the property cut off by the railway would not be usable for houses for negroes, to which a lawyer on the other side retorted that this could be done and the row of houses named in honor of the suggesting attorney.

COMMERCIAL CLUB DINNER. TRAGEDY AT NEWPORT NEWS TO EXTEND TRADE IN ORIENT

President Tucker, of the Savings Bank of Newport News, After Informing Cashier of Shortage, Puts Bullet Through His Head as Chief of Police Was Entering His Bachelor Apartments With Warrant—Shortage Not Less Than \$10,000 and May Reach \$20,000, But Will be Covered by Life Interspeep for \$30,000 by Life Insurance for \$30,000.

Norfolk, Va., May 19 .- Irwin Tucker, president of the Savings Bank of Newport News, Va., committed suicide in his room over the bank in Newport News to-day just as Chief of Police Reynolds, of that city, opened his door to arrest him upon a warrant charging him with defaulting in the sum of \$10,000 Tucker heard Chief Reynolds ask the negro porter on the outside as to the location of his room, and standing in front of the club, and Mr. J. W. Bailey, of mirror, put a bullet through his right Overman designed to secure the ap-

The doors of the savings bank have been closed pending an investigation, which is now being made by the board of directors. One report is to to cotton trade in the Orient. When the effect that the shortage may amount to \$20,000, but the directors that the exact amount of the defalcation has not yet been deter-

The first suspicion that Tucker was defaulter was received this morning in a note written by the suicide himself. This note was found shortly after the doors of the bank wer opened to-day, it having been placed on the desk of Cashier E. Carter Perkins. Tucker admitted that he was short in his accounts and said if any attempt was made to arrest him he would commit suicide. Immediately the directors of the bank were called together and a hurried examination resulted in the issuance of the warcant. It was suspected that Tucker had left Newport News and the po-lice of Norfolk and other neighboring cities were asked to look out for him. Chief Reynolds then went to make an investigation of Tucker's bachelor

apartments over the savings bank, where the tragedy occurred. amination of a safety deposit box in the savings bank revealed the fact that Tucker's life was insured \$20,000, which will cover all of his alleged defalcation. The Savings Bank of Newport News was largely patronized by the laboring class of Newport News. President Tucker was about 40 years of age. He was a son of former

Mayor John S. Tucker, of Norfolk, now a retired lawyer of Washington, Mr. Tucker was formerly city edi-tor of The (old) Norfolk Virginian and was postmaster of Newport News

under the Cleveland administration. CHARGED WITH HOMICIDE

Mack MacRae, a Negco, Alleged Slay-er of Dolph Wall, of Albemarie, Arrested in Salisbury—Junior Order Memorial Day.

Special to The Observer. Salisbury, May 19.—Sheriff S. R. Green, of Stanly, was here this morning returning to Albemarie with Mack MacRae, a colored man wanted in Stanly on a charge of killing Delph Wall in Albemarle, about a year ago. Ma & lae has been at large since and his his individual interpretation, is what not until recently was anything heard renders his work unique and gives it from him. He decided to come back without requisition papers and was no trouble at all. He will be tried in

Just v. the Salisbury councils of the Junior Order of United American Mechan Decoration of the dead members in the Chestnut Hill and Lutherar Cemeteries will take place in the aftermoon, the first exercise being held at the Lutheran Cemeter,
C. Gregory will make the address.
Leaving there, the procession will go
Leaving Hill where John M. the Lutheran Cemetery, where E. to Chestnut Hill, where Julian will speak, followed by Rev J. A. J. Farrington. After the oration of these graves. Whitehead Kluttz will make the address over the graves.

VANDERBILT LOSES BY FIRE. Woodsawing Plant on Biltmore Es-tate Burned—Mr. Vanderbilt Per-sonally Superintended Work of Firemen.

Special to The Observer. Asheville, May 19.—Fire this after-noon did about \$2,500 damage to the woodsawing plant of George W. Van-derbilt located between Asheville and The fire originated in woodsawing sheds and destroyed the buildings and machinery in addition to 100,000 feet of inferior lumber. The Asheville fire department Was called on for

help and two hose reels and more than 2,000 feet of hose were sent to the scene. A stream of water was brought from the nearest hydrant, nearly half a mile away, and all the nearly half a mile away in bringing hose furnished was used in bringing the one stream. Mr. Vanderbilt was the one stream shortly after the fire on the scene shortly after the broke out and personally directed the efforts of the volunteer fremen in saving lumber and some nearby dwell-ings. These efforts of the firemen were successful in that the blaze was extinguished before the dwellings caught. Mr. Vanderbilt carried no insurance on the plant.

TO REVISE BAPTISM RITUAL.

Methodist General Conference Adopts, in Half-Hearted Fashion, Resolution to Appoint Committee to Eliminate Alieged Calvanistic Doctrines—Will Adjourn To-Morrow.

Birmingham, Ala., May 19.—It is now practically assured that the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will take final adjournment Monday, and the probability is that only a morning assiston will be held on that day. Many of the delegates left for their homes to-day and others are greatly wearled by the long grind.

The features of to-day's assistons were the decision to appoint a committee looking to a revision of the ritual for infant baptism which will recommend to the General Conference of 1910, and the debate this afternoon on the resolution to revise the baptism on the ground that it contains Calvinistic doctrine and that it implies "doctrinal baptismal regeneration," was spirited and for a time it icoked as though the present Conference would take up the work of revision.

A resolution was also adopted protesting against the use of any property owned or leased by the United States government for the sale of alcoholic liquors as a beverage.

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Smithfield, May 19.—Julius Mudson, who killed Holly Hudson Thursday morning, has been placed in jail
on a warrant charging him with
murder. Justice Connor instituted
habeas corpus proceedings yesterday,
the case being made returnable before Judge Council at Lillington
Tuesday.

Senator Overman's Amendment to Appropriation Bill Designed to Se-cure Extension of Trade With Ori-ent Reported Favorably by Com-mittee—Amount Scaled From \$56,-000 to \$30,000—Blackburn to Get Further Recognition in Matter of Appointments—Mr. Simmons vors Sea-Level Canal—Speculat Regarding Republican State C

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The apropriations committee of the

Senate, of which Senator Allison is

chairman, has passed favorably upon the amendment to the general appropriation bill introduced by Senator pointment of agents to investigate trade conditions abroad. Particular attention will be given by these agents the Southern Cotton Association met here recently the suggestion was made that \$50,000 should be appropriated for this purpose, but judging from the committee report which was prepared under the direction of Senator Cullom, only \$30,000 will be allowed. incidentally there will be some good picking under this amendment of the North Carolina Senator. The agents will receive \$10 a day and expenses and will have an opportunity to travel the world over. However, the peliticians won't figure much in this deal. The agents will be appoined under the Department of Commerce and Labor and the men will be selected with a view to their especial fitness for the very important work in hand. The office will seek the man. BLACKBURN TO GET PURTHER

RECOGNITION. A report came from the Postoffice Department to-day to the effect that Congressman Blackburn will very soon secure some further recognition by the administration. This is to the effect that the commission of Postmaster Ramsay, of Salisbury, has al-ready been signed by the President and that the papers will be transmit-ted to the Senate the first of the week. This nomination, together with others, was held up by the Department officials of their own motion long before the trial of the Congressman. Department officials do not apparently subscribe to the established principle of law that innocence is to be assumed until guilt is proven. SIMMONS FAVORS SEA-LEVEL CA-

NAL. Senator Simmons has concluded, afer careful study of the subject, to join his colleagues of the committee in reporting in favor of a sea-level canal. Like many others, Senator Simmons was at first inclined to favor a lock canal, but numerous experts now fear that earthquakes would prove fatal to a canal built on this system. The President also looked with favor upon the lock system but is coming around to the other point of view. It now appears that committee will be unanimously in fa-TO REGULATE APPOINTMENT OF

RECEIVERS. Representative W. W. Kitchin has introduced a bill designed to regulate the appointment of receivers by the courts. Mr. Kitchin says that the neces-sity for some such legislation was suggested after the trouble over the appointment of a receiver for the North arolina Railroad, and the Democratic State platform contains some erence to the subject. The bill provides:

That no circuit judge, district judge, or justice of the Supreme Court of the United States shall appoint a receiver for any corporation in any suit or proceeding until ten days after service on the adverse party of porties of a copy of the complaint, declaration,, petition, or affidavit on which the application for receiver is based and of a notice to show cause why a receiver should not be appointed for the property and assets of said corporation, which notice shall name a day for the hearing of the application, which day shall not be later day from the date of the notice, SPECULATION REGARDING STATE CONVENTION.

Republicans are frequently heard to speculate on the probable developments of the next State convention Most everyone is confident that it will prove one of the liveliest affairs of the kind every held in the State. Wonder has been expressed whether Field Marshal Butler will favor the gathering with his presence, and if so, whether his voice will be raised in behalf of the "organisation" peo-ple. Of course personalities entered into this performance very largely, but the result of the chance meeting but the less of the chance meeting between Judge Pritchard and Congressman Blackburn shows something of the "feeling" that obtains between the factions. There is a resport to the effect that Thomas Seehorn, who was during the week ap-pointed postmaster of Lenoir, wrote to Chairman Rollins that he did not wish his endorsement, and that if he could not procure the appointment with the backing of Mr. Blackburn.

and his endorsement alone, he d not want the job. There is an undercurrent of talk the effect that the Butler-Ro the effect that the Butler-Rolling crowd, realizing that a majority of the Republicans of the State, favor the recognition of Congressman Blackburn as chairman, have come forward as suspiciously active peace advocates. Those who have connections with that element of the party are saying there should be a change a around and that Blackburn and th other crowd as well should effect themselves for the sake of harmony themselves for the sake of harmon Some have suggested the possibilithat Chairman Rollins will retil when the committee meets the la of this month, and that some man whe given the chairmanship who his fewer enemies, and who might have chance to retain the chairmanship a contest with the supporers of M