## NEWBERRY IS FIRE SWEET

OR TE PERMATED AT \$300,500

10 8 and Two Charches Destroyed by the Flames which Started in Four-Bury Wooden Building Occupied by Burgy and Wagon Desicre—Fire Reached New Two-Story Building Used as Furniture Store and From There Spread Rapidly—Most of Structures Burned Negro Shacks and in Their Places Will Rise Medern Buildings—One Home Gurmounded by Flames is Uninjured.

Columbia & C. March 29.—Fire at Columbia & C. March 29.—The build Churches Destroyed by Which Started in Four-ten Building Occupied by

Columbia, S. C., March 29 .- Fire at Newberry, a thriving little city of 6.000 is a very large structure, containing population, to-day destroyed 22 resi- a number of printing plants and binddences, 10 stores and two churches, eries. Superintendent Nevins, of the entailing a loss estimated at between building, stated that the boy could not possibly be in the building. "There is absolutely no place here where he could be hidden," he said.

The range of the fire was from Adams street to Calhoun, east and is a lad about 17 years old named west, and from Friend to Main or William Brunner, who is employed in Pratt streets, north and south on one Pratt streets, north and south on one the mailing room of Munsey's Maga-side, and about one block on the other zine and who lives in Brooklyn. Under side of Main street.

Most of the burned buildings were rise modern buildings.

Surrounded on all sides by the flames was the residence of Mrs. J. B. Humbert, a widow of a former Methodist minister, which was never touched although the heat from the flames scorched the house several

It is related that Mrs. Humbert during the entire time of the confisgration prayed that her home might spared and the way that her prayer was answered is the subject of discussion to-night.

Policeman T. G. Williams rescued two old ladies who had been almost overcome by heat. The officer himself had a narrow escape by falling debris. check in the water supply for 10 or 15 minutes caused much alarm but the defect was soon remedied.

The fire originated in the mammoth three-story wooden building occupied by R. C. Williams, dealer in wagons and buggles. A new and handsome two-story brick building owned by R. & Summer, furniture dealers, was in the path of the fire and from there found to be incorrect. Late to-night the conflagration spread.

Among the most prominent buildings destroyed were the residences of tectives who have been working on two of the handsomest in the city, also for the Marvin home. When they ar- seems doomed to disappointment. The the Presbyterian parsonage, occupied rived there they found that the ruby Rev. J. L. Williamson. The large mor was baseless. residence of James F. Todd was also residence, both on the same block. Aveleigh Presbyterian church, a

replaced by a handsomer one. The majority of buildings are either small wood or brick structures some of which would have been torn down in the near future to be replaced by more stable ones.

Confined to Residence District. Special to The Observer.

Newberry, S. C., March 29 .- The most destructive fire that Newberry has ever experienced occurred here today. A large part of the residence portion was destroyed by fire, including the Presbyterian church and parsonage and the Associated Reformed Presbyterian church. The total loss is rapers. etimated at about \$150,000, with about 50 per cent. covered by insurance. From some cause the water-works failed to furnish supply of water and

the fire department was helpless. The fire started little before 12 o'clock and continued until nearly 4 o'clock before it was under control, and then only because it was cut off by a large grove which separated it

from burning buildings. Many handsome buildings and old time residences were destroyed. No casualties or accidents occurred dur-

# ing the fire.

Total Increase in Wages Demanded by Year-Flat Offer of \$1 a Week Increase Came Too Late to Prevent Walkout.

BREWERY WORKERS STRIKE.

increases in wages, ranging from 5 to 69

boss brewers learning of the deayed of \$1 a week in wages. fer was quickly conveyed to the repre-sentatives of the workers but not in

time to prevent the walkout. to quit work, but the demands affect all employes including drivers, cellar men, washhouse men, firemen, ollers and bettlers. It is estimated that the strike will involve a loss in material to the breweries, if it continues for any length of time, of more than \$100,000. The total

crease in wages demanded is estimated The boss brewers state that they hope their offer of a flat increase of \$1 a week will be considered by the workers notstanding the strike and that it will lead to some proposition under which the difficulty may be taken up for ar-bitration and the complete closing of

bitration and the complete closing of the brewing plants prevented.

A similar strike of brewery workers took place at East St. Louis, ilis., this in, the yards here walked out to-day.

afternoon, two breweries being affected Six hundred were out before, making and 40 men walking out. The demands for increased wages were first presented by the brewery workers

0 days ago and a conference with the ons brewers was held, but no agree-tient was reached. A second confer-tice was arranged for last night at which the boss brewers offered to com-promise on a general 5 per cent. In-crease. The workers demand a sliding scale increase of from 5 to 60 per cent. and upon rejection of their demands the strike was called and set for inaugura-

# WANTS CO-OPERATION OF RACES

oker Washington Addresses Stu-dents of Vanderbilt University, Nashville, on Subject of Lynchugs. Nashville, Tenn., March 29 .- Booker T. Washington, jresident of the negro school at Tuskegee, Ala., addres,ternoon on lynchings. Prof. Wash-

I believe that the causes that ost frequently lead to lynchings can largely blotted out and controlled co-operation between the races. is unfortunate habit of lynching ted to punish individuals who are ed with assaults on females, has gradually grown until the past year two-thirds of the lynchings were for crimes or supposed crimes other than those connected with assaults on wo-

DR. MARVIN INVESTIGATING.

Dover, Del., March 29.-Dr. H. Marvin, whose three and a half-year-old child mysteriously disappeared March 4, this afternoon received a leter con-taining the following: "Go to 143 East Twenty-Fifth street

New York, March 29,-The build-

"The only person with a name like "Brunner" to be found in the building close cross questioning he denied all negro shacks and in their places will knowledge of the letter and said he never had heard of the Marvin case.

#### ABANDONED IN THE WOODS? Marvin Boy Said to Have Been Lo-

cated by Detectives in the Case Near His Father's Home. Dover, Del., March 29.-Detectives ay they believe they have found the Marvin boy.

Word was received here that the child was found abandoned in a woods hear his father's home. Owing to the remoteness of the location further details cannot be obtained at this hour.

MARVIN BOY NOT LOCATED.

Report of His Being Found in Woods Near Father's Home Broken Into and Not Reading: "Beware, You Told -

Pinned to Blackboard. Dover, Del., March 29.-The report that Horace N. Marvin, Jr., had been found in the woods near the home of C. Williams and occupied by Shelley his father at Kitts Hammock, upon investigation by the detectives, was word was received here saying that the boy had been found and the de-O. L. Schumpert and Henry Kinard, the case for almost a month started

The report probably gained circudesctroyed together with E. H. Leslie's lation from the fact that the Logan school house, near the marvin home, was broken into last night by some handsome wooden building, is a total loss as is the old Associate Reformed at which Miss Lucy Killen, the young Presbyterian church, which would woman who was held up on Tuesday neither Thaw's own lawyers nor Dishave been torn down shortly to be night by two men whom she came

When Miss Killen came upon the two men they were talking about the kidnaping of the Marvin child. to kill the girl if she breathed to any person the conversation she overheard.

The detectives to-night got a statement from Miss Killen and they profess to believe that the two strangers may knew something about the missing pold Putzel, one of its members. child, if they are not the actual kid-

# WORK OF COURT-MARTIAL ENDS.

Findings in Cases of Capt, Swift and necticut, to be Forwarded to Navy further testimony. Department for Review.

Fort Monroe, Va., March 39.-The trials by court-martial of Capt. William Swift and Lieut. Harry E. Yan- and July, was on the stand when the nell, on charges of neglect of duty in trial was interrupted. There is little allowing the battleship Connecticut to recalled. If Thaw is declared to be of run aground on entering Culebra har- sound mind to-day and the trial is rebor on January 13, were conclueded to- sumed it should not last more than 3 day. Upon the case of Captain Swift or 4 days. The attorneys in their sum being completed and the record signed ming up addresses will not be allowed that of Lieutenant Yannell was taken to refer in any way to the lunacy com-2,500 Men Estimated at \$500,000 a up and occupied but a short time. All of the witnesses in the cases have testified that the two officers cord. were at their posts of duty and did their whole duty in bringing the ship of the alienists who examined Thaw St. Louis. Mo. March 29.—Brewery their whole duty in bringing the ship of the alienists who examined Thaw workers to the number of 2.500 said to into the harbor, and that every pre-involve workers from breweries in St. caution was used to hold the ship on Louis, went on strike this afternoon for her course. That she got off her course memory. It was this memory, it was her course. That she got off her course sufficiently to graze the submerged said, which served him in such good rock, it was stated, mut have been due stead before the commission on Thurscision of the brewery workers to strike to irregularities of the engines, the decided to offer a flat advance to all empressions of the port and starboard revolutions of the port and starboard ridge to make the statement: propellers being different, and the natural difficulty in steering a battle-

# MORE SHIPBUILDERS QUIT.

ship in shoal water, where tidal ef-

fects are strong. None of the members

of the court would make a statement

as to the probable findings. The court's

report will be forwarded to the Navy

Department at Washington for re-

ers and Private Detectives, 600 Additional Men Join 1,000 Already Out. Lorain, O., March B.—Because the American Shipbuilding Company em-loyed strike-breakers and private de-

1,600 men now on strike.

The company now has only 40 strike-breakers and the detectives remaining in breakers and the detectives remaining in its yards, according to the men who quit to-day, and the plant is completely tied up. The company, it is declared, by the strikers, declared to put in more strike-breakers last night, but the strikers met about 100 of them at the railway stations and turned them back to Buffalo, where they came. whence they came.

New York, March 29 .- G. F. Athston, who came here from Pittsburg three years ago and entered the service of a big department store, was found dead to-day in a room at lodging house, where he lived. Death had resulted from inhaling illuminating gas, and the circumstances indicated that he had planned to end his life. When Aishton left the store yesterday he complained of severe pains in his head. In his room today was found a letter from his sis-ter, bearing a Bartow, Florida, post-

Niagara Palls, N. Y., March 29. An unknown woman Jumped to death

mark.

JURY TO REPORT MONDAY COMMISSION'S WORK NEARS END

Re-Convenes and it is the Rope of Both the Presiding Judge and the Commission that Matter of Thaw's Sanity May be Disposed of by that Time—Justice Fitzgerald Will Simply Direct that Trial Proceed and no Public Announcement Will be Made in Case Verdict of Commission is Favorable to the Defendant. New York, March 29 .- The com-

mission to lunacy which is examining the present mental condition of Harry K. Thaw may finish its work to-morrow and be ready to report to Justice Fitzgerald by Monday. The Thaw jury o'clock Monday morning and it is the hope of the presiding judge as well as the commission that the matter of the defendant's sanity may be disposed of by that time.

If the commission should submit a report to the effect that Thaw fully understands the nature of the proceedings against him and has rationally advised with his counsel. Justice Fitzgerald will simply direct that the trial proceed without making public the committee's findings. If the report should be against Thaw, Justice Fitzgerald will announce the decision from the bench and, if he deems the prisoner's release to be dangerous to the public peace and safety, he will sign an order directing the confinement in some State hospital for the insane, probably Matteawan.

THAW SPENDS QUIET DAY. To-day being Good Friday, there was no session of the lunacy board, and Thaw spent a quiet day in the Tombs preparing for a renewal of his mental tests to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock. The session of the commission at hour again will be private and there will be no public hearings at all unless Groundless-Miss Killen's School the commission decides to call witneses other than the defendant. It was reported to-day to be extremely unlikely that any witnesses will be examined. There is fust a possibility that several of the doorkeepers in the Tombs may be called to give a lay opinion as to Thaw's conduct since his incarceration. The District Attorney, it was said, might make one more effort to introduce testimony before the commission, but if the board holds to the narrow limits laid down for its inquiry on yesterday, Mr. Jerome had reached the conclusion that its members could decide from their own examination of Thaw the simple questions placed before them by Justice

Fitzgerald. NO QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED. It was reported again to-day that trict Attorney Jerome would be allowmony. Chairman David McClure practically told the District Attorney on Thursday afternoon that the question Thew drew revolvers and threatened as to whether Thaw is capable of appreciating the nature of the court proceedings against him and of rationally advising his counsel is a matter subject wholly to a lay opinion. Any medopinion which the commission desire will come from Dr. Leo-

Thaw's attorneys are so sanguine as to the outcome of the lunacy inquiry that they were to-day making plans for the resumption of the trial week. It seems now that if the trial is taken up again the defense probably Lieut. Yannell, of Battleship Con- will announce that it rests without

ALIENIST MAY BE RECALLED. Dr. Allan McLane Hamilton, the alienist who examined Thaw last June likelihood that Dr. Hamilton will be mission, for its appointment and proceedings are not a part of the trial re-

While the trial was in progre day and which led Attorney Hart-

"Thaw remembered more about the trial than I did.'

York, March sources assumed to be authentic, it was announced late to-night that Dr. Allan McLane Hamilton, alienist, will be called to testify to-morrow before the lunacy commission, which is to determine whether Harry K. Thaw is nentally competent to understand the nature of the proceedings in his trial for the killing of Stanford White, and to rationally advise his counsel.

Dr. Hamilton, it was stated, will ppear as'a witness at the request-of he commission, and will be the only expert examined. The declaration that Dr. Hamilton would be called was a surprise as it

the commission would not hear any expert testimony as to the defendant's condition of mind. It was Dr. Hamilton's testimony at he trial that precipitated request by the district attorney for a lunacy

#### commission. STRIKERS RESUME RIOTING. Gendarmes Capture Many Sca Flags

After Sharp Struggle. Geneva, March 29 .- Rioting was resumed here this afternoon, gendarmes broke up a procession of strikers, and after a sharp struggle captured a number of flags.

Troops to-day prevented an tempt to burn the offices of Steam Navigation Company here. Ouchy several dynamite cartridges were found at the headquarters of the street railroad company. It is officially announced from Lausanne that the strike is over, the chocolate manufacturers naving conceded the demands of the men.

National League Outfielder Dead.

FLOCKING TO OLD SALEM.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 30, 1907.

Visitors Pouring in to Witness Mo-ravian Easter Exercises—The Pro-gramms for Monday. cial to The Observer.

Winston-Salem, March 29 .- Visitors from all parts of the State and some from other States are pouring into the city to spend the Easter holidays. Almost every train is crowded with people coming to Winston-Salem bounded to spend the holidays. The hotels and boarding houses of the city are filling up, but it is stated that there will be no trouble in accommodating the crowd. There are to be many events here during the glorious season to attract cepple from all sec-tions. For miles and miles around people come to attend the beautiful early morning service at the Moravian will report in court once more at 10:30 graveyard. The Twin City Club gives Monday following Easter Sunday and the social set looks forward to this with happy anticipation for months before hand. There are many out-oftown guests who attend the event. A number from a distance are expected this year than has been present at any of the previous receptions, and the club has made greater preparations for this event. A dance will given Monday morning, beginning at 10 o'clock and lasting until noon. The reception is on from 9 o'clock in the evening, while the dance begins at 11 o'clock. In the afternoon the crowds will all gather at Fairview Park to witness the game of baseball between the University and Davidson

Dr. Winecoff, one of the former pastors of the M. E. church at Mt. Airy, now a resident of Franklin. passed through the city this morning en route to Shoals, on the Wilkesboro road. He was accompanied by S. Randall Williams, Jr., a multi-millionaire from Philadelphia, who goes to Shoals with a view of buying timber. Dr. Winecoff, on account of ill health, is not engaged in ministerial work this year.

Mr. J. F. Pearce, of Greensboro, who has been chief engineer for Greensboro Boiler Co. for the past 3 years, has resigned his position to accept the position of pump inspector for the Southern on the Winston-Salem & Mooresville division. Mr. Pearce was here to-day en route to Davidson on a business trip. Winston-Salem is to be Mr. Pearce's headquarters.

Capt. S. G. Pace, of Mt. Airy, was nere this morning, returning from a visit to his brother in Danville, upon whom an operation was performed a few days ago. Captain Page was accompanied home by his son, William, who is a student at Oak Ridge Institute. The latter will spend Baster with his parents.

### TO STAY DIVIDEND PAYMENTS.

Bill in Equity Filed Against Southern Pacific in Circuit Court of Austin. Tex., in Behalf of Croker Estate Co., San Francisco, and T. H. Hubbard, New York.

Chicago, March 38 .- Attorney Henbard, of New York, has been filed in paying dividends upon its common stock amounting to \$4,000,000.

The court is asked to decree that which is in constant and natural competition with the Southern Pacific between San Francisco and New Orleans. 'contrary to public policy and in violation of the laws of the United States and the laws of Texas."

The bill asks that the court enjoin the Union Pacific Company and its officers or agents from hereafter voting on any stock of the Southern Parisburg & San Antonio Company.

past due amount to \$2,500,000 and mated at over 2,000,000 bales, claim that inasmuch as the Southern provide an ample surplus, thus obviat-Pacific assumed and agreed to pay the ing any chance of shortage or danger interest and sinking fund installments, of a panic by opening opportunities the bondholders have the right to en- for speculators. force their claims against the Southern Pacific Company.

decree acordingly.

#### STRIKE HINGES ON MEETING. Conference Between Federal Officers

and Representatives of Unions and Railroads Concerned Will Determine Whether or Not Men Go Out. Chicago, March 29. - Whether there will be a strike of the ployes of the train service of the Western railroads hinges on a meeting to be held to-morrow between two ederal officers and the representatives of the unions and the railroads meeting concerned. brought about by the general manahad been generally understood that gers of the railroads, who appealed to Washington for a settlement of the difficulty under the Erdmann act. The government will be represented at the meeting by Martin A. Knapp, chairman of the inter-State commerce commission, and Charles P. Neill, Commissioner of Labor. C. B. Brown, chairman of the board managers, will be the spokesman the railroads, and Grand Chief P. H. Morrissey, of the railway trainmen's union, and Chief Conductor A. B. Garretson, of the conductors' organization, will look after the interests of the men. Knapp and Nelli have the assurance of both sides that everything possible will be done to prevent a strike. The railroads to-night declared

At that they had conceded everything new member of the Spanish possible, and the union representatives asserted that further concessions will have to be made or tomorrow's meeting will fail to prevent a strike. The Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and the railroads are still trying to settle their differences.

Two Killed and Four Wounded

GRAFT MUST BE EXPOSED MACARTHUR TO MILWAUREE MESSAGE SENT PRESIDENT SPRECKLES GUARANTEES COSTS

Frisco Bribery and Graft Says Ho Will Stand Responsible to Any Amount—Contributions by Citizens to Amount of \$100,000 Coming in -There will be no Lack of nds for Furtherance of the Probing no Matter What the Bill May Be—Work Will Not be Suspended Until All Rottenness is Exposed and No Officials Will be Overlook-

Spreckles, financial sponsor of the in- at San Francisco to carry out his vestigation of the bribery graft in this oity, to-day told The Associated Press that he would guarantee the expenses of the investigation to any amount fund of \$100,000 guaranteed by me before the commencement of the bribery graft are coming in rapidly. They are in amounts of \$20 to \$1,000. WILL BE NO LACK OF FUNDS.

"In the event that the ultimate to tal of he subscriptions fall short of the deficit good, and if the cost is more than \$100,000 to complete this prosecution that will make no difference Those engaged in its furtherance will never be hampered by lack of funds no matter what the bill may be.

"The work of investigation will not be suspended until every bit of rottenness has been fully exposed. We fully expect to land behind the bars of the penitentiary every giver of bribes and the higher up the offender, the more vigorous will be his pursuit.

"We do not, however, expect to send every bribe-taker to prison. Some of the miserable men who sold themselves to the corporations must be granted immunity for their testimony. which is worth a great deal more to us as evidence as to the gulit of high corporations officials than their own incarceration would be.

"Every department of the city and county government will be thoroughly examined into before the examination is completed, the police department along with the others. No one will be neglected, no set of officials will be overlooked.

NO CHANCES BEING TAKEN. at the Tocadero a month ago, rumors early emergence. have been rife that an attempt would Elizor Biggy, either during a session of the court or while Ruef was going An obser prominent in the bribery

investigation, to-day said: "Every man openly identified with the prosecution of the bribery charges is armed and some of the more promia month we have been keeping a special lookout for an attempted rescue of Ruef, and we shall be happily surprised if these investigations and impending prosecutions end without a physical encounter.

everal times Crawford of this city, announced Judge Dunne's court a sudden moveto-day that a bill in equity in behalf ment of reckless men toward the priof the Crocker Estate Company, of soner has been checked quickly and San Francisco, and Thomas H. Hub-bard, of New York, has been filed in "We know that should Ruef be resthe Circuit Court of Austin, Tex., ask- cued it would be a difficult thing to ing that the Southern Pacific Rail- hide him securely right in Saa Franroad Company be restrained from cisco. The prosecution knows this and

is taking no chances. "Each one of Biggy's seven guards is instructed in the event of a seri- partment that it has no fruther need was in progress, the Union Pacific Railroad controls ous attempt at rescue by force, either and operates a system of railroad in court or elsewhere, to shoot Ruef and turn their attention to the libera- Secretary Oliver has requested the tors afterward. Ruef has been made acquainted with these orders."

# COTTON CONGRESS REPORTS

Result of Investigations Conducted in 14 European Countries for a Period of Three Years.

Manchester, March 29 .- The intercific Railroad Company, or exercis- national cotton congress as a result of ing any direction or control over the investigations conducted in 14 Euro-Southern Pacific road or over its pean countries for a period of three finances, including the Galveston, Har- years, has issued a report showing that the stocks of cotton held in Fu-The complainants say that they hold rope to-day are estimated at nearly more than \$2,000,000 of the total of \$5,500,000 spindles, that Europe will \$6.854,000 of second mortgage bonds have sufficient raw material to keep and died an hour later, to-day renderof the Galveston, Harrisburg & San the mills running until the arrival of interest in sinking fund installments that the cotton still due to arrive, estiwill

This report is held to prove value of the organization formed three It is claimed in the bill that the years ago at Zurich which, from the railroad paid interest on bonds and original co-operation of nine countries Hale, Ack Hale's brother, recently killdeclared dividends when they should has grown into a congress of fourteen have paid the interest on the mortg- cuntries, while Japan also has joined age bonds, and the court is asked to and India and some other cotton murder and the talk of removing of what the Congress has accomplish- aroused intense feeling, but so far ed will be presented at the next an- there are overt threats of mob vionual meeting to be held in Vienna in lence. May.

# HUGE CAR WORKS BURNING.

Plant of South Baltimore Concern Threatened With Destruction.

Baltimore, Md., March 29 .- For the third time since November, 1906, fire broke out late to-night in the works five miles from this city. The place is difficult to reach at night and the wire service bad. A telephone message from

nearest point to the fire says that the one. entire plant seems to be burning. The company is at work on large contracts for cars for the Atlantic Coast Line, the Louisville & Nashville Railroad and the Coal & Coke Railroad.

King Alfonzo to Curtail Visit to Cartagena.

Madrid, March 29.—The physician who are in attendance upon Queen Victoria have reason to believe that she may be confined sooner than has been anticipated, and it has been recommended that King Alfonso curtail his visit to Cartagena. All the preparations for the advent of the roya family have been completed. A nurse has been brought out from England.

McCabe and O'Leary Get 15 Years. Salt Lake City, Utah, March 29.— Fifteen years in State prison at hard is the sentence passed to-day Michael McCabe and W. J. upon Michael Michael States sordiers, who o'Leary, United States sordiers, who Louisville, Ky., March 39.—Harry

Dolan, an outfielder in the Boston National League team, died here to-day of typhoid fever. He was taken ill when the team started South for practice and was brought to the Norton Informary 10 days ago from West Eaden.

Two Killed and Four Wounded in Bomb Explosion.

Two Killed and Four Wounded in O'Leary, United States soidiers, who were convicted of attacking and robbing Harold Berrum of \$75 a month ago. In passing sentence Judge Armstrong, of the District Court, settled and was brought to the Norton Informary 10 days ago from West Eaden.

His Request to be Relieved From Command of the Pacific Division Granted—His Successor Has No Yet Been Named. Washington, March 29 .- Lieut

Gen. Arthur MacArthur was to-day relieved from the command . the Pacific Division and ordered to MIIwaukee, Wis. This action was taken at the request of General MacArthur, who has found it impossible while discharging the manifold duties of commander-in-chief of the important San Francisco, March 29.—Rudolph military division with headquarters meeting of the executive committee cherished scheme of completing the was held at the Charleston Hotel th elaborate report he was charged to make by the War Department upon the results of his long trip of inspection in the Orient. His successor in of James H. Chadbourne, Wilmington the investigation to any amount command of the Pacific Division has N. C.; Edward B. Tayler, Columbia of the Pacific Division has N. C.; Edward B. Tayler, Columbia not yet been named and it is probable S. C.; John H. Small, Washington, N. not yet been named and it is probable S. C.: John H. Small, Washington, N. that in view of the approaching abolition of the military division plan and secretary, was accepted and H. R. the return to the old system of department command no designation will be made at present.

Milwaukee, Wis., March 29 .- Gen-\$100,000 guaranteed, I will make the eral MacArthur will soon make application to be placed on the retired list of the army, according to a letter written to a friend in this city.

"When my retirement takes place, continues the general's letter, "I shall go to Milwaukee, buy a home and pass the remainder of my days in the city that saw my birth and boyhood."

#### YEAR OF MANY BOLL WEEVILS. Dr. Hunter, of Department of Agriculture, Says Past Winter Was Un-

usually Favorable for the Hibernation of the Destructive Insect. Baton Rouge, La., March 29.-The cotton boll weevil will be unusually numerous and destructive this year according to a report by Dr. W. D. Hunter, in charge of the boll weevil investigation for the United States De-

partment of Agriculture. He says: "The conditions throughout the past winter have been unnsually favorable for the hibernation of the boll weevil The two critical conditions for successful hibernation, temperature and construction and maintenance by the dryness, have been as favorable as they will probably ever be.

The mild winter and spring is hav-Since the arrest of Abraham Ruef, ing the effect of causing an unusually "The conditions indicate that wee-

be made to rescue him by force from vils will be unusually abundant in the at Cape Hatteras and Diamond cotton fields, and great damage is to be expected. Some conditions, for instance dry weather during June and July after the cotton plants are well started, may serve to check the insect."

nent are employing body guards. For PEST STATION OBJECTIONABLE. Request of Attorneys of Kingman Estate, Near Craney Island, for Sale of Latter Property, Denied by Act-ing Secretary of War.

March 29.-Acting Washington, March 29.—Acting Secretary of War Oliver has refused Kingman estate, lying opposite Cran y island, just below Norfolk, that that tract be sold at public auction. The petitioners represented that their property was eriously depreciated in value by the use of this island as a pest station by the towns of Norfolk and Portsmouth. The Navy Department, to whom the island was loaned in 1897, has stated to the War Defor the island which explains why it was used as a pest station. Acting chief of engineers to have his local Norfolk to parties in interest and upon his report will depend the issue to the extent of stopping the further

# use of the island as a pest station.

FOR ASSAULT AND MURDER. Coroner's Jury Directs That Ack Hale be Held for Grand Jury for Double

Bristol, Tenn., March 29 .- The coroner's jury in the case of Lillie Davis, who was shot in East Hill Cemetery in Bristol's suburbs Wednesday night, store houses. He was positive that ed a verdict holding Ack Hale on the Antonio Company, and aver that the next season's crop in September and charge of criminally assaulting and interest in sinking fund installments that the cotton still due to arrive, estimurdering her. Hale had been with her all day Wednesday and was with

her at the time of the shooting. Evidence to prove that Hale deliberately conspired to take the life of the girl was developed to-night by officers at Johnson City, the girl's home. A letter from Hale contains threats against Miss Davis' life and says, "We shall never testify against Roy." ed the dead girl's brother. The coroner's jury's finding charging rape and States are about to join. Full details prisoner to the Tennessee jail have

PRESIDENT A GOOD DEMOCRAT

James Watson Gerrard a Caller a the White House. Washington, March 29 .- "He's all right. He's about as good a Demo-

crat as there is." This reference was made of of the South Baltimore Car Works, President by James Watson Gerrard, located at South Baitimore, about the chairman of the Tammany Hall Democratic organization, as he came from the White House offices to-day after a brief call on Mr. Roosevelt. Mr. Gerrard's visit was a personal

> Explosion of Dynamite Results in Death of 54 Persons, Johannesburg, Transvaal, March

29.-Four white men and 50 natives were instantly killed and three whites and 16 natives were injured by the unexpected explosion last night of two cases of dynamite at the Dreifontein mine. One of the waite mer killed was an American named William Harvey. The explosion occurred at a time when the mine workers were mustered preparatory to going to work. A native tampered with the dynamite, which exploded.

Ripe Peaches in Louisiana New Orleans, March 29,-Ripe peaches gathered months ahead of ime are being picked in Plaquemine arish Louisiana. The mildest winter in 30 years was the cause of the early ripening and samples of the fruit will be saved for exhibition at

the Jamestown Exposition. \$85,000 Fire at Beuna Vista, Va. Richmond, Va., March 29.—Fire in the business section of Ruena Vista, Rogkbridge county, to-day destroyed the Colonade Hotel and several stores, Estimated loss \$85,000, insurance \$35,000.

WATERWAY ASSOCIATION MEET

Charleston, S. C., Accepts Resignation of Secretary Porest and Elec H. R. Jackson, of Charleston, R Successor—Telegram Prepared President Estill to President Co. gratulates Him on Personnel and Purposes of Recently Appointed Commission and Sets Forth Im-portance of Chain of Inland Water-

ways From Boston to Florida. Charleston, S. C., March 29 .- A of the Inland Waterway Association of James H. Chadbourne, Wilmington Jackson, of Charleston, was elec The next meeting of the association will be held in Charleston, Wednes day, November 6, 1907. The president and executive committee were authorized to prepare for this meeting. It was resolved that Mr. Small prepare a brief setting forth the advantages and the necessity of the construction of the chain of inland waterways along the entire Atlantic seaboard; and further that such morial should be submitted to national commission on improvement of waterways, recently appointed by the President. On motion of Chadbourne, President Estill, of the association, prepared the following telegram to the President of the Unit-

ed States: "Charleston, S. C., March 29 The President, Washington, D. C. "The executive committee of the Inland Waterway Association in session to-day in this city, directs me to congratulate you upon the personnel and the purposes of the commission appointed by you to consider the vital subject of the improvement of our

waterways. "I am also directed to call your trentian and through you to the attention and through you to commission, to the importance of the United States of the chain of inland waterways along the Atlantic seaboard from Boston to Florids, and the Gulf, particularly the waterway from Norfolk, Va., to Beaufort Inlet, N. C., which will avoid the dangers shoals. J.H. ESTILL,

"President." The executive committee extended congratulations to commercial interests of the country upon the fact that the Congress recently made an initial appropriation for the Norfolk-Beaufort Inlet waterway, in the sum of five and fifty thousand dollars.

SHOT GUNS AND PISTOLS USED.

Lieut. Greer, of Twenty-Fifth Infanty, Saya Firing at Brownsville Came From About Centre of Town and in His Opinion Was Not From High Washington, March 28.-Lieuten-

ant Greer, quartermaster and acting battalion adjutant of the Twenty-fifth Infantry on the night of the affray at Brownsville, Tex., was on the stand to-day in the investigation being conducted by the Senate committee on military affairs. In the absence of Captain Macklin he took command of Company C, while the shooting

At the conclusion of a long direct examination the witness told Senator Foraker that while he had believe the men of the Twenty-fifth Infantry engineer officer afford a hearing at did the shooting, his mind was now open on the subject of their guilt or innocence. He thought the firing came of an order relieving the petitioners from about the centre of the town and that shot guns and revolvers were used. It was his opinion that high power rifles were not used in the firing he heard. He estimated that it would require 40 or 50 minutes to clean a gun so that it would stand inspection after having been fired.

During the morning session the committee examined Walker McCurformerly quartermaster-sergeant of Company B, Twenty-fifth Infantry. concerning surplus rifles kept in the none of the rifles in the arm chests had been used in the shooting. The committee will take a recess of

two weeks on April 6. WRECKERS CAUSE DERAILMENT.

Engineer and Unknown Negro Killed, Porter Seriously Hurt and Several Passengers Bruised in Wreck of Passenger Train at Cluncil, Okla,

Oklahoma City, Okla., March 29,-Passenger train No. 1 or the Choc-taw, Oklahoma & Guif Railroad, from Memphis for Amarillo drawn by two engines, was partially derailed to-day at Council eight miles west of Oklahoma City. Both engines were badly wrecked and the mail and baggage cars were turned over, but the coaches remained on the track. engineer and an unknown negro were killed. Fireman Overton was fatally injured, a porter seriously hurt and seven passengers suffered bruises. Investigation shows conclusively that the derailment was coused by Bolts had been remove from the connecting rods that move

Bloodhounds have been taken the scene in an attempt to trace the culprits. Fireman Overton died after bein

the switch.

brought to this city. KILLED ON TOP OF FREIGHT CAR

Three Men, Wanted for Robbing C gar Stand, Struck by Overhea Bridge, Two Being Dead and th Third Unconscious When Found, Somerville, Mass., March Three men, two of them dead, an unconscious, were found in a heap top of a freight car at the Somervi station on the Fitchburg division the Boston & Maine Railread to-di Apparently while riding on top of t car, the men had struck an ov bridge. Each new mith cigars, tobacco and other bacconist supplies. The dead were identified as Jos. B. Co. Valentine Butter, both of bridge. Each had his pockets fill

Thursday

tion with the robbery of a cigar ata

tham. The injured man is Thom Howe, also of Waltham. All the

were wanted at Waltham,

Washington, March 29,-The