SUBSCRIPTION PRICE.

IF THERE SHOULD BE WAR.

If there should be war between Japan and Russia, to which of the combatants would the moral aid and the sympathies of the Western World be given? Would they go out to Russia or to Japan? To answer such a question one must consider not merely the issue that is immediately involved, but also the standing of these two nations in the eyes of all who represent the civilizing forces of humanity.

First as to the nature of the casus belli. Russia has deliberately chosen to display herself as a breaker of the most solemn pledges. Her rulers make no concealment of the fact. The promises to which her Ministers have set their seals are absolutely worthless. Cynicism, insolence, and violated faith are the marks of recent Russian policy in its dealings alike with China, with Great Britain, with the United States, and with Japan. China is helpless. Great Britain and the United States have no such interests at stake as to justify a war. But Japan must fight or else be slowly stifled; and in the last resort she is not afraid to fight Eight years ago she won the right to that foothold upon the Asiatic mainland which is vital to her natural growth, and in the very hour of victory the harsh order of the Czar, backed up by France and Germany, turned her triumph into failure and humiliation. To-day she sees the author of that successful plot refusing to withdraw from the great province of Manchuria, and at the same time, with equal disregard of treaties, menacing the rights which Japan has for so long a time enjoyed in the kingdom of Corea. Swiftly and surely, by lying promises and stealthy craft, the coast of Asia, opposite Japan is being fringed with Russian fortresses and dotted with naval stations and huge armed camps. If only another year goes by Japan is doomed to be shut out forever from her one chance to develop and attain the full measure of her -greatness. On one side is arrayed a nation

faint pretence of appealing to anything save might. But above and beyond all this, how do these two nations stand at the world's judgment bar? Japan, in our times, has passed out of a semi-feudal barbarism to the enlightenment which makes her the peer and ally of one of the greatest | with peanuts, which make the razor Christian powers. She has shown back hams the delight of the goura marvellous capacity for assimilating the best of what we Westerners have so slowly and so enduringly evolved. Japan is a land of liberal institutions, of ordered justice, of a rule that is at once wise and merciful. How stands the case with Russia? Her centuries of contact with the West have left her still but superficially affected-cosmopolitan to the eye, but Tartar in her soul, ruthless, savage, treacherous, and devoid of shame. And a long reckoning is hers to pay. The horrors of Poland, the extinction of Finland, and the brutalities of the Caucasus are still unexpiated, as are the nameless cruelties which every ostrog in Siberia has witnessed for uncounted years. And, last of all, the blood which ran in the gutters of Kishinef is speiler who plays on the megaphone. searcely dried, but still bears wit- "Burr-r-r-r-r!" ness to a crime that does not stand alone, and the taint of which rests on the Czar himself.

struggling for existence; on the

other a brutal, greedy, unscrupnlous

power which does not even make a

Beverlage when he knew the result No nation, however powerful it be, can go on through the ages defying at once the laws of God and the elemental instincts of humanity. If Russia fights, she fights through a cause that is bad all through. She fights with all the enlightened sentiment of the world against her. And, worst of all, she fights while thousands upon thousands of her own subjects are praying for disaster and disgrace to smite her armies and destroy the bulwarks of her sceptered despotism. - New York Commercial Advertiser

"The last shall be first" does not apply to W. R. Hearst.

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to points along their lines, and they

do not spare expense in advertising.

They secure facts relative to the

country they present for considera-

tractive form. Land and industrial

departments of the railroads espe-

cially created to give information

about sections that are traversed,

are conducted, and these depart-

ments never lose an opportunity to

induce settlers to select homes upon

The Southern Railway has always

been recognized as a leader in the

movement to promote immigration:

M. V. Richards, its land and indus-

trial agent, has been indefatigable.

He has devised original plans to bring

Southern Railway sections that offer

advantages to the attention of peo-

ple in this country and abroad who

meditate changes, and a considera-

ble proportion of the new popula-

tion of the South is due to the work

This may be said of the corre-

sponding departments of the Atlan-

tic Coast Line and the Seaboard Air

Line, but it is prompted of the

Southern by reason of an enterprise

upon which it has now embarked to

promote immigration of German

farmers. This is a plan well con-

ceived, and if it is carried out as

well it must conduce to the advan-

It is the purpose of the Southern

to publish an attractive illustrated

pamphlet in German for distribu-

tion among Germans in America and

the Faderland. Wherever the road

can learn of a German who desires

to change his place of abode it will

from Germans already located in

the South. From them it would

like to gain knowledge of localities

and their suitability for German

farmers, a class of recognized thrift,

And now Miss Mae C. Wood

during the last year called frequent-

ly to see Miss Wood during her

working hours, and was seen with

her not infrequently away from the

department." Later information

says Miss Wood will not bring the

suit. The conclusion is that the

Senator was deeply "touched" by

The Augusta Chronicle now talks

about the "incomparable razor-back

hog." Well, we have them here in

North Carolina, and we have the

pine roots and acorns, topped off

At 2 o'clock A. M. of the day the

verdict was rendered in the Tillman

case the members of the jury were

reported asleep. When they opened

their eyes they discovered that they

had dreamed that the defendant was

At night the north-east corner or

Market and Front streets will be

packed with struggling humanity

during the carnival. But the girls

can make their way through the

The fellow who "eats 'em alive"

or "bites their heads off" will be

here accompanied by that charming

Senator from Indiana was a hot

The jury said Tillman was not

guilty; but the fact may be brought

home to him that "'Tis conscience

Give your moth-balled clothing an

It will be prudent to leave your

airing to-day. The carnival stunts

of the election in Indianapolis.

makes cowards of us all."

will begin to-morrow.

crowd by a tight squeeze.

Miss Wood's appeals.

mand and the epicure.

their homes in this section.

of his department.

tion, and these are offered in an at-

thrifty.

their lines.

WILMINGTON, N. C., FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1903.

WANTS GERMAN FARMERS CURRENT COMMENT.

Nearly all commercial enterprises depend for success in large measure --- The "dry" and "wets" seem to have alternate weeks. Last week upon the population of the territory the "drys" won signal victories in Raleigh and Goldsboro. This week to which they cater. This population must have two characteristics the "wests" won important victories in Washington and Marion. And so -it must be dense and it must be it goes. Those who are defeated should bow to the will of the ma-Railway companies fully apprejority. They can try conclusions ciate this. Many of them make again if they desire two years hence. every effort to induce immigration

-Raleigh News and Observer, Dem. -- The most inevitable thing that can be read on the world's map is the coming partition of China. She is the one great obstruction in the pathway of a world-encircling civilization. She is becoming constantly a thorn in the flesh of the progressive nations. Russian aggression is forcing a verdict in her case, and perhaps now is as good a time in history to have it rendered finally as can be anticipated.—Atlanta Constitution.

- The fifty-four lives lost on the tracks of street car and steam railway lines within the limits of Chicago last month form a heavy tribute which the city pays for its transportation facilities. It would be interesting to know-if such infer-mation could be gathered-just how many of these lives would have been saved had well known and perfectly feasible precautions for safety been taken. Probably the majority.— Chicago Record-Herald.

— There has never been a more complete and ridiculous failure of a much-heralded invention than that of Prof. Langley's so-called airship. Scores of uneducated mechanics dependent on their own wits and means have come nearer making a successful flying machine than this professor of the Smithsonian Institute with an appropriation by Congress to draw upon. Whoever is responsible for wasting public money on this visionary scheme deserves a public reprimand. - Indianapolis Journal.

- The class rush is one of the who, under its operation, may make | We should beware of a gospel that | ashore. makes savages in institutions estab lished for the training of intelligent, cultured, educated, law-abiding, and useful citizens. A mob is nothing less than a mob, whether it be engaged in lynching a negro, "slugging" a laborer or brutally "joking" with a freshman or sophomore. And so long as we look with complacency on the college mob, we send a pamphlet. With this end in | cannot hope to eliminate or suppress view the road seeks information the street mob .- Chicago Evening

- The (New York) execution has caused a noticeable revival of the demand that capital punishment be abandoned in New York, and the arguments pro and con will be industry and value to a community. thrashed over again in the public prints. But it will serve an end Such information, addressed to the quite as desirable as the abolition of Land and Industrial Agent of the the death penalty if it shall serve to Southern at Washington, will help emphasize the fact that juvenile lawlessness, which is so often tolerthe cause in which the South is so much interested.—Savannah News. ated as merely boyish ebullition of spirits, is a step, and a long step, too, on the road which leads inevit ably to the penitentiary or the galthreatens to sue Senator Platt for lows. It may serve also as a reminder of the further fact that punbreach of promise. She is a clerk shment should follow so close on in the money order department at crime that the natural horror at the Washington, and is said to be very execution of a murderer cannot attractive. A Washington dispatch wholly overshadow the horror caused says: "It was learned from a numby his crime. - Cleveland Plain ber of sources that Senator Platt

MAJ. STEDMAN IN TOWN.

Talks Hopefully of His Candidacy for Gubernaterial Honors.

[Charlotte Chronicle, 14th.] Maj. Charles M. Stedman,

Greensboro, spent last night at the Buford and left this morning for Shelby, where he has an appointment to address the Confederate veterans of Cleveland county tomorrow. A Shelby gentleman who was in the city to-day said the veterans and their friends have made great preparations for the event and that an immense crowd was ex-

The people of Cleveland are very proud of their war record, for, out of a voting population of 1,800, the county sent 2,400 soldiers to the civil war. Many of these were in Maj. Stedman's regiment.

Maj. Stedman is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor of North Carolina, and his friends talk as if they expected him to win. When approached by a Chronicle reporter this morning, and otherwise, in North Carolina. He has been touched by the assurances of loyal support he has received from hosts of friends all over the State since his candidacy was announced and believes he stands a good chance of receiving the nomination. "If I am defeated by any one of the several most excellent gentlemen who are candidates for he office to which I aspire," said he, "I will have the satisfaction of knowing that no man ever ran gainst more splendid gentlemen

an oyal Democrats." It is safe to say that the junior While in the city, Maj. Stedman was called on by a number of his friends in Charlotte. He will be in this city again to-morrow evening on his return to Greensboro.

WOMEN ASSAULTED.

A Lynching Not Unlikely at Paris,

Ky., Last Night.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star PARIS, KY., Oct. 17.-Luther Mc-Coy, a negro farm hand, attempted to assault Mrs. James Mernaugh and

ALL BUT DROWNED.

Mr. W. W. Thigpen and Colored Man Had a Narrow Escape Yesterday Afternoon.

SKIFF CAPSIZED WITH THEM.

n Mid-Stream They Clung to Overturned Boat Until Help Reached Them. Pine Breech-Loading Gun Lost. Unpleasant Experience.

Benumbed with the cold and clingng for half an hour of more to the bottom of a small skiff which had cap sized in the middle of the Cape Fear river, nearly opposite Northrop's mill, where the stream is widest, Mr. W. W. Thigpen, chief engineer at the power station of the C. R., L. & P. Co. in the southern section of the city, and Joe Williams, a negro woodpasser at the same plant, had a narrow escape from drowning Thursday afternoon about 2 o'clock. *

Mr. Thigpen had taken his gun and employed the negro to row him across the river to Alligator Creek, where he proposed to have an afternoon's sport at gunning. When they had proceeded some distance off shore, Mr. Thigpen had occasion to shift his position in the cance and in doing so he capsized the small craft. Both men pitched into the rather icy water and clung to the wreck for dear life, neither of them daring to turn loose and swim the long distance to shore, handicapped as they were with their hunting clothes on.

They shouted for help and at length Mr. Jordan Branch, Jr., saw their predicament and hastened to launch a boat for their rescue. Two colored employes of the Eccleston Lumber Company-John Watters and Zeb Harriss-manned the boat from Skintage of the South and the settlers abuses of our too "strenuous life." ner's shippard and soon had the men

Mr. Thigpen was very nearly ex hausted when the boat reached him and was naturally very cold. He will not crave another experience like it. Besides having the rather cold plunge and losing the afternoon's aport at hunting, he lost a fine double threalled breech-loading gun, which went to the bottom when the skiff capsized. Upon reaching the shore, he hastened home to provide himself with dry raiment. The negro did likewise.

EMBEZZLED IN THE DISTRICT.

Wilmington Man Will be Taken to Washington, D. C., this Morning.

Detective Sergeant T. B. McNamee, of the Washington Police Department, arrived in the city yesterday and after consultation with Chief of Police Furlong, of this city, and U. S. Comnissioner S. P. Collier, last night caused the arrest of Mr. John R. Sneeden, a well known young man of this city, who has resided here at the home of his father, Mr. Sam Sneeden, since his return from Washington several months ago. The charge against Mr. Sneeden is the embezzlement of an amount of money, said to be less than \$200, from a Washington firm by whom he was employed prior to his return to Wilmington. Mr. Sneeden readily consented to accompany the officer back to Washington and those who know him have confidence in his version of the affair that the matter can be straightened out without further difficulty when he has a conference and makes a satisfactory explanation to his late employer.

Detective McNamee and Mr. Sneeden will return to Washington this morning. The latter remained in the custody of the local police last night. not caring to bother with the \$300 bond required for the night's liberty. Mr. Sneeden's wife resides in Washington. The entire matter will likely be cleared up at once.

TITLES TO PENDER LANDS.

Wilmington Attorney Discovered Tha Many of Them are Defective.

R. G. Grady, Esq., returned yesterday from Raleigh, where he spent several days investigating a number of old land grants in the office of the Secretary of State. He made the remarkable discovery that the titles to Holly township, Pender county, is de

It seems that in 1774-'75 this land was deeded to five parties and was later bought back by the State for taxes due. Theu lat c by act of the Legislature this land with other State lands, especially swamp lands, passed into the possession of the State Board of Education. However, in the meantime parties went in on the lands and settled as they would on ordinary

from the Secretary of State. Of course many of these will hold by right of possession. But in the past ten or fifteen years 20,000 or 25,-000 acres have been taken up by various parties and grants for it procured from the Secretary of State inatead of from the State Board of Education, to whom it really belonged.

Spring Hope Bank Robbery.

attempt to blow the safe in the bank of Spring Hope last week. The man Tisdale, of Spring Hope, says Donnehugh is the guard who bound and

PATAL SHOT AT TARBORO.

Frank A Brown, Well Known Citizen, Victim of His Own Wespon. [Special Star Telegram.]

TARBORRO, N. C., Oct. 17 .- Mr.

Frank A. Brown, an esteemed citizen, employed as a painter in the carriage shops of M. L. Hussey, was fatally shot about 10 o'clock this morning. A colored man working in a black-smith shop down stairs was suddenly tartled by the distinct report of a pistol, followed by deep groans. He rushed up stairs to find Mr. Brown mortally wounded and too feeble to make any explanation, save "I have shot myself." Others were soon on the scene but unable to account for the happening. An English bull dog, No. 32 hammerless weapon, was found on the floor, and an examination of on the floor, and an examination of the wounded man by surgeons in charge showed that the ball had enter-ed below the ribs and heart and sever-ed the spienic artery, causing almost instant death. Mr. Brown was in his usual cheerful mood when he entered upon his duties this morning and had made known his plans for some work to be taken up Monday. There is no cause to believe he intended suicide, and he is supposed to have accident-ally shot himself while examining a pistol which had been carried to the shop for repairs.

DATE OF EXECUTION FIXED.

Story of a Jones County Murder and Re capture-Bankrupt Case, [Special Star Telegram.]

RALEIGH, N. C., Oct. 17 .- Governor Aycock to-day fixed December 1st as the date for execution of Cyrus Dixon, a young white man who two years ago murdered Godfrey Webber in Jones county. The killing was November 22, 1901, from ambush. Dixon was convicted in the spring of 1902, and while the case was on appeal to the Supreme Court Dixon escaped from prison, being under sentence of death. Dixon was last week captured in Chesterfield, S. C., and the former Mrs. Webber had become his bride there. The motive that led Dixon to murder Webber was his love for the latter's wife. It was said she had first

intended to marry Dixon, but discard-Afterwards Webber, an old man and possessed of some means, also became her suitor. When Webber was assassinated Dixon was 21 years old: the woman 20. Webber was twice or more her age. Webber had warned Dixon to keep away from his house. Judge Purnell makes an order i the bankruptcy case of Joseph H. Johnson, of Pender county, that Mc-Nair and Pearsall, of Wilmington, be

CAN'T TAX SALARIES OF JUDGES.

Supreme Court So Decided in Lengthy Opinion Delivered Yesterday. [Special Star Telegram.]

RALEIGH, N. C., Oct. 15 .- In an elaborate opinion delivered to-day the the few onlookers even to suspect that Supreme Court rules in the case of Judge Thos. R. Purnell vs. Sheriff Page, of Wake county, that judges of the United States and State courts and the exclusive officers of those respec tive governments, are not liable for the State tax on incomes, their reason being chiefly that the power to tax in cludes the power to destroy, and if a State were allowed to tax a United States officer one dollar it might tax him to the full amount of his salary and thus arrest all the measures of

A PLUCKY OPERATOR.

Polled Attempt of Bandits to Rob a Train on the Northern Pacific. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BUTTE, MONT., Oct. 17.-Two masked mounted men to-day rode up to the little station at Welch's Spur, twenty miles east of this city, on the Northern Pacific, and covering the operator with their revolvers drove him inside his office and locked him in. They turned the signal light so as to stop the North Coast Limited, which was due in half an hour. The operator, F. K. Law, a boy of 20 years, threat ened with death if he moved, crawled on his hands and knees to his telegraph key and reaching from under the table wired the operator at Homestake to tell the engineer not to stop, as the bandits meant to hold up the train at Welch's Spur. The train went through the latter place at forty miles an hour and the bandits then rode off. A posse took the trail at daylight.

BANK FAILURE.

The International of Mexico City. With Branches.

By Telegraph to the Mospins, Site International Bank and Trust Company of America, W. H. Hunt, president, with branches in New York, San Francisco, and points throughout Mexico closed its doors to-day in voluntary liquidation and posted a notice to that effect. This institution has advertised that it has a paid-up gold capital of \$1,850,000 and deposits of about \$1,-500,000 silver. The cause of the failure is said to be over-lending.

President Hunt arrived from New York to-night and later a statemen was issued, saying it was deemed bes State lands, obtaining grants for it to close the doors of the bank, it is hoped only temporarily, and that the not lose a cent.

AN OHIO MAN.

Choked His Wife to Death in Bed After Quarrelling All Night.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star; DAYTON, O., October 17 .- With no excuse to offer other than that they had spent the night quarrelling, Charles tried to sleep, but a half hour later arose and prepared and ate his own breakfast. During the morning he went to the tobacco warehouse, where he is employed as a foreman, and gave instructions for the day's work. Later

DECISION ON THE TRAGEDY IN BUNCOMBE CO.

ALASKAN BOUNDARY American Contentions Sustained,

of Portland Canal.

With Exception of Those

VICTORY FOR UNITED STATES io American Citizen Will Lose a Foot Land-United States Will Get All the Waterways to the Rich Alaskan Territory.

By Cable to the Morning Star. LONDON, Oct. 17.-The Alaskan Boundary Commission to-day reached an agreement whereby all the American contentions are sustained, with the exception of those in relation to the Portland canal, which Canada wins. All that now remains to be done is for the commissioners to affix their signatures to the decision and complete the map which will ac-company it. On the map will be marked the boundary line definitely fixing the division of American and British territory, on such a basis that no American citizen will lose a foot of land he already believed he held, while the United States will get all the

one outlet she so much needed.

The long standing dispute was only settled after a week of keen, trying, secret deliberation between the arbitrators. Even up to noon to-day there was an acute possibility that a disagreement might result and the whole proceedings fall to the ground. Lord Alverstone, though openly inclined to believe in the justice of the American argument, that the United States was entitled to the heads of inlets, as contained in question five, held out that Canada had established her case in questions two and three, dealing with

the Portland canal. After luncheon, Senator Long, Sec-retary Root and Fartuner agreed to cede those points and to start the American boundary line from the ing the Canadians that channel and some small islands, on which there are only a few disused store houses This accomplished, the majority of the tribunal agreed to fix with this exception the entire boundary as outlined in the American case. Whether Messrs. Aylesworth and Jette, the Canadian commissioners, will refuse to sign the decision and make i unanimous is not yet known, but it allowed a \$3,800 claim secured by will not affect the validity of the agreement if a minority report is submitted. By Monday afternoon it is hoped that everything will be ready for signature, though the actual mark ing of the line on the map which shall forever determine the respective territories will occupy some time.

The majority of the commissioners left the Foreign Office hurriedly this afternoon in order to catch trains for week-end visits to the country. Nothing had occurred which would lead the dispute had reached its practical end. The commissioners themselves are still bound to secrecy until the decision is actually rendered, and practically few others were really aware how great a degree of success had attended the efforts of the American members of the tribunal.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.-The Assoclated Press dispatch from London announcing the decision of the Alaskan Boundary Commission was the first intimation received by the State Depart ment that the commission had reached an agreement. State Department officials say that the decision shows a distinct victory for the United States. It is their opinion that the effect of the decision regarding the Portland canal merely gives to Canada the possession of Pearse Island, a small island in the Portland canal and of no special importance. This detail of the controversy is admitted by State Department officials to have been open to argument on both sides. Pearse Island is at the mouth of the canal. The latter is divided into two canals by the island, and Canada formerly had undisputed use of the easiern channel. Under the present decision

Canada will have the use of the west ern channel. OTTAWA, ONT., Oct. 17 .- The Canadian government has not yet reofficial notification of the decision of the Alaska Boundary Com-If the decision is as reported, namely, that the Portland canal is to remain in Canadian territory, there is a feeling in official circles that the Dominion has not much to be thankful for. Canada, in holding the Portland canal, retains Wales and the Pearse Islands, which overlook Port Sympson, the proposed terminus of the Grand Trunk Pacific. It would be inconvenient to have lost these islands, but as they were clearly marked on Vancouver's map as being in Canada it is difficult to see how this could have been done. North of Port Sympson, Canada will have no harbor ine Yukon gold field.

LATE ADVICES FROM BEIRUT.

Recent Outbreak Against Christians-Moslems Elated and Scoff at Intervention.

By Cable to the Morning Star. BEIRUT, SYRIA, Oct. 14.-The apparent indifferences of the European

powers to the recent outbreak of Mohammedan fanaticism here has deeply impressed the Christians. The Moslems, on the other hand, are elated and scoff at the idea of European intervention. The attack on the Christians was planned weeks before the arrival of the American warships at Beirut. The then governor, Reichid Bey, telegraphed the details to Constantinople and asked for instructions. None telegram signed by the Bultan's chamthe Yildiz Kiosk was apparent from a field where already the of non-interference was approved at erable American trade. however, reached him. That his policy the eve of his departure after his dis-

well established in the eyes of his structed a railroad and opened commost sacred majesty, the Kalipb, you merce to the coast.

Dr. J. V. Jay, a Well Known Physician Murdered His Three Children-Had

Been Drinking Heavily.

One of the most terrible crimes ever

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. RALEIGH, N. C., Oct. 17 .- A special from Asheville, N. C., to the News and Observer says:

committed in North Carolina occurred this morning when Dr. J. V. Jay, a well known physician of Buncombe county, living at Barnard sville, twen-ty miles north of Asheville, killed with a claw-hammer his three childree, aged two, four and six years. The news of the tragedy was received here by telephone this morning. It is said that Jay had been drinking heavily for nearly two weeks, and last night ran his wife away from home. Mrs. Jay returned this morning and was in the act of preparing breakfast when her husband attacked her again and ran her out of the house. She started for a neighbor's to get help and left her children crying on the porch. While the mother was gone Jay killed all three of the children with a clawhammer. Mrs. Jay soon returned with several men, but the man had done his work and the lifeless bodies were found lying on the porch. After committing the deed Jay went into the house and attempted to set it on fire, but the men who returned with Mrs. Jay rushed in and overpowered him and extinguished the flames. Jay was then bound, hand and foot, and Sheriff Reed notified. The sheriff waterways to the rich Alaskan terriwith Deputy Wells went to the scene of the tragedy and after a drive of forty miles returned late this after-noon with Jay sitting between two tory, with the exception of the Port-land canal, which gives Canada the

officers. Jay, when asked to-night if he did not know that he was killing his chil-drev, said that he knew he was, but that he just could not stop; that he loved his children and knew he was going to kill them. Jay evidently expects to be hanged, for he told Sheriff Reed that he had enough money to keep his wife from suffering. He says that he is sorry he committed the crime but that it cannot be helped and there is no use to grieve over it.

After the tragedy the man wrote to his wife saying: "I have committed an awful crime; will you forgive?" To this Mrs. Jay replied, "I forgive you and hope to meet you in heaven."

TERRIBLE ACCIDENT ON PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD

Work Train and a Gravel Train in Collision-Fourteen Laborers Killed and About Forty Others Injured.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. TRENTON, N. J., Oct. 17.-Fifteen persons were killed and about forty more injured in a collision which occurred to day on the Belvidere division of the Pennsylvania railroad, near Washington crossing. The persons killed were laborers, who were on a work train and were on their way to work at Washington crossing to repair washouts along the road Fourteen bodies have been taken from the wreck and one more body is known to be under the debris. Only two or three of those who are injured will be permanently maimed.

As soon as the collision occurred a special train was sent from Trenton with a corps of physicians, and the dead and injured were brought to this city. The injured were taken to St. Francis' hospital. The dead men, with one or two exceptions, are Italian laborers who resided in this city, the others being colored men. Their podies were taken to the morgue for

The train bearing the men who were killed and injured was made up of four cars, two coaches in which the men were riding and two flat cars in the rear. The train stopped near Washington crossing to receive orders respecting the passing of the regular passenger train. While the train was standing on the track it was run into from the rear by a gravel train. The two flat cars telescoped the two coaches. There were about 180 men in the two cars. As soon as the acci-dent happened the Italians became frantic and made an attempt to do bodily harm to the crew of the gravel train. Word was sent to Trenton for olice assistance, but the men were inally quieted by the foremen.

The railroad authorities here are reticent as to how the accident occurred, but it is believed that the gravel train either failed to see any adverse signal or that the flagman of the first train failed to go back a sufficient distance.

EXPEDITION TO ABYSSINIA.

J. S. Consul General Skinner Making Pl nal Preparatious - The Purpose of His Mission.

By Cable to the Worm Cuffor DUALES

Consul General Skinner, of Marseilles. who arrived at Havre on La Tourraine last night, is now in Paris making final to the home of Charles Wax, his empreparations for the United States gov- ploye, at Tipps. Here practically all ernment's expedition to Abyssinia. He of the miners in Wise county are toernment's expedition to Abyssinia. He expects to start for Marseilles in about a week. One of the ships of the United States European squadron will take Mr. Skinner's party to Jibutil. The French government has granted authority for a guard of twenty United States marines to land on and cross the French Somali coast. Thence, Mr. Skinner and his party with the marines will proceed with a caravan to the Abyssinian capital, Adisab Ieda.

Mr. Skinner said to-day to the cor-respondent of the Associated Press: "Our mission is three-fold, including opening diplomatic relations, the presentation to Emperor Menelik of an invitation to visit the St. Louis Exposition, and to make scientific investigations in behalf of the Agricultural Department. Naturally, I am most hopeful of obtaining inforberlain, which was handed to him on | mation which will stimulate American exports and extend our commerce in a field where already there is consid-

We are selling Abyssinia large quansmith, of Rocky Mount, has been arrested as one of the men who made an
attempt to blow the safe in the bank

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In the solution continued in the solution for the preceding three years goat skins, hides, carpets, wool, civit tion for the preceding three years and ivory. Abyssinia heretofore, has been cut off from the outside world, lead to clear but a lead to continue a lead to conti ties of cotton goods and are buying

Business Originating at South-

eastern Points. By Telegraph to the Morning Star. LOUISVILLE, KY., Oct. 17.-After NO. 52 naving been in session for a week, rate men representing all the transcontinental lines and part of the southern and southeastern roads, reached a con-

Concerning Trans - continental

AGREEMENT.

ditional agreement concerning trans-continental business originating at southeastern points. The problem with which the rate men had to deal was About six months ago the transcon-tinental lines quit making a combination one-bill rate on freight originating at southeastern points and travelling at southeastern points and travelling west by way of New Orleans. Manufacturers in North Carolina, for instance, were compelled to take a local rate to New Orleans, where the consignment was re-billed to its destination west of the Mississippi. The local rate plus the rate from New Orleans on to destination proved to be almost on to destination proved to be almost prohibitive to southeastern manufact urers, as the combination one-bill rate was still maintained on freight that passed through the St. Louis and Chicago gateways and applied to freight originating near Louisville, and points north of that city. The conflict of interests between the local and transterests between the local and trans-continental lines operating by St. Louis and Chicago and those operat-ing by New Orleans proved a difficult proposition, especially as it was claimed by the northern local roads that the New Orleans one-bill rate cut into their business. Under an agreement made thirteen years ago the one-bill rate by wayfof New Orleans, St. Louis and Objects was made as hearly uni-

and Chicago, was made as hearly uniform as possible. None of the parties interested would announce the basis of the agreement, but it was learned that a new uniform one-bill rate governing freight by way of New Orleans, Chicago and Bt. Louis had been decided upon. It was further learned that the new rate as far as southeastern business is concerned will be less than the present two-bill rate, but higher than the old one-

bill-rate. The amount of the advance could not be learned.

Another meeting will be held at Atlanta before the end of October, at which it is expected that the remaining Southern roads not represented at the Louisville meeting will agree to the new rate. Pending that time southeastern shipments by way of New Orleans will be bitled at the present

COLLISION OF FERRY BOATS.

Lives of Thousands of People Endangered at San Francisco in a Dense Fog.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Oct. 17 .-Endangering the lives of thousands of passengers, the Southern Pacific ferry steamer Newark crashed into the ferry steamer Oakland in the middle of the day during a dense fog. The Newark struck the Oakland aft the paddlebox, tearing a hole in her side. but fortunately not damaging her machinery. The Newark came out of the wreck with her reils carried away at the bows. The deck near the apron was cut deeply by the Oakland's side. On the Oakland the excitement was greater than on the Newark. The orce of the blow was such that the ocat listed at least twenty degrees. After this lunge to starboard, the Oakland recovered, but rolled to port when the Newark backed her engines and got clear. As the Oakland rocked on the water after the crash the crowd on the lower and upper decks rushed back and forth in a frenzy of fear. Women fell in fainting fits or went into hysterics on the injured steamer. On the upper deck several women rushed to the rail to leap overboard but were held back by the men. Racks containing cork jackets were torn down through the whole length of the Oakland's lower deck. On the Newark the passengers were more easily restrained, that vessel not feeling the force of the collision as much as the Oakland. Fortunately, the officers of the steamers remained cool and while the captains and the pilots, at their posts in the wheel houses extricated the boats from their positions the mates and deck hands with presence of mind went about urging and persuading the crowd that there was no real danger. It was found to be almost impossible to restrain the more excited persons, who let their fears run away with them. During had half hour that followed the crew had to stand ready, fearing that any moment some foolish passenger might

try to leap into the water. Despite the fog, so dense the pilots could scarcely see the flag-poles, both boats finally reached their slips on this side of the bay.

WENTZ STILL MISSING.

Reward of \$5,000 Offered for Recovery of His Body, Dead or Alive. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BRISTOL, TENN., Oct. 17.-A special to the Herald from Big Stone Gap, Va., says: Though every foot of the country between here and Norton has been scoured by searching parties ward T. Wentz, of Philadelphia, who disappeared Wednesday afternoon from the mountains near Appalachia. through which he was riding en route night searching the woods, and some have gone into the State of Kentucky. D. B. Wentz, brother of the missing man, was with a posse all day and only

returned late to night. Mrs. Wentz said to day that none of the family believed that Mr. Wentz had been murdered, but were of the opinion that he was being held for ransom by some of the mountaineers. A reward of \$5,000 has been offered for the recovery of his body, dead or

REGISTRATION IN NEW YORK.

The Total for the Four Days Amounts to 629,935.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. NEW YORK, Oct. 17 .- The registration in the last day in Greater New York was 138,029, a total for the four days of 629,933. The total registra-

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To be pelted with confetti is all right if it is thrown by a pretty girl.

Assault Mrs. James Mernaugh and Miss Nellie Herick, two prominent women of this city, to day. McCoy was arrested and it is not unlikely he will be lynched to-night. Gov. Beckham has been requested to order out the militia to protect the prisoner from a mob. he is employed as a foreman, and gave instructions for the day's work. Later he appeared at police headquarters, coolly told the story of his crime and was locked up in the station house.

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