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DIPLOMATIC BILL PASSES CONGRESS RAPS AMBASSADORS Representative Longworth Picads For Suitable Legation Buildings at Va-rious Foreign Capitals-Objection

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HOUSE SUMMARY.

The .

Sharp criticism of lavish entertainment, by rich American diplomats in order to establish a social standard abroad was heard in the House of Rep-cupation of Dorchester House, London, of consideration of the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill. The oc-cupation of Dorchester house, London, by Ambassador Whitelaw Reid and similar display of wealth in Berlin by Ambassador Chalemagne Tower, were particularly emphasized in that conection. As one means of counteract ing the effect of this ostentation it

was urged by many that America should own its legation buildings. The charge that Emperor William based his objections to Dr. Hill as embassador to Berlin, solely on actune, was repeated by Mr. Longworth, of Ohle

Mr. Harrison, of New | York, wa particularly severe in criticism of Ambassador White at Paris, and the first secretary of the embassy at London, John Ridgely Carter. He described Ambarsador White as "a dinner table or dietetic diplomat" and accused him of violating an express statute by frequently appearing in court costunce. As to Mr. Carter he pictured him strolling through the drawing rooms of London and compared him with the white rabbit in "Alice in Worderland." Mr. Harrison aiso accused Secretary Root of being led by Great Britain in matters pertaining to the Congo Free State, and of attacking King Leopold.

The diplomatic bill was passed un-der suspension of the rules. It car-

ries an aggregate of \$3,530,283. After having been in continuous sension since April 6th, by resorting to the process of recessing from day to day, the House at 6:15 p. m. adjourned until 12 o'clock to-morrow, when eulogies will be delivered of the late Representative George Smith, of Illi-

Washington, April 18 .- "The objection to Dr. Hill as ambassador to Berlin was simply and solely that his pri-

This statement was made to-day in the House of Representatives by Mr. Longworth, of Ohio, son-in-law of President Roosevelt during the consideration of the diplomatic appropria-tion bill. Mr. Longworth was making a plea for the maintenance by the government of suitable legation builda plea for the maintenance by the government of suitable legation build-ings at the various foreign capitals. He referred to the press dispatches stating that the German Emperor had refused to accept Dr. Hill and to the published culture at Rome. Italy, was attacked

lives with any undue ostentaion?" BRYCE NOT A SOCIAL DUDE. Mr. Underwood said he had met his Mr. Bryce only twice, but it opinion that Mr. Bryce had not re-ceived in his home 10 per cent. of the members of Congress. Whether or not Mr. Bryce spent his whole salary in entertaining, Mr. Underwood con-tended that his course in this respect

"The last criticism on earth of Mr. Bryce," interjected Mr. Longworth, "could be that he is a social dude." Mr. Underwood denied that he tended to convey such an intimation. While maintaining that as a rule American diplomats were competent and efficient men. Mr. Williams, of Mississippi, characterized some of them as rich and some of them as snobbish. He saw no reason why ambassador Reid should rent Dorchester House and set a social standard for subsequent ambassadors. "I have yet to learn," said Mr. Mann, of Illinois, "that those ambas-

adors or ministers who entertain their own circle, consisting of other mbassadors and ministers, exercise ny more influence in affairs diplomatic than the ones who attend to the ousiness of their countries regardless of their social affairs or the wealthy lisplay in living."

Mr. Slayden, of Texas, denounced the two Senators whose notable char-the recent sale in New York by Mrs. the recent sale in New York by Mrs. Conger, widow of the former minister o, China. of a valuable collection of 'loot" taken, he said, from the imperial palace of Pekin, following the lege of that capital. He charged that the goods , were all stolen, but that that fact had not deterred Mrs. Conger from gathering the collection. ATROCITIES OF SLAVE TRADE.

The atrocities alleged to be con nected with the slave trade in the Congo Free State discussed by Mr Harrison. He denied that the Bel gians were responsible for any wrong doings, but said that the mutilations practiced were committed by the different tribes upon each other. When it was found that Belgium had taken steps to stop these practices, there was substituted, he said, an agitation against slavery. "That agitation," against slavery. against slavery. That agration, he declared, "is the result of a propa-ganda from Great Britain." That That country, he contended, coveted the Congo Free State, and what he obected to was "our Secretary of State being led by this clamor, being stirred up by about twenty-five British missionaries out of 600 down there and induced by Great Britain to jump invate fortune would not enable him to represent properly the dignity of the American nation." Leopold and thereby try to pull the chestnuts out of the fire for England."

Mr. Gaines, of Tennessee, assort-ed that England should stop "stand-ing behind the followers of Cecil Rhodes, and Congress ought to make this country stop standing behind

were related by Mr. Johnston in connection with a desperate charge a BILL PASSES Vicksburg. His strangth of mind Consideration of the bill then was concluded, whereupon Mr. Cousins and body was commented on and his sturdy character, Mr. Johnston said, moved to suspend the rules to pass the measure. Mr. Williams, in obgave him the supreme confidence of the measure. the people of his State, jecting to unanimous consent to con-sider a "second" to the motion as or-A striking tribute to an old friend was pronounced upon Mrs. Morgan by Mr. Cullon, of Illinois, who se

tepublicans and Democrats, Join in Words of Love and Esteem For the Late Senators Morgan and Pettus, of Alabama—Notable Characteris-tics Marked Them as Men of Unu-sual Abilities—Morgan Was the Father of the Isthmian Canal and an Abie Leader, Always Abreast With and Ahead of the Times—Mr. Pettus Served the Confederacy as a Brave Soldier and Had the Con-fidence of His State.

SENATE SUMMARY.

Tributes of respect to the memory of the late Senators Morgan and Pet-tus, of Alabama, both of whom died during the recess of Congress last summer, occupied nearly the entire session of the Senate yesterday. On the Republican and Democratic sides of the chamber, leaders who had known the Alabama Senators during many years, joined in giving their testlincily as to the splendid qualities of mind and heart that had given them enviable places in American history. The District of Columbia appropria-tion bill was reported during the day.

Washington, April 18.-Eulogies mys pronounced upon the late Senators Morgan and Pettus, of Alabama, in the Senate to-day and many of the leaders in that body. Republicans as well as Democrats joined in volcing a sentiment of love and esteem for tion

unusual abilities, Senators speaking upon the life of Senator Morgan were Bankhead, of Alabama; Cullom, of Illinois; Teller, of Colorado; Lodge, of Massachusetts; McCneary, of Kentucky; Nelson, of Minnesota; Daniel, of Virginia; Bur-

kett, of Nebraska. MORGAN AN ABLE LEADER. Those who spoke especially of Sen-ator Pettus were Johnston, of Alabama; Gallinger, of New Hampshire; Perkins, of California; Clay, of Georgia; Scott, of West Virginia; Overman, of North Carolina, and Depew, of New York.

Mr. Bankhead' reviewed the great events of the world during the \$3 years of Senator Morgan's life. "Throughout his active life," said

Mr. Bankhead, "John T. Morgan was always an able leader, always abreast with and ahed of the times." decired that no man more than Senator Morgan was entitled to be called "the Father of the Isthmian Canal." although he favored the Nicaraguan route. "By his persistent and successful advocacy of that great enter-prise." he said, "he has builded for

himself a monument more enduring than bronze and marble." He referred to his proposition made to the Alabama Legislature for a statue of Mr. Morgan to be erected in

Statuary Hall. PETTUS' WAR RECORD. Mr. Johnston spoke upon the life

of late Senator Pettus, who in age was two years the senior of Senator. Morgan and sketched his varied ca-reer. Like his colleague he was a soldier of the Confederate army. His special valor and dashing courage

LABOR TO ENTER POLITICS. Call Approved by Brotherhood Representing 10,000 Voters, Issued For Meeting of Union Men at Ral-eigh the 27th Inst.--Organized La-

bor's First Attempt to Enter Po-litical Arena-State and County litical Arena-State and Tickets May Be Put Out. pecial to The Observer.

Spencer, April 18 .- Organized labor proposes to make itself felt in is Closely in Touch With American North Carolina politics this year, as Tobacco Company and Yet Charges Craig With Having Deserted the People-Declares His Opposition to Trusts. is shown by a call to all union men in the State to meet at Raleigh April 27th. The call was authorized at a Special to The Observer. mass meeting of union men held in Washington, N. C., April 18 .- Mr. Salisbury April 11th, at which the po-Locke Craig, of Asheville, candidate sition of unionists was discussed from for the nomination for Governor in a political standpoint. It was decidthe approaching Democratic convened to call the meeting for April 27th. tion, addressed a large crowd of enwhen it is believed that a representthuslastic citizens in the county court, ative attendance can be had at Ralhouse at noon to-day. In his speech eigh. All union men in North Carohe clearly defined his position on lina are invited and urged to be presthe questions now before the people ent for the purpose of devising ways in favor of strict governmental conand means whereby the laboring men trol and regulation of railroads. He might secure such consideration as, said that he was in favor of comthey believe themselves justly entitled pelling railroads to give efficient serv.3 to and which they believe can only be ice and reasonable rates. He enobtained through a State-wide organiz- dorsed the settlement made by the ed movement and with proper effort. The farmers of the State are invited to passenger rate problem and took the attend and participate in the conven- position that the present discrimina-

of North Carolina ought not to be So far as is known this is the first tolerated. time in history when organized labor He said that he was opposed to has attempted to enter politics. The trusts and in favor of their suppression but that he was in favor of every leaders declare that the action is taklegitimate enterprise whether run t en as a matter of self-defense and in a corporation or an individual. He defense of various corporations and said that he did not come to array industries served largely by union class against class, Democrats against Democrats or faction against facmen and which, it is asserted, have tion: that the Democratic party suffered greatly at the hands of professional politicians.

The call is approved by the following brotherhoods and unions repreparty above every other considerasenting, it is believed, approximately 10,000 voters in North Carolina:

fect that his candidacy was support Brotherhood of Locomotive Ened by the trusts and railroads; that those who made these charges knew gineers, Division 375; Order Railway they were false or uttered them in Conductors, Division 221; Internationreckless disregard of the truth. al Association of Machinists, Brotherhood of Blacksmiths, Brotherhood of that Mr. James S. Manning, Mr. Kit-He chin's campaign manager, was circu-Boilermakers, Brotherhood of Railway Car Men, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, Brotherhood of Barbers, Brotherhood of Painters Brotherhood Sheet Metal was vice president of Mr. Duke's Workers, Typographical Union, Order bank in Durham. Railway Telegraphers.

While it is not definitely known what will be done at the meeting at ing Mr. Craig after the speaking, who

had been for other men, pledged him Raleigh, it is believed by some that their support. Mr. Craig stated that he regretted very much that any unthe various unions will put out a State ticket in the coming campaign. friendly criticism had entered into It is also hinted that a county ticket this campaign and he would induige in none, letting the people judge for is more than a possibility in many themselves. counties where union sentiment is strong.

EARLY PRIMARY WINS OUT. tions to instruct for Taft and finally out. fullford Executive Committee Name stronger than an May 16th as Date For Primarytion, and no delegates can be sent Thairman Brown Rises to Personal the convention who are not for Privilege and Makes Lengthy State-Taft. Z. I. Walser accused Earle ment-He is Endorsed by the Com-

mittee-Adjourned

He denounced as false the

charges made against him to the ef-

He said that it was remarkable

tion.

MR. CRAIG IN BEAUFORT township instructed for London for corporation comm MADE ADDRESS AT WASHINGTON Alexander Gives Craig 4 1-2 Votes. Special to The Observer.

The Gubernatorial Candidate From the Mountain Section Makes Tour Into the Eastern Part of the State and, Addressing the Citizens of Beaufort County, Wins Votes-His Audience Enthusiastic and Large-Calls the People's Attention to the Fact That Mr. Kitchin's Manager is Closely in Touch With American Statesville, April 18 .- A telephone message this afternoon from Mr. J. H. Burke, chairman of the Alexander Democratic executive committee, says the Alexander Democratic county convention held at Taylorsville to-day gives Craig 4 1-2 votes and Horne 1-2 vote for Governor in the State convention. United States Senators Overman and Simmons were endorsed by the convention and the delegates are instructed for Hackett for Congress There were no instructions as to State officers.

Majority of Wilkes Townships No Heard From. Special to The Observer.

North Wilkesboro, April 18 .- The Wilkes county Democratic primaries were held to-day, but only eight of the eighteen townships have been

heard from. Of these eight one is uninstructed, Craig carries one by half a vote and six are practically unanimous for Kitchin. Swain Solid For Craig.

By Bell Telephone to The Observer. Bryson City, April 18,+ The Swain

county Democratic convention, which met here to-day, instructed the delegates to the State convention for Mr Governor and the Legislature of the Locke Craig for Governor. The convention was enthusiastic and harmonious tion in freight rates against the State

McDowell in the Craig List, Special to The Observer

Marion, April 18 .--- Judging from the primaries held in Marion and other precincts in the county to-day, Craig will get a solid delegation from McDowell. The county convention meets Monday, the 20th.

Complete Returns From Burke. Special to The Observer. Morganton, April 18 .--- Complete re-

united on the questions of vital interturns to-day from Burke county priest to the people, and that he stood maries indicate that Craig will have for no division of the party but al-6 1-2 votes and Kitchin 1-2 vote in ways for putting the principles of the

the State convention.

FIGHT IN DAVIDSON.

Republicans Have a Hot Time in Regard to Instructing For Taft, and the Taftites Finally Win - Mr. Thomas Makes Prohibition Speech Before Convention. special to The Observer.

Lexington, April 18 .- The Republi an county convention to name delelating literature charging him with having deserted the cause of the peogates to the State and congressional ple, when he (Mr. Manning) had deconventions met in the court house fended the American Tobacco Comhere to-day at 12 o'clock. Before convention met several of the pany in the last Legislature against the sub-section A in the Reid bill and leading Republicans of the county stated that it would be a very quiet affair. But the crowd had to keep pace with the remainder of brethren in other sections of State and have a factional f The speech was well received by an the ntelligent audience and won votes for the fight Mr. Craig's cause. Several men sec-

Roosevelt's administration and Chairman Adams were endorsed and, al though the majority of the delegates were strongly in favor of Taft, there was a bitter fight against instructing for him. Zeb V. Walser is a Taft man, but said the county had never instructed for a presidential candidate and he opposed it. Earle Mc-Crary led the fight for the resolu-

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PHIL. R. MEADE SUICIDES MYSTERY SHROUDS RASH DEED

rominent Young Chapel Hillian Son of the Episcopal Rector Shoots Himself in the Month-Hac Been Despondent For Several Day and is Presumed to Have Hac Troubles of Which His Priend Knew Not-Went to the Room of a Friend, Prepared For Bed and Quietly Took His Own Life-Body Found Two Hours Lates-The De ceased in Perfect Health, a Per-fect Specimen of Physical Max fect Specimen of Physi hood and a Baseball Note.

Special to The Observer.

Chapel Hill, April 18 .- Phillip R. Meade, son of Rev. W. H. Meade, rector of the Episcopal church at this place, committed suicide late this afternoon by shooting himself in the mouth.

It seems that Mr. Meade went to the room of Mr. J. W. Markham, over Dunston's barber shop, about 4

o'clock, but as he was accustomed to do this he aroused no suspicion. About 6 o'clock Mr. Fred Patterson, who sleeps in an adjoining room, went up stairs and finding the door locked he became curious and looked through the window, whereupon he saw Mr. Meade lying on the bed.

He sent immediately for Dr. Isaao H. Manning, who broke into the room. He found that Mr. Meade had

undressed and had gone to bed just as if he intended to sleep. Upon his breast lay a pistol and from his mouth and nose streams of blood had poured, covering the lower part of his face and his neck. Death must have been almost instantaneous,

for the covers on the bed were but little disarranged and there was no sign of struggle.

President Venable was notified and he, together with Dr. Manning, carried the news to the aged father. FINE SPECIMEN OF MANHOOD. The deceased was about 35 years old and seemed to be in the best of health. He was almost a perfect specimen of physical manhood and

had been in his younger days a baseball player of note? He had for some time been in the employ of the Southern Company at this place. He was a young man of refinement and belonged to one of the best families in Chapel Hill, his father being one of the best loved men in this community and his sister, Mts. Prince, a woman of most lovable character

No reason whatever has been signed for the rash act. It is said, however, that he had been in m despondent frame of mind for sev-eral days and possibly he had eral days and possibly he had troubles of which his friends knew not.

An inquest will probably be held to-night or early in the morning and the interment will take place in the Chapel Hill cemetery Monday.

out. said stories. "Nevertheless," Longworth, "there is no doubt that there was a foundation for these sto ries beyond mere rumor, and it is undoubtedly true that persons high in authority in Germany for some time have been saying that Dr. Hill was not persona gratissima to the Em-peror."

GERMANY'S OBJECTIONS.

These objections were, he asserted, ---." His closing words were drowned due entirely to the fact "that be- by several whacks of the Speaker's cause he was not sufficiently well off gavel. Mr. Williams then proceeded to pay the difference between the to talk upon wood pulp, a campaign amount paid him as salary and the contribution publicity bill, and an amount necessary to maintain his po-sition as ambassador, he would not to order by Mr. Daizell. The chair, only not be able to keep up such an after a long controversy with Mr. establishment as that of the present Williams declared him out of order American ambassador but would not and directed him to take his seat, which he did. be able to keep up any establishment The bill appropriating \$3,520,283. at all."

Mr. Longworth said that everybody then was passed under suspension would concede that the American ame the rules, whereupon Mr. Payne, of bassador to Germany should at least New York, moved to adjourn. have a house to live in and not be Speaker Cannon, despite the pro-tests of Mr. Williams, and refusing to compelled to live in a hotel or a flat

Mr. Cousins, of Iowa, chairman of entertain a demand for division committee on foreign affairs, in motion of any kind from him, declar explaining the bill, referred to the ed the House adjourned until to-mor row at noon, when culogies on the life consular service and the inadequate provision for the care of our consuls. and character of the late Representative George Smith, of Illinois, will

Speaking to a pro forma amendment Mr. Harrison condemned the delivered. The Speaker left the chair, with a practice of appointing men of great amile on his face, and walked toward Mr. Williams. Mr. Williams, howwealth to represent the United States abroad. It did not necessarily follow, he said, that because a man was rich, ever, was so incensed that he refused would not make a good ambassa to converse with the Speaker. dor and he cited Rufus Choate an Reid. Referring to the Hill AUTHORIZES CERTIFICATES.

incident Mr. Harrison said that in expenditure of American money creates such an inordinate ap-petite for American luxury among minor officials of the Berlin court as to

bring humiliation upon the head of one of the most distinguished and capable of American public servants, then it was time to call a halt and ap ply the remedy which had been sug gested of the governments providing homes for its diplomats. Foreign vernments, he said, had criticised the American representatives as "shirt leeve diplomats." Shirt sleeves, he declared, while not very attractive were a good costume to work in ***** od costume to fight in if need be," and the almost unbroken line of American diplomatic success was suf-ficient to justify the selection of the majority of the men sent abroad.

DINNER TABLE DIPLOMATS. Mr. Harrison, however, dengunced the growing tendency to select "din-ner table or distetic diplomata." One of these, he said, was Ambassador White, at Paris, and he criticised him for appearing, as had been reported, at functions in court costume and ckerbockers in violation of law on the subject.

the subject. Discussing the secretaries abroad Mr. Harrison said that the first sec-retary at London was a good example of the type being appointed. "While a very amiable gentleman," Mr. Har-rison said, "he reminds one irresisfibly of the white rabbit in 'Alice in Won-derland' and as he southles through derland' and as he scuttles through the London drawing rooms one can almost pleture him saying: 'Oh! The Duchess: The Duchess. Oh! My furs and whiskers. I shall be late.'" The references to Ambassador

Duchess. The Duchess. Oh! My furs and whiskers. I shall be late.'" The references to Ambassador White by Mr. Harrison were resented by Mesars. McCail, of Massachussits. Hitchcock, of Nebraska; Bennett and Parsons, of New Tork, and Cooper, of Pennsylvania each of whom testified to the unfailing courtesy and atten-tion to duty of not only Ambassador White but the first secreary as well. Mr. Underwood, of Alabama, oppor-ed large salaries in order that Ameri-an dialomats might maintain a soci-al standard, but he was in favor of

dered, said: "Forced by a sense of duty and the inactivity of Republican legislation ed with him in the Senate for 30

years. "Senator Morgan," he said, "was in many respects one of the most re-markable men I have ever known." Pointing to Senator Pettus as an example of one who had grown to "a sweet old age" Mr. Gallinger spoke with much feeling of "the great and simple characteristics which he posseased in such an exceptionable de-

"I doubt very much." declared Mr. Lodge, "if we ever had a Senator who knew our relations with other countries past and present and the political conditions of foreign nations so throughly as Senator Morgan was a better or fairer. re' never American than he. After other Senator added their

tribute to the late Senators from Alabama the Senate adjourned as a furmark of respect to their memory. Sen

nator Overman's tribute to ator Pettus was as follows:

MR. OVERMAN'S TRIBUTE. Mr. President: One by one the old landmarks of our political life are passing away-one by one the links which connect a glorious past, with the present are sundered. The departed Senator, in tribute to whose memory this day has been set apart, by reason of his great strength, lived ten years and six beyond the threescore and ten years spoken of by

Address the pealmist and the alloted period of pecial to The Observer. Winston-Salem, April 18.-This af- man's earthly existence. And though ternoon Judge J. C. Pritchard, who in the natural course of human events man's earthly existence. And though spoke here to-day, signed an order it was apparent that his life of useful authorizing the issuance of certificates ness and honor must soon be round ness and honor must soon be roundby the receivers of the Seaboard Ail ed to a peaceful close, yet his death ing funds for necessary expenses in operating the road. The order was presented to Judge Pritchard by Judge Lewis and A. C. Braxton, of Richmond, vice counsel for the re-ceivers.

years with him in the Senate; sat The court house was taxed to its around the table with him in the comcapacity to-day when Judge Pritchard delivered one of his stirring prohibi-tion speeches. He spoke for an hour mittee rooms; learned to know him and to love him in his daily walks of life, and it is with the profoundest tion speeches. He spoke for an hour and a half and was given careful at-tention. Some say he made voters for the cause, while others say that the minds of the people are already made up as to how they are going to vote and no amount of speaking will change them. Judge Pritchard speaks here again to-morrow. A thousand or more visitors are respect and admiration for this noble example of a long and useful life that I am constrained on this occasion to pay the simple tribute of a few words to his memory. I will leave it to others who

more familiar with it to give the tailed history of his life-a life stretchthousand or more visitors are to-night to attend the Easter ing almost throughout the length of here to-night to attend the Easter morning service of the Moravians toone century and into another, and full of usefulness and of good deeds, that hardly a man of his native State

but feit his death a personal loss. Senator Edmund Winston Pettus NAVAL STORES CASES. was cast in herole mould, herole in

Special Attorney Appointed to ecute Alleged Violators of She Anti-Trust Law.

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Signs Order Presented by Scaboard Receivers—Many Hear Pritchard's

ntellect. Destined by nature to be a eader, a man of action and of Jacksonville, Fin., optimised and the second Jacksonville, Fia., April 18 .- Attor strength, his young life was cast in troublous times and he early left his impression upon the history of his State. Such was their confidence in his ability and integrity that in time of peril he was more than once mad of peril he was more than once made almost the arbiter of the fate of the people. Especially will his services be recolled during the dark days that followed civil strife. When it seemed that in the heat of passion the South was to be delivered into the hands of the carpet-bagger and a race but late-ly out of bondage. Senator Petius by of on Page Sixteen.)

WILL NOT BE DISSOLVED.

Vice President Dula Says the American Tobacco Company Will Not Be Dissalved-Government's Investigation Shows That the Company Has Not. Violated the Sherman Anti-Trust Law-Result is a Victory For the Company.

New York, April 18 .- There is absolutely no foundation whatever for a report that the American Tobacco Company is about to be voluntarily dissolved, according to a statement made to-day by Caleb C. Dula, vice president of the company. Mr. Dula's statement was made after the return o this city of James B. Duke, pres-

ident of the company, after a visit to California. Mr. Dula declared that the investigation of the company's affairs by the government has resulted in showing unmistakably that over the company has not in any respect staill violated the Sherman anti-trust law or any other law.

"This story of voluntary dissolution of the American Tobacco Com-pany is absolutely false and without a shadow of foundation," said Mr. Dula. "The company's counsel and

attorney in the pending suit of the government of the United States are not only not frightened by the evidence gathered in that case, but they advise that the full disclosure of the affairs of the American Tobacco Company, made by its officers and em-ployes in that case, shows most cleary and unmistakably that the company has not in any respect violated the Sherman anti-trust law or any other law, and that the result of the litigation is bound to be a victory for

the American Tobacco Company. General Counsel Fuller of the com pany joined Mr. Dula in characterizing the reports as groundless. He said the basis of the story apparent ly was that several machine made cigar plants of the American Tobacco Company had closed and were to reopen as properties of the Federal Cigar Company.

Cigar Company. "As a matter of fact," said Mr. Ful-ler, "the Federal Cigar Company is owned by the American Cigar Com-pany. The change under way is merely the separation of the hand-made and the machine-made cigar business, the latter being turned over to the Federal Cigar Company. This is merely a detail to more systematize the work of the eigar company."

SECOND DAY ANGLE TRIAL.

Chief of Rovenne Department Shows the Number of Gallons of Whiskey Manufactured by Angle's Distillery. Danville, Va., April 18.—The sec-ond day of the trial of T. M. Angle, president and general manager of the Dry Fork Distilling Company, chargstature, heroic in character, heroic in ed with defrauding the government out of thousands of dollars of taxes on spirits, was marked by the intro-duction of various documentary syl-dence. Colonel W. H. Chapman, chief dence. Colons: W. H. Chapman, Chief of the revenue department of Vir-ginia, was on the stand the entire day. He presented various reports showing the daily amount for the past several years of whiskey manuctured at the distillery and on which

tax was paid. It will take several days before the It will take several days before the documentary evidence is concluded. The aim of the government is to show by various records that Angle man-ufactured over a hundred thousand sailons of whiskey on which he did not pay a cant of tax.

Next Saturday. Observer Bureau The-Bevill Building, Greensboro, April 18.

Meeting For

tional convention. Several times the fight was pretty In the meeting of the Guilford county Democratic executive commit-Ex-Senator P. C. tee to-day the advocates of an early Thomasville, got the floor immediprimary won an easy and decisive ately after the convention met and victory. By a vote of 34 to 4, it was delivered a red-hot anti-prohibition decided to call the primaries for the speech. The chairman, J. R. Mcexpression of a choice as to overnor, Crary, endeavored to choke him off, but he held on and had his say and congressman and solicitor on Saturday, May 16th. Every member of the announced that his speech was committee was represented in person a prelude of what was to follow later. or by proxy. After the secretary had He is one of the delegates to the read the call, Chairman Brown arose State convention. to a question of personal privilege Zeb V. Walser was unanimously enand made a lengthy statement as to dorsed by the convention for Govhis connection with the controversy ernor. Several delegates to-day calling the meeting. He confessed that they formerly maintained that E. Spencer Blackburn but that the irregular and illegal and a fall out of Solicitor W28 had seen the light and from now took hence forth would stand for Adams Brooks and those who were supporting that gentleman for the congressional TAME AFFAIRS AT WINSTON. nomination. However, inasmuch as he was a loyal Democrat and had the Forsyth Republicans Elect Delegate best interests of the party at heart, he was present to preside over the meeting. At this stage of the game Ings

motion that the committee go into "executive" session was carried. whereupon the large crowd of interested spectators retired from the court room and the executive committee adjourned to a jury room to resume its deliberations.

It was apparent from the start that the supporters of Mr. Locke Craig for the gubernatorial nomination and the opponents of Solicitor Brooks for the congressional nomination would oppose bitterly any proposition looking to holding the primaries prior to by the delegates from the the prohibition election. In the executive session this fight was led by Mr. A. M. Scales and ex-Judge T. J. endorse their election. This Shaw. done in a quiet manner.

The convention was called to order to at 12:30 o'clock by Mr. S. E. Hall, chairman. Mr. D. H. Blair, the sec retary, was in his place. The organization was made permanent. There was no contesting delegation, but as mmittee to formulate rules to be a matter of form a credential com-Chairman Brown, Secretary Collins, mittee was appointed. out a few minutes the committee re

the committee adopted a resolution expressing confidence in and endors-

The supporters of Congressman Kitchin and Solicitor Brooks are highly pleased with the result of the meeting. They assert that, the test vote on the primary date reflects the entimate of Guilford Democrats as to a choice of Governor and Congress delegates at large for each.

Special to The Observer.

Smithfield, April 18.-Democratic township primaries were held all over the county to-day. All precincts have been heard from except three. Nearly

for Congress. So far as can be learn-ed there was no opposition to either Horne or Pou, and the indications are

KILLED BY EXPLOSION instruc

Engineer at Lumber Plant Near Jacksonville Blown to Pieces by Explosion of Boller-Seven Others Badly Injured.

send an instructed Taft delegation Jacksonville, Fla., April 18.--A to the convention and in return to special from Carrabelle states that by be named as a delegate to the nathe explosion of a boller in the plant This was denied. of the Camp Lumber Company yesterday morning William Roberts, the engineer, was instantly killed, being blown almost to pieces, while Oscar Powell, fireman, was seriously injured, his arms being broken and badly scalded. Six other men were injured, but they are not in a serious con-dition. The big plant was badly wrecked by the force of the explosion. but which could be heard for a mile. The reason for the explosion has not been ascertained, the fireman, at the latest reports being unable to tell what oc-

curred prior to the explosion.

publich BISHOP CAPERS GROWS WEAKER favored

Little Hope of His Ultimate Recovery is Held Out.

Columbia, S. C., April 18 .--- The condition of Bishop Ellison Capers at 9:30 o'clock to-night is regarded as practically unchanged. His physicians in Cut-and-Dried Manner, and Intcrest is Lacking in the Proceedthink that he is gradually growing weaker and they have little hope of

his ultimate recovery. Winston-Salem, April 18 .- The For-

syth County Republican convention met here to-day. It was held in Mr. H. C. Sallor's blacksmith shop held here to-day was a tame affair. There was a large attendance but the and Mr. E. W. Flake, of Polkton, was interest seemed to be lacking. There permanent chairman Postmaster Mathem elected was not the slightest demonstration Matherson nucceed and not a speech was made. Only a J. L. Matherson Martin were Measurs. few members of the convention had W. were , elected whything to say. The delegates to the State and congressional convendelegates to the State convention. which meets at Greensboro on the 30th. Mr. J. L. Matherson and Mr. tions had already been agreed upon several H. C. Sailor were elected delegates townships and all that remained for to the congressional convention at the convention to do was to formally Asheville. The convention instruct-ed for Taft, for President, and for Mr. S. B. Adams for State chairman. was The convention took a firm stand for

SAMPSON HAS RIVAL MEETINGS.

Negroes Being Denied Admission (Republican Convention Hall Hol Forth Separately. After being

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temperance.

turned and recommended the seat-Clinton, April 17 .--- The Republican ing of all the delegates. The recomcounty convention for the election of delegates to the State convention was held here to-day. The attendance mendation was adopted and the con-vention proceeded to elect delegates to the State convention, each voting precinct being allowed to select one delegate and one alternate. The se-lection of the townships was ratified. Delegates to the congressional con-vention were then named. Nineteen delegates were selected from the pre-meeting was harmonique. The attendances was smaller than usual and very lit-resolutions adopted condemned State, county and Democratic policies and made no reference to any candidate for President or State chairman. The to the State convention, each voting meeting was harmonious. The ne-groes were dealed admission to the convention and held one of their own in another hall. They endorsed Foraker and prohibition and adopted resolutions condemning Chairman Adams and the embeatement of Re-outliess Cheriff Ama is command delegates were selected from the precincts for each convention and three After the election of the delegates

the convention adjourned, being in session just one hour. There was no Five negroes were noticed in the publican Sheriff Ama in S court house during the convention, county.

but they made no attempt to take **Pasquotank** Convention Held. Special to The Observer.

Elizabeth City, April 18-

otank county Repo in met here this aff Overman, J. Q. A. P. Overman, J. G. et al. Meekins were elected Meekins were elected

Taft for Presid

part in the proceedings of the meet-ing. Apparently the negroes felt themselves out of place. HELD IN BLACKSMITH SHOP.

attempt to instruct the delegates,

Anson Republican Convention at Wadesboro Elects New County Chairman and Names Delegates.

every precinct instructed unanimous-ly for Horne for Governor and, Pou

that the county convention next Sat-urday will send solid delegations for both. One township instructed for Lacy for State Treasurer and one the Republican county convention

man. JOHNSTON FOR HORNE. His Own County Unanimous For Col. Ashley Horne and For Congressman Pou.

maries, the following gentlemen having been appointed members of a submitted to the full committee:

The committee will meet in adjourned session next Saturday adopt regulations governing the pri-

A. M. Scales, T. J. Shaw, W. S. Thompson and T. J. Murphy. Before adjourning this afternoon

ng Chairman Brown.