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# OF FIFTY-SIXTH CONGRESS

Heavy Strain of the Past Week Telling on the Members

A Month's Extra Pay and Medals For Volunteers of Spanish American War.

Increase of Appropriations For Public Buildings in North Carolina Cities.

General Deficiency Bill Passed By Senate-It Carries Two Million Dollars More Than When it Came From the

House.

Washington March 2.—The senate began the work today of winding up business preparatory to end the ses-

The general deficiency bill occupied most of today's session. It appropriated two millions more than when it came fram the house and was passed after adding several unimportant amendmens, including one granting a month's extra pay to congresional employes and to volunteers of the Spanish war discharged after August 12, 1898.

Pettigrew's resolution ordering investigation concerning the connection of certain army officers with the scheme to corner the Philippine hemp market, was agreed to.

The house omnibus public building bill was passed after several protests against extravagance. The conference report on the legislative appropriation bill was agreed to and some time spent by Bacon of Georgia advocating the Nicaraguan canal.

The night session attracted a large gallery. Chandler introduced a resoution attacking Clark of Montana, and spoke on it at length. Pettus of Alabama denounced the speech as untime-

The house bills were passed establishing a new division in the eastern judicial division of Texas and for reward of enlisted men in the navy, and at 10:30 ecess was taken until three tomorrow

EVENING SESSION OF HOUSE. The house spent the day in considering a mass of miscellaneous legislation, finally recessing until this evening to

await the transmission of the general deficiency bill from the senate. Among the measures passed was the omnibus bill increasing the limit of cost of various public buildings, including Elizabeth City, N. C., from \$50,000 to \$100,000; Winston, N. C., \$50,000 to

The conference report on the sundry civil approprition bill was agreed to. Bills were passed extending the qaurantine jurisdiction of the Marine hospital service and appropriating \$25,000 for medals for sailors distinguished in lishing a bureau of standards in the treasury department, appropriating \$350,000 therefor.

At the night session the house passed a batch of unimportant bills and sent the general deficiency bill to conference and at 10:32 recess was taken until tomorrow afternoon.

RUSH OF BILLS AT MARLY SES-SION OF HOUSE.

Washington, March 2 .- The house reconvened at 9 o'clock this morning after the recess taken last night. It had been agreed that two hours be devoted stocks combined in the companies and t) unanimous consent legislation.

Owing to the unusually early hour of meeting the hall was almost empty when the speaker dropped the gavel, We are in control of four Stone Quar- but the fact that members were to have ies in city and suburbs. Are prepared an opportunity to pass bills by consent different stocks, and deposits must be was a great inducement and within a made on or before March 20. The basis few minutes they began arriving, each of the exchange has already been pubwith a bill in his band.

After bills had been passed to amend the Chinese exclusion act; to authorize the striking of medals for Spanish war



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imous consent. There were many appeals not to block proceedings, but the objection

made to action on the bills by unan-

The speaker recognized Mr. Sperry of Connecticut, to move the passage under a suspension of the rules of the senate bill to prohibit the sale of firearms, opium and intoxicating liquors in certain islands of the Pacific.

Mr. Bailey demanded a second and then brought matters to a complete standstill by making the point of no quorum.

A call of the house was ordered, and the sergeant-at-arms was instructed to bring in absentees. It was 10:20 before enough members were brought in to make a quorum.

Mr. Sperry proceeded to explain that (Continued on the fifth page.)

#### TODAY'S GAZETTE.

FI ST PAGE: Russian Greed in China. Congress Finishing its Work. Asheville's Auditorium. Will W. Wirkison Dead. Events in the Philippines. COND : AGE:

Markets by Telegral . Today's Church Notices. Items of State News. A. hur W. Dunn's Washington Let-

THIRD PAGE: Miscellany. Short Story. FOURTH P GE:

Editorial. City Personals. Topics of this town. TIFTH PAGE: The Inauguration.

Work of Legislature. Local and Telegraphic News. SIXTH AND SEVENTH PAGEF: Miscellany.

Fashions. DIGHTH PAGE: City News.

#### WILL WILKINSON DEAD.

Passed Away at St. Josephs' Retreat This Morning,

Will Wilkinson, who was shot at Marshall a week ago onight died at 3:15 o'clock this (Sunday) morning. He became so much worse yesterday that it was believed that he could not live. Dr. Jordan spent last night at the patient's bedside at &t. Joseph's Retreat, in French Broad avenue, and everything possible was done to save the dying man from suffering.

## INDUSTRIAL PANIC IN GREAT BRITAIN

Invasion of American Competition Already Causing Closing of Iron and Steel Works.

trial panic at the great invasion of American competition continues to grow and claims the attention of all classes, even the short sighted trades unionists. It required the gigantic spectacle of the great American steel combine to bring realization to some of the labor leaders that their policy perhaps has disaster to British industries.

London, March 2 .- England's indus- I It will require a revolution in the trades unions, however, before a reversal of the policy of minimum work for each laborer can be accomplished, and it can hardly be doubted the re-

form will be too late. Closing of iron and steel works has lready begun, and will become general in a few months and the trade once lost will not be regained when Amerisomething to do with the impending ca's great natural advantages are also in the opposition scale.

### THE ENORMOUS STEEL TRUST

Announcement of the Organization Made to Stockholders,

Authorized Capital Will be \$850,000, 000-Also Gold Bonds of \$304,000, 000.

New York, March 2 .- Official announcement of the organization the United States Steel corporation was made today by J. P. Morgan and Co. to stockholders of companies in the combine, except of the Carnegie company. The authorized capital will be \$850,000,000 divided equally into 7 per cent. cumulative preferred and common stock. The company will also issue 5 per cent gold bonds and 60 per cent. of the stock of the Carnegie company. The underwriting syndicate has made

a contract with the United States steel corporation under which the latter is to issue and deliver to the syndicate its stock and bonds in consideration for the the bonds of the Carnegie company and \$25,000,000 additional. This amount will be additional working capital for the new company.

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## KILLED IN A TRAIN WRECK

Three Men Meet Death, One Fatally Injured and Seven · Others Hurt

Horrible Accident Near Lenoir City. Tenn, on Knoxville Division of Southern.

Lenoir City, Tenn., March 2.-Three men were killed, one fatally injured and seven other members of two freightc rews were more or less injured in a head-end collision about a mile and a half west of this city at an early hour this morning.

The three killed are from Knoxville and are C. F. Madden, 110 Fifth avenue, east, engineer; J. M. Stephenson, 702 McGhee street, fireman, and Joseph Copeland, conductor.

The fatally injured man, whose death is hourly expected is W. L. Cash, 601 Atkin street, fireman, badly scalded and internally injured.

The other injured men were taken to Knoxville on a special train. They are Thomas Cofbert, colored, brakeman, both legs cut off; P. L. Williams, flagman, slightly hurt; Peter Hurley, brakeman, slightly hurt; R. L. Synder, Harris building conductor, slightly hurt; John Stars of Cleveland, left arm er seeds at Grant's Pharmacy.

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it is due to the failure of the east bound train to observe an order to wait at Loudon for the west bound train. It is stated that an order was first given

and shoulder broken and head bruised;

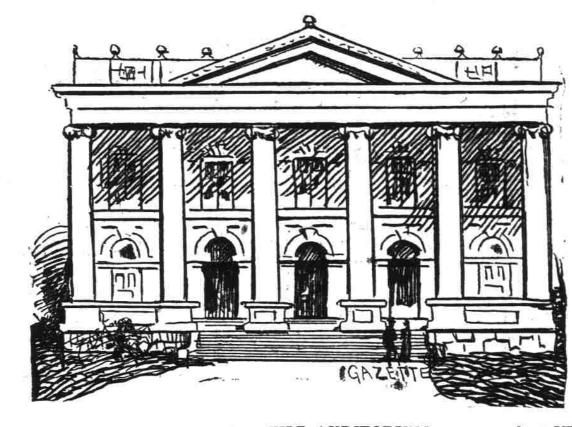
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The Plans, Which Have Been Returned by the Architect, Seem

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architect. The executive committee exfors tomorrow. Bids for the construct of work. rion of the building will be opened

which the details are simply suggested. | ways.

The auditorium plans and specifica- (The picture, however, conveys sometions were yesterday received back from which the structure will present. Every Seymour Davis of Philadelphia, the little detail of arrangement has been carefully considered by the committee. amined them in part yesterday, and with reference to the site, appearance, so far they seemed satisfactory. There purpose, etc., of the building and the is to be a meeting of the board of direc- doing of this has envailed a vast amount

The ornamentation of the exterior is not elaborate, but it is graceful and The above sketch gives a general idea artistic. When the auditorium is comof the front elevation. The design is a pleted it will be a notable addition to the strikingly beautiful one. Much of the number of examples of fine architecture beauty lies in the detail. Little idea which the city contains, as well as a of this can be had from the cut, in most valuable addition in many other R.A

#### ANARCHISTS PLOT TO KILL KING VICTOR EMANUEL

Llondon, March 2 .- The newspaper, It has been ascertained that the story Caffaro, published in Rome, published is substantially correct. The police on a story at the beginning of this week ters from Bresci and other enarchists, that an anarchist named Peroni com- also portraits of the king and anarchist mitted suicide last week in Rome. Before he died he said he had been ol. Two letters bore the New York selected by lot at Marseilles to kill King | postmark Victor Emanuel, but arriving in Rome his nerve failed him and he killed himself by opening his Nuins.

for the trains to pass at Lenoir City,

and his was countermanded and an-

other order given for the trains to pass

half below this place, and opposite

Joseph Browder's farm the two trains

one of whih consisted of only an en-

gine and caboose, crashed together.

The trains were almost completely de-

stroyed, R. L. Snyder, conductor, who

was but slightly injured, and said to

be the least hurt of any of the crew,

walked back to this place and reported

the accident. The wrecking train was

The wreck occurred on a very sharp

curve, on the bank of the Tennessee

river. It is considered miraculous that

the trains did not roll down the em-

bankment into the river, but instead

the engines turned toward the north

side and struck into the side of the

high hill. They are almost completely

demolished, all the machinery being ap-

parently destroyed. The track was

torn up for a considerable distance,

but the wrecking crew worked hard

and had it in shape before noon. The

west bound train was a work train and

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Wood's Onion Sets, Garden and Flow-

sent from Knoxville to the scene.

searching Peroni's lodgings found letmartyrs, including Bresci and Ravach-

The police say Peroni was once arrested in Paterson, N. J., on suspicion being concerned in a local murder.

#### L. M. Vance, engineer, head badly in-CONVENTION jured; J. M. Dean, flagman, 908 Oak avenue, both legs and head cut. Just who is responsible for the ac-WILL NOT YIELD cident cannot be learned, but it is said

President Mendez Capote Talks of Action of United at Loudon. When about a mile and a States Senate.

> Demonstration Today To Approve of Convention's Action and Pledging Support to its Policy.

> New York, March 2 .- Mendez Capote, the president of the Cuban constitutional convention, is quoted in a Havanna despatch to the World as saying, not in his official capacity, but as a member of the convention, relative to the Cuban situation and the island's relations with the United States.

> "I regret that the senate has passed a flat resolution. It is most distaste ful and betrays a total misunderstanding of the situation. I am amazed at Root that the Cubans must agree to the concessions proposed.

> "I do not believe that the convention will yield. Personally, I will never concede coaling stations or the right to control our foreign affairs. They would mean interferance in local af-(Con inued on fifth page.)

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