WILMINGTON, N. C.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JAN. 28. HAS ENGLAND TIED HERSELF

The alliance between England and Germany for the joint enforcement of their claims against Venezuela was not popular in England when it was first hinted at in the papers as probable. It was so unpopular that Mr. Balfour declared it the fantastic story of an inventive press. and while he was denying it King Edward and his guest and nephew, Kaiser William, with Lord Lansdowne, were completing the compact, between drinks, at Sandring ham, and it looks very much as if the programme of joint coercion came from King Edward and not from the Kaiser, although England seems to have been playing second fiddle to Germany ever since the joint demonstration and the "pa cific blockade" began.

As showing England's or rather King Edward's part in the initiation of this business the Washington Post quotes the following note from the British Premier to the British Ambassador at Berlin:

"The German Ambassador informed me this evening that the German Government were prepared to join with us in addressing a final warning to the Venezuelan Government, and I communicated to him the substance of my telegram to Mr. Haggard of this day's date. I had thought it better not to delay making this intimation, which was, as he would observe, couched in general terms; but I undertook to telegraph at once to Mr. Haggard, desiring him to put himself in communication with his German colleague. With regard to measures of coercion, the German Government were prepared accede to our suggestion that the first step should be the seizure of the Venezuelan gunboats, and they proposed that we should instruct our naval authorities in those waters to concert a plan for carrying out this project. As to the joint execution of measures of coercion, the German Government recognized that there was a sharp distinction between the character of the British and German "first-line" claims; nevertheless, the two claims ought to stand or fall together, and we ought to exclude the posibility of a settlement between Venezuela and one of the two powers without an equally satisfactory settlement in the case of the other. Each government ough. therefore, to come to an understanding before it embarked upon a project of coercion that neither government by mutual agreement; and before common action was iniatited, we ought to come to a distinct agreement to this effect. I told Count Metternich that it seemed to me only reasonable that if we agreed to act together in applying coercion, we should also agree that each should supaort the other's demands, and should not desist from doing so except by agreement."

What was said between drinks by King Edward and his visiting Kaiser nephew is, of course, not known, but this note says in so many words that Germany was invited to join England in that debt collecting business, or "warning," and that "Barkis" was found to be "willing." But the note goes further and shows that the programme of operations was fixed up by the English gentlemen who proposed the joint demonstration even to the extent of suggesting that the ball be opened by the seizure of the Venezuelan gunboats at Laguaira. And this was while Balfour was pronouncing the rumors of the alliance a fiction of an inventive press, fantastic nonsense. No wonder the popular disfavor with which the reported alliance was received culminated in disgust when it was seen what a bunco game was being played upon the British people.

This note not only shows that the scheme was worked up in England but so carefully worked up as to guard against Germany's pulling out without the consent of England, mutally pledging England not to pull out without the consent of Germany. In other words Lord Lansdowne with the sanction of his King tied England up and virtually made her jointly responsible with Germany for anything that might be done in that business, and this puts England in the attitude of playing a double game, a game of deception, with the United States, whose good will and friendship she pro-

fesses to especially desire. It will be remembered that when the Venezuelan gunboats were seized and two of them taken to sea and sunk, the commander of the English war ships disavowed any respon sibility for that, throwing the responsibility upon the German commander. When fort Cabello, a few days afterward, was fired upon it was by German ships. When Fort San Carlos was fired upon it was by a German vessel, and when it was couple days later assaulted and battered into ruins it was by three German ships. The British ships seem to be doing police duty on the outskirtsand so little of it that commanders and men might as well be fishing or asleep. The German captains seem to be the whole thing and to be running the whole business without consulting the Englishmen, on the assumption, we suppose, from their interpretation of the original agreement as set forth in this note of Lord Lansdowne to the British ambassador at Berlin. that England would stand by any thing that Germany did, and not pull out without Germany's con-

Since the brutal and altogether unnecessary and unjustifiable at- EXPECTORANT. tacks on Fort San Carlos the popu- For sale by J. O. Shepard.

lar disgust in England has been intensified, and the leading papers and prominent men are demanding that the alliance be dissolved and England disavow any responsibility for these San Carlos atrocities. But in the face of that note of Lord Lansdowne how can England do that, when the King and Prime Minister suggested the business to the Kaiser and drew up the plan upon which they were to jointly act and the pledges by which they would be mutually bound? In this will probably be found the secret why there has been no intimation of disapproval coming from the British government, at which people who supposed that the Kaiser was the leading spirit in this raid, were amazed. While German captains do the brutal work, the British Government is even deeper in

But why was the joint action sug rested in the first place against s power as weak as Venezuela, torn as she was, too, by internal strife? It surely did not require an alliance between two such powers as England and Germany to enforce a debt claim against Venezuela. Isn't it more than likely that the alliance was hit upon in view of possible complications with this Government and to keep the hands of this Government off? Lord Beresford, an English naval commander, in a recent interview in New York, expressed this opinion and regretted that his Government had been unwillingly roped into the alliance, but even he seems to have been ignorant of the fact that the original suggestion of the alliance, as odious as it is to Englishmen, came from his Govern-

the mire than Germany.

It is a dirty, disgraceful business and while the arrogance, bullying and brutality of the German commanders are denounced and the German Government held responsible, as having an ulterior motive, the British Government is as deep in the mire as Germany is, and is playing a shameful and humiliating part, a mere sub and cipher in a game of which she was the original suggester and planner.

HE CAPTURED THEM.

The Roosevelt party manipulators put up a job on the spokesmen of the Afro-American League and captured them. They got together in the Council at Washington and ssued an address, Monday, which after calling attention to alleged grievances of the negro, concluded with commending "President Roosevelt to the affection and confidence of our people, regardless of party affiliations." That's what Roosevelt's managers were playing for, and they got it. And thus they pulled the wool over the eyes of the colored brother just as they have been doing every time the aforesaid colored brother has shown a disposition to kick.

Perhaps inviting those negroes to that Presidential reception a few days ago was part of the wool-pulling programme, but whether it was or 'not, these "Afro-Americans," who are too tony to think the name negro good enough, doubtless took it as proof of the broader recognition of their race not only politically but socially, for they have aspirations to social recognition, too.

Of course the address issued will amount to nothing more than have the numerous similar addresses that have been periodically issued, which served their purpose for the time and were then forgotten. They keep the race issue alive, and keep the negroes solid for the Republican party, which is the main idea with the white politicians who stand behind the humbugged negro and pretend to be championing his cause. To carry out the pretence there will be more or less talk in Congress, perhaps some resolutions passed which will drag along in the usual way until after the next election, and then will be consigned to the customary

IRREPRESSIBLE MORGAN.

Senator Morgan, of Alabama, is one of those irrepressible, virile, never-stay-down sort of men, who apparently hasn't yet given up hope of getting his Nicaragua canal, which is probably at the bottom of the resolution introduced by him, Monday, inquiring into the validity of the papers of the representative of the Colombian Government who signed the treaty for Colombia. He contends that the proceedings are irregular, that there is really no constitutional Government in Colombis, and therefore no Government that has a right to make a treaty or cede territory, under lease or otherwise, that there has been no constitutional Government in that country since 1898, all of which means that Senator Morgan is going to fight the ratification of that treaty until that point is settled to his satisfaction.

Whether there be anything in this contention remains yet to be developed, but if there be any doubt about it it is well that the doubt be removed before this Government closes up the business and pays Colombia \$10,000,-000 and the Panama canal company \$40,000,000. It is, however, somewhat remarkable that Senator Mor-

For LaGrippe and Influenza use CHENEY'S

gan after all the deep research he had given this question, didn't discover this important point before the proceedings had reached the closing stage. After the action of Congress in favor of the Panama proposition he expressed himself as resigned, as his desire was to have the canal by some route if he couldn't get the one of his choice.

But the option with the Panama canal company ends on the fourth of March next, and if the treaty be not ratified by that time there may be further parley and further delay If it be Morgan's purpose to obstruct he will talk until the fourth of March if necessary.

The Washington Post paragrapher reminds Col. Arthur Lynch, convicted of treason in London for fighting with the Boers, that "there is no substantial sympathy in this country for the man who takes up arms against his fellow-country men." In as much as Col. Lynch is an Irishman, who regards England as the oppressor of his country, it would be difficult to persuade him that he was fighting his "fellowcountrymen."

CURRENT COMMENT

--- Probably, if Charleston continues to object to Crum, Theodore Roosevelt will "close" up the custom house there .- Augusta Chronicle,

- Twenty years ago men would have taken a long journey to see eighty acres in cantaloupes, but now it is only an incident a little beyond the rest in a Florida industry. Ten years ago the public would have udged the owner a fool; now, the visitor concludes he will have a fortune in five years. Times change and farming must change with them. Jacksonville Times-Union, Dem.

- The removal of the duty from anthracite coal in order to encourage the importation of foreign coal and cheapen the price to home consumers, is a confession by the Republicans that under the operasions of the tariff the consumer pays the tax. In several national campaigns of the latter part of the last century the Republicans stoutly maintained that the foreigners paid the tax. One of the guns the Republicans expected to use in 1904 has been spiked .- Mobile Register,

- The official explanation of the bombarding of San Carlos, by the German gunboats, which comes from Berlin, does not explain. We are told that the Panther was seeking to enter Lake Maracaibo to prevent importations from Colombia into Venezuela. This may, technically, be a regular proceeding, but n reason it is both absurd and dishonest. The prevention of the starving Venezuelans from receiving few tons of food, would neither facilitate the movement toward a peaceful settlement nor aid toward peaceful settlement nor add to enezuela's ability to pay such award as might be adjudged against her. - Chattanooga Times, Ind.

WINKLINGS

 He (facetiously) -A society belle should have the right ring. She (demurely) - Well, I have hopes. -Yonker's Statesman.

- Alice: What makes you think ne has been in love before? Edith-The proposal he made to me was entirely extemporaneous.

- "I never could understand why woman puts anything on her face. the deceives no one but herself. 'Isn't that enough?'-Life

- Sunday School Teacher -- And t took Noah a hundred years to build the ark. Street Arab-What was the matter—was there a strike !- Puck.

- Roderick-You say he has seed bursting shells. What battle faced bursting shells. was he in ? Van Albert-None! He is a chestnut roaster.—Chicago News. - Sillicus-Everybody says he is genius. Cynicus-Then I guess he night be. It takes a genius to conrince other people that you are one.— Phil. Record.

- "That must have been a terriole explosion aboard that warship the other day." "Yes, indeed. Why, the report of it was even in the California papers.—Philadelphia Press. -Bystander-Why are you crying,

my little boy? Little Boy-Boo-hoo! troze me fingers makin' twenty snowballs and de parson didn't wear his plug bat. - Chicago News. Say, who's at the head of this

railroad, anyway? asked the irate pas-The motorman, of course; he's at the head of every car," said the kind old conductor. - Buffalo Ex-

-Father-What do you mean, my son? Your teacher a nuisance! What talk! Theobald-Well, that's what you call me when I ask questions, an' teacher does nothin' else. --Liverpool Post.

- "I suppose you have some cheme for annihilating the trusts?" Great Scott, so," answered Senator Sorghum, "do you suppose I want to kill the goose that lays the golden eggs?"—Washington Star.

- Newitt-Funny! I always asociate your wife with a certain episode in my own life. There's just one thing she always reminds me of-Henpeck-I wish I could say that. There's lots of things she always re-minds me of.—Philadelphia Record.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

R. B. JOHN, P. E., Wilmington, N.

Kenansville, Friendship, Jan. 31 Bladen, Bethlehem, Feb. 7, 8. Elizabeth, Elizabethtown, Feb. 9.

Olinton, Clinton, Jan. 30.

Carver's Creek, Council Station Oaslow, Queen's Oreek, Feb. 14, 15. Mrs. Wisslow's Scotning Symps has

Jacksonville and Richlauds, Half
Moon, Feb. 21, 23.

Missionary Institute will be held at
Grace church Feb. 4th and 5th, 1908.
District conference will meet at
Jacksonville Tuesday Mar. 17th at 5
o'clock P. M. and continue through
the 18th and 19th, 1908.

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It will relieve the poor little sufferer
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cents a bottle. Be sure and ask for
"Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup,"
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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

- Lumberton Robesonian: The atest reports received from Mr. Oscar McLeod, who is dangerously sick at Davidson College, are not encouragng. A fine constitution makes the battle for life a hard one; but viewed most hopefully, his case is extremely erious, and his recovery exceedingly

- Raleigh Post: Mr. Charles Barnes, a young white man, was seriously injured Monday afternoon at Winston while climbing the side of a freight car, which was being shifted in the Norfolk & Western yard. He was caught between the car and the depot platform and was terribly mashed. The physicians fear he is hurt internally.

- Greensboro Telegram: Saturday night about 1 o'clock a colored man was found in a dying condition the rallroad track geant's foundry. The man was Henry McAdoo, who has been working on the street force here for several years. McAdoo, it is believed, was drunk, as he had been raising a disturbance on the streets earlier in the night. It is thought that he was walking on the track and was struck by No. 38, which asses here about 11 o'clock. Both of his legs were broken right above the ankle and there was a bad wound back of his right ear. He was found about 1 o'clock and lived until 4:30 Sunday morning.

- Salisbury Sun: Last week little Robert Lee Jones, the four year old son of Mr. W. C. Jones of Spencer, narrowly escaped a horrible death. The little fellow crowded into a dog house which contained a quantity of straw and in some way set fire to the straw. The doorway to the kennel was very small and the little boy could not get out for the flames and smoke. His mother hearing his cries ran to his assistance and was compelled to throw water on the burning dog box before she could get her son out. When she did succeed in extricating him his face and head were terribly burned and he has not been able to see since the unfortunate accident.

- Winston Republican: . There is a good deal of surveying being done southwardly, and presumably by the leabord Air Line Bailway, and all seading toward Winston-Salem. The latest news regarding these preliminary surveys is that a "crew," representing a new Rail Road from the Cumnock coal mines via High Point, Kernersville and Winston Salem, to some point on the N. & W. Railroad and believed to be in the interest of the S. A. L., are camping near Kernersville, arriving at that point Saturday. -At the funeral of two negro men at Gold Hill church near Rutherfordton, Jan. 17th Uncle Jack A. Logan prayed and assisted in the funeral services. When the congregation rose to leave the church, Uncle Jack dropped dead. He had just finished his prayer and was to have concluded the services at the graves. He was left in the church until the remains of the other two were buried and was then brought to Rutherfordton.

The Merry Wag. Butkins-I don't know that you ever met my wife?

Wisbin-Can't say that I ever met her, but I have seen her many times. By the way, saw her kissing a man on your back stoop t'other evening. Butkins-Saw my wife kissing a man? What do you mean by such a story as that?

Wisbin-Just what I say, that's all. Butkins-You actually mean it? If I only knew who the rascal was, I'd-Wisbin-Don't get excited. It was you, of course. Supposed you'd know that at once.-Boston Transcript.

AMarvelous Invention.

Wonders never cease. A machine has been invented that will cut, paste and hang wall paper. The field of inventions and discoveries seem to be unlimited. Notable among great dis-coveries is Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. It has done a world of good for weak lungs and has saved many a life. Thousand have used it and conquered Grip, Bronchitis, Pneumonis and Consumption. Their gen-eral verdict is: "It's the best and most reliable medicine for Throat and Lung troubles." Every 50c and \$1.00 bottle is guaranteed by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. Trial bottles free.

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Most Famous of the Old Prisons For If the walls of St. Layare could speak, they would tell a tale of misery, of cruelty, oppression and discomfort undergone by the wretched female convicts there which would make a dog rejoice that he did not wear the human shape. Victor Hugo has told what it was to be a galley slave in France in a time not so long ago. Where is the feminine Victor Hugo who will dare write of what her own sex endured from the prison guards of those dens of horror in which helpless women prison-

ers were formerly caged in France? But there are French ladies who know these horrors to the full. Some twenty years ago they set themselves to have them mitigated. They have worked as only women full of a holy enthusiasm can work, and their efforts have been crowned partly with success. One branch of their enterprise is to receive on release from a Paris prison young women not yet hardened crim-



ENTRANCE TO ST. LAZABE. inals and procure employment for them that they may not of necessity sink back into the black pools of iniquity that lie only beneath the surface crust of the brilliant city.

St. Lazare is the principal women's prison of Paris, to which are sent those arrested and sentenced for short terms as well as those held for trial or other detention. It gets its name because it was formerly the home of the members of the church order of St. Lazare. When they removed from the building, it was turned into a house of detention for arrested women. Convent cell was merely turned into prison cell, and the change does not seem so great after all. Still, however, there is a conventual air about the grim old building, for gentle blue veiled nuns guard and minister to the prisoners. Women arrested and detained in Paris are usually turned over to the Sisters of Maria Joseph, and se have charge of the pr their own sex. Thither female criminals are conveyed from the various police stations. St. Lazare is situated at the corner

of Boulevard Magenta and Rue de Faubourg St. Denis. Like nearly every building in Paris on the left bank of the Seine, it is old and huge and gray and frowning. In the unspeakable old days when men failers kept it its other terrors were added to by vile uncleanliness and lack of sanitation. The gentle yet strong Sisters of Maria Joseph have cleansed it to the utmost so far as may be, yet there are insects in its walls, there are hauntings of old tragedies, of the groans of the belpless, the prayers of the dving, it not of the ghosts of the dead themselves, in the grim, dark old compartments, things that no brush, soon and water, no disinfectant or wash, may ever clear out. Old prisons, old hos pitals and insane asylums, old tene ment houses inhabited by the dirty, the sick, the wicked and the forlorn ought to be burned to the ground like pesthouses, at least so soon as they are a century old. The despairing, stifling atmosphere of the interior of St. Lasare sickens the free visitor from out-

side to this day. St. Lazare has accommodations, one might call them so, for 2,000 inmates. French prisons have hospitals connected with them; often, too, de partments that serve as almhouses shelter the homeless. St. Lazare provided with these branches of administration. It is the custom, too, in France, humane or otherwise as one ooks at it, to let the children of convict women remain with the mothers till they are four years old. Mothers arrested go to St. Lazare with their little ones, and there, mingling among thieves, drunkards, the lowest outcasts, some no doubt with murder on their souls, the children run about. Not infrequently an infant is born to a prisoner mother in the gloomy walls of St. Lazare. It, too, the sisters care

Women sentenced for a longer terr than two months are sent to the new prison at Nanterre, in the country short distance from Paris. The new prison at Nanterre, to which such con victs are conveyed from St. Lazare, i a modern structure, with new walls. with light and air, and it has something which some of the most splendid of the old time French palaces lack, a bath room with hot and cold water. Here too, are many cells for solitary confine ment, and the punishment most dreaded by a Frenchwoman is to be put away alone where she can neither see nor speak to any human being. ALEXANDRA COSMO.

For His Sovereign's Sake The shah of Persia when in France suffered from a toothache, and so s dentist was summoned to remove the offending tooth. But, like less exalted mortals, the shah, when he found himself face to face with the dentist, discovered that his toothache had disappeared, and so absolutely refused to b operated on. However, his majesty declared that he did not wish the dentist to lose his time, and so commanded that a tooth should be extracted from each of his suit. He said this with his eyes fixed on the ground, and then, suddenly looking up, found, to his intense amusement, that all his ministers and staff had quietly slipped away except the grand vizier, whom he comnlimented upon being the only one faithful enough to undergo a little discomfort for his sovereign's sake. Then he dismissed the dentist with a present

Domestic Troubles.

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Uncommon Colds.

"It is just a common cold," people say, "there's no danger in that." Admitting their statement, then there are uncommon colds, colds which are dangerous; for many a fatal sickness begins with a cold. If we could tell the common cold from the uncommon we could feel quite safe. But we can't. The uncommon vari-

ognized until it has fastened its hold on the lungs, and there are symptoms of consumption. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical A Discovery cures coughs, chitis, "weak" ungs and other discases of the organs of respiration. It increases the supply of pure, rich up the emaciated body.

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you know nothing.
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Weeping at a Wedding. A Chinese marriage is all ceremonyno talk, no levity and much crying

The solemnity of a funeral prevails. After the exchange of presents the bride is dressed with much care in red gown, brocade or silk, if she can get it; her eyelashes are painted a deep black, and she wears a heavy red veil attached to a scarlet headdress, from which imitation pearls are pendent over the forehead. A feast is spread upon a table, to which the blushing bride is led by five of her best female friends. They are scated at the table, but no one eats. The utmost silence prevails, when, finally, the mother leads off in a cry, the maids follow and the bride echoes in the chorus. Then all the bridesmaids leave the table and the disconsolate mother takes a seat beside the chair of state where the bride sits. The bridegroom now enters, with four of his best men. The men pick up the throne on which the bride sits, and, preceded by the bridegroom form in procession and walk around the room or into an adjoining parlor. signifying that he is carrying her away to his own home. The guests then throw rice at the happy couple, a custom we have borrowed from the heathen.

Professional Pride. Newspaper men, from great editors down to rural correspondents, are oud of their profession, although no all sit as secure as John Black, for many years the chief of the London Chronicle. Black supported the Melbourne ad-

asked a favor of any of the ministers. On one occasion Lord Melbourne said to him: "You are the only man in England who forgets that I am prime minister. "How so, my lord?" inquired Black

ministration in his paper, yet he never

supposing that he had been inadvertently disrespectful. "Because." replied Melbourne, "you

are the only man I know who never asks a favor of me." "I have no favor to ask," said Black quietly. "I have no favor to ask any one in the world! You are prime minister of England, but I am editor of the Morning Chronicle, and I would not change places with the proudest man in England-not even, my lord

with you." A Pitch Lake. Trinidad, an island in the south At lantic opposite the mouth of the Orinoco, is famous for its pitch. There are districts where there is pitch everywhere. The beach is pitch, and so are the "rocks," some of which have been carried off to supply Paris and New York with tar pavements. At La Brea pineapples grow to perfection in a brown soil which is half pitch. But the wonder of the isle is the pitch lake a mile and a half in circumference. As it lies glittering in the sun it looks like a vast bed of monstrous mush rooms, all black and of all kinds of shape and size, some measuring as much as fifty feet across. The space between these unlovely objects is filled with oily water. In parts of the lake

the pitch is quite liquid, and the ground

all round is full of pitch and coaly

stuff to a depth of hundreds of feet.

There is altogether too much seduc tively phrased literature being circu lated nowadays booming the semiarid sections of the west as choice farm lands. A lot of people are going to be fooled and a whole lot of future misery and loss entailed. If a man wants to raise crops, let him go north, 'way north, if he can stand the cold, provid ed he keeps within the rain belt, but for any other purpose than that of keeping stock let him beware of the land whereon the buffalo grass grows.

MARINE.

ARRIVED. Stmr A P Hurt, Robeson, Fayette ville, James Madden. Stmr City of Favetteville, Worth Favetteville, T D Love. Schr Lillian Woodruff, 288 tons Kneeland, Boston, George Harriss, Son & Co. British schooner Goldseeker, 19 tons, Diggdon, Philadelphis, J

Stmr A P Hurt, Robeson, Fayette ville, James Madden. British barque Nellie Troop, Nobles New York, Heide & Co.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Steres and Corte

C. C. Railroad-1 bale cotton, 1 cask spirits turpentine, 59 barrels tar, 2 barels crude turp entine. W. & W. Railroad-161 bales cotton, 3 casks spirits turpentine, 38 bar-rels tar, 1 barrel crude turpentine. W., C. & A. Railroad—424 bales cotton, 48 barrels tar, 3 barrels crude tur-

A. & Y. Railroad-59 bales cotton casks spirits turpentine, 294 barrels rosin, 15 barrels tar. Steamer A. P. Hurt-100 bales col ton, 11 casks spirits turpentine, 25 barrels rosin, 61 barrels tar.
Matthew's raft—180 barrels rosin.
Autry's raft—148 barrels rosin.
Total—788 bales cotton, 18 casks
spirits turpentine, 503 barrels rosin,
231 barrels tar, 5 barrels crude turpentine. COMMERCIAL

WILMINGTON MARKET

of Command STAR OFFICE, January 27.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE-Market irm at 60c per gallon.

BOSIN—Market firm at \$1.55 barrel for strained and \$1.60 per barrel for good strained. TAR-Market firm at \$1.60 per bar rel of 280 lbs.

ORUDE TURPENTINE - Market firm at \$2.00 per barrel for hard, \$3.50

for dip. Quotations same day last year-Spirits turpentine firm at 43@42c; rosin firm at \$1.10@1.15; tar firm at \$1 25; crude turpentine firm at \$1.35

RECEIPTS. Spirits turpentine. 18
Rosin 502 Tar. 221
Crude turpentine. 5
Receipts same day last year—20
casks spirits turpentine, 450 barrels
rosin, 144 barrels tar, 65 barrels crude turpentine.

ound for middling. Quotations: Good ordinary Low middling..... 814 Middling..... 8½ Good middling..... 9¾ Same day last year, market stead 7%c for middling. Receipts-738 bales; same day las

Market firm on a basis of 81/2c po

rear, 663. Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commis

Commission Merchathose paid for production Merchants. COUNTRY PRODUCE. PEANUTS-North Carolina, firm.

Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c. Spanish (new) CORN-Firm, 65@67%c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 15@ 16c per pound; shoulders, 10@12½c; sides, 12½c. EGGS—Dull at 20c per dozen. CHICKENS-Firm. Grown, 25@ 0c; springs, 15@20c. TURKEYS—Firm at 12@12½c for

BEESWAX—Firm at 25c.
TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6½c per SWEET POTATOES-Dull at 50c BEEF CATTLE-Firm at 2@4c per

FINANCIAL MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Jan. 27,-Money on

call steady at 3%@4 per cent., closing at 8%@3% per cent.; time money steady: 60 days, 4% per cent.; 90 days, 41/2 per cent.; six months 4% per cent, Prime mercantile paper 5@5% per cent. Sterling exchange was heavy, with actual business in bankers' bills at 486.80 for demand and at 483.80@483 85 for sixty days. Posted rates 4841/4 and 4871/4@488. Commercial bills 482% @483%. Bar silver 47%. Mexican dollars 37%. Govern ment bonds steady. State bonds-no funding 2's, registered, 109; refunding 2's, coupon, 109; s, registered, 107; do. coupon, J. S. 4's, new registered, 134%; do. tered, 110; do. coupon, 110; U. S. 5's, registered, 103; do. coupon. 1041; Southern Railway, 5's, 11714. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio 101% Thesapeake & Ohio 5214; Manhat-L 144%; New York Central 151%; Reading 61%; do. 1st preferred 87 %: do. 2nd preferred 74 %; St. Paul 177%; do. pref'd, 191%; Southern Rail-36; do. pref'd 94%; Amaigamated Copper 65%; People's Gas 105%; Sugar 129%; Tennessee Coal and Iron 63%; U. S. Lesther 12%; do. pref'd, 89; Western Union 90; U. 8 Steel 371/4; do. pref'd 871/4; Virginia-Carolina Chemical 62; sales 300 do. preferred, 121; sales 100 common. Standard Oil, 735@739

BALTIMORE, Jan. 27.-Seaboard Air Line, common, 25%; do. preferred bonds, 42%; fours, 83%.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS

NEW YORK, Jan. 27-Rosin firm Strained common to good \$1 95@2 00. Spirits turpentine steady at 63% @64. CHARLESTON, Jan. 27.—Spirits tur pentine firm at 59%c; sales — casks. Rosin firm :sales - casks: A.B.C. \$1 65 D, \$1 65; E, \$1 65; F. \$1 70 G, \$1 80; H, \$3 00; I, \$2 35; K, \$2 85; M, \$3 30; N, \$3 55; W G, \$3 75; W W \$4 15.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

SAVARNAH, Jan 27.-Spirits turpen tine was firm at 61c bid; receipts 154 casks; sales 378 casks; exports casks. Rosin firm; receipts 5,069 bar rels; sales 2,853 barrels; exports — barrels. Quote: A. B. C. \$1 70, D. \$1 70. E. \$1 70; F. \$1 75; G. \$1 85; H. \$2 05: L, \$2 40; K \$3 90; M, \$3 85; N, \$8 55 W G, \$3 80: W W, \$4 20.

COTTON MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Jan. 27 .- The cotton narket opened firm at an advance of three to five points. Later, business increased the advance to eight and hirteen points. The improvement followed very strong cables, which instead of showing no change or some decline as would have been in keeping with the closing of the New York market the previous day, an advance was reported by the early cables with the net improve ment finally a matter of one to four points on futures and four points on spot cotton, of which sales in the Engish market reached 12,000 bales. Buy ing was active throughout the session Shorts covered heavily. New Orleans parties were enormous buyers in the afternoon. The Liverpool firmness, according to private cables, was largely due to active buying by Egyptian speculators and by the overing of European shorts The upward movement was accelerated by reports of continued demand in the Southern spot cotton markets from exporters and spinners. Another stimulating feature was the large showing made by exports, which for some cause have been exceeding port receipts. To-day the export clearances reached 46.264 bales against 38,484 port receipts. The close was at a net advance of seven to eleven points. Total sales futures estimated at 300,000 bales,

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—Cotton steady at 9 00c; net receipts 131 bates; gross receipts 7,354 bales; stock 161,754 Spot closed 5 points bigher; middling

sales — bales. Futures opened steady and closed steady. The closing quotations were: January 8.76, February 8.74, March 8.78, April 8.81, May 8.83, June 8.82, July 8.88, August 8.62, September 8.25,

October 8.18. Total to-day, at all seaports — Net re-ceipts 38,484 bales; exports to Great Britain 3 620 bales; exports to France 28,577 bales; exports to the Continent

scaports Net receipts 5,763,811 big exports to Great Britain 1,792,855 big exports to France 522,758 bales expo to the Continent 1,864,192 bales Jan. 27.—Galveston, firm at 8 13-14 net receipts 12,866 bales; North quiet at 8 18-16c, net receipts 21 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 8%, ust, ceipts — bales; Boston, quiet at 8% net receipts 682 bales; Wilmington, in at 81/c, net receipt 738 bales; Patadelphia, firm at 9.2 pet receipt bales; Savannab, steady at 89.165 in 1822 bales; Savannab, steady at 89.165 in 1822 bales; receipts 8,562 bales: New Orland strong at 8% c, net receipts 11,619 bales Mobile, quiet at 8%c, net receipha bales; Memphis, firm at 8 11-16c, receipts 1,277 bales; Augusta, size, at 8 15 16c, net receipts 691 bales Charleston, firm at 816, net rem

PRODUCE MARKETS By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.-Flour

dull and nominally unchanged.

flour quiet. Wheat-Spot easy; N red 81%c. Options closed at 1%61 net decline: March closed 83 %c; I closed 81%c. July closed 18%c Con Spot easy; No. 2 56%@58c Option closed %@%c pet lower. Close sales—January closed 69%; February closed —c; March closed 57c M closed 50%c July closed 48% .. Osu spot duit; No. 2. 44c. Options que a d barely steady; May closed 41% Lard duli ; Western steam \$10 40@10 r-fined, continent \$10 55; compound? @7%c. Pork steady. Tallow firm ter steady; extra creamery 26c; 8u dairy 18@25c Cheese firm new 8th full cream, small colored, fancy made 14%c;small white, fall made to @14%c. Coffee-Spot Rio quiet; m quiet. Sugar Raw steady; central al, 96 test, 3%c; refined sugar stead Rice stendy Potatoes steady; Long Island \$2 00@2 25; South Jersey sweet \$2 50@4 00; Jerseys \$1 75@2 00; Net York and Western per 180 lbs , \$1 5 @2 00. Molasses firm. P.a.u. steady; fancy hand picked 4% @4% other domestic 3@4%c. Cabbas ra essi domestic, per barrel red \$1 00@125 white 75@90c. Freights to Liverpoocotton by steam 12c. Eggs atead; State and Pennsylvania average b. 25c. Cotton seed oil-The quo a ju closed: Prime crude nominal; pricrude f. o. b. mills 34@34%c; pri summer yellow 40%@41c; off summer yellow 39c; prime white 45c; prim winter yellow 45c; prime me-1 \$27 506 28 00, nominal. CHICAGO, January 27 -There w.

heavy realizing by the leader of longs caused a break of 2c in the Me delivery and the close was weak an at a loss of 25c from yesterday's close May corn closed &c lower, wit out down 1@8c. Provisions closed west the May products being from 10 CHICAGO, Jan. 27.-Cash price Flour quiet and easy. Wheat-No.

an enormous trade in wheat to-day

spring 78@80c; No. 3 spring 72@74 No. 2 red 75@77%c Coru-No 45%c; No. 2 yellow 45%c. Oat -No. 2 3216: No. 2 white -c; No. 3 wh 33%@35. Mess pork, per barre . \$17 @17 25. Lard, per 10 tbs., \$10 200 10 30. Short rib sides, loos, \$9 @9 15 Dry salted shoulder, bored \$8 25@8 50. Short clear sid , boxes 89 50@9 75 Whiskey-Basis high wines, \$1 30. The leading futures ranged as

lows-opening, highest, lowest closing: Wheat-No. 2 January 77 77%, 75. 75: May 81 4 @81%, 81%@8 78%, 79@79%c; July 75@75%, 75% 35%, 35%c; July 32%. 32% 32%, 32% Mess pork, per bbi-January \$19 15 19 15, 18 95, 18 95; May \$16 80, 16 85 16 65, 16 67%; July \$16 35, 16 37% 16 25. Lard, per 100 lbs., -Janua \$10 42%, 10 42%, 10 20, 10 22%; Ma \$9 57%. 9 60, 9 50, 9 50; July \$9 85 9 37 14, 9 25, 9 25 Short ribs, per 1 Ds-January \$9 05 9 05 8 97 14, 8 97 14 July \$9 22 14, 9 25, 9 15, 9 17 1/4 -

FOREIGN MARKET

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 27.-Cotton: Spor good business done; prices four point bigher: American middling fair 5.40d good middling 4.961; middling 4.78 ow middling 4.66d; good ordinar 4.54d; ordinary 4.43 i. The sales of the day were 15,000 bales, of which 1.000 bales were for speculation and export and included 13,000 balm American. Receipts 18,000 bales, in cluding 16,400 bales American.

Futures opened quiet and steady an closec steady; American middling (g) c) January 4.73@4.73 : Januar . » February 4.72@4.73.; Februari P March 4.72@4.73d; Marc' aid Al 4,72@4.780; April and M. 4.780 4.741; May and Jun 4.74@1.75 June and July 4.74@4.75u; July 8 August 4.74@4.75d; August and Sep tember 4.66@4.67d; September and October 4.470; October and Novembr

MARINE DIRECTOR

List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmin STEAMSHIFO.

Rastry, (Br) 1,924 tons, Horsfield Alexar der Spruet & Son. Polans, (Br) 1,898 ions, Holitum, Aler ander Spruut & Son. SCHOONERS.

Lillian Woodruff, 288 tons, Kneeland George Harriss, Son & Co. Goldseeker, (Br) 199 tons, Diggdon, T Riley & Co. C Strawbridge, 758 tons, Coombi George Harriss, Son & Co. Ismes W, (Br) 150 tons, Murchison, George Harriss, Son & Co. Estelle, 343 tons, Hutchenson, Georgi Harriss, Son & Co. Foster Rice, (Br) 179 tons, Brinton George Harriss, Son & Co.

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Consolidated, at all sesports—Net receipts 98,840 bales; exports to Great Britain 34,695 bales; exports to France 28,577 bales; exports to the Continent 63,567 bales.

Total since September 1st, at all fan 8 tr