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the census of 1900 and those for

running spindles spindles of the

"Financial and Commercial Chron-

icle" and of spindles in operation of

Colonel Hester for that year. If

Mr. North had investigated the

matter carefully he would have dis-

covered that neither the figures

of the "Financial Chronicle" of

Colonel Hester nor of the "Manu-

facturer's Record" have material

variation from facts. Even without

the figures of his own statisticians

he may comprehend the wonderful

advance made in the textile industry

in the South since 1900 by consider-

ing a few figures of the consumption

of cotton by the spindles there. In

the season of 1889-90 these Southern

mills consumed 546,894 bales. In

the season 1899-1900 they consumed

1,597,112 bales. Between the two

census years consumption increased

192 per cent. In the season of

1902-1903 the consumption was

3,000,729 bales, an increase since

1900 of 25 per cent. In the ten-

year period the number of bales annu-

ally consumed in the South in-

creased 1,050,218; in the three-year

period the increase was 403,617. If

the three-year rate is maintained

during the next seven years, 1910

than 3,300,000. Be that as it may,

if Mr. North is looking for unparal-

probably find more in the figures of

Southern cotton manufacturing for

the ten years behind 1900 than for

the three years since then. But be-

cause such figures are large he

should not be skeptical about them.

As he becomes more and more ac-

The Washington Post of Friday

Panama event. There is an outline

of North America and the isth-

mus Panama is represented as "a

jump-out-of-the box," with United

States warships in the offing, while

the populace is waving hats to wel-

come aid. From New York, a sup-

posed capitalists standing over high

buildings, holds a string that is at-

tached to the lid of the "jump out

of the box," and from Paris away

across the ocean, a fellow represent-

ing the canal bondholders, holds

another string that is attached to

the "jump out of the box." New

York and Paris pulled the string

and out of the box jumped the Pre-

sident of Panama. A towering Un-

cle Sam looks on from his position

outside the White House and un-

noticed in his rear the new Panama

minister is walking in with his cre-

Under date of Washington, No.

rember, 13th, Tom Pence in

special to the Raleigh Post, says the

North Carolina delegation in Con-

gress is hostile to the nomination of

Cleveland next year. Senator Sim-

mons did says this: "With Roose

velt as the Republican nominee,

North Carolina would, after a hard

fight, give Cleveland her vote

should he by any means receive

the Democratic presidential nomina-

The Springfield (Mass.) Republi-

ington administration in recognizing

and treating with Panama was alto-

gether too hasty and two much like

"hair trigger diplomacy." The

Roosevelt-Hanna-Hay outfit had to

be quick on trigger, else Colombia

might have put an end to the revo-

lution before they got in their work.

The Irishman, said to be the

largest ocean-going steamship that

ever went to New Orleans, loaded

last week at the Stuyvesant docks

with 30,000 bales of cotton. The

vessel is 510 feet long and 62 feet

beam, with a draft of 29 feet 6 inches

that the Lebaudy Bros., have in 1

hour and 35 minutes covered a dis-

tance of 46 miles with their air

high" will be in danger.

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dentials under his arm.

turers' Record.

A GOVERNMENT STATISTICIAN OVER-ASTONISHED.

Mr. S. N. D. North, director of the census of the United States, has been kind enough to send te the "Manufacturers' Record" a copy of an address of his at the Georgia State Fair, in which the following will find the South consuming more

"Mr. Edmonds, of the Baltimore 'Manufacturere' Record,' declares that leled industrial development he will 'since 1900 the number of Southern spindles has increased to 8,000,000.' I suspect he has allowed his enthusiasm to inflate his figures."

We happen to know that Mr. North's skepticism with reference to Southern cotton spindles is due to the fact that the figures appear to him incredible, and that if they qualted with Southern statistics he are correct, he says "nothing at all | will be obliged to change his meaparallel to the development of the sure of the incredible. - Manufac-Southern cotton manufacture since 1900 was ever known before in any branch of industry in any country in the world."

pressed in an address dealing with the best system of collecting cotton statistics, and designed to enlist the co operation of Southern cottongrowers with the United States government in systematizing and perfecting "its machinery for the crop reporting." If the perfection of the machinery is to result in such embarrassments for the cotton-growers as that latent in the bear interview of Secretary Wilson of the Department of Agriculture back in August, it is not likely that the cottongrowers or any other agricultural class in the country will encourage such perfection of government machinery. Moreover, in suggesting that the figures of the "Manufacturers' Record" have been inflated the director of the United States census does not seem to be aware of the fact that the census is by no means infallible, and that the figures of the "Manufacturers' Record" questioned by him are not materially dissimilar from the figures of two other independent statistical authorities of the country, which, like the "Manufacturers' Record," do not have the same basis for their figures as that

of the census. The census of 1900 did not include idle spindles which were likely to be put in operation again, and gave the total active cotton spindles in the textile industry for eleven Southern States, not including Maryland, as 4,354,034.

For that year the "Commercial and Financial Chronicle" of New York, upon lines which it had followed since 1887, reported for those eleven States 4,525,707 "live" spindles, of which 4,255,251 were running, these figures not including spindles in establishments which had been idle all the season, and the additional note being made that much new machinery had been put in operation within the past few months, increasing the number of spindles appreciably. For 1903, on the same basis and with the same note, the figures of the "Commercial and Fnancial Chronicle" were 7,024,817 "live" spindles, of which 6,699,773 were running.

Col. Henry G. Hester, secretary of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange for more than a generation and long recognized as an unquestioned statistical authority in cotton, reported in 1900 for the mills in the same eleven States consuming cotton 6,253,339 spindles, of which 4,787,496 were in operation, 47,346 idle and 1,418,497 new but not completed, and in 1903 he reported 8,233,459 spindles, of which 6,874,638 were in operation, 174,576 idle and 1,184,245 new but not completed. The figures for 1902 did not include 95,210 spindles using foreign cotton, and included the 160,036 spindles in South Carolina mills active until June 6, when they

were damaged by the Pacolet flood. The figures of the "Commercial and Financial Chronicle" are 975,-000 short of the round-figure statement of the "Manufacturer's Record," which included the new spindles not completed, and the figures of Colonel Hester were 300,-000 greater in 1903. There is no

THE WEEKLY STAR

WILMINGTON, N. C., FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1903.

VERDICT SET ASIDE.

GAVE VERDICT FOR \$30,000.

Court Criticised Findings

by a Jury.

Contrary to Evidence and ourt's harge, Said His Honor-Bassett Resolution Was Turned Down by County School Superintendents,

[Special Star Telegram.] RALEIGH, N. C., Nov. 12.-Judge Peebles in the Superior Court here today set aside a verdict returned by the jury, giving George Smith, a 19-yearold brakeman, thirty thousand dollars damages against the Seaboard Air Line for the loss of his right leg and right arm. Judge Peebles said he never knew a verdict more contrary to the evidence and judge's charge, and declared it the largest damages ever given by a North Carolina jury for total disability. T.'B. Womack, counsel for the Seaboard, made the motion

to set aside. By a vote of 57 to 9 the State Convention of County School Superintendents tabled without debate the resolution by Superintendent Costin, of Gates, denouncing the article by Prof. Bassett on the race question. The full text of the resolution was as follows:

"WHEREAS, There is a condition of mutual unrest throughout the country in regard to the so-called race problem; and,

WHEREAS, The people of North Carolina do not recognize any such question from a social or politica status, but consider it only from an industrial standpoint; and,

"WHEREAS, The utterances of man honored by a professorship in one of the leading educational institutions in the State ought not to be ignored by us; and, "WHEREAS, An article appeared in the News and Observer of November

lat, 1903, copied from the South At lantic Quarterly, written by Prof. Bassett, of Trinity College, which contains a telling cartoon on the people:
"1. Because the statement

Booker Washington is the greates man born in the South in a hundred years except Lee, is a gross insult to the intelligence of the South. "2. The statement that the negro will 'finally win equality' is repug-

nant and revolting to the manhood and womanhood of the South, and has no foundation of condition or sentiment, which would make it impossible. Therefore, be it "Resolved, That we, the county superintendents of North Carolina. ondemn in terms immeasurable the aforesaid article.

THE PERMANENT ROAD FUND.

Increased by \$10,000 by Order of Commissioners-Repair of Records.

The Board of County Commissioners held a special meeting yesterday at noon, Chairman McEachern and all members having been present. The most important feature of the proceedings was the adoption of the following order, submitted by the chair-

"It is ordered that there be transferred from the General Fund of the county to the Permanent Road Fund the sum of \$10,000, the same having been collected in the General Fund levy for road purposes, in lieu of a special tax for same purpose, provided for in Section 7, Chapter 314, of the Acts of 1901."

It having appeared to the satisfaction of the Board that it is necessary that certain record books in the office of the Register of Deeds be repaired at once, the Register of Deeds was instructed by [the Board to have same made at once and that the records be allowed to be taken from the office each day and returned in the evening until the work is completed.

Double-Barrelled Vagrant.

Mayor Springer has a growing anipathy for vagrancy of any nature whatsoever. But when the offence is compounded with a misdemeanor and it is brought to the attention of the chief executive, it is hard for him to retain his usual dignified poise so characteristic of him when presiding over the police court. Yesterday the name of Bryant Jones, colored, was called in Officer Merritt connected the negro with the dual charge of vagrancy and disorderly conduct. "Twenty dollars and costs in one and 30 days on the roads in the other" was A cablegram from Paris tells us the judgment dictated impetuously to the clerk by His Honor. Three other young negroes arrested on warrants for disorder on the streets several days ago were let off with the costs, when ship. If they are going to have fast they satisfied the Mayor they were

air sailers like that people who "fly "working." The Democrats in the House of Representatives in Washington have the Republican programme although of their daughter, Frances Wetmore, they have a Cannon in the speaker's to Mr. John Cotton Lamb, on Tuesday, chair to over-awe leader Williams'

November the 24th, nineteen hundred

and three, at twelve o'clock noon,

- Mr. Hugh MacRae and family

ter at their home here. Friends of

Mr. Hugh MacRae will be delighted

to know that he has entirely recovered

from an attack of appendicitis some

- On the Kinston market on

time ago.

a load of tobacco.

Chapel of the Cross, Chapel Hill, North Carolina." When Roosevelt breaks bread on Thanksgiving Day, it is to be hoped he will not be comforted by a Crum arrived yesterday morning from Washfrom Charleston. ington, D. C., and will spend the Win-

Perhaps Mr. Bryan got so used to being the head of Democracy he still thinks he's "it."

- Greensboro Telegram: Unlike Senator Carmack, Congressman Thursday a farmer from Onslow Kitchin does not seem afraid of his got over an average of 231 cents for figures, with their limitations, of Amendment.

OF INTEREST TO TRUCK GROWERS

Representative Thomas Introduces Bills Judge Peebles in Wake Superior in Congress-Moore's Greek.

> Representive Charles R. Thomas Friday, introduced a bill in Congress providing for a reciprocity agreement with Canada, looking to the abolition of the duty of two cents a pound upon American strawberries. The bill is said to be of vast importance to the strawberry growers, and truckers as a whole, of Eastern North Carolina, especially the farmers of Columbus, Wayne, Duplin, Sampson and Pender counties, and means that if it could be enacted into law, a new market for them and the saving of thousands of dollars. The bill is backed up by the Eastern Oarolina Truckers' Association. At the present there is a duty of two cents a pound on strawberries shipped to Canada. Mr. Thomas is dead in earnest, and if he is allowed to do so will offer his bill as an amendment to the Cuban reciprocity measure. The bill introduced to-day authorizes the Presiwith Great Britain, with a view to reciprocity between the United States and Canada" as to the tariff on straw-

Other bills introduced by Mr Thomas Friday were: To appropriate ten thousand dollars to close and beautify the grounds and repair the monument of the Moore's Creek battle field. authorizing the secretary of the treasury to p'ace a clock on the government building in the city of New Bern, appropriating ten thousand dollars therefor.

THREATENED LYNCHING AVERTED.

Tarboro Sheriff Drove Cross Country Save Negro's Neck-Raleigh News. [Special Star Telegram.]

RALEIGH, N. C., Nov. 14.-George McRae, an eighteen year old negro employe, was horribly mangled on the freight yards of the Seaboard Air special scenic effects and the correct Line this forenoon. He was caught and pleasing in costumes. The vaudebetween freight cars and died within | ville features will be strictly polite house and started across the track between the two cars not knowing that the shifting engine was in the act of Joe Battle, the negro who criminally

moving off with them. assaulted Mrs. Patchal Long, of Edgecombe county, on August 1st and was captured in Manchester, Va., a few days ago, was committed to Wake jail for safe-keeping to-day. He was brought from Manchester to Tarboro yesterday and a movement to have a ynching bee was discovered, so the sheriff hastened to Raleigh, driving 65 miles through the country last night, to evade the would be lynchers. The Secretary of State authorizes a change in the name of Red Springs Seminary to the Southern Presbyterian College and Conservatory of Music. There is no change in policy or management of the institution.

A MAP OF THE COUNTY.

Revival of the Effort to Have One Pre-

pared for New Hanover.

Prof. Washington Catlett, superintendent of county schools, has just returned from the great educational meeting in Raleigh and from suggesgestions received there as to the value of such a work, he has revived the talk in Wilmington of the almost absolute necessity of an accurate and comprehensive map of New Hanover county. While Prof. Catlett is personally interested in the matter only from an educational point of view, he says that he finds that a map of the county is regarded as almost indispensable by a large number of people here, who must now rely on out-ofdate prints and surveys for their information concerning the geographical make-up of the county. Prof. Catlett called the matter to the attention of Chairman McEachern, of the Board of County Commissioners, who gave him encouragement. It is estimated that a map of the kind desired could be made for \$500 or less. Several of the county superintendents of education whom Prof. Catlett met at Raleigh said they had secured maps of their counties and were using them to great

ONE MAN DROWNED.

Sloop from Hyde County Run Down and Sunk by a Steamer.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. RALEIGH, N. O., Nov. 14 .- A special from Washington, N. C., says the sloop Cassle, from Alberts Bay, Hyde county, bound to this city with seven hundred and eighty-five poundsof fish consigned to E. B. Moore and C H. Sterling, when off Indian Island last night was run down by the Old Dominion steamer Albemarle, which cut her comp'etely in two. Captain T. W. Midyette, in charge of the Cassie, was drowned. T.B. Silverstone, the mate and Peleg Warner, a passenger, were saved. The Cassie, according to statements from those on the Albemarie and Cassie, had no lights exhibited, MacRae-Lamb.

The following invitations have been received in the city: "Judge and Mrs.

Midyette was at the wheel of the Cas-

> stone, of Hyde county. **GUNNING FOR DUCKS.**

twenty-five feet long, fourteen feet

beam and was owned by T. B. Silver-

Grover Eleveland and Party Arrived Yesterday in Norfolk, Va.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. NORFOLK, VA., Nov. 14 .- Former President Cleveland, accompanied by Dr. Paul Van Dyke, of Princeton, Andrew D. Jones and Ernest Cittings of Baltimore, arrived in Norfolk this morning and left shortly afterward for the Back Bay Gunning Club, the guests of Joseph Zelinger, of Norfolk, president of the Back Bay Gunning Clyb.

"When I started out on this trip forgot politics and began to think of ducks," said Mr. Cleveland.

AN EVENT OF SOCIETY

Wilmington Light Infantry Will Give Big Theatrical Production Last of December.

AS TO THE ARRANGEMENTS.

Sapt. A. P. Adrian and Committee are Work for Success of Event-Mr. Cowan Will Direct Play-Benefit of Armory Fund-Gast.

Without a doubt one of the leading society events of the mid-Winter will be an elaborate production of some approved light comedy or society melodrama of the highest class to be given in the Academy of Music under the auspices of the Wilmington Light Infantry the latter part of December. The affair will be for the benefit of the armory fund of the company and among the best histrionic talent in the dent to enter into a commercial treaty city will be employed in the cast, which will consist of some eight or ten male and female characters, with a perfect avalanche of high class specialties and vaudeville features.

Capt. Adrian and leading members of the company have been quietly at work upon the arrangements for the event for some time, but only last week did the affair assume definite shape which came in the appointment of Capt. Adrian and Lieuts. Geo. P. James and McRee Hatch as a committee of impressarios to select the play and engage the players. Half the battle was immediately won in the engagement of Wilmington's popular young Thespian, Mr. James H. Cowap. as director. Mr. Cowan has had several conferences with the committee and the result thus far has been highly pleasing. In a few days an approved piece for production will be selected and rehearsals will begin promptly.

The production will be marked by The W. L. I. Quartette will contribute several songs of a patriotic and military order, while the other musical numbers will be the best that are possible to be engaged. One strong feature will be a war scene with battle effect, introducing the entire Wilmington Light Infantry in uniform. There will also be in this connection a thrilling tableaux, representing some feature of military life, with special drills of a unique and striking affair.

The gentlemen composing the cast will come from the roster of the company, while a number of ladies will be chosen from among friends of the infactrymen. Every member of the W. L I. is enthused over the forthcoming engagement, and if success can be spelled out of their efforts it will come in large and full measure.

TERRIBLE RAILROAD WRECK.

Rear End Collision on the Illinois Central Twenty Negro Section Hands Killed,

Others Injured.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 14 .- A rear and collision on the Illinois Central railroad, near Kentwood, La., 85 miles from New Orleans, to-night, resulted in the killing of twenty negroes. Ten other negroes and three white men were injured, some of them fatally. The collision was between the McComb City accommodation and the Northern Express bound to Chi-

The McComb City train left here at 4:50 P. M. It should have side-tracked to let the Express leave at 5:20 P. M. go by, but got behind before reaching Kentwood. Near that station the Express ran the Accommodation down. The rear coach of the Ac-commodation, filled with negroes, many of them section hands who had been picked up on the way, was completely wrecked. The engine of the Express did not leave the track and after an hour's delay the through train proceeded on her way. Physicians from McCombs City and

Kentwood were sent to the scene of the wreck to attend the injured. No list of the dead or injured was received at the railroad offices here.

A GIGANTIC COMBINATION.

Formed by John D. Rockefeller, George

Gould, J. J. Hill and Other Capitalists-Steel Trust and Railroads.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. PITTSBURG, Nov. 14.—The Post

o-morrow will publish a story to the effect that a combination formed by John D. Rockefeller, George Gould, J. J. Hill and other capitalists has practically secured control of the United States Steel Corporation; that the acquiring of the New York Cen-tral and its feeders by the Rockefeller-Gould interests is in furtherance of a plan to secure control of all railroads Representatives in Washington have decided on a strenuous opposition to decided on a strenuous opposition to decided on a strenuous opposition to honor of your presence at the marriage tion. The Cassie was a sloop about eventually the Pennsylvania railroad.

The Cassie was a sloop about eventually the Pennsylvania railroad. Chief replied: "My brother had his The scheme it is claimed is a plain business proposition in which the syn-dicate has undertaken to secure control of the greatest tonnage producer in the world (the United States Steel Corporation) and provide means for its transportation as well as for the immense tonnage made possible by the advent of the Wabash into the Pittsburg coal and coke producing districts.

The article claims that the time is

not far distant when in its fight against feller-Gould syndicate will have at its disposal the enormous tonnage of the boll weevil. Mr. Hartsfield says the United States Steel corporation and of farmers there are almost in despair the Pittsburg Coal Company.

Edwards & Adams and W. B. Edwards, general merchandise dealers at Emory, Tex., have filed a joint petition in bankruptcy, with liabilities of \$90,000 and assets about the same.

EARLY MORN EXPLOSION.

Bifty Gallon Tank of Gasoline Went Off With Load Report on Launch-The Escape of Two Men.

A fifty gallon tank of gasoline aboard the launch "Venus," formerly the "Morning Star," exploded Saturday morning about 6:30 o'clock as the craft was being made ready at foot of Market street for her usual trip to the mill of the Pittsburg Lumber Co., up the river. Fortunately no one was seriously hurt, though the boat was partially wrecked, causing a loss of something less than a hundred dollars. The explosion was heard a distance of several blocks and that two men in the mmediate vicinity were not blown into atoms was a miracle.

The fog was very dense on the river yesterday morning and the atmosphere was heavy and close. Mr. R. H. Jarmen, the engineer, and Mr. John Reynolds, the pilot, came down as usual to get the launch in readiness to take company employes living in the city up to the plant. The engine failed to operate and a lantern was lighted in order that the men could see to adjust the machinery. The pipe leading from the tank to the engine is supposed to have been leaking and the gas in the atmosphere to to have ignited from the lantern. At any rate, the two men saw a flash aft of the boat just in time to jump to a flat alongside which the launch was lying. But for the warning of a second given them, the consequences might have been fatal. As it was Messrs. Jarmon and Reynolds were only slightly burned about their faces and hands.

The fire department responded to an alarm from box 41 on account of the explosion, but the flames incident thereto had been extinguished when the apparatus came.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

- Greensboro Telegram: The Southern is said to be making good time on its double track. At the best it can do, the double track will be completed about a year or two later than it should have been. - Goldsboro Argus: The President's argument in favor of Cuban reciprocity applies equally as well to the rest of the Dingley tariff. It is, in fact, a fine anti-tariff argument, and it should be so regarded by Congress.

- Maxton Scottish Chief: Col. E. F. McRae has secured through the Fish Commission, directed by Hon. G. B. Patterson, a nice bucket of black bass fish to be placed in his pond. Others of our mill people would do well to follow suit.

- Greensboro Telegram: The promoters of the Appalachian Park movement are entitled to sympathy. They have made vigorous and manly efforts to get their plan through but the prospect now is that they will have to wait some time yet before seeing their hopes realized.

- Raleigh Post: Another evidence of the growing prosperity of our people is the ability of the North Carolina Midland Railroad Company - connecting Winston-Salem with Mooreeville, -to pay dividends to its stockholders. At a meeting of stockholders on Wednesday a dividend of 21 per cent was declared. - Goldsboro Argus, Nov. 13th: Cotton was selling for 11 cents again

to-day. There were many bales on this market from country carts and the farmers who sold the fleecy staple, as well as those who brought tobacco, went home rejoicing. The Wayne county farmers will always be prosperous as long as both cotton and tobacco are selling at the prices now offered. At the rate cotton is coming in to market these days it will all soon be out of the hands of - Raleigh Post: It was our

pleasure to hear from the visiting county superintendents that the people of their respective counties were in good financial condition, were generally prosperous, and naturally in a good state of mind. The old State was never in so prosperous a condition before. And all because the farmers are having something to sell and can find ready markets for it all at good prices; this in addition, of course, to a plenty to eat at home.

- Raleigh Post, Nov. 14th: The North Carolina Historical Society at its meeting this week, appointed a committee to investigate the contention of Judge Christian, and the conclusion of this committee will be awaited with confidence, as well as deep interest. No State can suffer by a statement of the truth, and no good citizen-certainly no good Southerner, would permit any misrepresentation of a sister State or lefend false claim for his own

- A stranger called at Chief of Police Royall's house in Mt. Olive a few nights ago and asked for lodg-ings. The Chief was about to refuse, when the man said: "Don't you know me? I am the brother Containing \$260,000 of Securities of Chief replied: "My brother had his right big toe cut off." The man immediately pulled off his shoe, and sure enough the toe was gone. The two Royalls flew into each other's arms, for the Chief had long ago mourned his brother as dead. -Kinston Free Press: Mr. Frank Hartsfield returned this morning

from Caldwell, Texas, and reports a distressing state of circumstances in the cotton section of that great about it and see no remedy as yet whereby they can get rid of the lit-tle destroyer. He says the crop conditions here are much better to cotton by the boll weevil.

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DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY

Convention Closed Its Session at Charleston, S. C., After the Election of Officers.

MEET AGAIN IN ST. LOUIS.

Changes in the Constitution and By-Laws Discussed-No Conclusion Reached. Excursion to Sullivan's Island. Guests of Sity Council.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. CHARLESTON. S. C., Nov. 14.-The Daughters of the Confederacy to-day elected the following officers: President-Mrs. A. T. Smythe, of Charleston.

First Vice President-Mrs. Basil Duke, of Kentucky. Second Vice President-Mrs. J. D. Bealle, of Alabama.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. Jno. P. Hickman, of Kentucky. Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. V. C. McCherry, of West Virginia.

Treasurer—Mrs. J. J. Leigh, of Virginia. Custodian-Mrs. B. E. Gabbett, of

St. Louis was selected neeting place. Daughters of the Confederacy did not end until midnight and the convention closed enthusiastically with the singing of the Long Metre Doxology. After the morning session the visitors, as guests of the City Council, went on an excursion to Sullivan's Island and the Isle of Palms. All of them visited Fort Moultrie, but by courtesy of the War Department and Colonel Potts, commandant, many of the ladies went to Fort Sumter rather than the Isle of Palms. Under escort of Captain Jor-

made two trips from Bullivan's Island to historic Fort Sumter, where every attention was shown to the visitors. After their return to the city, at the afternoon and evening sessions, there were protracted discussions as to changes in the constitution and byimportant conclusions were reached. The main proceedings were the selection of St. Louis, next October, as the place of meeting, and the reading of reports from the State chairmen of South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia and Utah.

dan and Lieutenant Bunker, U. S. A.,

the government vessel General Howe

A committee was appointed to confer with similar committees of the Veterans and Sons of Veterans as to the propriety of revising and the adop-"Dixie," such committee to report at the next annual convention.

RHODE ISLAND COTTON MILLS

General Cut in Wages Ordered-In All About 25,000 Hands Will Have Their Pay Reduced.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. PROVIDENCE, R. I. Nov. 14.-The cotton manufacturers of Rhode Island, following the recent action of Fall River mill owners in deciding on a reduction of 10 per cent. in wages, November 23rd, to-day ordered a general cut-down, affecting practically every

plants on November 23rd, and in others a week later. In all, about 25,000 hands will have their pay re-The first mills owned by Rhode Island men to announce the cut were those of the Cuinebaug and Wauregan

gan, Conn. The Goddard Brothers, one of the largest manufacturing firms in Rhode Island, then posted notices in their big mills at Hope, Lonsdale and Berkley, R. L., and Blackstone, Mass., and announcements of similar tenor were rapidly made by other mills in the Blackstone valley, including those of danville corporation, employing 2,000 hands, and those controlled by Robert Knight in Rhode Island and Massachu setts which employ 6,000 to 7,000.

SAN DOMINGO REVOLUTION.

French Steamer Will Attempt to Porce

the Blockade of Puerto Plata. CAPE HAYTIEN, HAYTI, Nov. 14 .-The French steamer St. Simon, with General Jiminiz, head of the Domini can revolution, on board, has left Port au-Prince, Hayti, with the intention, according to report, of forcing the blockade of Puerto Piata on the northern coast of San Domingo.

The Haytien authorities formally opposed the landing in Hayti of Gen. Jiminiz, in spite of his strong insist ence on being permitted to do so. It is said that if the St. Simon is interferred with she will ask for the assistance of the German cruiser Gazelle or any other of the German war ships which may be in Dominican

Telegraph communication with the interior of San-Domingo was reestab lished yesterday morning, but now is again interrupted and it is reported that severe fighting must have occurred before San Domingo.

VALISE STOLEN.

Texas Rallway.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star ST. LOUIS, Nov. 14. -A sp cial to the Post-Dispatch from Dallas, Tex.,

President Chas. N. Alexander, of the Velasco, Brazos & Northern Railway, has reported to the detective department of the City Hall that thieves arrival at the isthmus, should be delast night stole a valise from his buggy containing \$260,000 worth of securities of the railroad

The buggy from which the property was stolen was hitched on one of the its officials may hold conferences with most prominent corners of the business district, while President Alexandesire to do so. der was in an office consulting with other persons.

The Dowager Duchess of Roxburghe, Lady Isabel Iquis Kerr and Captain Reginald Ward, of the Roxburghe-Texas because of the damage done to cotton by the boll weevil.

Texas because of the damage done to cotton by the boll weevil.

Texas because of the damage done for Liverpool yesterday from New York. Goelet wedding party, were passen-

CUBAN RECIPROCITY MEASURE DISCUSSED.

Democratic Members of House of Repre sentatives in Caucus Pledged to Support the Bill.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. WASHINGTON, Nov. 14 .- After discussing the Cuban reciprocity measure for three hours in caucus to-night, the Democratic members of the House of Representatives agreed to a resolution. by a vote of 95 to 15, pledging them-selves to support the bill, after efforts have been made to secure its amendment abolishing the differential on re-fined sugar and eliminating the five-year clause in the treaty. The opposition to this action came from the members from Louisiana, Texas and Cali fornia. The three Democratic mem-bers from the latter State said they could not vote for the measure under any circumstances, but it is understood although not definitely stated, that the

action of the caucus will be considered binding. The resolution adopted was presentd by Mr. Williams, the minority floor leader. Several ineffectual attempts were made to amend it by the members representing sugar interests. No other subjects were considered. The resolution adopted is as follows: "Resolved, That it is the sense of this caucus that the minority floor this caucus that the minority fleor leader be instructed to offer to the Cuban reciprocity bill, and to secure a yea and nay vote thereon if possible, the following amendment: Strike from the bill the following language, beginning in line 15 and ending in line 2, page 3.

"Provided, that while said convention is in force no sugar imported

tion is in force no sugar imported from the republic of Cuba and being the product of the soil or industry o the republic of Cuba, shall be admitted into the United States at reduction of duty greater than twenty per centum of the rates of duty thereon as provided by the tariff acts of the United States, approved July 24th, 1897, and no sugar, the product of any other foreign country shall be admitted by treaty or convention into the United States while this convention is in force at a lower rate of duty than that provided by the tariff act of the United States, approved June 24th, 1807."

And insert the following in lieu thereof "That upon the making of said agreement and the issuance of said proclamation, and while said agreement shall remain in force, there shall be levied, collected and paid in the duties thereon now provided by law on all sugars above No. 16. Dutch standard in color and on all sugar which has gone through a process of refining, imported

into the United States, one cent and 825-1000 of one cent per pound.
"Resolved, further, That upon the adoption or rejection of this amendment by the House, it is the sense of the caucus that the Democratic member of the House should vote for the bill as a step in the direction of freer and more untramelled trade between the United States and Cuba.

"Resolved, furthermore, That it is the sense of this caucus that if a rule shall be brought into the House from the Committee on Rules, shutting off amendment, it is the duty of the Democratic membership of the House to vote unanimously against that

STATE DEPARTMENT

IS NOT DISTURBED.

At the Report That an Army is Moving Upon Panama-All Necessary Precautions Have Been Taken.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.-The State Department has no knowledge of the marching of an army from Colombia upon the isthmus, and the officials state were any such movement in progress it would certainly be informed by its agents in the South, the cables mill in the State and several in Massabeing still open. The officials scout chusetts and Connecticut. The reducthe idea that any such march is in protion will become operative in some gress, as the president of Colombia is reported to have described to the president of Ecuador. It is assumed here that the "army" said to be marching on Panama was nothing more than the few men, perhaps 500 all told, who were about to embark at Buena Vencompanies, in Danielson and Wauretura a few days ago when they were turned back from the isthmus by notice of the determination of the United States naval commanders to allow no landings in that quarter. The troops cannot reach the isthmus by water and the officials here are positive that they cannot do so by land on account of the nature of the inter-

> vening country. But there are more than physical obstacles in the way of the approach of an army upon Panama. The officials do not care to express publicly learned from the instructions given to our naval commanders to make it evident that never will the isthmus become the seat of warfare so long as the United States government can prevent it. The difference between the present situation on the isthmus and that which existed last year when Commander McClean prevented armed troops from crossing the isth-mus by rail is this: The authorities have now determined to extend the lines of protection to the railroad. They will not allow hostile forces, no matter whether they are Colombian or Panama troops, to come into collision anywhere near the railroad to prevent such ions it will be necessary to extend the neutral zone clear to the north and south boundaries of the republic of Panama.

Officials here will not make such a statement publicly; they simply say: "Wait until the emergency arises." But it is known that such were the plans of the naval commanders and asthere is no indication of a change in these plans, not the slightest apprehension is felt here of the epcroachment of any Colombian army upon

In order that the contemplated mission of General Reyes, of the Colombian government, to Panama, having for its object the making of overtures to the new republic designed to secure its return to the national domain may not be accompanied by any unpleasant incidents, due to the possibility of his coming without being officially accre-dited, Secretary Hay to-day after a conference with Minister Bunau-Varilla. determined to accord General Reyes sire to go aboard one. It also was arranged with Secretary Hay that a warship will be especially assigned to the government of Panama in which

The will of William L. Elkins, the financier, has been filed for probate. The testator's fortune is estimated at from \$35,000,000 to \$80,000,000. The only bequest to charity contained in