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A COMMISSION IN LUNACY HAD PLANNED MASSACRE? A VOTE TO BE HAD TO-DAY be a prejudice against them, yet I INCREASE OF THE NAVY HOPE FOR A REFORMATORY MR. POU WILL NOT RUN Senator I FEROME DOES NOT OPPOSE THIS LROWNSVILLE TESTIMONY WARM AN ENTIRE DAY OF DISCUSSION

when Statement Saying He Will Join With Thaw Counsel in Requesting Appointment of Such a Commission to Examine Defendant if Any of Experts Retained Will Testify An-thoritatively That in Their Opinion Thaw is Now Insane—Dr. Evans to Conclude Testimony When Court Opens, Followed by Evelyn Nesbit Thinw and the Defendant's Mother and Possibly Family Physicians.

New York, Feb. 15 .-- The following statement as to District Attorney Jerome's position with regard to the sanity or insanity of Harry K. Thaw

estified, will say authoritatively, that in their opinion Thaw is now insane the District Attorney will join with them in the request to the court for the appointment of a commission in lunacy to decide on the question of the defendant's sanity."

EVANS TO RESUME STAND. Harry McPike, of counsel for Thaw, said to-day:

When the trial is resumed next week, Dr. Evans will conclude ! his testimony and Dr. Wagner will be recalled to tell of his conversations with Thaw-conversations which were ruled out last week. Then Mr. Thaw's wife will finish her story and his mother will be called as a witness for the first time. Finally, af-ter Mr. Thaw's will has been introduced as evidence it is probable that the family physicians of the Thaw family will complete their . testimony. The allenists will be asked a few final questions in order to round out the case and then, unless something new develops, the defense probably will rest."

Dr. Josiah Strong, president of the American Institution of Social Service, said to-day that Harry K Thaw consulted him more than two years ago about breaking up a "den of vice" in this city, which was protected by a wealthy and influential man. Thaw did not say where it was located, but Dr. Strong said the young man told him such a story that it "made his blood boil."

Dr. Strong added that he referred Thaw to Anthony Comstock. THAW'S NIGHT-KEEPER DEAD.

Death has again invaded Harry Thaw's environments. Close on the passing of the wife of Joseph Bolton, one of the jurors, who have to decide the question of his guilt or innocence of the murder of Stanford day of the death last night in a hospital of Michael D. Downey, who for months had been Thaw's night-keep-er on the second tier of cells in the Downey had been a keeper in the Tombs for more than 28 years. When Harry Thaw first came to the Tombs, Downey did not look with favor on the new prisoner. But during the long watches of the night, when Thaw paced up and down the nara warm row confines of his cell, between the friendship sprang up keeper and the prisoner. When Downey is buried to-morrow a wreath bearing Thaw's card will rest on the casket. Thaw sent the order for the Brawner that there had been fowers to Warden Flynn soon after he heard of the keeper's death.

Negro Ex-Soldiers Tell of Alleged Plans of Citizens of the Town to Do Violence to the Troops-William Mapp Declares He Heard Citizen Tell Another That It Was Agreed to "Catch a Lot of the Young Fel-lows in Allizon's Saloon and Massa-cre Them".--On Night of "Shooting Up" He Heard Shouts to the Sol-diers to Come Otu. Washington, Feb. 15.--Startling testimony concerning alleged plans to massacre colored soldiers at Browns-ville, Tex., by man from the town fir-

harlon

ville, Tex., by men from the town firing over the barracks to stampede the soldiers, and challenges to them to come out of the barracks, was was made to-day: "Mr. Jerome does not know wheth-er or not Thaw is insane. None of his assistants know. None of the experts retained for the prosecution ber of Company C, Twenty-fifth In-fantry.

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pany.

man who had been in charge of the corral prior to the arrival of a bat-talion of the Twenty-fifth Infantry, discussing the case. According to Mapp's story Voschelle said: "Well, it is a good thing it hap-pened as it did. I was out in town

loon and massacre you." Mapp said that the remark WA

not question Voschelle. He said that other saloons having barred the membeen subpoensed as a witness. SHOTS OVER THE BARRACKS. them. Before giving this testimony Mapp said that on the night of the saooting he had been awakened by the firing and had gone to the window of his quarters, and from there he saw

several gun flashes and the shots seemed to be directed over the barracks. A man with a deep voice, 'he said, shouted: "Come out, you epithet and making it applicable to he troops). Mapp said this challenge was repeated several times during the firing, but the call to arms was then sounded and he hurried to get dressed and fall in with his com-

Thomas Jefferson, who was the room orderly in Company C barracks, said that he heard the shooting and receive contributions of funds from thought there were 10 or 12 men fir- private individuals and use the

13 was from near the wall at the end of Company B's quarters, and the slightest intention on the part of conferees to modify in any way the that the shots were apparently over clause which gives power to a State the barracks. He said he heard a to take steps to induce immigration. "There was," he said, "no intention on the part of conferees to limit the several times, said O'Neil. power of the State. If those clauses "BREAK OPEN THE RACKS." which limit contract labor have been Former Sergeant Darbey W. O. strengthened it has been without any Brawner, who had charge of Com- reference to the States." pany C quarters, Twenty-fifth Infan-Referring to the South ry, on the night of the affray and system, Mr. Lodge maintained that if gui whose absence is _ said to have re-sulted in the order to break open the that system was to be extended, there was not a State which not under the company's gun racks, said that 'né guise of a State agency, with funds slept in a room at one end of "C" provided by railroads and manuquarters and that he was awakened facturers, introduce any number of by Corporal O'Neil. O'Neil told contract laborers. Mr. Lodge had no firing doubt many States would be quick to and a call to arms, and also told him take advantage of the South Carolina to hurry and open the gun racks. ruling. This ruling of the Depart-Brawner said he dressed and rushed ment he regarded as a close case and out to see his commanding officer. He said he met First Sergeant Harley believed it might have been preand asked him what to do, and Har-ley said "walt for orders." The witsented differently and with a different result. If the present bill

onference Report on Immigration Bill, Including Provision to Settle California-Japanese Question, Goes Over-Bacon and Tiliman Princi-pal Speakers in Opposition to What They Regarded as an Ef-fort to Prevent the South's Getting a Desirable Class of Immigrantsa Desirable Class of Immigrants-Lodge Warned Tillman That Un-less He Desisted He Would Move for Continued Discussion Behind Closed Doors.

Washington, Feb. 15 .- An agreement to vote to-morrow on the conrence report on the immigration bill, which includes the provision intended to settle the California-Japanese question, was reached in the Senate to-day as the result of an entire day of discussion on that The principal speeches were

experts retained for the prosecution know. These experts have not had an opportunity to examine Thaw eith-er as to his physical condition or his mental calibre. They are present in focurt at the trial with an open mind. They would like to know. "If any experts retained for the defence, some of whom have already

hend as it did. I was out in town prise that the conference should tout last night and the crowd came in front of me—the plan was to catch a lot of young fellows in Allison's sa-port, and Senator Carter sad he would vote against the report entirely not addressed to him and that he did on that ground and predicted its de-

feat. Allison is the former soldier who had started the saloon for the purpose of getting the negro soldier trade, the a filbuster, and many other Demo-Both Messrs. Bacon and Tillman disclaimed any intention to conduct cratic Senators stated that even if bers of the negro battalion. Vos-chells is now in Washington, having Carolina Senator did entertain such the Georgia Senator and the South a purpose they could not follow

During the debate a member of the Cabinet, who was on the floor, told Senators that the subject of State immigration board received the attention of the Cabinet at its meeting to-day and that there had been a general conclusion that the terms of the bill would not require a new ruling in the South Carolina case. PRESENT LAW SATISFACTORY. Explainin gthe precise point of his objection to the report, Mr. Bacon said that under the ruling of the Department of Commerce and Labor, the contact labor clause of the immigration law has been so

construed as to permit the State immigration agent of South Carolina to ing. The shots, he said, came from the rear and near the end of B bar-racks, but he could not say whether the men were within the walls or not. He said ne saw the flashes from guns and thought the garrison was under attack. Solomon P. O'Neil, also a former member of Company C, testified that the shooting on the night of August 13 was from near the wall at the said at the said t

brings war." Senator Lodge arcse at the last remark. "If," he said, in a low tone, "we are going to discus that question, I think we ought to do so behind closed doors."

"I am perfectly willing to go be-hind closed doors," Mr. Tillman re-sponded promptly, "perhaps I can get a heart-to-heart, talk with some people who will not stay here and listen, but we have got orders from the White House that this report has got to go through."

LAYS BLAME TO PRESIDENT. "If the man at the White House had not taken it upon himself to meddle with everything in the United States we would not have this issue here," said Mr. Tillman.

Stating his opposition to any sys-tem of contract labor to be as strong as that of any one, Mr. Tillman said he would favor the proper encouragement of desirable white immigrants to the South, and he believed the government would do well to spend one hundred million dollars for that purpose. The South was to be discriminated against, he maintained, ecause the Senator from Massachusetts had a large number of highly respectable constituents who were opposed to the Southern States getting immigrants unless they got them from the slums of the Northern cities. The South did not want this

sert of "scum and riffraff." Mr. Lodge was questioned closely to ascertain just what he construed to be the effect of the change.

"Does it mean that a State agent cannot go abroad and secure immi-gration?" asked Mr. Tiliman. "It means that he cannot use other than State funds for that purpose,"

answered Mr. Lodge. "Suppose the State should pay the passage of an immigrant and then some one should come along and reimburse the State?" asked Mr. Tillman, who added, "there are more ways than one to beat the around the stump and the Senator from Massachusetts knows just as well as anybody else how to do it."

be one way," an-"That might swered Mr. Lodge, who added that he did not think it ought to be done. Mr. Tillman then turned his attention to the Japanese provision and maintained that in placing the provision in the report the conferees had exceeded their authority. The abolishment of the Oriental

schools applies, of course, only to the use of them by the JaJpanese. Their maintenance for the Chinese will be continued.

Mr. Tillman continued: "I want to know why it is," he said, "that the President of the United States should be permitted—if this bill becomes a law, and I know it will—to dicker with labor unions, to make barration

BURTON'S MOTION DEFEATED MANY MEASURES blo Representative, in Opening De-bate, Attempted to Have One of the Big Vessels Eliminated, Mak-ing Speech in Support of the Mo-tion—United States Should T.ke Lead in Move for Limitation

of Armaments-Kitchin Offered Amendment as to Armor Plate, but it Was Lost-Bill Finally Passed, Carrying an Appropriation of \$95,-

000,000, Washington, Feb. 15 .- The pro

ceedings of the House to-day on the naval appropriation bill were devoted largely to the consideration of the question of the increase of the navy, with especial reference to the necessity of two battleships of the Dreadnaught type. The effort to reduce the number was defeated after a long debate. The proceedings the reserve or outstanding policies were opened by a motion made by may, with consent of insurance com-Mr. Burton, of Ohio, to eliminate missioner, be used to reinsure polione of the big vessels, and he made a speech in support of his motion in which he took occasion to contrast the American navy with the Japanese navy to the detriment of the latter. showing that with ships now under construction the navy of the United States would be nearly two-thirds larger than that of Japan and was at present a half larger. He referred to the number of ships under

construction, some of which would not be completed until 1912, or even later, and maintained that there was no immediate occasion for further construction even of the one battleship now contemplated.

United Finally he said that the States of all nations of the world should take the lead in the move for a limitation of armaments, looking hopefully forward to the time when peace and amity should exist among the whole human race.

Continuing, Mr. Burton said no nation on the globe is threatening us. "No nation will think lightly of engaging in war with us," said Mr. Burton. He declared that "in England to-day King, prime minister. Parliament and the great majority of the people are ready and anxious to stand with us in a movement for the limitation of armament, and concluded with the[®] declaration that greatness does not consist in the strength of government, but in the

happiness and the opportunity of each individual citizen, a thing more preferable, far more to be desired than the triumphs of war or the empty glories of imperial do-

plauded. MUCH INTEREST IN DEBATE. Mr. Burton was followed by Mr Crumpacker and Mr. Longworth, who favored the two ships, and by Mr. Slayden and Mr. Underwood, who opposed that provision. The galleries were crowded and much in-terest was manifested in the debate.

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"he seemed to have forgotten

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Mr. Hull, of Iowa, took a promake up for lost time. D aroins the

DISCUSSED DEMOCRATS HELP PRESIDENT ator Drewry Introduces Two Bills Congr Relating to Insurance Companies --Substitute for Preston Reform-atory Receives Favorable Attention --Long Discussion of Lee County Matter in House--Senate Passes Bill Giving Dunn a Dispensary---Bill Giving Dunn a Dispensary---Bill Giving Dunn a Dispensary-Graham Rate Bill Special Order for Tuesday-Ormon Bill to Reward Sheriffs for Destroying Stills Passes Senate.

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Observer Bureau, The Hollaman Building, Raleigh, Feb. 15.

Mr. Drewry introduced a bill in the Senate to-day to make it the duty of the insurance commissioner in ascertaining the financial condition

of any company or manner of its business to employ independent ac-tuary or skilled accountant. In case of insolvency of any company, cies to extent of their pro rata part thereof.

Another Drewry bill would make it unlawful for any insurance company, association, order or society doing business in North Carolina after next June to issue any policy. contract or certificate for less than \$500 or use applications in connection therewith, forms of which have not been submitted to and approved

by the insurance commissioner. The House committee on penal in-stitutions, by a vote of 8 to 4, this evening reported favorably the substitute for Preston's reformatory bill, this substitute bill having been adopted by a joint sub-committee of the Senate and House. The bill does not carry an appropriation, but has a provision that should an appropriation of \$7,500 be made by the State, the Governor should appoint trustees to co-operate with the private trus-

tees. The institution is incorporated under the name of the Stonewall Jackson Industrial and Manual Training School, the incorporators being Mrs. Stonewall Jackson, Miss Fanny Heck, Mrs. W. H. S. Burgwynn, Miss Esdale Shaw and eight others whom they may name.

It is understood that a bill to establish tehe county of Lee will be introduced in the House to-morrow. The bill killed to-day was a Senate bill. •

THE HOUSE.

The House met at 10:30 o'clock, Rev. Livingston Johnson offering prayer. McRae presented a petition from citizens of Robeson for a law regulating running of automobiles on minion." The speech was loudly aphighways. Unfavorable reports were made on bills providing for primary elections in Madison and Henderson counties. An unfavorable report was made on the bills of Parsons and Mc-Neill regulating labor in factories, and a favorable report was made on Dilling's bill, allowing 66 hours as a

server's Correspondent, Says He Not be Gubernstorial Condidat Naval Appropriation Bill, Predent's Measure Condition Naval Appropriation Bill, Presi-dent's Measure, Goes Through House by Ald of Democrats — Webb Anieudment Lost by Close Vote— Southern Senators Will Allow the Passage To-Day of the Immigra-tion Bill, With the Provision to Ex-clude Japaneses Coolies.

W. A. HILDEBRAND.

Observer Bureau, 1417 G. Street, N. W., Washington, Feb. 15.

There were de levopments of a po litical nature here to-day of interest to North Carolina, Congressman Pou who has frequently been mentioned among the probably candidates for nomination for Governor, to-day definitely removed his name from the list of possibilities. He said, "I appreciste fully compliment which some of my friends have paid me in suggesting my name for the high office of Governor, but for several reasons I have decided not to candidate. For months I have been saying this in private conversation. I would not make any public statement for the press now were it not for the fact that some of our State papers continue to print my name in lists of candidates."

politically inclined are now speculating on the probable course of Mr. Craig. Up to the present writing nothing but conflicting statements have been heard relative to the probable future actions of the Asheville man, but the belief obtains in advised quarters that he has not burned the bridges behind him, and has not committed himself one way of the other. He is in all probability simply awaiting developments.

Mr. Pou joined about 15 or 20 Democrats to-day in voting on the amendment to the naval appropriation bill and as a consequence the House carried out the President's programme of building up the navy by authorizing the construction of two additional battleships. The administration programme could hardly have been carried out without this Democratic assistance, as the Republicans were pretty well divided on the policy favored by the President.

Mr. Pou took the position that this government should take no backward step in maintaining a large and efficient naval establishment and remarked that he had been told that relations between the United States and Japan came nearer to being seriously strained a few days ago than the average person imagined. The other members of the delegation present favored the Kitchin amendment striking out the appropriation for one of the big ships. Claude Kitchin is not there.

The amendment of Mr. Webb, week's work in cotton mills, with an which provided that a test be made to amendment by Parsons that mills andetermine whether any shell would not run later than 8 o'clock at night destroy a battleship at distance of 4,000 yards before spending additional funds in construction of such ships, was lost by a close vote. Southern people have interested in very much immigration bill pending in the Senate. There are those say frankly that they suspect a joker. It was suspected that the bill, as favored by Senator Lodge and others, would be inimical to Southern cotton mills and other manufacturing interests, but it is very likely that the Southern Senators will stand out of the way to-morrow and permit the passage of the compromise measure which carries the provision which will enable the President to exclude Japanese coolies. While under the bill as reported to the Senate there will be no educa-tional test provision, as advocated by Senator Simmons, there is a provision which authorizes the appointment of Jackson: To allow Bellhaven to is a commission to study the whole immigration question, and this educational proposition will, it is said, receive special consideration by the proposed commission. Senator Simmons bill for a bureau of information and display, which was incorporated in the general bill by the Senate comthe mittee, has been retained by the con ferees of both the House and Senate.

EVENTEEN HORSES CREMATED.

Large Livery Stable and Three Adjoining Houses at Cape Charles, Va., Burned-Loss \$15,000,

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 15 .-- Fire of nnknown origin, which started at 1:12 this morning in J. Gladstone's livery stables at Cape Charles, Va., destroy-ed the stables and three adjoining houses. Seventeen fine horses in the the racks, and Gladstone stables were cremated, Citizens extinguished the fire after much difficulty by the use of four streams from town plugs and bucket brigades. men had, according to Brawner, was Senate. There was a high wind and sparks the lead bullet guard ammunition, or Senat from town plugs and bucket brigades. fell all over the town threatening many buildings, but small blazes were cartridge. soon extinguished. The burned prop-erty belonged to J. W. Jones, L. E. Mumford and others. The total loss is between \$12,000 and \$15,000, with partial insurance.

Rockefeller Called Home on Account of Bluess of Wife.

Augusta, Ga., Feb. 15.-John D. Rockefeller, who has been here for a month, left suddenly for New York last night, on receipt o fa telegram announcing the illness of his wife. He was not accompanied by any of family. He had expected to remain until after the winter had pasa-

Lakewood, N. J., Feb. 15 .- Miss Lucy Spellman, sister of Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, said to-day that Mrs. Rockefeller was suffering only from a alight cold.

Congregational Churches to Join Series of Meetings.

New York, Feb. 15 .--- A series meetings in Congregational churches in New York, New Jerney and Connecficut and extending over a period of several weeks, will be opened in this city to-morrow under the auspices of the American Missionary Asecclation. The speakers at the va-rious meetings will discuss negro ed-ucation and the work the association has done and expects to do among the people in the mountainous sections of Kentucky, Tennessee and and North Carolina.

Kills Himself Rather Than be Taker by Officers,

New Orleans, Feb. 15.-When a posse overtook Joseph Corbin to-day, he shot and killed himself. Corbin was suspected of being the man who shot up a Shrewsbury saloon two nights ago, killing one man and wounding three others. He w.s caught near Lutcher, La.

Georgian May Get Appo

Washington, Feb. 15.—The bureau of manufacturers of the Department of Commerce and Labor probably will appoint J. L. Benton, of Georgia, a special agent to investigate the marker for cotton used products, both in this rountsy and abroad.

ness said that when he went back to strengthened the contract labor law, quarters he heard Maj. Penrose say: "If you can't find the officer in charge of quarters break open the Mr. Bacon again expressed regret Mr. Bacon again expressed regret gun racks and get down as soon as you can and fall in." that the Pacific coast provision was coupled with the immigration amend-Brawner then proceeded to one racks, and unlocked three ments. It was not necessary to have 01 resorted to this expedient. He bethem, but found that the fourth had lieved a separate measure could have The only ammunition Company C received a unanimous vote in the

Senator Gallinger expressed what is known as the reduced range pathy for the situation in the South, and sustained Mr. Bacon's contention Brawner was one of the 12 that the situation was one of emarrested on a charge of having par-ticipated in the "shooting up" of the barrassment, and he should feel compelled to vote for the report because of the Pacific coast provision. Mr. Bacon then entered upon a de

GRANTED 3 MONTHS' LEAVE. tailed discussion of the amendment

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to which he objected, saying it utter-Brig. Gen. Barry to Retieve Brig. ly nullified the present construction Gen. Wint, in Command of Army of the law. of Cuban Pacification.

When Mr. Bacon concluded, Mr Washington, Feb. 15 .- Because of Tillman began a discussion of the hysical disability, Brig. Gen. Theo- South Carolina system, but indicated dore J. Wint, in command of the that his main purpose was to re-army of Cuban pacification, has asked view another part of the conference for and been granted these months' leave of absence. Brig. Gen. Thomas report. "Every one supposed that this im

H. Barry, assistant chief of staff, will migration bill was dead," continued at once leave for Cuba to relieve him. Mr. Tillman. "But lo and behold, an exigency has arisen on the Pa-cific coast! Strenuous individuals General Barry's orders to take command in Cuba, which he will obey mmediately, created an important are at work to accomplish a certain acancy in the army general staff, end. The able man who presides which the President this afternoon over the State Department drafts an filled by the appointment of Brig. amendment to a law passed last May Gon. William P. Duvall, in command of the Department of the Gulf, who consequently becomes principal as-sistant to Major General Bell, chief by the Senate and last June by the House and which has been in conference ever since. The conferen take that distinguished gentleman of general staff. General Duvall will be succeeded in command of the Department of the Gulf by Brig. Gen. Winfield S. Edgerly.

TWO-FOLD OBJECT INVOLVED. Virginia Legislature. "Why? Speaking in plain terms

keep the Japanese out of Call-rnia. But there is a two-fold ob-Charleston, W. Va., Feb. 15.—After scoring lobbyists generally from the chair, Speaker Seaman, in the lower fornia. ject involved in the measure. The first of these is intended to keep house of the Legislature, to-day said, apparently addressing some individual laborers off the Pacific coast and getting into this country, and the not named:

lice in futherance of a policy which looks to sectional advantage, have incorporated a provision which "And to you, sir, who effered furnish means to secure votes for your bill. I will say I know you and now see you are on the floor, and will say you must not again insult the intelligence and manhood of the memchanges the law in regard to contract labor, which will keep out the dribble of immigrants who have bers of the House."

started to go Southward. "And these two provisions Speaker Seaman's remarks created together are to be driven through Congress. The South's interests are as usual ignored; the Pacific coast, of

New General Manager for the Georgia, Florida & Atlanta. Mr. Tillman contended that this Savannah, Ga., Feb. 15.—The ap-pointment of J. C. Odell, formerly trainmaster of the first division of the

Nr. Tilman contended that this procedure must be in pursuance of a settled policy and made strenuous objection to it. Continuing Mr. Tillman setd: "T will vote for an exclusion act to-morrow which will keep the Japanese

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need it-has exerted himself to the ut-most to carry out that agreement, and is using his influence to stave off a vote and protect in every way he could the Senator from Utah. "These bargains are not conducive to the public welfare. I am sick and dis-gusted with this disposition on the part of the Senate and with Congress actual-ly surrendering everything into the keep-ing of the executive." world at so many points that we are no longer an isolated nation." He said that preparedness was the best argument for peace and that he was in favor of fighting for peace SENATOR CARTER INTERRUPTS. necessary.

SENATOR CARTER INTERRUPTS. Senator Carter, of Montana, interrupt-ed and took the position emphatically that the conferees had exceeded their authority. "A vote taken upon this ques-tion," continued Mr. Carter, i"will, in my judgment, result in the defeat of the conference report." He had reached this conference report." He had reached this conference report." He had reached this conference report. "He had reached this conference report." He had reached this conference report." He had reached this conference report." He had reached this conference report. He had reached this conference report. He had reached the clause regarding passports, he said, he deemed it of vitally more importance is the senate in en-acting the laws of the country should he ton, and Representative Grosvenor, of Ohio, spoke in favor of an increased navy. a vote of II4 to 146.

acting the laws of the country should be concervise would be to establish a precedent which would be ex-tremely dangerous in the future. If a vote for the conference report involved the approval of the principal involved. Mr. Carter concluded that he was per-fectly free to say he should vote against it. This statement brought Mr. Tillman to the conclusion of his speech abrupty with this statement: question of armor plate. Mr. W. W. Kitchin, of North an amendment that in securing the armor of best quality for the battleships mentioned in the bill, the Secretary of the Navy shall not contract to pay greater prices per ton than the prices contracted to paid for the battleships South Caro-

to the conclusion of the state of the statement: "After such a clear, forceful, unan-swerable presentation of what I have been trying to say. I guit." Mr. Patterson then secured unanimous consent for a vote on the conference re-port before adjournment to-morrow. lina and Michigan. He explained that Midvale, Bethlehem and Carnegie

Japan Has Agreed to no Solution of School Problem. feated, 88 to 124.

London, Feb. 15 .-- In a dispatch out of the way, the bill was then from Tokio the correspondent of The completed and the committee of the whole rose,

"It is denied here upon good authority that Japan has agreed to any solution of the San Francisco prob-lem depending upon restriction of the admission of Japanese laborers to the United States."

ayes 108, nayes 162. Then the bill

Blount.

ATTEMPTS TO SHOOT DETECTIVE. Wilkesboro, Feb. 15 .- News has Captain of Chicago Bureau Has Narreached here that Ell's Bare, who Hands of a Lunatic. lived just beyond the top of the Blue Chicago, Feb. 15 .-- A well-dress Ridge, in Ashe county, while on his way from this place Wednesday with man, evidently of unsound mind, ena loaded wagon and team, lost his tered the central police station in the city hall to-day and attempted footing on what is known as the shoot Capt. P. D. O'Brien, of the de-"Jumping-Off Place," on the Blue

tective bureau. The man placed a revolver close to Capt. O'Brien's head, saying: Ridge, and, with his wagon and team was precipitated down the awful precipice, a distance of several hun-dred feet. The precipice is a solid rock, almost perpendicular, and in "You're Roosavelt, ain't you? Capt. O'Brien sprang up, knocked

the man down, and took the revolver places 500 feet high. Bare and his away. He was at once attacked by team were torn to fragments. Ine insane man, but after a desperate The noted Mr. Henry Blount lec- neht subdued him. With the asteam were torn to fragments. The noted Mr. Henry Blount tured in the court house here last night, delivering his lecture on "Ora-tory, Wit and Rumor." The lecture sistance of other officers the man was placed in a cell, where he besame extremely violent, it being necwas greatly enjoyed. The lecturer completely captivated his audience by his splendtd wit and humor. He has essary for several officers to hold completely captivated his audience by his splendid wit and humor. He has few superiors in this country as a lecturer, and no one can excel faim in splendid diction, and rich imagery of Nothing found on the man indicated style. his identify.

Two White Men Hanged for Criminal

Tallapoosa, Ga., Feb. Rumellville, Ky., Feb. boys led by Carl Davis the oldest 13 years old, it is said, have confessed to attempting to wreck a Southern Bail-Lyon and Polk Fletcher, white men, wore hanged here to-day for an as-sault upon Mary Glader, a young attempting to wreck a Southern Rail-way train just east of here Tuesday night. An accommodation train from Atlanta ran into an open switch, the engine was demolished, and the on-gineer and fireman badly bruised, but the passengers encaped. The lock had been broken, and the switch left open. attempted to commit suicids last sight by opening a blood vessel in his left arm with a tin spoon which he had sharpaned. Physicians in-jected nearly a gallon of artificial blood into Lyon, which revived him, but he was so weak this morning he had to be supported to the scaffold. (Continued on Fage Three.) German girl, two years ago. he boys said their object was to

bill having made the hour 10 o'clock, ment of Mr. Burton. 'Referring to and the arrangement being a comproa contention by Mr. Burton that the mise. isolation of the United States is the

BILLS INTRODUCED. Bills were introduced as follows:

the events of the last eight years, when Gordon: To authorize the State Board of Health to provide prevenour splendid isolation was left betive treatment for hydrophobia; to hind with the result that our flag protect game in Guilford. Hankins: To allow Thomasville to issue bonds for public improvement. Harris: To give magistrates jurisdiction of misdemeanor for failing to

list property for taxation. McRacken: To incorporate Evergreen, in Columbus.

Mr. Kitchin, of North Carolina, Lockhart: To allow the corporation favored the amendment of Mr. Burcommission to require railways to build a union station in towns of 2,000 people.

Beauman: To prevent sawdust be-After further discussion, Mr. Buring thrown in Mitchell county streams, ton's amendment to reduce the numalso to give that county the good road ber of battleships was defeated by ia.w

KITCHIN OFFERS AMENDMENT. sue bonds for a graded school. There ensued the old fight on the Wells: To allow Pender county

appropriate money to the Society for Carolina, offered the Betterment of School Houses. Kennely: To put Sampson under two the anti-jug law and prevent soliciting orders for whiskey there.

Bryan: To give Wilkes county good roads law. be Boyd: To amend the act of 1901 regarding wood pulp mills in Hay-

wood county. Manning: To allow Durham county to issue \$300,000 in bonds for good

unless this was adopted the factories might undertake to raise roads; to increase pay of Durham the price. The amendment was decounty commissioners; to allow that county to buy additional land for With these perplexing problems county workhouse and home and to

buy a site for a new court house. Bolton: To make an appropriation to pay the expenses of the Confederate When the bill was reported to the veterans to the Richmond reunion

next summer. Yount :: To incorporate Brickford, Catawba county.

Brewer: To incorporate Linfield,

Craven county. Taylor, of Vance: To require express companies to pay for loss or lamage to property.

Mull: To make it unlawful to keep iquor for sale in Cleveland; also for relief of ex-Confederate soldiers. Griffin: To incorporate the Castalla

Railway Company. row Escape From Death at the McDaniel: To change the time of holding courts in Lenoir.

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Parks: To change the time for holding courts in Ashe.

Gibbs: To provide for payment of damages where persons haul logs over public highways.

Koonce: To supply certain lost records to Onslow.

Winborne: To amend the revisal regarding mortgages by corporation. DISCUSSION OF LEE COUNTY MATTER.

The House took up as a special or-der the bill creating the county of Lee, the minority report of the committee coming up for consideration. The majority of the committee reported the bill unfavorably, the minority recommending that it pass London, of Chatham, said he represented almost every Republican and Democrat in that county in protesting against this proposition to almost ruin that grand old county. He made

a detailed statement of the damage in many ways which the creation of a new county would do to Moore and --Guy Chatham, and without practical ben-

efit to citizens of the new cour He said only three counties in the State had been created with less pop-Lyon ulation than Lee and that was don

MOTHER WENT FOR SON.

Waiter Sledge, of Louisburg, Runs Away From School and Enlists in Marine Corps-Father III and Mother Goes to Norfolk to Get Son, But Fails. Special to The Observer.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 15 .-- Lured by promise of good pay, pleasant as-sociations and a chance to see the world, Walter Earnest Sledge, an year old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Sledge, of Louisburg, N. C., enlisted in the Unlited States Marine Corps and came to the barracks at the navy yard in Portsmouth. The boy been sent to school in Raleigh, left there and went to Rocky Mount, N. C., where he enlisted. His par-ents learned of the fact only a few days ago and to-day his mother arrived here.

She called on Mayor Reed, but that official could render no material ald, aithough he did send pollee Detect-ive Land with her to the barrachs as an secort. Mrs. Sledge told the mayor that "Walter" was her son and that she had come for him and would take him back with her. said the boy's father was seriously ill and she feared fatal results on account of his continual worry over the

boy having enlisted. Mrs. Sledge saw Colonel L. W. T. Walker, commandant of the corps here. He could not comply with her request that her son be discharged, and the matter will be taken up in Washington.

Scaboard Files \$18,000.000 Mortgage

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 15 .-- A mort for \$18,000,000 was filed here to the Seaboard Air Line Railway by the Seaboard Air Line Rallway It is to run for ** years and is mad-in favor of the Morton TrustCom-pany, and Jam's I. Burke, trustees The mortgage is to secure 30-year -per cent. gold bonds and the proceed are to be used for b.tterments of the road and its equipment.

Fatal Shooting at

Washington, Ga., Feb. 15-1 Garreti was abot and silled at dance in the western part of th county last aight by Douglas It is believed the men becam ed in a difficulty and Hard Garrett. Harden claimed he suff-defense He bin sur

Boys Confers to Attempting to Wreck Southern Train

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Ellis Bare Loses Life on the Blue was passed. It carr Bidge Lecture by Mr. Henry tion of \$95,000,000. was passed. It carries an appropria-Special to The Observer.

FELL TO DEATH OVER PRECIPICE yard. The provision was defeated