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SUBSCRIPTION PRICE.

The subscription price of the Weckly Star is

OUR SUPREMACY IN COTTON.

The STAR a few days ago mentioned that the great conflicts between nations in modern times are brought about by the competition for trade supremacy. The commercial spirit of civilized nations is brought about by the necessity of giving remnnerative employment to the people and also to provide compensatory investment for capital. As long as there is labor and as long as there is capital this competition between nations will go on.

For humanity's sake wars would probably disappear from the earth in this enlightened age, but when nations believe that their life and preservation depends on trade there will be fighting-pretty much on the same principle that dogs fight over a toothsome bone This new cause for war also assumes a serious aspect for all the leading nations of the world, and the little lones as well, for they are the bones of contention. Formerly when two nations went to war they were alone concerned, but now these trade wars involve the interests of all and when two nations go to war, the international trade relations are such that all peoples are affected. War in Europe or the East puts up the price of meat and grain products in America, causing poor people to pay higher prices and enriching another class. War between America and any European nation would affect the food supply over there, and as Europe is dependent on the United States for cotton, such a war would be disastrous to Europe

At the present time the South furnishes the principal supply of cotton for the world, but Great Britain, Germany and France see the day that they cannot depend on the South for their supply of raw cotton. They are therefore exploiting Africa and other portions of she world to develop the cotton growing industry, to free themselves from dependency on America for their cotton, and possibly to preserve their cotton manufacturing industries from destruction by those of America, which will sooner or later have supremacy owing to their advantage in being in the country that produces the raw supply. Germany's war now going on in Southwest Africa and Great Britain's war on the west coast are the result of trade aggressions and more likely for securing cotton-producing territory.

and particularly to the South.

However, the New York Jour nal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin assures us that "our natural advantages in cotton," the United States will hold the supremacy both in the growing of cotton and its manufacture. That able paper, in its issue of January 19th.

for great cotton manufacturing district of England is in a peculiar position of dependence. It was stated at the recent meeting of manufacturers at Manchester that the mills of Lancashire represented a capital £100,000, 000 and an annual product of £90,000, 000, of which £70,000,000 was export ed. As important part of the export is to India, which is a cotton producing country and has made a beginning of manufacturing, for which it has demanded "protection

Andrew Caird, writing to the London Mail, says: "Lancashire depends upon the cheapness of American cot ton for the bulk of its great export to India. When the price of raw cotton goes beyond 31 pence per pound it is difficult to sell the finished article at a price which the natives of India can afford to pay." This not only illustrates the hard position that Laucashire is in, but suggests the great natural advantage of the United States for cotton manufaturing. We produce in our Southern States, including in that category Oklahoma and the Indian Territory, about 80 per cent. of all the raw cotton used in the world. Great Britain has to import every pound that she manufactures, taking most of it from this country and transporting it in bulk three thousand miles and more. Then she must export by far the larger part of the product, the cheaper fabrics going a st.ll greater distance to India, China and South America, while some of the finer ones come back here to be sold in our mar-

The present high price of cotton is not the only danger to the Lancashire mills. The tendency of recent years has been toward the building of mills in our Southern States for manufacturing the coarser and cheaper finished goods, while those of New England have been working up to those of finer quality. It is a practical certainty that we shall use an increasing proportion of thankfulness that of our supply of raw cotton, supply our least found that out!

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RECORD OF COURTS. policy in foreign trade, more and more ch upon the markets which England has so long been accustomed Negro Woman Before the Mayor to supply. We have every advantage in these mpetition, sand it will be little for Murderous Assault Upon to our credit if we do not profit by it. It is no wonder that the Engan Old Man. lish cotton manufacturers are made anxious by the situation that con-

own requirements for finished goods to

fronts them, which they are disposed

to attribute too much to mere specu-

to remain so until there is a consider-

able increase in the supply. It will

take time to effect that increase from

other sources than the United States,

and the result of experiments in

Africa and elsewhere is in much

doubt. Meantime our advantage is a

continuing one, but its benefit will

depend in no small degree upon a

lower price, for we can manufacture

only what there is a selling market for.

THE APPALACHIAN FOREST RE-

Georgia wants to butt in on the

proposed Appalachian forest re-

serve, the bill for which is now

pending in Congress. Originally it

was intended to reserve an extensive

tract in the western and mountain

portion of North Carolina, and if

North Carolina, South Carolina, Ten-

nessee and Georgia, all of which

States will probably want to figure

in it, the region in North Carolina

will be necessarily contracted as

compared with the scope of country

which the present bill contemplates.

Senator Overman, of this State, is

in charge of the bill and recently

secured a favorable report on it from

of Tuesday says about it:

the country.

as are here mentioned.

Here is what the Atlanta Journal

The beginning of ferest reservation

by the government of the United States is less than a dozen years old. Since the beginning in 1892, millions

of acres in California, Arizona, Colo-

rado, Idaho, Montana and Washing-

ton, New Mexico, Oregon, South Da-kota and Wyoming have been re-served, and we are face to face with

he fact that nothing has been done in

the Eastern or Southern States to pre-

serve the timber supply to our part of

tated nearly thirty years ago, but it was not until 1891 that the President

had authority to set aside such lands

In the years to come the destruction

of our timber will be accounted al-

most akin to a crime. It has been

sheer vandalism in many of its dis-

our people come to their senses the

better it will be for the entire country

If a forest reserve should ever be es-

tablished in the eastern section of the

federal union, it must embrace lands

where Tennessee, North Carolina and

Georgia meet and join; and Georgia

has more to offer than any or all of

the three named in this connection.

There is a section which still holds on

the soil the original primeval forest

growth. There are tracts of five hun-

dred acres that are known to ex-

ist in a body where no clearings have

ever been made, in White county,

bousands of such acres in that broken

mountainous country. The timber is

fine, and the commercial hard woods

of the South Atlantic region must

soon be in great demand, as the soft

National parks are different from

forest reserves. Forest reserves are

set aside for the protection of the tim-

and to protect the water sheds. Geor-

gia has an immense opportunity in

this forest reserve policy. The land

can be purchased by the government

at very small figures, and the value of

meet all expenses many times over.

Jan. 21st:

the timber, judiciously cut, would

Says the Charlotte Chronicle of

Col. H. C. Eccles, of this city, is one

of the most ardent supporters of the

Appalachian Park bill in this section.

Col. Eccles is only waiting now for

the bill to be introduced in the lower

House of Congress when he expects

to go to Washington to do what he

It is not generally known, but over

200,000 acres of the land included in

the park survey belong to prominent

Charlotteans. This land is a part of

the estate of Dr. R. Y. McAden, and

Dr. J. H. McAden, of this city, is

rustee of this vast tract, which would

become a part of the park if the bill

Col. Eccles is of the opinion that the

bill will be passed by Congress, it hav-

ag already passed the Senate by a big

najority. The secretary of the Appa-

achian Park Association, Dr. Ambler,

of Asheville, is sending out literature

on the subject, says Col. Eccles, and

the association is doing all in its power

to make the movement a success. The

amount of money is ten million dol-

lars and Col. Eccles believes that this

amount will be forthcoming. Only

two Senators have opposed the bill and

these have now come around all right.

Contrary to what might be expected

Ool. Eccles says that many and per-

haps a majority of the lumber men of

the Appalachian section favor the bill

If Columbia has anything that we

want she had better not "rise as one

man" and stand there long enough

for us to "touch" her. We left her

a little something and she ought to

be satisfied, or else we are liable to

The associated press dispatches

tell us that on the morning of Jan-

uary 21st an earthquake shock was

felt all over the republic of Panama.

Probably it was the same seizemic

disturbance that occurred when the

Panamanian revolutionists "rose

So Rooseve!t now says, "Senator

Hanna has a perfect right to be-

come a candidate for President if

he chooses." There is reason for

Hanna to feel an overpowering sense

of thankfulness that Teddy has at

make her hold up both paws in the

next inning.

as one man."

and final destruction of the forests.

can in favor of the bill.

woods of the West disappear.

in protecting the forest growth.

tinguishing features, and the sooner

A national forestry system was agi-

growing extent, and, a reasonable

KNOCKED DOWN AND ROBBED. lation in the raw material. In the present condition of supply and demand the legitimate price is decidedly above 31 pence a pound, and is likely

South Carolina "Soon" Badly Slashed by Another and Sent to Hospital-Two Others in an Affray-Tramp Sailors in Custody.

In the police court yesterday Bessie Murphy, a young colored woman, was charged with making a desperate assault with a club axe upon an old negro shoemaker named Noah Williams, who appeared with his head bandaged up as the result of a very severe gash in the scalp from the blade of the weapon, which was produced in court. The facts of the case have been already published. The old man lived alone and while cobbling before the fire in his house, near Ninth and Grace streets, Tuesday night, the Murphy woman came in and asked for something with which to drive a tack out of her shoe. The old man gave the reservation includes portions of her something in response to her request and after driving the tack out on the hearth, the woman asked the old man for some money. The old man replied that he had none and went on with his cobbling. The woman, stepped behind him and the old man unconscious of any danger, said the next thing he knew women were tieing up his head. One witness testified that the axe was lying in a pool of blood on the floor and the old man was unconscious in his chair when she came iv. The old shoemaker's pockets had been robbed of \$1.05. A colored woman with whom the Murphy girl lived was introduced to prove an alibi for the defendant, but the witness proved fine one for the State. She said Bessie Murphy said she was going off to get some money to buy something to eat, and that she went off and came back with \$1.05-the amount stolen from the old man. The assault occurred while the woman was absent from her home. The defendant still contended, however, that she was at home when Williams was clubbed, and said the old man was mad with her because she wouldn't marry him. The Mayor held the woman for the Superior Court in default

of \$100 bond.

Negro Slashed Another. Shed Hines, a young negro who says he came from Sumter, S. C., and has been employed for some time at the Armour Fertilizer Works, was badly slashed on the left arm late yesterday afternoon by Dave Macons, colored, who is employed at Cape Fear umber mill, near which the cutting took place. The cause of the affair could not be ascertained. A warrant was issued by Justice Fowler for the arrest of Macon and Hines went to the City Hall, where he was examined by Dr. Harper and sent to the hospital in the patrol wagon. He had a gash about eight inches long and an inch and a half deep on the arm near the shoulder. The main artery barely missed having been severed. The police last night arrested John Young and Andrew McLean, both colored, who are charged with the cutting of Hines, though Hines says Macon was the man who did the slashing. Hines was under the influence of liquor when the trouble occurred, and the police say they have the right parties, notwithstanding the statements of the wounded negro who was disposed to assume an air of mystery about the affair when he was

taken to the hospital. Smashed in the Head.

Kim Hamilton, an old, one-legged colored man employed at the Champion Compress, got too much liquor aboard yesterday afternoon and was making a nuisance of himself in the vicinity of Second and Princess streets. He at length got so bold as to strike Joseph Tate, a young negro, with a cane which he carried. Tate carried an umbrella and in retaliation smashed the old "soak" over the head with it, laying his scalp open. Deputy Sheriff Howe saw the occurence and carried them both before Justice Fowl er, who required of each a bond of \$25 for their appearance in his court to morrow morning at 10 o'clock to answer charges of assault and battery.

Suspicious Sallors, Two sailors who applied for lodging at the police station before day yesterday morning are held for further advices. The men said they came from Norfolk, but their actions were rather as it would prevent the denudation suspicious and it was decided best to detain them a while.

A. C. L. Pension System,

Florence Times: "Major J. J. Lucas, of Society Hill, was in the city this morning going home from New York where he attended a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Atlantic pension scheme which was considered at a recent meeting was adopted. It applies to employes of the com-pany over 61 years of age and of ten years service with the Coast Line or with any other system which the Coast Line has acquired control Beyond this matter Major Lucas said there was nothing else of interest to the public considered at the meet-

Much Game in Onslow,

Mr. L. M. Sandlin, of this city, returned yesterday from a visit to a friend in Onslow county. Mr. Sandlin spent much time in hunting, and brought home as a result of his sport | pected and the result of his resignation in the field, 150 birds, 50 squirrels, 6 | will be that the school will be without duck and 6 coons. The game was dis- a teacher until Supt. Catlett can em-

BIG FIRE AT LOUISBURG, N. S.

Town Ihreatened With Destruction -S. A. L. Collision Near Headerson. [Special Star Telegram.]

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 22.-The Rsleigh fire department was telegraphed early this morning to come with apparatus to Louisburg, where fire broke out at 3 o'clock. However, before the apparatus was gotten on the train, another telegram was received that the fire was under control. Reports from Louisburg are that \$20,000 damage; was done. The losses, with few excep-tions, were covered by insurance. Two brick and one frame store buildings were destroyed, J. W. Ponton and Mrs. Aycock being the owners. Others were also damaged. The merchants who suffered were: Deltz & Co., Swift & Co., J. W. King, Odam & Co., W. S. Hale, Huges & Preston and W. H. Harris. Much of their damage was from water and moving goods. The court house caught several times as did Riverside warehouse and other buildings, but the fire was exlinguished before damage was done. It looked at one time like all the busiless section of the town would go. Two freight trains north and southound from Raleigh and Richmond collided early this morning just beyond Henderson. Both engines were badly damaged. Eight cars were wrecked so the track was blocked until noon. The Seaboard trains went around by Selma over the A. C. L. and Southern tracks during the blockade. Engineer Will Reid, of the northbound train, was very badly scalded and bruised, No one else was

TRIPLE CHARGE OF MURDER.

Desperate Negro Arrested Near Raleigh Yesterday-Swift & Co Domesticate.

[Special Star Telegram.] RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 23,-Will Adams, a negro, was arrested and held by the coroner's jury to-day for the murder of Mary Bridgers, colored, and her two children at their home twelve miles from Raleigh last evening as was told of in yesterday's Associated Press dispatches. Evidence before the jury was that Adams was seen at the Bridgers house during the afternoon although he stoutly denied being there. to the public. There is also other circumstantial evihouse he refused to open the door, and several volleys were fired an at windows. He fought like a tiger when the door was broken open.

Swift & Company, meat packers, of Chicago, capital \$100,000, domesticated to-day for the purpose of establishing a branch office in Wilmington in charge of A. C. Landes. L. F. Swift is president and D. E. Hartwell, secretary, of the general company.

Register to Meet His Doom,

Jabel Register, the notorious criminal of Columbus county, sentenced to hang on Feb. 25th for the murder of Jim Staley, and !Jesse Soles, was taken to Whiteville on the 6 o'clock train Friday morning by Sheriff Butler. Register will lay in jail there until the date of his execution when the hanging will be conducted privately. Petitions asking the Governor to

commute his sentence to life imprisonment are being circulated in Columbus as well as counter petitions asking that the judgment of the court be not changed. One of the petitions in Register's behalf is being circulated by

Handsome Law Offices,

Messrs. Russell & Gore have fitted up a handsome private office adjoining their general consultaton rooms in the Allen building. The ceiling is of decorated canvas; the walls are handsomely frescoed with oak trimming, while the floor is of beautiful rift sawed North Carolina pine in natural colors. The famous Wernicker elastic book other convenience known to the manufacturers of office supplies is employed. The offices of Messre. Russell & Gore in their entirety are among the very best equipped in the State.

Negro Killed at Florence.

Before day yesterday morning Willie Mick, a negro shifting engine helper, was instantly killed on the A. C. L. yards at Florence by being buried under an avalanche of coal from one of the railroad chutes. The coal had been clogged in the chute and the negro had gone up on the frame work to loosen it. The heavy bulk gave way all at once and the negro was buried under it.

New Line of Steamers.

It is reported on good authority that upon a guarantee of tonnage by Columbia business men, Mr. T. D. Love, of this city, will next month begin the operation of a steamer line between Georgetown, S. U., and Columbia, on the Santee and Congaree rivers. Either the "Highlander" or "Tar Heel," it is said will go to the new line and will be operated in connection with the Cirde Steamship Co.

Died at Age of 115?

Emanuel Solomon, an old colored died yesterday and his age is given as 115 years on the death certificate. The remains were sent yesterday afternoon to Scott's Hill for interment accompanied by his son, who said his own age was 72 and he was the youngest of the family of the old man's children.

Teacher Resigned,

Rev. J. D. Bowen, teacher of Acorn Branch school, District No. 5, on yesterday tendered his resignation to terday and attracted much attention, I in attendance in that district.

FIRE IN A COLLEGE. Dormitory and Other Buildings

Burned at State Normal in Greensboro Yesterday.

Will be No Interruption of Work for Term-President Mciver Issues a Statement-Kind Offers of Assistance by Many.

STUDENTS BARELY ESCAPED.

Special Star Telegram. GREENSBORO, N. C., Jan. 21.-Fire croke out the in kitchen of the State Normal College here this morning at a quarter to four o'clock and destroyed the main dormitory with laundry, boiler room and kitchen. All the girls escaped with their lives, but most of them lost their personal effects. The loss is about \$75,000, not half of which is covered by insurance. The college has closed down until Monday when work will be resumed.

The students are being taken care of in the hotels and private homes, more than a hundred more homes than were needed being offered.

State Treasurer Lacy and State Superintendent Joyner are here and Governor Aycock will come to-morrow when a meeting of the board of directors will be held looking to the erection of a modern dormitory by next Fall. The students' building, practice and observation school will be converted into dormitories for the Spring term. Only twenty-four of the students went home. Citizens here are raising a fund to aid destitute students, over a thousand dollars having already been subscribed. President McIver says the disaster is a serious one but not a circumstance to the typhoid fever epidemic of a few years ago. Rejoicing is great that no loss of life resulted. Dr. McIver this afternoon issued the following statement

dence. When a posse went to his Normal and Industrial College was ignore the just needs and business reburned this morning about 4 o'clock. No student was injured in any way, though a number of them lost their trunks and all their clothing. The citizens of Greensboro have opened their homes to the students and comfortable temporary arrangements have been made.

"There will be no suspension of the college. The students have shown perfect self-possession, and there has been at no time anything bordering upon a panic. The three other dormitories, together with the temporary equipment of rooms in the main college building, the atudents' building and the Curry building, will enable the college to continue its work for the present. In two or three weeks some permanent and better arrangement can be made.

[By Associated Press.] CHARLOTTE, N. C., Jan. 21.-Fire which broke out in the kitchen about five o'clock this morning, destroyed the main dormitory, the kitchen and dining rooms and laundry and boiler buildings of the State Normal College for girls at Greensboro. There were about three hundred students in the ourned dormitory and all escaped

Some of the students, however, had exceedingly narrow escapes. Two young ladies were awakened only when the flames had reached their room and in their fright they were barely prevented from jumping from the window. Over one hundred of the students lost all their clothing. Much praise has been be stowed upon the watchman for the manner he went about the waking of the students and thus preventing any thing like a panic. The loss is estimated at \$70,000, with \$25,000 insurance. The building is the property of the State, and had been in use only

The students were well cared for by citizens of Greensboro and the banks of the town tendered each a loan of \$100 to replenish their wardrobes, while the Southern railway offered free transportation to any who desired to go home. Regular exercises will be resumed not later than Monday

Mrs. Hoed's Magazine Work.

next.

Charlotte Chronicle: "The Mill News, of Charlotte, has recently been very greatly improved and is now one of the neatest publications received at this office. One of its features is a woman's department, conducted by Mrs. Lisette Clayton Hood. She is a gifted woman, whose literary career began in Wilmington in 1875, on a monthly magazine. Mrs. Hood's style is simple, but very earnest and forceful, and her department, we feel sure, will be an attractive feature of the Mill News." [Mrs. Hood is a daughter of the Rev. Dr. G. D. Bernneim, of this city.]

Rolled Off the Pender.

A negro was scooped up on the fender of car No, 20, of the street railway line, nearly opposite The Orton last night. The man was rolled over and over and finally pitched off to one side of the track unhurt. A number man for many years employed at of people saw the accident and hur-Christ's bakery back of which he lived, | ried to the man, thinking he had been severely injured or killed, but h jumped up and exclaimed that he was not hurt and told the motorman to go ahead. However, it was a narrow escape and, in the opinion of bystanders, the fender saved his life.

Took His Groceries Away.

C. H. Simpson, a colored fisherman who lives on Seventh, between Ann and Nun streets, complained last night that he had been robbed of a basket of groceries at Front and Orange streets. Supt. Catlett and will return home. He was taking the groceries home The action of Mr. Bowen was not ex- about 9:30 o'clock and put the basket on the sidewalk while he rested a moment. He said two well-dressed white men came along, took the provisions played near Front street market yes- ploy another. There were 26 pupils and threatened to harm him if he said anything about it.

STILL RIGHT AFTER THEM. TO EXTEND ITS LINES

Shamber of Commerce Again Invokes Aid of Corporation Commission in Strug. gle With Seaboard-Address

The following letter to the shippers of the Chamber of Commerce has been drawn by President J. A. Taylor and copy of the same was mailed yesterday to each member of the body interested. The letter is self explana-

WILMINGTON, N. C., Jan. 23. To Members:

S. A. L. Service.
The Seaboard Air Line's new management have shown their hand. You will recall that the S. A. L. issued a circular in November discontinuing flag stations between Wilmington and Hamlet, and that this Chamber carried the matter to the corporation commission and had the stations restored. Investigation disclosed that the S. A. L. had without warrant or color of law discontinued these stations, and the prompt action of the corporation commission in the premises was supposed to, have definitely settled the matter; but in this supposition we bave been woefully disappointed, and the purpose of this railway system to disregard its public obligations in direct defiance of law has been made manifest by the issuance of a circular without authority of law and to which publicity was never given, under date of January 8th, effective January 18th discontinuing all the stations, with the possible exception of one, restored by the order of the corporation commission. The matter has again been car-

ried to the commission. It is the purpose of this letter not only to advise you of the situation. but to suggest that the Wilmington shippers tender shipments, in the reg ular course of business, for these abol ished stations, and in the event that they are refused, to require the agent to endorse across the face of the bill of lading, over his signature as agent formal notice of refusal. The law cannot be violated with impunity, and its infraction subjects the offend-

ng party to penalty.
This Chamber will prosecute all infractions of the law if shippers, acting on the suggestion herein, will procure the evidence of refusal of shipments. We would indeed prove ourselves simple to expect any relief other than by force. The B. A. L. has given un-"The main dormitory of the State mistakable evidence of its purpose to is not powerless to gain redress if its rights are vigorously asserted.

You are earnestly requested to support, by your individual actions, this Chamber in its efforts to safeguard the public welfare.

Yours respectfully, J. A. TAYLOR, President.

VERDICT NOT GUILTY.

rs. Bechtel Acquitted of the Charge of Being an Accessory, After the Fact to the murder of Her Daughter.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. ALLENTOWN, Pa., Jan. 23.-Mrs. Catherine Bechtel, the aged mother of Mabel Bechtel, who was found murdered last October, was to-day acquitted of the charge of being an accessory to the murder after the fact. Her trial occupied nine days and the jury deliberated one hour before rendering the verdict of not guilty, The gray haired defendant received the news of her acquittal with tears and expres-

sions of joy. She was immediately released from custody and went to her home, accompanied by her sons. John and Charles, who are under indictment on a similar charge, but their trials have been postponed until the April term of court. Former Mayor Schaadt, counsel for Mrs. Bechtel. says he has instituted an investigation by which he hopes to clear up the mystery surrounding the murder of the young woman.

Alois Eckstein and David Weisenberg, who were rivals for the affection of Mabel Bechtel, were both tried for her murder, and both were acquitted. Attorney Schaadt made an eloquent plea for the acquittal of the accused woman and during his address directly charged Eckstein with having a guilty knowledge of the crime. Disirict Attorney Lichtenwalner in his address explained that the theory of the Commonwealth was that Tom Bechtel had killed his sister during a quarrel and asserted that the evidence dduced proved the claim. Judge Trexler's charge consumed a half hour. The spectators attempted to applaud the verdict but were checked by Judge

POSTOFFICE ROBBED.

Safe Blown Open and Nearly Four Hundred Dollars Secured.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

TITUSVILLE, FLA., Jan. 23.-Cracksmen blew open the safe here early this morning and took all the cash in t, amounting to nearly \$400. They first went to a blacksmith shop and secured a sledgehammer, crowbar open the front door of Kline's dry goods store and forced open the doors of his safe. They secured only about \$20 in silver, overlooking bills checks and postoffice orders. They then went to the postoffice, where they blew open the safe, wrecking it completely and damaging the building. They escaped, but to-day two men were arrested at New Smyrna charged with the robbery and brought here and placed in jail.

SUGGESSPULLY LAUNGHED

Protected Graiser Charleston by Newporl News Shipbuilding Co. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., Jan. 23 .-The protected cruiser Charleston was successfully launched at the yards of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company to-day. A heavy fog hung over the river and almost as soon as the ship struck the water she was lost to the view of the several thousand spectators. Miss Helen W. Rhett, daughter of Mayor R. G. Rhett of Ohrleston, christened the vessel, Advocate General Lamly represented the Navy Department. After the as the central executive committee launching the Newport News Com- was appointed for the receiving of pany gave a luncheon in honor of the christening party and prominent | Sub-committees are to be appointed in

NO. 1

Long Distance Service in Pros pect Between Wilmington, N.C., and Florence, S.C.

COLUMBUS TELEPHONE CO

Property Conveyed by Receiver 6. Weeks to Jno. H. Gore, Esq., Prustee - Whiteville, Chadbourn and Others in Territory.

It is learned from a reliable source that the American Telephone and Telegraph Co., will shortly extend its Southern Bell long distance lines from Wilmington to Florence, S. C., and that a party of prospectors are now on the survey of the route. At Florence the line will connect directly with the main line extending South and will also give long distance service to the immediate country between Wilmington and Florence, including Whiteville, Chadbourn, Fair Bluff, Marion, Mullins and other territory now embraced by the re organized Columbus Telephone Company, which has a traffic agreement with the Bell Company. At present the long distance service South is given Wilmington through Selma, N. C., but the connecting link between Wilmington and Florence now in prospect will make communication direct.

A deed was executed yesterday, transferring from C. D. Weeks, receiver, to Jno. H. Gore, trustee for the re-organized Columbus Telephone Company, all the property of that 065 pounds gross, and 803 after being corporation, the consideration being \$3.755. The lines of the company now extend from Wilmington as far as Council's Station and from Wilmington to Southport. Upon completion of the long distance lines between Wilmington and Florence the territory covered by the Columbus company will be accessible to all the millions of points covered by the big corporation. A metallic line is now be- forty persons, says the Dispatch, ing built from Council's Station to were hunting robbins the same hadbourn, a distance of about 25 miles, so as that territory may be included in the traffic agreement reached about a year ago.

THE ALABAMA GYGLONE.

Death List Amounts to Twenty-eight-Relief Measures Taken.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. TUSCALOOSA, ALA., Jan 23.-The death of one of the victims injured in the tornado which passed over Moundville, Ala., yesterday has increased the list of those killed in the storm to thirty-eight, six whites and thirty-two negroes. The dead man was a white farmer who lived four miles from Moundville, whose name has not yet

The funerals of Robert Powers, of Tuscaloosa, and Miss Nettie Farley, of Havans, were held to-day.

At the same time, twenty-five negroes who died in the tornado were buried. The number of wounded is estimated at sixty-five, of whom about a dozen are expected to die. Ten negroes are are also expected to

die from injuries. Relief measures are also being taken by citizens of Tuscalooss, under the leadership of General W. W. Brandon, adjutant general of Alabama. Six hundred dolars was raised for the sufferers yesterday afternoon, while the pupils from the female seminary at Tuscaloosa went to Moundville and served hot coffee to the destitute and wounded. Telegrams have been sent from Birmingham offering assistance.

RADIUM-BEARING EARTH.

Richest Deposit in the World Discovered

in Texas. By Telegraph to the Morning Star

Austin, Tex., Jan. 23.-What is claimed to be the richest radium-

bearing earth in the world has been liscovered in the Llano gold and coal lelds, 115 miles north of this city. Rumors of the discovery of earth bearing a large per cent. of radium in the Llano have been persistent for some time, and to day these rumors were verified by the return of a party of scientists who had visited the mines to investigate the reports. These gentlemen state that the Llano earth will produce a larger percentage of radium than that of any other known deposit.

NEGRO MURDERER CAPTURED.

Charged With Killing a Mother and Her Two Children. By Telegraph to the Morning Star

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 23.-Will Adams, charged with the murder of the negro woman Bridgers and her two young children, was captured early to-day. He was located in his ome and made a desperate resistance. posse fired into the windows and were beginning to break into house when Adams surrendered. was brought here this afternoon. fession, acknowledging the crime.

DYNAMITERS ARRESTED.

Charged With Holding Up a Seaboard Air Line Passenger Train.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., Jan. 23.-S. A. Petty and M. Petty, charged with holding up and dynamiting the Seaboard Air Line passenger train at Sanderson on January 17th, have husband, who was a conductor on been captured. When arrested the that road. R. H. Clayton sues the men had dynamite in their possession. They have been identified by the engineer and baggagemaster. The United States authorities will charge them with firing into a mail coach and jeopardizing the life of the mail agent.

A movement for the erection of a nonument to the late General John B. Gordon was begun at Atlanta yesterday, when a committee to be known subscriptions toward a monument every Southern city.

SPIRITS TURPE

- There is a case of small pox at Monroe, and also one Wadesboro. - The Mooresville Cotton Mills, in Mecklenburg county, has declared a semi-annual dividend of 3 per

cent. — The Harbinger, an organized labor paper published at Raleigh by Editor Pat McGowan, advocates the

nomination of Wm. R. Hearst for - Lalisbury Sun: Major Stedman's speech at Charlotte on the

birth of Lee and Jackson was a model of its kind. - The novelist, Mrs. James M. Tiernan (Christian Reid) was elected honorary president for life

joint anniversary celebration of the

by the Salisbury Chapter Daughters of the Confederacy, Jau. 19th. - Charlotte Chronicle: Col. Al. Fairbrother thinks the Raleigh dispensary is too exacting in making a 663 per cent. profit on the liquor sold, and the burden of proof is on

the dispensary. - Invitations have been issued for the marriage of Secretary of State J. Bryan Grimes and Miss Elizabeth Forrest Laughinghouse, at home in Greenville, February 3rd. The bride is a sister of Col

Grimes' first wife. - Raleigh Times: A gentleman from the country was speaking today of growing cotton and the growing prices of cotton, and said that yesterday he sold eight bales for \$482, and that just exactly six years ago he sold eight bales of good cot-

ton for \$160.25. - Hon. James A. Bryan, of Newbern, president of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad, was in Raleigh on Friday and secured a charter for the Newbern Savings Bank, which is to be organized within the next few days. The capital is to be \$100,000 authorized and \$15,000 subscribed by J. A. Bryan, J. H.

Hickman and George H. Roberts. Smithfield Herald: Mr. W. J. Thorne, who lives in the southern part of Oneal's township, killed the largest hog seen in that section in many years. The hog weighed 1,dressed. The hog was 8 feet, 2 inches long and 2 feet 2 inches across the shoulders. The head alone weighed 56 pounds. Our reporter says the hog looked more like a mule lying

down than anything else. - The Dispatch says that a party of Lexington citizens killed 400 rob bins in the cane brakes along Abbott's creek, in Davidson county, one night last week. More than light and it is believed that 5, of the birds were slaughtered in that locality that night. The Salisbury papers report a similar slaugh-

ter of robbins near that town. - Kinston Free Press: Mules and cotton are always associated, in the minds of people, and the present high price of the staple meets with sympathetic response from the mule and the two are to-day higher in price than they have been since the war, says a local horse dealer. Mr. W. D. LaRoque, who returned this morning from purchasing stock in Norfolk, tell the reporter that a car load of mules sold under the ham-

mer there yesterday for \$190 a head, - The Oxford Ledger, referring to the burning of the seminary there on Monday last, says: Mr. Wayne Gooch, of Clarksville, Va., dreamed that the Seminary was burned Sunday night, which worried him a great deal Monday morning, so much so that he called Mr. R. Broughton up over the 'phone. He told him of his dream and wanted to know if it was so, and while talking to Mr. Broughton the alarm was given and the cry rang up and down the streets that the Seminary was on fire, and Mr. Broughton sorrowfully informed Mr. Gooch that it was then burning. This is rather a peculiar coin-

cidence, to say the least of it.

- Raleigh correspondence of The Charlotte News: A peculiar case of stolid impudence on the part of a prisoner occured last evening when Judge Brown in Wake court ordered a sentence of four years for Chas. Alexander for beating and robbing a negro boy, leaving him unconscious to almost freeze. When the sentence was pronounced Alexander asked the judge to please make it five years. The order was changed. Then a negro woman stated that Alexander had threatened to kill her and other prosecuting witnesses when he served his term. So the judge made the sentence seven years. Can't you even it up? asked Alexander. Yes, replied the judge, Mr. Clerk make the sentence ten years. Thank you, prompt-

ly answered the sullen negro.

- Raleigh Post: As far back as

1840 North Carolina had twentyfive cotton mills with 47,000 spindles and 700 looms, giving employment to 1,200 people. In 1870, five years after the destructive war, while the number of mills had increased to 33, the number of spindles had decreased by 8000, and the looms by 100, though the operators had increased to 1,500. It would be interesting to know where the 25 mills were located in 1840, and where and wherein the change indicated in the 1870 report occurred. In 1903 however the number of mills has reached 275. the number of spindles well up in the millions, while the looms and and operatives are up in the thousands, upwards of 50,000 of the former and more than that number of the latter. And the growth in mills, machinery and operatives employed goes merrily on.

- The civil term of the Superior Court which is to convene at Durham to-morrow has on the docket numerous damage suits in which the total amount involved is \$150,000. Among the cases, Mrs. Mamie A. Nunnally sues the Scaboard Air Line for \$30,000 for the death of her that road. R. H. Clayton sues the North Carolina (Southern) Railroad Company for \$30,000 for the loss of the leg of his son, David Clayton, on account of an accident in the shops at Spencer. W. H. Dixon sues the city for \$2,500, and E. W. Canady, the colored lawyer, sues the city for \$3,500, both alleging injuries from falling into holes in the streets. Mrs. Fannie Blalock sues the Willard Manufacturing Company for \$10,000 for i j ries to her son, Reuben Blalock. There are quite a number of

cases, from \$1,000 to \$3,000, most of them against corporations.