

OCEAN RACE NEARS FINISH

BERITANIA MAY BREAK RECORD
At 8 o'clock yesterday evening the
Big Cunard liner was 260 miles
from New York and it is expected
the record from the Deutschland
She Must Reach the Finish Line
By 8:40 O'clock This Morning—
She Has Already Broken the
World's Record For an Hour's Run
The Lusitania is Trailing 250 Miles
Aster—Big Liner's Average Speed
Has Been 23.6 Knots an Hour on
the Spurt.

Haltex, N. S., Sept. 12.—The Mar-
con wireless station at Cape Sable
was in touch with the Cunard liner
Lusitania at 8 o'clock this evening.
Atlantic standard time.
The Lusitania's position was reckoned
at that hour to be 260 miles
from New York. The Lusitania, also
of the Cunard line, was apparently in
communication with the big turbine,
as the latter reported the Lusitania 250
miles astern. The average speed of
the Lusitania throughout the voyage
was announced at 23.6 knots per
hour. The highest day's run was
593 miles, which was claimed on
board the Lusitania, established a
new world's run for one day. Whether
the word miles is used in this semi-
official statement in a nautical sense,
is not entirely clear, but presumably
this must be the case in order to rec-
onile the report with that sent out
at Cape Sable this morning, that the
Lusitania was averaging 370 miles
per day. In the latter instance land
miles were unmistakably implied and
this figure is equivalent to approxi-
mately 340 knots or nautical miles.
The message to the Associated Press
from Cape Sable is as follows:
"6 p. m., local: Lusitania about 340
miles from New York, expect dock
noon to-morrow, highest day's record
run 593 miles, world's record day's
run broken, average speed 23.6
knots. Lusitania 4 p. m. reported 250
miles astern."

NEWS ITEMS FROM SALISBURY

Mineral Insurance Company Gets a
Charter—Navy Wrecking a Big
Knife on Another Negro—Flag
Goer Up Over Fair Grounds To-
day.
Special to The Observer.
Salisbury, Sept. 12.—The People's
Mutual Life Insurance Association
yesterday received a charter from
the Secretary of State and has begun
business. It is backed by the best
business men of Salisbury. Its board
of directors consists of Thomas H.
VanJertford, Sr., H. C. Trotter, M. H.
Jackson, J. M. Maupin, W. C. Maupin,
G. C. Stewart, D. R. Julian, N. B.
McDonald, O. W. Spencer and S. L.
Anderock, of Syracuse, N. Y.
The organization will not insure
colored people. Its operations will
be among people who are well known
and are good risks. It is expected to
put State agents in the field soon and
though no officers have yet been elected
it is most likely that Mr. Adcock,
a very genial Yankee, will manage
the business. It is going to start off
well.

The officers of this city are watch-
ing the negroes addicted to the habit
of cocaine and unwholesome pro-
nounce a more general as well as a
more violent evil. Capt. Frank
Barber had an experience with Mag
Alexander, a colored virago, and the
officer was strong enough to be
dugged principally to a foot race. The
woman went to the station and called
out Mary Blackwell, who is maid
there. Exchanging a few words, the
Alexander woman made at her as-
saulting with a brick. Mr. Adcock
fled across the back, laying the
flesh open to the bone. The maid
ran screaming for help and her
assault was after her. The police-
man stepped in and he caught the
woman. Mayor Boyden this morning
sent her to court in default of bond.
The officers say cocaine is much of
a habit with the colored people and
the habits are more troublesome
than that of the white who drink of Salis-
bury's abundance.

At the fair grounds, which are rap-
idly rounding into shape for the big
local exposition this fall, a huge Amer-
ican flag, the gift of P. W. Brown,
will be floated from the afternoon
at 4 o'clock. The pole was raised to-
day and it stands 110 feet high.
From now until the close of the fair it
will be kept in the air.
All arrangements have been made
for suitable transportation during the
fair days. Superintendent Cosman
has paid the grounds a personal visit
and promises immediate attention to
the siding necessary for the travel. A
small station will be built to accom-
modate the passengers who will board
the train at the Main street crossing
on the western railroad. The fare
is to be 15 cents for the roundtrip.
In addition to this there will be street
cars on the work on this line having pro-
gressed so rapidly that the cars will
be running by that date.

GREEN ACQUITTED OF MURDER

Case Which Attracted Much Attention
Ended—Blair Trial Not Yet Begun.
Observer Bureau,
1422 Main Street,
Columbia, S. C., Sept. 12.
The Green murder case which has
attracted much attention throughout
the State was concluded this afternoon
with a verdict of not guilty, the jury
being out only three-quarters of an
hour.
On account of absent State witness-
es the Blair case was not taken up
this afternoon. It is probable, though
not certain, that it will be entered up-
on to-morrow morning.
Col. J. F. Gaynor to Return to Macon
Jail.
Macon, Ga., Sept. 12.—Colonel
John F. Gaynor, the noted Federal
prisoner, who was permitted on ac-
count of ill-health to visit Indian
Springs, has decided to return to jail
here, preferring its privacy, he says,
to the gaze of the curious at Indian
Springs. It is understood that he has
abandoned the idea of asking per-
mission to make a sea voyage in the
hope of curing or alleviating an at-
tack of asthma.

GROCERY COMPANY ASSIGNS

Shirage of a Member of Firm
Now to Go to the
Shirage Road For Free Mail
Deputy—Edred Bros. New Store
Opens Saturday.
Special to The Observer.
Concord, Sept. 12.—A deed of as-
signment was registered at the court-
house this morning, whereby the
Edred Bros. Grocery Company assigns
to the Southern Loan & Trust Co.,
trustee. Liabilities are about
\$8,500, while the assets are \$4,000.
The success of this business has
been on the ragged edge for several
months past, and there has been
many rumors over the city in regard
to the state of affairs within the
bounds of the corporate name.
However, the matter has now gone
to the assignment papers are
are duly authenticated.

Mr. T. D. Maness, a member of the
law firm of Adams, Armfield, Jer-
rome & Maness, stated this morning
to your correspondent that the as-
signment was due to the shortage of
Mr. E. J. Jones, former secretary
and treasurer of the grocery com-
pany. Mr. Jones admitted to a
shortage of \$1,500, and forthwith
turned over the stock in the com-
pany, together with his holdings in
real estate in the city.
The stock of goods was bought
last week by Mr. Max Moses, of
Salisbury, who will continue the busi-
ness at the old stand; and it will
be conducted, for a while at least,
by Messrs. Ira Mehaffey and Samuel
Walker. Mr. Maness represents the
creditors.

Engineer Q. E. Smith is to-
day engaged in re-labeling the
various streets of the city. Several
years ago the streets were all num-
bered and labeled with a small board
in front of the building. Many of
these boards have been torn away
and displaced, necessitating the
work to be done over.
Mr. Smith will also re-number the
streets on the various streets of the
city. Many of them have been built
since the numbering was done some
time ago, and many were skipped at
the time. All of these little things
will be attended to at once in order
to get the city delivery service
is inaugurated.

HENDERSON WILL GET DELIVERY

Congressman E. W. Pou Calls at Post-
office Department and Gets Better
Mail Facilities For Some of His
Constituents—His Health Good
Again.
Observer Bureau,
1417 G Street, N. W.,
Washington, Sept. 12.
Representative E. W. Pou, of the
fourth North Carolina district, spent
to-day in Washington attending to
department matters. Mr. Pou was
quite sick early in the summer and,
after a protracted stay in the hos-
pital, went off to a Northern climate
to recuperate. He is now entirely re-
covered, he says, and he is looking
 hale and hearty. He was assured to-
day at the Postoffice Department that
the people of Henderson would get
their free mail delivery, which they
have been having a hard time trying
to get. The law has been construed
heretofore so as to prevent the es-
tablishment of the service, owing to
the fact that Henderson was so scat-
tered and a carrier could not deliver
the mail without having a vehicle;
but Mr. Pou was told to-day that
Henderson was entitled to the service
and some of the mail would be given
to her. Mr. Pou leaves to-morrow
morning for his home.

D. O. K. K. AT ASHEVILLE

Ball Meeting Now in Session—Parade
Last Night a Brilliant Spectacle.
Special to The Observer.
Asheville, Sept. 12.—The fall meet-
ing, ceremonial, initiation and banquet
of the Dramatic Order Knights of
Khorassan, was held here this evening.
The Charlotte team arrived to-
day, and in addition there are Ephraim
here from all over this section. Forty
or fifty Knights were to-night in-
ited to the mystic rites of the D. O.
K. K.
The parade this evening was splen-
did. The uniform rank company and
the first regiment band, all in uniform,
took part. About 400 colored
lights were used in the parade and
the streets presented the appearance of
a brilliant constellation of stars. Hun-
dreds of people blocked the streets
along the line of march.

Big Georgia Electric Company in
Hands of a Receiver.

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 12.—The North
Georgia Electric Company was to-day
placed in the hands of a receiver.
This action was taken on petition of
Ellwood Allen and W. D. Chamber-
lain, of Dayton, O., and the Western
Union Telegraph Company. A simi-
lar petition for a receiver was yester-
day refused by Judge Shelby, at At-
lanta.
The North Georgia Electric Com-
pany has a plant of 50,000 horse-
power on the Chattahoochee river
and sells power to a number of points
near Atlanta. Samuel C. Dunlap, of
Gainesville, was appointed temporary
receiver.

Robbers Attempt to Enter Dr. Fos-
cue's Home.

High Point, Sept. 12.—Last night
at Jamestown an attempt was made
to enter the residence of Dr. Foscue
by piling boxes up to a window. The
brief encounter with the burglars
when the doctor was aroused and went
after the burglar. The doctor called
up the chief of police's office and re-
quested that the bloodhound be sent,
as he was willing to go to any trouble
or expense to capture the would-be
burglars.
"Affinity Earle Returns to New York.
New York, Sept. 12.—Perdunn Pin-
ney Earle, of "affinity" fame, has
returned to New York. He had a
brief encounter with the villagers of
Monroe, where his home is located,
when about to board a train for this
city last evening. Several missiles
were thrown at him but the artist
escaped injury.

MILK PROBLEM'S SOLUTION

ABLE PAPER BY NATHAN STRAUS
New Yorker and Brother of the Sec-
retary of Commerce and Labor
Resolves the Milk Problem—The
Pure Milk Congress, Low America
Has Solved the Problem—The
Congress Opens at Brussels With
a Large Attendance of Important
Persons—Important Questions Af-
fecting Infant Hygiene Were Dis-
cussed—Dr. Henry L. Coit, of New-
ark, N. J., Also a Delegate—Full
Text of Mr. Straus' Excellent Ad-
dress.
Brussels, Sept. 12.—The second
international pure milk congress, which
opened here to-day with a large at-
tendance of eminent persons. M.
de Vaux, president of the national
league of Belgium for the protection
of infants, presided. The congress
will discuss the milk problem. Im-
portant questions regarding infant
hygiene. The American delegates in-
clude Nathan Straus, of New York, who
read a paper on "The American So-
lution of the Milk Problem," and Dr.
Henry L. Coit, of Newark, N. J.
MR. NATHAN STRAUS' PAPER.
At the last Congress International
des Gouttes de Lait I was a solitary
voice from America declaring that
child life should be protected from
infected milk by pasteurization.
To-day I am glad to see the mes-
sage endorsed by the most distinguish-
ed scientists of my country and for-
mally and officially promulgated by
the government of the United States of
America.

Two years ago, at the congress at
Paris, I argued and pleaded for a pol-
icy that would save lives by the hun-
dreds thousands; to-day I have the
honor and satisfaction to report most
substantial progress toward the ac-
ceptance of my plan. The milk pro-
gram, as outlined, is as follows:
For fifteen years I have sounded in
America the warning that raw milk
kills. In an article contributed to
The Forum, of November, 1894, I
made the following emphatic decla-
ration:
"Here let me say that the penalty
of disease and death, paid for the
neglect of simple precautions in the
use of milk, is by no means paid ex-
clusively by the poor. It is not al-
ways good in proportion to the price
paid for it, nor free from the germs
of contagion because it has come from
cattle of aristocratic lineage. The
latter quality, as recent experience
has shown, is not a sufficient guaran-
tee of safety. It is a special
susceptibility to tuberculosis. In milk
intended for infant nutriment perfect
sterilization is an absolutely essential
precaution; but, simple as the process
is, it is not adopted even to the
homes of the rich, that it will be
properly done. I hold that in the
near future it will be regarded as a
piece of criminal neglect to feed young
children on milk which has not been
sterilized."

These statements whose justice will
be recognized by you, fellow members
of this congress, were received with
incredulity in the United States. I
was called an alarmist. The dangers
to which I pointed were met with
by medical men of standing. For years
Prof. George M. Kaber, of Georgetown
University, stood almost alone in
declaring and proving the dissemina-
tion of germs by means of infected milk.
No longer ago than May of this year,
a medical commission characterized
the danger of tubercular infection
through milk as "slight," but this was
the day when I pointed to the
pasteurization of the milk supply,
which has crumbled away as igno-
rance has given place to knowledge.

While I persisted in warning against
the use of raw milk, I provided pas-
teurized milk for a Northern district
of New York City. This was regarded
as an amiable benevolence. The virtue
of the enterprise, in the eyes of most
people, was that it provided food for
the poor at less than cost, or for noth-
ing.

Gradually, however, as the infantile
death rate of New York City went
steadily down, from 95.2 per 1,000
in 1895 to 55 per 1,000 in 1906, col-
lective and individual minds were
purged of the prejudice against pas-
teurized milk, the significance of my
work became apparent, and the con-
viction spread that the virtue of the
Straus milk was not its low cost, but
the fact that the milk was pasteurized.

While this demonstration was going
on in New York City, epidemics of in-
fectious diseases in various parts of
the country, especially in Boston and
Chicago, were directly and indisput-
ably traced to the use of raw milk.
Milk, emphasizing the urgent need for
action. Scientific men, studying the
milk problem, were forced to decide
that public safety demanded pasteur-
ization, and in a notable statement of
the program affecting New York
City, Dr. Ernest J. Lederle, former
commissioner of health, declared that
pasteurization should be insisted upon
in all cases in which there was no
proof that the dairy herds were free
from tuberculosis.

INFANT MILK STATIONS

In five American cities infant milk
stations are now maintained and are
achieving remarkable results in re-
ducing infantile mortality.
In New York City, my own work
has extended from one central sta-
tion to seventeen depots and the out-
put of pasteurized milk has increased
from 34,000 bottles in 1893 to 3,149,
352 bottles and 1,078,405 glasses in
1906. A total of at least 2,500,000
bottles and 1,500,000 glasses is already
indicated for this year. In addition,
more or less efficient pasteurization
is being done by dealers to the ex-
tent of about 300,000 quarts a day.
Early this summer the municipal
government of New York adopted a
forward policy in setting apart pub-
lic funds for the building of infant
milk stations in the public parks in
the congested tenement districts, but
the city will depend upon private phi-
lanthropy to provide the supplies of
milk to the infant milk stations.
Several years ago, I gave the fol-
lowing (Continued on Page Seven.)

DR. MURPHY'S FUNERAL

The Solemn Exercises Held in Hospi-
tal Chapel, Conducted in Front
of Central Building—Many Beauti-
ful Floral Offerings—The Out-
Town Attendees.
Special to The Observer.
Morganton, Sept. 12.—The funeral
of the late Dr. P. L. Murphy took
place at 4 o'clock this afternoon and
was a peculiarly solemn exercise. The
services were held in the hospital
chapel, which was filled by visitors,
hospital attaches and townspeople,
and were conducted by Rev. W. F.
Hollingsworth, pastor of the First
Presbyterian church, of Morganton,
to which the deceased was a member, as-
sisted by Revs. W. F. Womble, of
the Methodist, and J. D. Larkins, of
the Baptist, churches. The exercises
were simple, consisting only of Scrip-
ture readings, music and prayer. The
music was by the choir of the Mor-
ganton Presbyterian church, Mr. Har-
dy Turner organist; and the hymns
were "Jesus Lover of My Soul,"
"Rock of Ages" and "Lead Kindly
Light."

The active pall-bearers were, by Dr.
Murphy's own selection some time ago,
the heads of the hospital, namely: Messrs.
J. F. Woodard, chief carpenter; W. K.
Hook, carpenter; W. E. Walton, far-
mer; W. D. Clark, dining room super-
visor; J. S. Parsons, dairyman; George
Patterson, superintendent of colony;
J. H. C. Carter, engineer, and Tom
Smith, forist. The honorary pall-bear-
ers were Messrs. E. McK. Godwin, J.
H. Pearson, W. S. Pearson, J. W.
Wilson, Jr., F. P. Tate, R. J. Taylor,
C. C. Clary, J. M. Avery, J. B. S.
Gallier, L. P. Jeter, S. R. Collette, R.
K. Presnell, G. P. Erwin, S. R. Erwin,
W. C. Erwin, J. L. Laxton, M. J. C.
Hallyburton, A. M. Ingold and J. E.
Erwin.

Rev. John McCallister, James K.
Hall and P. V. Anderson, with Mr. F.
M. Scroggs, steward, and Mrs. C. A.
Marsh, matron, followed the family
in the funeral procession. The burial
took place in the cemetery of the
Rev. J. H. Carter, engineer, and Tom
Smith, forist. The honorary pall-bear-
ers were Messrs. E. McK. Godwin, J.
H. Pearson, W. S. Pearson, J. W.
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W. C. Erwin, J. L. Laxton, M. J. C.
Hallyburton, A. M. Ingold and J. E.
Erwin.

There were many beautiful flowers,
among them a unique design.
The Rev. J. H. Carter, engineer, and Tom
Smith, forist, were in charge of the
flowers. In attendance from other points
were: Rev. R. M. Williams and Mr.
Jack Williams, of Greensboro; Mr.
and Mrs. P. McK. Williams, of Black
Mountain; Mr. and Mrs. W. K.
Stanton, Va.; Dr. and Mrs. W. W.
Faison, of Goldsboro; Col. P. M.
Pearson and Mrs. Charles R. Thomas,
of Newbern; Mrs. J. I. Stokes, of Salis-
bury; R. H. Lewis and A. W. Knox,
of Wilmington; Miss Sallie B. Hoke, of
Elizabeth, N. J.; and Mrs. D. H. Mc-
Cough, of Charlotte.

BIG DOWNPOUR OF RAIN.

Mount Airy Has Heaviest Fall in Long
Time—Mr. T. J. Lowry, Jr., Suffers
Slight Paralytic Stroke—Tobacco
Cure's First Case—Revival by Rev.
Z. E. Barnhardt—An Appreciative
Note—Murderer Resisted.
Special to The Observer.
Mount Airy, Sept. 12.—A deluge of
water flooded the streets last night,
the heaviest rain that has fallen here
in some time. Franklin street, where
the work of grading is in progress,
was almost impassable to-day.
Mrs. Annie Nichols, widow of her sis-
ter, Mrs. A. B. Harrell, at Pilot Moun-
tain, was killed by a horse.

PROFESSOR'S WIFE DEAD.

Mention was made last week of the
serious illness of the wife of Prof.
W. H. Watson, of the University of
Tennessee. She died to-day. She
was a native of Knoxville, Tenn. She
graduated at Harvard University. Her
parents are of Knoxville.
Early next year Raleigh will be in
the way of being a city of electric
power from Buckhorn Falls. A
line is to be built here and this will
no doubt have the effect of bringing
a number of industries here.

MEDICAL SCHOOL OPENS.

The fall term of the medical de-
partment of the University has begun
here, the number of students being
the largest ever in attendance. It
is hoped that next year a new building
will be provided for this department,
of which Dr. Hubert A. Royster is the
dean. The faculty numbers 15 mem-
bers.

NEWS OF CAPITAL CITY

PEACE INSTITUTE'S OPENING.
Well-Known Presbyterian School For
Girls Begins Another Year—
Eight School Principals Needed—
Decision Against Insurance Com-
pany—Street Car Line to Crabtree
Creek—Tenderfoot District Halted.
Wife of Prof. L. D. Watson Dead—
Grading to Be Done at Fair Grounds
—Medical School Has 30 Students—
Railway Company Changes Its
Name—Other Items.
Observer Bureau,
The Holloman Building,
Raleigh, Sept. 12.
Peace Institute opened to-day with
180 students, half of them boarders,
present. There was no formal opening
owing to the illness of Rev. Dr. Al-
fred H. Moment, pastor of the First
Presbyterian church, and to the ab-
sence of Governor Glenn from the city.
Mr. James R. Young, chairman of the
board of trustees, who is such an ear-
nest worker for the school, was pres-
ent as were several other well-known
members of the Presbyterian denom-
ination.

The news as to the condition of
Rev. Dr. Moment gives his friends
and there are thousands of them)
the deepest concern. He has a very
severe attack of typhoid fever and is
in a dangerous condition. He is a na-
tive of Canada and his bride and his
daughter, Miss Julia Moment, have
been telegraphed for.
Deep regret is expressed here at the
death of Dr. P. L. Murphy.
The special work engaged in the
office of the Secretary of State copy-
ing records regarding Onslow county,
to replace those destroyed by fire.

TWO CHARTERS.

A charter is granted the Taylor
Herring Real Estate Company, of
Kinston, the authorized capital stock
of which is \$50,000; the stockholders
being: F. Taylor, Charles F. Harvey
and L. Harvey.
Another charter is to the Edgemore
Manufacturing Company, of Concord,
which will make yards, quilts and oth-
er goods in the capital stock being \$25,000
and W. M. Greenwood, New York
City, being the principal stockholder.

State Superintendent Joyner says
that the last examination for high
school teachers will be held in every
county in the State, October 11th and
12th, at the respective courthouses.
He says that a great many are need-
ed and that in fact not over half these
schools have as yet secured principals.
The pay for teachers is not less than
\$40 a month and in some cases ex-
ceeds \$100. Some of the principals
get \$1,000 for eight-months school
term. Those who pass examinations
can serve in any public school. At the
same examination, the University of
Tennessee will receive a number of
applicants but not so many as were ex-
pected and some failed to meet the
requirements. The demand for teach-
ers of all kinds was never so marked
in the State as this year. The bet-
ter salaries which are paid are prov-
ing a very decided attraction in some
sections.

INSURANCE COMPANIES LIABLE.

The Assistant Attorney General
gives an opinion as to the liability of
insurance companies to taxation. If
they are liable, the State Auditor having
brought up this question. Some com-
panies have, instead of paid-up cap-
ital, what is known as guaranty cap-
ital. This is a sum of money which
companies put up, the claim being that
these have already been taxed. The
companies holding them thus escape
the Auditor will call on companies for
back taxes due under this ruling.

DISCHARGES 150 MEN.

Southern Curtails Its Force of Spen-
cer Employees—This Necessary For
Road to Make Expenses.
Special to The Observer.
Spencer, Sept. 12.—The Southern
Railway Company to-night discharg-
ed 150 of its employes at Spencer
pursuant to a general cut which it
is learned covers the entire Southern
system. It is understood that the re-
duction of the force is made necessary
by adverse legislation and in order to
meet expenses. The curtailment ap-
plies to all departments.

Whites Try to Drive Out Negro Res-
idents.

Pittsboro, Ga., Sept. 12.—Twenty-
seven white men were arrested last
night by Chief of Police Short and a
special posse. The men were engaged
in an organized effort to drive out
negro residents. It was feared an-
other attempt will be made to-night
and the sheriff views in a number of
deputies. The local militia was held
in readiness, and Governor Smith was
notified that the militia might be
needed.

American Social Science Association
Meets.

Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 12.—"Is So-
cialism a Threatening Calamity?"
was the general topic announced for
discussion by the American Social
Science Association at to-day's session.
Dr. A. E. Wober, of the New York
State department of labor, spoke on
"Labor Legislation, National and In-
ternational," and W. J. Ghent on
"International Socialism; Its Aims,
Methods and Progress." These ad-
dresses were followed by a general
discussion.

DEFAULTING CLERK ARRESTED.

Man Who Embezzled Money From
Louisiana Tax Collector Found on
River Bank—Was Trying to Sum-
mon Courage to Commit Suicide—
Spent Money on a Negro Woman.
New Orleans, Sept. 12.—Charles E.
Letten, chief clerk in the office of the
first district tax collector here, who
disappeared two days ago, leaving a
shortage of over \$100,000, was found
this afternoon standing on the bank
of the Mississippi river attempting to
summon up courage enough to jump
in the water and commit suicide. He
said he had started toward the water
several times but each time his cour-
age had failed him. He made a full
confession.

The man who saw Letten standing
at the river bank reported his dis-
covery to the police and when the
officers arrived they found Letten
seated under an umbrella reading an
account of his defalcation in a morn-
ing paper. He said he had found the
sun very hot and between his efforts
to summon courage enough to com-
mit suicide he had sat beneath the
umbrella and read of his big theft.

Letten said when carried before
the inspector of police and the grand
jury that he had spent the greater
part of the money he had taken, on a
negro woman, who lives in a hand-
somer furnished house in the old
French quarter, and had been de-
bauching himself with her. He had
bought considerable quantities of real estate. Letten
says the greater part of the money
he had given her had been invested
in realty, only a comparatively small
amount being devoted to her living
expenses. According to the last esti-
mate made as to Letten's shortage he
is about \$107,000 short in his ac-
counts when he disappeared two days
ago. During these two days, he said,
he has been hiding in the weeds
along the river.

SECRETARY TAFT SAILS.

Accompanied by His Family and a
Staff of Reporters the Rotund Of-
ficial Starts His Junket Around the
World.
Seattle, Wash., Sept. 12.—William
H. Taft sailed at 8 o'clock to-day on
the steamship Minnesota. The Sec-
retary was in fine spirits and chatted
and laughed with members of his
party aboard the Minnesota, while a
great crowd looked on from the docks
just beyond Lindbergh Park, which
and waved adieu and good wishes.

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go back to their wounded brother, and
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off they boarded a car for the hospital
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the wounded man.

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ties, set out in a motor car to the scene
of the shooting. At the switch at the
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about the shooting, Sheriff Jones said
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Morehead says that neither he nor
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any excuse for shooting. At the hospi-
tal about 30 shot were removed
from his body. He is now in the hospi-
tal and it is thought he will soon be as
well as ever.

LOUIS A. GOURDAIN INSANE.

Eccentric Millionaire, Serving a Term
in Atlanta Prison For Fraudulent
Use of Mails, Will Be Sent to Gov-
ernment Asylum.
Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 12.—Louis A.
Gourdain, the eccentric millionaire,
who attracted much notoriety by de-
claring that unless the court sent him
to jail he himself would build a prison
and he would not take the money in-
sane at the Federal prison here this
week, and was to-day taken to Wash-
ington, where he will be placed in
the government insane asylum. Ac-
companying Gourdain was John Pe-
tersen, who also went crazy at the
Federal prison. Petersen was serving
a life sentence for having robbed the
United States mails.

STRANDED ON A REEF.

Unknown Steamer, Supposed to Fly
Flag of Munson Line, is High and
Dry Off Florida Coast.
New Orleans, Sept. 12.—A steamer
stranded on the Cary's Foot reef off
the Florida south coast was sighted
on September 10th by Steamer El Dia,
which arrived here to-day from New
York. The El Dia did not stand by to
learn anything of the plight of the
stranded steamer and was too far
away to make out her name or how
many persons were aboard. The fun-
nels of the stranded steamer indicated
that she was a Munson line steamer.
The stranded steamer was the
Cary's Foot reef of the line of regu-
lar traveling steamers, and in waters us-
ually piloted by freighters of this line.

TRAIN WRECKED AT TRYON

Track on Asheville and Spartan-
burg Division Buckles and Whole
Passenger Train is Derailed—Hanging
at Slow Rate When the Accident
Occurred and Injury to Pas-
sengers is Slight—Their Escape,
However, Being Narrow—Track
Blocked For Twelve Hours—Spe-
cial Train Carries Those Not Hurt
to Spartanburg—Those Receiving
Injuries.
Special to The Observer.
Asheville, Sept. 12.—The wreck of
passenger train No. 10 near Tryon on
the A. & S. last night was due, accord-
ing to railroad officials to-day, to the
suckling of the track, caused by the
intense heat of yesterday. The train
was going at a moderate rate of speed
as it neared Tryon when the track
"buckled" and the entire train was de-
railed, the tender of the engine, mail
and express cars and the baggage car
being practically overturned. All the
passenger coaches and the Pullman
were derailed and tilted slightly to one
side. The passengers numbering prob-
ably 65 or 70, and the train crew had
narrow escape, but twelve of the pas-
sengers, including several children,
were slightly hurt; none, it was stated,
to the extent of debarring them from
continuing their journeys, although
they were removed to the hotel at Tryon
and the injured children were treated.
The 44 uninjured passengers were
sent on to Spartanburg by special train.

The track at the scene of the acci-
dent was blocked for twelve hours. At
8 o'clock this morning it was stated
that trains were ready to pass the
scene. A wrecking train and crew were
sent out from here last night and la-
bored all night in an effort to get the
track clear.

Of the persons who are injured: O. M.
Drake, Spartanburg, S. C., foot hurt;
Jesse R. Ibbey, Asheville, N. C., knee
hurt; N. O. Hanle, Paoli, S. C., ankle
hurt; P. O. Hunter, Abbeville, S. C.,
side hurt; Isaac Young, Abbeville,
S. C., side hurt; Henry Simpson, Abbeville,
S. C., hip hurt; Preston Smith, negro, Union, S. C., slight-
ly hurt about head; Ben Jenkins, negro,
Orangeburg, S. C., knee skinned;
H. G. Dalton, Spartanburg, S. C., hand
hurt; Henry Simpson, Abbeville, S. C.,
Columbia, S. C., hurt internally; E. D.
Cook, Paoli, S. C., arm bruised; Lu-
cia Kennedy, negro, Asheville, N. C.,
leg bruised.

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