

of the customs authorities sustains their reputation for wisdom of the grandest and loftiest character. A dispatch from Louisville, under date sf l'uesday, says :

"Wild Animals" was the classification under which a bushel of snails imported from Italy by a Louisville fruit dealer had to pay duty in the Custom House here. The snalls came with a big shipment of lemons and were in a closed basket.

When the customs officials found they were intended for the Louisville dealer's table, they concluded that du'y was necessary, but they were at a loss under what head to put them. The customs rules make no mention of snails as food, ornaments, pets, or for breeding purposes, so the officials tried snakes, without any success. The Louisville man said he was will-

ing to pay duty on them as wild animar, so the customs officials let them go at that. When the bucket was opened and the sun shope in the snails quely came out of their shells to stretch themselves after a confinement of shout a month.

The nation will rejoice to learn that there is now no prospect that the noble snail industry of the United States will be imperiled by the free admission of "wild ani mals" of this class from Italy and other countries in which these savage creatures abound. While snails are not mentioned specifically in the Dingley act, the statesmen who framed that law suspected that an effort would be made to import large numbers of these dangerous beasts with the view of domesticating them and driving our own well tamed animals of the snail tribe out of business. So they provided that when any living creature not designated by its proper name in the customs law should attempt to break through the tariff wall it should be classified as a "wild animal" and taxed heavily for the privilege of entering the United States. In this way the plot of the Italian exporters has been frustrated and American snails are assured ample

protection from a threatened invasion. The more one studies our Tariff law the more pronounced becomes his conviction that the men' who devised Uncle Sam's protective system were endowed with phenomenal intellects. As for the sages who interpret its inspired provisions, words fail to do justice to their omniscience. Nobody but a customs expert of colossal intellect would ever have thought of classifying a snail as a "wild animal" and thus thwarting the wicked designs of the pauper snail producers of the Old World. Let all loyal protectionists rejoice that such gifted men are on guard and that their vigilance is a

guarantee that no American interest

The canal question is one of great importance to the South. It is believed that the constructing of an isthmian canal will have the effect of greatly increasing the prosperity of the Southern States, particularly

the South Atlanta and Gulf ports .-Savannah News.

Dr. Depew has written to the Sun letter about his alleged expression

of a wish for the battering down of poor old Beirut. "The incident has added to the gavety of nations," he writes, "and I am quite willing to be the sacrificial instrument for such enjoyment. Now, however, that it is closed, I rise to remark that I never said anything of the

kind." With cotton selling at 11+ cents per pound, eggs at 30 cents per dozen, hams at 16 to 18 cents per

pound, sweet potatoes at \$1.00 per bushel, and so on, the farmer has no right to kick. These being the prices that prevail in Wilmington. Ownership of a Child,

The Monroe Enquirer is in favor of applying the lash to young thieves. It says "one good whipping is worth a whole year in a reformatory." And the Enquirer is right in making this declaration.

Washington Post: With a record of 50,000 killed, 150,000 in hiding, and several hundred villages burned by the Turks, the Bulgarians are almost up to the point of losing their temper and declaring war.

A blacksmith from Knoxville is conducting a religious meeting in Cartersville, Ga., and the headline artist of the Atlanta Journal speaks of the casy manner in which he can rivet attention.

Senator Blackburn, of Kentucky, s also for the reaffirmation of the Kansas City and Chicago platforms. Those platforms are badly decayed, Senator, and therefore dangerous to as witnesses. stand upon.

Clark Howell has come out for Gorman for President. How is Clark getting along with that vice-presidential bee which has been buzzing of late in the Constitution office?

> It is said that Dunferline, Scotland, the town to which Andrew Carnegie has given \$2,500 a week, is embarrassed by its riches and is at a loss how to spend its income.

If the country is so prospero

Mayor Geo. E. Hood to Wed.

Mount Olive, North Carolina."

Syrian Chased a Negro.

Invitations reading as follows were

received by friends in the city last

night: "Mr. Ernest B. Flowers re-

ington Council is composed of MAJ, CHAS. M. STEDMAN'S CANDIDAGY.

Dr. J. D. Webster, Dr. M. H. P. Clark, Messrs. C. L. Spencer and C. R. Anderson and the one from Jeff Solicitor Brooks, His Manager, Says That

Davis Council will be just as strong. the Prospects Are Bright.

Many of the "Juniors" contend that "Mr. Aubrey L. Brooks, of Greens the present season will be the best yet boro, solicitor of the Fifth District, for a carnival. The country is and the manager of the Gubernatoprosperous as it never was before and rial nomination campaign of Major C. a street fair would be sure to attract a M. Stedman, who has been in Ragreat number of visitors, The Layton leigh this week," says the Raleigh News Carnival Co. which was here last seaand Observer. "apeaks most enthusiasson has asked for another date in Wiltically and confidently of his expectamington and Manager W. S. Layton tion of seeing Maj. Stedman nominawrites that he has an aggregation of ted by the Democracy of North Caroshows and free acts this year that will lina for Governor. eclipse anything ever seen at a carni-

"He says that Maj. Stedman is very val in the State. The company opens much encouraged by the many exthe season in a few weeks at Ports. pressions of support that come to him mouth, Vs., and Mr. Layton expresses from friends in different sections of the State. Mr. Brooks says that everya great desire to come here again. If

body recognizes Msj. Stedman's fitthe terms as to guarantee, etc., are ness for the position, and that his favorable, it is learned that the kindliness of manner and thorough "Juniors" may close a trade with him. courtesy are everywhere recognized. Of course the ever-green subject of 'His thorough devotion to the best interests and traditions of the State, whether a carnival pays or not, will said Mr. Brooks, 'ought to, and I bebe sprung by the public, but in the end lieve will, make him an acceptable the great majority with a little en- candidate to the Democracy of the couragement, will say "let 'er come." State.'"

ATTEMPTED ASSAULT.

Preston Curtis, colored, of Fayette-Well Known Business Man of Niagara Falls, ville, was committed to jail by Con

S. D., Arrested on Serious Charge. stable Savage Saturday upon the By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

charge of having drawn a knife on NIAGARA FALLS, S. D., Sept. 12 .-Wm. H. Howe, a well known colored

stevedore of this city. It was in de-Chief of Police Maloney, of this city, fault of bond that Curtis went to jail. to-night made an attempt on the life The assault occurred on the steamer of W. H. Davey, a well known business man, who is locked up on a charge of attempted assault on Elsie "Oity of Fayetteville" while she was tied up at her wharf at foot of Chesnut Christie, Lizzie Sacht and other little street Saturday morning and the girls between eight and thirteen years trouble grew out of the care of a child

It was only to-night that Chief Mawhich years ago Curtis gave to Howe oney learned that an attempt had been to raise. The girl recently reached made by the man to assault his own the age of 13 or 14 years and Curtis daughter. Maloney had Davey brought came down to take her home. The from his cell and when his daughter girl objected to leaving Howe and identified him, Maloney drew his re volver and endeavored to shoot him when taken away she came back to his down. A police sergeant jumped on house. Curtis, it is said, was enraged him in the nick of time and disarmed with Howe on account of a suspicion the chief.

This afternoon Judge Horn fixed that he had encouraged the girl to re-Davey's bail at \$5,000. "But I would turn to Wilmington. The two men advise you, Davey to waive examinamet on the boat Saturday where the tion and go straight to jail," said the court. "The police cannot be respondisturbance occurred. Curtis will be sible for your personal safety if you given preliminary trial in Justice remain at large. I would not be sur-Fowler's court Wednesday at noon prised if you were shot by the parents when the boat crew will be here again of some of these children if you con-

tinue to walk the streets."

LANGLEY'S AIRSHIP.

Another Accident Prevented Its Launching Yesterday Afternoon.

quests the honor of your presence at By Telegraph to the Morning Star. the masriage of his sister, Annie, to WIDE WATER, VA, Sept. 12 -4 Mr. George E. Hood, on Wednesday launching of the Langley aerodrome evening, September twenty-third, was prevented this afternoon by an Nineteen hundred and three, at six other accident to the port propeller. thirty o'clock, Methodist church, While the motor was being tested by Professor Manley with the machine on the superstructure, the propeller broke in two. Little damage was done to the machine and Professor Manley

Geo. Jenkins, colored, is locked up escaped injury. The tests were at once discontinued. Most of the party left

of them struck a match. The explosion caped, and they are still at large. was instantaneous and both men were But for Will Duke and Irvin King, enveloped in the flaming liquid. They two Federal prisoners, who went to perished before a hand could be raised Jailor High's assistance, the jailor to save them.

might have been seriously hurt. The ship at once caught fire and the blaze for a while was stubborn, but - Burlington News: Mr. O. W was finally extinguished. A search Bright, of New York city, gave a around the ship revealed two marine watermelon feast at his hunting cans in the bottom of the dry dock, tolodge near Whitsett last week. gether with the ship's parrot. Polly was blown, in her cage, off the ship prize of \$20 was offered to the man by the force of the explosion, but was who could eat the most watermelon uninjured.

and a second prize of \$10 for the A later report from Portsmouth second best. The former was won states that a boat was sighted pulling by Mr. W. H. Holton, who ate four away from the Olympia's vicinity im large ones-the latter was won by meliately before the explosion and the suspicion is held that the master-Mr. J. Waltz, who ate three and started on the fourth. About a at-arms was foully dealt with by some outside party to whom the sailors who hundred people attended and a gensold the alcohol were to dispose of the eral good time was enjoyed. We loot. The ship's company was asunderstand the doctors were having sembled, and the master-of-arms failed a busy day soon after. to respond to his name. It is said ositively he was not on the ship at

- A Newbern special says: Exthe time of the explosion, but was Policeman Breckenridge Dixon, near the end of a dock searching for commonly known as "Breck" Dixon, he alcohol thieves. fell into the Neuse river this after-No one was admitted to the navy noon and was drowned. He was on yard and all accounts of the explosion

the tug Mattamuskeet, of which he and attendant circumstances were se cured from outside sources. The inwas captain, and passengers on the jured are said to number from four to steamer Ocracoke, which was passseven. ing at the time, say that Dixon simply walked out of his cabin and

directly overboard. His crew went to the rescue, but before they could Northeast Gale With Low Pressure Prereach him he had sunk for the third time. It is probable that the waves valling at Tamps, Pla. from the Ocracoke prevented him

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. WASHINGTON, September 12 .- The Weather Bureau to-night issued the

STORM IN THE GULF.

- A special from Greensboro following :

says: Mr. J. L. Clemmons, it has The Southern storm is probably cenalways been claimed by his friends, was the discoverer of telegraphy, tral near the Gulf coast of Southern Florids, but its exact location cannot dbe etermined, as telegraphic commu and communicated his discovery to nication has been interrupted since Morse, who perfected the principle Saturday morning, when a northand claimed it as his own, Mr. east gale with low pressure was pre Clemmons was reared in Lexington. vailing at Tampa. Davidson county, and it was gen-JACKSONVILLE, FLA., Sept. 12 .- Th rally supposed that he was dead

storm has passed to the west of Jackong ago. Yesterday Mr. W. A. Watson, of this city, received a long sonville. News from south Florida is meagre, owing to the fact that all the wires are down. The storm passed and interesting letter from Mr. across the southern part of the penin-Clemmons, saying that he was in excellent health and was coming to sula from southeast to northwest, the reunion of non-resident North

Carolinians, to be held here Octo-

wild bear. It was seen a few days

ago by a son of John Brooks, who men, only eight out of the thirteen were saved.

According to a report the napiha launch showed no lights until just before it was struck by the Pilgrim. Captain Lee, of the Pilgrim, was then so close upon the little craft that to who is accused of attempting to avoid a collision was impossible. The launch was struck on the side and immediately sank while the Pilgrim a railroad accident and wished to suffered considerable damage to her

and the State steamer Governor stirring up factional quarrels, political Thomas, brought the Maryland party. or otherwise. Miss Todd, who was Governor A. J. Montague and a large party from Richmond were present as the guests of the shipbuilding company.

factors in a factional political guarrel inside the Republican party. This she virtually admitted in her interview with me, and according to the rule referred to above it was sufficient cause

sist of four 8-inch guns, mounted in pairs in two electrically controlled balanced turrets, one forward and one alt, on the main deck; main deck forward and aft will also be

located the eighteen 3-inch guns of the secondary battery. Protection will be furnished by armor consisting of the water line belt. Above this for a length of 200 feet the armor will be five inches of uniform thickness extending from the top of the water line deck to the main deck. The engines will be of the

FATAL AUTO ACCIDENT.

Man Killed at the State Fair Grounds in Milwankee in a Five Mile Race

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

MILWAUKEE, WIS., Sept. 12.-Frank

breaking machine in a five mile race against time. Day had covered just about four miles of the distance when upon reaching the head of the home stretch the powerful machine swerved.

ran into the fence and toppled over. As the machine upset Day received a terrific knock on the back of the head which rendered him unconscious, and he lay on the track without moving a muscle. The prostrate form was quick ly removed and medical aid sum moned, but the injured man died in fifteen minutes after he was struck. He did not regain consciousness. The accident was witnessed by three thousand persons, among whom were many women. Several of the men fainted. The automobile was running at about

curred. The machine is a total wreck.

Three Persons Were Killed and a Number of Others Injured.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. ST. PAUL, MINN., Sept. 12. - A

special excursion train on the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha railroad ran in a washout at Kempton.

from different points in Northern

Wisconsin and was bound for Duluth.

There had been a terrific rain storm

raging all during the night and the

engineer had orders to proceed slowly

Wis, early this morning. Three passengers were killed and a number of others hurt, none seriously. The train was a popular excursion

rested at Danville.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. CHARLOTTE, N. C., Sept. 12.-A.

Railway Mail Glerk on the Southern Ar-

special to the Observer from Danville, and carefully. The train was running at a speed of about four miles an hour Va., says:

was hunting squirrels. Young Brooks says when he first saw the animal it was about twenty-five yards from him. He attempted to shoot it, but his gun hung fire and he took to his heels. Mr. Forester says that since the rain he has seen

from swimming until the crew reached him. He leaves a wife and

four children.

ber 12-13.

its tracks in the bottom. We presume that his bearship has taken advantage of the turnpike and left the wilds of the Blue Ridge-he is probably on an investigating tour. - Asheville Citizen: W. W. Mor-

gan, alias Frank O'Neal, the man swindle lawyers by falsely representing that a friend was injured in come here to bring suit. was ar. prow.

doing a considerable amount of damage to the orange crop.

_FIVE LIVES LOST - North Wilkesboro Hustler:

There is a great deal of excitement in the neighborhood of Arthur In a Collision Between a Steam Yacht and Forester's over the appearance of a

a Naptha Lausch.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. CHARLEVOIX, MICH., Sept. 12 .- Five men, all of East Jordan, were drowned in Pine Lake this evening in a colli-

sion between the steam yacht Pilgrim and a naptha launch. The occupants of the small boat were thrown into the water and although the yacht laid to and began a search for the drowning

removed from the office at Greenwood, allowed her office to be in ef fect the headquarters of and her family and herself to be the most active The cruiser Maryland is 502 feet on the load wateriline; extreme breadth 69 feet 61 inches; trial displacement 13,-860 tons; mean draft at trial displacement 24 feet one inch. The Maryland's armament will confor her removal.

four six-inch guns; on the gun deck a main broadside battery of ten six-inch guns, five on each side; on the

cylindrical triple expansion type.

Against Time.

will send it an invitation, exactly on Day, formerly of California, but of the same basis as those sent to the late living in Detroit, was killed in an European powers. automobile accident at the State fair grounds late this afternoon while driving Barney Oldfield's record

Wants to Postpone Evacuation of One of WASHINGTON, Sept. 12,-Russia has equested permission of Ohina to postpone her evacuation of one of the frontier_provinces for until general) evacuation of Manchuris. Minister

Conger cables the State Department this fact, and the matter has been referred to Secretary Hay at the secretary's Summer home in New Hampshire or consideration. The Washington government has received satisfactory assurances from the St. Petersburg authorities that the general evacuation of Mana mile a minute when the accident oc-

churia will occur on October 8th. If for some reasons, purely local to the province in question, Russia should EXCURSION TRAIN WRECKED.

request permission to postpone the withdrawal of her troops from that particular province for several months it is said to be for China to say whether

the request shall be granted. This request, in the opinion of State department officials, does not indicate that Russia intends to break her

ST. LOUIS EXPOSITION.

The Vatican's Participation a Question Un-

der Consideration in Rome.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

ticipation in the St. Louis Exposition

was among questions which it was

first thought of reserving for the new

papal secretary of state, but as the

appointment is delayed, Monsignor

Merry Del Val, acting secretary of

state, will take the matter in hand.

The two principal points submitted to

him are, which high ecclesiastical

dignitaries shall represent the Vatican

at St. Louis, and which are the best

artistic, historic or literary objects that

the Holy See may exhibit. It is expected at Rome that a delegate from

the exposition, with full powers to

continue the present negotiations, will be sent here. The Vatican has been

assured that when all details of its par-

ticipation are arranged Secretary Hay

RUSSIA IN MANGHURIA.

the Prontier Provinces.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

ROME, Sept. 12 .- The Vatican's par-

pledge to the powers. RUBBING THE MAILS.

will a financial the the the set for	II the country is so prosperous	at the police station, charged with the	discontinued. Most of the party lois	come here to bring suit, was ar-		when the soft place in the track was	W. C. Bowles, railway mail clerk	
will suffer while the Dingley act is	and happy the Columbia State does	at the police station, charged with the larceny of a pair of shoes from Josh	for Washington on the tug Key to	raigned in police court yesterday.	TOOLIOL DE AT TIELLE	struck. The engine passed over it	on the Washington and Greensporo	
in operationBallimore Sun.	not understand why there are so	larceny of a pair of anoes from cosh	spend Sunday. Next week the work			sately, but the tender, baggage car and	division of the Southern Rallway, was	
	meny stylkes and laskauts	Simon, a Syrian merchant on South	Will be resumed.	were summoned as witnesses against		Ibree coaches were deralled.	arrested last night, charged with rop-	
	many strikes and lockouts.	Front street. The Syrian detected the		him, and these gentlemen told the	Seven Persons Killed and Twenty-seven		bing the mail. Marked money, which	
COLOMBIA'S TERMS STATED.		theft and chased the negro to Second	KILLED HIS BRUTHER.	court of Morgan's methods. Mor-	Others Wonnded		had been sent through the mails as decoys, was found in Bowles' pockets.	
Of course, it has been understood	It cost the defenders of the cup	and Dawson streets where Policeman		gan was held to court in \$400 bond,	Official Domestic		He refused to give any information as	
all along that the reason the Colom-	\$600,000 to defeat the Shamrock, it	M. A. Jones arrested him.	Result of a Dispute Between Two Negroes	which he could not give. He re-	By Cable to the Molining Bur,			
with along enablend reason end outom			Aroun of a Dispute Detriven The tregton	tained Eugene Way to represent	TIFLIS, RUSSIAN, TRANS-OAUCASIA,	Flom the Henenty of the enthetie Frepe	the money. He was remanded to jall	5 2
bian Congress refused to ratify the	In Boltu.	m M I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I	Over a Bale of Cotton.	him and did not make any state-	Sent 12 -Seven persons were killed	ganda in Rome.	in default of bond. Bowles is a mar-	
Hay-Herran treaty was that it	Payetteville's Mail Delivery.	- Rockingham AngloSaxon : Dr.	By Telegraph to the Morning Star.	ment. The officers expect that	and twenty-seven wounded in an en-	By Cable to the Morning Star	ried man. His wife and seven chil-	(6)
thought it could get more money for	rayetteville s mail belivery.	J. H. Williamson, of Wolfe Pit	Or an Bernow Sent 19 Two negroes	Winston will ask for Morgan to be	and twenty server assessed thousand Ar-	Rome, Sept. 12The Tribuna says	dren reside in Washington.	
the concessions made the United	Fayetteville Observer, 11th: "The	township, relates how, after living	mamad Swinton living in the same	tried there on the charge of ob-	in a lang and the police and trooms	in its issue of to-day:		
States, and not, as asserted by its	anaminad immedian haming divition	Low mail we won't say now many	hamou Swinton, intrag in the sale	taining \$50 from Lindsey Patter-	which occurred vesterday at an Ar-	and all all all all all all all all all al	min the termsmant at Res	
	work began to-day on the enlarge-	years-without lightning rods on	Addie at Systemet, Subal setter	son with his story, and if so the	menian church near Elizabethpole.		The shooting tournament at Bea	
opponents, that it contained uncon-	ment of the postoffice building. The work should be completed within	his house, he at last decided to have	had a dispute over a bale of cotton.	prisoner will be sent there.	The Armenians proposed to re-		W W Classer 71st regiment, New	
					sist the execution of the law and	sum of money was missing from the	Work had won the military champion-	
The hill pending in the Colombian	thirty days. Meanwhile all the other	man nadn - more than got down on	with a maight The matter was sur-		refused to heed the remonstrances of	Plus ordered that an inquiry into the matter be made by Cardinal Della	ship of the United States by scoring	
	arrangements to establish the free	I the reaf when a storm care up and		I mha Dastaffan Danaytmant 18 80-	the police. Stones and other missiles	matter be made by Cardinal Della	192 out of a possible 210. He captured	
Wingrees auchorizing Fresident	city delivery will be made, so that	one of the rods was struck. The	morning the younger brother drew a	vised of the arrest of John R. Jones,	were inrown and troops were called	matter be made by Cardinal Della Volpe, prefect of economy of the Pro-	193 out of a possible 510. If ead in the the title by finishing in the lead in the President's match, together with a gold medal and \$50 in cash.	
marroquin to negotiate a new treaty,	the service will promptly begin ho-	doctor is perplexed to know wheth-	pistol, fired five times and killed the	late postmaster at Theo, Ga., on the	moh The soldiers fired and dispersed	pagands, who, according to the re-	President's match, together with a gold	
provides for a cash payment of \$20,-	will be extended twenty-five feet in	er the rods attracted the lightning	elder brother instantly. The mur-	charge of making false postolice re-	the mob.	ports, found \$20,000 to be missing."	medal and \$50 in casp.	
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