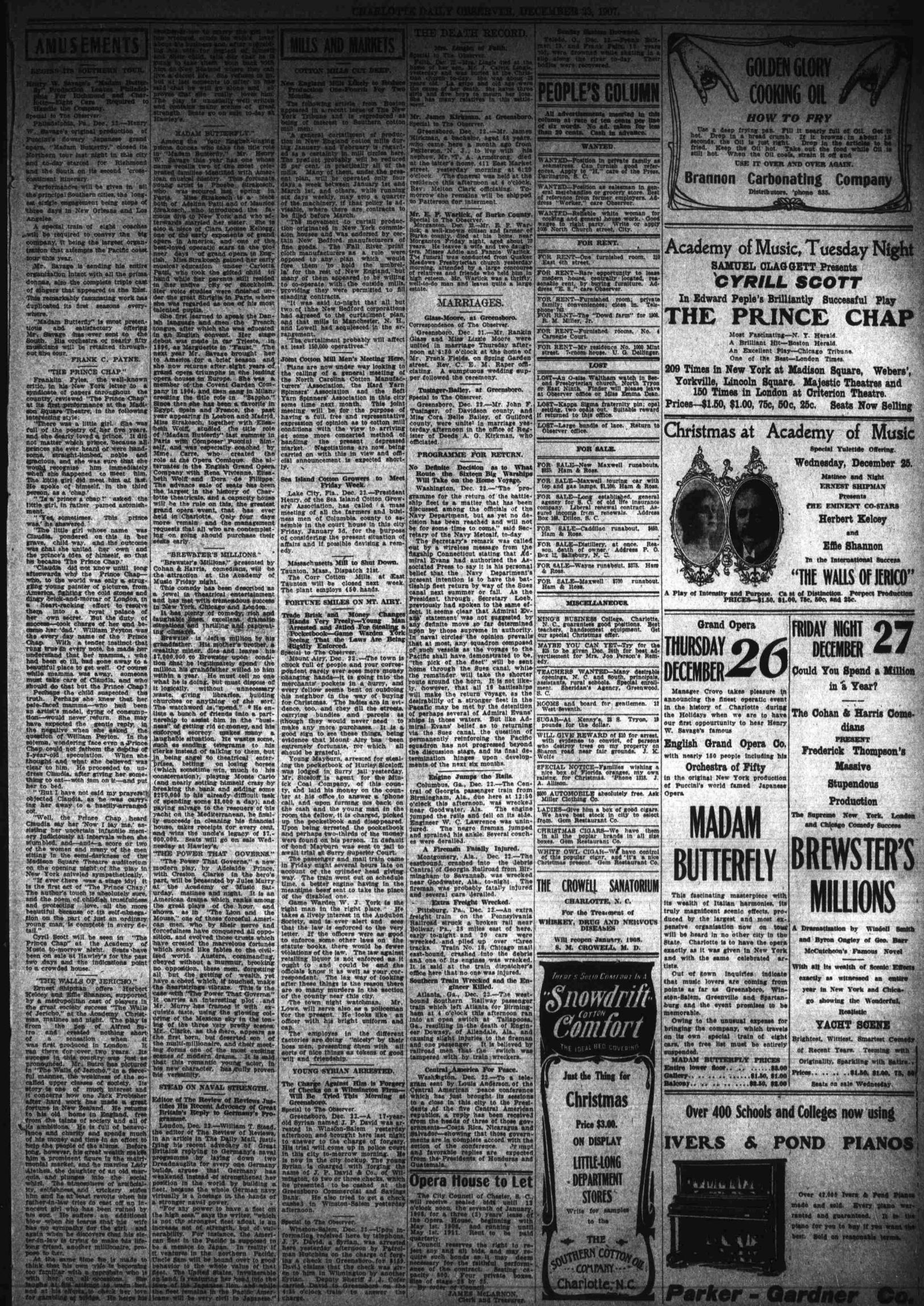
"The little girl whose name was Claudis, pondered on this in the grave, child way, and the outcome was that ale united ther own and the prince's tdea of himself, so that his became "The Prince Chap." "Claudie did not know untill iong attenwards why the Prince Chap-who, to the world was only a strus-sing young painter of pictures, from Americs, fighting the cold stones and dingy brick-and-mortar of London, in a heart-racking effort to resolve them into a royal palace of her own secret. But the duty of moccess-took charge of her and be prince Chap. With a tender instinct that rung true in every note, he made her understand that her mamma, who

understand that her mamma, , who had been so ill, had gone away to a beautiful place to get well. Of course \$7,000.000 to Brewster upon condi-tion that he legitimately spend the million his grandfather willed to him within a year. He must tell no one what he is doing, but must dispose of what he is doing, but must dispose or it logically, without unnecessary waste, giving libraries, building churches or anything of the sort. The watchword is, "spend." "He en-lists a bunch of friends into a part-nership to assist him in the "busi-ness" of getting rid of money, and his enforced secrecy makes many a laughable situation. He wastes some, such as sanding telegrams to his such as sending telegrams to his clerks instead of talking to them, but in being angel to theatrical enter-prises, betting on losing horses (which sometime win, much to his was Mr. consternation), playing Monte Carlo (and nearly setting himself crasy by breaking the bank and adding some \$250,000 to his already difficult task of spending some \$3,000 a day), and g to eat-with jam on it-and put ick ty,

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dle mamma was away, someone at take care of Claudia, and who hould do that but the Prince Chap? Perhaps the child suspected the ruth. Perhaps she knew that her truth. Perhaps she knew that her pale-faced mamma—who had been an artist's model, dying of consump-tion—would never return. She may have expected the gentle reply, in the negative when she asked the question of William Peyton. In the solema, wondering face even a Prince Chap, could not fathom the depths of 5-year-old speculation. When she thought and what she believed was clear to him. He proceeded to un-dress Chaudia, after giving her some-thing to eat—with jam on it—and put her to bed.

But I have not said my prayers! ected Claudia, as he was carry-her away to a hastily-arranged

"Well, the Prince Chap heard Chudia say her 'Now I tay me.' as-sisting her uncertain infantile memeising her uncertain infantile mem-ery judiciously at intervals when she stumbled, and—ands—a score or two of the women and many of the men sitting in the semi-darkness of the Madison Square Theatre auditorium on the opening might of the play in New York sniveled sympathetically. "If ever there was a stage bdyl it is the first act of "The Prince Chap;" The author's touch is absolutely sure, and the poem of childleh trustfulness and protecting love, all the more beautiful because of its self-abnega-fion on the part of just an ordinary young man, is complete in every de-tail."

Cyril Scott will be seen in "The Prince Chap" at the Academy of Music to-morrow night. State have been on sale at Hawley's for the past two days and the indications point to a crowded house.

"THE WALLS OF JERICHO." "THE WALLS OF JERICHO." Drnest Shipman offers Herbert Relocy and Effe Shannon, supported by a metropolitan cast of players in the great society success "The Walls of Jericho," at the Academy Christ-mas, matines and night. The play is from the pep of Affred Su-tro and created nothing short of a sensation when it was first produced in London. It ran there for over two years. Its

was first produced in London. It was first produced in London. It success in this country was just as pronounced. Mr. Sutro has pictured in "The Walls of Jerreno," in a force-ful manner, the weekness of the so-called upper classes of society. Its story is one of much interest and it concerns how one Jack Frobisher after hard work has made a great fortune in New Zealand. He returns to his old home in England, free from the taints of society and all of its ambitions. He is full of benevo-lince and charify and spends much of his money and time in an effort to help the people of the slums. Before long, however, his great wealth making him a prominent figure in the matri-monial market, and he marries Lady Alethes, the daughter of an old mar-quis, and plunges into the social whird. The Ennosphere of artificial-ity, selfishness, and crickery stiffes

Isthes, the daughter of an old mar-tis, and plunges into the social hird. The mimosphere of antificial-by, selfishness, and trickery stiffes in and he at least revolts when his after-in-law tries to east off an in-ocent girl who has been ruined by is sod. He suffers, an additional low when he learus that his wife as no sympathy for the girl, and sain when he discovers that his sis-r-in-law is trying to make his life-ing friend, another millionaire, pro-pose to her.

the same time the is made to that his own which is becoming appliar with a reproduce who is tiller with a reproduce who is and at his elfonts, to check her love the fleet remains in the Pacific Amer. 518 9.0. for sampling of buildes. He here his loans will be very civil to Japanese" | tharge.

paying salvage to the rescuers of his yacht on the Mediterranean, he finally succeeds in cleaning his financial house, takes receipts for every cent, and wins the uncle's legacy of \$7.-000,000. Seats will go on sale Wednesday at Hawley's,

"THE POWER THAT GOVERNS." "THE POWER THAT GOVERNS." "The Power That Governs," a new modern play, by Adelaide Prince, with Creston Clarks in the hero's part, will be presented by Jules Murry at the Accademy or Music Sat-urday, matines and night. It is an American drams which ranks among the great plays of the hour, and shows, as in "The Lion and the Mouse," one of those forceful Ameri-can men, who by their nerve and forcefulness have conquered all oppo-sition, and evolved those trusts which have created the marvelous fortunes which sound like fables to the civil-ised world. Austers, commanding,

which sound like fables to the civil-ised world. Austers, commanding, obeyed without a musmur, brooking no opposition, these men, dorgetting all but the getting of wealth, yet have a chord which, if touched, make the heartstrings vibrate. This is the case with "The Power That Governs." It carries an interesting plot and Mr. Murry has framed it with ex-quisite taste, using the glowing col-oring of the Mexican sky in the ton-ing of the three very prefit scenes. Mr. Clarke, as the fibro, appears as the first born, but deserted son of the multi-millionaire, and their meet-ing forms one of the most exciting forms of the Mexican Lise mid ing forms one of the most exciting scenes of modern drams. It is said that this romantic young actor, in his new character, has cully proven

STEAD ON NAVAL STRENGTH.

Editor of The Review of Reviews Jus-tifies His Recent Advocacy of Great Britain's Reply to Germany's Pro-

Britain's Reply to Germany's Pro-gramme. London, Dec. 22.---William T. Stead, the editor of The Reviews of Reviews, in an article in The Dally Mail, justi-tying his recent advocacy of Great Britains replying to Germany's avail programme by laying down two Dreadnaughts for svery one Germany builds, argues that German have weakened instead, of strengthened her position in the world by building a fact, because the whole German navy virtually is a nostage in the hands of a stronger navel power. "For any power to have a fleet on the high assa," says the writer, "which is not the strongest fleet affort is an increase not of strength, but of vur-nerability. For instance, the Ameri-tan fleet in the Pacific is supposed to be a menace to Japan. In reality if it ventures in the northern Pacific, Uncle Sam will be bound over to good behavior to the whole States, invunerable on land, is vanturing her based into the issue of the Septimes flon, and while the fleet remains in the Pacific Amer-

chock full of people and your correspondent rarely over sees more money changing hands-it is going into the merchants' pockets in a hurry, and every dellow seems bent on outdoing his neighbor in the way of buying for Christmas. The ladies are in evi-dence, too, and they fill the streets. carrying bundles and parcels . though they would never need to make any more purchases. It is a good sign to see these things, being evidence that Mount Airy has been

extremely fortunate, for which should be grateful. Young Mayburn, arrested for stealing the pocketbook of Hurley Siceloff. s lodged in Surry jail yesterday. Siceloff is agent for the Min-Coal Company, of this coun-and laid his money on the counter at his office to answer a 'phone call. and upon furning inis back on call, and upon furning us back on the cash and the young man in the room the fellow, it is charged, picked up the pocketbook and disappeared. Upon being arrested the pocketbook and perhaps two-thirds of the money

were found on his person. In default were found on his person. In default of bond Mayburn was sent to jail to await trial at Surry Superior Court. The passenger and mail train came in Friday might several hours late on account of the cylinder head giving way. The train went out on schedule time, a beiter engine having in the meantime been sent to take the place of the disabled one. Game Warden W. J. York is the

Game Warden W. J. York is the right man in the right place. He takes a lively interest in the Audubon Society, and is ever alert and sees that the law is enforced to the very letter. If the officers were as good to enforce some other laws on the statute books, there would be fewer violations of the law. The law against retailing liquor is not enforced as it retaining induor is not encoreen as it ought to and could be and ghe officials know it as well as your cor-respondent. The lax way of looking after these things is the reason there are so many murders in the section of the county near this city of the county near this city. The town night watchman, Mr

Lows, will serve also as a policeman for the present. He looks like an officer with his bright uniform and

cap. The employes in the different factories are doing "nicely" by their boss men, presenting them with all sorts of nice things as tokens of good will and friendship.

## YOUNG SYRIAN ARRESTED.

e Charge Against Him is Forgery of Checks on a Wilmington Firm-Will Be Tried This Morning at

ecial to The Observer.

Special to The Observer. Greensboro, Dec. 22.-A 17-year-old Syrian named J. P. David was ar-rested in Winscon-Salem yesterday atternoon and brought here last night to answer to the charge of forgary. His trial will come up in police court in this city to-merrow morning. He is now in the city lockup. The young Syrian is charged with forging the name of J. P. David & Co. of Wil-mington, to two or three checks, which he presented to be cashed at the Greensboro Commercial and Savings Bank. He also tried to get a check cashed in Winston-Salem yesterday afternoon.

lat to The Observer. Winston-Salem, Dec. 22.---Upon in formation redelved here by telephon J. P. David, a Syrian, was arrests here yesterday afternoon by Patro man Hutchins on the charge of form

ng a check in Greenshoro for \$159 David chains that the check was giv in to him in Wilmington by another Syrian Deputy Shariff J. J. Core carried David in Greatmonry on the 4:35 o'clock train to answer

"the pick of the fleet" will be sent edy. home through the Suez canal, while the remainder will take the shorter

route around the horn. It is not like-ly, however, that all 16 battleships will make the return voyage, as the desirability of a stronger fleet in the Pacafic may be met by the detenition of perhaps several of Admiral Evans ships in those waters. But like Ad-miral Evans' belief as to returning via the Suez canal, the question of permanently reinforcing the Pacific squadron has not progressed beyond all the discussion stage, and its final de-termination hinges upon develop-

ments of the next six months.

Engine Jumps the Rails.

Columbus, Ga., Dec. 22 .- The Cen-Columbus, Ga., Dec. 22.—The Cen-tral of Georgia passenger train from Birmingham, Ala., due here at 12:50 o'clock this afternoon, was wrecked hear Goodwater, Ala. The engine jumped the rails and fell on its side. Engineer W. C. Lawrence was unin-jured. The negro fireman jumped and sprained his ankle. Several coach-es were deralled. were deralled. es

A Fireman Fatally Injured. Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 22.-The eastbound, crashed into the debris Central of Georgia Railroad from Birmingham to Savannah, was wrecked near Goodwater, Ala., to-night The fireman was probably fatally injured and several cars jeralled.

Extra Freight Wrecked. Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 22.—An extra freight train on the Pennsylvania Railroad struck a broken rail near Bolivar, Pa., 28 miles east of here. early to night and 20 cars were wrecked, and piled up over three tracks. Train No. 18, Chicago mail east-bound, crashed into the debris and one of its engines was wrecked.

It is said at the train dispatcher's office here that no one was injured. Southern Train Wrecked and the En-

gineer Killed. Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 22.—The west-bound Southern Railway passenger train which left Atlanta for Birming-ham at 4 o'clock this afternoon ran into an open switch at Tallapoosa. Ga., resulting in the death of Engin-cer Downsy, of Allendale, Ala., and causing slight injuries to the fireman and one passenger. It is believed by railroad men fliat the switch was tampered with by train wreckers.

Central America For Peace.

Central America For Peace. Washington. Dec. 22.—To a tele-stram sent by Louis Anderson of the Central American peace conference which has just brought its seesions to a close in this city to the Presi-dents of the five Central American republics, a reply has been received from the heads of three of those gov-ernments.—Costs Rics, Nicaragus and Salvador—showing that those govern-ments are in complete accord with the action of the conference. Ar impt and favorable replies are expected from the Presidents of Honduras and Guatemala.

# Opera House to Let

The City Council of Chester, S. C., dil receive scaled bids until 13 'clock noon, the seventh of January, 908, for a three (3) years' lease of he Opera House, beginning with fay 1st, 1908, and running until fay 1st, 1911. Rent to be puid

reserves the right to re-and all bids, and may re-h bonds as it may deam for the raithful performacity 800 Four private Dones.

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