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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1907.

A DISGRACE TO THE COUNTRY. ever the Western Federation chiefs even more impossible. have encountered any resistance to their rule. When this murderous organization invaded the Minnesota mining region not long ago it terrorised the Minnesota mine workers without regard to whether they were ducted itself from the very first day that within a few weeks its invading of their band of things were officials and their band of things were persent office, all will be remembered as the district by a general one will deny that the labor bodies than at the hands of any one else, and gladly turns from blowing up law officers who molest its assassing ex-Sheriff Baker, of Oregon, went the way of ex-Governor Steunenberg very recently-to intimidating any decent men in such an organization their membership must be un-Miners is a burning diagrace to the of the suggestion to make ex-Presiwilling. The Western Federation of country, and all good citizens will welcome the day when it meets the end it deserves.

A DANGER POINTED OUT.

are burlesqued these days. House Association, Bankers' Dream such phrases as "Free pass good at any depot to watch the trains pull \$1,000 in your imagination." Such merchants until the banks waged a sumption day will reveal many a real- son, ly serious imitation of this everywhere crude currency in the hands of cent holders. Let all people in

porery wants to know nce between Tillman and

Turned to Mader All Control Turners and Turners All Control Turners and Turners All Control Turners and Turners All Control Tu The fact that an American Fede- the knowledge that America has ration of Labor delegation has asked never gone to war for conquest or to General Funston, commanding the humiliate a weaker people. And once United States troops now at Goldfield, at least we fought to give another Nev., for protection for American people independent national life. It Federation people from the Western is to be hoped that such high pur-Federation of Miners and its hired as- pose will always be ours and that the masins is one striking consequence of man who gave the word of comthe terrorist methods systematically mand for this movement of our fleet practiced by the Western Federation and the men who carry that comof Miners and revealed at the Hay- mand into execution will keep in wood trial. Members of the delega- mind this record. It becomes us to tion declared that they had lived in use our strength to preserve the constant fear for months and had world's peace. The talk of war with felt it necessary to go armed at all Japan is little less than criminal and times. Their story accords well with it is to be hoped that the movement the known experience of others wher- of our fleet will make such an event

> purpose of retiring to private life at the end of his present term of office, brings to our minds again the waste of power which our system of governsuch a man. He will give that strength to the nation as a private there should be some way by which men who have gained such valuable knowledge of the nation's life, could be kept in the public service. It would mean much to have Mr. Cleveland and Mr. Roosevelt in the councils of the nation. What has become \$100 dents Senators at large?

upon the fact that after listening to the wild and incoherent harangues of men who would remedy all exist-Even things so greatly to be rev- ing wrongs before sunset, the Senate erenced as clearing house certificates of the United States, undisturbed and Under unafraid, goes quietly and with dignisuch headings as National Cleaning ty about its high work of legislating for the public good. It is true that Association and American Lemon the popular patience is sometimes House Association burlesques which strained by the slow procedure of readily lend themselves to fraud have Senators. But we are often made to been circulated in Chicago. One style see that their work of criticism of, that what is known as the higher edwas printed in blue, closely resem- and deliberation upon, the popular bling the true certificates, with the demands of the hour is one of the square box due at the left containing surest bulwarks of our national life.

We reflect with much complacency

"It'll be pretty hard on Colonel out," "In God We Trust; in Banks Watterson," remarks The Charleston We Bust," "This check is good for Evening Post, "If the Democrata gather in his home town to nominate checks were frequently passed upon Bryan for President." Since this was campaign of warning upon the sub- noted with pleasure that Colonel Watject. Their special merit from the terson will be spared such an afflicflasher's standpoint was that when tion. The Democratic national condetected he could declare the per- vention goes to Denver and there is formance a joke or a test to decide even a prospect that it will nominate some wager with an accompanying a man sane as well as honest in the friend. It is hard to doubt that re- person of Governor John A. John-

The London Times is in furious debate with Mr. William Randolph rip" towns look very sharply at Hearst over a question of veracity.

by all accounts the com- Will." The point is that Mr. Roose-is in stronger hands than ever. veit doesn't mean what he says in refwe trust that the powerful in- erence to a third term because he al re-enforcement which it is said on the night of election. "I will ring for this section will very not," and in his later statement, "I shall not." This attempt to discredit, the President is enough to make Mel-

an Davis from Arkansas. The fit is a great sorrow to this paper between a "liger and a that Joe King falled to "think" in Sunday's Durham Herald.

dealers do not care if the dispensary is abolished, their trade in the prohibition State—that is, as to the wholesalers—being always precarious, and North Carolina being now EXPECT DECISION OF THE PROPERTY PROP President Roosevelt's final state-bition State puts it in the category ment of his intention to hold to his purpose of retiring to private life at the wholesalers see very few open-

ings.

This afternoon there was a mass meeting for boys at the First Raptist church, immediately followed by one for the women of Raleigh, who is the large numbers, a great to 1 is favor of prohibition. The lowest estimate heard of the majority for that side is 200.

FEDERAL COURT AFFAIRS. The Federal Court will be in ses-sion all this week and will then take recess to January 27th. To-day a batch of convicts was taken to the penitentiary. Five went to Atlanta, these being Will McCann, John Bryant and Carey Moore, who get 12 months each, with a fine of \$100 and costs, and Love Hales and Sot will be compelled to close ecember Wash who get 18 months each and Sot will be compelled to close ecember when we have the saloon men ex-Webb, who get 18 months each and soil webb, who get 18 months each and \$100 fine. Lula Brodie, a woman, goes to the Nashville penitentlary for 12 months and has to pay \$100 fine and costs. She was sent to Nashville because the government Nashville because the government penitentiary at Atlanta is not yet fitted up to receive women, though there are a few in it. There are a number at Asheville.

It is quite singular that the prisoners who were sentenced to the penitentiary consider themselves much more aristocratic than those themselves who get jail sentences, and make no bones of saying so. A deputy commented on this to-day, saying he had heard men thus sent to the penitentiary brag about it.
At Edenton Street Methodist church

yesterday President J. C. Kilgo, of Trinity College, preached a sermon on Christian education, taking the ground that what is known as the higher ed-ucation in a great many cases brings out the fiercest opposition to Chris-tianity. He cited the great German universities in proof of his position, saying that at these religion was usu-ally held in contempt by those who considered themselves great thinkers, and they thought themselves superior to matters of the kind. to matters of the kind.

TWO MORE COURT OPINIONS. The Supreme Court to-day filed two Horton, usiministrator, against the Forest City Telephone Company, from Cleveland, a new trial being granted while in the case of Shelton vs. Moody, from Haywood county, error is found. Capt. John W. Duckett, who has in capt. John W. Duckett, who has in charge the Croatan Indian normal schools, has returned from Robeson county, and says that Prof. H. L. Edens, of that county, has been made principal. succeeding H. M. Seawell, who resigned. Mr. Edens was a classmate of Rev. Dr. J. C. Kilgo at Wofford College. Miss M. E. Sharp has been elected assistant at the normal school.

what free are successful as a substitute. Things must be wonderfully dull in London! Incidentally it may add to the gaster for seneral stratification is must be wonderfully dull in London! Incidentally it may add to the gaster for seneral stratification is must be wonderfully dull in London! Incidentally it may add to the gaster for seneral stratification is must be wonderfully dull in London! Incidentally it may add to the gaster for seneral stratification is must be wonderfully dull in London! Incidentally it may add to the gaster for seneral stratification is must be wonderfully dull in London! Incidentally it may add to the gaster for seneral stratification is the gaster for seneral stratification is the gaster for seneral stratification is the gaster for for the gaster for for the fact that The London Times is a wellow journal. After this we may expect to hear any day must the Devil is weeping because somebody has permitted to company will double its alternated and the was here to day he was locating at the was here to day he was locating atternated to the was here to day he was locating atternated to the same for the fact that The London Times is a weeping because somebody has permitted to the was here to day he was locating atternated to the was here to day he was locating atternated to the was here to day he was locating atternated to the was here to day he was locating atternated to the was here to day he was locating atternated to the was here to day on his way to Chapil Hill to the day on his way to Chapil Hill to the day on his way to Chapil Hill to day on his way to Chapil Hill to the day on his way to Chapil Hill to the was here to day on his way to Chapil Hill to the day on his way to Chapil Hill to the day on his way to Chapil Hill to the was here to day on his way to Chapil Hill to the was here to day on his way to Chapil Hill to the was here to day on his way to Chapil Hill to the was here to day on his way to Chapil Hill to the was here to day on his was here to day on his was here to day on

Monroe, La. Dec. 16.—Another Italian was killed Sunday morning near Tremont, La., by negroes, making three Italians to lose their lives on account of prejudice against their replacing local lumber mill labor at Chattanaville. Chathamville, La. Two other Italians were wounded near Chathamville and rush the Southern may extend its poi-

EXPECT DECISION TO-MORROW. Asheville Saloon Men Feel That the

Special to The Observer.

Asheville, Dec. 16.—It is expected ago to compel the city authorities to grant an extension of saloon licens to April 7th. Judge Guion held against the saloon men, and the case 31st. Leastwise, the saloon men expect no more than this and are making preparations to go out of business

on the last day in the year. It is said that the majority of the saloon men have from one to three years' leases on their places and that tack of appendicitis. He was taken they will be compelled to hold these leases until they expire. Other saloon men own their places. It is said that in all probability the places now occurred by subject to the places of the place years' leases on their places and that cupied by saloons will be vacant for tion very serious. Dr. Long, of Salissome time after the first of the year, bury, was hastily summoned and, to-So far as known, no businesses will gether with several local physicians, it be started n the store-rooms now oc- was decided not to have an operation cupied by saloons on the first of the

RESIGNATION NOT ACCEPTED.

Twin City Lutherans Refuse to Let. Their Pastor Go to Wilming Where He Had Accepted a Call. pecial to The Observ

Winston-Salem, Dec. 16 .- At seeting to-night of the council of the Latheran church a resolution was adopted refusing to accept the resignation of Rev. George S. Bearden, who, on Sunday, announced his reignation in order to accept the pastor-ate of the English Lutheran church, of Wilmington. This means that Rev. Mr. Bearden will remain as pastor of the Lutheran church in this city. where he has been for the past two years. The secretary of the church council was instructed to wire the Wilmington congregation, asking it to release Rep. Mr. Bearden from his acceptance of its call.

Durham, Dec. 16 .- It was learned to-day that late Saturday night James Stanley, who lives in the Lakewood ark suburb section, attempted suicide

Gentlement.—I have duly received your communication in respect to Mr. Ramseur.

As you will appreciate, it is necessary that the administration of the affairs of this company should be divided up among various departments. Mr. Ramseur belonged to the operating department, of which Mr. C. H. Ackert, vice president and general manager, is the head. It is necessary, in order that proper discipline and the efficiency of the various departments may be maintained, that I should uphold the authority of those charged with the direct responsibility and not decrey Dair influence by coming between them and their subordinates.

In consequence of this, it is necessary for me to refer your communication to Mr. Ackert for his action, instead of attempting to give the matter direction myself.

It may be proper for me to add that I am sure his disposition of the matter direction myself.

It may be proper for me to add that I am sure his disposition of the matter will be controlled by a high sense of usatice and a purpose single to the performance of his duty.

Yang very truly.

Yang very truly.

President.

That run with spring, alcohol or gas.

DOIL FUITNIT!

A rumor has been current here for several days that after the Christmas ky of curtailment on the Asheville di-vision and discontinue trains Nos. 21 and 22, between here and Salisbury. sheville Saloon Men Feel That the Supreme Court Will Sustain Judge Galon in Refusing to Extend Licenses.

This rumor has been heard in various quarters in the city and apprehension is felt that there may be some foundation to it. It is realized that to take off these two trains would have a bad effect. They are doing a good business and the people feel that they should remain on. It is expected that there will be a cut in the freight de-

> employes at least are expecting it. N. C. RAILROAD SUED

A Crushed Foot Causes Fred Bryant to Ask For Damages—Seriously III With Appendicitis, Appendix Hav-ine Bursted. Special to The Observer.

Durham, Dec. 16.—Suit for damages went on appeal to the Supreme Court. It was argued by briefs last week. It is generally believed here that the Supreme Court will affirm the decision of Winston & Bryant and the suit will be for several thousand dollars. Bryant was employed by the road and was working under the train when it was backed on him and his foot was crushed. The complaint has not been

W. Herbert Lawrence, son of Con-tractor D. G. Lawrence, is in Watts Hospital suffering from a severe at-

TAFT'S SHIP DELAYED.

Encounters Bad Weather, Which Will Make Arrival a Day or Two Late — Interested in President's

On board steamship President Grant, Monday evening, by wireless, via. Cape Race, Dec. 16.—The Presi-dent Grant, which has among its pas-sengers Secretary of War William H. Taft, Mrs. Taft and their son Charles, Taft. Mrs. Taft and their son Charles, has encountered disagreeable weather which has retarded its progress and will probably make the steamer a day for two late in reaching New York. Since sailing on December 7th from Hamburg, where the Secretary came aboard, the passage has been generally rough and the weather cold. We are due at New York on Thursday next, but are not likely to arrive in port before late Friday or Saturday morning. Secretary Taft was interested in the announcement from the White House in which President Roosevelt retterated his declaration not to accept a renomination next June. The news was received on board the steamer' by wireless Thursday, but the Secretary would make no comment upon it.

Mr. Cortelyou's Varied Activities. Statesville Landmark.

The Mission Hospital in Asheville was out of coal and the dealers were out. The Federal Building in Asheville had plenty of coal but the request of the hospital for a loan could not be compiled with except "by consent." A telegram to the Secretary of the Treasury brought an answer from Mr. Cortelyou that a couple of tons of coal could be loaned. Having sanctioned this neighborly act Mr. Corcelyou that a couple of tons of coal could be loaned. Having sanctioned this neighborly act Mr. Corcelyou that a presumed, went ahead with his work of solving the financial problem.

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TOYS ARE GOING FAST

Everybody has the Christmas spirit and are busy getting their gifts ready. Those who prefer shopping when the store is not so badly crowded, will avoid a great deal of the rush to shop in the mornings. We shall keep open now at nights.

Mechanical Toys

Here are some amazing things and some wonderful ones-Toys that work like life-anything from 10 cents to a Double Train and Track at \$6.00

Doll Furniture

Some beautiful White Enameled Furniture in small cute lot of Doll Furniture is the lot of Mission Furniture in Settees, Rockers, Chairs, Tables and

Children's Chairs and Rockers

Revolving Willow Desk Chairs..... \$3.50 Morris Willow and Oak Chairs \$4.00 to \$6.00 Children's Rockers...... 25c. to \$3.50

Boys' Wagons and Autos

A dandy assortment of Wagons from \$1.00 to \$5.00 Autos and Irish Mails.....\$4.00 to \$15.00 at this time. To-night he was resting Velocipedes and Tricycles, all sizes with or without rubber tires.

Hobby Horses

\$1.00 to \$15.00

Two Specials This Week

A big cut price sale of Cloaks and Coat Suits all week. Some new and swell Cloaks go at about half price.

Fur Consignment

To save misplacing small packages, if customers would carry these it would relieve the heavy deliveries and save the delivery boys of late hours. However, we will deliver all goods.

The Little-Long Con