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regarded or disregarded without an exhibition of political immorality and national dishonesty which the country will neither forget nor forgive.

If after all that had been said about reciprocity and reducing the tariff on manufactures which can be made in this country at less cost than in others, there had been no pledges made to Cuba, this dodging and failure to do anything in the way of tariff reduction would have been shameful, but with these promises made and ignored the conduct is simply disgraceful.

"A MISERABLE COMPROMISE." After holding five caucuses the Republican members of the House of Representatives patched up a compromise on the Cuban tariff question, a compromise which is a mere burlesque of a serious matter, and one which will do neither this country nor Cuba any good.

The obstinacy with which the opponents of reciprocity with Cuba opposed any tariff concessions and the tenacity with which they held on would astonish any one who did not understand the influence to which the tools of these opponents yielded. A large majority of the leading Republican papers favored and advocated doing what they called "justice to Cuba."

With this assurance and fully confident they returned home and on their report of their conferences with Secretary Root and the President the convention, with but a few dissenting votes, adopted the Platt amendment to the Cuban constitution, and thus put the island under the guidance and control of this government; made it a mere dependency of this country, which can either make or ruin Cuba as it chooses by showing a generous or a selfish spirit, the latter of which it has done in the first move to show its hand.

No wonder the decent sentiment of the country is shocked and disgusted at this brutal breach of faith, and no wonder the papers which speak for the honest, faith-observing element of the people score the infamy and lash the recreants, who untrue to the memory of the dead President whom they mourned as a "martyr," and shamefully ignoring his promises and the acquiescence of their party leaders in their have at the behests of the representatives of a few favored industries, turned their backs on honor and justice and played one of the shabbiest and most shameful tricks ever attempted on a confiding people or on an outraged constituency.

But after the Platt amendment, in which a mean advantage was taken of the Cubans, what could they expect from a Republican Congress? TWO HERETOFORE UNKNOWN LANDS. This is not a very large earth, but notwithstanding the spirit of adventure and exploration there is a great deal of it that we have learned but little about until recently and much of it that we know very little about now.

people and is becoming one of the finest farming countries in the world, already a great dairy country shipping annually thousands of tons of butter to European countries and is destined to become a rival of this country as a wheat exporter and a stock raiser.

ABOUT TEA. When the bill to repeal the war taxes was before the Senate, Friday, Senator Tillman objected to the repeal of the tax on tea and gave several reasons for it, one of which was that tea culture was now an "infant" and promising industry in the South, and therefore ought to be encouraged.

Without committing ourselves to Senator Tillman's contention, it was a logical one from a protectionist standpoint, and to be consistent the advocates of protection should have taken the same view of it that he did, for he was simply confronting them with their own argument and defence of protection.

Does any one suppose that if tea culture had made as much progress in the North as it has in the South, and the prospects were as good that it might become an important industry, such a plea as Senator Tillman made would have fallen upon deaf ears? There would have been a demand to protect that "infant" and the demand would have been heard and complied with.

They have been protecting the infant beet sugar industry for more than twelve years and when they began to protect it it hadn't made much more progress than tea culture has made in the South and the people have paid more in taxes for that protection than all the sugar factories and beet farms in the North and West are worth, so that when it comes to protecting the "infants" it depends a good deal on which side of the line the "infants" happen to be.

Representative Okey, of Virginia, has introduced a bill to appropriate \$100,000,000 for the improvement of the public roads. Of course that will be doled down, but it would be putting the money to better use than taxing the people to build and run ships for rich syndicates.

The latest invention in the pill line is said to be the achievement of a New York chemist, who has discovered a way of concentrating whiskey and putting a drink into a pill. The next thing in order will be: "Come, let's take a pill," instead of a "smile."

When Prince Henry got on board the Deutschland it took him forty-eight hours on a dead stretch to catch up on sleep. He says he never worked so hard before in his life. But that was the first time he ever tackled Americans in that way.

It is said that Australia has, in proportion to population, more churches than any other country in the world, 210 to every 100,000 of the population, while England has but 144; but England has more beer dispensaries.

EVIL IN THE MEASURE

Mr. Bellamy's Warning to Suffrage Agitators in Congress Thursday.

SICK OF SECTIONAL STRIFE. Our Representative Pointed Out to House Wonderful Industrial Strides State is Making and Regretted Effort to Engender Ill Feeling.

Yesterday's Washington Post says: "Representative Bellamy, of North Carolina, one of the conservative but progressive Democrats of the House, struck the first note of opposition yesterday that has been heard on the floor since the Committee on Rules agreed to report a resolution for the investigation of suffrage."

The Chamber of Commerce to-night announced the incorporation of a \$30,000 stock company to operate a collar and cuff factory. Already \$12,000 of the stock is subscribed. N. W. West will be president.

The State Board of Education has appointed Col. W. B. Rodman, agent for the State lands, authorizing him to abstract and in conjunction with State Engineers, to prepare maps showing the location and character of the land and timber. He is also empowered to sell the land or timber, subject to the approval of the board.

THE NEW YORK COTTON EXCHANGE. Personality of Men Who Lead in World's Leading Cotton Mart. In an extended write-up of the New York Cotton Exchange the New York Commercial of last Saturday contains the following reference to influential members, quite well known and much admired here:

"The menace of Negro Domination. 'Right here, in passing, allow me to say we are not disturbed in the peace and the security which is now prevailing throughout this State, and never through negro domination again have our treasury squandered or our taxes again burdened by any man whom we can hear and our people become demoralized, that we will leap rapidly to the front and become the greatest nation on earth.'"

UNITED STATES COURT JURORS. Those Drawn for the Term Which Convened in Wilmington May 5th. The following jurors have been drawn for the Spring term of the U. S. District Court which convenes here Monday, May 5th:

They Want Telephone Service. A gentleman who returned from a business trip up the Carolina Central yesterday says that the merchants at the various stations between Wilmington and Lumberton are extremely anxious for good telephone service with this city. If a line is built from Wilmington to Lumberton they say they are willing to contribute liberally, and with connecting lines the service can be made to extend to Sumter, S. C., and all intervening territory.

Onions Now Being Shipped. Faison Journal, 30th: "Onions are the leading article of perishable stuff now being shipped to the Northern markets. There has been quite a demand for them this season, and from the hundreds of packages that have been transported to the cities of late, we must believe they are all highly perfumed by now. The man who can get up something to destroy the odor of the onion will have his fortune made."

S. A. L. CONDUCTOR INJURED.

Wake County Farmer Killed by Train. Other Killed News. (Special Star Telegram.)

RALEIGH, N. C., March 21.—Capt. W. K. Rand, of Raleigh, a Seaboard Air Line freight conductor, fell between two flat cars at Cheraw this afternoon and had his left arm crushed so badly that amputation was necessary. He was attempting to spring some moving cases on the Cheraw yard. He had been running between Hamlet and Wilmington for several weeks.

Q. S. Adams was killed this morning in Barton's Creek township, this county, by John Nipper. Adams was a farmer and Nipper his tenant. Adams came to Nipper's house intoxicated, abused and struck his mother and attacked Nipper. Later Nipper took a gun and shot him, the lead taking effect in his breast. The coroner's jury to-night gave a verdict to the effect that the killing was justifiable.

MR. TOMPKINS TO SPEAK. Distinguished Authority on Textiles Will Address Commercial Estimates Tuesday Week—An Estimate. Mr. D. A. Tompkins, of Charlotte, one of the eminent authorities of the South on manufacturing and a recognized leader in the textile world, has accepted an invitation recently extended to him by the allied commercial bodies of the city and will address the people of Wilmington upon industrial subjects in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium on or about April 1st.

Accident to Steambus Captain. Capt. O. D. Burruss, the clever master of the steamer Southport, had a narrow escape from serious injury yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock. As it was he was severely bruised and suffered some inconvenience as the result of a sharp contact with a box car attached to a shifting engine at Market dock. Capt. Burruss was attempting to step around the dock to board the steamer Wilmington's wharf on the south side. There is very little room between the A. C. L. "dummy" and the timbers of the dock, and as he was attempting to cross over and at the same time give room to another person, who was passing in the opposite direction, he stepped too far into a moving box car and was precipitated headlong into the river. His left arm and hand were bruised to some extent but it was miraculous that he was not more severely hurt. Capt. Harper and others came to his rescue and soon brought him round all right.

The Nellie Cropsey Case. Perhaps few criminal trials outside Wilmington have created quite the interest manifested here Saturday in the fate of young Wilcox which was in the hands of the jury at Elizabeth City until 10:30 o'clock Saturday night. Early in the day there was a rumor to the effect that the young man had been found guilty of murder in the first degree, but there was just enough uncertainty in the report to make inquiry frequent and responses numerous. Public opinion in Wilmington appears to have amounted to substance to the effect that while Wilcox was guilty, the State had not made out its case by the evidence printed in the papers. There were still others, however, who adhered strongly to the idea that Wilcox was in no wise directly responsible for the crime.

Census Report on Number and Value of Poultry in the United States. WASHINGTON, March 23.—A census report, issued to-day, shows that of the 739,637 farms in the United States, 5,096,252 reported poultry. The total number of fowls three months old and over reported were as follows: Chickens, including guinea fowls, 233,998,085; turkeys, 6,599,387; geese, 5,678,883; ducks, 4,937,367; the number of nearly all these classes of poultry are similar as reported in 1900 than in 1890, owing to the fact that in 1890 they reported all fowls of whatever age, while in 1900 only those three months old and over were reported.

The House yesterday passed bills to authorize the construction of a life saving station at Currocks, Idaho, N. C., and to authorize the Kingston and Carolina Railroad Company to construct a bridge across the Neuse river at Kingston.

A joint resolution was adopted yesterday in the House to as a monument to be erected on the public ground at Charlotte, N. C., in the memory of Lieutenant William E. Shipps of the 26th cavalry, who was killed in the charge upon San Juan hill.

OUTLOOK BRIGHT SAYS

Trucker's Journal. Strawberry Vines Looking Healthy and Bidding Has Commenced—Shortage in Tennessee and Texas Crops.

The Carolina Fruit and Truck Grower's Journal of yesterday in discussing the outlook for the approaching season says: "As the season advances the outlook for a profitable and prosperous shipping season in strawberries and vegetables daily brightens. Preparations for fruiting, grading and packing the fruit are actively going forward and some noticeable improvements along this line may be expected this year. Growers have, found out last it costs just as much to gather poor and inferior berries as it does good ones. Soon the fields will be with potatoes, etc., are the same on all stock as on fancy and prime goods. The increased acreage and output this year has rendered it necessary that more than usual attention be given to the question of distribution for the 1902 season."

"The vines are looking healthier, better and more vigorous and buds have begun in Tennessee. The strapping process has been kept up and will be continued until after the frost period is safely past and all danger is over. Soon the fields will be white with blooms, to be quickly followed with red ripe berries."

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Smithfield Herald: Mrs. Kate Massey, wife of Postmaster J. D. Massey, died suddenly at her home here Wednesday morning about 6 o'clock. She was about 59 years of age. Wednesday morning when Mr. Massey got up she was in bed, and he called to her and said something about getting up. She did not answer. As he started down stairs he heard her struggling for breath. He went to her and found her on the floor. She lived but a few minutes after she was taken ill. Mr. Benjamin A. Brady died suddenly at his home near Princeton last Saturday morning in his 64th year. He was well as usual Friday, working all day. Friday night he and his family went to his brother's, Mr. S. H. Brady's, near by, and sat till bedtime, and arranged to attend church next day at Beulah. Saturday morning his wife woke up and told him that it was time to get up, as they wanted to start to Beulah early. Mr. Brady told her that he had not rested enough. She rose and struck a match. She then heard her husband making a struggling noise, and going to the bed found him dead.

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VERDICT MURDER

IN FIRST DEGREE. Finding of the Jury in the Case of Jas. Wilcox at Elizabeth City, N. C.

THE PRISONER SENTENCED. To be Hanged April 25th—Lawyer Aydtell Will Appeal to the Supreme Court. Wilcox Heard the Verdict Without Emotion.

ELIZABETH CITY, N. C., March 23.—James Wilcox was to-night found guilty of the murder of Nellie Cropsey. The jury, after having been out thirty hours, brought in a verdict at 10:30 o'clock of murder in the first degree. The prisoner heard the verdict without apparent emotion. When the verdict had been received, Judge Jones said: "It is sadder to me than you, Mr. Wilcox. The jury found the facts. You have had a fair trial. Part of the public were afraid to give it to you. I am informed that the movement in the court house here Friday, when a crowd marched out, was the former charge. None of such was not the case. If it was true and the offenders brought before me I would send every man, woman and child to jail for contempt. If the move was for a purpose, it was a disgrace to the fair name of the county. I hope it did not influence you, gentlemen, in the least. The judge on the court is not the person to be removed to jail and be hanged dead by the neck on April 25th."

Lawyer Aydtell for the defence will appeal to the Supreme Court. At 1:15 o'clock this afternoon the jury came into court and asked for further instructions. The judge reiterated his former charge to the jury the finding of the facts was with them. He could give the law only. The jury then retired for further consideration. There were many expressions of impatience at the tardiness of the jury. Popular feeling was strong and it was feared that a verdict of acquittal would precipitate trouble.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE. Salisbury Sun: Rev. Calvin Plyler has a curiosity in a hen that heretofore observed such decorum as regards the well-to-do as well-bred fowls. This particular hen, which has had jet black feathers, is now turning white. Mr. Plyler says that the hen is a white bird, but that the feathers are gradually turning white at the tips.

Goldboro Argus: Two negro men employed on the yards of the Enterprise Lumber Co., in this city, will have a fight with each other on Friday morning. A wordy altercation Friday morning was stopped by the yard foreman. When the hands went home for dinner the two men, with his shot gun and without another word filled Arrington full of shot and immediately made towards the river, and at this writing he is being diligently searched for by the police. Arrington is seriously hurt, but not thought to be fatally wounded.

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FLORENCE BURNS RELEASED.

Young Woman Held Under Suspicion of Having Killed Walter Brooks in a Hotel at New York.

By Telegram to the Morning Star. NEW YORK, March 23.—Florence Burns the young Brooklyn woman who has been in the custody of the police of this city since February 15th, under suspicion of knowing how Walter Brooks met his death, was discharged from custody by Justice Mayer to-night.

Brooks, who was a young commission merchant here, had been keeping company with Florence Burns. He was found dead the night of February 14th in a room at the Glen Island hotel. The gas in the room was turned on and there was a bullet wound in his head. The district attorney tried to show that Florence Burns was likely to have killed Brooks because he was trying to break his association with her. The defence advanced the suicide theory and the several days Justice Mayer has been examining into the two theories. He finally decided, when the hearing closed to-night, that nothing had been brought out sufficient to hold Florence Burns to the grand jury. After her discharge she returned to her home in Brooklyn.

At the hearing this afternoon Attorney Backus, representing the Burns girl, made his argument, contending there was not an iota of evidence to show that his client was connected with the death of Brooks. Assistant District Attorney Scharman followed in an argument intended to cast suspicion on the girl, holding that there was material and substantial evidence on which to bring her case to the attention of the grand jury. Justice Mayer at once gave his decision in which he reviewed all the evidence and held that nothing had been brought out by the State sufficient for him to hold the girl for trial in criminal branch of the Supreme Court.

Justice Mayer is of the Special Sessions Court and sat as examining magistrate. FOUND NEAR BRUNSWICK, GA. Dead Body of Richard Albrecht, Hotel Proprietor, of New Brunswick, N. J.—He Had Been Missing Two Weeks. By Telegram to the Morning Star. SAVANNAH, GA., March 23.—The body of Richard Albrecht, proprietor of the Windsor Hotel, New Brunswick, N. J., was found upon the line of the Seaboard Air Line railway, near Brunswick, Ga., this afternoon. The body lay in water, which was about five feet deep. Papers disclosed Albrecht's identity.

When last heard of, Albrecht had been seen at Thalmann, about thirty miles from Brunswick. He had bought a ticket from Savannah to Brunswick, thinking he had bought it to New Brunswick. A boy was with him at the time and the whereabouts of this boy has now become a question that officers are trying to solve. On March 14th that Albrecht was seen at Thalmann and nothing is known of his whereabouts since that time. A New Brunswick, N. J.—March 23.—Richard Albrecht, who had been proprietor of the Windsor Hotel, in this city, has been missing for two weeks. This afternoon his wife received a telegram addressed to the Windsor Hotel from Everett City, Ga., setting forth that Richard Albrecht had been found, drowned in five feet of water at Brunswick, Ga.

No other details were given. Mrs. Albrecht had believed her husband was in New York. An effort has been made to locate Albrecht at the Windsor Hotel from the Everett City authorities. AMERICAN CONTROL IN THE ISLAND OF CUBA. It Will Terminate May First When President Palmer Will Be Duty Incumbent. By Telegram to the Morning Star. WASHINGTON, March 23.—General Wood, military governor of Cuba, arrived here to-day and is the guest of President Roosevelt. The main object of his visit to Washington at this time is to arrange with the President and the Secretary of War for the transfer of the active control of affairs in Cuba to the Cuban republic. Soon after his arrival General Wood, in the name of the War Department and had a long talk with Secretary Root regarding the condition of affairs in Cuba. Subsequently, the two officers met and the administration had a conference with the President. The principal arrangements for the military evacuation of the island will be quickly made.

General Wood's plans require that he shall leave here not later than next Tuesday night on his way back to Havana, to carry into execution the program of military administration for the formal transfer of government affairs. He will return to Cuba by way of New York in order that he may confer and confer with President Palmer upon the joint programme of action. President Palma will be inaugurated May first and American control in the island will terminate on that date. Owing to the short time intervening and the extent and importance of the work involved, it will be necessary to act promptly.

ANOTHER STRANGE CASE. A Woman Supposed to be a Man and Known as Wm. C. Howard, Died Suddenly in Cannanville, N. Y. By Telegram to the Morning Star. CANNANVILLE, N. Y., March 23.—A case which was known here for five years as William C. Howard died suddenly Wednesday night and an autopsy showed that the supposed man was a woman. Howard, who was about fifty years old, and who was employed as a farm hand, came here five years ago from New York, where he was known as Mrs. Howard. Two children were born to the supposed wife. The dead woman worked for farmers in the neighborhood and those most intimately acquainted with the family never had the slightest suspicion that she was not a man. The cause of the woman's death is a mystery. On Wednesday night she took two tablets for a throat affection and was dead in ten minutes. The medicine was sent from Wellville, this State, where relatives reside. The authorities are completely mystified as to all matters touching upon the woman's life. They do not even know her right name. Two men, claiming to be her brothers, attended the funeral, but refused to divulge any information. An inquest is to be held and some light may then be thrown upon the strange case.