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## MERCILESS TAXATION.

The Republican tariff makers have never shown much discrimination in the tariff duties they levy, invariably taxing the necessaries of life mere than the luxuries, thus showing partiality, and a cruel partiality, to the rich and imposing burdens, and cruel burdens, upon the poor The reason of this is not because they are lacking in feeling for those upon whom they impose the burdens, but because they are influenced more by political than by other considerations in framing their tariff schedules.

The first question they consider is not what effect this or that tariff will have in producing the needed revenue, but how it will be regarded by the people whose favor they seek whose contributions they in elections. The al leged justification of high tariffs i to encourage home manufactories, whether the home manufactories need encouragement or not, and the remarkable thing about this is that they persist in fostering our industry, while by doing so they not only impose monstrous burdens upon the people, but through other industries that might flourish if it were not for these crushing tariff laws. An illustration of this and also of the enormity of excessive taxation is given in the woollen schedule, which is thus forcibly exhibited by the Philadelphia Record: "When Mr. John Wanamaker was

before the Industrial Commission in Washington on December 9th last he gave some interesting testimony con cerning the operation of the high Dingley duties on the American carpet industries. Among other things he said that one effect of the high duties was to flood the American market with carpets, and that as there was no foreign demand for them there had been a cline in prices.
"This is much from one who has been a strong advocate of high Protec

tion, and who is thoroughly conver sant with every aspect of the question which has been discussed. But it would take a long time for Mr. Wana- after the Captain had deported maker, or any other person having complete knowledge both as man ufacturer and merchant, to de scribe the effects of the Dingley schedule of duties on wool and wool len fabrics other than carpets. The mass of American consumers can have only a vague and indistinct con ception of the extent to which they are despuled by the exorbitant duties on their clothing. Though they are dimly aware that they are plundered, they cannot tell in dollars and cents how much additional they pay for the domestic clothing worn by themselves and their families by reason of the duties on foreign goods, nor to what degree this tar.ff policy tends to deteriorate the quality of their wearing apparel by the substitution of cotton and shoddy on account of the dearness and scarcity of pure wool.

"Ou the imported dress goods for women and children, which last year amounted in value to \$6,038 950, the duties collected were \$6 2.3,519, or a little more than 103 per cent. For every dollar's worth of these goods a dollar in tax was paid at the custom house. The consumer may estimate for himself the price and the rate of duty after the goods have passed through the several hands of the job ber, wholesale merchant and retailer. It is not pretended that the prices of the domestic fabrics quite equal the prices of like imports with the duties added; but they approximate. By the time the Woollen Manufacturers' Association (the Trust) shall have per fected its plans the approximation will

be much nearer. "The importations of clothes, wollen and worsted (for men's apparel) amounted in value last year to \$3,802,140, ard the duties to \$2,829 682 or a shade above 100 per cent. This is a meagre importation compared with the quantities brought into the country in former years, even under the McKinley tariff But with the great encouragement afforded him by the Dingley duties the honest smug gler has substantially increased these importation, and thus redressed the balance in some degree in favor of consumers. This may be inferred from the existence and activity of the large army of custom house officials en gaged in the pursuit of contraband importers of wollens.

"Last year there was a small impor tation of blankets (to the value of \$21. 167), merely to show that such goods can come through the custom house a a cuty of 87 per cent. These few blankets were of the better qualities, the cheaper sorts having been excluded by duties running as high as 150 per cent advalorem, as may be seen by the offi cial returns Some flangels, too, (o the value of \$32 737), were imported in 1899, paying duties amounting to \$36 .-323, or nearly 111 per cent. These were mostly Jaeger and Stuttgart fabrics. Some flannels of lower quality were imported at a duty of 127 pr cent. and the rat affords a basis for marking up the domestic fabric the more it

Ou knit goods and plushes the average rates (85 to 93 per cent. respec tively) were prohibitory of importa tions last year. But there is no space here to record all the iniquities and abominations of the Dingley schedule of duties on woolens It is still urged, however, that these duties are necessary for the protection of American woolen industries. There is no doubt that under these duties the manufac turers of woolens would flourish space if it were not for the exorbitant duties on wool. But what an enormous cost iards in Cuba did, but by strewing is this policy to the pockets, the comit in the bottoms of fords in the fort and the health of the mass of the rivers, where it wraps itself around

They put these enormous taxes on woollen goods to foster and protect woollen manufactories, and in the same act inconsistently impose taxes on imported wool that hamper and injure the very industry they profess or desire to foster. We export a large amount of cotton goods because our cotton manufacturers have command of cheap raw material, but we do not export much woollen goods because our manufacturers are prevented by the duties on foreign wools from getting the cheap raw materials to compete with foreign woollen manufacturers. They can compete only by offering an inferior article at a lower price, and that in the long which was nearly \$5,250,000,000, run ruins their trade.

REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

But it isn't the duties on the im-

ported woollens that hurt so much

for the people who buy these gener

ally speaking can afford to pay the

price with the duty added. Where

it hurts is because all woollen fabrics

go up in proportion to the tariff

levied on the imported so that the

person who buys the home-made

woollens pays nearly as much

as the person who buys the im

ported article. If there is any dif

ference it is simply the insignificant

amount that the home manufacturer

takes off his goods to keep them a

little bit under the imported, which

makes them appear cheaper whether

they really are or not. Every per-

son who buys woollen goods knows

how this is, especially since the

manufacturing industries have gone

so largely into the hands of trusts.

and injustice of this kind of legisla

tion it is cruel in the extreme, for i

deprives poor people of the necessary

clothing to keep them warm and pro

tect them from the rigors of winter.

Every man, woman and child in a

cold climate should be well clad, and

weather but a woollen garment.

There are thousands of people shiv-

ering in this country these cold days

and nights because they have not on

their bodies the woollen garments

they should have, for they are not

able to buy them, but they might be

if it were not for the monstrous

tariff taxes that put up prices beyond

their reach, and all to curry favor

with men whose contributions are

looked for in election times. Such

legislation is not only heartless and

THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM.

Captain Leary, Military Governor

some time ago by some one who

wrote as if he knew him well. After

remarking on his peculiarities and

giving some instances of them he

concluded by saying that he would

not be surprised at anything that

Captain Leary did. This was shortly

The dispatches published yester-

day bring the information that he

has issued a proclamation abolish-

ing peonage on the island, which he

calls, and properly so, slavery under

another name, and also deported all

the Spanish priests. With the

friars previously deported, and the

Spanish priests deported, he is prac-

tically rid of all real or imaginary

Captain Leary seems to have some

respect for the constitution of the

United States and also confidence in

his own ability to interpret it with-

the constitution and Captain Leary

proclamation abolishing peonage, an

act which will doubtless be approved.

But doesn't the Governor of Guam

antagonize the Washington authori

ties who are managing the business

in our new possessions by proclaim-

ing that the constitution of the

United States does not recognize

slavery? Didn't they recognize

slavery and polygamy, too, in that

treaty with the Sultan of the Sulus?

If they persist in recognizing the

right of the Sulu people to hold

slaves and practice polygamy, how can

they consistently endorse the action

of the Guam Governor in abolish

ing slavery in Guam? We do not

suppose they will pay much atten-

tion to it, as Guam does not figure

much in the parade, but still there

is a principle involved in these pro-

ceedings and if the constitution be

supreme in Guam, why shouldn't it

be in the Sulus, or in any of the

A report comes from London that

the President is negotiating with

the King of Denmark for the pur-

chase of Danish West Indies, price

\$4,000,000. Wnile we are about it

we might as well take in all the

islands we find lying around loose

that other countries want to get

A twenty year old girl in Russia

recently slew with an ax her parents

and seven other persons, because

her parents objected to her mar

riage. She was much more anxious

to get married than the young man

was to marry her after he heard of

The Boers utilize barbed wire net

by making fences of it, as the Span-

the legs of horses and men fording

the streams and gives them a world

Queen Victoria is said to be so

much troubled ever the Transvaal

war that she can't sleep and must

go to the seaside, where the nervous

tension may relax some. The pre-

sumption is that Chamberlain takes

The New York Journal of Com-

merce and Commercial Bulletin

prints a list of the industrial con-

solidations and organizations last

pretty strong narcotics.

this performance.

of trouble.

other Philippines?

clerical antagonisms.

batch of friars.

cruel, but criminal and infamous.

But aside from the inconsistency

List of Jurors Drawn for the Superio Court Which Convenes Jan. 24th -Other Matters Disposed Of.

The Board of Commissioners of New Hanover county held their first monthly meeting for 1900 yesterday afternoon at 2 30 o'clock, those in at tendance being Chairman Moore and Commissioners Alexand-rand Holmes. Absent, Commissioner McEachern.

Superior Court Jurors. The board drew the following jurors for the next term of the Superior Court of New Hanover county, which convenes Monday, January 24: J. H. Ottoway, E. J. Dale, C. E. Gordon, J. D. Woody, D. Goldman, W. L. Coble, Alex. Wills, W. L. Harlow, Benj. Bell, E. P. Craig, Alexander Boswell, A. B. Benson, H. T. Duls, John H. Rehder, W. M. Hansley, J. E Gordon, J. L. Bowden, W. W. Hines, T. C. Coleman, Clayton Giles, M. L. Stover, J. S. Williams, G. W. Chesnutt, John Baker. Other Matters.

The board re-elected Thos. F. Bell superintendent of Oak Grove ceme here is no garment suitable for cold tery, at a salary of \$50 per year. On account of physical disability, Thomas Futch, Moses Potter and F. A. Lewis were relieved of poll tax. An application from Isaac Evans for reduction of the assessment on his property in block 283, was referred to the county. Also the application of Mrs Florence M. Shaveter for reduction of the assessment of property in Masonboro township, including some property swept away by the storm at Carolina Beach. As to the destruc tion of the beach property, the board adnered to its former decision that it had no power to make a reduction.

The bond of W. L. Tharp, in the sum of \$100, for furnishing coffins and burial for the poor, was received, with Captain Preston Cumming as surety. Also, the boad of H Hauser, repairer of Guam, has some peculiarities, of the court house clock, in the sum of one of which is that he forms his \$100, with F. W. Ortmanu as surety. own opinions and acts on them The request of Jack Highsmith, to without consulting superior auhave a gate put in the county fence in thority. We read a sketch of him front of his house in Harnett town-

> ship, was not granted. Register of Deeds W. H. B.ddle subnitted his report for December, showng that during the month he issued thirty three marriage licenses and turned over to the Treasurer \$31 35 in

Dr. W. D. McMillan, superintendent December, stating that he attended 141 patients at his office and made 61 visits to 43 patients at their homes. He reports the county home and jail in good condition. Except in the case of W. Booker, insane patient, he has rescribed for no acute cases in either institution.

The Board granted licenses for the sale of spirituous liquors to the list of applicants acted on favorably at the meeting of the Board of Aldermen last Wednesday. All other applications were laid over.

The Board ordered an abatement of 5 per cent on the assessed value of shares of the Blue Ridge National Bank, of Asheville, N. C., which was out assistance, and believing that listed at \$100, whereas it is listed in Asheville at \$75. are supreme in Guam, he issues his

On motion, the election of a superin tendent of public roads was postponed till this afternoon.

The Board took a recess till 2.30

o'clock this afternoon.

WILMINGTON'S INDUS RIES.

Col. Waddell Writes the News and Ob server of the Remarkable Progress Made During the Past Year.

Col. A. M. Waddell, Mayor of the city, in a letter to the Raleigh News and Observer, concerning Wilming ton's industrial growth during the past year, writes as follows:

WILMINGTON, N C, Dec 27. TO THE EDITOR: The information which you seek in regard to the edu cational and industrial progress of this city can only be given with ap prox mate correctness, as heretofore uo records of such matters have been kept. We are trying to remedy matters in this, as in many other respects. The figures I berewith send are be lieved to be a conservative estimate of true conditions:

1. The total amount of capital invested in manufacturing in this city in the year 1890 was (about) \$750,000 the total amount to-day is (about) \$2,

2. During the year 1899, amount in vested (about) \$550,000 The new in dustries established during the year 1899 have been, among ther, one large cotton mill, one national bank, a wood working establishment, machine shops and the enlargement of several plants. 3. Amount spent for building and repairing during 1899 (not including

the above) about \$500,000. 4. The educational growth has be steady, and (excepting costly appli ances, such as can be seen in the rich cities) it can be truly said that the schools of Wilmington are equal to

any in the United States. 5. The manufacturing and industrial outlook is more encouraging th n it has bee , and the building of good roads by the county, which has begun, and the sewerage and street improve ment about to be commenced in the city, with the reduction of the city debt, will add greatly to the encourag ment.
I have given you a hasty generali

ALFRED MOORE WADDELL, Mayor.

Brave Men Fall

Victims to Stomach, Liver and Kid ney troubles as well as women, and all feel the results in loss of appetite, poisons in the blood, backache, ner-vousness, headache and tired, listless, run down feeling. But there's no need to feel like that Listen to J. W. Gardner, Idaville, Ind. He says: "Electric Bitters are just the thing for a man when he is all run down, and don't care whether he lives or dies It did more to give me new strength and good app-tite than anything I could take. I can now eat anything and have a new lease on life." 50 cents, at ROBT. R. BELLAMY'S drug

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PRETIY WEDDING.

Mr. Robt. L. Bowman, of Petersburg, V. Leads to the Altar Miss Lillian Louise Gates, of Wilmington.

An exceedingly pretty wedding took olace last evening at 6 o'clock at St. John's Episcopal Church, the parties to he happy contract being Mr. Robert L. Bowman, of Petersburg, Va., a d Miss Lillian Louise Gates, the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Gates, of this city.

Some time before the moment for the ceremony, great numbers of the friends and acquaintances of the family flicked to the church, and when the marriage took place the church was crowded.

The church was still a scene of beauty in its Christmas decorations, consisting of holly, wild smilax, ivy, and long leaf pine, and for the joyous event the altar was profusely and handsomely decorated with lovely palms, ferns and other potted pl. nts, and lighted candles.

Miss Fanuie Corbett presided at the organ, and the bridal party entered to the Lohengrin measures. The ushers, Messrs. W. H. Gates, of R ocky Mount, and R. L. Gates, of Wilmington, brothers of the bride led the way down the main aisle. They wore dress suits with white tion boutonniers. Following them came the maid of honor, Adrian, stylishly attired in a suit of castor and green cloth and carrying a bouquet of pink caring on the arm of her father, Mr. George W. Gates. She wore a becoming travelling suit of grey broadof white carnations. Her ornaments | dence of the growing popularity of the were pearls and diamonds, among Christmas present from the groom.

The groom and his best man and brother, Mr. J. C. Bowman, also of Petersburg, entered from the vestry room and j sined the bride at the altar, where the Rev. James Carmichael. D. D., rector of St. John's, united the couple in the holy bonds of matrimony. The beautiful and impressive ring ceremo y was observed, and during the service the organist softly played "O, Promise M -. " The bride's father gave her away. The cere mony over, the bridal party re tired, the handso ne cou; le leading the way, while the strains of Mendels sohu's wedding march pealed from the

The bridal party repaired to the home of the bride's parents, 211 Red Cross street, and in a few minu.es left for Front street railway station where they took the 6 50 P. M. train for a tour to Washington, Baltimo e and New York.

Mr. and Mrs Bowman will make their home in Petersburg, where dr. Bowman is a promicent pharmacist. His bride is one of Wilmington's most estimable young ladies. The couple were the recipients of

many valuable and beautiful presents.

MARSHALL CASE IN RALE OF

Will Come Up for Hearing To-day-Defendant, His Counsel and Witnesses Left Yesterday Afternoon.

As stated in yesterday's STAR, the Marshall counterfeiting case, in which Wilmington people are so deeply interested, will come up for a hearing in the Federal Court in Releigh to-day, George Rountree and Marsden Bellamy, Esquires, counsel for Mr. Marshall, the defendant in the action, went up to Raleigh yesterday morn ing and yesterday afternoon, Mr. Mar shall, accompanied by his wife, little son, his brother, Mr. John G. Marshall, Iredell Meares, Esq., another of counsel, and about forty witnesses, left on the 3 05 o'clock Seaboard Air Line train to attend the trial. From fiamlet the party expected to take a special train, which would arrive at Raleigh last night at 10 o'clock.

The following is a list of the wit nesses for the defence who left yesterday:

Fire Chief Charles Schnibben, Firemen J. Wannamaker, Joe Elwards, J. T. Yates, Deputy Sher ff. H. W. Howell, S. H. Terry and G. W. Millis, Justice J. M. McGowan, Messrs. S. Seigler, H. A. Burr, Jr., Bill Ed. wards, W. A. McGowan, Jno. T. L. Peterson, C. E Collins, B. F. Brittain, T. F. Bell, Capt. T. A. Price, Messrs. J. D. Sidbury, L. Gay, D. D. Cameron, G. C. Simmons, S. Northrop, W. F. Alexander, R. E. Daniels, H. E. Bonitz, Grorge Roderick, Claude Leslie, J. B. King, W. J. Johnson, Frank Meier, Edgar Helms, T. J. Belcher and W. L. Holden.

Other witnesses summoned for the defence are Theo. Swann and Rev R.b. ert Strange, D. D., rector of St. James'

Fred S. Burr, of the Wilmington Iron Works, who is one of the government witnesses, left yesterday morning, going via the A. C. L. Other government witnesses in the lit advertises all property and makes on R R Bellamy, druggist, and get a city are Capt. Ino B. Williams, agent only a nominal charge unless a sale is only a nominal charge unless a sale is made. For terms etc., address R. G. and \$1.00. Every bottle guaranteed or grady & Co., Burgaw, N. C. price refunded,

RALEIGH'S NEWS BUDGET.

Pederal Court in Session-Session Pritchard-Tobacco Growers' Meeting-Low Temperature-Sad Accident.

Special Star Correspondence.] RALEIGH, N. O. Jan. 2. Senator Pritchard will speak against he constitutional amendment at Rock-

ingham on January 16th. Federal court resumed its session here this morning, having adjourned over for the holidays. It was in session two weeks before Christmas, and it will probably take two weeks more to complete the docket. The trial of A. J. Marshall, the Wilmington attorney, charged with counterfeiting, is set for Thursday.

Tobacco Growers' Convention Wake county tobacco farmers met here yesterday and named delegates to the State Tobacco Growers' Convention which meets here on January 17th. There was a large representa tion of tobacco farmers present and there was considerable talk of organizing an independent factory with farmers as stockholders to manufac

from the raw material. The Secretary of State incorporates the Salem Iron Works with a capital stock of \$50,000 and the J. F. White Company, of Oxford, wholesale mer chants, with a capital of \$20 000.

ture the tobacco and cut the trust off

The lowest temperature ever known here in December was reached Sunday morning, when the thermometer at the Weather Bureau registered nine degrees. Ma y private thermometers nearer the ground were as low as six. New Year's Calling.

The old-time custom of New Year's calling was more generally observed ast night than has been known in

Sister Agnes, the superintendent of the Catholic Orphanage here, tripped over a piece of carpet at the Orphan age yesterday afternoon and fell. breaking her right arm in two places.
The Republican State Committee meets in Greensboro to day to decide upon the time and place for the next State conventio Profits for the first six months from

the Greensboro dispensary are \$5,000. Of this, \$4,000 goes to the city and \$1,000 to the county

SOME NEW ADVERTISERS.

Large Increase in Star Advertising During the Past Year.

The Johnson Dry Goods Co. and Messrs. A. D. Brown, George R. French & Sons, J. W. Murchison & Co., D. McEachern and H. L. Fennell have made a good beginning of the New Year by making advertising con tracts with THE MORNING STAR. Each house represents a different line of best in the city.

The marked increase in the advertising patronage of THE MORNING STAR cloth and bore an exquisite bouquet | during the past year is gratifying evi paper with those who wish to extend them being a handsome sunburst, a their trade not only in Wilmington. but throughout eastern and southeastern North Carolina and the upper portion of South Carolina.

FEDERAL COURT AT RALEIGH

Trial of A J. Marshall to Be Called This Morning-It Promises to Be Seusational-Pop State Convention.

[Special Star Telegram.]

RALEIGH, N. C. January 3 -The Marshall counterfeiting case will be called when the Federal Court meets at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning. It promises to be very sensational. Messrs. George Rountree and Marsden Bellamy, of counsel for Marshall, arrived here this afternoon and added Col. Thos M. Argo to the lawyers who will assist in Marshall's defence. Busbee & Busb-e, also of this city, were employed some weeks ago. Mar shall is expected at 2 o'clock to night, accompanied by his other attorneys

In the Federal Court to day Israel Hargett, Rocky Mount's defaulting negro postmaster, was tried and found guilty. Evidence tended to prove that the \$848 he was short, was stolen by his assistant, Watson, and pending investigation into that phase of the case judgment was not prayed, but Hargett was required to give \$1,000 bond for his appearance at the next term of

The Populist State Executive Committee is called to meet here on January 18th, to select the time and place for the next State convention.

N. C. REPUBLICANS.

State Convention to Meet in Raleigh in May-Executive Committee Meet.

[Special Star Telegram.] RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 2.-The State Republican Executive Con mittee met at Greensboro to-day and decided to hold the next State Convention of that party in Raleigh, on May 2ud. Senator Pritchard and Congressman Linney were present at the meeting Plans for defeating the Constitutional Amendment were discussed.

Has Collected Over 90 Per Cent.

Sheriff MacRae has thus far collected \$74,702 16 of the approximate \$83,-000 county, real, poll and personal property tax for 1899. The per cent. of the amount already collected is about 901, which is a remarkably fine showing for the time of year, Up to | (Sir C. S. Scott) that Great Britain need Tolar, Geo, Harriss, Geo. Bland, H. January 1st, last year, only \$53,988.02 had been collected.

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MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP has been used for over tifty years by millious of mothers for their children while teething with perfect success. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for Diarrhœa. It will relieve the poor little sufferer im-mediately. Sold by druggists in every part of the world. Twenty five cents a bottle. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup," and take

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To Make Towing Contract.

Capt. S. F. Craig, secretary of the Cape Fear Towing and Transportation Company, left yesterday for Swans boro, Onslow county, to confer with the captain of the schooner Lizzie S. James, relative to a contract for the towing of that vessel to New York. The James is lumber laden and was driven ashore during the November storm, passing over the bar, over which it will be difficult to take her again with depth of the water normal. Capt. Craig will look over the situation and return to the city to-mor row. If the contract is closed the tug Jones will probably be sent to per-

Injured by Shifting Engine.

A negro drayman was run over by a Seaboard Air Line shifting engine at the foot of Harnett street yesterday afternoon about 5 o'clock. The engine was in charge of Engineer Leon Rich ardson, and the negro drove directly in front of it before Mr. Richardson could reverse his engine. The dray was demolished and the horse received fatal injuries.

The negro was also severely injured about the limbs and perhaps internally. He was placed on a dray and carried to the office of Dr. C. D. Bell, who gave him temporary attention and sent him bome. His recovery is said to be doubtful.

COTTON MOVEMENT.

Decrease in Receipts, Exports and Stocks as Compared With Last Year.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. NEW, ORLEANS, January 3.-Secre tary Hester, of the New Orleans Cut ton Exchange, issued to-day a state ment that shows that the amount of cotton brought into ight for the four months from September to the close of December, has been 5.591,076 bales against 7,725,549 last year and 7,296, 533 year before last.

Foreign exports for the first four months of the season have been 2,568, 435 bales, showing a decrease under last season of 1,616,194 bales. Stocks at the seaboard and the twenty-nine leading Southern interior mar-

kets at the close of December, were 1,898,939 bales, against 2,052,361 the same date last year.

SEABOARD AIR LINE.

Columbia Connection Nearing Completion. Train Crossed the Wateree.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. CHARLOTTE, N. C., January 3 .- A special from Spalding, S. C., to the

Observer says: The Seaboard Air Line train crossed the Wateree river at 5 o'clock this evening, with a train load of rails and material and a private car of one of the high officials of the system attached. on one of the most substantial and se cure trestles ever built in the South. This marks the connection with the completed grading between here and Columbia, and a force of a hundred aborers are laying track to Columbia.

RUSSIA WILL NOT INTERFERE.

Assurance Given British Ambassador at St. Petersburg by the Czar. By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, January 4.—The Vienna correspondent of the Standard says: "Emperor Nicholas has assured the British Ambassador at St. Petersburg not fear intervention or any sort of difficulty from Russia in the present South African complications. This may fairly be interpreted as an assurance, including an indirect promise that France will abstain from creating difficulties for England.

Millions Given Away. It is certainly gratifying to the pub-

lie to know of one concern in the land who are not afraid to be generous to the needy and suffering The proprie tors of Dr King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds have given away over ten million trial bottles of this great med cine, and have the satisfaction of knowing it has ab solutely cured thousands of hopeless cases. Asthma, Brouchitis, Hoarseness and all diseases of the Throat, Chest

NEGOTIATIONS IN PROGRESS. PUSHI G THE FILIPINOS

The Seizure of American Flour in Delagon Bay Under Consideration by the British Government.

By Cable to the Morning Star. LONDON, January 3.-The United States Ambassador, Joseph H. Choate, visited the British Premier, Lord Salis bury, at the foreign office this even ing for the purpose of making the first official representations on the subject of the Delagoa bay flour seizures. Mr Choate recrived no definite reply, as he Premier informed him that the British government had not yet arrived at any decision as to whether or not food stuffs were contraband of war. But Lord Salisbury assured Mr Choate that the commercial rights of the United States would be equitably

soon as possible. The interview was The Associated Press learns that Lord Salisbury has not only got the attorney general, Sir Richard Webster working hard on the question of the Delagoa bay seizires, but that he is consulting with the ablest lawyers in

considered, and that a decision in this

important matter would be reached as

Great Britain. It was further learned by a repre sentative of the Associated Pres, that Great Britain may lay down a new regulation regarding contraband, mak ing a distinction between food evident vintended for domestic purposes and food palpably intended for field rations. Under the latter head might come certain classes of canned goods.

PARIS CONSPIRATORS.

Trials Before the Senate Concluded-Three Found Guilty. By Cable to the Morning star.

Paris, January 3 -The conspiracy trial before the Senate sitting as the high court came to an end to-day except for the sentences in the case of those convicted. Out of the seventy five alleged conspirators who were thrown into prison five months ago and who have been since released in batches owing to went of evidence. only MM. Deroulde, Guerain and Buffet have been found guilty, and these three are accorded "extenuating circumstances." which reduces their punishment to detention in a fortress or banishment. It is understood that the sentence will vary between five and ten years detention. President Loubet may extend pardons in accordance with the Berenger law

in favor of first offenders. Strong precautionary measures were taken to day in the vicinity of the Senate house, but there was no sign of disorder anywhere when the judgments

FIRE IN RICHMOND, VA.

C. & O. Railroad Offices Burned-Loss on Building \$70,000, Fully lasured.

RICHMOND, VA., January 2 - What threatened to be a very disastrous fire broke out early this morning in the big Main street building used as the general offices of the Chesapeake and Onio railway, and which covers the site of the old Spotswood hotel, which was burned with considerable

loss of life on Christmas eve, 1870. The firemen were terribly handicap ped by frezen water plugs and the net work of wires in front and around the building, but managed to confine the flames to the upper stories. The loss on the building is about \$70,000; fully covered by insurance. The railroad company suffered great inconvenience | was done by the water. The losses are and loss in the destruction of papers. that cannot be duplicated, but is established in new quarters throughout the

Trucking in Pender.

Mr. J H. Calvin, of Atkinson, Pender county, was a visitor to the STAR office yesterday. Mr. Colvin says that truckers in his county are well pleased with the prospects for the coming story?" English Lord—"Yes, you year. The growing crops are in good shall." American Girl—"And will condition. The farmers have alread you introduce me to the Prince of made some very good shipments of servery of lettuce.

Wales servery larger to get tired of you "-New York Weekly

IN SOUTHERN LUZON.

Movement for General Advance-Encounter With Insurgents-Pierce Fight-

ing-Conspiracy in Manila. By Cable to the Morning Star.

Manila, Jan. 1.—The first move nent for a general southern advance occurred this morning, when two battalions of the Thirty-ninth infan try landed and occupied Cabuyao, on the south side of Laguna de Bay. Two Americans were killed and four were wounded. Twenty four of the enemy's dead were found in one house. One hundred and fifty prisoners and

four six pound rapid fire guns were captured. The gunboat Laguna de Bay bom barded the the town before the disem barkation of the troops from the cas coes, which was made under the enemy's shrapnel fire. The enemy eva custed before the charging Americans, retresting to Santa Rosa, to which town they were pursued. The heavy fighting occurred along the road to Santa Rosa, which was occupied by the insurgents retreating south toward

Silangu. The Americans burned the country between and around Cubano. The gunboat returned to Calan ba or reinforcements and thence came to Manila to fetch ammunition. She recently captured two of the enemy's steam launches, one under the fire of artillery at Calamba and also four cascoes loaded with rice.

Other regiments are mobilizing tonight at San Pedro Macati and Pasig, preparatory to continuing the southern advance.

Conspiracy in Manila.

Yesterday's capture of bombs involved the seizure of documents inculpating a thousand Filipinos who intended to rise against the Americans. Papers were also found show ing a distribution of the city into districts and a careful assignment of leaders and followers. The precautions taken by the Americans on Saturday, it is now evident, alone pre-

vented an uprising.

The provost marshal has requested that two more regiments be detailed for the protection of Manila. Three thousand troops are now actually in

Manila, January 1.-Aguinaldo's wife, sisters and eighteen Filipinos have surrendered to Major March's battalion of the Thirty third infantry at Bontoc, province of that name Three Filipino officers also surrendered to Major March, and the Filipinos gave up two Spanish and two American

FIRE AT GREENSBORO.

Wholesale Dry Goods House and Other Buildings Burned - Losses Aggregate \$100,000, Partly Insuced.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. CHARLOTTE N. C., January 1.-Fire Greensboro, N. C, yesterday caused losses aggregating about \$100,

000, partly covered by insurance. The fire originated in the elevator shaft of the Hague-McCorkle Dry Goods Company's wholesale house, and soon enveloped the whole build ing and spread to the adjoining store occupied by W. J. Clary. The firemen soon had streams playing on the flames, but the water froze before it struck the burning building and added to the difficulty of subduing the flames. A large quantity of clothing and notions were burned and much damage estimated as follows: Hague - Mc Corkle Dry Goods Company, \$80,000; insurance, \$55,000 W J Clary, loss \$12,500; insurance, \$6 500. The damage to the buildings will aggregate \$1,000,

- Asking Too Much: American Girl-"And if I marry you, will I live in an old English castle, with turrets and battlements, famed in song and

sension and dread MOTHER'S FRIEND, by i s penetrating and soothing properties, allays nauses, mess and all unpleasant feelings, and so prepares the system that she pas-es through the

event safely with but little suffering, as numbers have testified and said, "it is worth its weight in gold." It is sold by all drug-gists. Book containing valua-ble information to all, mailed

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