POLICE CAPTUREEBERHARD

HE CONFESSES AUNT'S MURDER Man Who Slew Mrs. Ottfille Eberhard

sunt, Mrs. Ottille Eberhard, a Vien-nese widow, whom he lured to a lone-date has spent recently.

TO USE GIRL AS WITNESS. The police have the name of the girl mentioned by Eberhard and she will be brought to Hackensack to teil what she knows of the murderer.

Hollow eyed, cheeks down, and with a look of a hunted animal on his face, between the look of a hunted animal on his face, and will be be mocrafic ticket. They were hearting the properties of the performance of the day was the visit of a delegation of local negroes, heretofore staunch Republicans, who called to please the performance of the perform Eberhard was found lying on the lawn ly welcomed, and urged by of a residence just outside of Paterson. Bryan to keep in touch with There was an ugly looking wound in colored brethren throughout

Morbid brooding over his inhuman crime had apparently unbalanced the mind of Eberhard, but he showed ome of the cunning that he displayed in the murder plot when the police questioned him about the murder. Sberhard did not immediately confess to the police, when he was placed uner arrest he expressed surprise that he should be suspeted of the foul deed, and told a most ingenuous story to account for his disappearance after the shooting of his cunt, to the effect that on the night of the murder he had tried to defend his cunt against the attack of a party of Italians. He said on The Commoner, and will not be

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sion was the statement by Eberhard that he had an accomplies in the murder plot. He said, however, that his accomplice had no hand in the killing of Mrs. Eberhard. This mail the issues discussed. I respeak for who was one of Eberhard's friends, the paper the cordial support which has fied to the West, and the police from the beginning made my connecare looking for him. They have his tion with it so pleasant.

"All profits from The Commoner,

in his efforts to induce her to sell hor home in Germany and come to this paign. country to live. He even promised that he would marry her daughter, Ottiland make a comfortable home for her here. RECOUNTS THE CRIME.

Then Eberhard recounted the arrival of his aunt and his cousin, Ottillie; of his finding rooms for them in a room in West 23d street, of the trip to New Jersey and the fatal walk up
the railroad tracks. A blinding rain
storm came up while they were walking up the Susquehanna tracks and
this aided the murderer in his purpose. As the two unsuspecting women were plodding along in front of him he manship of the Democratic national drew his revolver, took careful aim committee," he said, "and while I and fired. Mrs. Eberhard fell at the shall duly appreciate the compliment first shot, but to make sure of her if it is tendered me, I shall not acdeath the assessin fired another shot cept, as I am out of politics forever. into her body as it lay on the tracks. This is final." Then he went in pursuit of his cous-in and tried to kill her. The poor girl believed he was trying to protect her and even up to yesterday she had in-sisted that she did not believe her cousin had murdered her mother. She Lexington Better Depot. counted for his disappearance by the theory that he probably was shot

TELLS WHERE MONEY WAS

Eberhard says that he and his accomplice escaped from the scene of the crime on a west-bound train. He declares that he passed through Albany. Troy and Buffalo into Canada, and on to Detroit and Chicago without being recognized by the police.

When he reached Chicago he says that an irresistible power compelled him to return to the scene of the crime, and then he planned to wound himself and surrender to the police in the belief that he could convince them he had not murdered his aunt.

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When Ottille Eberhard was told of her cousin's confession she was astounded. She is living in Hackensack and has been receiving the attoations of a young steward named Held, who was on the steamship on which she and her mother came to this country, it is believed she will marry Held as soon as the present trouble is over.

BRYAN HAS A BUSY DAY.

Streams of Visitors Pour Into Fair-view and Keep the Candidate Busy —He Has a Long Conference With Josephus Daniels Over Conditions in the Southern States.

New York and Planned the More Confession Relieves His Mind—Planned the Mind—Planned the Mind—Planned the More His Inhuman Crime Unbalances Eberhard — Confession Relieves His Mind—Planned the Months Ago.

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New York, July 23.—Drawn back the scene of his crime by a force of Maccabees and many others who came out merels to pay their rehard, self-confessed murderer of his spects. It was perhaps one of the

save for committing the crime. Eber-hard said that he was in love, with a New York girl and that he needed money to marry her; so, knowing that his aunt had \$2,500 he plotted to kill her and steal the money. Eberhard says he also intended to kill his pretty cousin. Ottille Eberhard, to whom he was engaged, so that nothing would stand in the way of his marriage to the New York girl.

TO USE GIRL AS WITNESS. "dog day polities."

Not the least interesting happening

the

There was an ugly looking wound in colored brethren throughout the his right leg which the murderer first country and work harmoniously toward harmoniously toward been inflicted by himself so as to make the police believe he had been wounded on the night his aunt was killed.

Colored brethren throughout the country and work harmoniously toward Democratic success.

Beginning with to-day Mr. Bryan retires as editor of The Commoner. It is signed letter in the paper announcing that his candidacy for the night his aunt was killed. presidency makes it necessary for him to take such action. Coupled with it is the interesting statement that as a personal campaign contri-bution the profits of The Commoner, over and above actual expenses, will be turned over to the Democratic

RETIRES FROM COMMONER.

The Nebraskan Gives Up Active Work on His Organ But Will Print His Speeches, Letters and Other Matter as Usual.

attack of a party of Italians. He said he made his cousin run on ahead and then returned to help his aunt, but the murderer overpowered him after shooting him in the leg. Then, he said, he lost consciousness and remembered nothing until he came to his sense in the Preakness mountains. He gave a graphic description of his alleged wanderings through the mountains.

MURDERER RELIEVED.

The inquisitors did not believe this story and they kept Eberhard on the commoner, and will not be held personally responsible for matter appearing in it during the present campaign. Charles W. Bryan will be calfe the editor, during the campaign. The following statement was issued by Mr. Bryan relative to this change in the editorial staff of the paper:

"My candidacy makes it necessary for me to suspend editorial work, and I desire to have it known that I should not be held personally responsible for matter appearing in The confession. The murderer seemed to cept that which appears over my sig-

remarkable narrative of the murder. "My brother, Mr. Charles W. Bry-He asked the prosecutor, to whom he an, who has had charge of the publiit was given to him he smoked it as assume control until November, and though he had no other care in the associate editor, Mr. Richard L. Metcalfe, will, during that time, be the editor.
"The Commoner will publish such

speeches, letters, etc., as I may prepare for the general public and the readers of The Commoner will have full and accurate information as to

Eberhard told the police that he over and above actual expenses, from had planned the murder two months now on until election, will be turned ago. He wrote many letters to his aunt over to the Democratic national committee, for the benefit of the

"WILLIAM J. BRYAN." Former Governor Douglas Declares He is Out of Politics Forever.

Monument Beach, Mass., July 23.— "I am out of politics forever," de-clared former Governor William L. Douglas to-day, when, upon his return from a yachting trip of several days, he was questioned concerning the reports from Lincoln. Neb., that

considered for the position. "I have not been offered the chair-

RAILROAD GIVEN ORDERS.

Special to The Observer.

Lexington, July 23.—Several months ago, at the instigation and request of a number of citizens, W. P. Mangum Turner, Esq., took up with the corporation commission the matter of more When Eberhard was searched not a penny was found in his pockets. Eberhard said that he had buried the money he stole from his aunt. He led detectives to a tree near Little Falls, and there dug up a bundle of bills. There was \$2,400 in the bundle, which is the amount that was stolen, as the murderer left a small amount of moncy in the bosom of his aunt's waist, so as to give the impression that she had not been robbed. Eberhard had also buried his own pocketbook, containing \$26, so as to bear out his story that he had been attacked by Italians and robbed.

Eberhard says that he and his accomplice/escaped from the scene of the crime on a west-bound train. He declares, that he passed through Albany, Troy and Buffalo into Canada,

Bryan Determined to Capture Negro Vote.

Lincoln, Neb., July 23.—The determination of the Democrats to capture the negro vote of the country was further emphasized to-day when William J. Bryan told a delegation of negroes from Lincoln that it was his desire that they should get in touch with their brethren everywhere, and particularly in Ohio, and agree upon a line of campaign in behalf of the Democratic ticket. The men who called were Adam Loving, for many years a leader of Republican negroes in this city: R. K. Ratile, W. D. Grant and Frank Williams, who have organized a Bryan and Kern negro

Speaks to a Big Crowd in the Opera Rouse at Macon—His Charge Against Bryan of Refusing to Vote For Crisp For Speaker in the Democratic Caucus is Received in Silence, But His Attack on the Nebraskan For His Attitude in the Brownstylle Matter is Received With Great Applause—Asks For Georgia's Electoral Vote and Says if Necessary He Will Give Them to Bryan to Defent Taft, But His Words Belle His Fair Promises.

Macon, Ga., July 23.—Thomas E.

Macon, Ga., July 23.—Thomas E. atson. Populist candidate for President, opened his campaign here tonight in a speech of one hour to an
audience that taxed the capacity of
the Grand Opera House. He asked
for Georgia's electoral vote and said
that if hecessary he wound give them nesse widow, whom he lured to a foncly spot in New Jersey a few days ago
and shot to death, was captured
near Puterson, N. J., to-day and is
now a prisoner in the Hackensack
jall.

What interested the authorities most
in the confession Eberhard made to
them late to-day was the reason he
save for committing the crime. Eberprobably the most important visitor was Josephus Daniels, of Haleigh,
N. C., proprieter of The News and
Observer, national committeeman and
to server, national committeeman and
to the sub-committe of
eleven which is to select a national
chairman and other officers of the
server for committing the crime. Eberpolitical indement are highly prived
cause of his being a Confederate was were all directed at Bryan, however, and his praises were for Boosevelt the negroes comfort in the Browns-ville matter was repeatedly applauded.

Mr. Watson spoke as follows: MR. WATSON'S ADDRESS.

The greatest purpose of my life now is to put the South back into the the position of national influence which she held before the civil war, and to bring back the reign of Democratic principles as they were practiced in the 40's and 50's.
The greatest obstacle in the way

s the apathy of the South itself. the Southern people would arouse themselves they could easily throw off the domination of the Eastern capitalist, who exploits the Southern States through the machinery of the

Democratic party.
You call yourselves Democrats-Andrew Jackson Democrats—Thomas Jefferson Democrats—and you have never stopped to inquire what are the principles for which Andrew Jackson and Thomas Jefferson stood. You allow your editors to do your thinking for you. You allow your partisan leaders to dictate convictions for you.

For God's sake, rouse yourselves; assert your individuality, and vote according to the dictates of your own conscience. No ballot is thrown away when it represents the conscientious convictions of him who casts it. A DISGRACEFUL SURRENDER.

You are asked to vote for Mr. Bryan, and yet Mr. Bryan's platform is one which Andrew Jackson would have spurned, and Thomas Jeqerson despised. It represents a disgraceful surrender of principle. In 1896, Mr. Bryan claimed to be as good a Populist as Watson.

For eight years he wore every shred of clothing which Populism had in its wardrobe. In 1994 he aban-doned his Populist raiment and entered zealously into the Parker campaign, which he himself had de-nounced as a sell-out to the Wall pins to a steam engine. Street element of the Democratic

necessary for him to bow to its will. Whoever he wanted thrown out was bounced. The platform is just what he made it, and that platform is one of the most shameful abandonments of principle that political history presents. The man who in 1896 declared his unalterable opposition to the single gold standard is now a hero of the gold standard-Ites. The man who in 1896 pro claimed his eternal opposition to the national banking system is now offering props to insure the permanence of the system. The man who in 1896 professed to be in favor of in 1896 professed to be in favor of our constitutional money system has gone over to Wall Street, bag and baggage, clamoring for asset currency to be issued by the government and loaned to the banks, with only the faintest possible word of rebuke to those who passed the infamous Aldrich-Vreeland bill.

THE DENVER PLATFORM. This Denver platform is not a semocratic platform, unless the mere sayso of William J. Bryan constitutes

Democracy.

how offensive in principle the plat-form may be, nor how much the candidate may insult her.

I can understand how Southern

Democracy may come along and vote for Bryan, just as it has swallowed many a bitter dose in the past.

There appears to be a charm about the name "Democratic" which takes away from Southern people their in-telligence, their independence, their

pride.

The Democratic party, in one of its national conventions, declared that it adored the fourteenth amendment.

Yet the South made no protest at language which should have made every drop of her blood tingle with infinite indignation. The Democratic party has compelled the South to yote for candidates who practiced so-cial equality with negroes, and the cial equality with negroes, and the South reeled blindly into the attitude of pitiable humiliation: BRYAN'S PERFIDIY.

Mr. Bryan understands the helessness of the South and exploits to the very utmost. From the South-ern States he must draw 156 of the 242 electoral votes that are neces-sary to his success, and yet he has treated the Southern States as a pure-ly negligible quantity. In return for her 156 electoral votes she gets nothing—absolutely nothing. The platform recognizes no interest of

hers.

But is the South going to tolera that line of conduct? Will she n demand of Mr. Bryan that he be friendly to her as Mr. Roosevelt as Mr. Taft have been? Why shou the South be a friend of a man who afraid to speak out on her side?

The platform upon which I star represents the Democracy of Jefferse and Jackson, applied to modera conditions. Put line law is worth.

WATSON OPENS CAMPAIGN AFFAIRS AT SALISBURY ELLER ELECTED CHAIRMAN BOY HELD AS TRAIN WRECKER. TO PLACE LEE'S STATUE CONTINUES ATTACKS ON BRYAN NEW STATION NEARLY READY SEC. A. J. FEILD REAPPOINTED.

Within the Course of a Week the Southern Will Be Using Its New Station at Salisbury, the Finest South of Washington—Congressman Hackett Looking After His Feuces—Cotton Mill Taking on Electrical Fower—Little Encouragement in Sight For Machinists Laid off by isouthern—Excursion to Be Run to Asheville the 30th—Getting Streets Ready For Bitulithic—Big Sunday School Convention.

Convention. Special to The Observer. Salisbury, July 23.-In another week passengers landing in Salisbury will get off at the new passenger depot. Contractor Martin will soon complete his paving contract and that ends the job. The dining and lunch rooms are ready for the opening and the furniture is all ready to be placed in the waiting rooms. Street cars will be there in readiness to carry the weary traveler to all parts of the city. The handsomest depot south of Washington will be at Salisbury.

The old reliable excersionist, D. R. Julian, expects to operate a heavy train load cause of his being a Confederate was of the good people of this section to Asheheard in silence, but his attack on the ville July 11st. An outing of this kind Nebraskan for his attitude in giving has been denied the people for a long time, the railroad being unable to turnish cars. Many will go now.

Congressman Hackett was in town yesterday looking for weak places or holes in his fence. Mr. Cowles was also here looking for a gap in Mr. Hackett's fence and to administer the estate left by Mr. Blackburn,

The Kestler Cotton Mill has been making important changes in the motive department. The Southern Power Company is installing in the mill a 250-horse-power electric plant. The changes will be made and the mill will be in operation again in two weeks.

Whitehead Kluttz, Esq., delivers an address at Elmwood to-merrow to a big picnic gathering. West Innis, North Main, Church and

Shaven streets are being graded and put in shape to receive the bituithle coating and when completed will make the average citizen proud of his old town. Rumor says a gentleman who stands high in this State as a hotel man will

soon take charge of the Vanderford Hotel and operate a high-grade hostelry. is a popular house and will get its full share of patronage. There is nothing in sight to encourage the idle machinist with getting a re-No ballot is thrown instatement at the Southern Railway's shops soon. The men have been idle so

long that many are getting discouraged and leaving for other States in search of work. If reports are true many idle men could be used to repair the rundown machinery standing on side tracks in the Southern yards. Mr. A. B. Watson and family left to day to take up their home in the Queen-City. They will be greatly missed in Salisbury, but Charlotte has gained a

splendid family who will make citizens and be appreciated by all who, spond. In 1994 he aban- meet and know them. Salisbury will soon have a department store where one can clothe and feed himself, also buy anything from a paper of

Rowan county has been blessed with fine rains covering every portion of the In excuse of his political apostacy in county, not leaving a dry spot, and every-1904, he pleaded the majority rule, body coming to town predicts a bumper The selection of a professor to the claiming that as a party man it was corn crop. The Sunday school convention for this

But that excuse no longer avails. In county meets August 26th and 27th at the the board. The election of Dr. Hill Denver he was absolutely in despotic historic old church Thyratia, in west control of the Democratic party. Rowan. The largest gathering ever held Whatever he wanted done, was done. in the county is predicted for that oc-

ENCAMPMENT AT CHICKAMAUGA. First South Carolina Regiment Ar-rived Yesterday and Others Will To-Day-Everything

Gather To-Good Shape. Special to The Observer

Camp William H. Taft, Chickamauga Park, Ga., Headquarters First South Carolina Regiment, July 23.— Colonel Lewis' splendid First arrived in camp at noon to-day after a comfortable trip unmarked by special incident. The camp is admirably situated, facing its camp site of two years ago. There are 617 officers and men present, much fuller than for any former encampment. The First is the only national guard regiment in camp to-night, but Virginia and Mississippi regiments are expected to-morrow. Three Alabama regiments expected to-day cannot come on account of the Birmingham strike. What right has he to demand the support of those citizens who are Democratic in principle, upon such a platform as this?

And particularly what right has a constant of the regulars, highly compilmented Colonel Lewis this afternoon on the general appearance of the First. He did not hesitate to say that it was the best of all. And particularly, what right has so far. The first six days will be dehe to expect the support of the South? Upon one principle alone can he hope to get it and that is upon the idea that the South is compelled to problem work under the regulars. The health of the regiment is perfect yout the Damocratic ticket, no matter how offensive in principle the south is compelled to the problem work under the regulars. ments appear to be ideal tiffs probably continue. Everything points to a splendid and profitable trip all

CADETS FIRED FOR HAZING.

ight Suspended From West Point For Hazing Members of the Fourth Class—Cases to Be Passed Upon by the Secretary of War.

West Point, N. Y., July 23.—Eight cadets in the United States Military Academy here were to-day sent to Academy here were to-day sent to their homes as a result of hasing members of the fourth class. They were William T. Russell, appointed at large, and Harry G. Weiter, of Illinois, members of the first class, and Byron Q. Jones, New York; George W. Chase, New York; William W. Prude, Alabama; isaac Spaulding, Oklahoma; William Naile, Virginia, and James A. Gillespie, Bennsylvania, members of the third class.

The cadets who have been placed The cadets who have been placed under suspension for what has come to be regarded in official eyes as the major offense in the academy list, will have their cases passed upon by the Secretary of War, and have been or-dered to await the Secretary's action at their homes. Precedent in such cases sets the penalty as dismissal from the academy following proof of the hazing charge.

Just what the incident was which

has caused the suspensiones cannot be learned here. The academy authorities decline to talk upon the matter and refuse to give any information regarding the incident which was given publicity by one of the accused cadets after leaving West Point.

ization—Governor Glenn Called on For Speech—He Belleves Western and Southern States Will Elect Bryan—Mr. W. W. Kitchin Aisent. Observer Bureau, The Holleman Building,

Raleigh, July 23. The State Democratic executive committee to-night elected Mr. A. H. Eller, of Winston-Salem, chairman, to succeed Mr. Hugh G. Chatham, resigned, and Chairman Eller reappointed Alex J. Feild, secretary. The committee named the following central committee composed of four members from each of the ten congressional districts:
First—E. F. Adylett, W. C. Rod-man, W. H. Hampton, Dr. E. A.

Moye, Jr. Second—T. W. Mason, J. W. Gran-ger, H. A. Gilliam, Dr. J. E. Green. Third—T. C. Whitaker, A. J. Max-well, E. M. Koonce, W. M. Webb, Fourth—J. A. Taomas, F. S. Fourth—J. A. Thomas, F. S. Spruill, H. J. Olive, H. A. London, Fifth—C. Q. McMichael, R. L. Holt, J. S. Carr, H. G. Chatham. Sixth—E. J. Hale, J. D. Bellamy, James Powell, A. W. McLean. Seventh—J. A. Lockhart, A. S. Bockery. (Other two to be named later)

later). Eighth-Dr. R. S. Young, Edmund Jones, R. A. Doughton, A. D. Watts, Ninth—J. H. Weddington, Maj. H. F. Schenck. (Other two to be nam-

ed later). Tenth—C. A. Webb, W. T. Lee, Marshall Bell, T. T. Ballinger. In accepting the chairmanship Mr. Eller spoke enthusiastically of the outlook and expressed confidence that he would have the hearty support of and report to the next meeting of the executive committee.

Governor Glenn, called on for a speech, expressed the wish that some of the enthusiasm he saw in Denver might be injected into the committee meeting and into North Carolina
Democracy. He never saw anything
like it. He said he believed enough
Western States would be carried for
Bryan with the solid South to assure Bryan's election without New York. At the same time he believed the Democratic financial and other planks would so impress the New York financial and other interests before the campaign is over as to go a long way toward Democratic majorities in a number of Eastern States.

There were calls for Congressman Claude Ritchin, but he would not re-spond. Hon. W. W. Kitchin was not present. PROF. D. H. HILL ELECTED. The trustees of the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts to-day elected Dr. D. H. Hill president to succeed Dr. George T. Winston, and Prof. W. C. Riddick, vice president, to succeed Dr. Hill. is left to the executive committee of president was unanimous. names presented to the board for the position were W. J. Quick, of chair of agriculture, Virginia Poly-technic Institute; Dr. Charles Lee Raper, of the University of North

Carolina; Prof. A. E. Woltz, of the Goldsboro graded schools, and Dr. Tait Butler, State veterinarian. Dr. Hill has been vice president and professor of English for a number of years and is a man of much literary and executive awility. Pro-fessor Riddick, the new vice president, is widely known and has shown decided tact in influence among the college boys. He has for a number of years been at the head of the

engineering department of the col-Professor Hill was summoned before the board after his election and discussed for some time maters per-taining to the college affairs. The taining to the college affairs. The matter of the suppression of hazing taking the ground that this was a matter entirely with the college faculty and urging that everything pos-sible be done to prevent outbreaks of

ASHEVILLE HIT BY STORM. Lightning Sets Fire to Cotton Mill and Terrifles the Citizens by Keeping Fire Alarm Going—Rainfall Was Very Heavy—Storm Came Up Very Suddenly.

Special to The Observer Asheville, July 23.—Asheville was visited shortly after last midnight by the heaviest rain and severest electri-cal storm since the establishment of The storm came out of east and suddenly. At 1 o'clock the skies were practically clear, with stars shining. To the northeast there

tapping there were frequent strokes of the gong as a boil of lightning would strike the wires. Many pectiple were aroused by the crashes of thunder and electrical display. Some were right badly frightened, it was learned this morning, while others watched the display with varying emotions and interest.

During the progress of the storm and about 4 o'clock this morning fire was discovered at the Asheville Cotton Mills and although no general alarm was sounded the employes of the mills were aroused and rendered aid. It is supposed that the fire was due to a stroke of lightning, though this morning no evidence could be had that the building had been struck. The fire was extinguished with a loss of about \$500. The Asheville Electric Company were put out of commission for a time, and save for the fisshes at lightning the city was in total darkness until the trouble was located states, died at his home in this city was in the about the control of the Conference would be about \$500. The Asheville Electric Company were put out of commission for a time, and save for the fisshes at lightning the city was in total darkness until the trouble was located States, died at his home in this city.

Amos Russell, 14 Years Old, Charged With Causing Wreck Last Sunday— Mr. Vesey, of England, Much Pleased With Land of the Sky—im-portant Real Estate Deal Made.

Special to The Observer. Asheville, July 23.—It was learned to-day that the sheriff of Swain coun-ty has arrested Amos Russell, a boy 14 years of age, on the charge of causing the wreck of passenger train No. 18 at Epps Springs on the Murphy division Sunday. It is alleged that Russell with some companions was playing on the track just before the train came along and that they unintentionally left or wilfully placed a bolt on the track which caused the derailment of the passenger. The lad is now in Jail at Bryson City. According to the information received here the Russell boy does not deny that he was one of those playing about the tracks shortly before the wreck occurred. The fact that the passenger train was running at a low rate of speed is responsible for the small damage and probably no

District Attorney Holton left this afternoon for Greensboro where he goes after evidence relative to the alleged non-payment of taxes by two deceased grand jurers in the First National Bank of Asheville cases which will come up for trial here Monday. The district attorney feels certain that the indictments will not be quashed but rather that the three bank officials, Messrs. Bresse, Penland and Dicker- and Dixon line. Aiready protests son, will be brought to trial at this have been heard from certain G. A.R. time on the original-bill of indictment found at Greensboro eleven years ago, which charges conspiracy. These are the cases growing out of the failure here in 1897 of the First National Bank

An important real estate deal has been closed here involving the sale to Dr. E. W. Grove, owner of Grove Park, a residential park in the north-Mr. eastern section of the city, of 19 acres the of land belonging to the Idlewild Flothat ral Company. The land is situated rt of just across Charlotte street from The Grove Park with 700 feet front on Democrats all over the State. The Grove Park with 700 feet front on chair was directed by a resolution to appoint a committee of five to revise the Democratic plan of organization Grove Park.

Mr. Harold W. Vesey, the Bank of England official who was brought here by the government as a witness in the Rev. William G. Whitaker case, left yesterday afternoon for Washing-From Washington he will go to States. He is a most pleasing conversationist and charmingly entertained those with whom he came in contact. During his stay Mr. Vesey visited a number of places of interest hereand to friends declared his intention of taking some roasting ears

LIGHTNING KILLS SIX.

Terrific Storm Strikes Encompment of Pennsylvania National Guard at Gettysburg—The Dead Members of the Militia—A Score or More In-

fured. result of a terrific electric storm which passed over the Pennsylvania national guard encampment here tonight it is reported that at least six troopers were killed, and two score injured, some of them seriously, by being struck by lightning. known dead:

PRIVATE MORRISON. PRIVATE BARBE. UNKNOWN MAN, TENTH REGI-

MENT. The tent occupied by Governor Stuart was blown down as number of others. Several were sitting with Governor Several friends Stuart when his tent collapsed, but the party managed to hold the canvas and all escaped injury. The camp is flooded, and telegraphic service is practically at a standstill. The entire camp is panic stricken. The darkness is impenetrable and men are wildly running about through rivers of water,

seeking the injured. Every tent of Battery B was blown down, but no one in the battery was hurt. The regimental guard tent of was especially treated, the trustees the Tenth regiment was struck by taking the ground that this was a the lightning, and forty men of Company C were badly injured.

The field hospital is full and men

are lying about the camp waiting for The Young Men's Christian ciation tent, which was filled with men and women who had taken refuge from the storm, was razed to the ground, but so far as known no one was seriously injured.

PRESIDENT WANTS RESULTS.

Tells Members of the Naval Commit-tee Not to Pay Too Much Attention to Criticisms, But to Work For Re-sults—Navy Must Be Kept in the Veent Bank Front Rank.

Newport, R. I., July 23 .- Members of the naval conference met again to-day to continue the discussion of batstars shining. To the was an occasional lightning flash, while the few clouds drifted toward the south. About 3 o'clock there was a vivid flash of lightning, a mighty crash of thunder and the storm was on. Instantly rain began falling in torrents. Added to the raging elements the great fire gong in the city hall began tapping in the city hall began tapping in the lightning. The President asked to be told all that the bell struck nearly 100 times. Tity first bolt had struck the fire alarm wires and set the system a-going. At intervals after the bell had ceased tapping there were frequent strokes sylvents. Sylvents are selectived in the criticisms that had been done in the conference that they have a coupled in answer universal and a good part of the hour spent in executive was occupied in answer would strike the wires. Many people were aroused by the crashes of the gong as a bolt of lightning. The would not place too much credence in the criticisms that had been passed the brightness. The sword is an exact model of the upon the navy by people on the outside of the gong as a bolt of lightning. The president Roosevelt explained to the statue was copied from the full dress uniform worn by General Lee at the Appomatics surrender, which in the criticisms that had been passed in the criticisms that had been passed the frightness. The sword is an exact model of the upon the navy by people on the outside of Maryland.

Washington, July 23.—Major James P. Meline, for sixteen years past the Assistant Treasurer of the United States, died at his home in this city late this afternoon, after a long illness. He was 67 years old and a native of Ohio. He will be buried in

FIRST HONOR TO CONFEDERATE

Virgini a Will Place in Statuary Havin the National Capital a Brown-Figure of Gen. Robert E. Lee, Making the First Memorial to a Hero of the Confederacy Ever Placed in a United States Building—Demagogues Not All Dead eVi, So There Will Be Protests From Some G. A.R. Camps—Hall Was Established at Suggestion of Vermont Semator, Who Will Probably "Turn Over in His Grave."

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The people throughout the whole South may reasonably be expected to take an interest in the placing of a statue of Gen. Robert E. Lee in Statuary Hall in the United States Capitol, The State of Virginia will place this statue there, and it has just been cast in bronze at Providence, R. I., by the sculptor, Edward V. Valentine. ought to be ready before the end of the present year to be unveiled. And when this ceremony does take place, do not doubt that there will be interest in it on both sides of the Mason have been heard from certain G. A. R. agitators who are afraid that if General Lee is not put down in history as an arch traitor and rebel their pen-sions might be cut off. The real heart of the North seems to have outgrown the bitterness towards the South, and the whole country is in position to recognize the greatness of Lee and to accord him a place among the country's greatest men. But not all the demagogues are dead yet, and some of the G. A. R. camps, as no doubt some of the Confederate survivors camps, are presided over or at least greatly influenced by demagogues. There are many dmagogues in the world, so lis-ten for a few screeches when the Lou statue is unveiled.

FIRST MEMORIAL TO A REBEL

This will be the first memorial to a Confederate hero whose chief claim to distinction is his service to the Confederacy which anywhere appears in the Capitol or in any of the buildings New York and thence sail for Eng. the Capitol or in any of the buildings land. Mr. Vesey expressed himself of the United States government. as delighted with his first visit not There is already in Statuary, Hall one only to Asheville but to the United Confederate, Dr. J. L. M. Curry, as member of the Confederate Congress, placed there by his native State of Alabama, but Dr. Curry had other claims to distinction which outweighed those of a servant of the Confederabouts and was loud in his praise of a set and Texas, by the way, this section. The young Englishman are the only two of the seceded States became very fond of "corn on the which are represented in Statuary cob"—a new dish to him—while here, tue of Sam Houston within the past few years. But Sam Houston was not Confederate soldier nor a man of whom Texas in the sixties was espe-cially proud. Two of the distinctively Southern States before the war—that is, they were slave States—Maryland and Missouri, each have two statues in this hall, but Kentucky so far is unrepresented. When South Carolina puts in the statue of John C. Caihoun, which is now being made York, by the sculptor Ruckstuhl will be ready some time during the present year, or ought to be, then Kentucky will probably follow with one of Henry Clay. Who the other one from Kentucky will be there is also little doubt, for the most tinguished and the greatest of Ken-tucklans next to Clay was Daniel Boone. Virginia has decided to put in also a statue of George Washington, a bronze copy of its famous Houde statue in the capitol at Richmond There is a plaster cast copy of this already in Statuary Hall, set back a little from the rest, but it is not the one placed there by Virginia under the regulation by which each State is given the privilege of putting in two

statues. HALL SUGGESTED BY VERMONT-

Statuary Hall was established in 1864 at the suggestion of Senator Morrill, of Vermont, who, by the way, will turn over in his grave and groan when the statue of General Lee is unveiled, if he has not already turned over on account of the Curry figure. Each State is invited to send "the effigies of two of her chosen sons in marble or bronze, to be placed per-manently here." So it is left entirely with the States themselves to de-termine whose "efficies" shall be plac-ed there. The G. A. R.'s can kick all they want to and cannot help them-selves. But, for all that it is reasonable to suppose that no Vermont Set ator in 1864 dreamed that Robert 1 Lee would have a place in this Hell of Fame. If he had he never would have moved to establish it.

The Virginia legislative commission which has in charge the Lee statue is in Washington to-day. It has just been to Providence to inspect the work and

Most of the statues, in fact all cept two or three, are of marble, two Virginia figures, Washington Lee, will, therefore, be conspict for being of bronze.