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## CARFUL MINE EXPLOSION GOVERNOR A BUSY MAN FIGHT OVER NOMINATION THIRD DAY OF CONFERENCE BAPTISTS DOWN ON LIQUOR LAST DAY OF CONGRESS REPUBLICANS IN SES

NERS RURIED BY DEBRIS HE HAS MANY ENGAGEMENTS ASKS FOR FIFTY MILLION SEVEN REPUBLICANS AFTER IT. LAYMEN'S MOVEMENT LAUNCHED AGITATING STATE PROHIBITION.

9 at . a Life and Death ed From Mine-plosion Resulted that Exp 101 Damp—Wreckage ad Work of Réscuers ad Men Are Unable ( stalled Account d' Ex-losion Affects Bot tes and Dama re is About Eq nongah, W. Va., Dec. 6 .- Three ad and blackened bodies lying in nprovised morgue prepared nea awful bruises anglained and

a the history of the bluminous coal bing industry of America. The explosion occurred abortly after 0 o'clock to-day, after the full force 1 \$80 men had gone to work in the vol mines affected. These mines are to shall \$, of the Consolidated Coal impany, located on opposite sider of the matters for which the congress stands, and that it cannot resist the pressure, for the people are behind the movement. The Governor found several re-quests for special terms of court. He ordered one for Granville coun-ty, January 15th, for civil and crimi-Company, located on opposite sides of the West Fork river, at this place, workings by a heading and on the urface by a great steel tipple and for head a rule not to call a side ordered one for Granville coun-ty, January 15th, for civil and crimi-nal business, Judge Gulon to preside. Sooh after he came in office the Gov-ent to call a special term - upless to the West Fork river, at this place, but merged in their underground workings by a heading and on the surface by a great steel tipple and bridge. bridge.

#### THREE BODIES FOUND.

The finding of the three corpses and the four badly injured men is the tar-ly reward for strenuous and uninter-rupted work on the part of large rea-ching forces that immediately set to the strenuous and uninter-rupted work on the part of large rea-ching forces that immediately set to will be at an oyster roast at Kenans-wille, and on Sunday will deliver an wille, and on Sunday school the four badly injured men is the onwork at every possible point. The four living men are unable to address there at a Sunday school five any detailed report of the disas-

er or to even explain how they reached the surface. They state that im-mediately back of them when they began their frantic struggle for liberiy there was a large number of men engaged in a similar struggle, while atill further back in the workings there was a large number, of whom

they knew nothing. It is the opinion of the mine officials and others familiar with mining that these seven men had not penetrated the mine as far as had the majority of the day shift when the explosion occurred and that they headed for and reached the main entry before the heavy cave-in that now blockades the entrance more than a few hundred feet beyond the main opening of Mine

As to the miners referred to by the rescued men as having been alive when last seen, it is believed that they were caught back of a neavy cave-in of cost and mine roof and that they few minutes in the deadly gases with which the entry filled as soon as the ventilating system was interrupted.

Observer Bureau, The Holleman Building Raleigh, Dec. 6.

an Convention, New Country is on New -Meeting Carries to fany Leading Light ling Republicantismdelieved That Roosevelt Will Thron His Strength to Cortelyou—For-iker's Stock Above Par With the Veroes—Organization Republic Negroes—Organization Republicans of the South Are Keeping Hands. Off, But Are in Line For Rossevelt —Topics of Interest at the Capi-tal. Governor Glenn returned to-day from Washington, where he attended the great national rivers and har

# BY H. E. C. BRYANT.

Bailtimore on account of worry over money matters and small audiences; she had just returned from a disa-trous tour through the South. The papers here are devoing much space to the sad story of her untimely death. She was pretty, and belonged to New York's smart set. The meeting of the Republican committee brings to town such North Carolinians as Mr. Carl Duncan, who afternoon for Goldsboro, to have a conference with ex-Governor Ay-cock, of counsel for the State in the

will be fixed. Kanass City, Chicago and Denver are pulling for the grand meet of Republicans, but the olds are on Chicago, Standing Master Walter A. Mont-gomery was interviewed regarding the

A GREAT BATTLE.

One of the greatest fights ever wagrate hearing of the Southern Railway to-day. As was stated yesterday, the matter to come up at the next hear-ing will be evidence in rebuttal, to be submitted by the Southern. This This Cortelyou, Foraker, Knox, Hughes, Cannon and LaFollette. The South will be, of course, statistical infor-mation and will take some time to prepare it. The standing master intimated that it might require a will play an important part in the contest for delegates but New York. and Ohio are the States on which the fortnight to prepare it and seemed. entire country has its eye. It has been known for some time that Presi-dent Roosevelt desired his friend laft to think the next hearing would be at Washington. He does not think the matter will be out of the way before the end of December and that he can get his report to Judge Pritchard before January. to succeed him for he believed the popular Secretary of War would car-ry out the policies he has inaugurated, but it has also been observed that on the 11th histant, at the office of the corporation commission, to be attended by the lawyers, including Messrs, Manning, Tillsit, Guthrie, know that Foraker will go to the na-There is to be a conference here

tional convention with the lion's share

Jullan S Carp Pre oject to the North rence and is Elect udge Neal Fe rence and is Elected Produced alge Neal Forwards the Plan For alsing a Fund For the Families of eccased Ministers — Twenty-Five ow Ministers Received Into Fall onnection and Charged by Bishop state Conve Galloway. cial to The Observer.

Newbern, Dec 6 .- The North Caro-ina Conference met at 9:30 o'clock this morning. Devotional exercises conducted by Bishop Galloway.

Convention much interest has centered Judge Walter H. Neal made a few remarks on the proposition submit-ted to ministers last September but this afternoon, which was the considabout the special order for 4 o'clock

inverting between like and death from be available and death from the great national rivers and har-bors courses. He says it was one of the most notable gatherings he being present, among them being eight Governors, two Lieutenant depth of the hills surrounding this mining indusity of the result of a nine explosion to day, which in all probabling was standed as and that it cannot not fight do the matters for which the congress stands, and that it cannot rests the pressure, for the people

Carolinians as Mr. Carl Duncan, who ful energy in their work. He spoke the traffic out of the State. We ex-

MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE.

Lee H. Battle and H. H. Hulten.

the work and the results accomplish-ed and leoked with bright hope to the furture for all fields.

General Julian S. Carr made an ad- ment for purposes of traffic by interdress on the laymen's movement, a feature which will probably be in-augurated at the Conference. The upon our people to continue the great

dea is to relieve the pastor of all campaign of education and law enforcebusiness affairs of the parish in orler ment against the sale and use of in that he may apply all his time to txicating liquors suntil this great curse the pastoral needs of his church. He shall be reduced to a minimum in our quoted from an able paper by Rev. State."

W. F. Gillette, dean of the faculty of Vanderbilt University. General General Carr was succeeded by Mr. Churles H. Ireland, of the Western North on of the convention: John A. Ooates, J. a.l. W. Balley, Fred D. Hale, W. C. Peter-No. son, G. T. Lumpkin, R. E. Sentelle, Carolina Conference, who spoke on the same subject. The meeting adthe same subject. The meeting journed at 1 o'clock till 3 p. m. assignments will be announced until Monday.

AFTERNOON SESSION, The session this afternoon was in education and the Board of Missions. the interest of the Laymen's move- The principal recommendations of the ment of which General Carr spoke ment of which General Carr spoke first-named report was that all pastors in the morning. Rev. L. L. Nash, preach on the need for more young opened the meeting and passed the men to enter the Ministry and to plead meeting in charge of General Carr. for more and better-equipped minis-

which the entry filled as soon as they ventilating system was interrupted, There is more hope for those in more matter of freight rates will be pre-remote sections of the mine, as they may have reached workings where fresh air is supplied by other open-fresh air is supplied by other open-fresh air is supplied by other open-the state charters the Baraca Pubspect as had other denominations care to join. He wanted all to join who comprehended the work and Another recommendation in this report were willing to work; in short he did was that a university extension course In his championing the cause of the diamissed soldiers who took part in not want to beg them to join, but he of study in theology be established at Wake Forest College this to be a cor the Brownsville, Texas, affair, Sena- desired them to do the begging. It tor Foraker has won the negro vote is a place for work for all Christlans respondence course in connection with Professor Culloms Bible work of which of his State, and it is said that it and their help is needed. The meet-amounts to between 50,000 and 60,- ing was enthusiastic in the contemany pastor may tawe advantage with out going to the college. The other 000. The indications are that Ohio plation of these new duties. The fol-will lean to the Senator and against lowing officers were elected: Prtsirecommendation was that the board of lowing officers were elected: Prtsland the best information ob- cendiary fires have been made this the Secretary. Charles Taft is worth dent, J. S. Carr; secretary, J. E. and the best information ob- cendiary fires have been made this the Secretary. Charles Taft is worth dent, J. S. Carr; secretary, J. E. walker, is at this time is that 380 of year, there having been seventy-eight about \$40,000,000 and he is working Pegram; treasurer, J. B. Walker, education at Wake Forest College receive and disburse all funds for ministerial education to Students at Wake Vice presidents were selected from Forest and the seminary. In the con-sideration of the report on missions each district and were: Raleigh, J. D. Brown; Durham, T. L. Whit-White House believe that the Presi-dent is preparing to throw his sup-port to Cortelyou, whose stock is go-ing up every day. The friends of Hughes, Knox. LaFollette and Can-Jon are busy for their favorites. high tribute was hald to the work of Rev. and Mrs. Livingstone Jonhson, A recommendation was made to expend \$45,000 for State missions the coming year. Rev. E. E. Bomar read the report Breen. on foreign missions which showed The great church was crowded to overflowing to-night to listen to the rapid advancement during the past educational address by Rev. J. C. year, a recommendation was made for telyou stands for the things that the Kilgo. At least 1,000 were present \$46,000. President does. DENOMINATIONAL SCHOOLS. Dr. Kligon's discourse was listened to The first special order at the after with wrapt attention from start to noon session was the consideration of denominational schools and after the finish, and at times the sentiment found expression in applause. Chrisreading of the report addresses were tian education was theme. delivered on the importance of high school work. Rev. Fred D. Hale, the convention host, spoke of the effort SECRETARY ACCEPTS BIDS. Contelyon Accepts Bids For Panama being made in Wilmington to secure Canal Bonds to Amount of a prohibition election and asked that \$25,000,000—Average Price is 103— the delegates subscribe for The Disto Amount of a prohibition election and asked that Secretary Will Notify Subscribers- patch, which is giving large space to e prohibition matter and read the same during the next four months at the ments to Individuals Will Be Confined to Small Subscriptions. Washington, Dec. 6 .- The Secretary end of which time the prohibitionists hope the election will be held. The of the Treasury has accepted bids for report of the committee on periodicals the Panama canal bonds to the commended highly The Biblical Recorseveral amount of \$25,000,000. The average der, Chairity and Children and the price for all the bids accepted is 103. missionary literature of the denomina-Under the terms of the law the Sec- tion. Referring briefly again to the retary's acceptance of these bids, the W. C. Tyree offered the following res question of ministerial education Dr. allotments of bonds to individuals olution, which was adopted: "Re-and institutions will be confined to solved. That this Convention intrust

its Cha Newbern, the Commencer to the State Convention at Wilmington Crying Out Upon the Evils of the Traffic and Expressing a Dealre For a Tightly-Closed Lid—The Report Unanimously Accepted—The Morn-ing Session Taken Up With Minis-terial Education and Missions. ipecial to The Observer. Wilmington, Dec. 6 .- Ever since the

anl Water pecial Director John A. 's Report, and Asks For on of \$40,000 For Con-Fox Delivers Re Appropri tinuance Urge Adoption by Federal Government of Wise, Liberal and Compre-hensive Policy That Will Provid opening session of the Baptist State For Improvement

Washington, Dec. 6 .- An annual appropriation of at least \$50,000,000 for the improvement and develop- and place when and at which the ment of the internal waterways of America is the gist of the recommendations of the rivers and harbors congress which concluded its sessions Acting Chairman Harry S. New fill the remainder of the unexpl was advocated by the convention, the recommendations of the committee on resolutions, which were adopted

unanimously, being that a national policy of improvement of internal waterways be adopted by the Congress of the United States. At the opening of to-day's session

of the convention telegrams were read from Senator Perkins, industrial organizations and commercial bodies of California, inviting the congre to hold its next annual meeting in the afternoon. San Francisco.

SPECIAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT. Carolinians as Mr. Cari Duncan, who Is a member of the body: Wills Briggs, postmaster at Raleigh, and Isaae M. Meekins, of Elizabeth Cliy. Mr. Duncan is a participant and Messrs. Meekins and Briggs visiting statesman. The meeting place for the next convention, the one that nominates the man who will run against Col. William Jennings Bryan, will be fixed. Kansas City, Chicago urged the appropriation by the as-sociation of \$40,000 for the con-

tinuance of its work during the next year.

Col. J. J. Ellison, secretary of the congress, presented his annual re-port, in which he gave the ex-penditures on behalf of the work of the congress during the past year. The balance on hand, he said, was

\$2.272. J. Hampton Moore, of Philadelphia, chairman of the committee The other members of the committee on resolutions, presented the platwere the following named all members form of the association as the unanimous sentiment of 36 States, and he said that the committee requested the approval of the report in the hope that it would receive the The morning session of to-day was occupied with the consideration of the respectful consideration of the national congress. reports of the committee on ministerial

The report included the following resolutions:

"Be it resolved by the national rivers and harbors congress, at the present session, containing delegates of every shade of opinion and repre-

senting every business interest in the land, standing for a policy, not for a project WATERWAY POLICY.

01 1 den is Looking After O terests-Twenty-Five M

Washington, Dec. 6 .- The R lican national committee, wh called to meet here to name publican national convention held next year, was in hour to-day at the Hotel, but aside from the ele term of Secretary Cortelyou, the buiness of the session was confined preliminary details.

The meeting lasted for less than an hour. During that time a num of committees were appointed and Mr. New was unanimously chosen succeed himself. He made a brief speech accepting the electron, which he promised to devote all energies toward providing for a fair and impartial convention. A formal visit was paid to the President during

CHICAGO VS. KANSAS CITY.

There are active delegations here John A. Fox, of Arkansas, the from both Kansas City and Denver, and while there is no delegation from his report said he visited twenty-six Chicago a great deal of work is be-States and 99 cities; gave out 44 ing done in behalf of that city by Representative Lowden, who is i member of the national committee and by several other members who are interesting themselves to the utmost extent to throw the convention to the lake city. They made mate-rial progress during the day, and to-night are bodly claiming they have practically triumphed. This is not conceded by the Kansas City advo-cates cates.

To-morrow's session will be devoted to listening to the praises of the various aities, and after the oratory

will come the voting. Of the 55 members of the national committee from 23 to 25 are said to be pledged to Kansas City and equal number to Chicago. The h The halance of the committee membership

are non-committal . and their votes will decide the city in which the con-vention will be held. Among those who answered the roll

call to-day were: Alabama, Charles H. Scott: Arkansas, Powell Slayton: Flori.Ja. J. N. Coombs: Georgia, Judson , W. Lyons; Louisiana, Pearl Wight; Mississippi, L. B. Moseley; North Carolina, E. C. Duncon; South Carolina, John G. Capers; Tennessee, Congressman Walter P. Brownlow; Virginia, Harry Bowden.

#### NOTE GIVES NO CLUE.

Body d' Clara Bloodgood Taken to New York-Note to Husband Given

New York—Note to Husband Gives No Clue as to Cause. Baltimore, Dec. 6.—The body of Mrs. Clara Bloodgood, the actress who "First, That we earnestly urge the adoption by the Federal government of a wise, liberal and comprehensive waterway pollcy that will provide for Truth" Company left for New York City on a later train. next 10 years, of the rivers, water-ways and harbors of our country, the improvement of which is justified by present and prospective benefits. to his wife gave absolutely no clue as to the motive for her act. It merely referred to some business matters which to prescribe the engineering or the she desired him to attend to financial details of this great under- in New York and evidently she desired him to attend to for had been taking, this congress strongly urges laid aside for mailing. Mr. Laimbeer upon the Congress of the United could not, he declared, assign any reason for sulcide. Mr. Emerson could mediate adoption of a comprehensive only ascribe it to the fears of a pen-plan of waterway improvement of sible breakdown on the part of Mrs. the carrying on of the work by an Bloodgood. She had had a hard season, he said, and thus had told on nervous system.

these and is supplied by the most slen-der hope is entertained for the sur-vival of any one of the men until the debris can be cleared away and communication with the outside re-established.

DEAD AND IMPRISONED NUMBER 500.

The two mines regularly employ 1,000 men. working in two shifts, 500 during the day and 500 during morning and that all were caught. It servative estimates place the number of victims at \$00 or more.

There is much speculation as to the cause of the explosion, but the most generally accepted theory is resulted from black damp. that it It is believed that a miner attempted set off a blast which blew out and ignited an accumulation of this deadly gas and that this in turn ignited the coal dust, a highly inturn flammable substance found in greater or less quantity in all West Virginia months. The board of agriculture has the cause up to this time are neces- the eleven apple-growing counties in sarily speculative.

The explosion affected both mines ary, and continuing a month. There in every section of the mines that the latter can make offers to the of Texas is for Roosevelt, he says, for has been reached by the rescuers. In his farmers for the apples, thus following as many terms as he desires. In his the plan in the Albemarie Section of enthusiasm in talking with a Wash-Huge quantities of coal and rock the plan in the Albemarie Section of bave been loosened and hurled into Virginia. every opening and all of the underground structure is wrecked beyond semblance of its original shape.

WRECKAGE PILED HIGH. have made no altempt to remove them to the surface, partly because it would be almost impossible to carry the bodies over the debris, but more particularly because they do not want to lose any time in reach-ing other sections of the mine where is possible men still living may imprisoned. The cars are being thated as fast as possible and re-moved from the entry, together with all other obstructions.

I other obstructions. All of the headings leading off from the main entry are being cut off by canvas and barricaded as fast is they are reached by the relief is they are reached by the relief vorkers so that the innermost work-ngs of the mine may be given the benefit of the ventilating system to ustain any that may be yet living ind make possible an early explora-ion of these workings. The American miners of the town

have been placed in charge of the relief work, but the Italians and other foreigners are working under them most faithfully. It is impossible for a man to remain long in the depths of the mine and the rescue forces are divided to work in relays with frequent reliefs. Many in the relief party have aiready beto exhausted and been sent

ated by the Consolidation Obal Com-pany, of Baltimore, General offices are located in Baltimore , and the operation offices erating offices are in Fairm

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all others rany, capital stock \$25,000, and the Hilton Long General Marchandise

Company Monroe, \$100.000. INCENDIARY FIRES.

Aycock. Justice and Herbert Norris,

THE RATE HEARING.

submitted by the Southern.

It is learned that the office of the insurance commission that over onethe hundred investigations of alleged intainable at this time is that 380 of year, there having been seventy-eight the day force had gone to work this such during the first six months. During the past eight years there have was shortly after 10 o'clock when the been 89 convictions of incendiarism the explosion occurred. The most con- cases having been pushed by this department. Several cases are now pending, three of these from Wilming-

ton, Lillington and Moore county, being very important. The Moore county case has been removed to Chatham county,

The State board of agriculture was again in session to-day and heard the report of its finance committee, made through Chairman William Dunn, It However, all explanations of arranged for a series of meetings in the mountains, beginning in Febru-

and so far as is now known appears to will be practical demonstrations of have done about as much damage pruning and spraying the trees. This in one as in the other. It has not will be in charge of State Horticul-been established in which mine it turisti Hutt and State Entomologist originated. Evidencing the terrific Sherman. After this an assistant will force of the concussion, props in go through the orchards visited and entry of No. 6 mine supporting treated and will spray them a second the roof were not only shattered and time. Next autumn the entire outfit torn from their positions, but were will go back there and will show the blown put of the entry and to the people how to pack for shipment the opposite side of the river. Other fruit on the sprayed trees, and if pos-evidence of the awful force is shown sible will take fruit buyers along, so

Superior Court, the Attorney General's dream, which grew out of the The entry of No. 6 mine, 300 feet department will take Attornectaontoin that Mayor McNinch, of Charlotte, from the mouth is piled high with department will ake steps to have the said that he would be for Roosevelt the wreckage of two strings of cars and two electric molors. Some of the rescuers have climbed over this and found dead bodies beyond, but have made no attempt to remove About 20 have failed for the fail term

#### court ends. FLEET IS ASSEMBLING

ouisiana, Virginia and New Arrive at Hampton Roads For Pacific Cruise—High Have Subsided and Other Are Expected Soon.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 6.-The battle-hip Louisiana, the first of the Pacificbound Atlantic fleet to arrive in Hampton Roads, where the ships will in The high winds on the coast have subsided and the weather at the Vir-i ginia Capes was to-day beautifully

The first vessels expected are the Kansas from Delaware Breakwater; Admiral Evans' flagship, the Connec-tieut and the Rhode Island, from New York; the Missouri and Illinois, from Boston, and the Kearsarge and Geor-gia, from League Island. The next vessels expected are

FORAKER'S CHANCES.

with all his might for his brother William. The politicians who are close to the

non are busy for their favorites. It begins to look as if Mr. Roose-

velt would turn to Cortelyou as the man who would most likely win. Cor-SOUTHERNERS FOR POOSEVELT

The organization Republicans of the Southern States are hands off in the fight. When asked where they stand almost to a man they say "Teddy, first, last and all the time."

"Who is your choice for the nomi-nation?" Mr. Meekins was asked. "I am for Roosevelt and I speak not as an office-holder, but as one of the rank and file."

What if he will not have the nomination ?"

"Then I am for his man." "Me. too," said Willis "Me. too," said Willis Biggs, speaking from the standpoint of a voter, not a postmaster. So declared Carl Duncan,

days ago. Lyon, the committeeman ington Post man Wednesday, he said, AFTER COURT CLERKS. On the 6th day of January, in Wake of the story is considered a pipe

try, and the boys are with him this time. I do not think Taft has any heart in the race." The Foraker boosters met every ommitteeman they could Their team is well organized and they seem to mean business,

Uncle Joe Cannon is running some sections of the country. His litical friends are looking out for interests. I know of a number North Carolinians who may go North Carolinians who may go as Cannon delegates to the convention. The fight is on and will grow more lively and more interesting every day. The air here is full of Republican nomination talk. The President is up against a hard game, but he likes not a duil time. There are many here who believe that the people are with him and that he will be forced to take the nomination. Southern Re-

publicans are of that opinion. THE NEGRO VOTE. "Those 60,000 negro votors in Ohio can wield a powerful influence." said

the small subscriptions from \$10,000 the educational board to make no redown to \$20.

The amount of bids from indivi- seminary, either expressed or implied, duals and instituions which it has to refund as a matter of debt the been possible to accept will, as heretofore not be large. The remainder of the acceptances will be bids of na-

country and are mostly in small amounts.

Secretary Cortelyou further anwill be prepared and malled to the raising \$102,500. The general educathat is what I expect him to do. My man is not a quitter, he is known as one of the best fighters in the coun-that payments for the bonds will be convention should secure 112,000, in expected to be made at the Treasury subscription, and the result of of the United States or at some sub-Treasury, as indicated in the bid of every the subscriber, within ten days from , to-day, the receipt of the notice by the sub-nd they scriber. In cases where the sub-scriber has hot indicated the place of payment, the notices sent will in-tlude a request that the place of pay-ment be immediately made known to the Secretary. All subscribers should wait receipt of the notice from the department before taking any action respecting payment for the bonis. The offering of Pavama canal bonds was largely over-subscribed but the improvement in business conditions following the announcement of recent

Tollowing the announcement of recent measures of relief by the Treasury Department is resarded by the Sec-retary as warranting him in limiting the issue at this time to half the amount offered, namely, \$25,000,000. This is almost exactly the amount of the disburgements from the gen-eral fund of the Transure, that

quirement of the ministerial students at Wake Forest College and at the money appropriated for their assist-ance while students."

#### THE NIGHT SESSION

tional banks. The bils accepted interest of the endowment fund of have come from every section of the Wake Forest College and \$10,000 was cured in subscriptions, thus completing thes 112,000, from the Convention begun a year ago. During the year president Carlyle has given his time to ounces that the notices of acceptance the work of raising this fund and to aght's meeting poakers of the svening dent W. L. Poteat, who read the re-port of the trustees of the college: Rev. Livingstone Johnson, Mr. W. J. Bailey and Professor Cariyle. Mr. J. Harry Tyler, of Baltimore Will ad-dress the Convention to-morrow on the "Laymen's Movement." Most of the "Laymen's Movement." Most of the in dress to be in the induction of the past year was adopted and President Ransdell was accorded and President Ransdell was accorded the hearty cheers of the congress. OFFICEIRS ELECTED. officers and memb night's meeting secures the same. The in time to reach home for the morning service.

### imbassador Wu Will Bring Messag

bepartment is regarded by the Sec-retary as warranting him in limiting the issue at this time to half the amount offered, namely, \$25,000,000. This is almost exactly the amount of the disburgements from the gen-eral fund of the Treasury that have heen made during the year on the Franzis canal account.

of a wise, liberal and comprehensive waterway policy that will provide for the proper improvement, within the next 10 years, of the rivers, water-

commerce. "Second, That without presuming

upon the Congress of the United States the importance of the imadequate number of engineers, and of such liberal appropriations an-

nually as will insure the early completion of such projects as may undertaken. Third, That we cordially endorse

the action of PresiJent Ruosevelt in appointing a special inland waterways commission, being confident that its report will prove a source of ac-curate and valuable information to the American people. We further

recommend that Congress enact such

laws as will make the inland water-Special to The Observer. ways commission permanent, and will provide it with necessary authority for its investigations and recommen-

bound to pay increasing dividends from year to year. Viewing these appropriations in this light Congress is fully warranted in authorizing an annual expenditure beginning at the

present session of not less than one-tenth of the amount of modey re-quired for all the various river, waterway ad harbor improvements already planned and approved by the engin-

planned and approved by the engin-eera in charge or hereafter planned and approved. In order that the work may be carried to speedy completion, such appropriation to be not less shan \$50,000,000 annually, and Congress is further warranted in authorizing the expenditure of the money as needed and in providing for the same, if in excess of funds available by a bond issue similar in character to that for the building of the Panama carai

the building of the Panama canal, whereby part of the cost of these vast improvements will be spread over a succession of years and borne by all who share the benefits."

Without Jiscussion, the majority report of the committee was unani-

The following officers and members of the board of directors of the con-

gress were elected: For president, Joseph E. Ranslell, of Louisiann; for secretary-treasurer, J. F. Ellison, Cincinnati, O.

J. F. Silison, Cincinnati, O. Directors: Atlantic seaboard: Wil-liam H. Lincoin, Boston, Mass; Olin J. Stephens, New York; J. Hampton Moore, Philadelphia; Frank D. Lanne, Philadelphia; F. W. Weod, Detinant, M. Weod, . bld.

The fact of her purchase of pistol here a few days ago and discovery of a medical book in ther room with marked paragraphs treat-ing of the parts of the brain, seemed to indicate premeditation.

HUNT FOR MISSING MAN.

Relatives of Alden Cushing Some Trace of Him.

Asheville, Dec. 5 .- The relatives of Alfor its investigations and recommen-dations. Fourth, That this congress cordial-iv thanks President Roosevelt for the whereabouts of the missing iv thanks President Roosevelt for the support he has given to its purposes, by his speeches and by his treatment of the subject in his recent message to Congress. ASKS FOR \$50,000,000 ANNUALLY. Fifth, That we ask Congress to view the river waterways and har-bor appropriations not as the appro-priation of money for the current ez-penses of government, but as an in-vestment in permanent improvements, bound to pay increasing dividends from year to year. Viewing these appropriations in this light Congress is fully warranted in authorisite. intertained that he has been foully dea with.

> lumbla, S. C.; W. B. Stillwell, Savannah, Ga.

> Gulf seaboard: T. C. Bush, B ham; M. J. Sanders, New Orleans; Taliafferro, Houston, Tex.; S. W. Du can, Dailas, Tex.

The entire Mississippi Jistrict: J. A. Johnson, St. Paul, Minn.; Thomas M. Wilkinson, Burlington, Jowa; W. P. Kennett, St. Louis, Mo.; W. K. Kavanaugh, St. Louis, Mo.; Charles Scott, Rosedale, Miss. The Great Lakes district: James H.

Davidson, Oshkosh, Wis.: E. W. Wickey, South Chicago, Ind.: H. O. Barlow, Chicago, Ill.; Edward H. But-ler, Buqalo, N. T.

Ohlo calley district: W. B. Rogers, Pittsburg: Albert Bettinger, Cincinna-ti; John L. Vance, Columbus, O.; W. H. Keller, Evansville, Ind.

Tennessee and Cumberland lis tricts: M. T. Bryan, Nashville.

The Ancansas valley district: Law-rence M. Jones. Kansas City; George C. Call, Sloax City, Iowa. The Pacific coast district: N.

Blatock, Walla Walla: Wash.; A. Devers, Portland, Ore.; George Pardee, Oakland, Cal.

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