BUFFERING USED AS CAPITAL DENIES REPORTED DISSENSION.

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Washington, March 24 .- From Shanghai advices received at the State Department it appears that the ruling dynasty in China is seriously slarmed over the effect of the spread the opportunity it offers to seditionary societies to enlist converts to the cause directed against the government. The suffering of the people is used as capital, it is said, in that judicious assuaging of want places the persons given assistance under obligations to the societies. The government's ability to relieve suffering. it is said, has been magnified and the lows: hardships of the people attributed to Jack of sympathy by the government for the poor classes.

OFFICIALS FEAR UPRISING. The information received here inincates that a propaganda has been organized to further the circulation of stories of the character outlined and it is said that State Department officials fear that a spread of hysteria may engender a general upris-If such should be the fregult, there is danger that the government might not be able to control situation. American and other foreign interests then would be jeopardized. So great is the concern that diplomatic and consular officials in China have been instructed to keep situation and every turn taken.

That the Chinese government recognizes the danger is shown by the fact that Viceroy Tuan Fang, of Yanking, has memorialized throne for \$1,000,000 to purchase East Indian rice to feed his people. Undoubtedly this step was taken to offset the work that has been done by the seditionary societies, as well as to relieve the immediate suffering. In taking this action the Viceroy predicted a general uprising in the famine stricken districts unless prompt relief is provided, but he did not refer to the trouble that had been stirred up by the anti-government societies. AN EXTRA EFFORT TO AID.

An extra effort will be made in the United States to broaden the scope of the movement to find relief for the Chinese. Already there have been large sums of money collected and dispatched to China to be used in the purchase of food and in the near future the transport Buford will sail from San Francisco with a said: ship load of provisions given by Louis Klopsch. editor of The A general movement his favor." Herald. throughout, the civilized world to aid the sufferers, it is believed, will enable the Chinese government to strengthen its hands and possibly suppress uprising and riots. For the protection of foreigners in China the United States and European countries are prompted by self, as well as humanitarian, interests to come promptly to the assistance of the celestial

empire. That any movement which threatens the overthrow of the present dynasty in China gives alarm to the every European United States and nation, which has its interests and The people in China, is not denied. life of every white person in China is believed by officials of the State Department to depend upon the continuance of the Chinese government as it stands, the Boxer uprising being cited as an instance of what might if the present government should be weakened.

PRESIDENT OFFERED PARDON? Former Senator Burton Says He De-

clined Papers That Would Have Given Him Freedom From Prison, Abilene, Kas., March 24.—Former United States Senator J. R. Burton, had prepared in advance, made the dent had offered him a pardon. He "Five days after I was put in jail,

th. President offered me a pardon. It came to me personally at Ironton. The communication was over the signature of the pardon clerk. "I never answered it-I would not answer it. I would not accept a pardon from him under any conditions. He, gentlemen, is the one that should

BURTON'S STATEMENT DENIED.

have the pardon."

U. S. Attorney in Charge of Pardous Declares no Pardon Was Sent the

Former Senator. Washington, March 24.-Peyton Gordon, United States attorney charge of pardons, to-night denied the statement of former United States Senator Burton that a pardon had been offered to Mr. Burton a few days after he was placed in jail at Ironton, Mo., to serve his six month's

term in jail. Mr. Gordon declares that a few days after Mr. Burton's imprisonment a number of letters were received at the Department of Justice asking for a pardon for the former Senator, and as there nothing to indicate that these had been written with Mr. Burton's knowledge, Mr. Gordon wrote to Mr. urton and called attention to the etters and suggested that if Mr. Burton so desired the communications would be forwarded to the President. o answer, however, was received om Mr. Burton.

SNOW IN ALBANY, N. Y.

Weather Bureau Says Hot Wave Has Been Broken in the East And Throughout Ohio Valley.

Washington, March 24.-The weather bureau to-night announced that the hot wave has been broken in the East and throughout the Ohio valley, though the summer like weather will continue in the South and Southwest for several days. According to official advices received at the weather bureau it is snowing to-day in Albany, N. Y., and in many parts of New England. The highest point ched by the thermometer here towas 85 degrees at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and at 9 o'clock tonight the mercury had dropped to 55 degrees. Prof. Frankenfield predicts that there will now be several weeks

Refers to Affidavits Filed With Jurefers to Affidavits Filed With Justice Fitzgerald in Opposition to Appointment of Lunacy Commission—Monotonous Sunday at Tombs Broken by Visit from Erelyn Thaw—O'Reilly and Hartridge Busy Preparing Brief While Mr. Jerome Spent Part of Day in Dictating Long Statement to Stateme Spent Part of Day in Dictaing Long Statement to Stenographers—Re-ported That District Attorney Will Submit New and Corroborative Facts Supporting Affidavits on Which Original Suggestion Was Made.

New York, March 24.-Harry K. Thaw to-night made public another statement, this time denying a rumor which he believes is current to the of famine through the country and effect that there is dissension among his counsel. He also refers to the atfidavits filed with Justice Fitzgerald. by his attorneys, in opposition to the appointment of a lunacy commission to examine him.

A. Russell Peabody, who gave the matter to the press after he had had a conference with other members of Thaw's counsel, designated it as: "The third statement issued Thaw since August 10, last." It fol-

"I wish to deny the rumor that there is dissention among my counsel. Owing to the limited time affidavits were prepared simultaneously at the office of Mr. Dumas and of Messrs. Hartridge and Peabody. Four that were completed March 22 at the latter's office were transmitted to the former and all of that date were printed together under Mr. Delmas' supervision. These made March 23 were brought to me, as I was nearest the court.

"I examined the last four from Messrs. Hartridge and Peabody, and one from Mr. Delmas' office and found them eminently satisfactory.

"This method was sanctioned by Mr. Delmas. Had I considered that any-Washington advised in regard to the thing in these last affidavits might be considered inappropriate for this occasion they would have been withdrawn for the time and corrected un-

der Mr. Delmas' direction. "My mother sent her exceedingly copied at the office of Messrs. Hartridge & Peabody, and proceeded there later to affix her signature under oath. "It was written by her at her hotel with no suggestion from any one whomsoever, and is filed exactly as she prepared it."

WIFE VISITS THE TOMBS.

the first time since his detention that the prisoner was allowed to receive the Blackwelder man had emptied callers other than his counsel on Sunday. Mrs. Thaw had come to the Tombs with a message for her husband and was agreeably surprised when told that she might visit him. The two were together for a half hour, and when Mrs. Thaw left she "Harry is in excellent health and is

Christian sure that everything will come out in

The prisoner's attorneys did not visit him to-day. During the afternoon, which he devoted chiefly to his correspondence, Thaw received a note from Lawyer Daniel O'Reilly, explaining that none of the legal staff would safety, but was apprehended by call during the day and stating that Henry Moss, who heard the shooting Mr. Hartridge and the writer were and who was on the watch with his busily engaged in preparing briefs to rifie. Blackwelder was held by Moss be presented to Justice Fitzgerald tomorrew.

were at their offices to-day and Mr. ferome for about two hours dictated man was dead when they got there. to stenographers a long statement which took them until late in the day to transcribe. Mr. Jerome said it was a statement to be submitted to Justice Fitzgerald and would not be given out in advance of its presentation to Johnston, and when searched the DISTRICT ATTORNEY RETICENT.

The district attorney would not say that his statement was to be used in rebutting the statements sworn to by Thaw's mother, his lawyers and his allenists, and contained in the 12 affidavits filed by the defense yesterday. It was reported but not confirmed that Mr. Jerome intends to present not after delivering the speech which he only facts refuting the afflidavits presented by the defense but to submit statement last night that the Presi- to Judge Fitzgerald new and corroborative facts supporting the affidavits on which he originally made his suggestion to the court that Thaw's sanity should be inquired into.

When asked if he intended to rebutt Mr. Jerome said: "My opinion that Thaw is now cra-

zy and should not be on trial for his life has undergone no change since reading these affidavits. And I cortainly expect a commission to settle this point definitely."

Even if Mr. Jerome makes answer to-morrow morning to the affidavits filed by the defense, there will be no further developments until Wednesday morning, when court will recon-

When court adjourned last Friday the volumes containing the typewritten transcript of testimony were filed

with more than 6,000 pages. As the pages average 250 words, the total to date exceeds 1,500,000 words. The people have made use of 119 exhibits to support their witnesses' testimony, and the defense has introduced 69 exhibits for a similar purpose. Ninety-seven individuals have been examined on the witness stand.

ARTHUR SANDERSON ACQUITTED. Tried For Murder of Dr. Meredith,

Family Physician, Because of Improper Conduct Toward His Wife. Carthage, Mo., March 24.-Arthur Sanderson, to-night was acquitted of the murder of Dr. Solomon D. Meredith in Carthage on January 2 last. Mrs. Sanderson testified that Dr. Meredith, the family physician had made love to her when she went to his office to consult him. She had detailed her experiences with the doctor to Sanderson, who immediately left the house and soon returned with Dr. Meredith, Before Mrs. Sanderson, the husband accused the physician of uining his home and shot and killed the doctor. In the arguments of counsel for the

defense, a parrallel with the Than case was drawn. Attorney Shannon said there was no evidence of an exaggerated ego, in that the defendant hought himself "providentially called on to avenge the ravishment of his

In a dying statement Dr. Meredith denied that his relations with Mra. Sanderson had been orininal.

WHITE MAN SHOT TO DEATH

Grover Page, 19 Years Old, While Traveling in Bad Company is Shot by the Husband of the Woman Whom His Drunken Companion Insuited—Entered Home of Respectable Family in Dead of Night and Fired on Husband—The Dead Man Probably Innocent in the Matter—His Companion, Dan Blackwelder, Bears an Unsavory Reputation.

Special to The Observer. last night about three miles southtained to-day, are about as follows: Walter Blackwelder, a young son

the Buffalo Thread Mills, in company on the Ashley, was made in and Mr. Taft expects to return to with Grover Page started to the automobiles, and greatly enjoyed. home of Mary Herron, a woman of the reception committee became the of a commission to pass on the mental and tapped on the front door. Mrs. Walker is said to be in bad health,' or an invalid, and her husband works as night watchman at the mill store. When her husband left on his rounds about 11:30 o'clock the front door was left unlocked, as usual, and when the young men who were prowling around knocked at the door, Mrs. Walker thought that it was her husband or a man named John Deaton, who was with Walker Saturday night as an assistant, and told the intruders to "come in."

FIRED ON WALKER. Walter Blackwelder, accompanied by another man, entered the room and Blackwelder went straight to the bed where the sick woman was lying and began with his improper proposals. He was under the influence clear affidavit Friday morning to be Walker, husband of the woman, came of liquor. About that time Mr. in through the back door, accompanted by the man Deaton, and when he saw Blackwelder sitting on the bedside, he immediately asked him for an explanation and ordered the men to leave the house. Blackwelder became vicious and whipped out a pistol, shooting five times with-The monotony of Thaw's Sunday at out effect. Page, or the man who the Tombs was broken by an unex- was with Blackwelder, in the meanpected visit from his wife. This was time was endeavoring to quiet the five chambers of his revolver, he accompanied the other fellow from

WALKER SHOOTS PAGE. Mr. Walker got down his trusty broach the second time, he fired one shot, but he states in a different direction fro mwhere the body of Page was found some time afterwards. When Page had received his mortal wound Blackwelder sobered up enough to start on a dead run for until an officer could get there from the city. Policeman R. Will John-District Attorney Jerome and his ston, accompanied by Dr. Morrison chief assistant on the Thaw case King, left town and wended their way to the home of Walker, but the Within about ten feet of where the dead man lay was found the frame of a pistol, with the breech broken and the cylinder gone. Blackwelder was taken in custody by Policeman cylinder of the pistol was found on

his person. He was brought to town and is now in fail. From what can be learned to-day, Page was a quiet, unassuming young fellow, whose home has been at the in the hall of the House of Repre-Young-Hartsell Mill for some time, sentatives. and there seemed to be no complaint against him, for he did all in his power to quiet Blackwelder and to get him away from the home of Walker stated, it is Walker. Mr. said, that if the shot that he made from his rifle killed Page, he was sorry for it, for he did not think he was guilty of any wrongdoing, but the affair occurred at a time of night when he was unable to tinguish one from the other. the 12 affidavits filed by the defense, welder is said to be a rough, rowdy character. Page, the dead man, is not well known here.

CORONER'S INQUEST TO-DAY. The remains of the dead man were carried from Walker's premises to a nearby blacksmith shop, where it was left to the keeping of some responsible parties will this morning. when Coroner George Richmond was called out to make an investigation. The coroner's jury could not render a decision to-day on account of insufficient evidence, but will convene again to-morrow at 12 o'clock and the matter will be concluded. ball that killed Page entered the abdomen on the right side and penetrated the intestines with an upward tendency, and was a .32 The bore of the rifle used by Mr. Walker and the pistol used by Blackwelder are the same, and some parties seem to think that Blackwelder did the killing. Will Bunton and Charlie Collett, who were returning from the house of Mary Herron, were in the vicinity of the shooting when it occurred, if not members of the crowd, and are being held at police headquarters as witnesses. Walker and his family bear a good reputation and Walker himself holds a responsible position out at the mills.

Cortelyou and Woodruff in Conference With President

Washington, March 24,-Secretary of the Treasury Cortelyou and Timothy Woodruff, of New York, chairman of the Republican State committee of New York, were in conference with President Roosevelt at the White House for more than two hours to-night. Mr. Woodruff said the conference related to presidential campaign plans for 1908, but that candidates were not discussed.

Congressmen Back From an Inspec

tion of the Canal. New Orleans, March 24 .- A party of Congressmen, who have been inspecting the Panama canal, arrived in dasippi river to-day on the steamship Ellis from Colon. The Eleither to-night or early in the morning. -

The Day at Charleston, S. C., Was Greatly Enjoyed—Luncheon Taken On Board the May Flower at 4 o'clock.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., MONDAY MORNING, MARCH 25, 1907.

Charleston, S. C., March 24 .- Hon William H. Taft, Secretary of War, ac-companied by Frederick P. Stearns, civil engineer, Boston, Mass.; Alfred Noble, civil engineer, New York City; John R. Freeman, civil and mechanical engineer, Providence, R. I.; Senator Alfred B. Kittmedge, Sioux Falls, S. D.; Representatives Theodore Burton, of Ohio, and David A. DeArmond, Concord, March 24.-Grover Page, Missouri; the Hon. Richard Reid young white boy about 19 years of Rogers, general counsel of the Isthage, was shot and instantly killed W. Mischler, confidential clerk to the Secretary of War, arrived in Charleswest of town, near the home of ton at 7 o'clock this morning and were Henry Walker, in the vicinity of the citizens. At 8 o'clock the visitors were old White Hall school building. The entertained at breakfast by Major particulars, as well as can be ob- Rhett at the Charleston Hotel, there being about 25 persons present representing the navy, the army of Dan Blackwelder, who lives at expedition to Magnelia Gardens include visits to Havana and San Juan

Returning to the city at 1 o'clock, disreputable character, who lives be- guests of Secretary Taft and went yond Henry Walker's, and being in aboard the Mayflower. Luncheon was consequent interruption for some time a slightly intoxicated condition, the had on board after which the May- of his trial before a jury for the killmen stopped at the home of Walker flower raised anchor at 4 o'clock and ing of Stanford White. Justice Fitzsailed for the isthmus, Colon being the first stop according to announced plans.

The Secretary and party are in While talking pleasantly of everything, Mr. Taft only laughs when sug- however, the trial will go the presidency are made

RACE MATTERS DISCUSSED.

Temple, Boston.

Garrison presided at a mass meeting defense will be insanity. held in Tremont Temple to-day under the auspices of the Industrial Department of Morris Brown College, Atlanta, Ga. Mr. Garrison said in

part: friends of the colored people who separate integrity of the orders. have been truly helpful in the enthat no countenance be given to this 487 individuals will compete. hateful spirit. Not even Southern lynchings are Cleveland, President Elliot, of Harvard, and Bishop Lawrence, of Massachusetts, (all desirous of uplifting the house, but stated that he would the colored race), in the nullification shoot the damn doors off the hinges, of the 15th Amendment, and the maintenance of caste schools."

Mr. Garriso nargued that the white South has shown "no sense of responrifie and went into the front yard sibility" since "usurping all political and when the men started to appower" and that it has discriminated power" and that it has discriminated tions.

constitution.

in Columbia To-Day in Sixth An- and the body was turned over to the nual Convention-Governor Ansel to Give Visitors a Reception.

Columbia, S. C., March 24.-The Inter-State National Guard Association, comprising the militia of various States of the Union, will convene was found 30 minutes later by a mahere to-morrow in sixth annual con-

The delegates from every State in the Union will be in attendance. General Charles Dick, Senator from Ohio, accompanied by a large party of military men will reach Columbia early to-morrow morning in a private car over the Seaboard Air Line. The convention will be called to order by President Dick at 10 o'clock

A feature of the convention will be formal address by Colonel H. C. S. Heistand, adjutant general of the leaves no family save a sister. He lived South Atlantic division, which is re- with his step-parents. garded by the War Department as

of much importance. To-morrow night Governor F. M Colonia in honor of the delegates. Tuesday afternoon the visitors will be entertained at on old time Southern barbecue at Ridges Park During the convention a meeting of the secretaries of the

Negro Who Attempted to Assault Mrs. city limits last night.

Identified by Intended Victim. Florence, Ala., March 24.-Cleveand Harding, the negro who attemptsummarily executed to-day by a mob from the scene. of 200 or 300 persons. Tied to a tree with his arms up, the negro was riddled with bullets, the first shot, it is versity of Southern California. said, being fired said being fired by Rice, following which every man in the crowd emptied his revolver at the prisoner. Over 1,000 shots were fired. The negro was captured to- Occidental College, day half a mile below town and was taken before Mrs. Rice, who fainted at sight of him. Upon recoveroing with him, told the negro's captors to bridge. do as they thought best. Harding was taken a short distance from the Rice home where a conference of the mob leaders was held. Some said burn him, but shooting was decided

Beyond confessing his guilt, the negro had nothing to say and was tolidly indifferent, it seemed, to his fate. made no attempt to shield their peals were unavailing.

Spaiding Sporting Goods House Badly filled by association speakers. Damaged by Fire.

Chicago, March 24.-The sporting goods house of A. G. Spaiding & Bros., on the west side of Wabash avenue, near Monroe street, was partly destroyed by fire to-night, the damage being \$350,000. The fire, which started in the basement, is thought lis is expected to dock in this city, to have burned nearly an hour before tinued fair and extremely warm to-either to-night or early in the it was discovered. The flames spread day and there was a large attendance morning.

BRYCE TO SPEAK IN NEW YORK NICARAGUANS TAKE CHOLUTECA S. C. MILITIA NOT PROFICIENT

After Addresses Before Chamber of Commerce Tuesday the New Ambassador Leaves For Ottawa, Canada—Taft Party Due to Arrive at Colon March 30—Commission to Pass Upon Thaw's Mental Condition May be Appointed This Week—A 12-Year-Old Girl to Stand Trial for Murder at Carmel, N. J., To-Morrow—Important Meeting of Railroad Men.

A special meeting of the New York chamber of commerce will be held which Ambassador Bryce will make an address. Afterwards he will leave for Ottawa, Canada,

Secretary Taft, who with a party of Panama canal zone Sunday aboard the dispatch boat Mayflower, is due to ar-Hampton Roads April 22.

This week may see the appointment condition of Harry K. Thaw and the gerald now has the affidavits of both sides and may be ready to announce his decision on Monday as to the reference of the question of Thaw's sanisplendid health and the best spirits. ty to a commission of experts. If he determines against such a course, gestions of his possible candidacy for as practically all the evidence has

been, a verdict should not be far off. A murder trial presenting features of unusual interest is scheduled to begin at Carmel, N. Y., on Monday, William Lloyd Garrison Presides Over when Jennie Burch, a 14-year-old girl Mass Meeting Held in Tramont will be called to answer the charge of poisoning Wilbur Winship, a two-year Boston, March 24.-William Lloyd old child, whose nurse she was. The

A MEETING OF RAILROADERS. A meeting of the Order of Railroad Conductors and the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen will be held at attitude of the Southerners who are agreement of co-operation between tary of foreign affairs, Mr. Gamez. making capital out of race hatred, the two organizations. The agreeare the concessions of Northern ment to co-operate will not affect the of foreign affairs follows:

The tournament of the National couragement of Southern schools. Bowling Association will be held at President Bonilla hidden in San Loagain demonstrating its strength in 8. The entire list shows that 120 five- steamers to capture them. Teguthe North it is all the more urgent men teams, 260 two-men teams and

Contests for the national gymnastic so disheartening to Contests for the national gymnastic friends of equal rights as the acquies- championship of the American Athman and to get him to leave. After ence of such men as ex-President letic Union will be held in New York next Saturday.

FALL BRØKE HIS NECK.

Coroner Investigates the Unusual Death of a Young Man at Wilming-ton—Found Dead in the Street With on His Face.

Special to The Observer Wilmington, March 24 .- The coro-Rev. R. D. Stinson, of Atlanta, vice ner to-day completed an investigation president of Morrison Brown College, of the circumstances of the most unpresented a statement of the work usual death of Ed. Davis, a young of the college and the needs of the grocery clerk, whose body was found shortly after last midnight at Front and Castle street, his neck being bro-NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION. ken and his face bearing an ugly superficial wound.

There was no evidence of foul play

family for burial. Davis left the store where he is employed down town a few minutes before 12 o'clock last night, shaved at a barber-shop on the way home, and rine engineer, also on his way home, close up to a fence on the sidewalk breast downward and face slightly up turned. His watch, \$19 in money and some bundles of merchandise he was carrying home and other articles of

value were found untouched. After a full investigation of facts the coroner is of the opinion that with the bundles under his arm, the man fell against the side of the fence, breaking his neck and that in falling the wound on his cheek was inflicted. Davis was 37 years old and

FOUR KILLED IN COLLISION.

Ansel will give a reception at the Special Loaded With Students Meets Eastbound Limited Head-On in Los Angeles City Limits-Seventeen Persons Were Injured, Several Probably Fatally.

States of the national association for & Santa Fe Railway, carrying scores the promotion of riflie practice will of students home from an inter-col-TIED TO TREE AND RIDDLED. limited train while both trains were German government will be the first to moving at a rapid rate, within the

Rice Near Florence, Ala., Summari-ly Executed by Mob—Was Fully injured, several of them probably fatally. Both locomotives, one of the bag-

gage cars on the limited and the ed to assault Mrs. Ben F. Rice, near smoking car on the special train were here Friday and who was driven off demolished. The crash was terrific by Mrs. Rice's shepherd dog, was and was heard many blocks away

The dead: C. G. FRANKLIN, student at Uni-A. H. EDWARDS.

MAJOR C. GALL FRED HOGSON. Three latter students students at

Most of the injured live in Lor Angeles. The collision occurred in that part of the Los Angeles river she fully identified her assailant and bed occupied by the Santa Fe tracks on being asked what should be done and directly beneath the Buena Vista

INTER-STATE CONVENTION.

Seasions Will Close To-Day With a Conference of Employed Officers-Two Interesting Addresses. Special to The Observer.

Wilmington, March 24.—The inter-The body was left tied to the State Y. M. C. A. convention, in sestree by the mob, members of which sion here the past two days, will close to-morrow morning with a conference identity. The sheriff overtook the of the employed officers in the work crowd before the lynshing but his ap- To-day there was a fellow-ship meeting at the local association building at 11 o'clock, many city pulpits were

This afternoon Mr. Gnebel, of New York, spoke in the theatre to a large audience of young men on the subject

A Great Challenge." .To-night the story of the railway movement in America was told in the First Baptist church, by Chas. R. Towson, of Philadelphia. The weather con-

GENERALUPRISING FEARED THAW'S THIRD STATEMENT A TRAGEDY IN CABARRUS TAFT PARTY OFF FOR ISTHMUS. WEEK'S NEWS FORECASTED BONILLA ESCAPES BY BOAT MAY NOT MEET DICK LAW

Steamers Will be Sent in Pursuit of the Fugitive President—Govern-Ment Without Details of Capture of Choluteca, But They Are Expected Later—Statement of the Fight Made by Santos Ramirez, Director General of Telegraph and Tele-phones, Who Expressed Belief That the War is Now Ended—Captured City is the Most Strongly Fortified Town in Honduras. Town in Honduras.

Managua, Nicaragua, March 24.— The prediction has been soberly Santos Ramirez, director general of made from time to time in recent in New York City on Tuesday, at telegraphs and telephones, to-day made the following statement to The Associated Press:

"The Nicaraguan forces have captured Cholcuteca, Honduras, which Congressmen and engineers, sailed for was held by the Honduran and Salvadorean troops and President Bonilla has fied by boat.

> "Steamers will pursue the fugitive President.

"I believe the war is ended." The government is without further advices concerning the capture of Choluteca, but details are expected War Department basing its finding on shortly. Choluteca is the most these reports. The South Carolina strongly fortified town of Honduras. It is on the Choluteca river, about, three miles from the Gulf of Fonseca. It was here some years ago, that exresident Vasquez was defeated by allied revolutionists and Nicaraguans.

THE WAR PRACTICALLY ENDED.

Fall of the Honduran Capital To-Day Predicted by Nicaraguan Secretary of Foreign Affairs-Steps to be Taken to Force Salvador and Guatemala to Keep Neutrality Pledge.

Washington, March 24 .- President Bonilla has fled from the battle field and the central American war has been practically ended, according to cable dispatches received in Washington to-day by the Nicaraguan minister, Mr. Corea. The fall of the Hondurn capital, Tegucigalpa, to-morrow "What disturbs me more than the Buffalo on Thursday to ratify an is predicted by the Nicaraguan secre-The cablegram from the secretary

"Choluteca taken, Salvadorian and Honduran combined armies defeated. Perause prejudice is deep rooted and Atlantic City from March 25 to April renzo with two hundred men. Sent cigalpa will be taken to-morrow.'

telegraphs and telephones, sends this message:

Choluteca to sail." ident would go to Salvador and again this summer. Neck Broken And an Ugly Wound | recruit his army for a second attack | Mexico ever P good offices to the extent of insisting that this summer, and their request Salvador and Guatemala maintain peals to General Boyd not only

TROOPS DRIVE OFF MOB.

Fire, Kills Two Persons. received from Morocco City says that the assassination there of Dr. Mauchamp, who was connected with the French geodetic mission, was followed by a general attack upon the Europeans pesieged in their houses and that

guarding the houses, although comparative calm has been restored

Paris. March 24.-Public opinion is ings. greatly exercised over the assassination at Morocco City of Dr. Mauchamp, who was connected with the French gemission, which it is regarded should be the signal for a total change in the French policy in North Africa. The Temps urges the abandonment of the flabby policy" in Morocco. The paper chearses a long list of outrages on real Probably Fatally.

meeting various atton for & Santa Fe Railway, carrying scores of students home from an inter-collegiate field meet at Claremont, collided head-on with the eastbound limited train while both trains were exacted. The article traces the gradual decline in French prestige in Morocco, which it says, has now almost reached the point of non-cities will be stated forman policy. The Temps adds, is encouraging the Maghzen and the population in their anti-foreign attitude, but it believes the German government will be the first to Frenchmen, reparation for which,

in a similar tone.

Saloonist Interrupted in Attempt Kill Himself, Seriously Wounds lets Into His Own Brain.

Memphis, Tenn., March 24.-Interloonist, to-day shot and seriously that it will no longer be obscured. wounded his brother-in-law, J. E. Rousip, and firing two bullets into his tention would end in Dr. Nile's own brain, ended his life.

According to the statement of sent in in certain circumstan-Rousip he discovered Wallace alone The vestry adopted resolutions against with two revolvers when he entered the arrangements at the altar, the room and when he questioned him were to submit the matter to a meetas to why he was so armed Wallace fired on him inflicting three wounds. Wallace then turned the weapon upon himself.

Wallace has been in ill health for ome weeks and it is believed that his mind was temporarily unbalanced.

Extend Call to Rev. Dr. Kincald-Will Likely Accept. The members of the First Presbyterian church yesterday morning vot-

ed to extend a call to Rev. Dr. W. W. Kincald to become their pastor, succeeding Rev. Dr. J. R. Howerton, This action was nothing more than the formal endorsement of the choice of the special committee appointed ome time ago to select a new pastor. Dr. Kincald is one known Presbyterian ministers in the country. He was formerly pastor of a large church in Minneapolis and later pastor of a Presbyterian church in Honolulu. He has visited in the city quite often and is well known here. It is believed that he will accept the call tendered him.

Those who have the interest of the church organization most at heart are church organization m

and Perhaps More—The Five Period Expires This Summer— Legislative Appropriation Will Out Any Figure With the Adja General—Trinity Church Through the Ordeal of

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months by prominent members of the militia of this State, some of prophets holding commissions as high as that of colonel, that the South Carolina militia would not be able to meet the requirements of the Dick law. This summer marks the end of the five year period the Federal government allowed the militia to equip itself and get proficient on the Federal appropriations that have been allowed the State annually in that time. The inspections now being made by Colonel Cabaniss ofr the government together with his reports on the manoeuvres the regiments engage in this summer will determine the result, the militia is now getting \$36,000 a year from the Federal government; and

some fear this will be cut off. "Some few companies, I have no doubt, will have to be cut off as a result of the government's findings after the inspections and the summer encampment," sail Adjutant General Boyd to your correspondent to-day, "but there is not the slightest fear in my mind that the appropriation will be cut off. The militia is generally in good shape, although I have been warning the officers for some that the government has not been spending this money on the treeps merely in order to allow the men to

have a good time. "There are three things the government is very particular about, and which it in ists on having, and these things are ability to shoot well, fitness for taking care of government property and training on the part of the individual soldier to take care of himself in a sanitary way as well as in other dangers. I don't think there will be any difficulty on the part of most of the companies to meet these requirements.'

TWELVE COMPANIES INSPECTED. Colonel Cabaniss speaks well of the twelve companies he has so far in-Gen. Romirez, director general of spected. These are four at Charleston, two at Orangeburg and one each at Sumter, Elloree, Bamberg, Walter-"It is my opinion that the war is boro, Barnwell and Georgetown. terminated. Bonilla has fled from These show up better on the whole than they did last vear. Of course When shown the Associated Press he cannot tell what the War Departdispatch to-night announcing that ment will decide upon from his report, President Bonilla had fied from Hon- but Colonel Cabaniss thinks these duras by boat, Minister Corea express- companies should feel out of danger ed the opinion that the fugitive Pres- if they do as well in the manoeuvres

The low country, or Third Region Nicaragua unless the United ment, has asked to be assigned to duto neutrality. If this is done, Mr. Corea cause the government will foot all says the war is ended, otherwise he the bills, but because he wants this is firmly convinced that it will only command to get drilling in this line. be a question of a short time until He would like to see the other two hostilities are again resumed. The regiments go to Jamestown, but if nicaraguan minister to-morrow will they do go the men will likely have ask Secretary Root and the Mexican to pay at least part of their traveling ambassador, Mr. Creel, to take some expenses. Whether this will be done, steps to force Salvador and Guate- or whether a State encampment will mala to keep their neutrality pledge. be held will be decided by the military board at a meeting to be held

several weeks hence. The last Legislature appropriated Following Assassination of Dr. Mau- \$30,000 for the militia in order to champ at Morocco City General At- insure its meeting the requirements tack is Made Upon Europeans- of the Dick law in the matter of British Consular Agent, Forced to equipment, with a proviso that none of the present companies were to be Tangier, March 24.-Later dispatches disbanded unless it were necessary. General Boyd, however, does think much of this string holding him off doing what he thinks is his duty. He says that if certain companies show up too poorly m the inspections British consular agent was forced to fire, killing two persons.

The Pasha finally sent troops who drove off the mob. Troops are still get them disbanded, so as to replace them by more promising commands. It is likely that the changes along this line will cause much heart burn-

INTERNAL STRIFE.

Trinity church, cultured, dignified and placid, one of the strongholds of the South Carolina diocese for nearly a century, has just passed through a severe ordeal of internal strife as a result of a vigorous fight that was 11 made upon the rector, the Rev. Charles Martin Niles, a New Yorker of polse, who though some accuse him of a lack of tact has never forgotten to smile and move on unruffled through all the strife. And he has come out victorious, the conflict having ended with the rector retaining regret these outbursts.

Other journals speak of the situation the contention was made, retaining its position. The objection to the reredos was that it partially obscur-DETERMINED TO END HIS LIFE. ed a very handsome memorial window, to a former rector, the Rev. Dr. Shand. This reredos was the gift almost entirely of Dr. Niles's last wife, Brother-In-Law and Fires Two Bul- and it is perhaps the handsomest affair of its kind in the State. A sort of compromise has been reached rupted in an evident attempt to com- whereby the chancel ceiling is to be mit suicide, Charles Wallace, a sa- remodeled and the window raised so

For a time it looked as if the connation, and his resignation was to be ing of the congregation before taking action further. This reached the ears of Bishop Capers, who advised that this meeting be deferred at least until after Lent. This was done, and largely through the bishop's influence the strife was ended altogether during Lent. Members of the vestry say it REV. DR. W. W. KINCAID CALLED has now been finally adjusted. There is therefore no foundation for the re-First Presbyterian Church Votes to port that the fight is to be renewed

immediately after Lent. The position Dr. Niles fills is an extremely difficult, trying and delicate one. Dr. Niles is a polished as well dignified without sacrifice of good na ture, and he is very popular with perhaps a majority of the congrega-tion. But some of the members are irreconcilably opposed to him are still, some of them, in a suppressed mutiny against 1 Those who have the interest of