## FIELDS ACQUITTED

WERE CHARGED WITH ROBBERY we Young Men of Durham Cleared of All Charges Against Them—Relief is Being Given the Small Railroads—Governor Gone to Richmond—Mr. W. W. Ashe Appointed State Forester—Charter Granted Stamp Vending and Machine Company—Assistant Labor Commissioner Makes Interesting Report on Cotton, Woolen and Knitting Mills—Elgisty-Six Per Cent. Do Not Employ Children Under 12—Business of Fire Insurance Companies.

Observer Bureau.

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

\$3,000 from a registered were acquirted this afternoon

morning, the fifth one of the winter. speaking of this winter and the season has been quite an open one.

From inquiry at the State Treasury to-day regarding Treasurer Lacy, who has for many weeks been in Arizona with his brother, it was learned that he had entirely recovered his health and is having no more trouble with He is walting for good

RELIEF FOR LITTLE ROADS.

pathy so practically shown as regards their condition. He said that on the also to the general public for the symvery day the Governor issued his call sis from those of the larger lines, about the same proportion of losses. Now the little roads can make a livg and go ahead. Chairman McNeill, of the corporation commission, said to your correspondent that President Torpedo Flotilla Arrives at Punta fills had applied for a relief from this 15 per cent, charge so far as his own road was concerned and that it No doubt the had been granted. other roads will immediately apply situation of affairs.

loon League, and he is expected to stood the trip well. return to-morrow afternoon.

midnight the passenger train on the sels will be ready to start with the Baleigh & Southport Rallway, which uses the Caraleigh branch as part of Festivities in honor of the officers.

ilitural and Mechanical he held in May. It is in a way to be a teachers' institute, and the work will be in charge of Superintendent Zen Vance Judd, of the Wake county

W. W. ASHE IS FORESTER.

The State geological board elects William W. Ashe, son of Capt. Samuel A. Ashe, of Raleigh, forester, and he comes March 1st to take charge of that work in North Caro-liea. The board asked Head Forester Gifford Pinchot, of the United States Acricultural Department, to recorn mend a man for the place. He named Ashe, who accepts the new position, but will be retained on the United States civil service list so he can return to his duties at Washington at any time. The United States Agricultural Department says it will do anything possible to aid this State in forestry work.

lina Troops, and lost a leg at Gettys-

Charles H. Gattis, of the Scaboard storm Air Line, says that after a critical investigation he is certain that As-sistant Industrial Agent Bigham did

REPORT ON MILLS.

capital of \$45,777,535. These con-tain 2,768,576 spindles, 52,272 looms, 6.161 knitting machines, the horsepower used totals 114,540. Ninety-seven per cept. of the mills cover in their reports the number of their employes and show 52,150. male by 83 per sent. of all the mills.

17 per cent. falling to report the number thus dependent. Of the adult employes 85 per cent. can read and

Judson Harmon a Candidate. write, and of the children employed 80 per cent.

AS TO CHILD LABOR. In response to a special inquiry as to children under 12 years of age working in factories, 86 per cent. of the manufacturers answer that there are none, 5 per cent. admit the presence of children under that age, while ence of children under that age, while cratic President were good. per cent. fall to answer. It is solutely against the law to employ Addren under that age, but the law is defective in failing to give the labor commissioner full power of inspection, this being the weakest point in the law; and it makes him dependent what may be taying the ent upon what may be termed the courtesy of the mills as to inspection, information, etc. Of the replies tion, information, etc. Of the replies securing a pledge from other nations securing a pledge from other nations to the inquiry as to whether com-pulsory education is favored for chil-dren in the mills 65 per cent say they favor it, 15 per cent oppose it, while

20 per cent, express no opinion what-The returns show that the average rate of hours of the day's work is 10 4-5. The highest average wages for men daily are \$2.56, lowest \$2 cents; highest average for women, \$1.21; lowest \$7 cents; average wages of children, \$60 cents. Of the milis 52 per cent, pay wages weekly, \$41 per cent, semi-weekly, \$60 per cent.

Eighty-seven per cent on demand.

Eighty-seven per cent. report that
wages increased last year, 7 per cent.
reporting no change, while 6 per cent.
fail to answer the question. Seventytwo per cent. report the financial condition of employes good, 5 per cent.
very good, 1 per cent. excellent, 18
per cent. fair and 4 per cent. fail to
answer.

THE KNITTING MILLS. A séparate report is made as to the knitting mills in the State, of which 45 make returns for last year. These show authorized capital of \$2, 364,386 and they have 19.544 sp 5.161 machines, and use 4.554 horse-power. Their number of employes reported is 4,688, of whom 1.371 are male and 2,640 female adults. The James and Bascomb Fields, of Dur-ham, who have been on trial here this dren employed read and write. Nine in Federal Court for the theft of per cent. of these mills admit that from a registered package, children under 12 years of age are employed, and 11 per cent. fall to ancharter is granted the National swer the question. Sixty-four per np Vending and Machine Com-cent, of them favor compulsory edu-cation, 20 per cent, oppose it and 16

highest average wages a day for male adults is \$2.09, lowest, 74 cents; for female adults, \$1.42, lowest, 53 cents; average wages of children 55 cents. weather to come before he returns In a considerable number of these mills the employes do piece work and their pay is based upon the actual

ernor Glenn and to the Legislature; various parts of the State were pres- to declare, when the facts justify it, also to the general public for the sym-

etc., dined together. for the special session of the Legisla-ture he applied for relief from the 15 ture he applied for relief from the 15 per cent, charge which had been put upon the road. The Legislature this business, its premiums totaling \$118,-000 and its losses \$67,000. The granted this by giving the corpora-tion commission power to arrange the of Charlotte, did almost precisely the rates for such roads on a different ba- same amount of business and had

THE FLEET LEAVES FRIDAY.

Arenas-Much Social Activity in Honor of the American Officers.

Punta Arenas, Strait of Magellan, Feb 5 .- The American torpedo flotilla, for it, and of course the commission consisting of six torpedo boat destroywill look into their requests and take ers, late yesterday came to anchor in a narrow majority. Mr. Rucker reaction upon what is found to be the the roads off this port near the bat-Governor Glenn left to-day for tleships of Rear Admiral Evans' fleet. Richmond to deliver an address this Their long voyage from Buenos Ayres evening before the Virginia Anti-Sa- occupied 5 days and the little vessels

Lieutenant Cone and his officers The Governor finds, in the matter and men say that their stay in Buenos of the payments of extra money to the soldiers in the war with Spain, torpedo boats of the Argentine navy which now accommodates nearly 500 that some of them have died, leaving accompanied the American flotilla South Carolina girls, will, when this no administrator, etc., and he is writ-from Buenos Ayres down the River bill becomes law, increase its capacity fing to the War Department in order Platte to the open sea. When the ves-by providing room for 200 more girls. to get permission to pay the sums sels parted company cheers were given About 400 applicants were turned due them to the next of kin. No by the sailors of the Argentine vessels away last year. It is President John

mill, were detailed on the Cataleiga which will terminate at Taloahuano, branch and this wreck blocked until already has begun and the little yes-

uses the Caraleigh branch as part of and men of the visiting fleet are furthe world.

### GROUNDED ON REEF.

Fruit Company's Steamer Baker a Total Loss on Reef Off West Coast of Cuba—Passengers and Crew Reach Shore Safely.

Havana, Cuba, Feb. 5 .- The United Company's steamer Baker, Earrios, Guatemala, went ashore on either renting or selling the real es-January 31st on a reef 7 miles off tate without further delay. Vista key, near the western Buena through Monday. But it subsided yesterday and passengers and crew succeeded in reaching shore. The Baker is a total wreck. The passengers were F. C. Case and H. H. Resolutions were offered in the limit that place to-day while skating. Sev-Douglas and wife and Infant, all of New York. Apparently they have not suffered physically from their ex-Tyree G. Williams a native of perfence but they lost all their effects. Forsyth county, aged 87, died at the Soldiers' Home to-day. He served in Company I, Thirty-third North Carotago and have gotten off but for the rising

Fourth Pan-American Conference. Washington, Feb, 5,-At a meeting not commit suicide by leaping from of the governing board of the Bureau a window of a Pullman car six miles of American Republics to-day, presided over by Secretary Root and at-not void the policy unless fraud is tended by nearly all of the members shown. It seems that several wild-To-day Assistant Labor Commis- in this city, it was decided that the sioner M. L. Shipman made up a very fourth Pan-American conference interesting report regarding the cot-ton, woolen and knitting mills of the Ayres, Argentine Republic, May 25th. State. Of the mills reported there 1910. The date was selected to comare 328, which show an authorized memorate the achievement of inde-

employes and show 52,178. Of these 25,383 are males and 20,221 are female adults; 3 per cent. of the mills fail to report the number of nessing a presentation of "The Clanspersons employed. The returns show man," will not live 24 hours. Captain Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 5 .- Capt. that 127,218 persons are dependent Forrest has long been ambitious to upon the mills for a livelihood, the enact in the play the role of his fath-reports covering this feature being er, Gen. Nathan Pedford Forrest, and

Cincinnati. O., Feb. 5.-Judson Harmon to-day declared that he was as much in the race for the Demo-It is cratic President were good.

Stone Wants United States to Let

Philippines Go. Washington, Feb. 5 .- Senator Stone, of Missouri, to-day introduced to preserve the neutrality of the is-

Fifteen Years For Manslaughter. Rome, Ga., Feb. 5 .- The Jury in the FOR STATE HEALTH OF EICE

BILL PASSES PALMETTO HOUSE.

This Officer, if This Measure Becomes
Law, Will Have Important Powers
and Duties—An Advance Step in
Matter of State Sanitation—An
Appropriation Made For Another
Dormitory at Winthrop College—
Governor Ansel Transmits His Anunal Report on Work of Dispensively. mual Report on Work of Dispensayr Winding-Up Commiscon—Legicla-tion to Protect the State's Interest Asked For—Senate Kills Probibi-tion Bill—Vote on Senate Bill to Fix Passenger Rates Set For To-Day.

Observer Bureau, 1422 Main Street, Columbia, S. C., Feb. 5.

The business of the House moved nervously and fitfully this morning. but some important bills had been passed before the session ended.

The most important to get through was the bill of Mr. Nash, of Spartan-There was a little snowfall this morning, the fifth one of the winter.

There has been only one snow worth and 53 per cent. report an increase of this bill is noteworthy. It of wages, 75 per cent report financial conditions of employes good and 25 forward in the matter of State sanitaper cent. fair. The average number of hours constituting a day's work in the knitting mills is 10 and the highest average wages a day for male. spirited and the vote, 73 to 20, surprised many members. Its defeat had been freely predicted.

The bill provides for the appointment of the State health officer, who must be a practicing physician, grad-Your correspondent met President
John A. Mills, of the Raieigh &
Southport Railway, to-day and found
him all smiles. He said that the short
line roads felt very grateful to Governor Glenn and to the Legislature;

Your correspondent met President
Sorvice rendered.

To-lay the annual meeting of the
North Carolina
by the executive committee of the
State health board, whose secretary
he shall be. He "shall have power
to declare, when the facts justify it. uate from a reputable college and exany place to be infected," and take

> locality. Section 4 provides that "The State board of health shall have power through its health officer to impose upon all railroads and navigation companies, vessels or cars, such restrictions and regulations as to inspections or sanitary rules as in their judgment may be necessary to protect the health of the people of the State." Local boards of health have proved ineffective in this State in important

instances on account of local men of influence getting in the way. The House killed Mr. Rucker's bill directed against "befo' day clubs" and other negro secret societies, after it had reached third reading, by a mosorted to all the parliamentary tactics to save his bill, but the majority increased as he went.

DORMITORY FOR WINTHROP. The House by a large majority and after a very brief debate passed the bill appropriating \$48,000 for a new doubt this permission will be given.

Americans.

Americans.

Analysis of the sales of the south Carolina applicants that are the Southern Rallway loaded with The work of coaling the destroyers able to pass the required examinations and open the doors to girls from other States. He wants the South Carolina girls to come in contact with the outsiders.

REPORT ON DISPENSARY.

In transmitting the annual report The Agricultural and Mechanical distinguished for the training of teachers to witnessed in the southernmost city in a special message to the two houses, in which he made this reference to the Pritchard matter:

"It is confidently expected that the cases now pending in the Federal Court will soon be decided in favor of the State." He advised "that such legislation be enacted as will protect the interests of the State." He urges the Legislature to adopt the recombound from Philadelphia to Puerto mendation of the commission as to

He calls attention to the fact that agony. end of Cuba. A severe storm began the act creating the commission stops on Saturday night and continued the pay of the members with the be-

House to-day to hereafter apply the five-minute rule to all debate and to him but without avail. forthwith shut off the introduction of bills, but both were defeated. The House declined to be hurried in its work regardless of newspaper criti-

Mr. Clifton, which has an important peal of the act creating the State bearing on the fire insurance business. The bill provides that a warranty or covenant in a policy shall not vold the policy unless fraud is cat concerns have been dodging payany policy-holder knows anything closed entirely unless conditions imabout. The bill passed by a comfort- prove. able majority.

The members and attaches are anticipating a delightful stay in Charleswhat it means to be entertained by is \$250,000.

MR. SMITH STATE ORGANIZER. At the convention here to-day of the South Carolina Cotton Associathe South Carolina Cotton Association E. D. Smith was chosen State organizer. and resolutions were adopted urging organization in every township and that warehouses be erected wherever needed. Resolutions were also adopted calling for a 25 per cent reduction in acreage and fertilizers. Mr. Smith will resign at the Dallas general convention. sign at the Dallas general convention on the 19th as general organizer to devote his entire time to this State. Mr. Smith was re-elected president.
E. L. Archer, of Spartanburg, was made vice president and F. H. Hyatt, secretary and treasurer, F. H. Weston retiring as secretary.

Mr. Smith is to appoint the execu-

tive committee. A strong finance committee was named.

The Senate to-night put off its passenger rate reduction debate till to-morrow, at which time the agreement is to take a vote. The lien law debate was also adjourned till to-

By a vote of 24 to 13 the Senate to-night killed the Talbert prohibition bill. The issue was in fact already dead, the House having killed the

A CARD

LINCOLNTON NEWS NOTES.

Fire Dumages Plant of W. W. Motz —Fiddlers' Convention a Success— News in Brief.

pecial to The Observer Lincolnton, Jan. 5 .- A very threatening fire in the sash, door and blind factory of W. W. Motz last night damaged that plant considerably. The the origin of which is not known for sure, about 7 o'clock and promptly turned in an alarm. Prompt action of the local fire-fighters only kept the entire building and thousands of feet of lumber from being destroyed. The greater part of the damage, which is not thought to exceed \$500, was done the belting and finished lumber. The plant was not insured.

The old-time fiddlers' convention, held here Monday and Tuesday nights. was quite a success, over a score of fiddlers entering the contest and playing those "quick and devilish" tunes which can only be played by the oldtimers. Mr. Don Richardson rendered in connection with the convention classical selections, thus contrasting the old with the new and showing two distinct schools of playing, the fiddlers and the violinist. Mr. makes a strong, decided movement ardson's selections were heartily applauded and he was encored again and again. A prize of \$15 was awarded Mr. Morrison for the best old-time first fiddling; \$10 to Mr. Seagle for the best second fiddling, and \$5 to Mr. Chapman for the best banjo picking.

Mr. Den Richardson gave a recital mensely enjoyed by all present. fund.

"One Christmas Morn" will be played Friday night by the Children of is under arrest. the Confederacy for the benefit of the Wallace Reinhardt memorial fund.

Badly Burned and Need Careful Nursing.

Boston, Feb. 5 .- The survivors of the steamer St. Cuthbert, who were taken from their burning and sinking Southern Railway essel by the steamer Cymric last Monday, 400 miles from this port, after fourteen of their companions had perished, were larded here to-day. Six of those who arrived here to-day were in need of careful nursing and two of them, Captain John Lewis, the commander of the vessel, and Aranand Jobart, a seaman, were so bady burned about the head and face that they were taken to the hospital. Both, however, will probably recover.

Four other members of the crew were taken to the hospital, but will probably be out in a few days. There were a number of stowaways on board and it is expected that the Americans, five in number, will be allowed to land. The British seamen and the officers of the St. Cuthbert will be sent back to Liverpool, a majority leaving on the steamer Wint-

Eloquent Plea For Stoessel's Acquirtal. St. Petersburg, Feb. 5 .- The courtmartial of Lieutenant General Stoessel is not yet finished. To-day Deputy Syrtianoff, counsel for the defense, made an eloquent plea for the acjuittal of Port Arthur's commander, pic-turing the heroic resistance occured by the defenders of the fort under the most trying conditions and declaring that not until it was inevitable did the

"General Stoessel is an old and invalid soldier," he "and he faces his judges to-day asking only for justice." Final judgment in the case will probably be given to-morrow.

Young Lady Burned to Death. New Philadelphia, O., Feb. 5 .- Edna Struchmacher was burned almost to a crisp to-day and her aged mother was seriously, probably burned, while attempting to extin-guish the fire in the girl's clothing. The girl's dress ignited from an op-The girl died in great

Student Drowned White Skating.

Resolutions were offered in the that place to-day while skating. Sevstudents made efforts to rescue

To Prohibit Betting In Kentucky. Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 5 .- A bill introduced in the Senate to-day seeks to prohibit betting on horse racing The Senate spent about half of its at any track in the State. Another morning session debating a bill by bill introduced provides for the reracing commission,

Baldwin Works Lay Off Men. Philadelphia, Feb. 5.-Ten thousand men have been laid off since Decemment by resorting to technical pro-visions in the policy which hardly ders for engines. The work may be ber by the Baldwin locomotive works,

Fire At Peorla.

Peoria, Ill., Feb 5 .- Fire to-night ton next Saturday, both houses having destroyed four business buildings now accepted the city's invitation, and and damaged adjoining property. people who know just a little bit, Guests of the Grant hotel were drivabout Charleston hospitality know en from their rooms. The damage

-Mr. John R. Ross, business manager of The Observer, is confined to his room to-day with throat trouble.



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Foolish Parent Kills His Daughter. Eldorado, Ark., Feb. 5.-Displeased Mr. Den Richardson gave a recital because of his daughter's recent mar-at Fessifern yesterday, and his selec-rioge. Andrew Bradshaw fired on his tions, beautifully rendered, were im-son-in-law Isaiah Wood, at the Bradshaw home near Smackoven, Ark., 10handsome sliver offering was received at the door for the Children-of che Confederacy Reinhardt memorial struck by the bullet intended for her husband, receiving a wound which re sulted in instant death. BraJshaw

the Wallace Reinhardt memorial fund.

SURVIVORS AT BOSTON.

Small Band Rescued From Burning St. Cuthbert Taken to Boston—

St. Cuthbert Taken to Boston—

Mullen's Pharmac.

N. B.-Following saledule figures pullshed only as information and are in guarantied. January 19th, 1908.

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a. III., No. 2a. duity, for Columbia, Savanuah and Jacksonville. Pullman Drawing Room sleeper and day coaches, Washington to Jacksonville.

3.38 a. m., No. 5, dairy, for Richmond and local points, connects at Greenshoro for Winston-Salem, Raleigh, Goldsboro, Newbern and Morehead City, at Danville for Norfolk.

7.55 a. m., No. 18, daily, for Atlanta, 125 a. m., No. 14, daily for Rock Hill, Chester, Cotumbia and local stations.

5.52 a. m., No. 4, daily, for Washington and points North, Handles day coaches, Atlanta to Washington. Full-man sleeper, Atlanta to Charlette.

7.19 a. m., No. 16, daily except Sunday, for Stateswille, Taylorswille and local points. Connects at Mooreswille for Winston-Salem, and at Statesville for Asheville and points West.

19:36 a. m., No. 23, daily, for Columbia and Augusta, Handles Fullman sleeper, New York to Augusta and day coaches, Washington to Augusta. Dining car service.

19:50 a. m., No. 36, daily, for Washing-

Washington to Augusta. Dining car service.

19:05 a. m., No. 36. duily, for Washington and points North. Pullman Drawing Room slepers to New York and Pichmord. Dry coaches, New Orleans to Washington. Dining car service. Connects at Greensboro for Winston-Salem, Raleigh and Goldsbore.

9:35 a. m., No. 39. daily for Washington and points North. Pullman Drawing Room sleeper to New York, day coaches Jacksonville to Washington. Dining car service.

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ton and p-mis North. Pullman Drawing Room sleeper to New York, day conches Jacksonville to Washington. Dining car service.

30:50 a. m., No. 23, daily, for Winston-Salam Roanoke and Jocal stratons.

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12:05 a. m., No. 57, daily, New York and New Orleans Limited. Pullman Lrawing Room sleeping curs. Observation and Cibe cars.

13:05 a. m., No. 58, daily seep Sunday for Senecs, S. C., and local stations. Connects at Spartanburg for Hendersonville and Asheville.

14:19 p. m., No. 11. daily, for Atlanta and local points, No. 58, daily except Sunday, freight and passenger, for Chester, S. C., and local points, Connects at Spart Burday, for Senecs, S. C., and local points, No. 58, daily except Sunday, freight and passenger, for Chester, S. C., and local points, No. 58, daily except Sunday, for Statesville, Taylorsville and local points, Connects at Statesville for Asheville, Chattanooga, Memphis and points West

2:50 p. m., No. 24, daily except Sunday for Statesville, Chattanooga, Memphis and points West

2:50 p. m., No. 28, daily, New York and New Orleans Limited for Washington and points North. Pullman Drawing Room sleeping care, Observation and Cibe care to New York. Diling car service.

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