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THURSDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 18, 1915  
RESUME OF SPEECHES AT WASHINGTON  
The public debt statement for January has an important bearing on the question of the resumption of specie payments. This statement shows an increase of the debt for the last month of \$4,000,000. The total debt for the month of December was \$1,684,307 80. This shows an increase in the public debt for the two months past of \$2,000,550 80. The increase for January is accounted for at the Treasury Department by what is denominated "extraordinary" expenditure, amounting in all to \$4,000, 294.

**TIMELY TOPICS.**  
We are indebted to a Richmond paper for some statistics and facts regarding the bituminous tonnage of the coal fields of the State. The tonnage for the week of 7,838 tons, and for the year 1,283,256, giving a total of all kinds for the week of 381,900 tons, and for the year 1,283,256, being a decrease as against production for the same time last year by 85,000 tons. The coal trade is fairly active and prices firmly maintained. The principal feature in the coal trade the past week has been the announcement of tolls and of coal prices by the large carrying and coal producing interests. All the great companies in the trade seem to be acting in concert as to the matter of prices, which are being adjusted as to cover the increased basis of wages at the mines. As the coal operators complain very justly that the coal industry is the victim of the coal producer's greed, it is not surprising that they should be so united in their action. It is reported that the public sales of Scranton coal will be continued as heretofore. Notwithstanding the common belief in coal circles, we do not think it will all quiet down before the expiration of the first month after the opening of navigation, and probably to that of the fall of trade, everybody in the business, wholesale and retail, will endeavor to sell his coal as high as possible, while the coal producer will do his best to buy it as cheaply as he can.

**PALMETTO LEAVES.**  
The colored carpenter of Lexington county, went to Columbia the day of last week, since which time nothing has been heard of him, though diligent inquiries have been made.  
The Senate bill to provide for the appointment of a district judge for the western circuit of South Carolina, and for other purposes, reported adversely by the "Vote" of the Senate on Monday, 1914.

**DOWN IN DIXIE.**  
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