ABORTED BY BRAZILIAN POLICE WHEN MRS. THAW TESTIFIES? SO THINKS MR. HUGH CHATHAM.

Anarchistic Conspiracy, Having For

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Fleet, Uncarthed at Rio de Janeiro
—Chief of Police Gives Out an

Anarchistic Conspiracy, Having For
Justice Dowling Will Settle That
Point This Morning When the
Case is Called, Though He May
Await Further Suggestions From
the Attorneys Interested — Generally Believed That He Will Allow
Party's Majority in the State—Na-Warships Comprising the Pacific
PFleet, Unearthed at Rio de Janeiro
—Chief of Police Gives Out an
Official Statement Dealing With
the Matter—Conspirators Said to
Have Taken Refuge in the Interior
and the Police Are on the Trail of
the Leader—Exposure of the Piot
Will Create Profound Sensation in
Rio.

Rio Janeiro, Jan. 19 .- The Brazilan police have discovered an anarchistic plot here, having as its object Geraes An individual named Jean representatives, Fedher, who resided in Petropolis, was the chief conspirator here, al- curiosity. from that place to-day, ster having its files of a year ago. made investigations there and had a long conference with the chief of po-OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

The Associated Press, he says:

names and addresses of the conspirators were indicated by information in the plan for a closed hearing is NATIONAL BO any injury being done."

he did not feel he should go into any newspapers. further details with regard to the conspiracy, but he authorized the

do injury to the visitors, although the same severe ordeal last year.

Nothing From Evans: Navy Depart- an early conclusion. ment is Incredulous.

Washington, Jan. 19.-Rear Admiral John E. Pillsbury, chief of the Mr. Bryan Has Not Stated That He eral Meyer, Secretary of Commerce bureau of navigation of the Navy Department, was greatly surprised to learn through The Associated Press to-night of the discovery of an object of which is the destruction of a part of Admiral Evans' battleship "I cannot believe it; it seems preposterous," said Admiral Pilisbury. tion He said that it would be a strange thing if the anarchists should go so from Mr. Bryan making the state-far as Brazil, bent on the destruction ments attributed to him," Mr. Abments attributed to him, "Mr. Abments attributed to him," Mr. Abments attributed to him," Mr. Abments attributed to him, "Mr. Abments attributed t probably could carry out their plot with much greater ease in this country. Thousands of visitors annually visit the American battleships at Hampton Roads, New York and other places, and it would not be a most pleasant, friendly sentiments toward Governor Help Could not leave the most pleasant, friendly sentiments toward Governor Help Could not leave the most pleasant, friendly sentiments toward Governor Help Could not leave the most pleasant, friendly sentiments toward Governor Help Could not be a man of the places. as an object the blowing up of a ship to carry out their intention. No advices were received at the Navy Department from Rear Admiral Evans to-day, and Admiral Pillsbury expressed the opinion that he would have notified this government if he had been officially informed of the existence of a plot at Rio.

WOULD MINIMIZE PERILS.

Danish Company to Be Formed to Establish a Complete Towing Service Through the Strait of Magelian—

tors regarding the dangers of that pas- his wife found him lying dead on the sage, lend unusual interest to the announcement that a company is being organized in Denmark to establish a to the city council. He was a memorable towing service in these waters. According to a dispatch to The Templar and Elks. Vossische Zeitung from Copenhagen = the scheme originates with the well- last owing to the difficulty of finding sallor and often made the voyage ger. Vessela must waste much time been feeling recently after ha around the Horn. The number of sail- in buffeting with wind and wave, and read the Secretary's statement. year. The vessels that round th cape are mostly on their way to Chilean ports for the purpose of taking on cargoes of nitrate of soda for European markets; and as most of them willing to pay liberally to have their make the outward voyage under bal-

the Newspaper Men to Remain, But Close the Doors to the General Public—Exclusion of Spectators Would Establish a Precedent—De-fendant Himself Sald to See an Ulterior Motive in the District Attorney's Sudden Regard For Pub-

New York, Jan, 19 .- When the Thaw tatic plot here, having es its object trial is resumed to-morrow morning, the destruction of part of the American fleet now lying in the harbor, to determine whether or not the testi-The conspiracy, while centring in mony of Evelyn Nesbit Thaw shall be taken behind closed doors. It is Janeiro and Petropolis, has freely predicted that he will refusa ramifications in Sao Paulo and Minas to exclude both public and newspaper but a compromise may be reached by the exclusion of though it is understood that foreign men in the court room the constitu- his manufacturing company. He says agreement, or whatever you may anarchists are deeply involved in the tional provision as to a public trial that trade conditions have improved fit to call it, is in no sense a barplot. Fedher is believed to have fled would be met and the young woman very much within the last two weeks gain on a dial between today and the same and the plot. Fedher is believed to have fled would be met and the young woman very much within the last two weeks gain or a deal between individuals, to Sao Paulo, and the police who a handful of people as compared with asked about the special session of the vidual or personal matter; but, on know him, have been sent to that the vast crowd which thronged the place for the purpose of apprehend-court last Friday afternoon. As to place for the purpose of apprehending him. One of the detectives, who was well acquainted with Fedher. was well acquainted with Fedher, rome when he sprang his surprising ing in the way of an interview to give having served on the police force at suggestion that if any newspaper carbuit out. He believes that the Legislature proposition was proposed, that if will give the State a prohibition law, such was the wish of the Pennship.

WOULD SET A PRECEDENT. lice at Rio Janeiro. The latter gave he would tear further suggestions it to be understood later that the Sao from counsel to-morrow morning, propallo police are on the track of the vided, of course, there should be a fortunate thing to have the matter with an endorsement of me for the Paulo police are on the track of the vided, of course, there should be a settled and take it out of politics.

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Mr. George A. Stevenot, of Charlotte, was given out by the Secretary's managers and friends that I must be OFFICIAL STATEMENT. Martin W. Littleton, Thaw's chief way home from the North.

In an official note which the chief counsel, who partly concurred in the Mr. A. C. Phelps, of Dr. of police sent to the correspondent of district attorney's motion when it the Raleigh. the ships of the American fleet. The room during the young woman's ex- lina. He was shouting for the Secre-

which the police here had received said to be due to the attitude of Thaw previously from France and Germany. himself, who believes that he sees in The police of this district are working with the police of Sab Paulo and Minas Geraes and I am sure every precaution will be exercised and the most vigorous vigilance observed tor would go even further in his cross-examination of his wife than he did at President Frank D. both on land and at sea to prevent the first trial when with pittless per- Philadelphia. Pa.; First Vice Presi- even suggestion from me. Neverthesistence he drew from her many de-The chief of police, after having tails of the story which were omitted second Vice President William R. acquiescence, not for any selfish made this official statement, said that in the direct evidence details which the did not feel he should go into any statement, said that he did not reach the public through any sioner Albert M. Read, Washington.

MAY SPARE MRS. THAW. statement that the plot was organized tion last year on the ground of testing Marvel, Wilmington, Del.; Mr Jerome based his cross-examinaby Felher and he added that the peo- the credibility of the witness and by Felher and he added that the people of the United States could rest
and the United States coul and it is generally believed that neither Mr. Littleton nor Mr. Jeroms ignorant of the details of the plot to will put the defendant's wife through there has been some slight inkling of the matter. The impression which the matter. The impression which through the fire of cross-examination, policies but not projects, as it is the

the exposure of this plot will create the elder Mrs. Thaw probably will purpose of the board to consider there will be a profound one, hecause it is the first anarchistic con- leave but three or four regular wit- The president will give a reception spiracy that has ever been known in nesses to be heard before the six in- to the delegates Wednesday at 2:30 sanity experts retained by the defense o'clock. The president will, at the Brazit.

The police at Sao Paulo have sent word that they are on the track of the malefactor, who, they declare will not be able to come to Rio

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DENIES PUBLISHED STORY.

to-night of the discovery of an Abbott, of the Bryan publicity bu- and anarchist plot at Rio De Janeiro, the reau in this city, to-night denied the men ceived a letter from Mr. Bryan fleet. It was the first intimation the the effect that he would stand aside the delegates to the Denver convenopposed his nomination.

"I have never received a letter Bingham, of Pennsylvania. Hampton Roads, New York and other ments toward Governor Hoke Smith, places, and it would not be a very Senator Culberson and Governor difficult matter for any one having Johnson is concerned, it is literally true. I would not have singled out these three gentlemen as the recipients of expressly or uniquely friendly utterances by him. I am willing, however, to state my per-sonal belief—not speaking for Mr. Bryan—that I do not doubt that any present probable nominee of the Democratic convention will his hearty and loyal support,"

Prominent Richmond Hotel Man Dies

Very Suddenly. Richmond, Va., Jan. 19 .- E. Henry Dangers Attending the Trip.

Gilbert, owner of Gilbert's hotel, dropped dead to-night in his room.

Berlin, Jan. 19.—The impending He had been talking to friends in assage of the American battleships the lobby of the hotel and seemed through the Swait of Magellan and the in good health. He walked to his widespread discussion among naviga- room and there three minutes later

known Danish writer. Otto Larssen, outward cargo, their passage around who was Himself for many years a the Horn is attended with special dan-English, German, even after rounding the cape Dutch and Scandinavian ports passing often need repairs owing to the strain around from the Atlantic into the Pa-that they have undergone. It takes clife is estimated at about three thou-salling years four to six weeks to saind yearly. As is well known, this round it, while they could be tugged is one of the most dangerous points through the strait in thirty-sixthours. oceans of the world. Larasen As the rate of insurance for vessels. timates that an average of ten ves- rounding the cape is very high, ownsels with 300 men are left there every ers would get much lower rates by

ecutive Committee Expresses the Opinion That the Legislature Will Exact a Prohibition Law and That the Merrimac Will Lose His Balance on a Hobby-Foraker Talks of

BY H. E. C. BRYANT.

Observer Bureau, Congress Hall Hotel, Washington, Jan. 19.

Chairman Hugh G. Chatham, of the be reached by the exclusion of who come from idle or morbid committee, was in the city to-day on nized their necessity. In other this way to Baltimore on business for words, such an arrangement, or it could do so simply by reference to and under the circumstances he ap-its files of a year ago.

| Such was the wish of the Republi-cens of Ohio, no one would support that such a course would reduce the Justice Dowling stated Friday that majority of the party in the State, as

> Mr. A. C. Phelps, of Draper, is at Robert D. Douglas, who has been

NATIONAL BOARD OF TRADE MEETING.

gramme is made up of propositions offered by located it. national board throughout the country and covering

lowing the tragedy. The trial will Hetel on Wednesday night. The be pushed with all possible haste to following persons have accepted the invitation of the board to be guests and speakers at its banquet:

Vice President Fairbanks, Attorney General Bonaparte, Postmaster Gen-Would Stand Aside Should One- and Labor Straus, Speaker Cannon, Third the Delegates Oppose Him. the Italian ambassador, Senators Du-Washington, Jan. 19 .- Willis J. pont and Richardson, of Delaware, and Newlands, of Nevada; Congress-Jackson, of Maryland; published statement that he had re- of Delaware; McCreury, of Pennsylto vania; Olcott, of New York; Wagner, of Pennsylvania; Lafean, should it develop that one-third of Pennsylvania; Burton, of Ohio; Loundenslager, of New Jersey; Wood, of New Jersey; Cook, Moore and

HOBSON'S WAR HOBBY Richmond Pearson Hobson is said to be a man of learning, wide and varied information and high order heard him speak declare that he la most eloquent and most powerful, there is fear in many minds lest he lose his balance, if he has not al-ready done so, on a hobby. The papers of the country are rubbing him hard on account of his talk about war between Japan and America.

FORAKER ON TAFT. Political news continues to be the most interesting of all news here. Senator Foraker, of Ohio, has given out a very significant interview, and the two Buckeye factions may sheath swords and present a front to the enemy. The talk Democratic victories in Ohlo alarmed the Republicans, and partisan onlookers are anxious to peace declared between the Taft and Concerning Mr. forces.

Taf: Mr. Foraker said: "I am not surprised to learn that Secretary Taft spoke kindly of me, for we have been friends for many I am surprised, however, to learn that he alone, is responsible for the failure of all the efforts that been made by Senator Crane, of Massachusetts, and others to ferences and restore harmony to the Republicans of Ohio. A good many people will feel more kindly toward President Roosevelt than they have been feeling recently after having

"But as to the statement itself. I have always supposed it was the duty of one aspiring to the honors of a party, particularly its highest honors, to help compose its differences, and thus add to its strength against the common enemy. I have never before heard of any one speak-

reason he has impractical views of

"What Senator Crane and others sought to do was precisely what every other State convention does when nominates a State ticket, Using Ohlo for an illustration, if the Such a Course Will Not Reduce His date for Governor from the northern Party's Majority in the State—Na-part of the State, it would in all tional Board of Trade, in Which a probability take the candidate for Considerable Number of Southern Lieutenant Governor from the southmen Are Interested, Meets This week in Washington—It is Feared Week in Washington—It is Feared Treasurent and other important of the Some That the Brilliant Hero of ficials would be distributed in like ficials would be distributed in like manner to other sections. In the same way the different classes and nationalities composing the party would be represented—the old soldiers, the German population, the negroes, and so on, to the end, we all have, in so far as possible, a fair representation on the ticket.

PARTY MATTER ENTIRELY. "I never heard of anybody con-North Carolina Democratic executive demning such practices; but, on the such an arrangement, or

cans of Ohio, no one would support Secretary Taft for the presidency more cordially than I. The Secreeliminated.

"Just why, has never been specifically stated; but, in a general way, The Associated Press, he says:

"Some time before the arrival of the American fleet at Rio Janeiro, the Brazilian government received from Washington and Paris advices that anarchists of different rationalities."

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"Some time before the arrival of that concurrence and leave the draw that concurrence and leave the draw that concurrence and leave the matter entirely in the discretion of the court. Under these curcumstances, it is declared, Justice Dowling will not at the National for several days, left to-night for Greensboro. He is hope-first to-night for climination is that I have differed with the President on some questions that I have been called to-night for Greensboro. He is hope-first to-night for Greensboro we have been told that the reason intended to damage one or several of the general public out of the court the original Taft men of North Caro- conceded rights as a Senator and in accordance with my sense of official tary of War when others were affaid duty. If a Senator be not allowed to speak and vote as his judgment and sense of duty require, but only as some one else dictates, then the office is without honor, and one agent A number of Southern people will may as well hold it as another.

MUTUAL FRIENDS TRIED FOR PEACE "The overtures for peace were made by mutual friends for the sake of harmony, without any request of dent Ambrose Swasey, Cleveland, O.; less, I gave prompt and cordial Managers: James F. Parker, New and long before these troubles com-York; Clinton White, Boston, Mass.; menced had made that announce-W. B. Rodgers, Pittsburg, Pa.; L. L. ment to my friends—but because I ment to my friends—but because I felt it a duty to agree to what Josiah felt it a Harry seemed to be the desire of the party only means of egress. and calculated to strengthen it. situation is disagreeable, but I do

not regard myself as responsible for it. Moreover, in view of the facts I have given, I could not, if I so desired, take the initiative as to any sider or talk about anything of the kind on my own motion until Secrehim should lead the way. from all I hear, nothing of that is likely to occur. It may, therefore, be regarded as settled that the contest will be fought out to the end. Beyond this you must excuse me from making any comments."

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAMME.

For the Week—Penal Code Debate Luckily to Be Displaced by More Pressing Matters.

ring during the week. The penal code bill, which is the unfinished business in both houses, will be displaced in the Senate Monday by the bill authorizing the extension of the street car tracks to the union depot in Washington and in the House a day or two later by the argent de-ficiency bill. The street car bill probably will be discussed at considerable length because of the desire of some Senators to amend it so as to secure universal transfers. As rej orted, the deficiency bill will carry an appro-priation of something over \$20,000. 000 and as \$12,000,000 of this am will be for the continuation of the work on the isthmian causal, it is considered as almost certain that the canal question will be discussed exfensively in connection with this bill The bill will also carry large deficien cy appropriations for both the War and Navy Departments, and it is not less dealing with these two branches of the government service. If oppor-tunity offers the consideration of the code bill will be continued in both houses but there is no prospects in either house of concluding the work Senator Aldrich, chairman of the

committee on finance, hopes to report this financial bill after the meeting of the committee on Tuesday, but even if he should be successful in getting this conference is to obttoe bill out of committee so early, it is expented that discussion of the measure will be deferred for ten days or two weeks to permit Senators to prepay themselves for it. It is con-sidere probable that the financial debite will consume at least two or three weeks of the Senate's time.

Absonding District Police Clerk Taken Back to Washington. Washington, Jan. 19 .- James thur Kemp, former chief clerk of the police department of this city who was arrested recently in New Orleans on a charge of having embezzled about \$8.900 of police funds, arrived here to-day in custody. Kemp disappeared last July, and nothing was known as to his whereabouts until he was apprehended in New Orleans. Upon his arrival here to-day he was taken to the United States marshale

A PLOT TO DESTROY FLEET SHALL DOORS BE CLOSED WOULD NOT HURT PARTY been made to him, or that for some ENTOMBED FORTY-SIX DAYS SPURNED LOVER SUICIDES BIG FIRE IN THE TWIN CITY THREE MINERS DUG OUT ALIVE LAUDANUM THE MEANS USED. THE DAMAGE IS NEARLY \$100,000

> Rousing Reception Awaits the Men Who, For Nearly Seven Weeks, Have Been Buried Alive in a Nevada Mine—The Imprisoned Men Kept Alive by Means of a Pipe, Through Which Food and Drink Was Conveyed—Their Living Tomb One Thousand Feet Below the Earth's Surface — Rescuers Fought Against Heavy Odds and the Success of Their Efforts is Rewarded With Enthusiastic Demon-

Ely, Nevada, Jan. 19.-After having been entombed forty-six days, one thousand feet below the surface in the Alpha shaft of the Giroux mine, A. D. Bailey, P. J. Brown and Fred A. D. Bailey, P. J. Brown and Fred McDonald were rescued last night. Whistles all over the camp blew loudly, while crowds cheered in the streets of Ely to the ringing of bells. 'Ah," was the only word of Bailey, the first to reach the outer air. He in the office of Architect Zeigler, in ness block was saved from destruccomrades, who in a rew minutes re-

cuperated him. 'Is that you, ped forward and embraced him after to be out of that hole," he said as he cated with at Elberton, and the body was led away, telling his brother of will probably be shipped there tohis terrible experience.

his terrible experience.

"Somebody give me a chew of tobacco." said Brown, with a laugh as
he was led from the mine shaft to
the change room of the mine, where
the change room of the mine, where the three men were made comfort-

able. CITIZENS GREET THE MEN. of Ohio for the presidency if coupled hand reached Ely from the mine of robbery, nearly \$160 in cash he with an endorsement of me for the shortly after 11 o'clock yesterday and had on his person Saturday afternoon many citizens went to the mouth of not having been accounted for, the shaft to greet the men. Many These friends deny that there is anyhours passed while the crowd waited thing in the theory of unrequited and the entombed men and their res- love. and the entombed men and their res-cuers dug vigorously to remove the young lady mentioned had had been earth that blocked the mouth of the merely friends and had 1,000 foot tunnel.

the shaft heard the bell signal "hoist all tend to strengthen the The basket soon rose to the surface, cide on account of the love affair, bearing one of the rescuers support. There was not a scratch on his ing Bailey, Mrs. Bailey was not body anywhere. An empty bottle ing Bailey. Mrs. Bailey was not body anywhere. An empty bottle present, as one of her children was of laudanum was found at his bedsupported by friends.

Peter Brown, came out the crowd became almost hysterical, realizing that utes after the arrival of the physithe long entombment was ended.

SHAFT CAVED IN. On the morning of December 4th, McDonald, Brown and Bailey and two about two

alley, McDonald and Brown reached the pump station. Its tim-bered roof with-stood ine rock and timber that came down the shaft and mentarily to crush the deep tomb... SUSTAINED BY A PIPE.

At first it was thought on the sur-face that all five of the men had perished, but twenty-four hours after the accident the three buried men man-aged to make themselves heard by tapping on a six-inco water pipe that reached from the pumping station to the surface. Communication was established with the world above and food and details the state of the surface. food and drink were plenteously lowered through the pipe. A large sup-ply was sent down, as it was feared the pipe might be broken before the rescuers could reach the Washington, Jan. 19.—Congress men. But throughout the long weeks does not promise anything very stir- of imprisonment this pipe was daily used. A portable telephone was low-ered and the men were able to talk with people above. This telephone carried from friends news of the world and messages of cheer, and from the buried men reports of nether conditions

Clearing the debris was slow work. as timbers, rocks and earth were so twisted together that a new shaft had to be cut for most of the 1,000 feet. At no time did the entombed men suf-fer greatly except for the distastefulness of their forced sectusion.

WANT CONSERVATIVE PLATFORM

Old Line Democrats to Meet in New York Thursday For the Purpose of Formulating a "Safe and Sane" Programme in the Event of Bryan's Nomination.

New York, Jan. 19 .- It was learned late last night that a conference of old line Democrats will be held in this city next Thursday to discuss and formulate a programme to be followed in case William J. Bryan is again nominated for the presidency. Among the conferes will be Governor Hoke Smith, of Georgia, Governor Claude Swanson, of Virginia; Richard Ol-ney, of Massachusetts, and other

The aim of those who are belind this conference is to obtain the adoption by the Democratic national convention, which will meet in Denver able to the business interests of the

quent meetings resolutions pleaging ment.

all the conferces to work for a plat-

President Sends Gold Spoon to a New York Youngster. taken to the United States marshal's office and released on \$5,000 bond.

Killed in a Street Fight.

Detroit, Mich. Jan. 19—Casimir Duricki, a Polander, of Pis Rivard street, was killed in a street fight at day when two groups of foreigners the White House with his youngest joined battle in the street. Duricki was stabled through the neek and ran half a block from the scene before he dropped dead.

New York, Jan. 12—President Roosevelt flower as a gift to 5-year-old Charles Baldwin, of the Captain Baldwin, of the Street Raldwin, of the Street Ra New York, Jaz. 12.-President Roose-

George B. Proffett, a Young Columbia Draughtsman. Infatuated With a Stenographer Who Did Not Re-turn His Love, Takes Laudanum to End His Miserable Existence— Drank the Drug While in Bed With His Room Mate Early Yesterday— Some Small Suspicion of Marder Entertained by Friends—Chief of Police Dargan, of Darlington, Found Dend in the City Hall Building With Bullet Hole Through His Head—Coroner's Jury Unable to Decide as to Suicide or Murder. Observer Bureau,

1422 Main Street, Columbia, S. C., Jan. 19. Mr. George Berry Proffett, a well- the most stubborn fires that has vismannered and attractive young ited this city in years occurred todraughtsman about 23 years old, night and it was only by the perwho came here last September from sistent and heroic work of the firemen his home in Elberton, Ga., to work that one of the city's principal busithe skyscraper building, committed tion. The fire originated in the suicide at his boarding house on rooms of the Young Women's Chris-Arthur?" queried lower Main street early this morn-Fred McDonald, as his brother step- ing, apparently on account of unrequited love, by taking an overarly seven weeks of separation. dose of laudanum. His father, Mr. "By George, it certainly seems good P. P. Proffett, has been communi-

year.

There was suspicion among his friends to-day that Proffett might The news that rescue was near at have been murdered for the purpose recently quarreled. The facts brought to Finally the anxious crowd around light so far by the coroner, however, away," and a loud cneer burst forth. that the young man committed sulsick. As soon as Battey was provided side. Occupying the room with him with clean clothes he nurried home was Mr. S. P. Press, who says he supported by friends.

Another shout of joy greeted Fred bad dreams and did not realize until McDonald, and when the last man, too late that his bed fellow was dying. Life was extinct a few min- tive men.

cian Proprietor Delk, of the boarding weeks ago about Greeks were working in the bottom same love affair. Proffett said then of a shaft 85 feet below the pump station and 1.085 feet below the surface. The shaft caved in, snapping the cable used to haur the cage from kill himself. Mr. Delk says Proffett the shaft and hurling thousands of came in early Saturday evening, but tons of rock and timbers into the for the three hours before he re-From the bottom of the com- tired he seemed in a bad way menpartment in which the men were taily. He paid his board up to date, working to the pumping station, a saying he expected to go away and series of rickety ladders offered the did not want to leave in debt. Just

Police A miliarly known as Rab Dargaa, a bachelor about 50 years old, who had offered them a safe prison where for fifteen years, was found dead in a side of the square being lined with whole day the mea crouched, while room in the city hall building there men, women and children. at intervals, rocks and timbers kept about 10 o'clock this morning by a gan to gather at the first tap of crashing about them, threatening mo- policeman whom the chief last night fire alarm and from then until midasked to arouse him at that hour. Opinion differs as to whether Mr. Dargan committed suicide or was murdered. The coroner's jury, after holding a lengthy session to-day and obtaining all facts obtainable, was not ble. Several times during the night Thursday.

> There was a bullet hole in were effective from the time being. al hours. his forhead, the bullet going entirely through his head as if he had been his forhead, the bullet going entirely through his head as if he had been remained about the same until 9:45, though, of course, it was gradually Dargan suicided, he left no explana-tion of his act and gave no intimation beforehand of such intention. So far as is known, his official record was
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> At 9:35 o'clock the explanation of ithout blemish.

His own sleeping room is in this same building and the policeman who There was one empty chamber in Mr. argan's revolver found by his side,

but this is not regarded us convincing evidence of sulcide because the chief was known to carry the hammer of sen the danger of an accidental ex-plosion. He was in his night clothes. Mr. Dargan is mourned by one sister, Darlington a few years ago, his tomb being opened a few months after his the firemen. Capt. Virginus Martin, burial to satisfy an insurance com-of the Liberty Hose Company, was

Early this morning fire guited the an unconscious state, by one of his two storerooms on Main street immediately north of McGregor's drug carried from the building and after store opposite the Legeme Mattin the fresh all forms. store, opposite the Jerome Hotel, oc-cupied by Syrians as a restaurant and fruitstand. The loss is covered by insurance.

WAR ON MEMPHIS GAMBLERS.

Seventy-One Prisoners, Nearly All Negroes, to Face Police Justice To-Day as Result of New Police Commissioner's Campaign Pledges.

the docket is cleared in the city court they had a big fire in the stove and it It is con-financial men are reckoning on the choice by practically all of them negroes, will stove flue. The crowds remained it two or the Republicans of a candidate dictat- answer to the charge of gambling of near the fire until after midnight when President Roosevelt and so conducting a gambling house, the regult it looked as if the fire was under committed to a continuation of his of several raids durin last night and control. early to-day, conducted under the per-If the moving spirits in this confer-sonal supervision of Police Commis-ence can have their way there will sloner Edward H. Crump and without be adopted on Thursday or at subse- the knowledge of the police depart-

a candidate who would stand on such lice commissioners on an independent Railway, near Macon, at 2 o'clock tole member of the board of fire and police commissioners on an independent Railway, when the passenger tra-ticket and among his pre-election morning, when the passenger trapledges were that the law prohibiting bound for Savannah

At 7:15 Last Night a Blaze Was Di covered in the Y. W. C. A. Over the Big Hardware Store of Brown-Rog ers Company, and For Four Hour the Firemen Tad a Tremendou Battle to Save the Block From De struction-Private Company of R. J. Reynolds Factory Called to Give Ald-Captain Martin, of Hose Company, is Found Unconscious in the Burning Structure and Other Firemen Are Nearly Suffocated-Blaze Started From Fire in Stove at Ves-

per Service. recial to The Observer. Winston-Salem, Jan. 19 .- One of

tian Association over the store of the Brown-Rogers Hardware. on the corner of Main and Fourth streets. It was discovered at 7:-5 o'clock before it had made much hendway, but it was evident from the start that it could not be easily ex-tinguished, as it started in the coiling of the top floor. The fire depart-ments, both white and colored, of the two cities, struggled desperately with

the flames for four hours before they had the fire under control. The Brown-Rogers company does tail hardware dusinesses of any concarried about a \$75,000 stock. Only a small portion of the stock was de-stroyed by fire, but the water damage will amount to thousands. Some ex timates place the damage at \$40,000 to \$50,000

The flames were confined to the top floor, the partitions and goof being burned out.

The flames spread to the building in which are the retail stores of F. C. Brown and the Winston Clothing Company, but the fire damage to these was small, the damage confined to the second floor here also. The water damage will amount to a considerable sum. The damage to the buildings is estimated at from \$10,000 to \$15,000, making a total fire and water damage at something like \$70,000 as estimated by conserva-

GETTING TO THE BLAZE. The fire was discovered by some one who happened to be passing along house, says Proffett attempted suicide Main street near hie building. Two this of the fire companies are located within a few yards of the burning structure and were upon the scene before the fire had made much headway. It was evident from the start that the flames would be hard to subdue. Located as it was in the ceiling on the second floor of the building, it was indeed hard to get to and the streams of water that were playdid not want to leave in debt. Just ed upon the burning structure before retiring he asked for a photo-With falling rocks and timbers graph he had given Miss Delk and til the partitions had burned and the strenging down on then the five men tore it up and threw the pieces into roof had fallen in. Then the fireman struggled up these radders. Half way up falling timbers knocked the two Greeks from the ladders, killing the parior fire. CHIEF OF POLICE FOUND DEAD. and when this was done it was only

der control. The fire was witnessed by several heen chief of police of Darlington for thousand people, the streets on either night there was a steady stream of people from every section of the city. satisfied and adjourned until next the building looked as if it were doomed to destruction. The firemen Mr. Dargan's body was cold and stiff directed several streams of water and he had evidently been dead sever- over the top of the building, which

At 9:35 o'clock the seme four or five cartridges caused the crowds to scatter, going in variwent to arouse him, not finding him there, instituted a search, finding him there, instituted a search, finding him the building several hundred pounds of the combustible.

The flames rekindled at that time and the third alarm was turned in, this bringing out the R. J. Reynolds Company's efficient fire-fighting force, his weapon on an empty shell to lessen the dauger of an accidental explosion. He was in his night clothes. stream, which aided materially in subduing the flames. About the Mrs. Lela Evans, of Darlington, and a brother. Alonzo Dirgan, of New York, with Sharpe & Dohme. Mr. Dargan, which was heard for some distance. time the alarm was turned in one of whose sensational suicide occurred in FIREMAN FOUND UNCONSCIOUS.

pany which held a policy for \$25,000 of the Liberty Hose Company, pany which held a policy for \$25,000 found in the Y. W. C. A. rooms in being out in the fresh air for a short time recovered sufficiently back to his post. Several other firemen came near suffocating.

The Brown-Rogers Company carried about \$45,000 insurance on its stock of goods and the building. The building is owned by Mr. W. B. Carter and Major T. J. Brown, members of the

firm.
The members of the Young Women's Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 19.—When vices in the room this afternoon and

ENGINEER DIES AT HIS POST.

Only Victim of a Wreek on the Cen tral of Georgia Railway.

Savannah, Ga., Jan. 19 .- A wr occurred on the Central of Georgia gambling and the Sanday closing haw struck a split switch at the Macon should be rigidly enforced. Notwith- and Athens Junction.