-and--and-margage

scheme of enlarging the powers of national banks; that we oppose the conferring of the power to issue notes de signed to have the same functions as money to any bank, corporation or indi-

This is in keeping with the Populist platform, which declares against all banks, and hence the Populist Congressmen who supported this resolution were consis ent with their party declarations on the subject. principals. It is folly to make war The orthodox Populist, whether he apon them, and for a Southern man belongs to the middle of the road patriots, like little Tom Watson, or to the gentlemen who take to the pig paths, like Hon. Marion Batler holds that the money of the country ought to be issued directly from the e Treasury of the United States in coin and paper until the amount sizes up to \$50 per carpita, and then the Government should take a rest until a hole had been made in the \$50 per cap. by burying it in vaults, old stockings and sundry other ways of sequestrating, when the issuing process should be resumed until the \$50 limit was again reached. At the same time they declare for the free and unlimited coinage of silver, but how with the free and unlimited coinage of silver they expect to gauge the per capita at \$50 they do

not nadertake to explain. The original plan to get the money issued by the Government distributed among the people, in the absence of the banks which they would wipe out, was through sub treasuries which would lend money to farmers and others at a nominal interest, on land and imperishable truck, but they soon lost interest in the suntreasury, and consequently we hear very little about that now. But they don't want any banks. They are, of course, entitled to their opinions on that question, just as all other people are, and they are not alone in opposing a further extension of the power of the national banks, but they blunder egregiously when they declare their opposition to all banks, and the Populist who lives in the

South, or in the thinly populated Western States, blunders still more egregiously in agreeing with them. We have national banks which un der their charters we will continue to have for some time to come. This resolution does not declare against these, but only against any scheme to extend their powers, so that in spite of the Populist opposition to banks in general we have one system of banks. Compared with the North and the more densely populated of the Western States, there are very few of these banks in the South and in the absence of sub-treasuries which the Populist financiers had theoretically invented to distribute the money among the people, but which they do not seen to be stuck on now, the people who need money must scratch around the best way they can to get it. Diesn't the sensible Populist and every one else who knows anything about the coadition of the South know that the most serious impediment in the way of her development and progress is the scarcity of money and the diffi culty of securing it in amounts suft . cient for the enterprises that would be entered upon if it could previously written and subsequently secured? Isn't the "want said substantially the same thing in capital" the stereotyped complaint in the South, a com-Plaint that we have listened to for over a quarter of a century? Sup-Pose the Populist idea prevailed and the printing presses and the mints of the Government were put into operation and in mey turned out until the \$50 per capita was reached, With the present tariff and pensions. and internal revenue and other agen cies for drawing money from the circumference, so to speak, to the money centers, how long would it be before the larger part of the South's \$50 per capita had found its way to the coffers in these money centers? How would it be got back? Wait until another crop of cotton, tobacco, &c, was harvested, which would bring some of it back, to run out again is due course of time, in the usual way.

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who doesn't know it.

suicidal folly.

CLINCHING THE CHARGE.

In the Rocky Mount Argonaut of

last Thursday, Editor Campbell

drops the editorial "we" and over

his signature devotes nearly three

columns to clinching his charge as

to the slanderous utterance of Sen-

ator Batler in his speech at Rocky

Mount on the 15th of October.

After beginning with the statement

that he didn't enter this controversy

as a matter of pleasure or because

he took delight in it, but from a

sense of duty, he reiterates the

truth of the charge and supports it

with affidavits from six of the best

people in that section. One of them,

"I would have challenged the s'auder

at the time, but did not think it becom-

ag to one of my calling to make the

irst move. The more I thought of it

the more and goast I became. I sweet

to the truth of the charge because I

think it right that a man holding Sen-

ator Batler's position who so vilely

slanders the best people of the State

Another signer, a prominent mer-

chant, said, as he grasped the pen to

sign the affi lavit: "Here go dollars

out of my pocket, but it's true and I

"But if the affilivits of these good

men and true are not enough, we have

olenty of others to back them up

Among many others, the following

prominent citizens heard Senator Butler

atter his slander against the best people

"Thos. H. Bittle, President Bank of

Hon. J. B. Paillips, Battleboro, far-

"Rev. A D. Betts, Minister of the

"Cant, Robert Whitaker, yard master

E1 G Muse, commercial traveller.

"M. Openheimer, of the firm of Op-

· Is all thirteen, of among the very

"Mr I B Paillips says: Say for me

Rev. A. D. Betts say: 'I am sorry to

say that the young man said it I re

memper it well, for it hurt me to think

that a man in so high a position should

so slander some of the best people in the

After exposing the evasive word

ing of the affi lavits prepared for and

signed by the defenders of Mr. But-

ler, in which the word "rape" or

"nameless outrage" were substituted

for the word "outrage" which Butler

used and by which he meant rape,

Mr. Campbell quotes from other

speeches by Butler, and from a Cau-

casian editorial (in extract from

which we published recently) to

show that such an utterance was not

at all beyond Mr. Butler, who had

somewhat different phraseology.

Having clinched the charge, he

closes as follows and thus throws

"I do not wish to wrong Senator But-

ler. I published what he said because I

though: it right to do so and not as part

of a plot, as Mr. Builer charges. I did

not consult with any one before publish-

ing it, nor have I done so since except as

far as to get testimony to substantiate

there is a course open to him by

which he can obtain vind cation, and

I receive the punishment the crime deserves. It I have libeled him, by all

means let him file his complaint with

the proper authorities and have me pun-

shed for the same.
To be sure such a course on the part

and he might come out of it with the

seal of slanderer and liar stamped upon

"I am willing to take the risk on my

part-are you willing to take it or

you s-Senator Marion Butle?"

If I have maligned Mr. Batler

down the gauntlet to Butler:

my sta'ement.

his brow.

that Marion Batler's claim that he used

the words 'agents of shylock and the

best citizens of this section. Thirteen!

penbeimer and Smithson.

of his native State and can so tesuty:

Rav. B S. McKenzie, writes:

should be exposed."

Rocky Mount.

feel it my duty to sign."

Southern Populist who desires his

own prosperity and the prosperity of

his section should wish to see per-

WILMINGTON, N. C., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1897.

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Is this the condition that the and has been slandered as he says, here is a chance for him to have his wounds healed, and punish the slanderer.

petuated? With few national banks, and these of little benefit to the MINOR MENTION. masses of the people, who have not Senator Hoar is in favor of inaccess to them, and no other banks creasing the tax on beer, and struck where is the circulating medium for the rock botto ned truth when he the South to come from, and what is said in the Senate Friday that if to keep it here when it does come? Congress ignored political consid-With banks of our own we would erations and dealt with the liquor have a circulating medium within question courageously by the im the reach of the people, the volume position of an additional tax of a of which could be adjusted in acdollar a barrel on beer the question cordance with the demands of busiof the Government's revenues would ness. From these banks the farmer take care of itself. We do not know could borrow money on his real eswhether this additional tax would tate as security, on such a rate of insupply the Government with the terest as the States might prescribe, necessary revenue or not, but Senthen instead of selling his cotron or ator Hoar was right when he other products at ruinous prices he charged Congress with being could borrow money to meet his swayed by political considerations most urgent demands and hold his and with a lack of courage to tackle cotton, etc., and thus force the marbeer. There are few if any brew ket up. If we had State banks and eries in Senator Hoar's domain, and plenty of currency that would be the therefore he runs no risk of antaglast of five-cent cotton, and there onizing his constituency by buck isn't a sensible Populist la the South ing up against beer, and can afford to be "courageous;" but the states-Banks are to day institutions of men who represent States and districts the civilized world, and when conwhere beer is largely brewed, take a structed on the right plan are mighty different view of it and are entirely agencies in the progress and bettertoo fond of the seats they hold to ment of countries. The civil zed mess any more than they can possinations of the earth approve of them, bly help in that business. The sucvalue them and utilize them, and the cess of the party and holding their Populist party of this country is the own grip are matters of much more only organized body of men in the concern to them than providing world which opposes them on general against deficits, and as between taxing beer and taxing the shoes and shirts the people wear they will tax the shocs and shirts every time. But the shoes and shirts have no organizations to raise money to influence

conventions to nominate men or use

in campaigns to defeat men they don't

want and elect the men they do

want. The brewers represent mil-

lions of dollars and millions talk

with an irresistible eloquence in the

politics of these United States. Our Raleigh correspondent says there is a report that the Board of Directors of the Panitentiary, which meets in January, will not confirm the appointment of Mr. Mewborne as superintendent, vice Smith "resigned." We do know enough about the constituent elements of the Board to form an opinion as to whether they have the nerve to turn down an appointee of the Governor or not, but if they have a due sense of the propriettes and as much respect for the farmers as the State as they should have, they would refuse to endorse the dicker between the Goveruor and Mewborne. And the Board of Agriculture should, as soon as possible, get rid of Smith as Commissioner and thus rebuke that trade in the corner and make, as far as they can, due amends for it. Gov. Russell is quoted as saying that Smith was incapacitated from lack of brains from filling the position of Superintendent of the Peni tentiary, and therefore he appointed him Commissioner of Agriculture, where no brains were needed. But he took a man out of a position where, according to his view, no brains are needed, and put him in a position where he seems to think brains are necessary. Mr. Mewborne may have more brains than there was any use for in the Department of Agriculture, but he has not yet had an opportunity to demonstrate whether an unlucky number for --- Marion he has the requisite quantity and quality of Penitentiary brains, but he has shown that he has brains enough to make a dicker with the monopolies' instead of Democrats is false. He charge was made against Governot by which he got a job that Democrats and I am willing to swear to will pay him \$500 a year more than Those who know 'Joe' Pattlips the job he resigned-provided the would be estisfied if there were no other

> Mr. Willet, the absconded cashier of an Iodiana bank, who has been rusticating in Augusta, Ga., on the sly, writes some friends that he didn't leave because he was a defaulter, but because he saw the smash coming and was apprehensive that the idea might occur to some of the hot tempered, misguided depositors to snatch him up and make it hot for him without going through the formalities of the law. When they have had time to cool down he says he will return and help the as signee to straighten things up and see what's left.

> Board of Directors confirm the

The people of this country are paying \$2 per capita in pensions, or \$10 per tax payer. The New York World argues that if the pension business was properly and honestly managed and without any politics in it, the people of this country would now be paying \$17,500,000 in pensions, instead of \$141,000,000. But there isn't as much capital for the pension boomers ia \$17,500,000 as. there is in \$141,000,000.

The city council of Mankato, Kansas, is composed of æsthetic gentlemen who draw the line on ancient ballads. Last year they outlawed "After the Ball" by imposing a fine of the Senator might prove a boomerang of fifty cents on any person caught singing or whistling it. They now serve notice that "There Will be a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight"is prospectively on the tabooed Now if Marion has a grievance, list.

SCHOONER SLVER HEELS suspected of Being Bagaged in Filituiter-

ing Operation. - U. S. Dietriet At rasy Ayooch's Investigation-Vassel Datained Pending Action of the

G .vernment. C. B. Aycock Esq. U. S. district at orney, arrived in the city yesterday to hear the tes impay of the crew of the Silver Heels, the schooner suspected of filibustering operations. He would not make public the affidavits, but it may well be supposed that they absolutely denied having in any way violated the neutrality laws. Major Lee, John Anderson, Robert Russ and Henry Lewis colored stevedores, who assisted in loading the schooner with lumber at Kidder's mill, were examined also. The testimony was all sent to headquarters at Washington, and the schooner will remain in port pending the government's

Whatever action may be taken, it stands to resson that there is nothing contraband about the present cargo of the Silver Hie's. She has been, as a matter of course, narrowly watched ever since she has been in port, and it would have required the greatest hardihood to take on arms and ammunition under such circumstances. She is loaded with lumber and nothing else.

Waat she did from October 17th to the date, about two weeks ago, when she put in at this port, is another ques-

It is rumored that first mate Alfred Thompson told a representative of the Spanish government that the Silver Heels transferred a cargo of arms and ammunition to the Dauntless in the interval between her departure from New York and her arrival here. It is learned, however, that he has made other state ments quite the reverse of this. MRS. V. A. SANDERS.

Greet G and Daughter of Nathaniel Ma con-Ded in This City Ye terday -Bad Long Been an I valid.

The STAR notes with sorrow the death of Mrs. V. A. Sanders, the mother the well known citizen and busines man, Mr. S. W. Sanders. She passed away at her son's residence, 411 North Third street, at 6 o'clock Saturday moreing. The deceased had been an invalid for several years, and had been confined to ber room for two or three weeks.

She was bord in Franklin county 64 years ago. and was the great grand daughter of the distinguished statesman, Nathaniel Macon. Her father was W. K Martin, E q. At the age of 17 she married Mr. S. W. Sanders, of this county, and went with him to live in Brunswick county. Is a little over a year her ha b ad died, whereupon she took up her residence with her fatherin-law, Mr. Daniel S. Sanders in this county, afterwards going back to Franklin county, where she lived until 19 years ago, when she removed to Wilmington, where she has lived since.

Her only child is Mr. S. W. Sanders, but of relatives somewhat more removed here are a good many, among them being Mr. J. C. Steverson, her nephew She was related to Gov. Russell Mis Sinders was a woman of very

sweet and lovely character, and she will be sadly missed. One who knew her well has an article in the STAR this morning fitly eulogizing her.

Tae funeral will take place from the residence at 9 80 o'clock this morning. The pall-bearers will be: Honorary, Gov. D. L. Russell and Col. Jao. D. Taylor; active, M. J Hayer, Jao. D Ballamy, E. K Bryan, Jas. H Taylor, W. N. Harriss and H. McL. Green.

ALBRIGHT WILL BE POSTMASTER. The Fight Is Baded, and John E. Albright Has Won the Day.

Victory perches on the banner of the roung and robust Knight of Alamance. John E. Albright will be the next Postmaster of Wilmington. There is no doubt about it, for the STAR's information is absolutely trustworthy. The combination of the Hon. Demosthenes Lycurgus Russell and the Hon. Marion Rocky Mount Batler wouldn't work, and nence they couldn't open the safe that held the precious plum. It seemed all bright to our revered neighbor-in-law Gee Z:e for a time; and, paradoxical as it may appear, it is Albright now.

The Hon. Jupiter Coriolanus Pritch ard, the "man from the mountains," is responsible for the fall of Gee Z:e. He controlled the appointment, and he paid no attention to the plaintive pleas of the Bassell Rutler combine. Alas, poor Yorick! Now our neighbor-in-law must exclaim, in the language of the

'Twas ever thus since childhood's hour, I've seen my fondest hopes decay: never nursed a tree or flawer. Bat 'twas the first to fade away.

Paneral of the Late Mrs. Borteon. The funeral of the late Mrs. L'zz'e Chadboura Rorison, of Sagicaw, Mich., ook place yesterday morning at 11 o'clock from St. James' Episcopa church. The remains arrived at 980 o'clock over the Atlantic Coast Line and were taken direc. 1/ to the church, where they remained until the hour set for the funeral. There were many friends' and arquaintances to jain the bereaved family in their grief. Gov. Russell, who arrived in the city Friday.

was among those present. Tas solema services were conducted by the rector, Rev. Dr. Robert Strange. Mr. C. H. Cooper, Miss Fair Payne, Mrs. Elizabeth Waddell and Mr. A. S. Holden coastituted a quartette which rendered the hymns, and Mr. E. H. Munson was the organist. The hymns were, "Lead Kindly Light" and "There is a Blessed Home." While the latter was being sung the casket was borne to the hearse and the funeral cortege proceeded to Oakdale cometery, where the laterment was made. The fi ral designs were noticeably numerous and beautiful. The pall bearers, who acted both at the train and at the church, were Messrs. J. D. Smith, A. M. Waddell, Jr., Don MacRae, E. P. Boatwright, Keith Calder and N. Nixon Davis.

A COUNTRYMAN SWINDLED. Chested Out of Five Dollars by Two

Megro Sherpirs. Now that Christmis is near at hand and the bustle in business circles is consequently greater, the sharpers in the city have commenced to ply their unlawful trade in an energetic manner. Thursday morning several white

manymen arrived in the city from Duplin county, and in the alternoon after they had disposed of nearly al beir produce-from the sale of which a nest little sum of money had been realized—they stopped at the cart house on Sixth street between Harnett and wans, and one of the countrymen ffered for sale a dressed hog to a crowd of bystanders. A negro man who was the crowd. saxed to be shown the hog, which was done. The hog was weighed and thoroughly inspected at the countryman and the negro could not agree on the price. About this time and pulling a watch-charm a diminutive locket, from his pocket, offered it to the other negro to give to the countryman as part payment for the hog. This, however the pretended purchaser said he would not do, because, he did not be lieve the charm was in good condition and that the lock could be opened. This tatement the new arrival refuted, and turning to the countryman he requested the loan of five dollars to oet the other man that he could open the lock remarking saids to the countryman that he would win the money 'dead easy" and that they would divide the winnings. The countryman handed out the five dollars, and as he did so the intended purchaser called his attention to the hog, and the negro man lipped out of the cart house unobserved. When it was discovered that the negro man and the money, had disappeared the intended purchaser be came highly indignant and went to look

MARRIAGE AT HARRELL'S STORE. Boy, B. H G loot L ade to the Altar the Cha.ming Daughter of Mr. Thomas C. Fennell,

for him. It was the last seen of either

negro man or money.

Star Correspondence HARRELL'S STORE, N. C., Dec. 17. Harrell's Store was the scene of beautiful wedding last Wednesday evening at 780 o'clock, when Rev. R. H. G bert led to the altar Miss Luia B Fennell, the charming daughter of Mr. Thos. C. Fennell. The church was tasteu'ly decorated, and there were throngs of people to witness the ceremony. The wedding march was rendered

by Miss Herring. The groomsmen were Messrs. Brace Boykin, Clinton; E. J. Hollingsworth Hamlet; W. Shaw, of Kar James McPhail, of Red Springs; Stephen Caldwell, of Wallace; Raymond Corbett Alpine and Elward Allen, of Harrell's Store, The bridesmaids were Miss Mary Moore.of Alpine; Misses Willie Drau han and Josie Carroll, of Clinton; Miss Kite McPhail, of Red Springs, and Misses Bertha Caldwell and Liura Swinson, o Harreli's Store. Following these came the bride leaning upon the arm of her maid of honor. Miss Berta Bell, of Newbern. The groom, accompanied by his best entered by a side aisle and i loed the oride in front of the altar. The ceremony was impressively performed by Rev. Jas. W. Kramer, of Wilmington. A terwards the bridal party repaired to the residence of Mr. Fannell, where a delightful reception was held. Tae acquaintances of the young couple

wish them all happiness. DEATH OF MRS. V. A. SANDERS

After weary months of suffering, i the early morning of December 18, 1897. there passed unto rest Mrs. V. A. Sinders, one of the loveliest of God's chil-

Gentleness and kindness were the

striking traits of her character. In all steadiast, and very near to the love and heart of every one whose sweet privilege it was to call ber friend. She possessed a broad mind enriched by reading and dispassionate refiction, and often rose to hel, h's of sublime sentiment and caught the reflex influence which glori fied the chistened ip rit. She possessed that calmness and dig

nity which could not be inflienced by earth's discordant surroundings. Material and sordid things had not the power to disturb the perfect poise of her soul. The whiteness of His innocence o'er all her garments flowing.

The closing days of her life were marked by that resignation and divine patience which distinguished her life. With the same gentleness and calmness she passed beyond, "as one who wraps the drapery of his couch about him and lies down to pleasant slumber. A FRIEND.

Puneral of the Late Edward Daniel Ca

The remains of the late Edward Danel Casauz, who died in Brunswick, Ga. on Friday last, arrived in the city yesterday at 1.35 p. m. via the Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta Railroad. At 4 clock yesterday afternoon the funeral took place from St. James' Episcopal church, the rector, Rev. Dr. Robert Strange, officiating. Tac hymns, "Nearer My God to Thee" and "Just as Am" were rendered by a choir composed of Miss Ada Cooper, Miss E izibeth Waddell, Miss Mattie Horne, M ss Cammie Lord, and Messrs. Eugene Beery and | Via B. Metts.

Toe interment was made at Oakdale. cemetery and the grave was covered with a profusion of beautiful flowers. The pall-bearers were: Honorary, the trial and allowed the death sen-Mr. W. C. Maads; active, Messrs. N. N. Davis, James S. Worth, Frank L. Haggins, W. M. Atkinson, John M. Wright and D. T. Cronly.

The Settlers' Convention.

The Settlers' Convention" to be held at Southern Pines Dec. 881 and 83d is an important event in the development of North Carolina, and should be largely attended. There are thousands of farmers in the North and Northwest, men of means and character, who are dissatisfied with their present surroundings, and many of these will come to our State if our advantages are explained to them. The Seaboard Air Line will sell round trip tickets for the convention from Wilmington on the 21st and 22d, with final limit Dac, 25th, for \$2 80.

- Register of Deeds Norwood issued marriage licenses the past week to two white and five colored couples.

The Smith's Island Suit. Mr. W. H. Shaw, clerk of the United States District Court, Friday received the decree and opinion of Judge Thos R. Parnell in the suit brought by the United States against Toos P. Deveraux. trustee, et al. (beirs of the late Maj John Walker), to gain possession and the ownership of Smith's Island. This suit was heard at the last term of the court, and Judge Parnell reserved his decision but several days afterwards, in Raleigh decided the case in favor of the defendants (as fully detailed in the STAR at the

E. K. Bryan, E.g., one of the counse for the Government, and who argued when the case was heard, states that an appeal to the United States Court of Appeals will be taken, which, however, has not been done as yet, but the counsel are allowed six months in which to take

JUDGE SUFTON'S DENIAL

CONCERNING HIS ORDER TO THE SHERIFF OF MECKLENBURG.

Flutter in Tobacco Circles Cined by Treasurer Werth's Circular to Warehousemen-The Charge Against Warden Bussell of the Pen-

> itentia'y. Special Star Correspondence.

RALEIGH, N. C., December 18. Mr. E. C. Duocan, the new appointee to the collectorship of this district, returned home to day. Mr. Duncan arrived here yesterday with the intention of going to Washington, D. C., but learned after his arrival that the President had sent in his name. Mr. Dancan says he has made no selections as to clerks. He will take the office as soon as the Senate confirms his nomination.

The negro Tom Shardric, who disappeared mysteriously in the penitentiary vesterday afternoon, has not been located. The officials think he is in hiding in the building.

The charge has been made that Warden Russell of the penitentiary allowed two convicts to escape with an understanding that they should paint and repair a house of his in Robe son county. I saw Mr. Russell to day and asked him about the report. "You Can say for me that it is an infamous lie. I knew nothing of the escape of the concis, for I was not even here at the time. I have not had any house of mine paint-Governor Russell is in receipt of a let-

ter from Judge Thomas Satton, in which he makes denial of the published report that he ordered the sheriff of Meckien burg to report the list of delirquent tax payers for the purpose of having them

Treasurer Worth's ruling that tobacco warehousemen must pay one per centum on their comm'ssions will cause a flatter in tobacco circles all over the State. The State fixes the charges of tobacco warehousemen and they are only allowed \$14 per cent. on sales. Local warehousemen say they can not possibly stand this commission tax and that they will fight it in the courts.

MADRID ADVICES.

Bpanish New pipir Disturbed at the 8 md ing of a U. S. Eq sadron to the Gulf of Mexico. By Cable to the Morning Star.

MADRID, December 18 .- The Imparcial, in an article on the United States

"After the insults and calumnies against Spain, our excellent, almost protector and friend, McKinley, as compensation, is going to send a roundron to the Gulf of Mexico, a measure never so unnecessary as now, since Cuba has a captain general whose policy is just and humane. Spain has just made concessions to Cuba. This is because the Yankees are seeking to justify the policy of the insurgents, who base their hopes on the intervention of their friends.

The sending of this squadron will revivify their hopes and cause a continuation of the struggle. The intervention of the United States will be a monstrous act of cynicism. Those who kept silence in the presence of the German cruisers at Hayti do not dare to risk the disappro nation of Europe. Continuing; the Imparcial says:

"We know means which will foil the tricks of the Yankees. These are the reat wisdom of Spain, the great loyalty of the island, the grand activity in our arsenals and the great energy of the Government. It is unnecessary to mention the patriotism of Spain."

EXECUTION OF COL. RUIZ. One of Blanco's Bayoys Suffirs the Deat Peralty at the Hands of Cubin

Issurgents. By Cable to the Morning Star. HAVANA, December 18.-Col. Ruiz

n side de-camp of Marshal Blanco, sent arge acceptance of autonomy, was met by Gen. Aranguren and an escoit of welve men, who received him warmly. Raiz arged the party to accept autonomy and congratulated himself that he would induce them to return with him to Havana. The insurgents in camp had not been

prepared for the visit by Aranguren, and seeing Raiz in his uniform and learning the object of his visit they demanded the application of the proclamation of Gomes and Rodriguez, which orders the infliction of the death penalty upon all persons who attempt to induce chiefs of the repellion to surrender. In compliance with their demands

a court-martial was formed and the sentence of death was passed upon Ruiz. Aranguren stood aloof during tence to be carried out. Col. Ruiz was executed with a machete.

WITHOUTHOSTILEINTENTION A Russian Faradron Baters Port Arthur on the Chinese Cast. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ST. PETERSBURG. December 18 .- It is enounced that a Russion squadron ander Rear Admiral Recunow has entered Port Arthur, on the Chinese coast. with the entire acquiescence of the Chinese Government. The squadron intends to remain at Port Arthur throughout the Winter. This is due solely to the need of a temporary winter station. and involves no question of forcible occapation or hostile demonstration of any ntention against China, Germany. Japan or any other power.

At 704 o'clock les:night a slight ear h quak shock was fel: on the western suburos of Richmond, Va. Winrumbling sound.

WILLIAM THE WITLESS

THE GERMAN EMPEROR RIDICULED BY ENGLISH NEWSPAPERS.

Signs of Unrest in the Sagar Colonies of Great train-G rmany and France Auxious to Abolish Sugar Bourties-Great Britain's Precarkus Hold on Ladia. Copyright 1997 by the Associated Press. 1

LONDON. December 18 .- The general pinion of Kiel is voiced by a diplomat's remark: "It is a pity that Germany, having an easy, safe and simple, though slightly piratical piece of work on hand, should not be able to perform it without setting the whole world laughing." The papers are full of comment on the sub-

The Times says: "The august utterauces are worthy of heroes of melodrama and would seem high flown to nodern ideas if attered by Pailip II, as be dispatched the Armada, or Columous, as he started to carry the dominion of Spain over the ocean. The Kaiser evoked memories of Meiz and Sedan to encourage Prince Henry to keep a stout heart as he faces the perils of the Suez canal and the terrors of the China seas. Prince Henry's peroration was closed by specimen of almost Byzantine selfabasement, unique in the annals of mod-

The Saturday Review thinks the nickname of "William the Witless" is no onger adequate, adding that he is stark, staring mad." Continuing, the Saturday Review remarks: "In spite of be ominous tact that he has alienated the newspapers and professors, insulted be greatest nobles ween they ventured to disagree with his extraordinary activity until the court is deserted and known throughout Germany as the court of parvenus, the poor creature continues to take himself seriously, as a sort of drill sergeant of providence."

The indications point to a parsige in the Queen's speen at the opening of Parlament referring to the sugar interests of the colonies. It will probably announce that the Government has decided to propose a conference of the Powers intersted in sugar bounties. It is understood the Government is prepared to announce at such a conference that unless he bounty system is abandoned Great Britain will impose countervailing du-

The colonial-office has been greatly exercised since the West Indian commission reported and since the discus sions in the Reichetig, in which Heri Richter admitted that should Great Britain follow the lead of the United States and tax bounty fed sugar the death knell of bounties would be sounded. Signs are not lacking that both Germany and France are anxious to abolish the bounties, but neither wil abandon them so long as the other is the English market. The objections o the free traders to a protective measure will probably be overcome by's guarantee that the duties will be removed as soon as the bounties have ceased.

The signs of unrest in the sugar coloonies are having effect upon the authori ties. A West Indian planter writes to friend in London saying: Elf the standard of rebellion is raised in favor of an alliance with the United States, I will volunteer forthwith. We owe all our sufferings to the imperial government. and it is high time it was ended. England will-bave a rude awakening."

The reverse suffered by Gen. Westmacott's brigade in the Bira valley is in the nature of a disaster. When the euphemisms are translated the story appears to be that the most powerful force ever sen to the border has been bundled out o Afridiland neck and crop. On top of this comes the news that it is the intention of Sir William Lockhart, the British commander-in-chief, to invade the country in another direction. The reasons are obvious. The Government feels that something must be done forth with to retrieve British prestige and the Kniber pass road, which the Afridis closed about six months ago, will probably be comparatively easily re-opened

In the meanwhile, the worst impression has been created in Great Britain by the reiteration of the statement that the rank and file of at least four British regiments showed decided lack of pluck in the presence of native regiments. An officer at the front writes: "The worst is that the native troops have seen

the cowardice of their white comrades and they state openly that if any 'Tommy Atkins' is rude to them hereafter, they will hammer him; and the awfu thing is, they can do so. It is obvious that if the natives lose

their respect for British courage, Great Britain's hold on I adia is most preceri ous. The whole tault seems to lie in ex pecting boys to do men's work and i turning them adrift just when they are becoming good soldiers. The campaign cannot end before March, and the cost fally \$80,000.000, will necessitate the intervention of the British treasury in order to avert the bunkrupter of India. The society event of Paris this week was the sale of Jaxe Harding's jewels on Thursday. Her lap dog's collar studded

with diamonds, brought \$1,000; a dog collar, with superb pearl and diamond pendants, was sold, for \$7,000, and a pearl ecklace was auctioned off for \$9 000. Sarah Bernhardt, in an interview on Wednesday, said: "My life is weared by the ceaseless watch I am obliged to keep against vitriol. She has been es corted everywhere, having been threatened by the mother of Mademonelle Kin, who, months ago, threatened to use vitriol and who, at Sarah's instance

was confined in an asylum. NEW YORK, December 18-The Evening Post's copyrighted London cable to-day says: "The terrific goings on at Kiel over

Prince Henry's departure for China have been the all-absorbing topic with Englishmen this week 'Pale fear.' says the German national organ in Vienna, will penetrate to John Bull's marrow as he reads of it.' As a matter of fact John Bull's first impulse has been to split his drama, such as no coming Christmas pantomime can hope to rival. "When the Kaiser is staking 'my only

brother' and calls 'heaven to witness how the German Michael has firmly planted on Chinese soil the shield, emblazoned with the imperial eagle, in order to afford protection once for all to him who applies for t.' the Englishman rudely laughs. He recalls that the German Michael is the mildest mannered of young men, the idol of his English grandmamma. who is taking what an even seasoned sailor would regard as a pleasant cruise with one 7,000 ton, twenty three year old iron battleship and one 4 000 ton cruiser, in order to secure a coaling station which practically already has been ceded and over which no one dreams of a single shot being fired. When the same mild mannered man apostrophizes his own brother with 'mcs, serene Emperor, most powerful lord, king and master, forever, boot! hoch! and eulogizes 'the gospel of your Majesty's haldows and china in houses rattled, and lowed person, blunt John Buil seriously the disturbance was accompanied by a asks himself whether these young people have not altogether lost their with

deed, the Saturday Review to-day builds up an argument that 'William the Witless,' as it used to call him, has now gone stark, staring mad, and it is certainly to be remembered that by the unalterable etiquette of the German court the Emperor must himself bave read Prince Henry's words beforeband: To closer students of European affairs. nowever, there seems much method in his madness. The average Englishman, who is laughing loudly to-day, probably will be puzz ing his brains next week as to whether the German craze for naval power is not a thing to be reckoned with. t may not have been more than a mere ske when, in talking to Count Zighy, the Emperor said: "You should visit China; by the time you get there you will find Prince Henry Emperor of China. Why should Emperor William not found a second India for German in China as a means of imperial aggrand zement and of averting the social revolution threatened at home?"

The Spectator dilates on this view today, and is quite prepared, perhaps, even to welcome the German Emperor as the acknowledged master and opener to civilization and foreign trade of the richest, best populated and quietest section of the Chinese Empire.

Kiao Chou, with its barbor and hinterland, which Germany is annexing, is as large as Wales and full of people. It is capable of yielding a substantial revenue and of becoming the stepping-off place for the acquisition of the central division of China. These possibilities will come home to John Buil when he has done his laughing. Anticipating that time and taking advantage of the state of mind, bordering on frenzy, to which German trade rivalry has reduced no small section of the British people, the navy league, whose one desire vesterday sent to London editors a document marked "private and confidential," begging them to awaken the public to the peril of the deadly enemy, silently, steadily and stealthily preparing to strike England

In the end they will succeed, for as soon as the German Emperor gets his naval vote through the Reichstag-and that seems the most obvious purpose of these Kial antics-so surely will the cry go up for a proportional increase of the British

COTTON SHIP ON FIRE.

Brit'sh Steemer Aries Taking a Cargo at Narfolk-The Vessel Towad Out to Mid-Stream.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NORFOLK, VA., December 18 .- This morning about 1 o'clock a fire alarm was turned in from warehouse F, of the Seaboard Air Line, Portsmouth, occasioned by the discovery of fire in the hold of the British ship Aries, lying at Peters & Reed's wharf. The distress call of the steamer's whistle brought several tugs to her assistance. The fire engines and tugs did their best to extinguish the fire, but were unsuccessful

The Aries is one of the Johnston line of steamers, plying between Charleston and Liverpool. She had loaded a large quantity of new cotton and was to have taken on 1 200 bales of cotton of the famous Mayfield's cargo, which was partially destroyed by fire some time ago. The Aries has a miscellaneous cargo valued at \$800,000, in which there are 8,000 bales of new cotton delivered by the Seaboard Air Line within the pist two or three days. The Southern Railway has a considerable interest in the

The extent of the fire, which is a mystery to both the Scaboard Air Line and the steamship people is unknown. The tugs J. G. Jones and Emma Kate Ross worked on the fire through the night, and by direction of the insurance companies interested, towed the ill-fated ship out to mid-stream this morning for the safety of the surrounding property.

CHAMPION FITZSIMMONS

Says McCoy Is Not Battiled to Special Credit for Whipping Creedon.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. MILWAUKEE, WIS., December 16 -Champion Robert Filzimmons, who is playing an engagement in this city, in commenting on the McCoy-Creedon fight, said :

"I do not take the rumor that McCoy will challenge me seriously. There are plenty of people ready to challenge me now that I have retired from the ring, McCoy is entitled to no special credit for whipping Creedon. Creedon has not been taking care of himself and was ready for a defeat. If he had been in the condition he was at New Orleans when I defeated him a year ago, McCoy would not have whipped him. He is more than a match for McCoy and I expected him to win.

"I will not fight the victor. I retired from the ring March 17 h. All this talk about another go with Corbett is bluff inspired by the Brady-Corbett people.

The new grand jary in the Ol've Pecker case, at Noricik, Va., re uroed three indiciments against John Anderson, cook of the schooner () ive Packer charging tim with the murder of Captale Whitman and Mate Saunders, and with burning the versel. Anderson wis put on trial for the marder of Sunders and pleaded not guilty. A petti jury was empanelled and the case will come up Monday morning at 10 o'clcck.

The bodies of Voltaire and Rousseau were again exhumed at the Paris Pantheon, in order to settle a long sanding controversy as to their authenticity. The remains of Voltaire were well preserved and markedly resemble Houdon's statue. Of the body of Rousseau only the skeleton remained.

So proof-positive am I of its power to cure. I will send FREE to anyone afflicted, THREE BOTTLES of my Newly Discovered Remedies, upon receipt of Express and Postoffice address.

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