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20. S. SAILORS GUARD PALACE ARMED FORCE LANDED AT HAVANA

ACT A MEASURE OF PRECAUTION

id Glory Planted Ontside Pre-Palma's Residence and America Gans Stand as a Significant Warn-ing to Any Approaching With Hostile Intent — Sallors, Armed With Regulation Rifles, Were Landed From the Cruiser Denver After a Conference Between Cuban Prest-dent and Ship's Officers - Move Caused the Greatest Surprise special Session of Congress To-Day -Newspapers Welcome American Warships.

Havana, Sept. 13, - There are one hundred and twenty sailors from the United States protected cruiser Denver camped to-night in front of old La Fuerza castle facing the Plaza de Armas, the little park in front of the presidential palace, which is the seat of the Cuban government. The American flag is planted just inside of the low stone coping separating the castle grounds from O'Reilly street, which thoroughfare passes between the camp and the Plaza 'do Armas. The American sallors are armed with regulation rifles with the exception of a few who carry revolvers or carbines. Two field howitzers and two rapid-fire guns were sent ashore with the sallors and now point across the pretty little park, a significant warning to any one approaching the executive headquarters of the Cuban government with hostile, intent.

CAUSED GREAT SURPRISE. The whole business was done so quietly and quickly that it caused the greatest surprise. The reason for the sudden landing of the American sailors was a conference between President Palma, Charge d'Affaires Sleeper and Commander Colwell this afternoon. On the occasion of the latter's formal call upon President Palma, Mr. Sleeper asked the President the direct question whether he usidered that the government was able to protect all American interests in Havana unaided. The President replied that he hoped the government would be able to do so, but himself ted that it might be advisable as a measure of precaution in the interests of Americans as well as for e maintenance of order in general land marines at some convenient point, suggesting the Phase de Armas as the place. Mr. Sleeper and Com-mander Colwell after a brief confer-ence decided that the landing should be made this evening, and at 5:30 o'clock the detachment under Command of Executive Officer Miller be gan coming ashore, with arms, ammunition and camp paraphernalia and took up a position commanding the approaches to the palace. Two hours later the commissary outfit followed with supper for the officers and men. Questioned whether their duties on shore would simply be protection of American interests or defense of the palace and President Palms, Executive Officer Miller and the other officers of the detachment unanimously replied that if the town should be cked or if an uprising occurred in the city they undoubtedly would have something to do regardless of fine questions as to who attacked.

the men named to surrender their SULLIVAN UNFIPFORPLACE ALLEGED MURDERER FLEES ON TRIAL FOR HIS LIFE ands and hand over their arms to Commander Colwell on the sole condition that the United States gov-BUNS WITH TRUST, SAYS BRYAN SMITHFIELD HAS A SENSATION. rnment through him guarantee them

kan Gives Out Reply to State ment by National Committeem From Iflinois — Refuses to Low the Discussion to One of Person Controversy — Party Organizatio Must he Above Suspicton and Man With Corporation Connection Must Not be Permitted to Becom ifelli, accompanied by Charge d' Affaires Sleeper , immediately carried and asked Commander Colwell if he a Party Manager—Will Urge Party to Take a Position in Which it Can Fight Boldly.

der Colwell replied in the negative, but advised the President to commu Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 13.—The reply William J. Bryan to the statement nicate with the Washington governof Roger Sullivan, of Chicago, was given out to-night. Mr. Bryan had ment on the subject which was done aid that he would not lower the dis-cussion with Mr. Sullivan to one of personal controversy. The text of REGRET NECESSITY OF STEP. s reply follows: "In his speech before the Jefferson

rofound Interest at Washington in Cuban Situation—Request for Arm-ed Force From Denver Stated to Have Been Made by American Charge at Havana. Club in Chicago on the evening of September 4, Mr. Bryan referred to the case of Mr. Roger Sullivan, Democratic national committeeman Washington, Sept. 13.—The land-ing of one hundred of the blue jackets of the American protected cruiser from Illinois, Mr. Sullivan has replied in a statement quite characteristic of the man and his methods, but he will not be permitted to lower this discussion to the level of a per-sonal controversy. Mr. Sullivan is the Democratic national committee-Denver on Cuban soll and their camping in front of President Palma's palace in Havana to-night in antici-pation of possible attack or uprising, caused the-most profound interest in official circles here, as well as regret at the necessity for such action. In man from Illinois, helding his office by virtue of unfair methods. This matter was presented to the St. Louis convention and the evidence" would have convinced the convention had taking this step, it is believed Com-mander Colwell, of the Denver, did In not the delegates feared the effect of an adverse decision uopn the presi fact it was stated on official authority dential candidate whom they were pledged to support. If Mr. Sullivan to-night that the instructions to the American officials were such that the armed force would have been landed disputes the assertion that a consider-

able majority of the delegates to the only upon a request coming through Springfield convention were opposed to him he can fight the question out Sleeper, the American charged'affaires at Havana, who perhaps, with the majority league of Illinois, hotter acquainted with the internal altuation in the island republic than which will doubtless accommodate him. any naval officer. It had been the expressed hope of the Washington om-cials that no fuch eventuality as land-NOT "UP TO" MR. SULLIVAN. "As Mr. Bryan has not asked for a ing troops would arise. Officials of the State and Navy De-partments stated to-night at .10 nomination and has not announced that he will be a candidate, he will not submit the question whether he should be a candidate to Mr. Suilio'clock no official report had been re-

yan or to any body of person ceived regarding the landing from the less Denver. In the absence of official dispatches from the diplomatic or na-In the absence of official numerous than the members of the Democratic party of the United val officers of the government on duty States. Neither can the question as to whether Mr. Sullivan should be rein Cuba the government officials decline to comment upon the action. elected to the national committee be Acting Secretary of State Bacon left submitted to the members of a convention already adjourned. on a late train for New York for a Such a conference to-morrow with President decision would have no binding force,

The question must be submitted to the delegates of Illinois when they meet to select delegates to the next national convention, and Mr. Sullivan will not be permitted to dodge the issue that is raised against him. He is officially connected with a favorfranchise-holding corporaseeking, tion, and the question is whether Washington, Sept. 13.—Lato to-night it was officially sincounced here that the sailors who were land-ed at Havana from the American Democratic organization should be paralyzed by the influence men whose private interests make it im-

ed at Havana from the American cruiser Denver have been ordered to immediately return to their vessel, leaving on shore a small guard for the American legation. This action followed the receipt of an official re-con from Mr. Bleepor, the American charge d'affaires at Havana, regard-ing the landing of the men. The report was not made public, but it announced officially shortly after-ward that the sailors were landed possible for them to be guardians of

harles Peacock, Against Whom Johnston Grand Jury Returns True Bill for Murder of Alonzo Jones, Takes to His Heels and is Still at Large—Was Recently Released in Habens Corpus. Proceedings—Evi-dence Agains: Him Strong—Negro, Convicted of First-Degree Bargiary, Is Sentenced to Life-Time Imprison-ment Instead of Gallows on Pice of Prosecuting Witness.

Prosecuting Witness. Special to The Observer. Seima, Sept. 13.—There were de-velopments of a semsationi character at Smithfield (o-day when the Jones-murder case was called for trial in Johonston Superior Court. Following the announcement that the grand inv had returned a frees bill of more had returned a true bill of murder in the first degree against Charles Peacock, a well-known young maa of the town, for the killing of Alonso Jones, Congressman E. W. Pou, of counsel for defense, informed the court that Mr. Peacock was at his home ready to submit to arrest whenever the officers of the law should call for that purpose. When the sheriff's officer arrived, however, Peacock was not at home and all efforts so far to locate him have proved fu-tile. He was seen in town this morning. When last seen he was about five miles from town.

All Smithfield was shocked when young Peacock, a social favorite and a member of one of the town's best families, was arrested, charged with the murder of Alonzo Jones, a merchant of Smithfield, on the night of July 13th. At that time the belief was general that a mistake had been made and all were loath to believe that Peacock was in any way connected with the horrible crime. Since that time, however, evidence has come to light

which strengthens the bellef that he is guilty and this is still further strengthened by the act of the young man in fleeing on the eve of his trial. Shorily after his arrest a writ of habeas corpus was granted Peacock by Judge Connor, since which time he has remained at home. Every effort, it is believed, will be made to apprehend the alleged murderer. It is the gen-eral belief here that, should he be caught and brought to trial, he will

EVIDENCE AGAINST PEACOCK. Following an investigation by the oroner's jury, in the course of which several witnesses were examined. Pea-cock was arrested. The principal witness was Bill Holt, a negro, who tes-tified that, on the might of the 18th of July, he passed Jones and Peacock ogether near the Highland bridge, where Joues' body was found the fol-lowing morning, this being ten min-utes before he heard shots in the direction in which he had left the two men. Three negro hoys also testified that they passed the two men near the Highland bridge that night and a few

moments later heard three pistol shots. Indisputable evidence has been obtained which contradicts the testimony of a young Smithfield man be-fore Judge Connor in the habeas corpus proceedings, to the effect that Peacock was seen going along a cer-tain street in the town towards his home ten minutes before the time at

SHOT SISTER'S BETRAYER DEAD

hn Y. Kincaid, Who Shot to Death

ohn Y. Kinenid. Who shot to Death Will Brown, a Bridegroom of an Hour, at Bessemer City August 1st. Arraigned on Murder Charge in Gaston Court at Dallas—Byrd and Fowler Sentenced on Minor Count and Held Under Bond to Answer Charge of Conspiracy to Liberate. Prisoner—Three Assailants of Gas-tonia Man Anchy for Writ of Habea⁵ tonia Man Apply for Writ of Haben⁵ Corpus, Hearing Being Set for Saturday. 1

special to The Observer.

Dallas, Sept. 13.—The trial of John f. Kincaid, of Bessemer City, for the murder of Will Brown was pegun in Gaston Superior Court this morning. The court room was crowded through out the day and unusual interest is peing manifested in the case. The deed for which Kincaid is now answering to the court was committed on the morning of August 1st in the back room of a store near the passenger depot at Bessemer City when he shot Brown to death, claiming that the latter had betrayed his sister. Brown had just that morning married a young woman of Bessemer City and had come to the depot with the intention of leaving on an early train with his bride for a trip to Danville. There was guite a crowd around the depot and the killing created some-thing of a sensation. Kincaid surrendered himself to the officers and way immediately committed to the county jail here, where he has since been confined. It has been alleged that the dead man had two or three wives and it seems that public sympathy is large

ly with Kincaid. When court convened this morning Kincald was arraigned for trial, his attorneys being O. F. Mason, of Dallas; E. T. Cansler, of Charlotte, and C. E. Whitney, of Bessemer City. The State is represented by Solicitor Heriot. Clarkson and Mr. C. B. Sims, of Spartanburg, S. C. Four witnesses were examined to-day. The State has still ten or 12 witnesses to introduce These, together with the witnesses of the defense, will probably occupy the time of the court for the remainder of the week.

THE FIRST WITNESS.

Mr. C. W. Clark, a merchane of Bessemer City, was the first witness put on by the State. He owns the store in the back room of which the tragedy occurred. He said that, on the morning of the killing, he was in his store and saw Kincald and Brown enter the back room. When they had entered Kincaid said to Brown, "You have mistreated my sister," to which Brown replied, "It is not so." Kincaid said to Brown, "Brown, when you came to me and asked that you might call on my sister I fold you that, when she was a mere child, a man had betrayed her and that I would let you come if you would treat her right. But you did not treat her right." Brown replied, "I did treat her right," whereupon Kincaid called Brown a lying

Continuing; Clark said, "I turned toward Kincaid, saw his pistol in his right hand and said, 'My God, don't do that.' Kincaid fired and the ball went into the ceiling. Kincaid then reached around me and fired twice. I turned

PLEASED WITH ASHEVILLE.

The Mountain City Very Favorably hupresses Secretary of the Treas-ury—A Thousand Republicaus and Democrats Hear Him Deliver Non-Democrats He Partisan Addr

Special to The Observer.

Asheville, Sept. 13.—Secretary of the Treasury Leslie M. Shaw left Asheville this morning at 7 o'clock for Knoxville, Tenn., after a three-days visit to North Carolina. Mr. Shaw was greatly pleased with Ashe-ville and Asheville people literally fell in love with Mr. Shaw. Republi-cans and Democrate are agreed that

cans and Democrats are agreed that not for many years, if ever, have Asheville people been privileged to hear so interesting and entertaining a speaker as Secretary Shaw, At invitation of the board of trade At the delivered a non-partisan address at the auditorium last night, which was heard by almost 1,000 people. Notwithstanding the fact that there was some confusion on the part of the arrangements committee relative to the place of speaking, large crowds of men and women heard Mr. Shaw at both the noon and evening ad-dress and the Secretary, before leaving, said that the crowds were larger than at any place in the State where he had spoken. After the drive over the Biltmore estate yesterday afternoon and to other points of interest in and around Asheville Secretary Shaw said that he was delighted with Asheville and this section.

SEC'Y SHAW AT KNOXVILLE.

Is Introduced as "the Lincoln of Roosevelt's Cabinet" and Addresses 1,500 People.

Knoxville, Tenn., Sept. 13 .tary of the Treasury, Leslie M. Shaw, addressed an audience of 1,500 people at Market Hall here to-night on the political issues of the day. Shaw was introduced by Congress-man N. W. Hale, as "the Lincoln of Roosevelt's cabinet" and a man whom thousands would be glad to see Pres-Ident The speaker was given an ovation when he appeared on the platform. He confined his remarks to a discussion of the task of self-government, and to tariff. In closing he declared

that the Democratic party is search-ing for a policy with which to win a campaign and put it in office rathe than seeking the uplifting of t American people. Than that the American people. Than that he knew no severer criticism of any

party. His Crowd Small at Newport.

Newport, Tenn., Sept. 13 .- Secretary of the Treasury Leslie M. Shaw spok here to-day to a crowd of about 700 people. He defended the Republican administration, upheld the trusts as a general proposition, and vigorously attacked Mr. Bryan's doctrines, particularly his government ownership of railroads policy. He acknowledged Mr. Bryan to be "the most prominent private citizen in the United States today," but declared that should Bryan's ideas prevail, the country would

Cleveland was President," also that the enforcement of Bryan's theories would, in effect, "change the whole plan of government, which, Thomas Jefferson founded."

POLICE SUSPECT FOUL PLAY.

"go to ruin as it did when Grover

Miss Edith Pinner, Prominent Young

BRYAN AT CINCINNATL

Railroads East and West of the Mis-sissippi Divided on the Matter of Waiving or Enforcing the Require-ment-Each Group Accuses Other of Bad Faith - Sensation Injected into Proceeding by Letter Prom Western Railroad President, Warn-ing the Commission Against Sharp Practices and Urging That it Do Its Full Duty. Full Duty.

terest attached to the hearing of the inter-State commerce commission today on the question of the requirement of the new rallway rate law of 30 days notice of intended changes in freight rates. Aside from the fact that the testimony and discussions brought out charges and counter charges of endeavoring to restrict competition upon the part of lines east of the Mississippi and those west of that river, there was injected into the proceedings something of a sensation when Chairman Knapp read a letter from a party, whom he said was a well-known president of a Western railroad, instnuating, in connection with the question of waiver of the 30 days' notice, that the commission might "wink" at certain practices of the cotton exporters, while certain railroads might scoop their competi-

tors by inaugurating "instantaneous midnight tariffs." Chairman Knapp promised the reading of the lefter with the statement that it was for the information of those present and that his action should not be construed as, lending approval to the sentiments therein ex-

pressed. The name of the author of the letter was not announced, but it appealed to the commission to do its full duty and not permit itself "to be winked at," in order that "secret midnight rates" might not be given to some favored shipper. One passage of the letter is as follows;

"I protest against the letting down of the bars which will render the efforts of the company to obey the law useless, and result in a flood of illegal practices and compel railway officers to again sit in the shadow of the penitentiary the remainder of their lives."

JUDGE BAXTER SCORES WRITER. Judge Baxter, counsel for a number of railroads, upon the conclusion of the reading of the letter declared that he believed he knew the name of its

author. _____ " said he, "that he belongs to a class of railroads that nominally profess obedience to the law and make what profit they do make by secret midnight rebates. We are not here before this commission to ask it to wink at anything." Judge Baxter declared that a defendant

TO PROTECT PALMA?

The general impression here seems to be that it is the intention of the United States not only to protect American interests, but also the government of President Palma. The presence in the city of American mailors has had the effect of creating a feeling of comparative security against attack from without or of an international uprising. Reports had been current to-day that the worst elements of the population were planming to set fires, under the cover where rebberies might be committed it was also reported that insurgents in considerable numbers were ap proaching Havana from several directions. There has been no news received here to-day from the western portion of Pinar del Rio province on account of the interruption of telegraphic communication. The prov-face of Matanzas is reported to be still free of insurgents. Santa Clara, the most disturbed of the provinces, reports more accessions to the inurgent cause, but there has been no fighting Puerto Principe reports that some small parties have gone out to Join the insurgents. In / Santiago province there is considerable anti-government feeling but there are few Insurrection. Several actually in insurrection. Several villages adjacent to Cienfuegos are occupied by insurgents but the city has not been molested. Although there had been some questions of its departure, the through train for San-flago left to-night as usual. The United Cuban Railroads have not been spriously interfered with.

ariously interfered with. SPECIAL SESSION OF CONGRESS. The special session of Congress will convene to-morrow. The Moderate caucus to-day decided to back Presi-

Cent Palma's course in all respects. One of the great questions that is nowly but definitely cropping out as the result of the insurrection is that of race, the Moderates in general con-demning the insurgents as a mob of negroes led by white mon of lower character than the negroes them-

selves. The newspapers this evening com-mented favorably upon appearance of American warships in Cuban waters. land all of to-day. It is expected that the Tacoma will set away to-morrow morning. The Cleveland may leave in the afternoon and the New-ark Saturday morning.

OFFER TO SURRENDER.

Insurgent Will Turn Over Arms and Commands to American Officer if They are Guaranteed a Fair Trial by United States Government. Havana, Sept. 13 .- An extraordi-

Cubus Situation. Over Bay, N. Y., Sept. 13.—The Cuban situation is to be made the subject of a conference here to-mor-row between President Roosevelt, Acting Secretary of State Bacon and Secretary of the Navy Honaparte. The latter two officials will reach here to-morrow morping. They are to be guests of the President at the lunchean on the Mayflower. It is expected that the conference relative to Cuba will take place at Engamore Hill. nary incident in connection with the presence of an American force in Havana happened late this afternoon when Commander Colwell was approached by an accredited emissary of Alfredo Zayas, president of the Liberal party and General Layna sident of th dal Castillo, commander of the inturgent forces in Havana province. etth a signed offer from

the s from the Denver solely for the pro-tection of the lives and property of American citizens; that such action American citizens; that such action was in pursuance of a discussion be-tween Mr. Siesper, the charge, and the naval commander, with the be-lief that it was a wise precaution looking to the protection of the lives and property of Americans. There was no intention, it is stated, to do otherwise than safeguard American interests. That the landing in any way contemplated the protection of either the Cuban govevernment or connected. question of the hour, the party organeither the Cuban govevernment or the insurrectionary government, was disclaimed officially and it was point-ed out that this fact could not be emphasized too strongly. the position of pary managers. people cannot be fooled and the parts that attempts to fool them is sure to

SAILORS ORDERED TO RETURN.

to Leave a Small Guard for the American Legation—The Idea is Simply to Protect American Inter-

Instructions. From

Washington

Has Received No Such Order.

Has Received No such Order. Havana, Sept. 13.—Commander Colwell to-night was shown an Asso-clated Press despatch from Washing-ton stating that the sailors from the esuiser Denver had been ordered to return. He expressed great astonish-mnt and said he had received no such order, adding that he believed the Navy Department had not recon-sidered. are counted. ocratic party to put itself in a posi-tion where it can fight boldly and persistently for the regulation of such corporations as are not monopolistic. and for the prevention of any private monopoly whatever."

Marines Landed at Cienfuegos. Tampa, Fia., Sept. 13.—A private cablegram received here to-night from Cienfuegos. Cuba, states that marines from the United States gun-boat Marietta were landed at that place to-day to protect American in-terests. Department of Justice Has Many Complaints From Southern States and is Making Streamous Effort to Eradicate the Evil—Negrods and Italians the Alleged Victims.

HURRY ORDERS TO NORFOLK.

Several Cruisers at Navy Yard There Getting in Readiness to Proceed to Cubs.

TO CONFER WITH PRESIDENT.

Norfolk, Va., Sept. 13.—There were several hurry orders received from Washington to-day relative to the dis-

patching of cruisers now at this sta-tion to Cuba. Orders were issued by the com-mandants of the cruisers Newark. Tacoma and Cleveland, that all memcomplaints from Florida, Georgia and nearly every other Southern State that negroes are being held in a state of servitude without legal reasons. In Florida, North Carolina and else-where the charge is made that Italians have been subjected to the same treatment. A recent case in North Carolina would probably have regulted in prosecutions but the bers of the crews who desired shore liberty to-day, must report on board before 12 o'clock to-night. The cruiser Newark was ordered to take on board supplies sufficient for a six-months' cruise.

North Carolina would probably have resulted in prosecutions, but the Italians, so it is claimed, were bought off and got away before they could be held as witnesses. An important trial is now in progress at Cape Girardeau, Mo., where 14 or 15 negroes, including several former soldiers in the United States army, were held in a state of servitude for neurly a year, being threatened with death or arrest if they attempted to escape. cipate in the justice constant in that in that city this week. She was to have been fitted up here and sent to Charleson, S. C., as a station ship. Her officers were to have been granted Her officers were to have been granted 30 days' leave of absence. The fact that the Department Intends to rush the Newark to Cubs without that ship first receiving needed repairs is signi-ficant. Red flags warning other ves-sels that ammunition was being stor-ed on board, were fiying from the cruisers Newark, Tacoma and Cleve-land all of taday. If is expected

threatened with death of arrest it they attempted to escape. The Department of Justice proposes to follow all complaints that appear to be well-founded and to bring prosecutions until the practice is broken up in the South and wherever else it may exist.

ecial to The Observer.

AGAINST REMOVAL

Government's Special Agent Ra mends That Collector's Offic Retained at Asbeville and Will Probably he Done. Special to The Observer.

pecial to The Observer. Washington, Sept. 13.—Commis-oner Yerkes of the internal revenue reau now has before him the pa-ers in the case of the request for is removal of the office of the col-ctor of internal revenue from Ashe-lic to Statesville. He will render a scision in a few days. It is pretty ell understood that he will decide on the office is to remain at Asheaparte and Bacon Will th Chief Executive at Oyster Bay To-Day and Talk Over Cuban Situation.

office is to ren It is understood to-day that pecial agent who was sent down vestigate the matter has report-minst making a change. Judge hard and other important Be-tane have used their influence to the office remain at Asheville.

which other witnesses state they heard the shots which killed Jones. sorve the public while he is seeking to promote the financial interests The bridge where the tragedy occurof the corporation with which he is red is half a mile or more from the

town. The only evidence of weight "This is the issue. Before the for the defense is that of Peacock's trust question became the dominant mother and sister, who say he was at one it was not so important what a home in bed at the time the crime is man's corporate connections were believed to have been committed. but when this question is the supreme

The motive for the crime was robbery. Witnesses have been found who ization must be above suspicion and the Domecrats of Illinois and all say that Jones had in his pockets, a few moments before he left town, be-tween \$400 and \$500 in bills. When other States are invited to inspect the connections of those who' aspire to his body was found there, was no The money in the pockets.

PEACOCK'S REPUTATION Though a son of one of Smithfield's

learn of its mistake when the votes oldest and most highly respected citizens and a social favorite in the town "Mr. Bryan will urge the Demyoung Peacock's reputation was somewhat cloudy. For several years he was employed in the West and North-west as a telegraph operator and ever and anon there floated back to his home town vague rumors of events which placed a tinge upon his reputa-

tion. About twelve months ago he INVESTIGATING PEONAGE CASES. returned to Smithfield and opened a grocery store. He had, so far as the ublic knew, lived a correct life here

during those months and astonishment was great when he was failed on a harge of murder.

The defendant is represented Congressman E. W. Pou, ex-Gov. C. Washington, Sept. 13 .- It was an-ounced at the Department of Jus-B. Aycock, E. S. Abel and John A. Marrons. Solicitor H. W. B. Jones, for the State, is assisted by Col. T. M. tice to-day that a large number of peonage cases in the South are under investigation by the Department Brough its various branches. In most instances United States attor-neys are making the investigations Argo, of Raleigh, and John E. Woodard, of Wilson. Mr. Woodard is here and Col. Argo is expected to arrive to-morrow,

and are bringing the indictments, but in some instances special agents of the Department are at work, running down facts and evidence. There are complaints from Florida, Georgia and Jim Merritt, a negro, was to-day arrigned on a serious charge, that of attempting to enter the central teleshone office at Seima on the night of July 10th with the intention of com-mitting criminal assault. Merritt was arrested on the strength of a deathbed statement by Bud Richardson, an-other negro, who was shot by Miss

Pearl Jones, the night telephone oper-ator at Selma, and who died of his wounds. There is no other evidence aginst his except the statement of a white man that he saw Merritt the central office about fifteen min-

utes before the attompt to enter was made. Since his arrest Merritt has been confined in the penitentiary for safe keeping. With the evidence at hand it seems hardly probable that a conviction can be secured in this case. A white man named Hudson is sen-tenced to fifteen years in the State prison for manslaughter.

LIFE-TIME FOR BURGLAR

Jim Jones, a negro, was to-day sen-tenced to life-time imprisonment on a charge of burgiary. The deed was committed at Clayton. The jury re-turned a verdict of burgiary in the first degree, the punishment for which is execution at the hangman's hands. Mr. George Ellis, the prosecuting wit-ness, however, appealed before the court and stated that he did not want to see the negro hanged and asked that the sentence be changed and that the judge impose a sentence of life-time imprisonment instead. This was done. Jim Jones, a negro, was to-day senwas done.

5. Burton, chairman of a committee on rivers and h prived in this city to-night, of inspection and investigat inspection and investigation and Chattahooches rivers be special attention, as large tions are to be asked at the fon of Congress to Improve

and walked out. A NEGRO TESTIFIES.

The second witness was Tom Mc-Skelley, a negro, who said he was in the back room of the store the morning of the killing. He saw Brown come into the room with Kincaid behind him. Brown turned to Mr. Clark, the proprietor of the store, and said, "Mr. Clark, here is a man who accuses me of mistreating his sister but I did not do it." Kincald answered him, saying. You did do it. I told you that, as long as you came to my house and treated my sister right, it was all

right, but you did not do that." Brown cknowledged that Kincald had told him this but insisted that he had treated Kincald's sister right. Kincald cursed Brown, pulling his pistol from his pocket at the same time. Mr. Clark caught the pistol and cried. Don't." Clark got in front of Kincaid but the latter reached around him and fired twice. "As I went out the door," said the witness, "I heard something fail. Turning around I saw Kincaid coming out the door. I did not go into the room again but looked through the window'and saw Brown's ody lying on the floor."

The third witness was Phillip Mc-Skelley, brother to the second witness, whose testimony he corroborated in all material points.

Mr. D. M. Tate, Beasemer City's policeman, was next called. He told of Kincald's surrender to him and stated that the prisoner told him that he killed Brown because the latter had betrayed his sister.

Kincaid is a large man, with muscles of, iron. His hair is black and wiry, his face strong and de-termined. His wife and three chil-dren and his sister, Daisy, over whom the trouble arose and for whose name her brother says he committed the deed, sat with him. He was re-marksbly calm and reserved and, as

he sat with his blue-eyed baby girl time to time across his face.

He Addresses Over 10,000 People From Stand Erected on Baseball BYRD AND FOWLER TO GANG. The two Polk county men, Byrd and Fowler, who made a desperate but un-Grounds.

sell, a pal, from the county stockade near Tuckaseege several weeks ago, were to-day sentenced to the county onds for three months on a charge of carrying concealed weapons. The cases for conspiracy against them were continued till the November term of ourt, each being held under a bond of

Attorney C. D. Holland has applied to Judge Peebles for a writ of habeas to Judge Peebles for a writ of habeas corpus for Hinton McDonald, Elisha Branch and Robert Inman, three young white men held under bonds of \$1,000 each on the charge of secret assault on Mr. J. R. Fayssoux and his son, Hunter Fayssoux, at Gastonia two or three weeks ago. The additional charge of assault with deadly weapons is lodged against them. Argument in the matter will be

heard by Judge Peebles Saturday morning. Fayssoux was dangerously wounded and his recovery is still a matter of grave doubt.

Territorial Convention Names Delo-gates to Congress. Santa Fe. N. M., Sept. 13.—The Democratic Terriorial convention to-day nominated O. A. Larrazola of Las Vegas for delegits to Congrues. Reso-Vegas for delegte to Congress. Reso-lptions containing an Indorsement of William J. Bryan for the presidency in 1908 were enthusiastically cheered. Joint statehood for New Mexico and

ought to meet his accuser face-to-face. In this case, he said, the opnan of Hoboken. Dies in a Buffalo Private Hospital Under Circum portunity was not given / of even knowing the name of the writer of stances That Seem Unusual-Childbirth Given as Cause of Deaththe letter. He was not willing, Physician Held on an Open Charge. said, for the people he represented to be put in the attitude of judging with Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 13.-Superintenthe commission. "This," lent of Police Regan is investigating the death of Miss Edith Pinner in the hos-"was a public hearing and it, was extremely unfair that an anonymous letter writer should put us in the atpital of Dr. W. W. Turver at 101 Niagara street. The body is said to have been titude of endeavoring to obtain some shipped to Hoboken on Sunday night advantage over the commission. The certificate stated that the young wish to acquit the gentlemen I repwoman died of childbirth.

resent of any sinster or underhand or nefarious purpose toward obtaining anything from this commission." Dr. W. W. Turver is being he

Dr. W. W. Turver is being and at police headquarters on an open charge. In a trunk found in a room in the House occupied by the doctor was a complete outfit of wearing apparel. Bloody bed-ding and several packages of bloody ab-sorbent cotton are also said to have been found as the result of an investigation restered upon by the pailor to learn the Judge Baxter declared that so far as his roads were concerned they never had been accused before "of making anything analogous to a midnight secret tariff." The letter, he said further, "is an insult to the comfound us the result of an investigation entered upon by the police to learn the cause of a disturbance, in the doctor's house early yesterday morning when a number of windows were broken, bot-ties were strewn about the floors and the furniture overturned. Miss Mabel Geddes, a nurse at Tur-war's place the woman with whom Turmission as much as it is to us. It is an insult to us to suppose we would ask this commission to wink at any-thing and it is an insult to the com-

mission to suppose that it would wink at it if we asked it." The letter, he said, was a virtual confession of the ver's place, the woman with whom Tur-ver says he guarreled Tuesday night, will appear before the district attorney. writer "that the rebates and iniqui-Family Satisfied That Young Woman Died of Heart Trouble. tous work that he has been carryin

on is about as bad as you have even read of."

The commission passed the matter over without announcing the letter writer's name and ordered the hearing to proceed.

Died of Heart Trouble. New York, Sept. 13.—Miss Edith Pinner was a daughter of J. Pinner, of No. 57 Washington street, Hoboken, N. J. Tho father has been a business man of standing for 30 years. Mrs. Flatow, a sister of the dead girf speaking for the family fo-day, said: "We are mutsfield that my sister died from heart disease. I was with her when she died. I took her to Smith Hail, just outside of Buffalo, for treatment. She was suffering from neurasthenia and heart trouble. She was very sick when we left Hoboken. She died on Saturday and the told that the equise of death as given on the death certificate was child-birth Mrs. Flatow said that this was cer-tainly a blunder-that a great mistake had been made. VIEWS FROM VARIOUS SOURCES J. D. Moss, of Athens, Ga., an exporter of cotton, favored a return to the old system of making through rates good for 24 hours.

A. F. Churchill, of Savannah, of the Churchill line of stramers, an-nounced that he was prepared to give rates on cutton in advance for every

day in the year. F. B. M. Strachan, a steamship broker of Brunswick, and Savannah. Ga., and Fernandina, Fig., argued that the publication of an export rate on cotton to the several ports and the observance of that rate wihout change in less than 30 days' notice would

operate to the advantage of regula line steamers and against tram steamers. He therefore urged that the commission, under its discretion waive the 19 days' notice of propose

Cincinnati, O., Sept. 13.—Introdue-ed by Mayor E. J. Dempsey, and speaking from a stand erected over the diamond of the Cincinnati baseball park, William J. Bryan, to-night ad-dressed an audience that occupied all the 10,000 seats in the grand stand and several thousand additional chairs. Mr. Bryan, arrived from waive the 30 days' notice of propos-change of rates. The hearing developed into a ge-eral discussion of the whole subje-of cotton traffic, the outcome bei-that the representatives cast of 1 Mississippi who are favorable to 1 waiving of the 47 days' notice, and those west of the Mississippi we favor the enforcement of that pr vision of the law, charged each oth with endeavoring to restrict compochairs. Mr. Bryan arrived from Louisville at noon, and spent the af-ternoon in receiing a large number Mr. Bryan arrived

Mr. Bryan to-night returned thanks for the great crowd, the grand re-ception and for the kindly commen-dations given him by the moyor in his introduction. He claimed no credit with endeavoring to restrict co tion.

TRAGEDY IN WILMINGTON.

In General Row in Tenterion W. I., Williams is Mortally by Lonate Saipes, Who Shot by an Officer.

Wilmington, Sept. 13 .-- In the

derioin here early this m

(Pete) Williams, a well-ki ing man, was shot and in wor taranog a m bohme room by Lonnie Sniper, a Some all have not yet bended to Ban Some are in our party, some are Re-publicans, but all units for the better things. Your Democratic mayor was elected with the help of Republican votes. He applied, not to the bound but to the masses of the people and their conscience responded in his slection." with one of the local brewer ran, but a special efficer in the followed him and in a platein the street Salpes way do sounded in the stomad

dations given him by the moyor in the introduction. He claimed no credit because principles which he advocat-ed had grown more popular for he never thought he stood alone in the advocacy of the Democratic princi-ples. "The Democratic idea is larger than this republic," said Mr. Bryan in his speech. "There is no nation which I have visited in, which there are not the seeds of Democracy, and in them Democracy is growing. The man who puts country above self is the reformer. I have found every-where men striving to bring govern-ment nearer the will of the people. If is strange that reformers some-times are discouraged. Like Elilah's time, all have not yet bended to Hani. Bome fire in all near all the set to the set to be the strengt of the bedde to the set to be the strengt of the bended to Hani.

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