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CLARA BLOODGOOD ENDS IT ALL

The a Fushionable Audience in Bal-dance's Academy of Music Awalia the Rise of the Curtain on the So-ciety Brams, "The Truth," the Star-Tires a Bullet Into Her Brain—Only You've Academy The Brain—Only ve Ascribed For the Shocking of is That the Popular Actres ed a Nervous Breakdown Heil Boy Who Was Seut to Summou Her Arrives at Her Door in Time to Hear the Fatal Shot—Leaves B Note Addressed to Her Husband ared in Charlotte a Few Weeks

Baltimore, Dec. 5 .-- Mrs. Clara oodgood, the actress, committed suide by shooting in her room at the

tain to rise for her own show at the boy was sent up to her room. Just a pistol shot. Hurrying back to the few persons present at the hearing, the office he notified the clerks of what which is necessarily a listless sort of he heard and an investigation was made and Mrs. Bloodgood was found stretched on the bed as described.

Before retiring to her room she had a talk with her stage manager, John Emerson, who declares that he observed nothing unusual in her demeanor. The only motive he can ascribe is that Mrs. Bloodgood feared an attack of nervous prostration. She had been working very hard, he said, and she feared a breakdown. Mrs. Bloodgood left a note addressed to her husband who is said to be on his way to this city.

AUDIENCE DISMISSED. The audience at the Academy of

Music was dismissed with the announcement that there would be no performance to-night owing to a sudden indisposition of Mrs. Bloodgood. Bernard Wess, the bell boy who was

sent to Mrs. Bloodgood's room by becember 1st, the date the law fix-the manager of the Academy of Mu-sic, found no difficulty in opening the outer door of the suite, but the inner door, at which he knocked without receiving a reply, resisted his efforts to open it. He persisted, however, and finally managed to open it slightly. Through the aperture he saw Mrs. Bloodgood standing with her back toward him. She was quite naked, but was holding a wrapper in front of her. As Wess hastly clos-ed the door he heard the report of a pistol. Help was hastily summoned and the door forced. Against it a trunk had been placed. The body of Mrs. Blooodgood was found upon the bed, near which Wess had seen her standing and upon which she had evidently fallen immediately after firing.

THREE BULLETS FIRED. Three shots were fired, according to the coroner, one of which went into the ceiling and the other two, apparently, into the roof of Mrs. Bloodgood's mouth. The revolver The revolver used was a new one, of 38-calibre and would seem to have been pur-chased for the especial purpose for which it was used. Coroner Hayden, after viewing the body, pronounced it an unquestionable case of suicide. The shots having been fired, to all appearances, with the muzzle of the pistol in the mouth, the wounds did

not disfigure the body greatly. Word has been received that Mrs. Bloodgood's husband, William Laimbler, is hurrying here on a special

Every person who saw Clara Bloodgood's superb acting in "The Truth," the society drama which she and a eplendid supporting company presented in Charlotte a few weeks will read with keen regret of her shocking death. Her audience in Charlotte was all to small, but not a spectator there who was not profoundly stirred by her genius. It was tragedy sure enough this time—with no smiling response to curtain call.

WAS SOCIALLY PROMINENT.

Mrs. Bloodgood a Woman of Good Family-Married Three Times-Husband Leaves For Baltimore. New York, Dec. 5.—Mrs. Bloodood's husband, William Laimbier, left tor Baltimore to-night immediate ly after hearing of his wife's death. Mrs. Bloodgood was born in this city forty years ago, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Stephens, bepersons of standing socially. The ther is still living here. The acseparated from her first husband, 7. W. Havemeyer. John Bloodgood, fr., whom she subsequently married, died. She had made a success starring in "The Truth." Her role was that of a wife who beginning with an unth told her husband over a trivial natter became involved in more or ess amusing complications which seemed to necessitate further falsifiitions. As the play progressed she scame hopelessly entangled, and a paration followed. This was followed eventually by explanations, a general unwinding of the tangled sit-

Mrs. Bloodgood's room was in great disorder, articles of apparel, foilet articles and other things being scat-On a table was a book tered about. n anatomy, open at a page describ-ng the brain and the most vital parts hereof. This evidence of premeditation, were it needed, is supplement ed by the fact that the pistol used was purchased last Tuesday by Mrs rood, who at the time asked now to use it. Members of Mrs. Bloodgood's company are a unit in leclaring that they can assign no ause for her act other than the pos-

uation, and a happy reunion of the star and her husband.

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Observer Bureau. The Holleman Building, Raleigh, Dec. 5.

The hearing of the Southern Rail-Montgomery was resumed this morning at the office of the corporation of the steeling.

Mrs. Bloodgood's body was found lying on the bed with a bullet hole through the roof of her mouth. Nearby lay a book entitled "How to Shoot Straight," and a 38-calipher revolver with three chambers empty. She attended a matinee performance at Albaugh's Theaire this afternoon and returned to her hotel about of cleck seemingly in the best of spirits.

Montgomery was resumed this morning at the office of the corporation of the isading down as introduced to the country was formally launched at a conference in the office of Secretary of Commerce and fired the world." Mr. Hill created great the world." Mr FATAL PISTOL SHOT.

Later when it was time for the curtin to rise for her own show at the cademy of Music, where she was per cent. In October, a like amount in present of the rappointed to perfect arguments in "The Truth," she had April of the amount in the cademy of Music, where she was per cent. In October, a like amount in the cademy of Music, where she was per cent. In October, a like amount in the cademy of Music, where she was per cent. In October, a like amount in the cademy of Music, where she was per cent. In October, a like amount in the cademy of Music, where she was per cent. In October, a like amount in the cademy of Music, where she was per cent. In October, a like amount in the cademy of Music, where she was per cent. In October, a like amount in the cademy of State Root and Secretary of amount in October, so that only 5 per in carrying out a scheme presented by their business in a proper way under fair regulations and fair laws.

Was sent to the Stafford and a bell Brown said he had taken his figures

ORIECTS OF COUNCIL. from the report of the Southern Railas he approached the door he heard dividend No. 10. There were very affair. The hearing ended this afternoon

abruptly on the State's side. Southern may introduce evidence in rebuttal, the standing master to fix the date and place, though a compromise of the whole matter may ocur any day.

WORK TO BEGIN ON REPORT. The hearing was adjourned at the equest of Mr. Thom, who at once left for New York, Master Montgomery indicated that he would at once begin to prepare his report for the Federal Court and the impression is

that the Legislature may be called in promote commerce. special session this winter or in the early spring to consider railroad rate matters, etc., but people who ought to know say that the odds are im-mensely against anything of the kind. The Secretary of State has made reports to the sheriffs of the various counties of the corporations which failed to file their annual statements pany which falled to make the state-

. Mr. Richsthall, a well-known artist, was here to-day, to confer with members of the family of the late Governor William A. Graham regarding the portrait bust of that distinguished gentleman which the North Carolina historical commission is to place in one of the niches in the rotunda of the State capitol. Three other busts are to be made, but as yet the subjects have not been selected. This artist is going to submit a design for a bust or statue of the late Chrales D. McIver.

President Meserve, of Shaw University, colored here says he has now 526 students. The applications of many who wish to be admitted have been declined because of lack of room. A four-story annex to the Estey Building, for female students, has been fin-This is 70x40 feet in dimenisaed. sions and contains a laundry, school room, twelve dormitories, an assemhis room and four music rooms. GOOD YEAR FOR INSURANCE

COMPANIES. Insurance Commissioner Young says this has been a very good year for the formation of home insurance companies and fraternal organizations. The Jefferson Standard Life, at Raleigh, and the Scottish Fire, at Fayetteville, have been chartered; also thirteen fraternal and assessment

companies. A charter is granted the Elastic Leather Garter Company to make gar ters, suspenders and all sorts of elastic wearing apparel, the place of business being at Greensboro, the amount of capital stock \$100,000. M. W. Thompson and Lee H. Battle being the chief stockholJers. WORK OF BOARD OF AGRICUL-

TURE. The State board of agriculture con-tinued its sessions to-day. State secretary in the absence of T. K. Bruner. Mr. Hutt made his report today as horticulturist, and it was a
very satisfactory one indeed. All the
reports so far made are very complete, though of course voluminous.
The lliness of Secretary Bruner has omewhat hampered the immigration The board has adopted a esolution of thanks to him for his 21 years of faithful service, and expressing regret at his illness. It is fleet, which is to sail to the Pa said he will probably be out at the The Maine, the fourth battleship end of this month. The report by ted out at the navy yard for State Chemist Kilgor referred work at the test farm and also to the pure food department work done. pure food department work done, particularly that by Ceburn D. Harris in exposing the frauds in starch sold to cotton mills. The board of agri-culture is asked by J. F. Murphy, of Asheville, to establish a test farm in Buncombe county. It is the purpose of the board eventually to have test farms in each of the ten congression-There are now farms al districts.

in five of these.

It is found that the assets of the firm of Sherwood Higgs & Co., dry goods dealers here, which made assignment two weeks ago, amount to \$27,000, and the liabilities are \$21,-It has been expected and hoped that a compromise would be effected with creditors. The principal one, H. B. Claffin & Co., of New York, to which about \$10,000 are Jue, had expressed a willingness to com-promise, but to-day bankruptcy pro-ceedings were started by a local at-

State Entomologist Franklin Sher man says that in side of the Son lose fruit scale and other fruit pests the orchard business in North Car

line is being very much extended, and he regards this as very encour-aging indeed.

At the State Treesury it is learned that the sheriffs are coming up very

OBJECTS OF COUNCIL.

The scheme prescribes that the council's functions should be to keep

two closely conected yet distinct terways of the country should bodies, viz. a national council of com-merce and an advisory committee, Governor W. M. O. Dawson, of West merce and an advisory committee, each to elect its own officers and esthat the hearing before him is over. The national council shall hold meet-the Southern Railway filed a list of ings to act on reports of the advisory provement of the inland waterways of free passes issued by it for the past committee, act on measures proposed by delegates from the various organ-There are more and more hints izations and formulate suggestions to

THE COMMITTEES Committees were appointed by the chairman as follows: Organization: Gustav H. Schwab New York, chairman; H. E. Miles, Racine, Wis., national Association Manufacturers; Mahlon N. Klone. Philadelphia, president Philadelphia trades league; George F. Stone. commerce; Henry W. Peabody, Bosion, national board of trade; Senator George C. Perkins, president cham-ber of commerce, San Francisco; William P. Kennett, St. Louis Mo., Mer-

chants Exchange; Francis B. Loomis, lincinnati. O., chamber of commerce. Rules: Frank D. La Lanne, Pennylvania, president national board of trade; S. H. Cowen, Fort Worth, Tex., American National Live Stock Association; B. A. Kokhardt, Chicago, Ili., Chicago board of trade; I. W. Oppe, Atlanta, Ga., Atlanta chamber of commerce; G. D. Rogers, Minneapolis, chamber of commerce.

WILL MEET ANNUALLY. will have headquarters in this city and will meet four times a year or oftener. The council will meet annually or may hold special meetings, Mr. Schwab will be chairman of the advisory committee, and under a motion of D. A. Tompkins, of Charlotte, N. C., Mr. Schwab will appoint the other members of that committee. The delegates at noon adjourned to visit the White House.

President Roosevelt received delegates in his office and spoke very encouragingly to them, emphasizing the benefit and importance of having the commercial bodies of the country connected in some manner officially with the government.

EVANS' FLAGSHIP SAILS,

The Connecticut Trips Anchor Puts Out For Hampton Roasd--The Illinois, Georgia and Kearsarge Al-

necticut, sailed from New York for Hampton Roads to-day, from whence she will lead the battleship fleet to the Pacific. She was preceded by the battleship Rhode Island, also from the navy yard at Brooklyn, where both vessels have been thoroughly overhauled and equipped. Vermont was still at anchor of Tompkinsville to-day taking on board ammunition and supplies.

ships Kearsarge and Georgia sailed propriations for the improvement of under observation for more than five from the League Island Navy Yard to-day for Hampton Roads to join the day for Hampton Roads to join the ed in the near future, because it was fleet, which is to sail to the Pacific, conceded by all who had devoted The Maine, the fourth battleship fit- study to the matter that the railcruise, will sail to-morrow. The Kansas, which left the navy yard yesterday, passed out the Delaware Break-

water this morning.

The Kearsarge and the Georgia proceeded down the Delaware river as delivered a brief address far as Reedy Island, Del., about 37 velopment of the lower anchored.

Newport, R. I., Dec. 5.—The battle-ship lilinois salled late this afternoon for Hampton Roads to join the other vessels of the Atlantic fleet.

Augusta Woman Fatally Burned. Augusta, Ga., Dec. 5,-While Augusta, Ga., Dec. the in her bedroom preparatory to her husband's home coming, Mrs. Alonzo Stilts' clothing ignited, the flames spreading, to the bed and thence through a closet to the roof of the residence. Mrs. Stilts was burned to a crisp.

direct result of the appeal for money Studio Company, at Durham, Walker Holladay and others stockholders capital stock \$15,000, to do photographic work. Another charter is to the M. W. McKethen Company, at Supply, Brunswick county, to deal in general merchandles, capital stock to one.

CAME YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. BIG NATIONAL BODY ORGANIZED. SOME NOTABLE SPEECHES MADE GOV. GUILD HAS NARROW ESCAPE APPEALS FOR GOOD WATERWAYS HAD DEPOSITS OF \$16,000 Ithout Warning the Lunatic Walks Into the Office of the Chief Execu-tive of Massachusetts and Begins

Was in Conference Are Wounded, One of Them Fatally—The Gover-ster, Who Was Fortunately Out of the Room at the Moment, Returns Quickly to Aid the Wounded Men-Attendants Have Terrible Struggle

Attendants Have Terrible Struggle In Effort to Subdue Him—The Man's Intention Was to Kill Gov-

ernor Guild-One of Wounded Will

Boston, Dec. 5 .- An insane mar

walked into the ante-room of the ex-

ecutive chamber of the State House

chief of the State police.

Governor Gulld was in his

knelt by Cohen's side and subsequent-

COHEN SHOT TWICE.

at the Massachusetts General Hos-

unconscious. He recovered conscious-

ernor by appointment in regard to a

SEEKING THE GOVERNOR.

to his assistance.

or's office and said:

lobby." The Governor instantinto the lobby and helped

push Steele onto one of the se Word was sent to the office of

insanity.

sald

scene and handcuffed Steele,

man of the State board of

Steele was then taken to the office

COHEN WILL DIE.

Mr. Driscoil is almost as prominent

Cohen was shot twice through the

office

and Political Life of the Nation Dis-cuss the Vital Topic of Improved Rivers and Harbors—Governor Glenn One of the Speakers—Many Other Goversors Address the Con-gress—President Finley Expresses Himself as Heartily in Sympathy With the Purposes of the Congress—Congressman Rarton Prepared to Stand by the Programme of \$50,

Washington, Dec. 5 .- A notable feagress convention now in session in this Washington, Dec. 5.—"The nation- gress convention now in session in this al council of commerce," with a city was the address delivered to-day The hearing of the Southern Rall-ay rate case before Standing Master organizations of business men in the longomery was resumed this morn-large cities and expected to ultimately Great Northern Rallroad Company. Great Northern Railroad Company, this afternoon and finding Governor NOTABLE ADDRESSES.

Notable addresses also were delivered to the congress by Governors of the Department of Commerce and La-States and by other men prominently bor informed of the needs and desires identified with the political and comof the business world as formulated mercial life of the nation. Among by responshible commercial and in- those present to-day at the sessions organizations representing of the convention were scores of memmanuactures, internal trade and for-eign commerce, both export and im-desire of the convention that its ideas port and possibly transportation; and be particularly impressed. The conalso to keep the business community vention will conclude its work to-mor-informed regarding the work of the row by the adoption of a series of res-Department, its plans, methods and olutions incorporating its idea that a results. | comprehensive national scheme for The organization shall consist of the improvement of the internal wacomprehensive national scheme for

Virginia, was the first speaker to-day. tablish its own rules of procedure. He said his State was particularly inprovement of the inland waterways of he country.

The Governor referred particularly who is serving a sentence in the Esto the resources of West Virginia, the sex House of Correction. They reach-State being second in the production of coal and fifth or sixth in hardwood timber. The great bulk of the coal has to find a market outside of the State and if, by water transportation, the State could save 10 cents a ton it would aggregate \$3,000,000 a year.

GOV. GLENN SPEAKS. Governor Glenn, of North Carolina, Chicago, secretary board of trade; D. congress was the most important that A. Tompkins, Charlotte, N. C., National Association Manufacturers; H. years. Continuing, he said: "We demand the deepening of our various mand, the deepening of our various mand, the deepening of our various mand. congress was the most important that stenographer. rivers and harbors. We will take no ger of the department, was seated at denial. We must have \$500,000,000 his desk within a few feet of the lafor the improvement of rivers harbors, past in sums of \$50,000,000 at the door of the room from the hall every year."

At the conclusion of Governor sion, walked by the doorkeeper and Glenn's address he was given a no- Messener Reed, and then glanced toable ovation. President Finley, of the Southern was about 20 feet away. The door Railway, said that he was heartily in was closed. Steele turned around sympathy with the purposes of the and, drawing a revolver, fired at Co-

"Water transportation and transportation largely supplement let struck the back of the head, pass-each other. To a large extent, the ed directly through, and came out at waterways are feeders of the railways the forehead, driving a great splash and the railways, in turn are feeders of blood to the wall opposite and be-An advisory committee of fifteen of the waterways. There is a general side the picture of Abraham Lincoln. tendency to a division of traffic tween water and rail carriers."

POLICY OF SOUTHERN. He pointed out that it was the polley of the Southern Raifway to en- Steele then swung around and fired courage the establishment of coast- at Driscoll, the bullet inflicting a sebelieved wise steamer lines as, he that the providing of additional facilities for water transportation would increase the population and prosperity of seaboard community and thus benefit the railways.

In conclusion President Finley said "I believe that the solution of this problem is to be found in the adoption by the general government of a broad and comprehensive plan for the improvement of the rivers and harbors of the country to be carried to completion as rapidly as the work can done advantageously and by the and adoption by Federal and State governments of such railway regulation as will involve the minimum of interference with the operation of economic New York, Dec. 5.—Rear Admiral laws consistent with the protection of Robley D. Evans' flagship, the Con- buyers of transportation and the pub-

lic generally from wrong." MR. BURTON GAME. Congressman Theodore E. Burton, of Ohlo, chairman of the rivers and state police in the basement and a harbors committee of the House, de- force of officers quickly reached the clared that the movement for the imleled growth of the country in its re-wiping his face with a handkerchief sources. He said there was an ad-and towels. Dr. Owen Copp. chairmitted inadequacy in the transportation facilities of the United States, was summoned and he immediately He believed it unquestionable that ap-recognized Steele, having had him rivers and harbors would be increasroads were unable to care for all the freight offered for transportation. In Tombs. his concluding remarks he said he would stand by the congress programme of \$50,000,000 a year,

The doctor, after a hasty examina-John M. Parker, of New Orleans, delivered a brief address on the detion of Cohen and Driscoll, expressed the opinion that the former's wounds would probably prove fatal, but that Mississippl Driscoll's was only a scalp wound. miles below Philadelphia and then river. He said that with the construction of proper levees the South The two wounded men were conveyed would be in position to maintain its to the Massachusetts General Hospital. supremacy in the cotton production of Huddel was also taken to the hospital. world, and he urged the congress lend its influence to the movement Several of the State officials after the shooting that Steele was a for the adequate improvement of the

greatest waterways on this continent.
Judge Lloyd E. Chamberlain, of well-known character to the board of insanity and that he had an Illusion that he was not getting his rights, for ston, Mass., conveyed to the conwhich he held the Governor responention the greetings of the old Bay tate and assured it that Massachuwork of the congress. Edward Cohen is one of the known dabor leaders in Massachusetts. He is married and has several chil-

Alexander McDougal, of Duluth, Minn., addressed the congress briefly on the work of the improvement of the upper Mississippi.

in labor circles in the State.

Mr. Huddell is president of the engineers union of Boston, and served for several years as president of the Local Central Labor Union. AFTERNOON SESSION. At the afternoon session Lieutenant Governor A. B. Davidson, of Texas, addressed the convention with refer-Steele, who is 37 years old, was released from the Danvers Insane Asylum November 13th last, upon solicitation of his mother, the institution's
officials believing that he had shown
almost positive signs of recovery. He
never showed any sign of violence
while in the asylum. ransportation facilities in his State fransportation facilities in his State. "We have covered the State of Texas," said he, "with railroads from North to south and from east to west, yet they are inadequate to meet our needs.

Up by North Carolina's Chief Executive, His Speech Being the Best of Yesterday's Sessions—Immediate Action of the United States Government Necessary For Developing Inland Waterways—Railroads Cannot Meet Demands For Transportation—Farmers' Congress Passes Resolution to the Same Purport—Messrs, W. W. gress Passes Resolution to the Same Purport—Messrs, W. W. Klichin and Pou Introduce a Bill to Make Inter-State Passenger Rates Not More Than the Com-bined Local Rates.

BY H. E. C. BRYANT.

Observer Bureau, Congress Hall Hotel, Washington, Dec. 5.

Carolina." Those who knew Governor Glenn had no trouble in picking him out of a rostrum full of distin-Academy of Music, where she was per cent in October, a like amount in tees were appointed to perfect organics in "The Truth," she had applied to perfect organists in the truth, applied to perfect organists in the truth, applied to perfect organists of the next year, and a like in the progress was made asked was permission to conduct S. Groves and General J. H. Whitney, mouth could be seen from any point. in the room. He sat bolt upright and ready for the call. A majority of the North Carolina

only a few feet away and rushing Congressmen had gone there to hear out, assisted in subduing Steele, then him, for they knew that he would make the best speech of the day ly directed the removal of the wound-ed men to the hospital. and they anticipated that they would be proud of him. No Tar Heel there had cause to regret his attendance, for the Governor was in fine form and the delegates from Maine to Califorhead, and was in a critical condition nia applauded him. In addition to giving good, solid information, Mr. pital to-night. The third bullet struck Glenn put life into his speech by Driscoll a glancing blow on the side flashes of real numor. As he warmof the forehead and, making a long ed up and the appreciation of the wound over the head, rendered him audience increased, as it did from sentence to sentence, he became more ness haif an hour later. Huddle's would was quickly dressed and will probably cause him little inconveniinteresting and more vigorous. His voice, a little husky at the beginning. became smooth and rang clear and strong like a bell.

The three labor leaders come to the State House to-day to meet the Gov-THE MEETING UNUSUAL. "Ah," said Governor Glenn, "Why pardon for A. M. Kennedy, of Salem. have distinguished men, Governors, statesmen and captains of industry assembled here? Why have they left ed the State House shortly after 8 their firesides and families? It takes o'clock and found that the Governor something unusual to make men do was receiving a delegation from such things. I stand here and say Rhode Island. The three labor men that this is an unusual occasion. We were asked to wait in one of the antehave come to ask that a law be enrooms until the Rhode Island men acted providing for the improvement should leave. All three were standing of our rivers and harbors. Secretary beside a long table conversing pleas-Root yesterday said before this noted antly while at the farther end of the gathering that we had reached the Governor Glenn, of North Carolina, room Private Secretary Groves was bridge. I will go further: we must declared that the matter before this dictating a letter to the executive cross it this year. We need, we must have, further facilities for transportation in this great country, and Congress must be made to see the necessity for immediate action in de veloping the harbors and inland waterways of the United States."

and bor men. Suddenly Steele appeared This was the theme of Governor Glenn's great appeal. "We must deway, and without announcing his mismand a law to deepen our canals, rivers and harbors," continuedspeaker. Governor Glenn said that ward Governor Gulld's room, walch \$6,500,000 could be saved on present productions if producers and manu facturers were accorded competant facilities for transportation of their hen, who was about six feet away. products. "The question is whether or not the failroads can meet the demands put upon them," said Governor "This is answered by the Glenn. figures given me by one of the best known railroad authorities in country, James J. Hill. He told me be- The wounded man turned, only to rethat traffic has increased approxiceive another bullet in the head, which also passed completely through mately 105 per cent. while railroad facilities have increased but Cohen sank unconscious to the floor. cent. in the past year. ture resources of this country which cannot even be estimated, and with vere scalp wound. Driscoll also fell unconscious to the floor. Huddel, in attempting to close on the man, was the incessant demand that the wealth afforded of this country be transportation, the appropriation asked for from Congress that struck on the cheek by the muzzle of the revolver and knocked down. But Steele made no attempt to fire again. A TERRIBLE STRUGGLE.

waterways transportation may be had is a demand which not be put aside, but must be granted. By this time Secretary Groves had Not only are the railroads unable to leaped over a table and grappled with the rate by water in comparison to Steele and at almost the same mothose charged for land transportation ment General Whitney, who had been are ridiculously low. I mention an summoned to the Kennedy hearing, Where producers pay came through the door and rushed instance. cents a ton for a distance of 135 miles for tron on railroads, they are charg-ed but 35 cents a ton for a distance of 1,000 miles by water. This fact Huddel also jumped up and wrenched the revolver away, while one of the messengers dashed into the Governalone should awaken officials to the importance of this great subject. Last year it cost \$86,000,000 to dig out the "They are murdering people in the The Governor instantly went Great Lakes to allow boats of larger General tonnage to enter different ports. Through this expenditure the govern-Whitney, Mr. Groves and Mr. Huddel ment has been benefitted to the extent the

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of \$136,000 in trade. "I am a firm believer in pensions despite the fact that one of those solprovement of the inland waterways In the meantime Governor Guild diers who are receiving pensions from had been stimulated by the unparal- had knelt by Cohen's side and was the government may be the one whose wiping his face with a handkerchief musket flicked out the life of my father, who, I am proud to say, was a member of the Confederate forces. Still it would be far better to devote as large an amount to a cause like the one which this present body is years in various State insane institusupporting. I have no word to say against army appropriation, but then why not devote as much toward supof the State police and subsequently plying this country's producers competent transportation? Even the great sent under a strong guard to the war vessels which were built to defend this country cannot get into the norts to defend us unless we dig the harbors deep enough to let them in.

HAVE MORE THAN GAS. "The Governor of West Virginia said that North Carolina has a great deal of personal gas. I say that we may have that, but we have a great deal more. In 1870 we were the poor-est State in the Union. But last year we were the second State in the manufacture of cotton goods, the first in plug tobacco, the second in furniture, and we made more chairs than it takes to seat all of our men, women This is not all. and children. manufacture more cotton than we

When the North Carolina Governor concluded his remarks his face was covered with perspiration, his eyes sparkled and everybody was standing waving his hand and yelling. If Mr. Glenn had been making a stump speech he could not have aroused more enthusiasm. The convention was in need of just that sort of ad-dress to start it off right.

FARMERS' CONORESS CONCURS. Mr. Bennehan Cameron, of Starland, N. C., is here to attend this meetin. He comes as president of the Farmers' National Congress.

POPULAR STAR A SUICIDE END OF THE RATE HEARING A COUNCIL OF COMMERCE FOR RIVERS AND HARBORS INSANE MAN USES PISTOL GLENN'S ADDRESS STIRRING KANSAS CITY BANK FAILS

the Largest Financial Institut the West, Closes Its Doors Taken in Charge by the Stat Taken Smaller Unjust and Unfounded R Which Precipitated a Ru Bunk Unable to Collect On ing Loan to Meet Calls of De

Kansas City, Md., Dec. 5.-The Na tional Bank of Commerce, of Kansas City, Mo., one of the largest in the West, with deposits of \$16,000,000 closed its doors this morning and wa taken in charge by National Bank Examiner James T. Bradley, upon an order of the Comptroller of the Currency. Mr. Bradley was apported receiver this afternoon. Two outlying banks in which the of Commerce was interested, Stock Yards Bank of Commerce, and the Union Avenue Bank of Commerce, also closed to-day.

The fallure of these banks had bee predicted for several days, and but little excitement followed the announcement of the news, although crowds of depositors gathered about the doors of these institutions. The failure is laid to the withdrawal of outside banks within the past few months of \$18,000,000 of deposits. The banks officials expect to re-open soon and say depositors will be paid

The State Bank of Argentine, Kan a suburb of Kansas City, with small deposits, closed its doors early this afternoon, following a run. stock in this bank was owned principally by the National Bank of Commerce, of Kansas City. The cashier wired the State bank examiner to take charge.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT. The following statement was issued to-day by Dr. W. S. Woods, president of the National Bank of Commerce, for the board of directors; "To the public:

"Much as we regret to do so, are compelled to close the doors of the National Bank of Commerce because we have not been able to collect money from our borrowers fast as the same was demanded by our depositors, caused by unjust and unfounded rumors vigorously circulat-'During this panic we have reduc-

ed our deposits from \$35,500,000 to about \$16,500,000, thus paying out over the counter and by transfers to other banks in this city and other citles about \$18,000,000 of deposits. This of itself tells of our resources. have made the fight of our life but could not stem the strong tide.

"We hope to be able to open up the bank again in the near future for business. We do not believe it pos-sible for a depositor in the National Bank of Commerce to lose a Jollar. We beg your indulgence and forbearance until our affairs can be arrang-ed to the satisfaction of all parties interested. We appreciate sensibly tomers, large and small, have placed in us and we hope to show in the end that we have been true to this

Effect Not Far-Reaching. Topeka, Kan., Dec. 5 .- John Royce, State Bank Examiner, to-day an-

nounced that the State banks would not be seriously crippled by the failure of the National Bank of Commerce of Kansas City. It is stated that the bulk of the deposits of Kansas banks in the Bank of Commerce have been withdrawn or transwerred

MAURETANIA BREAKS RECORD

Cunard Liner Beats the Performance of Her Sister Ship by 21 Minutes. Queenstown, Dec. 5 .- The Cunard liner Mauretania passed

Rocks at 5:49 p. m. to-day, establishing a new east-bound trans-Atlantic Her time for the Voyage from Sandy Hook, four days, 22 hours and 29 minutes, beats the best time of her sister ship, the Lusitania, by 21 minutes. The distance covered was 2,807 nautical miles. The Mauretania passed Sandy Hook lightship at 2:25

p. m. Saturday, running 490 up to noon on Sunday. The day runs thereafter were as follows: 548. 535, 556, 554, and from noon to-day until the passage of Daunts Rocks at 124 knots, the average for the voyage being 23,69. The vessel behaved splendidly in the fresh gale and high flowing sea which she en-countered on Monday, and which continued until Wednesday night. Some delay was caused by hazy weather on the second and fifth.

Burglars Dynamite Florida Store. Hawthorne, Fla., Dec. 5 .- Profesdonal burglars dynamited the large safe in the store of F. J. Hammond last night, the explosion setting fire to the store, destroying the buildings and a large stock of goods, only two boxes or oranges being saved. The force of the explosion tore away the outside door of the safe, but not the portion where a large amount of money was held, therefore, the burglars secured nothing. From the Hammon store, while citizens were fighting the fire, burglars entered the store of Webb and Barnett, where they secured a small amount of cash There is no clue to the identity of the thleves, but the authorities are now searching the neighborhood for sus picious dharacters.

The Ogden Movement Holds Forth Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 5 .- A conference of educators from many States incl ing Robert C. Ogden of New York; Dr. E. A. Alderman chancellor of the University of Virginia, and Dr. James H. Dillard, of Tulane University, New Orienns, convened in Atlanta to-day to discuss educational affairs of this section.

As to the distribution of funds has in trust for the aid of scho colleges, nothing so far has been done and it is not certain whether this subject will be considered at the present conference. All the sessions will be executive and nothing definite as to what was said or done can

Halt in Calboun Trial San Francisco, Dec. 5.-of Patrick Calhoun, presid