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#### OBJECT TO MAE M'KENZIE GRIDIRON'S ANNUAL FEAST FIVE PERISH IN FLAMES PRESIDENT ISSUES ORDER MRS. BLAIR GRANTED BAIL IMMIGRANT CASE UP AGAIN MYSTERIOUS CRIME DONE MRS. WM. THAW WANTS HER OUT. THE NEW PRESIDENT PRESIDES TO END PUBLIC LANDS FRAUDS. ARMS DENIES WRONG-DOING MAY BE MADE MERELY A TEST PHYSICIAN MORTALLY WOUNDED PROPERTY LOSS HALF MILLION.

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Continued Rumors of Differences Be-tween Mrs. Harry K. Thaw and Mother and Sister-in-Iaw Over Presence of Former Chorus Girl at Sessions of Court-Attorney Pea-body Says She Has Proved Herseit True Friend to Wife of Defendant-No Truth in Report that Other Members of Thaw Family Have Quarreled With Younger Mrs. Thaw Because of This Friendship. New York, Jan. 26.—Rumors of inferences between Mrs. Harry K. Thaw on one side and Mrs. William Enay and the Counters of Yarmouth, mother and gister, respectively, of

mother and sister, respectively, of Harry K. Thaw, on the other, which were started yesterday, continued to be circulated to-day, despite a denial by Thaw's counsel that any such differences existed. The reported dif-ferences are said to have arisen over the continued presence in the court room of Miss ; Mac Ecckenzie, the former chorus girl, who invariably accompanies Mrs. Evelyn Thaw and sits by her during the sessions of the court. Miss McKenzie is said to have been the younger Mrs. Thaw's con-the captains of industry, those who have done and are still doing things, shot Stanford White.

It was reported to-day that Delphin M. Delmas, the San Francisco lawyer who came East to defend Thaw, went to the Hotel Lorraine, where the relatives of Harry Thaw are staying, in the hope of reconciling any dif-ferences which might have arisen between the women. It was said that Evelyn Thaw made the first step to placate her mother-in-law and sister-in-law, and that Mr. Delmas only consented to try to smooth over their misunderstandings on the agreement under Miss McKenzie should discon-tinue her appearances in court. nted to try to smooth over their

#### DISCUSSED WITH COUNSEL.

Harry Thaw is said, to have discussed this matter with A. Russell Peabody, of his counsel, when Mr. Peabody visited him in the Tombs

prison to-day. Afterward Mr. Pea-body said: "I don't believe that Mr. Delmas knows that Miss McKensie is in the court room. He is there to work and don't believe he gives the woman a though

"Early last summer, when Evelyn Thaw was practically an alone, Miss McKenzie was with her most of the time. It is only natural to suppose that Mrs. Thaw wants to have Miss McKenzie with her now, even if the other members of her husband's family are with her."

He was then asked to state whether there is any truth in the stories that Thaw has received many threatening letters since he has been in the Tombs.

"I want to talk to counsel about this matter before I say anything about it; it is possible that I may have something to say later," said Mr. Peabody.

"My client has received hundreds of

Mill No. 1 of Cochedo Man us Association of Wash Amous Association of Washington Newspaper Correspondents, in Pres-ence of Nation's President, Vice President, Representatives of Co-Ordinate Branches of Government, a Host of Newspaper and Literary Men, Statesmen and Captains of In-dustry, Freets an Empire With All the Splendor Attendant Thereon-President Makes a Forcible Ad-dress

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Mill No. 1 of Cochedo Manufacturing Company, Dover, N. H., Burned to Ground-Bodies of Four Boy Opera-tives, Charred Beyond Hope of Identification, Found in Smoking Ruins and it is Belioved Another Will be Discovered-Many Opera-tives Injured While Descending by Ropes-Exits Blocked by Strug-gling Mass of Mill Hands and Many Jumped From Windows. Dover, N. H., Jan. 26.-Dover's most disastrous fire, which occurred to-day, cost the lives of four and prob-ably five young mill operatives and a Washington, Jan. 26,-Centraliza tion was the major motif in the en-tertainment furnished to-night by that famous association of Washing-ton newspaper correspondents, the Gridiron Club, at their annual winter ably five young mill operatives and a property loss of half a million dollars. The fire destroyed Mill No. 1 of the Cochedo Manufacturing Company. The bodies of four boys, charred be-yond hope of identification, were dinner given at the New Willard. The new president of the club, Samuel G. found in the smoking ruins, and as five boys are known to be missing, it is believed that another body will be Blythe, of The New York World, directed the entertainment. In the presence of the President of the United States, the Vice Presidiscovered. The missing boys are: CHARLES COSGROVE, aged 16 den and representatives from the co-ordinate branches of the government,

a host of literary and newspaper men, before statesmen and many of CONSTANTINE ELOPULOUS, aged 16 years. JOHN NICHOLOPULOUS, aged 15 have done and are still doing things, ears. an empire was erected with all the REDDEN, aged 15 years. splendid attendant thereon. The - HESTER, aged 15 years.

scene was laid in Washington and the Several of the injured were hurt while descending by ropes. nineteen hundred and seventeen (ten years hence). The fire broke out in the mill not The kingly power was surrounded

long after the 500 or more opera-tives had assembled for their day's with all the officers of State with courtiers and pages, a herald who work. Friction from a belt generatlooked more like "Happy Jack Fal-staff" than anything else and a nued sparks, which lodged in a mass of cotton and the flames quickly merous court to complete the gorgespread throughout the building. The exits soon became blocked by a struggling mass of mill hands, and ous picture and the fun, these men of the Gridiron Club got out of the "skit" to say nothing of the enjoymany were obliged to jump from the ment of the guests, showed how keenwindows. Others secured royes and dely the assemblage appreciated the sacended to the ground. There were several daring rescues tire. And there was a jester, too,

who, clothed in his motley, spoke an by firemen. Four imprisoned men on epilogue which served as the introthe fourth floor were raken out of a window, though not until they had climbed one by one down a stout ducer of President Roosevelt, who made a forcible address. pole which the firemen had made fast to the top of a ladder too short to reach the window sill. The total loss The grand procession was omed by "God Save the King," ren-

dered by a section of the Marine is \$500,000, covered by insurance. Band. But the King was finally deposed and the court sent into exile NEGRO SELLS TO VANDERBILT. while the band played The Star Spangled Banner."

IS JAPAN CONQUEROR?

During the course of the centralization act the King asked one of his ministers: "Has Japan conquered the Philippines?" The chancellor of the exchequer replying: "No, your Majes-

Special to The Observer. Asheville, Jan. 26 .- Charles C. Colty, they now offer to give them back lins, of color, owner of six acres of to us for a coaling station at Guam.' land and a log cabin situated close The initiation of Clifford K. Berryto the famous Biltmore house of man, the cartoonist and creator of George W. Vanderbilt, has at last the "Teddy Bear," afforded an opporcapitulated and to-day for a considtunity to introduce two enormous eration of \$2,000 sold his holdings to cinamon bears, played of course by Mr. Vanderbilt. The story of the two members, and between the Presicabin and the effort of the New York dent and Mr. Berryman the club had millionaire to purchase it and the a lot of sport over the bear incident. few acres of land makes interesting A showman, who had the bears in

reading. During the past ten or fifhy cheft has been hundreds of letters during the time he has been swaiting trial in the Tombs and I have seen nearly all of them. None of the missives could be classed as threatening. About one in a hundred threatening. About one in a hundred Mr. Berryman, with the aid of his

six acres of land

Made a Few Years Ago.

s in Form of Letter to Secretary Hitchcock and Directs That Here-atter no Certificate, Patent or Oth-er Evidence of Titles Shall be Is-sned Under Law Until Actual Ex-amination Has Been Made on Ground by Authorized Official of Government-Lands Already Ex-amined in This Manner Are Ex-cepted From Provisions of Order. Washington, Jan. 26 .- President Roosevelt has determined to put an

end, if possible, to frauds in the acquisition of public lands by indi-viduals and corporations. He has directed that, hereafter, no patent shall be issued to public land until an examination of the ground shall have been made by an authorized mcer of the government. The President's order is in the

form of a letter to Secretary Hitch-cock, and, under its provisions, or-ders are being sent out to-day by the officials of the general land of-

Following is the text of President Roosevelt's letter:

"The White Housse, "Washington, Jan. 25, 1907. "The Secretary of the Interior.

"Sir:-To prevent the fraud now, practiced in the acquisition of public lands of the United States, I have to direct that hereafter no final certificate, patent or other evidence of titles shall be issued under the public land laws until an actual examination has been made on the ground by an authorized officer of the government; but the following shall be excepted from the force of this or-

EXCEPTIONS TO ORDER.

"(1)-All claims which have heretofore been examined on the ground by an authorized officer of the government, whose report is found satisfactory.

"(2)-All claims where heretofore an officer of the government other than officers authorized to take final proof, shall have been present at the taking of final proof to cross-examine claimant and witnesses, if such proof is found satisfactory.

"(3)-All claims where claimant's compliance with law has been estab-Afer Fifteen Years of Bickering, lished by contest or other regular 'Cabin That Vanderbilt Can't Buy' adverse proceedings. "(4)-Entries which may have been is Sold to Him for \$2,000-End of Romantic Story-Offer of \$8,500 confirmed by virtue of an act of

Congress. "(5)-Selections and entries in which no residence or improvement

is required by law, when the lands embraced therein are strictly speaking in agricultural districts, or when charter has been fixed by investiration and classification made in accordance with law. "(6)-Cases of re-issuance of pat-

ents because of some clerical error occurring in the patent heretofore issued. "(7)-All Indian allotments which

have been regularly approved in ac-cordance with instructions of the Secretary of the Interior. "You will issue all necessary in-structions to carry this order into ef-

North Carolina Woman Charged With Shooting Her Husband is Released From Jall on \$2,000 Ball—This is Made Possible by Affidavit of Con-ductor Arms, Who Swears There Was No Criminal Intimacy Between Him and Mrs. Blair—Says He and the Late Conductor Were the Warmest of Friends—Arms' Affida-vit in Full.

Observer Bureau, 1209 Main Street, Columbia, S. C., Jan. 26.

Mrs. C. W. Blair, the handsome dark-eyed widow of Conductor Cully

W. Blair, whom she shot to death at their home on Marion street on Janusry 17th, was to-day released from jall after a week's stay there, ball being secured from Judge Prince sitsum of \$2,000.

The release in this small sum was secured on the testimony as taken at the inquest and upon an affidavit recently secured from Conductor Willis H. Arms, about whom Mrs. Blair is said to have shot her husband. Mr. Arms swears most emphatically that he was never criminally intimate with Mrs. Blair, that he and Arms never quarreled about her, that on the contrary he came to their home at the invitation and repeated solicitations of Mr. Blair, the two conductors be-ing as friendly as brothers.

It will be remembered that Dr. Know!ton, who was with Conductor. Blair on his way out to the hospital, testified that Mr. Blair said just before he died that his wife shot him "in a quarrel about that man Arms." Dr. Knowlton says Mr. Blair prayed for his wife on the way out to the hospital.

Mrs. Blair testified before the coroner that Blair was accidentally killed in a tussle between them over the possession of a revolver, the two racing from a boarder's room across the hall to their bedroom, where the weapon was always kept on the mantle, after a violent quarrel, in which the conductor struck her; that he was drunk, and aid he was tired of her and was going to kill her.

The affidavit of Mr. Arms follows: I am now passenger conductor on the Southern Railway, running between Charlotte and Washington, and have been on this run for the past six years.

I first knew Cully W. Blair eighteen years ago, when he was running as tucky. They feel that the Kentucky freight conductor between Charlotte and Danville, I was working as brakeman on the same division, and brush with the Senate leaders in the glancing blow in the stomach and was thrown with him constantly as long as he worked for the Southern Railway. At the time Mr. Blair married he was running as passenger conductor between Charlotte and Richmond, Va. He was married at Salis-bary, N. C. At that time I was run-ning a freight between Charlotte and Danville. Later on Mr. Blair ran as freight conductor between Spencer and Selma, N. C., and I had the same run at the same time as freight conductor. I think this was the last work he did for the Southern Railway Company. When he had the run between Spencer and Selma I boarded with him and his wife in Spencer. Mr. Blair and myself were always good friends. We were as intimate as two men could be and I regarded him as one of my best friends, and from his conduct know he regarded me the same way. I felt perfectly at home at his house and he always treated me kindly and cordially and we never had a cross word.

nons and Rep enator Simmons and Representative Webb Discuss Indictments Against Mill Owners With Assistant Attor-ney General-Will Confer With President Next Week-Hope to Have Cases Merely Made Test of Intrepretation-Cannon Again Over-rides Williams and Appoints Reed in Place of Webb on Judiclary Committee for Partisan Reasons, it is said. is Said.

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BY W. A. HILDEBRAND.

Observer Bureau, 1417 G. Street, N. W. Washington, Jan. 26.

Senator Simmons and Representa-dve Webb called at the Department of Justice to-day in the matter of the rosecution of the cotton mill owners, charged with violating immigration laws. Next week these gentlemen ting at the Lexington court in the will continue the conference at the who sought vengeance for some rea White House, the President' already

being in measure familiar with the cases. To-day Messrs. Simmons and Webb discused the matter at great length with Mr. Cooley, the assistant these particular prosecutions. Mr. Simmons said to-night that he and Mr. Webb hoped at least to accomplish something by way of an under- another life." final interpretation of the law bearing upon the right to import skilled labor, when such skilled labor can-not be obtained in this country. The

statute is now a subject of controverof Arkansas. Republicans explain fired the shots at me." Dr. Townsend's home is a handin this course of overriding the minority leader in this recommendation, New Brighton railroad station. but that he has some partisan pur- the rear of the doctor's, and pose with respect to some pending four children in another room on the egislation. It was hinted that Mr. same floor. Webb would receive such recognition

jects. WHO WILL BE SENATE MINORI-

TY LEADER?

Democratic Senators are just now leadership of Mr. Blackburn, of Ken- the coroner will not reveal. attach to this position of minority leader in the next Congress. The presidential campaign will be distring near, and the minority leader will ed. The faturday

Shot by Assassin While in Brd-First Declared Wounds Were In-flicted by Bargiar, But Later Said He Knew Who Shot Him, Declin-ing to Give Name, Because "There is No Need to Sacrifice Still An-other Life"--Cab Driver Arrested, But Released on Physician's Dec-laration That He Was Not Angali-ant. ant.

New York, Jan. 25.—Dr. Charles W. Townsend, one of the best known physicians and surgeons on Staten Island, was shot and probably me tally wounded while in bed in his home at New Brighton, S. I., early to-day. The case is surrounded by mystery, but from the meagre details which have been permitted to leak out by the officials, it is believed that the doctor was the victim of a man

Dr. Townsend at first declared that his wounds were inflicted by a burglar, but later said he knew the man who did it. "I know perfectly well attorney general, who has charge of who shot me," he told the police, "but I shall not tell you his name, I do not want the man arrested There is no need of secrificing still

standing that the prosecutions, in the event they continue, will be chiefly answered the description given by Dr. A cabman named Silverman. confined to the object of establishing Townsend of his assailant, was arrested. When he was taken to the bedside of the dying man, however, the doctor refused to identify him. "I didn't tell you it was Silverman who shot me," said the doctor to the officer who made the arrest. "I

Mr. Webb loses out in the judiciary merely said that my assailant looked committee appointment. The Speaker like this man. Silverman is a friend to-day gave the place to Mr. Reed, of mine, and he is not the man whe

some residence a block from the The that the Speaker has nothing against doctor and his wife occupied the North Carolina in general, nor anything against Mr. Webb, in particular, his aged mother slept in a room in

About 3:45 o'clock this morning at the next Congress, when he would the doctor's wife was awakened by be unable to interfere with any of some noise and saw a strange man in the Speaker's pet legislation pro- the room. In one hand the intruder carried a lighted match and in the other a revolver. The lower part of his face was covered with a handkerchief. Mrs. Townsend screamed

Democratic Senators are just now devoting considerable attention to the stranger advanced on the doctor and matter of the minority leadership, declared that he was going to kill for service in he Sixtleth Congress. him. He ordered Doctor Townsend As matters now stand the minority is to get up and it is understood that generally very well content with the he said something, but what it was

Dr. Townsend was in a half sit-Senator brought to bear exceptional ting position when the intruder fr-skill and diplomacy in the recent ed. The bullet struck the doctor a Brownsville business. But Mr. Black- then buried itself in the bed clothes. burn's congressional days are num- Again the stranger fired and this bered, and on the 4th of March he time the bullet hit the doctor in the goes out. Peculiar importance will abdomen and pierced the intestines.

Sponsors and Maids of Honor, In-

tended as Honor to Women of

Confederacy, Has Forced Soldiers in Manner Into Second Place,

New Orleans, Jan. 26 .- Two im-

office on the ground

Next-Choosing of

of the letters contained described as unfavorable comment, and that is a light percentage, as letter-writing cranks, as a rule, strong words in their uncalled-for communications."

JURORS CLOSELY GUARDED. The jurors were kept under close surveillance at their hotel to-day. The wives of two of them called last night, but their guards only permit conversations in the presence of another United States was a composite one, juror and one of the guards

Mr. Peabody said that Miss Mc-Kenzie had proved herself one of the of the next Republican candidate bebest friends Mrs. Evelyn Thaw ever had, and that she took care of Mrs. Fairbanks and ended with a speaking Thaw last summer when the young likeness of Joseph Cannon. woman was "suffering agony greater than that borne by any woman in New York," and has been devoted ever since.

"Is it-to be expected that now Mrs. Harry Thaw would cast her friend served as introductions to speeches aside just for the sake of appearances?" Mr. Peabody asked.

He declared that there was no made by Gen. Horace Porter. Secmore truth in the report that other retary Root, Henry Van Dyke, of relatives of Thaw have guarreled with Evelyn Thew because of her friendship Adam Bede, of Minnesota, and Franfor Miss McKensie. He said that Mrs. William Thaw and her daughters have State. never had the slightest objection to the intimacy of the pair and that this applied to the Countess of Yarmouta, who, he said, had not been in court for the past three days because she was so overwrought by the first day's edings that she had to stay in the hotel to recuperate. He promised that she would be in court Monday if she had recovered

PEABODY DENIES REPORT.

Mr. Peabody said that the report that Mr. Delmas had delivered an ultimatum that he would withdraw from the case unless May McKenzie was kept out of the court room. 18 absolutely without foundation, and he said that Mr. Delmas had not declared at the Yale Club that either ne or Miss McKenzie would have to

out of the court room Mr. Peabody also declared that the report that Harry Thaw and his wife were contemplating a divorce if Thaw is acquitted is also false. He said that Thaw and his wife "are more nseparably bound together to-day than before the tragedy.'

It was said to-day that evidence will be put before the jury to prove that ever since the Madison Square Garden tragedy last June, the entire living expenses of Mas McKenzie have been paid by some one connected with the Thaw family. The district attorney is said to have copies of blils paid on Miss McKenzie's account at the Hotel Lorraine. Miss McKenzie will appear as a witness for the prosetution during the tglal, having been subpoended by the district attorney. One of the reports in circulation

dealing with Thaw's motive for o-day shooting Stanford White was to the effect that on the night before the shooting Thaw called on White and exacted from him a prop nise that he would never try to communicate with Evelyn Thaw again. It was also reported that while at dinner in the Cafe Martin, four hours before the dent they will be submitted to that body. tragedy, Thaw intercepted a note Joseph P. Minetree's Funeral to White asking Mrs. Thaw to meet him.

### FOR PITTSBURG WITNESSES.

Rooms are reported to have been engaged in this city for eight Pittsburg witnesses for Thaw to be brought to this city under the care of Roger O'Mara, the Pituburg detective.

that the interment will be in Rock The seven furors are comfortably housed at the Breadway Central Ho-Creek Cemetery, this city, tel, 17 rooms with baths and a private dining room having been engaged has for them. The juryrs so far selected and having been engaged has appeared at the trial thus far, e jurors so far selected and that was yesterday, when Clif-tha situation in a ford W. Hartridge, chief counsel for sophical manner. Thaw, asked a prospective juror

The plans of the defense, while they have not definitely developed. "Would you take into consideration are believed to be as at first supposed all the evidence tending to show the -emotional insanity and an appeal to condition of this man's (Thaw's) mind the so-called "higher law." Only the at the time of the killing of Stanford faintest indication in this direction white?"

the negro to sell to Mr. Vanderbilt. bears, made a number of cartoons. Many photographs were taken of One of the bears requested that he the cabin and the Collins family. draw a picture of the man whom the Souvenir postal cards with a picture Senate loves most and a striking likeof the shack and the wording, ness of the President appeared. A picture of Senator Foraker showed cabin that Vanderblit can't up when the cartoonist was asked to printed thereon have been sold by the thousands during the past several draw a picture of the Senator whom the President loved most. The picyears. Many stories have also found ture of the next Vice President of the place in the journals of the country relative to Collins, and his six acres of land, and log cabin. Many of starting with David B. Hill and being these stories, of course, were grossly changed into Fairbanks. The cartoon exaggerated. In one instance it was stated that Collins refused to sell began with Taft, was changed into cause he desired to have Mr. Vanderbilt as a neighbor. Another story

SONGS AS INTRODUCTIONS. Songs to Associate Justice Harlan,

cabin and six acres of land. of the Supreme Court, to Vice President Fairbanks and Speaker Cannon from these gentlemen, while other to know. It is doubtful if the negro brilliant after-dinner efforts were Princeton University, Representative

cis W. Cushman, of Washington few acres. It is known that a few As a souvenir of the dinner a book years ago Vanderbilt offered the neof nearly 60 pages was presented to gro \$8,500 in cold cash for the place, each guest, its title being; "Who's Who in Gridiron Prose and Rhyme, dealing with historic characters and portrayed with a profusion of cuts. Joint Resolution Asking House to Get Governors Warfield, of Maryland, and Swanson, of Virginia, were represented as speaking to one another as follows:

"Says the Gov'nor of Ma'yland to his friend of Virgingeh

will mix you somethings that are good to put in youh.

Says the Gov-nor of Virginych: "I prefer not to wait,

When time may be saved by taking them straight."

THE CAR SHORTAGE QUESTION.

Subject for Consideration at Conference Held at White House by Heads of Departments.

Washington, Jan, 26 .- The car shortage question was considered at the White House this afternoon during a conference which was participated in by the President, Secretary Root, Secretary Taft, Postmaster General Cortelyou, Asistant Secretary Bacon. Commissioner of Corporations Garfield and Chairman Knapp, of the inter-State commerce commiss The President has announced his intention of sending to Congress a special message urging legislation of a remedial character to meet such to meet such emergencies as that now existing regarding the car shortage question. The inter-State commerce commission has submitted certain principles which the members think should form the basis legislation to be recommendof any ed on that subject to Congress, and if these meet the views of the Presi-

Held To-Morrow

his late, residence next Monday and

Wahington, Jan. 26 .- It was decid

House to get squarely on record in favor of the President for his action in dismissing three companies of the Twenty-fifth Infantry from the military service of the United States He said to-day in the lower branch of Congress that by unanimous vote of the Tennessee Legislature the President's course was endorsed and he had therefore introduced a joint resolution commending the President in

his position. He said the resolution had been referred to the military af-fairs committee, which he believed would act upon the resolution. If it should not he would ask that the committee be discharged and would bring the whole matter before

Squarely on Record Endorsing President for Dismissing Negro

Troops (Introduced by Representa-

Washington, Jan. 26 .- Representa-

live Sims, of Tennessee, wants the

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the House for discussion. "In another body of Congress," Mr. Sims asserted, "an ambiguous resolution has been passed which challenged the propriety, if not the authority, of the President to take the action he did. In the debates his constitutional authority had been challenged."

If the President had exceeded his constitutional authority, said Mr. Sims, he was subject to impeach ment and such proceedings must b

commenced in the House of Repre sentatives. In view of the resolution passed by the Senate neither admitting or deny-

ing the President's authority. simply providing for an investigation of the facts, Mr. Sims thought it proper that the House should express itself. It was not his purpose, Mr. Simi asserted, to discuss the punishment of ed to-day that the funeral of Col.

the discharged soldiers; that question Joseph P. Minetree, purchasing agent should not be considered in connec-tion with the matter. "The action of of the Southern Railway, who died here yesterday, will take place from the President was not taken," asserted Mr. Sims, "as a matter of punish-ment, but as a matter of discipline."

Fifth Georgia Regiment to Camp at Jamestown Exposition.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 26.-Announce ment was made from Jamestown Ex stown Exposition headquarters to day that the Fifth Georgia Regiment, the crack regiment from that State, will encamp at the exposition from June 5 to 17, coming direct from Atlanta under command of Col. C. L. Anderson.

"This order is in lieu of my order of December 13, 1906. (Signed)

"The

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

SAMPSON TREASURER FAILS.

A. W. Aman, Retiring Sheriff , and Treasurer of Sampson, as Well as Merchant Makes Assignment-Liabilitics \$30,000 Assets \$10,000-Bond Secured by Farmers. Special to The Observer.

Clinton, Jan. 26 .- Business circles here were subjected to a shock when it was announced that A. W. Aman, was to the effect that Mr. Vanderbilt general merchant and retiring sheriff had offered the negro \$75,000 for his and treasurer of Sampson county

had made a deed of assignment. He All this, of course, was bosh. Just conducted a large dry goods store why Collins has declined to sell durand owned the grocery business coning these past 15 years no one seems ducted under the name of the Clinton Supply Co. It is rumored that really knows himself. It is believed, mercantile liabilities are about however, that the negro had some sort of a dream of eventually securcounty treasurer about an equal ing for his holding a fabulous sum. amount, making his total liabilities At one time he could have secured about \$30,000, as estimated. a small fortune for the cabin and the

His assets will approximate \$10, 000, consisting of mercantile stock and accounts. On his bond as sheriff and treasurer are some fifty of the leading farmers of the county. so AN UNQUALIFIED ENDORSEMENT that their loss, if any, will be indi-

vidual. The worst feature of it all is the tangle into which the county finances will temporarily be, though F. R. Cooper is named as assignee.

SCOTS AND SWEDES COMING.

Arrangements Making With Steamship Companies for Landing of Several Hundred Immigrants Within Next Few Weeks.

Augusta, Ga., Jan. 26 .- The Georgia Immigration Association announces to-day that arrangements are making with representatives of two steamship lines to bring to this country within the next three weeks several hundreds Scottish and Swedish immigrants to relieve the very urgent demand for help in this section. The matter has been taken up with Commissioner Hudson and the request made that the State lend all its aid, which will be complied with. he The immigrants are to be landed at the port of Savannah. The association has committed itself and its foreign representatives to the policy of bring-

ing only that class of immigrants against who no objection can be found. Details for further extension of the

movement will be perfected at the State immigration conference to be neld in Macon February 19-30.

FUNERAL OF SENATOR ALGER

Chaplain of Senate Analsis Rev. Dr. Radcliffe in Service—Body Escort-ed to Station by Squadron of Cav-

Washington, Jan, 25 .-- In accordance

Washington. Jan. 25.-In accordance with the wishes of himself and family, the funeral of the late Senator Russell A. Alger, of Michigan, which was held at the family residence in this city at 2 o'clock to-day, was simple but impres-sive. The ceremonies were conducted by the late Senator's friend and former pastor, Rev. Dr. Wallace Radellife, of the New York Avenue Presbyterian church in this city, and Rev. Dr. Ed-ward Everett Hale, the chaplain of the United Simus Sonate.

BLAIR URGED HIM TO VISIT. "Since his removal to Columbia I

always stopped and saw him when- the ever I had the opportunity to do so. mittee may not report for The last time I was at his house was evening for Charlotte. got home that day between 12 and 1 sisted on my staying longer, and asked me to try and arrange it so that I and spend the time with him here

N. & L., between Columbia and Laurens. I did not see Mrs. Blair before I left the house on January 1, as I understood from Mr. Blair that she was asleep. When I left the house Mr. Blair accompanied me to the Brownsville by the negro soldiers. street and was most cordial in his invitation to stay longer and to return as soon as possible.

NO CRIMINAL INTIMACY.

uary 19 the statement made by Dr. Knowlton at the coroner's inquest, wherein Dr. Knowlton that "he (Blair) said BAYS his wife killed him because he got after her about being too intimate with Mr. Arms" and that he had quarreled with her about her intimacy with me. I swear most emphatically that I was never criminally intimate with Mrs. Blair, and have always regarded her a lady of the highest character. My visits to the house were through her husband's invitation, and he never by word or manner indicated that my visits were unwelcome, but on the contrary always insited upon my coming to see her when I could. I fully intend to be present at the trial of Mrs. Blair and refute any charges that may be made against me as to my undue intimacy with her.'

portant preparations of the

ward Everet Hale, the chaplain of the United Sintes Sonate. Representatives of congressional, offi-cial, diplomatic and social Washington, and many friends from Michigan, were present. The executive branch of the government was represented by the President and his secretary. Mr. Loeb, tho War Department by Secretary Tark as-officers of the armity, and the Navy De-partment by Assistant Secretary New-berry. After the funoral services, the body was secorded to the station by a spinaf-ron of cavalry, whate at i o'clock it was taken to Detroit. On Moningy after ser-vices at the family residence, firs body will have a military secort to the grave.

the intruder the issues, and house by forcing a window in the doctor's floor. Tracks also were found lead ing from the house to the water's dge and it is believed that the assailant, after his crime, made his escape in a boat, which had been proyided in advance for that purpose, ORDERS ISSUED TO VETERANS Date For 17th Annual Reunion June

of his own party. It must be said that Mr. Bailey's colleagues do not they are not certain that the rest of the country thinks the same thing. Besides, this question of minority portant orders to Confederate veterans issued by Stephen D. Lee, genlegislative investigating comeral commanding the United Consome federate Veterans, were made public time yet. Messrs. Daniels and Culhere to-night. Speaking of the ap

pointing of sponsors and maids of onor, General Lee says: "It cannot be denied that what was intended as an honor to the decendants of the glorious women of the Confederacy, has grown to such a degree that the Confederate soldiers have, in a manner, been forced into second place.'

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He announces that this matter will be brought to the attention of th Richmond reunion this year and that, pending action by the veterans. at this convention, he will abstain from appointing a chief sponsor and maid of honor for the Richmond reunion. It is absolutely necessary, he continues, that the expanse of the reunion cities be reduced and he wishes it distinctly understood that the out lay for entertainment of all sponsors and maids of honor must be berne by those who make the appoint ments.

The second order announces the date of the 17th annual reunion for June 1, 2 and 3 next.

SEC. TAFT NOT YET READY.

specting the Award of the Panama Canal Contract at Present.

Washington, Jan. 26, --- Secretary Taft is not yet ready to make any announcement respecting the award of the contract for the constru of the Panama canal. He made this statement at the conclusion of a conference at the White House to-day. He said no announcement on the sub-ject will be made before Monday, He declined to indicate what might the conclusion of the resident ber, should he be made a member of his advisers. It is surmised that ad-the sub-committee. ditional information is awaited on various features of the prop and that pending the receipt final action is not to be taken. In ad-dition to the President and Secread Manteo. Representative Small expects to ad-tary Taft there were present s tary Root, Postmaster General tary Root, Postmaster General telyou, Assistant Secretary of Bacon and Jamos R. Garfield, missioner of Corporations, and portion of the time Chairman K for 4 of the inter-State commerce

> Marriott Will Probably Recover Ormond, Fia., Jan. 26.—Fred Mar-fott, who was seriousty injured yes-terday when his racing automobile was wrecked while racing along Or-mond-Daytona beach at a speed of nearly 125 miles an hour. fatriy comfortable night and will recover. It was feared that the driver had sustained injuries, but no indica thing of that kind bas

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Roanoke, Va., Jan 28-Jol oney, a railroad contractor a barged with peonage, fo-day ant on in the Federal grand j Inited States Commissioner

## For Placing Additional Anchorage Marks in Hampton Roads. Washington, Jan. 26 .- Rear Admiral P. F. Harrington, U. S. navy, has submitted to the Navy Department an estimate of \$15,000 for placing additional anchorage marks in Hampton Roads as part of the gen-

eral plan to have Hampton Roads and the adjacent waters ready by the mid-

\$15,000 and that he is behind as o'clock and stayed at the house the whole time I was there. When I left he came to the door with me and incould get off for a week and come league be chosen for such recognition and in Laurens. He was then engaged as passenger conductor on the

"I have read in The State of Jan-

#### have to aid in shaping in putting his party organization in fighting trim. Mr. Bailey would be the logical leader, but for the one lamentable fact that he is under a cloud. The legislative committee is expected to clear him, because the committee was friendly disposed toward the Texan when it was appointed, but there is no doubt that he is handicapped by having been under such a fierce fire by a large element

think him guilty, but nevertheless leadership is something that is demanding attention at this time, while on January 1, 1907, and left at 3 that berson are mentioned very frequently Mr. Blair, in connection with the leadership. In passing it may be said that the rela-

tions between the Texas Senators have been rather strained for a long while, but it is doubtful whether Mr. Balley would be able to interfere with the arrangement, should his col-

> by his party. COMMITTEE MUST PROBE BROWNSVILLE BUSINESS.

The Senate committee on military affairs will early next month begin the work of investigating the facts relating to the shooting up 10 Never did a committee enter upon a duty assigned them by formal resolution of the Senate with greater reluctance. Seven out of the twelve members of the committee regard the whole movement as a piece of foolishness, which must inevitably result in the needless expenditure of much time and money. Besides, the committee, cannot possibly complete the

investigation during the present sesent of Congress, and it will, some time during the recess. The Senators, including Senator Overman, who are members of the committee are being chaffed a good deal about the job they have on their hands. They are being told that they will have to go to Brownsville during July. This town is in the extreme southwestern part of the country, and the heat is something fierce at times. Senaor Overman will do his utmost to prevail upon his colleagues to postpone their trip to Texas until Octo-

therefore, be compelled to sit for Will Make No Announcement Re-

the sub-committee. The Postoffice Department has agreed to establish a daily steamboat mail route between Elizabeth City and Manteo

dress the House soon on the subject of his inland waterway project while the river and harbor bill is under con-

## sideration. SENATE IN SESSION AN HOUR.

Adjournment Taken to Permit At-tendance on Funeral of Late Sena-tor Alger—Resolution in Regard to Naval Officers Referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Washington, Jan. 26 .- The Senate was in session to-day only for a little more than an hour, the early adjournment being taken to permit at-

tendance on the funeral of the late Senator Alger. A few bills of minor importance were passed, but most of importance were sitting was the time of the sitting was Hale's resolution providing for an in-quiry into the personal interest mani-fested by naval officers in the navy personnel bill. The resolution was ultimately refers ". to the committee on maval affairs

dle of April to receive the foreign fleets coming to the Jamestown Exposition. The work includes the placing of pile beacons and marking buoys the publication of an anchorage chart and rules of anchorage and other im-

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