House Rate Bill Conferees Have Pre-pared Modification Exempting Cer-tain Classes, Including Railroad Employes and Their Families, Walle Sentiment Against any Leg-islation on the Subject is Growing— Speaker Strennously Against Cut-ting Off Employes' Passes, Having 5,600 Railroad Men in His District— Pullman Cars to be Declared Com-mon Carriers. on Carriers.

Washington, June 12 .- There has been prepared by the House conferees on the railroad rate bill a modified form of the anti-pass agreement which will be presented at the next meeting of the joint conference committee for consideration. The modification is in the way of specifying an excepted class who may receive free transportation from the railroads lawfully. The first exception is that of railroad employes and their fami-Hes. Another is that of employes of the Postoffice Department who hold commissions from the Postmaster General and are required to travel.

The agitation over the completely prohibitive pass provision embodied in the first conference report has developed a decided sentiment among legislators that anti-pass legislation perhaps ought not to be made a part of the railroad rate bill. There is a hint that such a proposition may be forthcoming from the Senate conferees as a counter-proposition to the new provision to be presented by the House, Should such a plan be presented, the prediction is made that both the Senate and House would agree and leave the matter under the

There is a further prediction re-garding the result of the second conference on the bill, that Pullman cars will be included in the regulation of the inter-State commerce commission just as are other facilities of inter-State commerce.

Speaker Cannon has expressed himself emphatically against the prohibition of passes to railroad employes. "I would not go home and run for Congress again if I had to defend that since the provision was made a part of the conference report. The Speakhas in his district a constituency at least 5,000 railroad employes.

STATEHOOD REPORT IN SENATE

onferces' Recommendations Are Withdrawn and Re-submitted With Foraker Compromise Embodied— Mr. Lodge Says Packers Are Stand-ing in Their Own Light.

to-day withdrawn from, and again on to show in the past. Strive with presented to, the Senate, the new re-me, work with me, toll with me, that port containing the compromise pro-visition agreed upon by the conferees of the two houses. There was some BLACKBURN AND HIS METHODS. discussion of the power of the con-ferees to withdraw the report, and the vote. The new report was not con-Much of the remainder of the day

36 hours the time that live stock may be carried in transit without unload ing. Senator Warren was in charge of the measure and he and a number of Senators debated it at length. During the discussion there was some reference to the proposed legislation for the regulation of packing houses, are standing in their own light in not inviting the most rigid inspec-The bill was passed.

The bill incorporating the Lak Erie & Ohio River Ship Canal was also discussed at some length, but its further consideration was postponed until to-morrow. A number of minor bills were passed. The Senate adjourned at 6:10 p. m.

MARYLAND MOB ELUDED.

Negro Who Assaulted Two White Women in East-Shore Maryland is Be-ing Taken to Norfolk Under Guard of Virginia Militia.

Cape Charles, Va., June 12.-William Lee, the negro who assaulted Mrs. Barnes and Miss Powell, two Somerset county, Maryland, Sunday here yesterday, was taken to East-ille, Va., jail last night for safe keeping from a lynching party who came from Maryland. Every effort was by the Marylanders to get the prisoner from the authorities to-day, and for further protection a detach ment of the Seventy-first Regiment of the State troops was brought to Eastville this evening from Norfolk. anders dispersed and most of them left on the night train for their homes. The excitement which has prevailed at Eastville, which is the county seat of Northampton county, Va., to-day has subsided considerably, and arrangements are being made for the prisoner to be taken to Northe State troops, where he will be kept until the necessary papers are eived for the transfer to the Mary-

CYCLONE LOOSE IN GEORGIA.

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Waycross, Ga., June 12.—A cyclone which started near this eity at Manor caused considerable damage to property in this section of the State this afternoon and several persons are reported injured. At Manor the cyclone damaged the house of D. C. Carmichael. About four niles from Manor the cyclone struck the house of Henry Corbett, completey destroying his home and outbuikings and probably fatally injuring its nearly grown son and daughter.

After leaving the Corbett home the wind changed its course to a more northerly direction and continued for miles, destroying everthing in its path. The home of D James, near the Corbett house, was destroyed and Mr. James and his family buried in the ruins. The other members of the family wen rescued without injury, but Mr. James was slightly hurt. At Hasty, Person and Kirkland, considerable damage is reported and it is believed that it was the same cyclone which streed at Manor that reached Tifton, causing considerable damage.

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Denver, Del., June 12,—Co.

MAY EVEN BE KILLED OUTRIGHT CONVENTION LASTED AN HOUR NINETIETH ANNUAL MEETING.

colid Vote of Every County in Eighth
Congressional District Cast for Mr.
R. N. Hackett, of Wilkesboro, and
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Applates by Statesville Convention
—Pays His Respects to Blackburn
and Republicans in General—Is
Confident of Election—A Very Brief
Session—Executive Committee Appointed.

Special to The Observer.

Statesville, June 12.—The Democratic convention of the eighth congressional district met here to-day in the court house, all of the counties being represented by delegates. The convention was called to order by H. P. Grier, of Statesville, who requested Mr. John S. Henderson, of Salisbury, to act as temporary chairman. temporary organization was made per-manent, Messrs. R. R. Clark, Frank Brumley and John H. Bingham being

elected secretaries.

Chairman Henderson made a few remarks, after which nominations were called for. Mr. C. H. Armfield, of Iredell, who withdrew from the congressional race several weeks ago, placed in nomination the name of Mr. R. N. Hackett, of Wilkes. Mr. Hackett was unanimously nominated, recelving the full vote of every county.
A committee, consisting of C. H. Armfield, of Iredell; Lawrence Wakefield,
of Caldwell, and W. G. Welborn, of
Ashe, was appointed by the chair to
wait on Mr. Hackett and inform him
of the action of the convention. of the action of the convention. GREETED WITH SHOUTS OF AP-PLAUSE.

committee returned in a shor while in company with Mr. Hackett, whose face was wreathed in smiles. Mr. Armfield introduced Mr. Hackett to the convention and the latter was greeted with shouts and deafening applause. Mr. Hackett spoke in substance as

follows:
"Me. Chairman, Genertmen of the Committee, Fellow Democrats: "For the first time in my life I feel a heart overflowing with gratitude to this magnificent assemblage of Demo-crats of the eighth congressional dis-trict for the unanimous compliment they have paid me in selecting me for its standard-bearer for the coming conflict. I am grateful, so grateful, for this outspoken sentiment of esteem you have given me to-day. There is no easy fight before us. For the next five months I cannot recline upon a bed of roses. We have arrayed against us a great horde of men who are spurred onward by the hope of spoils. I am talking to Demo-crats and the true theory of Democracy is 'equal rights to all and spe-cial privileges to none.' Uphold those rights, bleed and die for them if need be. I have the highest regard for the gentlemen who opposed me in the primaries and withdrew in my favor and all I ask of any of you is to show Washington, June 12.—The confer-nce report on the statehood bill was ciples of Democracy that I have striv-

"Blackburn is an ideal Republi-can representative. The two syllables of his name are very suggestive. The first syllable, 'Black,' signifies his syllable, 'burn,' suggests in what con-His nomination was obtained by trickery and chicanery. He deceived the people of Wilkes by holding up glit-tering inducements before honest young men. Some people from there are wearing stripes in Atlanta prison as a result of Blackburn's cam-

paign methods. "I have never claimed to be per fect but the people of Wilkes know that I have never concealed anything from them and never injured anyone. unless it was Dick Hackett. to me or come to me about any wrongs and I'll tell the truth. The fight is fight of decency and purity of government against every influence which tends to sink it into the cesspools of greed and graft.

"I WILL GO TO CONGRESS." "I will go to Congress as sure as the sun sets and I'll strive to meet every question without fear or bias. Mr. Blackburn has climbed high with his methods of impurity. He sacrifice Jesus Christ his for 30 pieces of silver, has already stabbed in himself has already stabbed in back his best friends. Spencer

gressional ladder by his underhand ways, but he will fall next Novem-ber and it will be the greatest fall of his life." During the course of his speech Mr Hackett also paid his respects to the Republican party and referred to the high tariff policy of that party.

PROFUSE CONGRATULATIONS. After concluding Mr. Hackett was surrounded by admiring friends and congratulations were offered from all sides. The convention was a remark-ably brief one, the time consumed be-

ably brief one, the time consumed being less than one hour.

The following executive committee was appointed: Alexander, E. L. Hedrick; Alleghany, S. H. Choate; Ashe, William Jones; Cabarrus, L. T. Hartsell; Caldwell, Edmund Jones; Iredell, H. P. Grier; Rowan, John S. Henderson; Surry, V. E. Holcombe; Henderson; Surry, V. E. Holco Watauga, J. C. Fletcher; Wilke M. Turner, S. H. Vanderford, Salisbury, was elected chairman of the

RICHARD NATHANIEL HACKETT.

emocratic Nominee for Congress in the Eighth Has Long Taken an Ac-tive Part in Politics—A Brief Bi-ographication Rich. Special to The Observer.

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Wilkesboro, June 12,—Richard Nathaniel Hackett who was to-day unanimously given the Democratic nomination for Congress in eighth district by the convention at Statesville, is a son of Dr. R. F. Hackett and Caroline Gordon. He was born at Wilkesboro, December 4, 1866. He received his preliminary education in the private schools of W. G. Woods and Rev. R. W. Barber. He was graduated from the University in 1887 and studied law under Col. George W. Folk, of Caldwell, and was admitted to the bar in 1888. He located at his home town, Wilkesboro, and is one of the leading lawyers of his section.

Mr. Hackett has always taken an active interest in politics, and was made chairman of the Democratic executive committee of Wilkea county the year he was 21 years old. He served as chairman for six pears and under his chairmanship, his party made steady gains, politing more votes than before or since. He has for many years been a member of the State Desmocratic executive committee and has taken an active part in all

Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina Convenes in Ninetieth Annual Ses-sion in Holy Innocents Church, Henderson, To-Day — Fully Two Hundred Lay and Clerical Dele-gates in Attendance—Ante-Conven-tion Sermon by Rev. R. W. Barn-well, of Petersburg, Va. On Sub-ject of Missions—Annual Sermon to be Prenched by Rev. R. B. Owens, of Rocky Mount.

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Headerson, June Il.—The ninetieth annual convention of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina conevenses in Holy In.

But of the Church of the Good Shapherd, Rocky Mount, will preach the convention sermon. It is expected that the attendance at this convention will be in largest since the formation of the North Carolina Diocese. At least 20 clarical and lay delegates will be presented with clouds, a very large compregation was present to-might to hear the anticomment of the South. Mr. Barnwell chose as his token the formation of the North Carolina Diocese. At least 20 clarical and lay delegates will be presented with clouds, a very large compregation was present to-might to hear the anticomment of the South. Mr. Barnwell chose as his token the formation of the North Carolina Diocese. At least 20 clarical and lay delegates will be presented the heads of the five groups. The Head of the Apostels, "We cannot but speak the things of which we have seen and heard." He said in page:

"It is said there are two sides to every question. There must be two sides to every a testion. There must be two sides to every a testion. There must be two sides to every a betwo sides, but to those who belong to the great Church of God there and but one side. It trust that none will go forth to-night unconvinced of the subject of missions has but one side. It trust that none will go forth to-night unconvinced of the first half in the swiption world—a country teeming with energy, a people surpassing is energy all dehe nations on the face of the earth. What is the thought that pervades the mind of this nation? The dignity of work, the glory of the forth and the country teeming with energy, a people surpassing is energy all dehe nations on the face of the earth. Far up on the shores of Siberla there exists a colony of Indians and to that colony every year there comes a silp for trade. Where a man can be sought these the flag of the sought of the presence of the surpassing is energy all de

year there comes a ship for trade. Where a man can be sought there the flag of trade will go. Can we say that when the world manifests this spirit of enterprise and that the Church should be idle? Can trade go to the very confines of the earth and must not the Church be found there also? Why does the trader go? That he may sell for a percentage on the dellar that he may be the gainer thereby. If the business world can go for a dollar why can't the Church of God go for a soul?

SHOULD GO HAND IN HAND WITH COMMERCE. "When the great railroad was built through Siberia four or five travelers and weary strangers could be seen who had toiled and suffered hardship that had toiled and suffered hardship that they might enter into trade with the Russian people. They were the repre-sentatives of an American firm who had sentatives of an American firm who had gone to meet the representatives of the railroad there to seil engines, cars and other railroad equipments. That was American enterprise. So they go for the interest of capital and investment. But the souls of men that might be raised to the dignity of true menhood are they not worth as much? Is not this sufficient motive to send us forth to carry joy and peace to souls. The arms carry joy and peace to souls. The army moves forward as a unit at the comman of its general. Our Lord is the leader of the general at the head of the army. We are not to ask questions or think of victory or failure, but to trust and obey. We have enlisted and must obey. The soldier cannot desert or say the campaign is a mistake or the general wrong. The simple soldier must go. We despise traitors. Disobeyence to orders is, among soldiers, the greatest of critnes. Treachery to God should be regarded in the same light by us. We are engaged in a holy war. The difference between the patriot and the hireling is very great. One goes forth from a mere sense of duty. The other is filled with a Holy passion. The spirit of Christian patriotism should actuate and we should march forward joyously as servants of the Lord of hosts. We, in the army of the Church, are taught to pray, taught by the Master Himself, the simplest, sweetest, strongest, most human prayer in the world, the universal prayer, Thy kingdom come. And whoever enters into the spirit of that prayer must put himself by the side of his Master. His heart holds him and carries him forward. Our Lord came from heaven to earth not that a few might be saved, but that all men might be saved. He came to give power on earth. He came to make this world better and life sweeter and stronger. "Far up in the region of the North, in Alaska's bleakness and barrenness, 1,200 men were shut up in the mining camp. There were no books, no doctors, a nonurse. One morning, over a great mountain, a sick, weary, frost-bitten traveler, an angel of mercy, came this single man with a few indians. He came and preached the Gospel to them and said that next year he would see that they had a school, books, doctors, a hospital and nurses. Hope and comfort came to them. He was simply a follower of Jesus Christ, Many ages ago there was a time, says the scientists, when a mass of darkness covered the carth. Greener was the earth then than ever since, but a mist covered the carth is as a green an

11 BLOWN UP NEAR ROANOKE.

Roumanian Laborers on Tidewater Railroad Victims of Explosion— Four Dead and Two More in Criti-cal Condition.

Roanoke, Va., June 13 .- While try Rosnoke, Va., June 12.—While trying to remove the tamping from a
hole in a rock where the dynamite had
been placed to go off, an explosion
occurred to-day at the Bear-Wallace
construction camp on the Tidewater
Railroad fifteen miles west of Roanoke, blowing up 11 Roumanians. Two
men were killed outright and two
more died just after reaching a hospital at Radford, Va. Two others are
in a precarious condition, one sufin a precarious condition, one fering with a badly fractured a and the other with ruptured intes

Another accident occurred at the same camp later in the day in which one man was seriously injured.

The names of the dead and injured

NO YELLOW JACK IN LOUISIANA. resence of the Disease at Ship Is-land Calls Forth Many Inquiries and an Official Answer.

New Orleans, June 12.—An official statement that there are no cases of yellow fever in New Orleans or in Louisionana was issued to-day by the Louisiana board of realith. This statement was called forth in response to dozens of telegrams and letters received by the board inquiring whether yellow fever existed here. Most of the messages came from the North and East.

State Bankers' Association Starts Agitation, Atlanta and Savannah Resting Their Respective Claims Pending Main Outcome—War Declared on Cotton Speculation.

Atlanta, Ga., June 12.—The con-cluding sessions of the Georgia State Bankers' Association were held here to-day and the following officers were

President, John H. Reynolds, Rome; vice presidents, Joseph S. Davis, Al-bany; Oscar E. Dooley, Macon; Chas

Bankers' Association, which assem-bled here Monday for its thirteenth annual meeting as the guests of the Georgia Bankers' Association, held a separate meeting to-day for the transaction of business and reached final adjournment.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, George D. Munroe, Quincey; vice presidents, F. W. Hoyt, Fernandins, George E. Lewis, Tallahassee, George W. Allen, Key West, F. T. Monroe, Ocala, and John Trice. Tampa: secretary-treasurer, George Desasurre, Jacksonville (re elected); executive council, A. E.
Perry, Jacksonville, T. P. Denham,
Jacksonville, E. S. Crill, Palatka,
John Trice, Tampa, and John L. Dismukes, St. Augustine. F. W. Hoyte, of Fernandina, read

an interesting paper on "The Man in the Cage," and W. V. Knott, State reasurer of Fiorida, presented a pa-per on the policy of the State in depositing State funds in banks nending the appointment of a special

reference to the examination of State banks by the State government, and also to definitely define and enumer-ate bank holidays and designate their observance when they fall on Sunday. An invitation was presented to the asociation to hold its next annual meeting at Birmingham, Ala., as the guests of the Alabama State Bankers' Association, which was referred to the incoming executive council.

ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.

Durham Man, Despondent Because He Was Out of Work, Makes Un-successful Effort to End His Life successful Eff in "Uchmond.

Special to The Observer. Richmond, Va., June 12 .- Out of work, money, and a stranger in Rich-mond, James Kendrick, of Durham. N. C., evidently of good family and who knows a number of prominent Richmond ministers, took bichloride of mercury tablets this morning and would have died but for the work of Dr. Hudgins, of the ambulance

Kendrick was picked up on the street as a suspicious character and, shortly after being locked up, was taken with convulsions. The ambulance responded promptly to the call and Dr. Hudgins, with his stomach pump, saved the man's life. This afternoon Dr. Hudgins said the man's, nerves were shattered, probably from exposure and drinking. The man came here from Washington to look for work. He refuses to talk about himself, except to say that he is personally acquainted with a number of prominent ministers

FORTNER A PRISONER.

Ill Health of South Carolinian May Be Used as a Plea.

Norfolk, Va., June 12 .- J. Mathews Norfolk, Va., June 12.—J. Mathews Fortner, the former mountain boy of Pickens, S. C., who deserted from the navy shortly after his enlistment in 1903 and had been studying for the Baptist ministry at Furman University, Greenville, S. C., until arrested as a deserter, is now in prison on the receiving ship Franklin at the Norfolk navy yard, awaiting trial by the general court martial. The young man was brought here Sunday.

It is declared that Fortner is now suffering from pulmonary tuberculo-sia, and this will be used in his behalf when a further effort is made to have President Roosevelt act in the case following the courtmartial. Until his trial Fortner must remain a prisoner on the Franklin,

May Reappoint Dismissed Midship-

Washington, June 12.—The President is given authority by the bill ordered favorably reported by the Sensite committee on naval affairs to reappoint such of the midshipmen at the Naval Academy recently dismissed for hasing as may be reappointed without prejudice to the naval service. These midshipmen are to be assigned to the classes next below those of which they were members when dismissed.

RATE BILL RETURNED ENTIRE

Democrats, Afded by Eight Republicans, Were Insistent That the Body Express Inself Upon Senate's Sleeping Car and Anti-Pass Amendments in Sending Measure Back to Conference, But Lost Fight—Party Whips on Both Sides Active—Mr. Williams Charges Breach of Faith—Westerners Bitterly Assail Packing House Exposures as Hurtful.

Washington, June 12 .- With a very large proportion of the members present, due to the activity of the Republican and Democratic whips, the House to-day passed a rule sending the railroad rate bill back to conference as asked for by the Senate, without even an expression of its wishes as to any of the amendments to the bill. The rule was debated for forty minutes. The leaders participated in the discussion, the Democrats taking the position that the time was opportune to concur in the sleeping car amendment and instruct the confercas as to the anti-pass amendment. Although the Democrats were aided by eight Republicans, they could not command votes enough to defeat the rule, which was adopted 184 to 99.

MR. DALZELL PRESENTS RULE. When the House met, Mr. Dairell of Pennsylvania, presented a rule from the committee on rules taking the railroad rate bill from the Speaker's table and sending it to conference as requested by the Senate.

Mr. Williams, of Mississippi, the minority leader, desired to offer an amendment, but with a shake of his head Mr. Dalzell refused permission. Mr. Dalzell then moved the previous question, whereupon Mr. Williams demanded the yeas and nays, and the roll was called. By a vote of 186 to 92, the previ-

ous question was ordered.

Mr. Dalzell explained the parliamentary status of the rate bill, stat-ing that the Senate had amended the bill and that on the request of the House a conference between the two Senate has re-committed the bill to the conferees. The rule proposes to grant the request of the Senate for a further conference.

MR. WILLIAMS AMENDMENT. Mr. Williams, the minority leader said that the House was pretty familiar with rules by this time. If they wanted to be gagged, all they had to do was to vote for the rule. dired to express themselves on the great questions involved in the rate bill, they would vote no. He said the gentleman from Pennsylvania, Dalzell, had promised the House that it would have a chance to vote on the amendments and now brings in a rule prehibiting an honest expression. Mr. Williams then read the amendment he proposed to the rule as reported by Mr. Dalzell from the committee on rules:

"Provided, however, That the House conferees are instructed to concur in the Senate amendment declaring sleeping car companies mon carriers; and are further in-structed to insist upon exempting from the provision forbidding free passe of officials and employes of the rall-roads and their immediate families." Mr. Bartlett, of Georgia, opposed the adoption of the rule because, he to vote on the Senate amendments. called attention to the statement made by Mr. Grosvenor, of Ohio, on May 25, when the bill was, by a rule, first sent to conference, and quoted him as saying:

QUOTES OHIOAN'S PROMISE. "I ask the House to hear what I say and measure my languate-when that conference report comes back there will be a chance to vote on every amendment the House desires to vote upon and then we will debate, and for once in my life I think I occup; a position where I can enforce the

suggestion I have made." Paraphrasing what was said by Joshua, Mr. Prince, of Illinois, received a round of applause when he stated his position: "Choose ye this day whom you will serve; the sleeping car companies or the people; as for me and my house, we will serve the

Mr. Richardson, of Alabama, wa pronouncedly against the rule, believ House to set the seal of its approval on some of the amendments of the Senate, particularly on the question of sleeping cars.

DEFENDED BY MR. TOWNSEND. Mr. Townsend, of Michigan, was in avor of the rule on the ground that t was orderly procedure to determine what the House desires.

He said that sleeping cars had not been originally considered in question with rate regulation at the time the bill was first considered in committee, but as the dangerous doctrine of specification had been adopted, he be lieved that sleeping cars should be included in the bill. Speaking of the bill itself, Mr. Townsend said it was a much better bill than the most ardent friend of the measure hoped for when the agitation began. Mr. Grosvenor said that the posiion of the House was the same when the conference asked for by the Senate had been agreed to; that the House had no conference report properly before it, and that he stood n the same position on the right to liscuss the amendments as he did on May 22.

Mr. DeArmond, of Missouri, called the rule "gag law" and said now was the time to vote on the amendments

as to sleeping car companies and passes for railroad employes.

The rule was adopted—yeas, 184; nays, 99, and Messra. Hepburn, of Iowa, Sherman, of New York, and Richardson, of Alabama, were appointed conference. cointed conferees. WESTERNERS ASSAIL REPORT.

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While the sundry civil bill was under consideration the House in committee of the whole adopted an amendment offered by Mr. Bowersock, of Kansas, prohibiting canteeps in soldiers' homes. Unexpectedly, the Nelli-Reynolds report on the condition of Chicago packing houses came in for severe criticism, Mr. Mondell, of Wyoming, Mr. Sisyden, of Texas, and Mr. Pulkerson, of Missouri, discussing the advisability of the report in scathing terms. Mr. Ames, of Massachusetts, defended both the President and the report and

Ames, of Massachusetts, defended both the President and the report and insisted that the packers should pay the cost of inspection.

The Speaker appointed Representative Balzoli, of Pennsylvania, as regent of the Smithsonian Institution.

The House adopted the conference report on the Indian appropriation bill.

ANTI-PASS SECTION FATED UNANIMOUS FOR HACKETT THE DIOCESAN CONVENTION FOR SUB-TREASURY IN GEORGIA. HOUSE MAGNATES USE GAG HAS THE EMPIRE TRAPPED U. S. CRUISER WAITS CAT-LIKE

American Vessel Which Has Formed the Navy of the Guatemalan Revolutionista, Sailing Loaded With Arms and Men Several Weeks Ago, is Cornered in Nicaraguan Waters by the Marblehead—Will be Seized the Moment She Leaves Neutral Waters and Held to Answer for Her Misdeeds—State and Navy Departments Advised.

Washington Auge 12—The United

Washington, June 12.—The United States cruiser Marblehead has the American steamer Emptre cornered in the harbor at Corinto, Nicaragua, and the moment the little American vessel attempts to leave the Nicaraguan coast it is believed the warship will seize it and bring it to account for the part played in assisting Guatemalan revolutionists.

Both the State and Navy Departments have been advised of the presence of the warship and the steamer in the Nicaraguan port, and the cabibelieved to have decided on punish-ing the American ship for its activity in the Central American revolution The Empire sailed from San Francisco for Central America geveral weeks ago and is said to have carried more than 100 men and a number of field guns and much ammunition to the Guatemalan revolutionists at San After unloading its cargo at San Jose, the steamer sailed back to the Corinto, where it had coaled previous Mr.

to going to Guatemala.
It is charged that the Empire acted for a short time as a sort of navy for the Guatemalan revolutionists who are attempting to overthrow Presi dent Cabrera, and terrorized the little republic, which has hitherto always confined its warfare to the land. Nicaragua is believed to have violated neutrality by aflowing the Em-pire to coal at Corinto and start for attempt was made to conceal the purpose of the Empire nor the nature of its cargo.

HE IS DEAD NOW.

Report of Demise of Negro Shot by Miss Pearl Jones Was Premature— Death, However, Came at Last— Coroner's Inquest To-Day—Merritt Taken to Raleigh Prison. Special to The Observer.

Selma, June 12 .- The negro, Bud Richardson, whom Miss Pearl Jones, the Selma long-distance telephone vas reported dead last night, but it leveloped this morning that he had merely suffered a sinking spell. While his cousin came up town and re-ported him dead, which report was universally accepted as true until this morning, when it developed that he had revived. He lived until 3 o'clock this afternoon, when he cer-tainly died. The Observer's correspondent, not satisfied to take any-body's word for it, went to the house and personally examined him and knows he is dead beyond recall. The county coroner will hold an inquest over the body at this place to-morrow morning, by request of the father of the young lady, for the purpose grand jury, which o

The accomplice, Jim Merritt, who was given a preliminary hearing here Sunday afternoon and who placed in jail at Smithfield. county seat, was last night taken to Raleigh and lodged in jall there for safe keeping, which, the sheriff ex-plains, was to preclude the possibility of a lynching. The good citizens of this place, however, resent this insinuation and say there was absolutely no danger of such an occurrence, which I believe to be true After the coroner's inquest to-morrow the case will be closed until September, when the Superior Court meets. Miss Jones will continue her

ON FERTILIZER INDUSTRY.

Census Report Shows Decrease in Number of Establishments and Salaried Men, But Substantial Growth Otherwise.

there has been a decrease in the number of establishments as well as in the number of salaried officials, clerks, etc., employed, there never-theless has been a substantial increase in other particulars. The fig-ures are for the year 1904 as compard with 1960, the year of taking the twelfth census, and the following showing is made: Number of establisiments, 44, a decrease of 5 per cent.; salaried officials, clerks, etc., 1,618, a decrease of 6 per cent.; capital invested, \$69,023,364, an increase of 14 per cent.; wage-earners, 14,201, an increase of 23 per cent.; wages paid, \$5,142,147, an increase of 23 per cent.; total value of products, \$56,632,853, an increase of 27 per

The total value of products is exclusive of fertilizers, valued at \$2,-969,714, manufactured by establishments classified as slaughtering and meat packing, grease and tallow,

FLORIDA POSTMASTER SKIPS. . P. Chancey and All Funds of Saf-

fold Office Are Missing.

Jacksonville. Fig., June 12.—Postal authorities here were notified to-day that James F. Chancey, postmaster at 18 Saffold, Manatee county, had left for parts unknown, and all the funds of the office are missing. The matter was reported by J. D. Saffold and P. H. Snipe, who are Chancey's bondsmen. Postoffice Inspector Lake Jones left at once for Saffold to take Scharge of the office and make a thorough investigation. He will designate one of the bondsmen as acting postmaster until a new postmaster is appointed. A description of Chancey has been telegraphed to postoffice inspectors in several States and every effort will be made to apprehend him. Jacksonville, Fla., June 12.

Lafe Insurance Officials Arraigned.
New York, June 12.—Frederick A.
Burnham, former president of the
Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Company, and George. Burnham and
George D. Elridge, formerly vice presidents of that company, were arraigned on five indictments returned
by the grand jury against each of
them, charging forgery and grand
harceny. Through their counsel they
pleaded not guilty. The date for the
trials has not been fixed.

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Senator Simmons, the official head of the Democracy in the Old North State by reason of his position as State chairman, is watching with keen interest the rising tide that promises to make William Jennings Bryan the Democratic nominee President in 1908. In fact, Mr. mons to-day declared himself in favor of Bryan and, like Col. Watterson, entertains the while the very "liveliest and largest hope." The North Caro-lina Senator looked with favor upon senator looked with favor upon candidacy of Judge Parker when the campaign came on two years ago, but to-day he authorized a statement of his belief that conditions now point to the wisdom of nominating the Nebraskan. He says that Bryan and Aycock would be about the right thing, and he believes that Mr. Bryan and North Carolina's former oblot executive would nake mer chief executive would make combination that would appe combination that would powerfully to the country. appeal

A political writer recently said: With the Democratic national convention two years off, Mr. Bryan, wrapped in contemplation of Old vention two years off, Mr. Bryan, wrapped in contemplation of Old World wonders, has stamped his party more effectively than he did in 1896 and 1900. Democracy now finds a truth in the old song 'Absence Makes the Heart Grow Fonder.' Democrats of half a dozen States, Arkansas, Missouri, Iowa, Indiana, Ohio and South Dakota, have formally proclaimed him their choice for the presidency in 1908. Wiscopsin, Minnesota and New York and nearly all of the Southern States are nearly all of the Southern States are expected to fall in line in the Bryan procession." This, perhaps, may be regarded as a true portrayal of the situation, only Ohio has not formally declared for Mr. Bryan. The Democrats of the Buckeye State may be depended upon to do so, however.

A PORTRAYAL OF THE SITUA-

HAVE CONFIDENCE IN BRYAN. Representative Charles A. Towne, left the Republican party in 1896 to follow the Bryan banner, renumerous Democrats in Washington, when he said: "The spontaneity and sincerity of the demand for Mr. Bryan's nomination in 1908 are only the natural sequences of the political people of the United States want progress with safety and reform with justice. They do not propose, in cor-recting the evils of monopoly, to run the excesses of either socialism or benevolent despotism. They have imof vindicating her and preventing the the courage, the sincerity, the honesty necessity of an investigation by the and the ability of Mr. Bryan. No grand jury which orders many the land the ability of Mr. Bryan. No run the gauntlet of criticism and come out of it with such increased prestige. I look upon his nomination as already practically assured and upon his election as little less cersult of congressional elections cratic party a majority in the House, a task of the utmost difficulty will confront the legislative leaders that party. They would have responsibility without the power, and, steps would be both easy and costly, should the Republicans carry House by a narrow margin, t task would be only less trouble-

NEW DREDGE BOAT FOR CAPE FEAR. In conversation with Representa-

tive Patterson to-day, General Mc-Kenzie, chief of the engineering corps of the War Department, agree to order the construction of a new Washington, June 12.—A preliminary report by the Census Bureau to-day on the fertilizer industry of the United States shows that while the proposed canal on the Fear.

PLEASED WITH COMMITTE AS-

Senator Simmons says he is very much pleased with his assignment to membership on the committee on commerce, as it is this committee that deals with the river and harbor ap-propriations. He had, he said, voluntarily given up the position he held on the committee on postoffices and grounds, upon the condition that he was to be succeeded by Senator Overman. He said the present arange-ment he regarded as most fortunate for the material interests of the State, The State is now represented by Senator Overman on the commit-tees of public buildings and grounds, elections, military, claims and forest reservations, and by himself on postoffices, agriculture, inter-oceanic ca-nals and commerce. Senator Overman is in a position to give attention to the forest reserve bill, while the iniand waterway scheme and the other river and harbor works, including the canal on the Cape Fear from Wil-mington to Fayetteville, can be looked after by himself as a member commerce committee. "We can lo after," said Senator Simmons, " virtue of our position on these co-mittees, postal matters, claims, pe sions, the great interests of agricuture, and the South's interest in the

MONUMENT WILL BE BUILT. Senator Overman brought up in the Senate to-day and secured the pass-age of the bill appropriating \$30,000 for the erection of a monument on King's Mountain battlefield.

New York, June 12.—Property valued at more than a half million delars was destroyed, nearly a score of fremen injured, none fatally, aumany persons forced to fice from their homes in scanty attire by fire in the block bounded by Berger am Brook avenues and One Hundred Forty-seventh and One Hundred Forty-eighth streets, the Bronz, early to day.

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The principal loss falls upon Stuyvesant and Wheelock Plans Cpanics and Charles Riegers makers of bank and slore fixture