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### YOUTH CONFESSES KILLING MANY DIE BENEATH RUINS VETERANS SEE PRESIDENT LEGISLATURE'S DULL DAY ASK RECEIVER FOR HOTELS MRS. BLAIR QUESTIONED HOUSE VOTES FOR BAISE SAYS HIS FATHER FORCED HIM FEW HOUSES CAN BE OCCUPIED RETURNING FROM FT. FISHER, NOTHING NOTABLE BEFORE IT ACTION AGAINST TOXAWAY CO. TALKS TO CORONER'S JURY. \$7,500 PAY FOR CONGRESSMEN

Take Smith and Son, Charles Smith, Are Arrested Near Star on Charge of Killing Milton Bunnell in Cold Blood—Charles Confesses That He Killed Bunnell With Blade of Are, Being Ordered to do so by His Father—S56 in Money Was Secured —Alleged Conspirators Frightened Away by Approaching Train.

Special to The Observer, Troy, Jan. 18 .- Last night Make

Smith and his son, Charles Smith, were arrested near Star, on the charge of killing Milton Bunnell, some days Some suspected these parties from the beginning but yesterday the Smith, 17 years old, exhibited some gold to a boy at Biscoe and, on being of Jamaica asked where he got it, said: "About and about." These facts were called to the attention of Mr. Frank Page, who immediately swore out warrants for the arrest of the boy and his father. Then young Smith made a full cating his father as well' as himself.

Charles Smith's statement is about as follows: That on the night of of Spain Trinidad, with provisions, the tragedy Milton Bunnell, deceased, came by their house and after supper ment has exhibited a considerable sum of money; after he h: I gone in the direction of Star, Charles and his father entered into a plot to pursue, overtake and kill him for the money. Make Smith, the father, started in the direction in which Bunnell had gone and ordered Charles to get the axe and come on. They went in the direction Bunnell had gone, traveling by by-way. They overtook him on a railroad about Smiths home. Make Smith ordered messages from Jamaica are coming Charles Smith to kill Bunnell, else he, Make Smith, would kill Charles. Young Smith struck Bunnell one blow in the back of the head with the blade of the axe, knocking him to the ground. He struck him twice more after he had fallen.

They got only \$56 but would have rest had it not been for an approaching train, which frightened them away. Make Smith gave Charles \$10 of the money. Charles told where his father hid the rest of the money and also told where the axe was with which he killed the deceased. The money was found exactly where young Smith said it was hid, and the axe also where he said it was.

Court convenes here next Monday and Charles and his father will be put on trial for their lives. Make Smith denies having had anything to with the killing.

LEGISLATURE TO INVESTIGATE.

tot a Sound Building Remains in the Whole Area of Kingston-En-tire Business Portion Wiped Out-Whole of Jamaica Felt Shocks, but Little Damage Was Done Beyond a Radius of 12 Miles From King-ston-Six 19.2-Inch Guns Displaced and Barracks in Shaky Condition at Fort Royal-Up-Park Camp Also Destroyed-Death List Grows. The dituation at Kingston seems The situation at Kingston seems to be improving. Order has been re-established, and the work of burying the dead and caring for the injured is progressing on an organized been attending the reunion of the basis.

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itself. The American warships in the harbor have put on shore all the foodstuffs and medical supplies they could spare, and the the veterans as follows: Jamaican authorities have taken "It gives me peculiar pleasure to Jamaican authorities have taken charge of the distribution of all pro-

visions in the city. In addition relief is being hurried relief for the stricken island; the people of the British Island of Trinidad

have sent a first instalment of relief; national government at all-you vet-H. M. S. Indefatigable has left Port erans of the civil war. I am pleased clothing and other supplies for the by the men who wore the Gray. Tostricken people; the French govern- morrow night a letter of mine started a cruiser from the Island of Martinique with supplies for anniversary of the birthday of Lee. Kingston; the Mansion House fund and it is just such action as that of in London is growing rapidly and the your organization in fraternizing with British authorities are perfecting the the organization of the ex-Confed-details of relief on a large scale, and erate soldiers by whom you were rein addition various other steamers are either on their way or about to start of what I have said in that letter; giving them an opportunity to leave. for Kingston with food, clothing and and this war, the greatest war for medicines aboard. the union, alone among contests of like magnitude in modern times, has

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to a very late hour to-night. Cable communication with the island has one mile from the been partly restored, but even so, through very slowly. man saw the right alike of the men The total estimates of deaths who wore the Blue and of the men main at about 1,000. who wore the Gray. Great relief was afforded to-night

> friends in Jamaica by a statement received from the office of the cable company at Kingston that up to 7 o'clock Thursday evening no Amerireported killed or cans had been severely wounded by the earthquake. The list of known victims is growing, and the names of no less than 40 persons of more or less prominence and with charlty to all." in the Jamaican capital already have been given out as dead. About 20

or missing. The reports received to-day make no mention of further earthquake, and the fires all have been put out.

Kingston, Jamaica, Jan. 17 .- (Delayed in transmission). The following is a continuation of yesterday's said:

at Kingston: so far as we know, all our comrades, devastation caused The awful

President Delivers an Address After Shaking Hands With Each of the Veterans—Action of Organization in Fraternizing With Ex-Con-federates Accentuates Truth of What He Has Written in Letter to be Read on Occasion of Anni-versary of Birthday of Lee—Badge Presented to President Commemo-rating Reunion—Delegation En-dorses Action on Brownsville Af-fair.

Washington, Jan. 18 .--- A number of veterans of the civil war, who have Blue and the Gray on the 42nd an-The work of sending relief to the niversary of the battle of Fort Fisher

men are received here at the White

to learn how well you were received will

presented

have done in connection with

to the

be read on the occasion of the 100th

The report that a tidal wave had devastated the southern shore of Jamaica had not been confirmed up of the Union (which by your deeds left us the right to be proud, not only has become in very truth a union throughout the length and breadth of steadfast devotion to the right as each

to all those who have American fact that wherever I speak to an

deeds their belief in the words of

The veterans President a badge commemorating well-known people are either injured both from them and from the Confederate veterans.

The Senate Holds a Two-Hour Session to Permit Senators to Take After-noon Trains Rome—Some Bills of Minor Importance Introduced and a Number Pass Final Reading—De-bate in the House on Doughton's Bill to Prevent Fraudulent Sale of Merchandise—Bill to Prohibit In-decent or Immoral Shows and Pun-ish Exposure of Indecent or Im-moral Pictures Passes House—The Celebration of Lee's Bitthey To-Celebration of Lee's Birthday To-Day. Observer Bureau, The Hollaman Building,

Raleigh, Jan. 18. The Senate and House committees on the corporation commission held first clue leaked out when Charles stricken city is proceeding with ener- and Wilmington, who are en route to a joint session this afternoon to give sy. Kingston is receiving supplies, and willmington, who are en route to the officials and attorneys represent-as far as possible, from the Island their homes, were received at the ing the telephone companies a hearing White House to-day by President on Manning's bill empowering the Roosevelt. After shaking each by corporation commission to compel the hand, the President addressed telephone companies to make connection in long distance messages. Hunt

Chiply, of Atlanta, chief counsel of the greet this organization. Many dif- Southern Bell Company, and other atferent organizations of our country- torneys from all over the State reper. Then young Smith made a full in from outside quarters. The Sen-confession of the whole affair, impli-ate to-day passed a bill authorizing have the right to come, the right is bill. The discussion had not ended at resenting the independent companies. most complete in the case of those 7 o'clock, and the matter was held to whom we owe it that we have a open for further hearing until next Wednesday.

The House judiciary committee reported unfavorably Yount's bill providing that solicitors be elected by the State at large. The constitution requires their election by judiciary districts.

A great many legislators left for home to-day and to-night. The adjournment of the General Assembly THE HOUSE.

The House session began at 11 o'clock, Rev. Livingston Johnston offering prayer. Mr. Hankins, of Dapresented a petition from the vidson. merchants of Thomasville asking for a modification of the homestead law this land), but of the courage and as to garnishments.

Bills were introduced as follows: By Foushee: To amend the Revisal regarding landlord and tenants. Winborne: To pay certain regims against the State arising from the

"I want to bear testimony to the done by the Cape Fear & Deep R. audience of veterans of the civil war, Navigation Company. By Wells: To appoint magistrates I speak to an audience composed, not in Gray township, Pender county. only of good citizens in their several localities but of men who have been consistently striving to show in their By Winborne: To regulate trials of

criminal actions in Hertford. By McCrackin: To appoint magis-Abraham Lincoln, by conducting themselves with malice toward none By Gibbs: To ar

By Gibbs: To amend the law re garding assessment of railways in stocklaw territories.

By Douglas: To extend the crime of the reunion, asking him to accept it vagrancy and provide for the enforcement of the law against vagrants; also to exclude minors from barrooms, pool rooms, etc.

Just before the President left, the By Yount: To make solicitors State chairman of the delegation, which included about 100 soldiers, two of officers and provide for their election them colored men, went forward and by the State at large. prohibit

To By Laughinghouse: "And, now, Mr. President, one fishing with pound nets in the Neuse, dispatch describing the earthquake thing we want you to know: We, and Pamilico. Tar and Roanoke Rivers. By Byrd: To appoint, magistrates you as one man in what you

Petition is Filed With District Clerk Asking That Toxaway Hotel Com-pany be Declared Bankrupt—Pe-tilioners Represent Eight Creditors, Having Claims Aggregating \$10,000 —Summons to the Company Direct-ing Answer Within a Week Will be Issued To-Day-Company Said to be a Georgia Corporation-Embar-rassment Not Due to Lack of Patronage.

### Special to The Observer.

Asheville, Jan. 18 .--- Creditors representing claims aggregating approxmately \$10,000, this afternoon filed a petition in the United States district clerk's office here requesting that the his wife in their home on Marion bankrupt. There are eight creditors he died shortly after, the coroner's senting these creditors, have taken sort hotel are Julius C. Martin and which the tragedy occurred, and told Simmons has made was filed, and the amounts claimed handsome woman, with fine black was filed, and the amounts company, by them are Lee, Bryant & Company, \$216.18; C. C. Willis, \$900; McCon-nell Bros., \$250; G. A. Grier, \$2,-wife's story, came home last night 526.30; J. L. Smathers & Co., of Brevard, \$333.63: Miller-Devane Supply take it out on her. He threatened. Company, Brevard, \$124.12. It is she says, to kill her. She told him understood that Zero Nicholas is another creditor and also Hoffman & would drive all her boarders away. Kent, of this city. It is said that He then knocked her down, and there Hoffman & Kent's claim is more began a race for a pistol which lay than \$4,000.

MUST ANSWER NEXT WEEK. Summons directed to the Toxaway Hotel Company, directing it to make answer one day next week, will be isued to-morrow, and then the petition and answer will go to Judge Boyd, at Greensboro, for adjudication. It is probable, however, that hand below his waist. The ball enter-before this is done other creditors ed Blair's abdomen above the waist will make their appearance. The hotels operated by the Toxaway Hotel at the right hip. No powder burns Company in the Sapphire country are could be found on her hands, his of pay to members of Congress to \$7,now closed for the winter, and there will be no interference with them in any event for the present. The announcement that a move

way Hotel Company bankrupt will come as a surprise to the thousands of visitors who have spent a time at any one of the hotels during the past two years. The news, however, will not come as any surprise to various night while in the ambulance en moved to disagree to all of the Sen-business houses acquainted with affairs and who have been presenting their claims for the past several months. It is stated that the Toxaway Hotel Company is a Georgia corporation, and entirely distinct from the original Toxaway Hotel Company, the owner of the hotels, and the vast and beautiful estate of the Sapphire country. The present company was formed to operate the hotels which it holds under a 10-year lease at a yearly rental of \$30,000. Its president is J. C. Burrowes, formerly superintendent of the Southern Railway's dining car service, while its H. stockholders are satd to be I.

Investigation Into Shooting of Con-ductor Blair Concludes With Visit to Mrs. Blair at Her Home, Where, Lying in Bed. She Tells Story-Says Husband Was Drunk and Threatened to Kill Her-Both Ran for Pistol-Shooting Occurred Dur-ing Struggle-Contradicts His Story and Testimony of Neighbor. Observer Bureau, 1209 Main Street.

bserver.

1209 Main Street, Columbia, S. C., Jan. 18. After examining other witnesses in

the case of Conductor McCully W Blair, who, according to his own statement, was shot last night by

statement of Mrs. Blair to-night, She

intoxicated, and began as usual to not to curse in the house, as he on the mantle in another room. She

was discharged. The weak point in her story is the these matters. fact that she insisted that the pistol

was discharged while held in her and ranged downward, coming out hands, or on her apron. She contradicts also of his wife's hands, clinging to her would pass.

with a look of terror in his eyes. The pistol was in his upper left hand vest York, called up the legislative bill pocket. was shot in a quarrel about Conductor Armes, who was an intimate friend to the Speaker of the House and of both. He regretted the affair ex- President of the Senate, and to amend ceedingly for the sake of his wife, his children and himself. He fell upon the floor of the ambulance and 500 and of cabinet officers to \$12,000. prayed for them. Relatives of the deceased arrived

to-day. They do not want Mrs. Blair prosecuted, as they were all fond of her.

The coroner's jury is still locked up, and have returned no verdict.

NEWS SHOCKED ASHEBORO. Conductor Mc. W. Blair Killed at followed Mr. Driscoll's suggestion Columbia, S. C., Was Well Known Aged and he turned up his coat collar as Where His Asheboro, he he sat down amid silence. Mother Lives\_Remains Will Brought There and Funeral Held the members who wanted to talk had had a chance, Representative Litteau Sunday. moved the previous question and it Special to The Observer was carried-133 to 92. On a viva voce ty was shocked this morning by the vote the friends of the increase seem-Asheboro, Jan. 18 .- This communiknowledge of the death of McCully

Mrs. Blair Known in Salisbury.

husband did not dwell in peace.

lay and probably

Fatally Injured by Switch Engine,

rossing the yard engine ran into

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him, inflicting serious internal

of the Atlantic Coast Line and

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Representative Littaner's Bill to Increase Salaries of Members of Con-gress to \$7,500 and Those of Cab-inet Officers to \$12,000 Passes Af-ter Some Talking for Buncombe-Briscoll'4 Motion for a Yes and Nay Vote Superinduces Chilly Atmos-phere-Previous Question Called phere—Previous Question C for and Passed—Commiss Greene's Trip South Postpor Dreads Job Laid Out for Him.

BY W. A. HILDEBRAND.

Observer Bureau, 1417 G Street, N. W. Washington, Jan. 18.

Commissioner Greene, of the civil Toxaway Hotel Company be declared street, receiving wounds from which service commission, has found it necessary to postpone the trip which, named. The attorneys, who, repre- jury went to the home and took the lina for the purpose of conducting an he proposes to make to North Caroinquisitin into the affairs of Federal the initiative against the famous re- lay upon her bed in the very room in office-holders, against whom Senator charges. Mr. Greene said to-day that it might be Charles M. Malone, of Asheville, and her story. Mrs. Blair by the way, the first of the month pefore he W. W. Zachery, of Brevard. The was formerly a resident of Salis- would go to the State. There are in-W. W. Zachery, of Brevard. The bury, N. C., and not of Greensboro, dications that Commissioner Greene is a entering upon this investigation with reluctance, owing to the magnitude of

the prospective inquiry. He has been heard to say that Senator Simmons has cut out enough work to keep the commission engaged for a year or so. It would take former Postmaster Wray, of Reidsville, a week to tell all he knows if he should conclude to unbosom himself. It is Mr. Wray who is opposing the confirmation of J. R. Joyce, as postmasreached it first, she says, and told ter at Reidsville. Mr. Wray was dehim not to approach her. He ran posed at the instance of Chairman at her, and in the struggle the pistol Adams who, together with Collector Duncan, is now here looking into

SALARY QUESTION UP.

The increased splary proposition got hot again in the House to-day. The Senate, it will be remembered knocked the provision for an increase 000 a year out of the legislative bill. tradicts also the statement of a and thereby incurred the ire of the neighbor, Mr. H. W. Woodward, a reliable man. He says that when he voted against the increase when it has been made to declare the Toxa- rushed into the room Blair had hold was up, but who ardently hoped it

> Representative Littauer, of New from the Speaker's table this morn-Blair made a dying statement last ing, and, being one of the conferees, one providing for an increase of pay it with the vital paragraph increasing the salaries of the members to \$7,-There was some little talking on the proposition, but the move was nicely cut and dried.

Representative Driscoll, York, thought there should be, by all means, a yea and nay vote, so that the people of the country might see just what members of Congress fa-

After all

vored the increase and just what

earthquake became more ap Texas House Passes a Substitute to parent as time passed. The shocks Brownsville affair." the Resolution Providing a Probing were most destructive along the har-Senator Bailey's Connections

With the Waters-Pierce Oil Co. Austin, Tex., Jan. 18 .- By a vote of

65 to 55 the House of the Texas Legislature this evening adopted the Kentucky substitute to the Duncan reso-Senator Balley and his connection ported that large numbers of and association with the Waters-Pierce Oil Company,

The substitute as adopted provides that a special committee of seven shall be appointed by the Speaker to pass upon any charges preferred against Senator Bailey and if in the judgment of said committee it becomes necessary to hold an extra session at any distant date, or point, or summon any special witnesses, they shall have the option of doing so. The substitute was drafted by friends of Senator Bailey so that its adoption may be looked upon as a Bailey vic-

It was announced to-night on the adjournment that the charges would be preferred against Senator Balley before the House committee and he would be given an opportunity of explaining these charges.

Both the Senate and House adopted a joint resolution to-day providing for the election of a United States public parks or on lawns adjoining Senator next Tuesday, January 22.

Ten Indiciments for Violation of Anti-Bucket Shop Law,

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 18 .- The Fulton county grand jury to-day returned inlictments against 10 persons charging violation of the Boykin anti-bucket by the Georgia shop law, passed Legislature at its last session, propired before morning. hibiting the operation of brokerage The work of rescuing houses or firms by which futures are tombed people was continued Tuestraded in. Bench warrants were isday and Wednesday and fully 400 sued and bond fixed at \$1,000 for corpses were recovered, but each defendant. Among those against more were burned to ashes in the whom indictments were returned was Holland Curran, secretary and fire Attempts at looting were made by the rabble, but the military guarda treasurer of the board of trade, and T. M. Hamilton, Sr., manager of the stationed at the principal corners commercial exchange.

Ask Removal of a Co-Receiver.

Atlania, Ga., Jan. 18.—Seventy-five but the laborers are afraid. of the San Francisco policy holders in the Atlanta-Birmingham Fire Insurance Company, representing about \$350,000 made. of policies, through their attorneys, filed, in the Federal Court here today petition asking for the removal or J. T. Dargan, one of the co-receivers of the company. The petiwere 10. tioners allege that Dargan is not a fit person to hold the place, and set the entire area of Kingston and less forth various charges in support of

7 allegations. Wegro Killed by Officer in Attempt-

pled.

Kingston,

ing to Escape. Ludowici, Ga., Jan. 18.-William McDuffle, a negro, arrested to-day for disorderly conduct, attacked Deputy Marshal Delk and a citizen deputized Ferguson. by the officer. McDuffle secured the evolver of one of the men and struck the him down. He then ran, exchanging shots with his pursuers and slightly

wounding a citizen named Gordon. shot struck McDuffle in the head and Middleton, ed him.

Agrees to Inter-Change of Milenge. New Orleans, Jan. 18.-The statement that the Sothern Railway has agreed to interchange mileage with other systems in the South, including the territory east of the Minutestic and south of Other and In the South, including the territory east of the Mississippi and south of Ohio riv-er, was made to-day by F. W. Crandall, chairman of the national railroad com-mittee of the Travelers' Protective As-sociation. Reductions in the deposit re-quired on mileage books by the South-western Passenger Association were also the the done. from

#### **Richmond Negro Hanged For Murder**

Richmond, Va., Jan. 18.-James are in a Ward, colored, was hanged here to- dition. day for the murder of Carrie Meekins, also colored.

bor front, where entire streets were leveled. Crowd of frightened, shrieking people streamed northward tohundreds wards the race course. with heads and bodies cut and bruised, covered with blood. Those lution looking to an investigation of who escaped with slight injury resons were buried under the fall of

the stores and tenements. As the dust lifted pillars of smoke this place. arose in Harbor street, near the In company parish church, and shortly afterwards flames shot into the sky. It was then perceived that fire would complete the work of the earthquake In half an hour the flames were spreading from block to block in the store business section. The fire department was unable to stay the conflagration owing to the inadequate supply of water, the earthquake having broken the mains. Fortunately a northwest wind was blowing at the time, which confined the conflagra-

tion to that portion of the city. fire raged all night and ultimately spent its force Tuesday before noon. A MOST PITIABLE SIGHT.

The buildings in the upper portion in his found of the of the city were uninhabitable, and cause assigned for the deed. the residents sought refuge in the

the wrecked houses. It was a pitiable Thousands of persons sight. homeless and hundreds were endur-

hospital. ing agony from broken heads and The King's house, the residence of limbs under the open sky. The city doctors were busy all night amputating limbs and dressing wounds ing under tents in Trafalgar Park. The residence of General Marshall The worst cases were taken to the public hospital, where the staff docis totally demolished. tors attended them, but many ex-The death list is constantly grow-

ing.

PAINT A HORRIBLE PICTURE. many Seventeen Refugees Arrive at Santiago, Cuba, Aboard Steamer Thom-Brookes From Kingston-120 Workmen Die in Crumbling Cigar

Factory. succeeded in restoring order. ) Santiago, Cuba, Jan. 18.-The Efforts, as this dispatch is filed. steamer Thomas Brookes has arrived are being made by the government here from Kingston with 17 refugees. They paint a horrible picture of the ruins and of further shocks, and catastrophe and confirm the reports consequently slow progress is being of the destruction of the principal buildings. The pilots do not dare to

On Monday night 15 distinct enter the harbor owing to the changes shocks were felt, but they did no in the channel. damage. On Tuesday there were 20 shocks and on Wednesday there The Machado cigar factory, which many Cubans were at work,

crumbled and 120 of them Not a sound building remains in killed. The casualties list at the Mirtle than a dozen houses can be occu-Bank Hotel was heavy. The electric The entire business section is power house was destroyed, and many persons lost their lives by comin

wipd out. The loss cannot fall short of \$5,000,000 and probably into contact with charged electric will total double that amount. wires. The manager of the cable of-PROMINENT PERSONS KILLED. fice lost a leg. The postoffice build-Among the killed are Sir James ing was not thrown down. Along the of Kilkerran, Scotland; water front the cracks in the earth Major Hardyman, of the West India are six inches wide. Superintendent Regiment; Lleutenant Lamont, of of Posts Gardner is among the killsame regiment; A. MacDowell ed. Captain Young, commander of Nathan, one of Jamaica's merchant the Royal Mail Steamer Arno, lost his princes; Solicitors B. L. Verle R. D. Horniball and Messre. Verley and life at the Mirtle Bank Hotel. Dr. niball and Messrs. J. W. Ainsley Mordecal, M. E. Biegle, physician of the Arno, is here. The Arno, as well as other steamers

Twaites, D. I. Motta, Edgar D. Cor-dova and Charles Sherlock, all merchants of Kingston; the Cuban' nts of Kingston; the Cuban con- Governor's residence also is General Perez, and Doctors dibb used as a hospital. Captain Governor's residence also is being Cor Motta. stantine, superintendent in Jamaica

The whole of Jamaica felt the for the Royal Mail Steamship Comshock, but no serious damage WBA pany, was buried at sea. Captain beyond a radius of 12 miles Kingston. Some houses were Young was buried on shore. were is great shortage of bandage material cracked at Spanish Town, the fortiand women's clothing is being torn fications at Fort Royal were abanup and used for this purpose.

doned by the artillerymen and engin-eers, the western part of the town is partly submerged, 16 9.2-inch guns are displaced and the barracks are in a dangerous and shaky con-are in a dangerous and shaky con-

Up-park Camp, north of Kingston, a also destroyed, and about 40 sick

n Yancey By Doughton: To: authorize the the survey and proper marking of the State line between Virginia and North FOUND DEAD BY THE ROADSIDE. Carolina.

By McNeill: To provide separate Mysterious Murder of Young Georgia schools for Croatan Indians in Cum-Man Arouses Community in Which berland. He Lived-No Cause Assigned for · By Morgan: To amend the charter

the Deed. of Saluda. Jan. 18-This Keysville, Ga By Turlington: To appoint whole community has been aroused of the loan bond fund of Iredell. over the mysterious murder of John By Peele: To amend the Revisal

Moore, a prominent young man of regarding removal of cases from magistrates courts

By Price, of Union: To pay passenwith his brother, Thomas Moore, and a negro named gers' expenses incurred by delayed Joe Daggitt, he went to Atwell, a passenger trains.

few miles from here, Wednesday to DEBATE ON DOUGHTON BILL. secure a cow in part payment for an The bill to prevent the fraudulent account owed to the owner of the sale of merchandise in bulk, com

ing up on second reading, Doughton On the way back the negro and explained it, declaring it just and Thomas Moore drove the cow, while equitable and saying it was designed John Moore was in a buggy return- simply to prevent fraud, and was in ing in another direction. Not reachno respect a restraint upon legitimate ing home, search was instituted for trade, but would break up the prachim. This morning John Moore's tice of secretly transferring an enbody was found on the roadside about tire stock of goods to a purchaser two miles from town. The horse leaving creditors of the seller helpwas tied to a tree and the body of less to get their money. The bill is Moore was lying beside the buggy practically a copy of the Kentucky on the ground, with four bullet holes law, which has been construed and head. No trace has been approved by the Supreme Court, this

murderer, nor any same law being now in force in Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia and twenty other States and much needed

soldiers were burned to death before as a law in North Carolina. Win they could be removed from the borne opposed the bill, declaring

that its provision requiring the would-be purchaser to send notice of the Goyernor, is badly injured and his intention to buy to the creditors all its former occupants are now liv- of the seller would simply put those creditors in a mad rush secure judgments and get priority of claim and this would practically prohibit

any merchant from selling his stock in bulk, however honest his purpose might be. Stevens, of Union. supporting the bill, said it had been very carefully discussed and deliberated upon by the committee and upon this close examination 811 superficial objections were found to be untenable. Manning gave a lucid explanation of the bill, saying it was

analagous to the present law for the protection of material men and owners of buildings, as against possible fraud or carelessness on the part of mechanics and contractors, the bill

being intended to prevent fraudulent of stocks of goods and certainly sales embarrassing any not affecting or honest seller. MacRae, in opposition to the bill, contended that a good

business man did not publish the trades he proposed to make and said were he feared the effect of this bill, re-

quiring five days' notice of an in-tended sale, while designed to prevent fraud, might have the effect of mbarrassing legitimate trades, if not absolutely preventing them. Winborne offered an amendment proiding that any creditor during the sie out an attachment must give a down and the robbers fied. bond conditioned upon the payment of damages should roceedings be disallowed. Doughton accepted this amendment, Prominent members bringing forvard several further objections to

latter be printed and made a special order the Tuesday next and this course was taken,

BILLS PASSED.

To submit to the voters of Bun-

To consolidate the various charters try requesting that rates practically

Alken, manager of the Toxaway J. C. Burrowes, who invested quite a sum in the company, and Bluen-Bickert, wholesale liquor dealers of Atlana, who are said to have furnished much of the \$50,000 bond which the hotel company gave to the Toxaway Company to secure the payment of the aggregate \$300,000 ten

year rental.

DUE TO SHORTNESS OF SEASON. W. Blair at Columbia, S. C. He was President Burrowes, of the company, is an Atlanta, his secretary is of his mother, Mrs. Cynthia Blair, also away, and no authoritative statement from the company is obtainable. It is said, however, that the financial C. A. Blair, of Ramseur. mbarrassment is not due to the lack of patronage, but rather to the short-ness of season; that the bulk of the C. Ingold, of Asheboro; C. E. Allen, business being crowded into practi- of Empire; and R V. Kivett, of apparently mentally spending that cally two months, the rental was too Ramseur; R. M. Mahaly, great to meet expenses. A number of bury, and a brother, A. B. Blair, an creditors have figured it out this way. and while they do not attack the integrity of the management they do ed in a wreck at Danville, three not believe that the company can meet its obligations. The petition in years ago. The deceased was seven years con bankruptcy filed to-day alleges that ductor on the Southern between Charon November 13, the hotel company assigned the lease to Bluenthall the employ of the Southern 25 years. Blckert, on the alleged ground that it owed the firm money. This transfer The family here had no knowledge of the petitioners attack and ask that any serious domestic trouble for years. affect their own salaries. the transfer be set aside. This lease, The mother received a letter Monday

it is said, is the main asset of the company. Some of the creditors believe that the company cannot meet its obligations and will have to be declared bankrupt, while on the other hand is learned on good authority that Mr. Burrowes has been to New York recently, preparing for the opening his knee at Greensboro. of the Sapphire country hotels, and just bought a home at Columbia. that many hotel men would like to have the lease. It is considered valuable. It is said, in fact, that more are expected to arrive to-morrow, than one capitalist on hearing of the failure of the Toxaway Company to pay creditors have been here recently to see if they could secure the lease. Special to The Observer. Among the hotels operated by the Toxaway Hotel Company are the Toxaway Inn, Fairfield Inn, the lodge on Mount Toxaway, the Sapphire Cottages and the Hotel Franklin.

CASHIER SHOT BY ROBBERS.

#### Daring Attempt to Loot Bank of Midville, Ga .- Three Charges of Dynamite Exploded - Officers Now in Pursuk With Bloodbounds,

Augusta, Ga., Jan. 18 .-- A special to The Herald from Midmille, 70 miles southwest of this place, tells of a darthree ing attempt made to-day by known years ago that she and her men to rob the Bank of Midville Four ineffective charges of dynamite were exploded and before another charge could be fired, C. W. Powers the cashier, who had been awakened by the explosion, opened fire with a rifle on a man in front of the bank The fire was returned and the man was joined by two others who had period of five days' notice should been in the bank. Powers was shot The vaults of the bank containing \$3,000 the attachment in cash, were saved. The sheriffs of juries and mangled his left leg, nec-essitating amputation. Judge Littletwo countles are in pursuit of the would-be robbers with bloodhounds. Powers will recover. Southern Railways.

TO ASK RATES GIVEN ST. LOUIS.

50,000 Negrocs Endorse Presider Action in Brownsville Affair. Circulars Will be Sent to All Railroads Making This Request on Be-Baton Rouge, La., Jan. 18 .- Speakhalf of Jamestown Exposition. ng for the 50,000 negroes who com-

pose its membership, the Grand Council of the National Industrial Norfolk, Va., Jan. 18 .- The pas senger representatives of railroad and steamship lines entering Norfolk, after a conference of two days on the the day to issue a circular to all railroads and transportation lines in the coun-

of Lexington. To pay Irvin Nall, of Chatham county, \$60, which he expended for embalming and burial of the body of his son, Charles Nall, who died at his son, Charles Nall, who died at

ed to have it, and when John Sharp Williams asked for the yeas and nays well known here, which is the home the Speaker could see only 34 gentlemen standing up in support of the who is aged 73 years. This grief- motion. "Not a sufficient number," stricken lady left this morning for

Columbia, accompanied by her son, ed Uncle Joe with a smile and a mo-He is surment later the members of the House were patting themselves and each E. Allen, other on the gack, shaking hands and Salls- extra \$2,500 a year.

The bill was then sent to conferengineer of Asheville, who married ence, the conferees of the House bethe sister of the wife under arrest, ing Messrs Bingham, Littauer and Another brother J. T. Blair, was kill- Livingstone.

GLENN APPEALS TO SPEAKER.

All the North Carolina members who were present voted against the lotte and Washington. He was in bill to increase the salaries of members, though some of them said they would favor such a step if it did not

Governor Glenn was a member of a which recounted a happy Christmas. distinguished party that discussed the forest reserve bill this afternoon with noon to visit the aged parent, but Speaker Cannon. Governor Glenn. last night she was prostrated by the as spokesman of the delegation, went death message. Both the deceased into the matter at some length, but were esteemed, and al- apparently to no avail as the Speaker, ways seemed devoted. The husband with even more than his usual degree had known her from girlhood and of candor, intimated that the visitors had in her childhod trotted her on were enlisted in a bad cause. The They had Speaker said that he was only one member of 307, but so far as he was His remains will be brought here personally concerned he did not think and interred beside his father. They much of the bill. The advocates of the bill are discouraged, because they and the funeral will be held Sunday. had reserved this visit of the Governor as their trump card. Speaker

Cannon said that there were some thing like 25,000 bills pending, but he Salisbury, Jan. 18 .- Mrs. McCully was frankly of the opinion that none W. Blair, who is held in Columbia, S. C., on a charge of the murder of but the big supply bills would see her husband, Captain Blair, was a daylight this session. Governor former resident of this city, and she Glenn even reminded the Speaker of s a sister of R. L. Manaley, of Salis- his North Carolina birth, saying that bury. Mr and Mrs. Hlair lived here his mother State was longing for the several years and was probably as enactment of this legislation, but to well known in this place as at any this Mr. Cannon made no reply,

in the State. She was a sister of Mrs. W. A. West, the wife of the SOUTH CAROLINA RED CROSS engineer killed in the Bostian bridge

wreck of 1891, and has relatives in Secretary Taft and Other Members of Greensboro. She had been admired Society Leave Washington tere for her beauty, thought it was Charleston to Attend Meetings.

Washington, Jan. 18.-Secretar Tatt and other members of the Re Cross Society left Washington this evening for Charleston, S. C., to attend the meetings of the South Carolina branch of the organization. Jesup, Ga., Jan. 18 .- Judge O. F. littlefield, a prominent citorney, was The party was in charge of A. C. run down by a switch engine here to-Kaufman, of Charleston, president of fatally injured. the South Carolina Red Cross, While he was awaiting the passage consisted of: of a freight train which blocked a

Secretary Taft, Mrs. Taft, Mabel Boardman, Surgeon O'Rellly, U. S. A.: Surgeon General Wyman Marine Hospital Service; Colonel Wm. C. Sanger, New York; Assistant At-K. Draper, New York; Assistant At-Sanger, New York; Mrs. field is the local legal representative Mrs. Cooley torney General Cooley. and Dr. John S. Wise, U. S. N.

Secretary Taft and sident's the guests of the city of Charlesto fair. and the South Carolina branch, Re party Cross, when they entered car "Courier," which had been tered for their use, and will remain Asosciation of America, in convention at their disposal until they in the Washington, probably next S here, to-day adopted a resolution en-night.

dorsing President Rooseven's action in dismissing the negro soldiers at Brownsville. For \$1,000,000 Bank at Honduras. A Fatal Shooting in Franklin Cours Thrainia. Roanoke, Va., Jan. 18.-John P ter was shot and killed by Art New Orleans, Jan. 18 .- Announce new Oricans, Jan. 15.—Announce-ment of a concession to Chicago and New York capitalists to establish in Honduras a bank having \$1,000,000 capital, to be known as the Honduras & United States Bank; was made here a to be the states bank was made here

the bill, Doughton asked that the

The following bills passed final eading:

combe the question of issuing road improvement bonds and creating a highway commission. treating a subject of passenger rates to Jamestown Exposition, decided to To correct mistake in the charter

of Mooresville