CONVICT GUARD MISSING

A MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE Mr. Wallace D. Johnson Quits Mc-Laughliu's Camp at 4 O'clock in the Morning and Cannot Be Found— Tracked About Three Miles in the Big Road—His Brother, Patrolman Johnson, Johns the Searching Party— Missing Man Leaves His Pistol, Cont and Keys Behind—Had Con-siderable Money With Him—Suppo-sition is That He Was, Killed or That He is Demented.

Mr. Wallace D. Johnson, a convict guard, disappeared from McLaughn's camp near Mint Hill yesterday, and has not been seen since. . Friends and kinsmen searched for hours for him but without success. It is generally believed by those conversant with the facts that he was murdered or that his mind failed.

Mr. Johnson was night guard at the convict camp. Yesterday morning before day, at 4, o'clock, an hour and a half before time for him to go off duty. Mr. Johnson waked up Mr. Walter Cunningham, another guard, and asked him to hold the fort fer him for a little while until he could step out. That was the last seen of the young man. When he did not return, as he was expected to do, an investigation was inaugurated and it was found that he had left his coat, his keys and his pistol, at the camp. His tracks, or at least a track supposed to be his, same toward Charlotte, up the Mint Hill road, for nearly

The news of the disappearance of Mr. Johnson was telephoned to his brother, Partoiman E. L. Johnson. early yesterday morning, and he went down to help seach for him. A party composed of guards, neighbors and trusties, hunted for hours but could never accomplish more than to follow trail in the road, which was first on the macadam and then in the red mud. The very fact that he would drift from the hard road into the mire, where he would flounder about for many yards at the time, led some of his friends to believe that he was demented. It was known around the camp that he carried considerable money on his person. His associates the result of information received at say that he must have had \$65 or the sheriff's office that an attack would be made on the camp at midsome lean to the theory that he was night. There has been a greater robbed. The trail suddenly disappeared and could not be located again. Mr. Johnson is about 33 years old. He has been a guard, off and on, for five or six years, for two years serving at the McLaughlin camp. He weighs 125 pounds and is light complected, smooth shaven and quiet mannered. When in Charlotte he made his home with his mother, Mrs. L. E. Johnson, at the corner of Eighth and Brevard streets. He is not mar-

Before leaving the camp yesterday morning at 3:30 Mr. Johnson, as was his custom, turned out the eight or paired his health for a time, and it is feared that his old trouble has re-

MRS. HAINS DENIES REPORTS.

Declares That the Charge of Improp-er Conduct With Annis Are False— No Effort Being Made to Effect a Reconciliation With Her Husband -New Version of the Automobile

New York, Aug. 20.—Interest in the case of the Hains brothers, now awaiting indictment and trial in the Queens county jail for the murder of William E. Annis on the float of the Bayside, L. I., Yacht Club, last Sat-urday, centred to-day in various contradictory statements issued by the lawyers for Captain Peter C. Hains and his brother, Thornton J. Hains, and by those having charge of the interests of Mrs. Hains, the captain's

Frank G. Wild, Mrs. Hains' attor ney, issued a formal denial of the allegation made against his client, insisting that, signed confessions to the contrary notwithstanding, Mrs. Hains had never been guilty of improper conduct with Annis.

the published story to the effect that his client was trying to effect a reconciliation with her husband and would testify in his behalf at the trial, Mr. Wild was equally pos-His client had never sidered a reconciliation as possible,

Weldon C. Percy, the first lawyer salled in to defend Captain Hains and his brother, refused to comment on the various statements. In respect to the much-exploited incident of the antomobile ride in which Captain Hains took Annis just after his return from the Philippines, Mr. Percy threw

"The captain," said he, "returned with a conviction that all the gossip connecting Annis and his wife absolutely without foundation. studied upon a way to speedily silence the detractor of the woman he loved, and decided that the best way would be to openly invite Annis to dinner at the fort. He did this, trusting in the word of his wife. That night Annis came to the fort with his wife, and after dinner the four-Mrs. Hains, the captain and Mr. and Mrs. Annis—went out together on an au-tomobile ride. Subsequent to that, the captain discovered the truth. The talk of Mrs. Hains not having been in full possession of her faculties at the full possession of her faculties at the time she signed the confession is ridiculous. Fully twelve hours elapsed between her oral and her written confessions."

Lusitania Clips Three Hours From

New York, Aug. 29 .- With the previous record for a transactiantic voyage lowered by more than three hours, the Cnard turbine steamship Lusitania arrived off Sandy Hook lightship at 10 o'clock to-pight, having made the run across the Atlantic over the short course in four days, 15 hours and 25 minutes. The Lusitania's former record, which was also the ocean record, was also the ocean record, was a days. also the ocean record, was 4 days 18 hours and 46 minutes, the steamer by her new performance lowered her former mark and the record mark by 3 hours and 15 minutes,

OLD BUTTONS WORKED OFF.

nterprising Schemers Sell Campaign Buttons of 1896 and 1900 to Brooklyn Shopkeepers — Buttons Bear the Portraits of Bryan and Sewall, and Bryan and Stevenson. New York, Aug. 20.-Thousands of vintage of 1896 and 1900 have be sold to Brooklyn shopkespers, according to the police of that borough, and fully \$5,000 was realized by those engineering the transaction. The butgineering the transaction. The buttons are new in appearance and look to be genuine, but persons familiar with the candidates on the Democratic presidential ticket this year would experience no difficulty in detecting the fraud. The portraits of Bryan and Sewall, and Bryan and Stevenson, the candidates of 1896 and 1906 respectively, are shown on the buttons, but as their names do not appear below the pictures, the shopkeepers were unaware of the deception. All recognized Mr. Bryan's picture and took it nized Mr. Bryan's picture and took i ture was that of Mr. Kern.

HORSE MAKES GREAT RUN.

Dashes Through Two Stores and Then Sprints For Two Miles, Being Stopped Finally by Barb Wire Fence.

Special to The Observer.

Fayetteville, Aug. 20.—A country horse hitched behind Q. K. Nimrocks' store on Hay street this morning became frightened and dashed through the store, leaving the wagon outside the door, then across the street and into the window of W. Prior & Sons, jewelers, smashing every piece of glass and chinaware in the window, including some valuable hand-painted china of Miss Florence Hall. The horse ran two miles and became en-tangled in a barb wire fence, fracturing his skull.

Arrested For Dynaditing Mine Boss

Birmingham, Ala., Aug. 20.-Peter Wallace, a well-known white man, was arrested at Pratt City to-night, charged with dynamiting the house of Mine Boss Tom Duggan, at that place Tuesday night. Witnesses are said to have been found who saw him erawl under the house. The dogs also took the trail from Dug-gan's house to that of Wallace. The flying squad of deputies was sent to a point near Pratt City to-night as feeling of apprehension in the dis-trict to-day than at any time since the Blocton assassinations.

Mr. F. B. Alexander to Sue Receiver of Big Bucket Shop. Special to The Observer.

Cincinnati, O., Aug. 20.—One creditor at least of the de-Odell Company has a good chance to get his money back, and an application will be filed in the courts to-morrow demanding The relatives of the missing man after the big bucket shop had gone bury—the Forsyth Riffemen, a divisare very much wrought up over his into the hands of Thomas Cogan as fon of veterans, an old veterans, band, mysterious sensor. Several years receiver. This money could not be another detachment of veterans, the receiver. This money could not considered a portion of the assets of the defunct concern, he contends, and Mr. Alexander through his attorney, Charles Dolle, expects to establish the fact that it reached the receiver and not the company and is therefore his property.

The Terry-Heltman Wedding. special to The Observer.

High Point, Aug. 20.—This afternoon at 5 o'clock Miss Nan Carr Heitman and Mr. R. B. Terry were united in marriage at the home of Mrs. Emma Carr Heitman, at Trinity. The ceremony was performed by Rev. G. F. Kirby, brother-in-law of the oride. The following attendants were present: Miss Linda Clements, of Mocksville, and Mr. Oscar Moffitt, of High Point; Miss Elizabeth Spencer and Mr. Vernon W. Idol. Mr. G. W. Clark was best man. Miss Ella Lam-beth played the wedding march. The ushers were Messrs. J. J. Farriss and Albert Heitman.

The bride and groom left this city on No. 35 south. They will spend their honeymoon at Lake Toxaway.

Sergeant Brest Wins President's Contest at Rifle Tournament.

Camp Perry, O., Aug. 20.-Sergeant A. Brest, of the United States in-fantry, won the President's contest to-day, the closing event in the National Rifle Association's tournament. He made a score of 304 against a field of 377 other contestants. Last year the gold medal was won by Sergeant Berg, of Washington, by a score of 310. In to-day's contest Capt. F. W. Allen, of Massa-chusetts, took second prize, the silver medal, with a score of 302. Third place and the bronze medal was taken by Lieut, S. A. Harris, United

Hot Springs Ready For Big Republican Rally To-Day.

chairman of the arrangements com-mittee, at the close of the day and placed his approval on what had been done. Colonel Allen's estimate of the crowd to come includes three thousand from the Shenandoah Valley, a thousand or fifteen hundred from the James river division, from Richmond another thousand and from Highland, Bath and Alleghany counties twelve to fifteen hundred

Killed Himself by Throwing Himself in Front of Train. pecial to The Observer.

more.

Wilmington, Aug. 20.—George Cox, a middle-aged citizen of Rose Hill, in Duplin county, was run over and killed by an Atlantic Coast Line train at that point Wednesday afternoon. According to witnesses it was a plain case of suicide. Cox, who was standing in front of the depot, rushed across the track just as the train neared the point where he was standing. The body was hardly'r maugied and portions were acattered along the and portions were scattered along the

Will Flood Burning Mine ington.

Jacksonvills, Fis., Aug 29.—Goveror Charles E. Magoon, of Cubs. acimpanied by Captain Ryan, arrived
ere this morning, stopped long
to recover the hodies still in the groups to eat a hearty breakfast, then
ok the next train for Washington.

known that 76 miners perished the explosion and the fire to followed it in the Maypole mit Finding that it would be impossible to recover the hodies still in the groups to recover the hodies at the hodies and the groups the

More Than Two Thousand War Heroes March in Procession, Sald to Be the Largest the State Veterans Have Had Since War—Closing Exer-cises Held Yesterday and Visitors Leave For Their Homes—Commit-tee on Time and Place of Next Convention Does Not Announce Its De-cision—Ball Given Last Night by Twin City Club—Rennion Said by Many to Have Been Best Yet Held in State—Some Sidelights.

Special to The Observer. Winston-Salem, Aug. 20 .- To the blare of brass bands and a drum and fife corps more than two thousand of North Carolina's old soldiers of the Confederacy marched to-day in the largest procession, according to their commanders and the men themselves, that the veterans have ever had since the war, this being the climactic even of the annual reunion of the Tar Heel

division. For miles along the line of march the principal streets of Winston-Salem were lined with sightseers. Cheers and the waving of the Stars and Bars greeted the men and when a battleflag was borne by the tumult of applause grew in volume. The homely but emblematic hornet's nest, swung aloft on a pole at the head of the Charlotte contingent, was pointed out again and again and provoked much enthusiasm.

"It may be that the exigencies of politics often cause the defeat of Confederate soldiers who are candidates for office," remarked a prominent politician on the court house square, but this demonstration shows that the spirit of love for the veteran still lives. I have never seen more respect and veneration exhibited than at this reunion.

This is the truth and the fold soldiers are never weary of speaking their appreciation. "You North Carolinians are too modest," said General C. Irvine Walker, of Charleston. for one, intend to tell the people that your hospitality to the sons of the lost cause cannot be excelled. This is a grand occasion and the people of Winston-Salem have handled it magnificently."

MAGNIFICENT PROCESSION About one-third of the veterans rode in private carriages, scores of which were offered and used. There were a hundred men un horseback, including the commander and the marshals, Maj. T. J. Brown, who celebrated his 75th birthday last week, directing, and there was not a mor superb and agile horseman than he The fire companies of the two towns had their apparatus in the parade, gayly decorated, and young women rode in the hose carts. A large portion of the old soldiers

wore their uniforms of gray. The sons of veterans led the pro cession, all mounted on ponles. Gen. J. S. Carr and his staff came next, repayment by the receiver. F. B. then the Salem Band, the speakers, Alexander, of Charlotte, N. C., says he sent \$1,400 to the Odell Company just Pittsboro, and Miss Boyden, of Salisher detachment of Norfleet (local) camp, disabled ans in carriages, the Winston Cornet Band, the J. B. Gordon Chapter of the Daughters in carriages, the fire ompanies and citizens in carriages.

This afternoon the veterans enjoy ed a trolley ride over the city. closing exercises of the reunion at the auditorium were simplet Many of tee veterans left for their homes this evening, but a great number remain until to-morrow. A ball was given in the Twin City

Club rooms at night and many visitors were present. The musical pregramme was appropriately Southern NEXT MEETING PLACE NOT AN-NOUNCED.

The committee on time and of the next reunion will probably not make this decision for some time pet. There have been invitations extended by several towns in the State, and each advances its claim with warmth. Hundreds of visitors, other than veterans, are in the city to-night, crowding the cars, and the moving picture shows at Nissen Park as well as those in the city. Practically all business was suspended during the day, the banks, many large factories and commercial houses giving their employes a holiday. SOME INTERESTING PERSON-

AGES. J Ruff Henderson, of Wilkesboro ddressed a crowd of several hundred veterans gathered on the court house square this afternoon ended by offering a "resolution" that the next Legislature be petitioned to set aside a fund to pension Confederate veteran in the State without regard to disability or any other condition. The crowd "adopted" it with a cheer.

The Mecklenburg Camp marching with it "Uncle" Dan Barley, an aged negro, who seemed to Hot Springs Ready For Big Republican Rally To-Day.

Hot Springs, Va., Aug. 20—Hot Springs is in readiness for the Republican rally to-morrow. Col. S. Brown Allen, of Staunton, made a final inspection of the ball park, as chairman of the arrangements comton, of Caswell county, issued a signed statement at the close of the reunion saying that it was the best ever held in the State, and that the old soldiers appreciated the "good water, abundant food and luxuries" showered upon them.
Col. W. H. S. Burgwyn, the well-known banker, was an interested at-

Col. John B. Lane, who rode a spirited horse and was dressed in a faded grey suit, attracted particular interest. He was the commander of the "Bloody Twenty-sixth," to which Forsyth soldiers belonged.

Davidson county had the most men in line, carrying the tattered flag of the Forty-second Regiment. They made lots of jokes at the expense of the water waren, which was driven.

the water wagon, which was driven Shakespeare Harris, of Concord, seemed to know almost every one. He was in his element, talking with old friends.

Gen. H. A. London says the reunion was the most successful ever held in this State. This was the opinion expressed on every side by the visiting veterans.

VETERAN FALLS FROM TRAIN.

Palls From Fast Southern Train and is Dangerously Injured.

By Bell Telephone to The Observer.

Spancer, Aug. 20.—A Mr. Tomlinson, of Lexington, a Confederate vet-

BIG PARADE OF VETERANS STEVENSON VISITS MACK MOB LEADER CONFESSES CLIMAX OF ANNUAL REUNION PREDICTS A GREAT VICTORY FOUR COUNTS AGAINST WOMAN

> Illinois Gubernatorial Candidate Goes Over the Political Situation With Chairman Mack—Speaks at a Lancheon Given by the Iroquois Club and Predicts a Democratic Victory in November—"Looks Like a Return of the Democratic Spirit of 1892," He Declares—Assurances of Support From Republicans is Astonishing—Democrats of Illinois Are United and the State and National Tickets Will Have a Majority. jority.

Chicago, Aug. 20.—Former Vice President Adlai E. Stevenson, Democratic candidate for Governor of Illinois, came to Chicago to-day from his nome in Bloomington and for an hour conferred with National Chairman Mack on the general situation and what part the national committee would take in the State campaign Mr. Stevenson's visit followed a lunchon tendered him by the Iroquols Club, at which he predicted a Democratic victory in November in a speech which brought rounds of aplanse from the large number present.

BOTH TICKETS WILL CARRY. In company with Francis Peabody, his campaign manager, Mr. Stevenson called upon Chairman Mack at the national committee headquarters and discussed the outlook and problems that the Democrats will meet in the the national chairman that from reports received by him he believed Tillnois would go Democratic for both the gubernatorial and national tickets. Mr. Mack informed the former Vice President that the national committee had planned an effective campaign in this State and that it would lend any aid required by those directing the gubernatorial fight. Mr. Stevenson will make several speeches in the State-during the next two months and it is not unlikely that he may be called upon by the national committee to go outside his State on a short stumping tour.

Speaking of the Democratic out-look in the national campaign this year Mr. Stevenson said in his address at the Iroquois luncheon:

"It looks like a return of the Democratic spirit of 1893, when Cleveland was elected. Everywhere I have spoken I have found Democrats fornerly antagonistic to Mr. Bryan with him now, and they tell me they wish to support me also. It is astenishing the assurances of support I have received from Republicans who declare that they believe the time has come for a change. If we put our shoulders to the wheel we can bring about a great Democratic victory in No-

RED-HOT CONTEST IN MAINE. E. L. Jones, national committeeman from Maine, was a visitor at the Democratic headquarters to-day and talked with Chairman Mack about the assignment of speakers to the Maine campaign, which is now on in earnest. September 14th and will be the first one held during the campaign. Speaking of the Maine situation Mr. Jones said: "The present campaign is largely on State issues, but do not mistake the fact that it is a red-hot contest and that we are making an aggressive fight. There is not a dissenting Democrat in Maine and every one of them will vote for Bryan and Kern in November. I am not predicting that the Democrats will carry the State, but we are making a fight to win and will certainly cut down the Republican majority."

Charge of "Conspiracy" Not Sus-tained.

Special to The Observer. Asheville, Aug. 20 .- In city police court this morning three hours were consumed in the trial of a "conspiracy" charge against Wiley Blacks the alleged head of the "Unity Club," of this city. The grand jury indicted Black for conspiracy to violate the prohibition laws of the city. It was alleged that the "Unity Club" was an organization where whiskey was procured and that Black and others had conspired to bring whiskey into this territory for others in violation of the law. After hearing ad the evidence Judge Reynolds held that the accused was not guilty of the charge and he was discharged. During the trial there was a number of witnesses testifying. One man said he joined the "Unity Club" for the sick benefit," while others said that they joined to get liquor.

Editors Select Sentile For Next Meet-

ing Place. St. Paul, Minn., Aug. 20.—To-day's session concluded the National Editorial Association convention. Delegates will spend the remainder of the week sight-seeing. next place of meeting developed a spirited contest between Seattle and Toledo, the former winning out. The meeting was opened by the presentation of a resolution indersing the laws and rules of the Postoffice Department regarding second-class matter and endorsing the enforcement

of the laws and regulations Widow of General Samuel

Washington, Aug. 20 .- Mrs. Julia Ruch Jones, widow of Major General Samuel Jones, of the Confederate army, died at her residence in this city yesterday. Mrs. Jones was with her husband throughout the civil war. General Jones was in command of the Confederata forces at Charleston,

the State reunion of old soldiers. He fld not get off at Lexington, intending to go on to Linwood to visit a laughter living there. Just before the rapidly moving train reached Linwood he went out on the piatform and in some way lost his balance and all of

men in an unconscious condition and brought on to Salisbury and placed in a hospital. Though very weak from the loss of much blood and budly bruised, it is thought that Mr.

Special Grand Jury at Springfield Re-turns Six Indictments Against Abra-ham Raymor For Murder, Malicious Mischief and Riot, and Four Against Mrs. Kate Howard For Ma-licious Mischief—Military Court of Inquiry Has Evidence Enough to Indict Forty or Fifty of the Rioters and Has Secured a Complete Con-fession From Raymor—Former fession From Raymor Police Officer May Have to Answer Charges of Arson.

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 20 .- Ten indictments against two of the alleged mob leaders were returned by the special grand jury of Sangamon county late to-day. Six of these are against Abraham Raymor and four against Kate Howard. Raymor is charged with murder, four cases of malicious mischief and one riot. The charges against Mrs. charges against are for mi malicious Howard mischief and are identical with those against Raymor on these counts.

The murder charge against Raymon based on his alleged participation in the lynching of William Donigan, negro 80 years old, who fell a victim to the mob's fury Saturday night. Considerable of the e upon which this was was produced by a r the evidence was produced by a military court of inquiry which has been sitting under the direction of Lieuten ant-Colonel Chipperfield, of the First Cavalry, and which to-day turned over to the State's attorney the resuit of its investigations.

EVIDENCE OF ARSON. "We procured enough evidence to indict forty or fifty participants in last week's rioting," said Colonel Chipperfield to-night. "We have a complete confession from Raymor and we have also discovered convincing evidence of arson on the part of a former police officer of Springfield. The evidence is not only available for grand jury work, but it is also of such a character that convictions are almost bound to follow its presentation in court. I will stand sponsor for that statement."

The indictments charge both Ray-mer and Mrs. Howard with participation in the looting of the Loper restaurant and also with aiding in the wrecking of the building.

SHOOTING CAUSES EXCITEMENT. There was some excitement to-night over a report that Rolla Keys, 17 years old, who testified before the special grand jury when that body indicted George Richardson for an alleged assault on Mrs. Mabel Hallam, had been shot by friends of the accused negro. Before the rumor had time to spread, however, it was learned that the shooting was accidental, the wound having been inflicted by a bullet from a revolver belonging to a recover.

According to the story first told by Keys' companions, Harold McLaughriver, near the city waterworks. They asserted that they had left him for a few moments, and that when they returned they found him wounded. paper bulletin boards about the city and crowds began to collect. The excitement was increased when the police ordered the removal of the notices, as the act was interpreted as an attempt to conceal the facts.

BOYS CONFESS CRIME. When the fresh bulletins appeared, nowever, and the true story of the affair became known the excitement

gradually subsided. Parental influence caused McLaugh lin and Brown to confess the facts. The former's father found the pistol with the only loaded chamber dis-charged, in the buggy in which the boys had driven to the waterworks. When confronted with this evidence the son admitted that he was holding the revolver when it was discharged He could not explain how the revolver was discharged and said that the concocted the first story because they were frightened by the accident. Keys stood by his companions after

they had brought him to the hospital here, and told Dr. E. Munson, attended him, the false version agreed on during the drive back to town. The physicians found that the bullet had pierced Keys' breast and ranged upward into the upper lung.

ARSENAL CROWDED WITH REFUGEES.

Because of the excitement cause by the first reports of the accident extra precautions were taken by Colonels Moriarity and Foseman, in command of the two military sections of the city, to prevent the gathering of crowds. The members of the patrols were also instructed to spread the true version of the accident, and to arrest any person discovered counsel-

ing violence to negroes.

The occurrence caused fresh fears n the "black belt," despite the attempts of the officials to quiet the town. The arsenal was crowded with refugees again and there also was a large number of negroes who slept under the protection of a guard from the Seventh Regiment at Camp Lin-

A CLASH AT CHICAGO.

White and Colored Dock Laborers Engage in a General Fight—Five Men Injured Before the Police Get Control of the Situation—Officers Use Clubs to Disperse the Rioters.

Chicago, Aug. 20.—In a fight today between white and black dock laborers employed on the Western aborers employed on the Western Fransit Company's wharves, North Nater and St. Clair streets, growing out of antagonism which has develop-ed since the Springfield riot, five men

were injured and the police restored order only after a free use of clubs and by threats to snoot. and by threats to shoot.

The feeling against the negro laborers reached a climax to-day and some of the whites declared they would not go to work unless the negroes quit. This the latter refused to do, and a quarrel ensued between T. Hugh Brady, white, and Louis Hawkins, colored. The negro drew & Knife and stabbed Brady in the neck and arm, whereupon the fighting became general. Bricks and clubs were used freely. The trouble attracted the attention of white and negro isborers employed a short distance away by the Lehigh Valley Transportation Company, and they EXCITEMENT IN COTTON.

Price Drops 48 Points or About \$2.50 a Bale, October Option Being the Greatest Sufferer—Decline Means a Loss of From \$500,000 to \$1,000,-

New York, Aug. 20 .- Excitement revalled in the cotton market to-day throughout the session, an almost un-interrupted and rapid decline in prices being the cause. The fall was most pronounced in the October option, that having been the principal ve-hicle for the recent big speculation for the advance, but the positions of other menths suffered badly also, even the spot article, which had not affected previously by the downward tendency of this week yielding very sharply at last to-day.

The market opened with a continu-

ation of the selling movement of the previous day and it soon became the conviction of the floor that the Street speculators for the rise who had accumulated a long line liquidating. This encouraged short selling and between the two, rein-forced by the closing out of a mul-titude of small traders, prices melted away in double quick fashion Closing last night at 9.18, October soon was off 37 points to 8.81, a de cline of \$2 a bale from the recent high price.

While this decline was in progress the engineers of the upward movewere estimated to have parted with fully 75,000 bales and their selling was even faster and more furious during the afternoon, bringing the total amount disposed of by them during the day to 200,000 bales, more or less, according to the best esti-

About the only support the market received came from the covering of short contracts, but this influence caused only weak rallies in From 8.81 cents at noon October eventually reached 8.58, but closed at 8.70, showing a net loss for the day of 48 points, or about \$2.50 a bale. The near months, August and September, held up for a while, but at length were dragged down consider ably in sympathy. The decline has been figured out variously in the Street as meaning a loss of from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000

for the pool.

Jesse Livermore, the young operator in cotton, who attained so much prominence in the course of the recent rise in the price of the com-modity, was the centre of interest all day, but no statement could be obtained from him or any of his assoclates as to whether or not he sold out his holdings.

TRYON MAN LOST IN MAINE. of Lumber State Searched For Trace of Missing Joseph H. Hellen, of North Caro-

Special to The Observer

Boston, Mass., Aug. 20 .- Joseph H. companion of Keys. The boy is so Hellen, 75 years of age, whose home him a number of films seriously injured that he may not is in Tryon, N. C., became lost in of Mr. Bryan's home life. the Maine forests near Old Orchard Beach yesterday. He had not been lin, 14 years old, and Chester Brown, found up to a late hour to-night and 16 years old, the bullet struck Keys it is feared that he may not be found while he was fishing in the Sangamon alive. All night and all day the police, aided by firemen and citizens, have been searching the forest and the fields near the spot where the This version was posted on news- aged man was last seep. To-day a not been discovered.

Mr. Hellen was stopping at Old Orchard, in company with his daughter.

Mr. Hellen with his son, Joseph B. Hellen, own and conduct Oak Hall Hotel at Tryon, one of the most popular winter resorts in the South He has been a resident of Tryon for fifteen years and is well throughout the western part of the State. Mr. Hellen was in active charge of Oak Hill until a few years ago when his health began to fail and since then he has spent much time traveling.

JOHNSON WILL ACCEPT.

Minnesota Governor Announces That He Will Accept the Renomination Though Me Believes the Action of the Convention Unwise. St. Paul, Minn., Aug. 20.

nor Johnson to-day announced that he would accept the nomination for Governor, tendered to him by the State Democratic convention at Minthe neapolis yesterday. He did not issue a formal statement

"After due consideration of the matter and before I have been for-mally notified I will tell you that have made up my mind to lay aside personal considerations and listen to he call of the party. I will accept the nomination when it is formall;

tendered to me,
"I desire to state also and to make
it emphatic that if the committee had called on me before the nominating speech had been made I would have positively declined to be a candidate "This acceptance is contrary to my better judgment. I have given this matter the closest thought for the past twenty-four hours, and my first opin-ion that a third nomination is unwise and against the principles of the and against the principles of the party is unchanged, yet I hardly see how I can get away from making the race without putting the party in a hole. I regret this action and wish it had never happened.

"The nomination has been made, I have been declared the nominee, and so there you are. It really leaves me in an embarrassing position and the party in a similar position. So

the party in a similar position. So you see the only thing I can do is to yield." Governor Johnson received a telegram of congratulation from William J. Bryan to-day in which Mr. Bryan said he would do all he could to help Mr. Johnson to win.

Columbia Firemen Injured in Col-lision.

Observer Bureau. 200 Skyscraper Building, Columbia, S. C., Aug. 25. Firemen Gaston and Epps criously injured in an acc seriously injured in an accide which occurred on Gervais strethis morning. The machine the were riding on to a fire collided with a tree, throwing them out. They a in the hospital. The extent of the injuries has not yet been determined.

with drawn clubs and au arresting Hawkins. A is

BRYAN ON SPEAKING TOUR

DES MOINES THE FIRST STOP

Democratic Nominee Leaves Fairviess to Sound the First Guns of the Campaign—Will Be Absent Seven Days, During Which Time He Will Make Several Speeches and Hold Important Conferences With His Managers—Opening Speech Will Be on the Tariff Question and Will Be Delivered at Des Moines To-Night—Will Attend Kern Notification Tuesday and Discuss the Evils of the Trusts.

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 26.-William . Bryan, Democratic candidate for the presidency, left here to-night on seven days' trip, in the course of which he will deliver several speeches at various places and hold a three day's conference with his campaign managers in Chicago. The first stop will be at Des Moines, Iowa, wh to-morrow night he will discuss the tariff question.

Saturday, Sunday and a part of Monday Mr. Bryan will spend In Chicago and on Tuesday he will be present at the notification in Indianapolis of John W. Kern, the Democratic vice presidential nominee. On that occasion he will speak on the trusts. Two days later, at Topeka, Kan., he will deal with the guaranty of bank deposits and will return to Lincoln on August 28th.

IDAHO SITUTION DISCUSSED. Notwithstanding his eagerness to complete, before his departure, the preparation of the speeches which he is to deliver within the next fortnight, Mr. Bryan found time to hold several long distance conferences over the telephone with his campaign manager, Norman E. Mack, at the Democratic neadquarters in Chicago, and to discuss the political situation in Idaho with C. O. Stocks lager, who is a candidate for United States Senator of the faction opposed to Senator DuBois in that State. The subject of the talk with Mr. Mack vas not discussed, and neither Mr Bryan nor Mr. Stockslager vouchsafe any information concing their interview. It was as tained, however, that the Idaha uation was discussed at tength that an effort will be made to the warring Democratic factions gether in the expectation of strength ening the national ticket in Hundreds of visitors rode out to Fairview during the day. Most of them shook hands with the candidate. The moving picture man was early in evidence at the Bryan home. having, as he said, come direct from Oyster Bay. He carried away with him a number of films illustrative

INSURANCE LAWS DEFECTIVE.

Concerns Refusing to Pay Any License Fee Cannot Bo Punished Under Present Statutes.

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Columbia, S. C., Aug. 20. The next Legislature will be called upon to patch up what has developed hound was put on the trail, but up to be a serious, if not a fatal, defect to a late hour the missing man had in the new insurance laws establishing Mr. McMaster's Insurance Department, which has been doing such good work the past year in driving out wildcat and irresponsible insurance concerns. The power of the department to interfere with a chartered company which refuses to take out a license or to put up a bond for the protection of policy-holders, as reguired by the commissioner, has been questioned by the attitude of the Equitable Industrial Insurance Company, doing business mostly with negroes, at 96 Shepard street, Charleston, which collects premiums amounting to about \$100 a week. This company refuses to pay any license fee, and Commissioner McMaster can find no law to prevent those connected with the company from continuing to do business without a license. Mr. Mc-Master has revoked the licenses of several concerns recently. could all get back to work regardless of the law if the Charleston concern can continue to do business. purpose is to proceed against the co

pany by injunction. MR. AYCOCK TO SPEAK.

He Will Make a Political Address Before Gullford Democratic Co tion-Call to New Orleans Pasto rate Declined.

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Greensboro, Aug. 20. Ex-Governor Aycock has accepted an invitation extended by County Chairman Brown to make a spe in Greensboro on the occasion of the Democratic county convention Saturday, September 12th. He will speak on the subject of a voter's obligation to support his party's nominees. Ayeock has not been heard in a po-litical speech in Greensboro for six or eight years, and he will be a cordial reception when he to address the Guilford Democracy in

September. Mr. I. W. Rockey, for the past year ssistant secretary of the Dixie Insurance Company, has been py moted to the position of secreta. He succeeds Mr. J. F. Cobb, who signed the office to become managof the company's Pacific coast opartment, with headquarters in Secretary.

Francisco. Rev. Charles E. Maddry, paster of Forest Avenue Paptist church, has received and declined an urgent call to the pasterate of Vallence Street Baptist church, in New Orleans.

FATHER KILLED; FAMILY SAVED

Drunken Farmer in a Rage Attempts to Murder His Wife and Children and is Killed by His 15-Year-Old Son—The Boy Placed in Jali at Turborn Last Night. Special to The Observer.

13 was the scene last night of and tragedy in the criminal history his entire family, and upon a ingle to make good the three shot down by his 15-year-old ther child. He died in