ROOT DENIES INTERVIEWS MONEY MYSTERY UNDOLVED.

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Washington. Feb. 1.—Secretary
Root positively refuses to make any
statement touching the Japanese situation in its relation to the conferuation in its relation to the conferuation. The money was received by the
agent, Mr. C. C. Inman, at Lowell,
and it is understood that he placed
the package in his pocket for safekeeping. It could not be found Sun-Washington, Feb. 1.-Secretary ences which took place at the White ences which took place at the White day morning.

House Wednesday evening between Mr. O. M. Sadler, division agent of the Southern Express Company; Mr. Gillespie Sadler, route agent, and a gressional delegation. He does, howers and have also made visits to Gestonie.

gressional delegation. He does, how-ever, enter a sweeping denial of the authenticity of any of the published interviews attributed to him, as to the imminence of war or the state of the treaty negotiations or indeed any phase of this subject which he regards as one eminently unsuited for public discussion at this time. The Japanese ambassador is not

accessible to newspaper reporters; he declined to be seen this afternoon, but newspaper statement on this subject. The fact appears to be that a statement in the press cable dispatches as-cribed to Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister for foreign affairs, to the effect that in event the courts upheld the San Francisco school officials, then the matter of discrimination against Japanese would require diplomatic treatment, was in some quarters erroneously attributed to Secretary Root, who has been put in the posi-tion of stating that he had received an ultimatum from the Japanese min-ister for foreign affairs. Mr. Root denies that he has received any such communication and careful inquiry fails to show that the alleged remark of Baron Hayashi has ever been communicated officially to this government.

It was said at the Navy Department to-day as an evidence of the slight importance attached by naval officers to the present discussion of Japanese relations, that there was not slightest intention on the part of the department of strengthening the American naval force on either side of the Pacific.

A \$250,000 FIRE AT HARRISBURG

Eight Buildings in Centre of Business District Either Destroyed or Badly Damaged—Flames Started From Explosion in Hat Store.

Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 1.—Eight buildings in the centre of the business district of Harrisburg were either destroyed or badly damaged by a fire early this morning involving loss estimated at \$250,000. Grand Opera House block at Third and Walnut streets, in which there were five stories, was destroyed and nothing is standing but the walls. The Duncan building, on the opposite side of Third street, occupied by three stores and a pool room, was also destroyed. The Park Hotel and the Columbus Hotel were badly damaged by fire and water. The United Telephone Company building, the Security Trust building, the Bijou College block, the Harrisburg Gas Company building and the buildings occupied by the Harrisburg Cycle & Typewriter Company, the Philadelphia and Albany Dentists and E. G. Hoover, jeweler, were also dam-

The fire started from an explosion in Pyne's hat store, in the opera house block, and within an hour had destroyed the playhouse and stores in the building and had leaped across to the west side of Third street to the Columbus Hotel and College block. The opera house was owned by a Harrisburg syndicate. On the first floor were John Pyne's hat store, Wilson Hoffas' drug store, Miles Freys' cigar store and pool room, the Grand Union Tea Company and W. F. Paul's shoe store.

CLIFFORD IS HELD IN \$10,000.

Hearing in Case of Alderman for ribery in Connection With Election of Recorder of Court of General Sessions Ends in Arrest of Alder-man eters and J. C. Cronin for Perjury.

New York, Feb. 1.-The hearing of the case against Alderman W. S. Clifford, on charges of bribery in the election of a recorder of the Court of General Sessions, ended to-day in the arrest of Alderman Henry C. Peters and John J. Cronin on charges of perjury. Alderman Clifford was held in \$10,000 bail for the grand jury. Alderman Peters, the leader of the Municipal Ownership members of the board, was held in \$2,500 bail, and Alderman Cronin was paroled on his own recognizance for a hearing next

The perjury is alleged to have been committed by the two aldermen while testifying in the case against Clifford and dealt particularly with the manner in which the word was given to the Municipal Ownership members to vote for Judge Cowing for recorder. It is charged that Clifford accepted \$6,000 from Earl Harding, who pretended to be acting in the interests of the judge, but who had no authority therefor to swing the votes of the 11 Municipal Ownership League men to Judge Cowing. The charges against Peters are based on his testimony to the effect that he did not instruct the aldermen to vote for Judge Cowing until after Clifford and Cronin had already cast their votes for him. After hearing those two members vote he said he signalled to the others to vote for Judge Cowing. He declared, how-ever, that he had mentioned Judge Cowing's name to the others as a possible candidate some days earlier, everal others of the aldermen testiled previously that Peters instructed them to vote for Judge Cowing before Clifford cast his vote. This conflict of testimony led to charges of

MISMANAGEMENT OF ASSETS.

Temporary Receiver Appointed For Georgia Reduction & Loan Company, of Atlanta, on Bill Filed by R. S. Breitling, of Demopolis, Ala. Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 1.—A bill in equity was filed late to-day in the Superior Court here against the Georgia Redemption & Loan Company by R. S. Breitling, of Demopolis, Ala. alleging the company to be insolvent and mismanagement of its assats and praying the appointment of a receiver. Judga Pendleton appointed Eugene R. Black temporary receiver. M. T. Lahatte is president and M. M. Turney is secretary of the company, which has its principal offices in this city.

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Gastonia, Feb. 1.—The disappear-nce of \$1,200 in currency from the outhern Express office at Lowell ne time Saturday night is still a nystery. The money in question was shipped to the McAden Mills Saturday afternoon on No. 12 by the First National Bank of Gastonia.

Mr. Inman has been agent at Lowell for two years, coming to this State from the West. He is, in addition to being agent for the express company, telegraph operator and de-pot agent for the Southern Railway. He is still holding these positions. It is understood that Mr. Inman advances no theory as to how the money declined to be seen this afternoon, but the members of the embassy staff af-firm that he had not authorized any making every effort to unravel the mystery, but so far without success.

Prospects are promising for a lively race for the mayoralty of Gastonia. Though the election is three months off, three candidates are in the field for public favor. The latest addition to the ranks is Mr. W. W. Glenn, secretary of the Arlington Cotton Mill. He is a well-known young business man of ability and, if elected, would no doubt fill the office with satisfaction to the town and credit to himself.

Neatly printed cards reading as ollows were distributed to the voters of Gastonia through the medium of he postoffice yesterday afternoon: I hereby announce myself candilate for mayor of Gastonia; will thank you for your support. Joseph H. Separk." This announcement did not occasion any great amount of surprise, as it had been rumored for some days that Mr. Separk's friends had been urging him to announce

himself a candidate.
Information is had from Dallas to the effect that Mr. J. Puett Hoffman yesterday received his commission as postmaster at Dallas and to-day made his bond in the sum of \$5,000. Mr. Hoffman succeeds Mr. Peter Marshall Rhyne. The reason for the latter's resignation is not stated.

DARKNESS AT DAVIDSON.

ight Plant Goes on Strike, Metaphorically Speaking, and a Season of Inky Blackness Ensues—Davidson Flour Mill Sold. Special to The Observer.

Davidson, Feb. 1 .- Last evening an hour after dark out went the electric lights and homes, streets and the church were in Egyptian darkness. Out-of-doors the blackness was thick moon nor stars were to be seen in the cloud and fog. In the houses and stores lamps were easily secured and at the final moment enough of Long days have passed since out we've these were collected at the church to make it possible to have the evening service, at which Dr. Lilly preached, as heretofore this week. This af-Theatre, Roshon's photograph studio, as heretofore this week. This afternoon on a delayed train a representative from the Liddell Company came and put things in running order again at the power plant. He was unable, however, to adjust everything thoroughly and make a sufficient test before it was necessary to turn on the full force of the current, so that at this hour, 7 p. m., we are in darkness again, but with every prospect of hings getting in shape in a brief Special to The Observer. The brasses of the crank pins on the engine have been heating so rapidly that the dynamos have had to stop, the same trouble that was ex-

perienced last week. The Mooney Brothers have sold the Davidson Flour Mill to Messrs. W. A. and L. C. Bratton, who, it is understood, will keep the mill in operation and in conection with the milling business will establish complete machinery and repair shops for wood and iron work. The Brattons are skilled workmen and are noted for their mechanical turn and so will no doubt establish a successful business.

Oil Mill for Cornelius Talked of. Special to The Observer.

Cornelius, Feb. 1 .- The latest busiess enterprise or venture to engage day night, when the matter will be the attention of the town is that of an oil mill. The matter has not yet likely be taken at this time. The optaken definite shape, but its pro-moters seem to have little or no as suggested by the city aldermen doubt that it will ready for work before the end of understood, and many of those who the summer. The plan is to estab- signed a petition asking the Forsyth lish a one-press mill at a cost of \$10,-000 or \$15,000, somewhat after the order of the one in Mooresville. To this end subscriptions for small amounts of stock will be solicited from the farmers. It is believed that from 50 to 100 farmers will go into the plan. It is largely in the nature of a co-operative affair, in which the planters will bring in their cotton and will take in exchange for it seed meal and hulls.

The present season, of course, puts a halt to the work on the walls of the new cotton mill, but these have going up rapidly and will be pushed to a finish as the weather will

Engine Derailed in Yards. The engine of No. 33, on the Southern Railway, was derailed as it was entering the yards at the Southern passenger station yesterday morning The train was moving at the usual speed, but it had plowed up several feet of track and dirt before it came to a standstill. Several hours were equired to get the engine back on the track and get the line clear. The ac-

Br. Venable's Way.

Charity and Children

The University of North Carolina asks the Legislature for larger appropriations to meet the increasing needs of the institution. Dr. Venable presents the request in a dignified way and goes back to his duties at Chapei Hill, leaving the Legislature to perform its duty in the premises.

has begin its work in earnest. The old charter, with its numberiess amendments and appendices, is in-different and little better than an exractically a new document, although very section of the old one that can be used will remain intact. It will be perfectly systematized and every department of the city administration will have its functions, etc., carefully and clearly described and provided

The sub-committee that is drafting the sections and departments of the new charter is composed of City At-torney Hugh W. Harris, Judge Armi-stead Burwell, Mr. D. B. Smith, and the chairman, Dr. I. W. Falson. Present at a meeting held at the city hall last night also were Col. A. L. Smith and Mr. J. Arthur Henderson, chairmen of the sub-committees from the police, fire and health commission and

the school commission. 'At the meeting last night several sections and provisions in the new charter were discussed and a few passed temporarily. The subject of the division of the city into wards was discussed, there being two suggestions as to the number-seven and

At the previous meeting of the committee resolutions were passed requesting the board of aldermen to mmediately have a survey made of the new limits and to have the census taken, this to enable the committee to prepare the charter with a better understanding of conditions and circumstances.

SONG OF THE QUARANTINED.

Miss Idly Long and Her "Seven Spinster Sisters" Entertain at the Presbyterian College—A New Col-lege Song Sung—The Words.

In spite of the quarantine which is being enforced at the Presbyterian College, there was much fun among pupils and teachers last night, when Miss Lily Long and her "Seven Spinster Sisters." the cabinet of the Young Woman's Christian Association, entertained at a "children's party." All were dressed typical of either extreme youth, or as the guardian spinsters. Games were played, refreshments served and then the crowd gathered in the parlor to sing the new college song, "The Song of the Quarantined.

The words were written by the teacher of English, Miss Porter, and sung to the tune of "Auld Lang Syne.'

Should all the world be going out And we imprisoned be? Should all the world be going out But the girls of old P. C? CHORUS To the health of old P. C.,

dear,
To the health of old P. C.
We'll drink a cup of kindly
To the health of old P. C. and dense to a degree as neither We often walked the back streets drear. And thought it fearful woe-Nor dreamed the day would ever come

We'd long e'en there to go?

Then raise the chorus loud and clear, As we sing the toast we hold most dear, To the health of old P. C. And all united be,

MAY EXTEND BOUNDARY.

Question of Including Fair View in Winston Up Again—Meeting Tues-day Night to Discuss Question.

Winston-Salem, Feb. 1 .- Two deacons of Waughtown Baptist church and one from Southside Baptist church will be ordained Sunday at 3 p. m. at Waughton. The ordination prayer will be offered by Rev. B. K. Mason, of the Broad Street Baptist church and the charge will be delivered by Dr. H. A. Brown, of the First Baptist church. Then will be short talks on the duties of the deacons by the deacons from the different churches forming the Presbytery. The question of extending the Win-

ston boundary line in the northeastern pare of the city, to take in the sec-tion known as Fairview, is being agitated again, a meeting of the citizens residing in that section will be held in Fairview Council hall next Tuesdiscussed. Some definite action will be erected and two years ago, has disappeared, it is members in the Legislature to see that the measure did not pass, are now earnect advocates of the propo-

AROUND MOORESVILLE.

District Deputy Johnston Speaks to Local Pythians—Mr. Pharr Delegate to District Meeting. Special to The Observer.

Mooresville, Feb. 1 .- The Pythians of this town were honored at their meeting Monday night by'a visit from the district deputy, Mr. B. G. John-ston, of Lenoir. Mr. Johnston made a short talk and complimented this lodge upon being in such a flourishing condition and invited as many as could to attend the district meeting to be

held at Lenoir February 12.
Mr. W. D. Pharr was elected as a delegate from this lodge to attend the district meeting and there will prob-ably be several of the members that will also attend.

Rey. W. S. Wilson left Thursday norning for Montreat, where he will cident was caused either by an open switch or a defect in the track.

The accident was caused either by an open be for a day or two. He will then go to Marion, where he will attend the installation services of his successor at the Presbyterian church at that place Sunday. Rev. M. E. Sentelle, of the faculty

of Davidson College, will be here Sunday to conduct the service at the Presbyterian church in Mr. Wilson's Mrs. P. M. Brown, of Charlotte, has been spending this week with her father, Rev. W. W. Pharr.

Representative W. A. Grier arrived in the city last night from Raleigh and will spend two or three days with his family in the county.

It's a pleasure to tell our readers about a Cough Cure like Dr. Shoop's. For years Dr. Shoop has fought against the use of Optum. Chloroform, or other unsafe ingredients commonly found in Cough remedies. Dr. Shoop it seems, has well-comed the Pure Food and Drug Law recently enacted, for he has worked along similar lines many years. For nearly 20 years Dr. Shoop's Cough Cure containers have had a warning printed on them against Optum and other narcotic poisons. He has thus made it possible for mothers to protect their children by simply instaling on having Dr. Shoop's Cough Cure. Sold by Burwell-Dunn Recough Steel Spitt Pulleys and "Glant" Stirched Rubbee Cough Cure. Sold by Burwell-Dunn Recough Steel Spitt Pulleys and "Glant" Stirched Rubbee Cough Cure. Sold by Burwell-Dunn Recough Steel Spitt Pulleys and Mill Supplies.

LETTER MAY CLEAR UP MYSPERY

New York, Pub. 1.—"I look an oath at Six' coffin that I would avenge the death, and I'm going to keep my word. I must for—before God I am right and I hope He will be merciful and forgive this rash act."

This statement, in a letter signed "John Bell" and which the police believe was written by the John Bell now under arrest in connection with the murder of Dr. C. W. Townsend at New Brighton, Staten Island, is the latest bit of evidence against the accused man. The letter was received by Oscar Quork, of Steinway, Long Island, and was recovered and made public by the police to-day. It is death of the many properties of the mean and Bladder Troubles.

To make up enough of the "vegetable treatment," which is claimed to be relieving nearly every sufferer who uses it for backnoche, kidney complaint, sore, weak bladder and "hountailsm, get from any good prescription pharmacy one-half ounce Compound Kargon and three ounces Compound Syrup of Sarsaparilla. Shake well in a bottle and take in the accused man. The letter was received by Oscar Quork, of Steinway, Long Island, and was recovered and made public by the police to-day. It is public by the police to-day. It is kidneys, relieving backache and blad-dated Jan, 26 and was mailed in der trouble and urinary difficulties Brooklyn shortly after noon on that almost instantly. Many cases of day. Dr. Townsend was shot and rheumatism are known to have been the morning of that day, almost example and swelling diminishing with each actly a year to the hour after Bell's dose. wife died in a Staten Island hospital.

A well-known local druggist, who is in a position to know, asserts that physician. It is the theory of the police that Dr. Townsend's slayer was known, always ruins the sale of the actuated by revenge.

A 10 PER CENT. INCREASE.

the Rates on Betuminous Shipment on April 1.

Shipment on April 1.

Philadelphia, Feb. 1.—The North American to-morrow will say:
Headed by the Pennsylvania Rallroad the trunk line railroads will make a general increase in rates on bituminous coal shipments of 10 per cent. on April 1. President McCrea, of the Pennsylvania Railroad, is credited with having taken the matter up with President Baer, of the Reading and Jersey Central Railroads, and President Johnson, of the Norfolk & Western Railroad, The coal companies in Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and Pennsylvania have been given to understand that there been given to understand that there will be no adherence to the present rates after April I. The rate to tidewater will, it is said, be increased about 15 per cent. Increased cost of operating is given as the reason for the advance in rates.

The Private Levee Surrounding Palmyra Island Breaks. Vicksburg, Miss., Feb. 1.-The pri-

rate levee surrounding Palmyra island, about 20 miles below here, has broken and the water is flooding the island, which is comprised of five plantations including Brierfield, the old Jefferson Davis plantation. News reached there to-day of the negro man, who with his wife, were

they went under. The woman escaped. Mr. T. M. Constable's Father Dead. Mr. and Mrs, T. M. Constable left last night for Norfolk, Va., to attend the funeral of Mr. Constable's aged father, Mr. Henry B. Constable, who

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