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Line of the Norfolk & Southman, With Men Aboard to Deliver lectures—An Elaborate Park System Begun at Raleigh — State the gallows as the instrument to be used in imposing the death penalty upon criminators. ectal of Two Cars to Traverse Line of the Norfolk & South-

Observer Bureau, The Holleman Building, Raleigh, March 9.

The Norfolk & Southern Rallway two cars to be known as the corn permitted public execution. special, to go over all the lines of Legislature may be asked to take up this leaving here March 22d. There will be four specialists on board, including Dr. F. L. Stevens and Prof. R. I. Smith. These will talk on the culture of corn and its proper fertilization, the best methods of feeding the crop, the proper way to harvest it, and will give full instructions as to the selection of the right kind of corn for seed. The car will be on the road for a week and will go to twenty places. At four points President Winston, of the Agricultural and Mechanical College, will speak on industrial education. This corn industrial education and mechanical college, says that so far \$10,000 has been raised and he is young it is his hope and exit shows marked enterprise on the The State is prompt recognize the value of such an op-

FOR GREAT PARK SYSTEM. The people who have bought the well-known Boylan property here, known as Boylan's Heights, are makthe market and 50 acres are now embrace the grounds of the Catholic Orphanage, Pullen Park, the Agricultural and Mechanical College, those of the hospital for the insane and those of the Methodist Orphanage. The plan is to have winding drive-ways through these, all macadamized. It is the beginning of the most elaborate park system in the South, and there is no telling the extent to which

Consideration is to be given by the

As yet the military authorities here here not received any more definite news as to the manoeuvres of the National Guard at Fort Caswell.

Chickamauga, but it generally seems to be taken for granted that Congress Texan, in a Two-Hour Speech, Opwill provide for everything. STATE TREASURER LACY RE-

night from Arizona and says he is in better health than in twenty years. He certainly looks remarkably well. He will give up his home in this city and will live at Milbrook, on the S. A. L., six miles north of

A charter is granted the Lincoln Hospital Training School, Incorporated, at Lincolnton, Dr. O. A. Crowell, Mrs. Radiant Sistare and others being the incorporators. There is no capital stock. The school will train nurses and give them diplomas.

Another charter goes to the Blue Ridge Granite Brick Company, near capital stock \$25,000 Asheville, capital stock \$25,000, Tench C. Coxe and others stockholders, to manufacture brick on the Huenneke system, also tiles, etc. State Superintendent Joynea

day for Greenville to attend meeting of the trustees of the East ern Carolina Training School. Thursday and Friday he attends the dis-trict convention of county superintendents at Jacksonville, in Onslow county, and on Saturday makes speech at Morehead City in favor of MR. BEDDINGFIELD NOT TO RUN AGAIN.

C. Beddingfield to-day made the following announcement:
"I desire to give notice to my friends throughout the State that for reasons private and purely personal to myself I have decided not to be a candidate for the nomination to the office of corporation commissioner at the coming State convention. In do so I desire to thank my friends their loyal support in the past. my grateful appreciation to that not onsiderable number who without licitation on my part have given assurance of their ald and support

in the event I was a candidate for a This announcement will be quite a surprise to the people of the State, as Mr. Beddingfield, it was certainly thought, would be in the field and has no formidable opponent. He has had the matter of retiring from position under consideration for past six months, though none knew of this except his own family. He became corporation commis-oner in 1891, when the office was

known as railroad commissioner, and perved six years. He was defeated by the Republicans in 1897 and in 1899 was elected by the Legislature to the same position, but the Su-preme Court decided against him and in favor of Dr. D. H. Abbott, after Mr. Beddingfield had served six months of his term. He was elected the Legislature in 1901 and in 1963 was re-elected corporation com-missioner. Thus, at the end of this over twelve years. He is a farmer, living in this county a few miles north of Raleigh, but has good business training and has at all times given his best talent to the duties of his posittion and has won the regard of his associates. It is suggested that held that position since the adoption of the commission in 1891, is the logdidate to succeed Mr. Bed-

takes up appeals fro mine sivth district. There is only one State case, that of the State vs. Tiliman, from Johnston county, he having been convicted of murder in the second

N. & S. PROVIDES THIS TRAIN the question of levying a special tax for public schools, which will borrow \$15,000 in order to continue the usual

Treasurer Lacy Returns From Artsona in Fine Health—Corporation
Commissioner Beddingfield Announces That He Will Not Stand
For Re-Election—Telephone Lineman by Daring Work Replaces
What Hazers Destroyed.

In imposing the death penalty upon criminals brings to mind the fact that a numbeen heard to say in recent years that
they thought all executions should be in
the penitentiary here in a death chamber
and most of those who hold this view and most of those who hold this view say they think electrocution should be the mode. In the old days hanging in this State used to be attended by great he Norfolk & Southern Railway or two, in defiance of the law, the com-arranged for a special train of missioners of at least two counties have The next

To-day a telephone lineman climbed the 90-foot flag pole at the Agricultural and Mechanical College and put in a rope for use in raising the national flag. lotte, president of the American Cot-When the bazers in January did so much work there they cut the rope, so that since then until to-day no flag could be displayed. The lineman did a very dar-

double that sums It is his hope and expectation that work on the building will begin during the summer. The acts of the special session of the

Legislature, public and private, were completed to-day and will be issued by the end of this week. They make one volume of 288 pages.

The May musical festival here is to be made a very important event. The Phil-

the final arrangements to put it harmonic Orchestra is to be developed to market and 50 acres are now 40 musicians and there will be 140 singers plotted. The matter is of in the chorus, all these being from this being plotted. The matter is of apecial interest because it is proposed to make it part of the great park system west of Raleigh which will ambrace the grounds of the Catholic that grand oratorio, "The Messiah." The festival last year proved very attractive The children's chorus was the feature of it and this is to be so again this season The pupils of the public schools, particularly the high school, will participate foster and develop this very important

matter Inquiries made of a number of farmchamber of commerce here to the very important matter of utilizing the great electric power now available from the plant at Buckhorn Falls, which is nearer Raleigh than any other important point.

Inquiries made of a number of farmers show, that farm work is now quite ers show, that farm work is now quite ers show, that farm work is now quite ers show, that farm work is certain that the farmers will plant all a cotton they can. They say that there does not seem to be much change in the labor situation and that negro laborers are hard To-day the work of improving to get in all sections except a very few. Capitol Square began under direction Some are being secured from the towns State Auditor Dixon and State and some have gone from Raleigh, but

Senate Spends poses the Measure—Senate Some Time on the Frye Bill. Washington, March 9.-Senator

Joseph W. Bailey, of Texas, a mem ber of the finance committee which reported the Aldrich currency bill, today held the attention of his col-leagues and visitors who crowded the galleries of the Senate for over two that measure. When he concluded his address he was greeted by a storm of applause and Senators from both sides of the chamber as well as many members of the House crowded about him to extend their congratulations

The Senate also spent over an hour in debating the Frye bill providing that materials and supplies shipped from the United States for the Panama canal shall be transported only in American vessels.

Resolutions of sorrow upon the announcement of the death of Repre-sentative Adolph Meyer, of Louisi-ana, were adopted and at 4:30 o'clock the Senate adjourned as a further mark of respect to his memory. The House was in session but a few minutes, adjourning at 12:12, upon announcement of Mr. Meyer's death.

MAKES IMPORTANT RULING.

Request For Campaign Contributions by Letter Constitutes "Pernicious Activity" According to United States Supreme Court.

Washington, March 9.-That a re quest for a campaign contribution made by letter is equivalent to a request made in person, where the let-ter is received and read, was held by the Supreme Court of the United States to-day in the case of the United States vs. Edward Thayer, of Dallas Tex., which in an opinion by Jus-tice Holmes was decided in favor of the government. Thayer is a mem-ber of the Republican State committee of Texas, and he was charged with violating the civil service law by sending a letter to Deputy Internal Revenue Collector Wood during the campaign of 1996 in which he urged Wood to contribute a portion of his salary in aid of the Republi-The Federal District can ticket. Court for the northern district of Texas refused to hold Thayer guilty because it was not proved that Wood read the letter in a Federal versed that finding.

THREE SHOT FROM AMBUSH.

Italian Colony at Tampa Stirred Over

Hand Plot. Tampa, Fla., March 9 .- Dr. Glovonni Grana, a prominent physician, his brother-in-law, John Orofino, and a friend, Alfonso Mule, were shot fro mambush in Ybor City by four man who had secreted themselves in the grounds of St. Joseph's Convent. Mule will probably die, the others being only slightly wounded. All are Italians and the shooting is All are Italians and the shooting is believed to be the result of a Black Hand plot. Five thousand deliars was demanded from Dr. Grana several weeks ago and he had also been notified to leave the city. Demands have also been made on other mands have also been made on other prominent Italians and much alarm has prevailed in the Italian colony. The police to-day wrested five Ital-

The Supreme Court to-morrow tes up appeals fro mithe sivth discit. There is only one State case, it of the State vs. Tillman, from haston county, he having been divicted of murder in the second stree.

The Wake county commissioners or an election April 31st on the issue 35s and bonds to improve the roads this township. The vote will show theavy majority for the roads. The Tuesday of the next term.

Cumberland Telephone Case Advanced in Supreme Court.

Washington, March 9.—The Supreme Court of the United States to-day advanced the hearing of the case of the railroad commissioners of the railroad comm

ASKS HIM TO MAKE ADDRESS.

At the Request of Mr. S. B. Tanner, of Charlotte, the United States Court Judge Invites the Secretary of War to Address the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association at Its Meeting at Richmond in May —Representative Lilley in a Tight Place—The Passage of Some Sort of Liquor Bill Looks Favorable— Gartield's Letter to Foraker Was Misunderstood—Congress May Ad-

> BY H. E. C. BRYANT. Observer Bureau, Congress Hall Hotel,

Washington, March 9. Judge Jeter C. Pritchard, of Ashe ville, is here for a day. He called on Secretary Taft this afternoon at the request of Mr. S. B. Tanner, of Charton Manufacturers' Association, and

the annual meeting of the association ing thing, the pole being siender and to be held in Richmond on the 20th only three inches in diameter at the top. of May. Mr. Taft would not promise that he would go, but he showed a disposition to do so. Judge Pritchard urged him and believes that he make an extra effort to do it. Having just returned from the Orient, Mr. Taft could talk to the cotton manufacturers about the markets of East and make his speech very instructive as well as entertaining.

Fred L. Wilcox, an attorney of Florence, S. C., got Judge Pritchard to appoint receivers for the Kanawah Lumber Company, of Florence, to-day. Messrs. J. C. Corley, Jr., of South Carolina, and J. M. Howard, of New York, were named and each was required to give a \$15,000 bond. Col. A. D. Watts leaves here to-

morrow for Raleigh to attend the meeting of the Democratic executive committee. Among the witnesses named to testify in the Lilley investigation is ex-United States Senator Marion Butler,

of Washington. The speech made by Senator Balley, in this and about 160 will sing. Raleigh of Texas, in the Senate this afternoon was a masterpiece of oratory. While is every rapidly becoming the musical as was a masterpiece of oratory. While well as the educational centre of the he spoke every seat in the galleries State, and everything is being done to was taken and many persons, women as well as men, stood.

LILLEY IN A CLOSE PLACE. Representative George L. Lilley, of Connecticut, is in a close place. man in Congress has a more serious confrontings him. problem who read the papers know that Mr. Lilley has preferred charges against a majority of the members of the House committee on naval affairs, virtually alleging that they were cor-The charges read:

"I propose to show that for several years prior to the Lessler inveseral years prior to the Lessler investigation the Holland Company, and its successor, the Electric Boat Company, maintained in Washington and organized libby for the purpose of influencing legislative appropriations in favor of the Holland boat, and that it had under annual retainer C. E. Creecy, General Eppa Hunton, extractional control of States Senator M. C. Butler, C.

Third States Senator M. C. Butler, C.

The department referred this criticism to the board on construction and the board on construction and the original designs were declared to the origi McNair, Dr. W. R. Kerr, and

others. B. Frost, vice president of the said company, has been a continuous visi-tor at Washington during congressional sessions, and that he has spent large sums of money in furnishing entertainment to members of Con-gress, and that his expenditures along this line amount to thousands of dol-

"That the Senate amendment the appropriation bill of March 2d. was prepared and drafted by the attorney for the Electric Boat Company, for the purpose of and with the intention to eliminate competition in submarine construction and to prevent the Secretary of the Navy from exercising any discretion in awarding contracts for submarines.

"That a thorough investigation by an impartial committee will show that large sums of money have been, by the Electric Boat Company, its officers, or agents, contributed campaign funds of members of Con-gress who favor and have favored the Electric Boat Company's monop of submarine construction; also, that large sums of money have been spent to accomplish the defeat of members of the naval committee who did not favor the Electric Boat Company." The investigation of these charges was begun yesterday and will continue until the bottom is reached. Lilley must make good or he is ruined. If he proves the charges a number of others are doomed politically. Two newspaper men who were involved by Lilley will sue him for damages. The general impression is that he cannot substantiate the allegations. The public here is very much interested in the outcome of the investigation. Lilley seems to be hot-headed, reckless and talkative. A LIQUOR BILL LOOKS FAVOR-

ABLE. Senator Overman is of the opinion at least. It is a very difficult matter jail at Lebanon. to get around Mr. Cannon's commit-tees. If a member changes his way of thinking and becomes too active, Speaker will transfer him to some inoffensive committee. Mr. Cannon may be handicapped in getting votes folk, Va., to-day had identified a ring ed that he chair of pawned by a parish prisoner here the armor belt.

In Guilford county, but in the chair of pawned by a parish prisoner here the armor belt.

The House he is "some punkins" as the property of A. H. Berry, a "What do you think about it?" the House he is "some punkins" as the property of A. H. Berry, a "What do you think about it?" the said that he favors the Aldrich young Georgian, who was killed in asked Mr. Tillman.

The said that he favors the Aldrich young Georgian. This prisoner "I think just as Admiral Remey It is said that he favors the Aldrich currency bill, and if that be true the House may pass it regardless of the strenuous opposition known to exist there. Anti-liquor bills are not among the Speaker's favorites.

GARFIELD MISUNDERSTOOD. There seems to be a misunderstanding in North Carolina as to the declaration of Secretary Garfield, of the Department of the Interior, concerning the charges against the Choctaw-Chickasaw Citizenship Court which Chairman Spencer Adams, of Greensboro, was chief justice. In his letter to Senator Foraker, Mr. Garfield said that it was not true that he had evidence in hand, but he did not say that the charges against the court were faise.

Major Dawes is attached to the Department of the Gulf in this city. The department has never investigatived the charges thoroughly. Resolved the charges thoroughly. Resolved to look into the commended to look into the matter.

Department of the Guif in this city.

Funeral of Late Congressman Meyer.

New Orleans, Late March 5.—Tho funeral of Congressman Adolph investigation. It is believed that a committee from Congress will be recommended to look into the matter. Metaire Cemetery.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., TUESDAY MORNING, MARCH 10, 1908.

ITEM CAUSES CHAGRIN. Nothing has caused more chagrin among the North Carolina delegation recently than did an item concerning the giving and filling of whiskey pre scriptions in Chartotte, printed The Post a few days ago. Charle the Queen City of the South, which had been held up as a model of soberness and the home of most devout Pure-in-Hearts came to the front with enormous sales of whiskey. It will be many moons before the beautiful city of John McKnitt Alexander and descendants will recover from that news story. I held my head in shame when I read it. "Prohigh-bition has not done hits duty,' said William Gorrell just before I left for Washington, and I begin to believe that he was right

But the friends of the Littlefield and similar bills claim that they would make it possible to prevent the transportation of liquor to pro-highbition territory. However, fear that this would not hold down a thirsty people like those in Mecklen-With the most earnest prohibition solicitor in all the land, Meck-lenburg should be a model pro-highbition community. If the Littlefield bill were passed she old wagon roads to Fayetteville and other river towns would be re-established.
"Where there is a will there is a towns would way," is an old saying. CONGRESS TO ADJOURN IN MAY?

a question frequently asked here, There is no telling, but it is generally believed that all will be over by the middle of May. The Republicans are Democrats, who feel safe at home, do not care what happens. Many of the uneasy ones have already departed for the woods and instead of making laws are building fences-some would-be Governors.

WILL ENTER GREENVILLE.

Southern Power Company to Furnish Power in the South Carolina City -Officials of Company There Last Night.

Special to The Observer. Greenville, S. C., March 9 .- The Southern Power Company will run inefficient." Describing the shutter power transmission lines into this he said it is so constructed that grains probably begin within a month and slit for the lift rope in the event of be completed by September 1st. This an accident overhead. statement was made this afternoon by Dr. W. Gil Wylie, president of the company, and by Mr. J. B. Duke, Secretary Metcalf stating that after president of the American Tobacco Company and a large stockholder and director in the Southern Power

Company. These gentlemen are spending tonight in Greenville, having come on mor belt should be raised 30 inches, here this afternoon from Great Falls. The department referred this criti-

He Has an Extended Talk With the Secretary of War - Visit Has No Connection With South Carolina Dispensary Case.

Washington, March 9.—United States Circuit Judge Pritcharl, who was in Washington to-day, announced the appointment of F. B. Wetherill, J. C. Curly and J. N. Howard, as receivers of the Kanawha Lumber Company, of South Carolina, a carporation organized under the laws of Virginia. Bond was fixed at \$15,000 locate the armor belt with reference and savings and trust companies each

Judge Pritchard was on his way from Asheville to Richmond. He went to the Capitol and saw a number of his former colleagues in the Sen-He went also to the War Department and had a somewhat ex-tended interview with Secretary Taft. It is understood that Judge Pritchvisit had no connection with the pending dispensary cases in South Carolina. The judge declined to discuss that matter.

Two Children Burned to Death in a Virginia Home.

Danville, Va., March 9but authentic accounts reached here to-day of the destruction by fire on Sunday afternoon of the home of J. D. Foster, of San Ville, an inaccessible postoffice in Henry county, about 60 miles northwest of here, and the death in the flames of two of Mr. Foster's children. The parents were away from home at the time of the fire and the origin is anknown. Upon their return they found the house blazing and knew that their children were inside. The mother was restrained by onlookers from throwing herself into the flames in an effort to rescue her little ones.

Roanoke, Va., March 9 .- At a dance near Swords Creek, in Russell county, Sunday night, Fred Dye, a dance near Swords Creek, that an inter-State liquor bill will be white. Dye escaped, but was favorably reported from the Senate captured and taken back to Swords committee, but this does not mean Creek. It became evident that a the

> Police Find Berry's Ring in a Fawn Shop.

of Police H. Mallory Boush, of Nor- "I have," replied the admiral, add-folk, Va., to-day had identified a ring ed that he criticised the location of Norfolk last October. This prisoner is C. T. Felker, alias George Hamil-ton, who, with Charles Weatherbee, Weatherbee. The ring was identified to-day by H. B. Jones, a jeweler of Atlanta, Ga.

Mrs. Frances A. Dawes Dead. Atlanta. Ga., March 9.—Mrs. Frances A. Dawes, wife of Maj. James W. Dawes, Unied States army, and former Governor of Nebraska. died here yesterday. The body will be taken by Milmanka.

Senste Committee on Naval Af-irs Resumes the Hearing Into the "Then the suggestion did not fall fairs Resumes the Hearing Into the "Then the suggestion did not fall Subject of Battleship Construction on barren ground," said Mr. Till-Letter From Secretary Metcalf man.

Letter From Secretary Metcalf man.

"I cannot flatter myself that Admits That Armor Belt is Too Low, Except in the Cases of Two Warships—Admirals Remey and Goodrich Have Some Criticisms to Make on Technical Points—The American Ships Good, But There is So," persisted Mr. Tiliman. "Like the chairman, I have a New Always Room For Improvement—"Like the chairman, I have a New Always Room For Improvement—" responded the

Always Room For Improvement— Lieutenant White Also Testifies. Washington, March 9 .- Testimony was adduced to-day before the Senate morrow. investigating the criticisms of battleship construction, showing that the ocation of the armor belt of Ameri- drich will endeavor to get a vote on can battleships was too low. On the his currency bill on Friday or Saturother hand, a letter from Secretary day. The last speech to be made in Metcalf was read deciaring it to be the Senate in opposition to the bill the opinion of the board of construc-tion and Rear Admirals Evans and ing, will be on Thursday when Sena-Brownson that the armor belt lines of the battleships Delaware and North Dakota were right. The Secretary in his communication took occasion declare that American battleships

Rear Admirals George C. Remey and Hale. C. F. Goodrich. Lieutenant White Bill Extending Extortion Law was the first to take the stand. reference to the location of the ar-"When will Congress adjourn?" is mor belt, he said that if it were possible for a ship to get into action at the designed load draft, the present location would be about right, but it was his observation that the ships not eager to prolong the session in had greater drafts than those design-the face of a presidential election. ed. He thought the drafts would be still greater under war conditions. His opinion was the same as that of

Commander Sims, who is the inspector agent is not such an "officer" of target practice. Concerning the safety demands that the turret prop- ficials. er shall be structurally separate from House Honors Memory of Late Repthe ammunition handling room. The two-stage hoist is one way to effect this, but he thought it might be possible to construct a direct hoist that the handling room could be isolated. He preferred the two-stage death yesterlay of Mr. Adolph Mey-hoist and declared that the shutters er, of the first district of Louisiana. now in use in the direct hoist are "most The construction work will of powder could easily get through the adjourned.

MR. METCALF'S LETTER.

Chairman Hale read a letter from the plans for the battleships Delaware and North Dakota had been approved an officer (Lieutenant Commander Hill) had recommended that the arand "there is no ground for further contention as to the location of the armor belt." Answering general criticisms. Secretary Metcalf said:
"Our ships are not inferior, type for the contention of the provisions of the bill requiring to the campaign fund of any political party or in any congressional district the party of in any congressional district the party of the campaign fund of any political party or in any congressional district the party of in any congressional district the p equipped with the two-stage hoists, institutions to a board of managers to the proper load water line when would inevitably be driven out of busthe ship is equipped to go into battle. He thought it the duty of a com-

hesitancy in endorsing the interrupt- plentiful; to make the rate of inter- tigation to these charges would simply ed hoist. He opposed sacrificing safety for rapidity of fire. SHIPS CAN BE IMPROVED. Rear Admiral C. F. Goodrich, comwho said in an interview after the them absolute control of the medium publication of the Reuterdahl article, of all values, money, and in conferring that he had called attention years be-fore to such defects as were alleged in such quantities as they think wise. have Mr. Lilley first state what he by Reuterdahl, asserted that he believed the American ships to be good, mittee say emphatically that this cerning these charges and in order and that they could be made better.

"Oh, no, sir," he replied, positively, In regard to location of the armor belt he said he concurred absolutely in the testimony of Admiral Remey. county, Sunday night, Fred Dye, a young white man, shot and killed John Mutler and George Call, also white. Dye escaped, but was captured and taken back to Swords captured and taken back to Swords the 11-inch gun. The admiral said that anything like the Littlefield bill lynching was being planned by the 11, and the 12-inch gun was better than the will become a law. The House is not friends of the dead men and an enready for such a step; Judge Jenkins gine was taken from Richlands with attention to the fact that Commanand his judiciary committee will hold a posse of men and Dye was carried der Sims, a few days ago, gave the down all objectionable liquor bills, to Cleveland, a distance of 16 miles, name of Admiral Goodrich as one of the men who would corroborate him all bills are pigeon-holed for a time through the country to the country in the declaration that the department would not accept officers' criti-

"Rave you made reports to the de Shop.

New Orleans, La., March 9.—Chief construction?" asked Mr. Tillman.

"I think just as Admiral Remendances. I have adopted his expression." ton, who, with Charles Weatherbee, and the witness.

was arrested here recently and convicted of several robberies. Chief armor belt line too low. He thought Boush found no evidence against the water line should approximately divide the armor celt, with half above and half below the water line. It was suggested by Chairman Hale that a chance would have to be taken as to the condition of sea at the time the ship went 'nto action. 'The whole naval line, Mr. Senator, is a

> TILLMAN TO THE BREACH. Mr. Tillman returned to the charge that officers had been discouraged from making suggestions or criti-risms and demanded Admiral Good-rich's experience.

"I want something tangible," re-plied Mr. Tillman. Admiral Scod-rich said that in 1902 he had recom-mended the abolition of the military

BUT ARMOR BELTS ARE TOO LOW of value. The ships now being de-

England conscience," responded the admiral, "I cannot take the credit."

The hearing will be resumed to-

committee on naval affairs, which is Vote on Aldrich Bill Possible by Saturday.

Washington, March 9 .- Senator Als of tor LaFoliette is to speak. Sena-tors McLaurin and Clarke, of Ar-kansas, will address the Senate to-morrow and Wednesday respectively. There are so many amendments there be required to reach the final vote were superior to those of any other navy. The witnesses to-day were Lieutenant Richard D. White, assistant inspector of target practice, and Rear Admirals George C. Permet National Section 21 of the control of target practice, and Rear Admirals George C. Permet National Section 21 of the control of target practice, and Rear Admirals George C. Permet National Section 22 of the control of the co

ported Favorably.

Washington, March 9 .- The Senate committee on the judiciary to-day ordered reported favorably a bill extending to all agents and employes of the government or persons pretending to be such, the penalties al-ready prescribed by law for "officers" guilty of extortion. The necessity for such a provision arises by rea son of a court decision that a special could be punished under the law reconstruction of turrets, he said that lating to extortion by government of-

resentative Meyer.

Washington, March 9 .- Immediately after the House of Representatives convened to-day, Mr. Ransdell, of Louisiana, informed that body of the He offered resolutions of regret which were adopted, and as a further mark of respect the House at 12:12 p. m.

TO REPORT WILLIAMS' BILL. Minority Members of House Commit-

tee on Banking and Currency Believe It Superior to the Fowler Measure, and They Tell Why. Washington, March 9 .- The Demoratic members of the House committee on banking and currency to-day agreed to report the minority cur-

rency bill, introduced by John Sharp wholly gives over the control of such

"Our ships are not inferior, type for type, in their own-period of construction to vessels of other navies. On the contrary I concur in opinions expressed that our ships are superior."

Rear Admiral George C. Remey, results of the interest charge. It is called the committee the would be considered to the provisions of the bill requiring company; August Tredwell, Jr., as sistant treasurer; Norman G. Johnston, of the retirement of greenbacks; .complains that it makes banks the agents of the government for the transaction of the suppoenas be issued for the equacy of the interest charge. It is called the committee the would be recovered law all State banks. tired, told the committee he would of the proposed law all State banks

"With the banks all organized unmander of a battleship to have full der one system, enjoying sole and stores on board if possible, in going complete power to issue all moneys as nto battle. He excepted coal, but they deem proper, will there not be thought the bunkers should be at least great danger either from contraction two-thirds full. He said he never had or inflation of the amount of money in believed in the open turret and circulation?" they ask. "Will it not thought the guns should be completed by isolated from the ammunition handling rooms. He said he had no make money scarce or to make it written charges and limit the interpretation of these particles are considered by the said he had no make money scarce or to make it written charges and limit the interpretation to these charges would sin est high or make it cheap; to cause a depression or to produce a relaxation? Surely Congress is being asked andant of the New York Navy Yard, gerous and wonderful power in giving The minority members of the com- knows of his own knowledge and that they could be made better, country is not ready to delegate such to allow him to procure an attorney. He was asked by Mr. Hale if he would dangerous power. Without doubt the adjournment was taken until Thursday mortiles went into executive. that if our ships went into action they Congress has had to deal in many would be no better off than the Rus- years is the regulation and control of sian ships when they met the Japan- the great corporations that have grown over-powerful and beyond the control of the government. "Yet, while we are planning ways whereby we may wisely and justly subject these great interests to government regulation, we are asked by the Fowler bill to create a banking system all-was deferred until an investigation we are planning ways whereby we

HOKE SMITH IN THE RACE.

Present Governor of Georgia, Con-trary to Previous Announcements, Wants to Be Re-Elected.

Atlanta, Ga., March 9.—Governor Hoge Smith to-day opened his cam-paign for re-election as Governor of Georgia. In a speech at Decatur he Georgia. In a speech at Decatur he referred particularly to the distran-chisement bill passed by the last Legislature and said the people would have an opportunity to ratify it at the next election. Referring to the franchise act the Governor said:
"Under our new law when ratified,
the State will be free of danger at
the ballot box from that class of citizens, who, unwise to govern themselves, are utterly unfut to provide for the government of others. The Governor referred in strong language to lobbying influences on elections and said:

"I have no doubt that in time gone by there has been a combination in Georgia between certain railroad interests and the liquor dealers association which put up the money for candidates for the House of Representatives and the Senate. I believe they put up the money to pay expenses of candidates for even more important offices.

"The State has been deluged with matter, all printed in Louisville, Ky,

matter, all printed in Louisville, Ky., attacking our reform movement, so far as railroads are concerned. No foolish cry, especially if it came from a Georgian, was unworthy of notice by Louisville publishers."

HEARING TO BE EXTENSIVE

LILLEY ASKS THOROUGHNESS

Connecticut Member Appears Before the Special House Committee Ap-pointed to Investigate the Charges Against the Electric Boat Compar and Creates a Breeze by Declaric That He is Being Shadowed by D tectives—Wants to Act as Prosecuting Attorney, But This the Committee Refuses—Insists That the Investigation Must Be Thorough and Names a List of Witnesses He Wants Called—Hearing to Regis Thursday to Begin Thursday.

Washington, March 9 .- The specal committee of the House appointed by Speaker Cannon at the request of Representative Lilley, of Connec ticut, "to investigate the conduct of the Electric Boat Company of New Jersey, and their predecessors, the Holland Boat Company, respecting the methods employed by said companies in connection with past or proposed legislation before Congress." began its investigation to-day.

The committee which is compo of Representatives Boutell, of Illi-nois, chairman; Stephens, of Minnesota; Olmstead, of Pennsylvania; Broussard, of Louisiana, and Howard, of Georgia, met at the House office building at 10:30 o'clock. Before the committee had been called to order, Chairman Boutell stated that no vitnesses had yet been summoned but that Representative Lilley had been requested to appear before the committee; that as yet the committee has nothing before it and will not be in position to summon witnesses until Mr. Lilley lays the facts before them. The clerk was directed by Chairman Boutell to read the report of the committee on rules pursuant to which the investigating committee was appointed.

When the reading of the report had been concluded Chairman Boucalled on Mr. Lilley and asked him if he was prepared to go ahead and state the facts in his possession.

LILLEY CALLED UPON.

Mr. Lilley said he was not prepared to be examined at this time; that he desired to be represented by an at-torney and had not yet secured one. He, however, submitted a number of documents to the committee. He stated that he had been shadowed by detectives and said that in order that this shadowing be stopped he would ask to have summoned as witnesses three operatives connected with a lo-cal detective agency. He also submitted a list of witnesses that he de-sired to be summoned as follows: Isaac L. Rice, president of the Electric Boat Company, to bring with him all the books and accounts showing payments made to attorneys and employes for work performed or to be performed at Washington or in any congressional district of the United States; also vouchers, checks, check other evidence of any moneys con-tributed by Isaac L. Rice personally ed that subpoenas be issued for the following: Marion Butler, C. B. Creecy, H. W. Creecy, B. F. Sands, all of this city; Dr. S. R. Kerr, of Chicago: Frank L. Edinborough, of Bay

City, Mich., and W. B. Gordon, NOT A GRAND JURY.

Mr. Lilley stated that he did not propose to put himself in the atti-tude of a grand jury and present an indictment but he would if permitted by the committee and assisted by an attorney examine these witnesses and help the committee to the fullest ex-

witnesses should be called. He not wish, he said, to be the first ness. Mr. Boutell stated that it the intention of the committee Mr. Boutell stated that it was

The committee went into executive session to consider Representative Lilley's request in the matter of witnesses whom he desires to have sum-

At the executive session of powerful, with complete and undisputed authority to issue the circulating
medium of the country in quantity. In
manner, and at times to please those
fortunate enough to enjoy this great
special privilege."

Assume that the persons named are
connected in some way within the
scope of the inquiry. His request
that his attorney be allowed to examine and cross-examine witnesses
was denied, the committee deciding fortunate enough to enjoy this great special privilege." that the examination should be con-ducted by a member of the commit-tee and that all questions to be ask-ed the witness should be submitted ed the witness should be submitted in writing to this member. Regarding the charge that Mr. Lilley made that he was being shadowed by detectives the chalrman of the committee was authorized to inquire whether Mr. Lilley was being impeded in bringing before the committee anything within the scope of its authority by the alleged detectives and if in his opinion he was being so impeded that the committee would use every effort within its power to protect him as a member of the House and as a witness before the committee.

committee.
In addition to the request of Mr. In addition to the request of Mr. Lilley that his attorney be allowed to examine witnesses the Electric Boat Company submitted a like request. Mr. Martin W. Littleton and John B. Lindsay, of New York, were present at to-day's session as representatives of the boat company.