FRIDAY, - - FEBRUARY 12, 1904

WHAT WILL THE VICTOR GET

'The STAR's cablegrams yesterday and this morning tell us that the war tragedy is on in the Far East. The dogs of war have been unleashed and while the first glory has been scored by Japan, no man can tell what contending nation will come out victor. For years the storm has been threatening and what its fury will be or what its scope may widen into is hard to tell.

Indeed, if the conflict does not in. volve all the world powers, we will be surprised. The future became big with events when the world powers turned their eyes toward China and that slothful land of millions of people become the prey of the so-called civilized nations of the universe. The dismemberment of China has been a burning question for years and when the Boxer revolution occurred in 1900 and the allied armies of the United States and the powers of Europe invaded China, it was believed that dismemberment was at hand.

The Boxers were suppressed, but China was prostrate before the wolves of civilization. All the invading nations were jealous of each other and this alone prevented dismemberment of the Celestial Empire. The result was that the powers agreed to maintain the integrity of China, including Manchuria the most northern province of the Empire.

Russia, meanwhile, had ploited Manchuria and had paramount interests there. She had builded or was building the great Siberian railway and had built a connecting railway from Port Arthur to Manchurla to connect with her Siberian line, but the understanding of the powers was that China's sovereignty over Manchuria should not be interfered with and the "open door" should be maintained for the commerce of all na-

The life ambition of Russia has been to open a way for her great Empire to the Pacific and hence her quiet invasion of Manchuria and the establishment of Port Arthur as her great port. Russia not only invaded Manchuria commercially but she invaded it with her army while she was building the Manchuria railway. Under pressure from the powers she agreed for her army to evacuate Manchuria on the 8th of last October, but no evacuation ever took place, as the world knows. Manchuria lies nearest to Corea, termined to hold Manchuria in spite of the world powers, Japan became alarmed, for Russian occupation of Manchuria threatened Japan's paramount influence in Corea. The fact is, Russia had already displayed her aggression toward Corea and even disputed that the Japanese claims there were any greater than hers. To settle the rights or rather aggrandizements of Russia and Japan in Manchuria and Corea, Japan began her diplomatic correspondence with Russia. With the vassalating policy of Russia in that correspondence all readers are familiar up to the time that Japan despaired of getting a satisfactory answer, broke off diplomatic relations some days ago, and determined to enforce her claims by war. According to the Associated Press

cablegrams in the STAR several days ago the following is a synopsis of Russia's last reply, refusing to accede to the following demands of Japan, after a tedious and long correspondence which ultimately tired Japan and wore out her patience, viz:

1. Japan's right to ask for a treaty covering the sovereignty of Man-

2. She insisted upon mutual recognition of the independence of Cores. 3. That there should be no fortification of Southern Corea, which might threaten Russian communica-

tion with Port Arthur and Vladivos-4. She declined to meet Japan's wishes with regard to a neutral zone on both sides of the Yalu river.

As any one will see, Russia's re ply gave Japan no other alternative but war.

We must go back here to the war in 1894 between Japan and China, in which Japan came off victorious. Japan wanted to take Corea and Manchuria as her fruits of that victory, but Russia, more than any other power, stepped in and put an end to her aspirations. It was then predicted that Japan would some day pay Russia back for preventing her from reaping the fruits of her victory, and doubtless the plucky Japs have ever since been preparing for a reckoning with Russia.

what will the war proeither Japan or Russia, whichever crushes the other? The STAR, early in the controversy, stated that it was more than probable that the other powers, and particularly the United States and Great Britain. would intervene and prevent either Razsia or Japan from enjoying the fruits of the victory in the war that we felt sure that they would have. That view of the situation is sustained, for in the Associated Press dipatches from Washington yesterday, it was stated

that Secretary Hay has addressed an identical note to a number of European powers to ascertain if they are willing to join in a notice to Russia and Japan that during hostilities and therefore the neutrality, integrity and sovereignty of China must be recognized. The fact is that long ago our government and other governments in Europe have had an understanding to that effect, and the identical note is only to get the sgreement in formal shape. That means that if Russia wins she will get neither Manchuria or Corea, and if Japan wins, she will get

It is evident that Japan has the moral support of a majority of the world powers, and she is alone and single handed really fighting the battle for all of them to keep Russia from helping herself to all of China that she wants.

BLACK MAMMA DEAD.

In Charlotte, on Monday, one of the old colored "mammas" of befo de wah times passed away. You may ask, "What of that?" and we will answer that she is one of a class of negroes who are now very few and time is fast gathering in the good old souls who used to be so tender and loyal to her "white chillun." Another fact about it is that she had been with one family for fifty years and probably more, and the family was as loval to her as she was to them

Under the head of Death of "Aunt" Cynthia Carson, the Charlotte Observer of Tuesday says:

"Aunt Cynthia Carson, one of the rapidly disappearing old Southern mammies," died early yesterday morning in her house in the rear of the place of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Carson, on South Tryon street. She was nearly 90 years old and had been servant in the Carson family for over 50 years, having nursed every child of Mr. and Mrs. Carson. On account of her age, she had been unable to work for several years and for about six months she was ill, being cared for all the time at the expense of Mr. and Mrs. Carson.

The STAR very heartfly endorsed Senator Simmons' speech in behalf of ratification of the Panama canal treaty. At Greensboro a few nights ago the Young Men's Business Association did the same because of "the importance to North Carolina and the South, of an inter-oceanic canal, nd that it is now necessary for speedy realization of the same."

The Willard Hotel Company, of Washington, D. C., has been sued by a plaintiff for \$10,000 damages for the loss of two toes in an elevator accident. This makes the price of toes \$5,000 each, but we agree they are worth it, for a fellow needs all ten of them when his wife takes it into her head to make him toe the

spends annually \$6,250,000 and the various States and Territories an additional amount of over \$4,500,000, showing that this country expends \$10,750,000 a year to encourage agriculture. Whether that vast amount is put to the most practical use is another question.

The Durham Herald says this: Perhaps Mr. Simmons thinks that when a man gets what he wants i s time to quit playing politics." Mr. Simmons' intention to vote for the ratifications of the Panama canal treaty shows that he can tell when a question is political and when it is

Scores of American nurses are eaving New York for the Far East to render service in the war between Russia and Japan. To fall into the hands of a tidy, pretty American nurse will make a soldier feel like he's had some luck in getting shot.

The faithful in Ohio are still in frenzy about the proposition to place Gen. Robert E. Lee's statue in statuary hall in the Capitol at Washington. We youngters have been told that the war ended at Appomattox, but probably the Ohioans haven't found it out yet.

It is said that King Alphonso of Spain wants to butt in among our beauties and is seeking an American wife. Perhaps this is where be and Dear Gaston would neither stand back for the other.

Says the Durham Herald: "Heaven seems very high above us. But a little child can reach it by tip-toeing." Brother Robinson, how did you come to get w-a-y down there?

There is now talk of a rose trust, but thank goodness, there never can be any trust in girls. Now some old discarded bachelor will agree to that the wrong way.

We know not where the war will end, Nor what the future holds in store; to the Czar this message send: Keep all your ships close to the

\$100 Reward, \$1.00.

shore !

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages and that is Catarrh Hall's Catarrah Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials, Address.

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AGREEMENT REACHED

Adjustment of Differences With Crate Manufacturers by the Truckers Yesterday.

MEETING IN WILMINGTON.

Certain Concessions Granted Which Will laure to Benefit of All-Inter-State Sommerce Sommission Act Esdorsed by the Association.

The amicable adjustment of differences between representatives of the organization of crate manufacturers in North Carolina and the special committee from the East Carolina Fruit and Truck Growers' Association, as reached at Warsaw Tuesday, became public and was ratified at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the latter body here yesterday. The meeting was held at 11 o'clock in the office of the Association in the Masonic Temple, Vice President Wm. E. Springer, of Wilmington, presiding, in the absence of President W. L. Hill, who was detained at his home in Warsaw on secount of illness in his family. Mr. H. T. Bauman, secretary of the Board, kept a record of the proceedings and the following members were noted in attendance, viz: Messra. J. A. Westbrook, Mount Olive; I. L. Faison, of Faison; D. W. Fussell, of Rose Hill; J. S. Westbrook, of Wallace; J. H. Moore, of Burgaw: Dr. E Porter. of Rocky Point; W. E. Thignen, of Chadbourn; Dr. Geo. F. Lucas, of Currie, and S. H. Strange, of Fayetteville. There was also present a delegation of Mt. Tabor truckers, who came to lodge a complaint which was agreeably found to be remedied in the committee's report.

After disposing of routine business. resolution was unanimously adopted endorsing the Quarles-Cooper bill now pending in Congress and having for its purpose the restoration and enlargement of the powers of the Inter-State Commerce Commission and calling upon North Carolina's representatives in Congress to vote for the measure or to give some reason why they refuse. The report of the special com mittee in reference to the conference with the crate manufacturers was then read by Secretary Bauman as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE. GENTLEMEN: We your committee sppointed at the last meeting of the Board to ascertain the fact of a com-

bination of the crate manufacturers of North Carolina, and the probable re-Board on the 10th inst, respectfully submit the following report: Your committee invited the following gentlemen composing the officers and Board of Directors of the Carolina Fruit Package Co., viz Messrs. T. B. Peirce, of Warsaw, president; A. F. Johnson, of Clinton

vice president; W. R. Newbury, o Magnolia, secretary; J. A. Brown, Chadbourn, director, to meet them at Warsaw, Feb. 9th, for a conference on this subject, and Messrs. Peirce. Johnson, of Ulinton, Johnson, o Burgaw, Newbury, of Magnolia, and O. P. Middleton, of Warsaw, general manager, were present at this meeting with the full executive committee and ing was duly organized and your com mittee asked the president, of the Carolina Fruit Package Co., Mr. Pierce, to define the attitute of his company toward the growers. Mr. Peirce submitted the following statement as to their position and earnest ly spoke in favor of their organization as tending to benefit the growers by maintaining the price throughout the season and a guarantee of a full supply of crates at all points: To the Truckers and Berry Growers

of North Carolina: In reply to many criticisms which ave been made through the press and otherwise upon the organization and anticipated methods of the Carolina Fruit Package Company, we would respectfully submit the following statement of facts:

The crate manufacturers who are stockolders in this company have perhaps more interests in the prosper ity of the berry growers than any other class of our citizens because they have large investments depending upon the result of the berry crop and most of them have other interests be sides manufacturing berry crates, all of which are directly involved in the prosperity of this section. They have been considered men of fair common sense and business foresight. Surely they could not afford to adopt any course that would in any wise injure the interest of those whom they expect to buy their product. Is it not commonisense to believe they would desire rather to promote and securely establish the best interest of every rower whether large or small?

There has been heretofore no uni formity in the system (or rather lack of system) by which this great indus try has been supplied. No single manufacturer has been able satis factorily to distribute his product, but has been subjected to much unnecessary expense and many unforeseen

The Carolina Fruit-Package Company was organized to reduce expenses and losses to a minimum and to pro vide a systematic method of supplying the demand of every section for terri tory, so that there may at no time be a lack of crates at one point while there may be an over-supply else-

Every intelligent person known there has been a very large increase in the cost of lumber and labor, which affects the manufacturer of crates, as these two items constitute four-fifths of the cost of production. The advance in cost of these items within three years has been from 25 per cent. to 50 cent. in every locality where crates are made, to say nothing of the increasing difficulty of procuring them even at an advanced price. And notwithstanding increased cost of every class of materials, the Carolina Fruit Package Company has established the price of their best standard crates for the season at the And not only so, but they are guar-anteeing to maintain this low price to of 20 cents to the growers. their patrons throughout the whole season. This should be a sufficient answer to the unthinking individuals who have discovered a mare's nest and are seeking to prejudice the ignorant. Truckers understand the importance of an assured supply of crates at their stations, and they should also know that manufacturers must receive a small profit or go out of business. The welfare is bound up together, and they must prosper together or not at a i. This low price is only possible on account of the most economical management and methods in both manufacture and distribution, and any policy adopted by berry growers which should cripple or injure the crate manufacturers and

bring about a famine in crates during the skipping season would be most disastrous to this great and growing

CAROLINA FRUIT PACKAGE Co. The committee, upon receiving the statement asked the manufacturers for a reduction of one cent on both Stan dard and No. 2 crates, making them 21 and 34 cents, less 8 per cent. This was refused. The committee then asked that all crates be made 25 cents, less per cent. This was refused. The committee then asked that parties ordering 5,000 crates be allowed 5 per cent. off; 10,000 or more, 8 per cent. of. This was refused. Mr. Peirce explained their refusal to entertain reduction asked for from the facis lad

down in his statement just read. Mr. Peirce was asked if a grover at any point ordering direct from factory and getting five per cent. off and their agent at the same point to whom they gave eight per cent. off on his orders, got three per cent. on the purchases of said grower. This was denied most emphatically only when the agent indorses notes of said grower does he get the three per cent. The three per cent. not allowed the growers, goes back to the company.

The committee asked if several growers at any point combined and rdered a car load or more crates, (one of the growers of good financial stand ing becoming responsible for the or der) could they get them without passing through the hands of their agent The committee was informed that t protect their agents this could not b

The committee inquired if the grow ers in the Chadbourn section buying crates from the factory located at that point, were paying the same prices and getting the same discounts. The committee was assured that all sections were on the same basis. Your committee from reliable information in hand stated that the factory at Chad bourn was selling direct to the grow ers in large quantities at 26 and 29 cents, less eight per cent, and 2 per cent. additional for cash; whereas the other factories only allowed the grower five per cent. off in lots of 5,000 or more and then a grower could not pur chase more than he needed for himself and tenants. This certainly shows discrepancy in the method of doing business in the two sections which the committee could not reconcile with the above statement. By way of explanation, which did not explain, the eneral manager of the company stated that each manufacturer was an agent and if he so desired, could give

away his commissions. The conference adjourned to 2:30 2. M. At the afternoon session Mr Pierce assured the committee they were not aware of the arrangement re ferred to above existing at Chadbourn. After considerable discussion of this question, the crate representatives reired to consult and on their return made the following proposition to the

To sell any grower or number of growers, with approved security, lots of 5,000 crates, at 26 and 25 cents. less five per cent., and in lots of 10,000 or more, 26 and 25 cents, less eight per cent. with two per cent. placed on grower as to number of rates he may want on these terms.

That car load receivers, ordering through agents, can arrange with said agent as to discount they will receive. That the Carolina Fruit Package Co. will not tolerate any agent using his position to force growers procur ing crates through him to ship their berries to commission house represent

We have endeavored to the best of our isbility to correct some of the obectionable features as they existed and secure the best possible terms for our people. We think we have sucseded in promoting a better understanding between the growers and the Caroling Const. Resburs reported reeived and accepted.

W. L. HILL, Chairman, W. E. SPRINGER, J. A. WESTBROOK, W. E. THIGPEN, J. S. WESTBROOK, H. T. BAUMAN, Committee.

DISCUSSION OF THE REPORT. Mr. J. H. Moore moved the adoption of the report; seconded by Mr. D. W. Fussell. Then followed a long discussion in which all points in the report were carefully discussed. Dr. Porter said he could not vote for the acceptance of the report as he did not think the committee had accomplished

offered the following resolution as a substitute for the committee's report: "WHEREAS. The crate combine is not willing to concede anything to the small growers but leaves them in the hands of the local agents, therefore,

any relief for the small grower. He

be it. "Resolved: That we do not ap prove of the terms offered. "Resolved. That the thanks of thir Board are tendered to the committee for its efforts to adjust the controversy pending between manufacturers and

"Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to secure harmony the committee to consist of J. H Moore, of Burgaw, S. H. Strange, of Fayetteville, and Z. W. Whitehead, of Wilmington.

The substitute of Dr. Porter was seconded by Mr. Strange but lost by

vote of nine to one, Dr. Geo. F. Lucas, of Currie, moved that the rules be suspended and the committee's report be read again. Mr. Moore then renewed his motion to adopt the committee's report with thanks of the Board; seconded by Mr. Strange and carried unanimously. The following resolution was then offered by Mr. Strange, seconded by Dr. Por-

ter and unanimously adopted: "Resolved, That the secretary of the association be and is hereby instructed to advise shippers and growers everywhere of the promises and agreement on the part of the Carolina Fruit Package Co., regarding the possible abuse of the power of their local agents and that shippers will report to the president of the E. C. T. and F. G. Association at Warsaw any and every infraction of this rule or promise." The Directors then adjourned.

Rais, Snow and Sleet,

A most disagreeable admixture of hominy snow, sleet and rain commenced to fall in Wilmington shortly before 6 o'clock yesterday evening, making the atmosphere most disagreeable until late in the night. The sidewalks were slippery and walking was almost out of the question. The freeze also interfered greatly with the operation of the trolley cars and contributed everything else possible to make life disagreeable out of doors.

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DAY'S COURT RECORD

Progress Was Slow Yesterday With Trial of the Law and Order League Cases.

THE GRAND JURY'S REPORT

Rather Sensational Recommendations Are Made-True Bill for Arson Against George Jadge--Divorce Granted to Mrs. Brown.

All of yesterday's session of the Superior Court was taken up with a trial of a third of the Law and Order League cases and the selection of a jury for the trial of a fourth which will be entered upon first thing this morning at 9:30 o'clock. The usual strong array of legal talent on both sides of the cases is in evidence and in the only case tried yesterday, the jury is still out and unable to agree upon a verdict. The case is one in which Kate Jenkins is charged with selling liquor on Sunday and it was completed at four o'clock yesterday afternoon. The jury retired to make up its verdict at that hour but is still States. in the Court House, where it will remain until the opening of court this morning. Members of the jury are as follows: E. Y. Davis, F. D. Capps, A. J. Barbour, G. H. Savage, Henry Rehder, E. M. Rogers, G. W. Rogers, T. B. Casteen, H. H. Woebse, J. R. Mahoney, Liston Larkins and Alva

Ward. Immediately upon the completion of the trial above, the case of Lola Harris, also charged with selling liquor on Sunday, was called. Two hours was consumed in the selection of jury which was finally empanelled at 6:80 o'clock as follows: J. D. Bidbury, W. S. Register, Carl Mugge, W. A. Rankin, W. S. Oraig, Jr., J. H. Aman, Tobe Howard, J. L. Russ, H. W. Penny, E. L. Davis, L. C. Sutton and Geo. H. Hutaff. The jury was charged not to talk of the case or allow it to be discussed in the presence of any member, after which a recess was taken until to-day.

TRUE BILL AGAINST JUDGE. During the forenoon, the grand jury came into court and returned a true bill for arson against George Judge, who has fied the city. The specific charge in the bill of indictment is setting fire to the residence of Dr. J. H. Durham, in the Smith building on Dec. 26th. It is said that Judge has gone to Colorado.

DIVORCE FOR MRS. BROWN. During the day Brooke G. Empie. Esq., secured a divorce for Mrs. Mary Brown from her hasband, William Brown, the grounds having been abandonment. It was Mrs. Brown who recently resorted to habeas corpus proceedings for possession of her infant and who created a scene in the court room at her joy upon the restoration of the child.

GRAND JURY'S REPORT. The grand jury completed its worl during the day and made to the court the following somewhat sensational

To His Honor, Judge Garland S. Ferguson:

The grand jury begs leave to make the following report: There were seven presentments and we returned true bills in each case. We have not visited the jall, county home or inspected the Court House, having been instructed by your Honor that it was unnecessary, as the previous grand jury two weeks ago had per-

The matter of renting houses to disreputable characters for the purpose of conducting bawdy houses has been called to our attention. Our informs tion is that there are a number of houses rented to both white and women. We respectfully recommend that this subject be investigated thoroughly and impartially and that a complete list of owners of such properties be prepared as a basis for indictment in case it is found that the practice of renting or leasing such

properties is followed unlawfully. We further wish to criticize what we understand to be the present practic of granting license to run so called boarding houses to persons whose noorious reputation and previous his tory would furnish substantial foun lation for the belief that said licenses were sought not for the purpose of running bona fide boarding houses but rather for the purpose of keeping

bawdy houses. R. E. Smith, Foreman. J. F. WHITAKER, Secretary.

MAYOR HAD ALREADY ACTED. In connection with the recommendations of the jury, it will be of interest to the public to know that as far back as January, Mayor Springer instructed the City Clerk and Treasurer to issue no more licenses of the kind complained of and that the mayor's orders in that respect have been complied with.

Two Marriages Yesterday.

Rev. Geo. B. Webster, pastor of Bladen Street M. E. Church, yesterday afternoon and evening joined in merriage Miss Irene Moore and Mr. Gaston O. White, both of Grit, Pender county, and Miss Ida Lorena Meeks and Mr. George Nicholas Ormsby, both of Wilmington. The first named ceremony took place at 2:30 o'clock at the residence of Mr. J. E. Wilkerson, No. 714 North Fourth street, and the last named at 7 o'clock at the residence of Mr. Joe Webb, No. 911 South Third street. The attendants at the Meeks-Ormsby nuptials were Miss Mary Meeks and Mr. C. Ormsby and Miss Gertrude Ormsby and Mr. Joe Cavanaugh.

- Mr. Jack Reed, the well known Plymouth hotel man, has closed the Hotel Pamlico (formerly the Nicholson House) at Washington, N. C. He says there is not enough patronage in Washington for two good hotels. Mr. Read will go on the road as a commercial traveller.

A LONG-FELT WANT.

it is Supplied at Last in Wil mington.

Good-natured people are often rritable. If you knew the reason, you

would not be surprised. Ever have itching piles? Not sick enough to go to bed, not well enough to be content. The constant itching sensation.

Hard to bear, harder to get relief. Spoils your temper, nearly drives you crazy. Isn't relief and cure a long-felt

want? You can have relief and cure if you will follow the advice of a local

citizen. C. S. Hollen, printer on th 'Morning Messenger," residing at 419 Grace street, says: "I had used several remedies to get relief from itching piles but without any good results. Learning of Doan's Oint ment I obtained it at Bellamy' drug store. It acted immediately entirely cured of the affliction. found it to be an excellent remedy. For sale by all dealers. Price 50

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COAST LINE TRACKMEN THREATEN A BIG STRIKE.

International Brotherhood of Maintenance Way Employes Call Their Men Unt To-day at Noon--Orders Issued.

Sensational rumors of a sirike of far-reaching proportions by Atlantic Coast Line trackmen of the entire system were rife in the city yesterday as the result of the promulgation of s statement issued to the public by Mr. T. D. Bostick, of Fiorida, secretary of a committee of employes which has been negotiating with the railroad officials for some time with reference to an increase of wages and a change in the regulations governing | terday morning. A little later, howthe work. The statement is as follows: ever, the presence of the knife i NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

WILMINGTON, N.C., Feb. 10, 1904. "We, the Committee representing the Maintenance of Way Employes, of the A. C. L. Ry. have been since the 21st of January trying to effect an amicable adjustment of the employes' differences with the company's officials, but to our disappointment we have failed.

"We have offered to submit our difof the officials has been, there is nothing to arbitrate. We hold written instructions from at least 95 per cent. of employes in this department to secure a settlement of their differences or order a suspension of work. After using every means in our power to effec at satisfactory settlement, and failing, we have decided to order a suspension of work. In consideration however of the rights and safety of the travelling public, we decided that the suspension of work should not become effective until noon, Feb. 11th.

"All members of the J w. are earnessly requested to refrain from saying or doing anything that would reflect discredit upon them or caues any honest thinking persons to withhold their support while we are struggling with a large corporation to secure a just share of the wealth we help to create. J. E. BLIZZARD, Chm'n.

T. D. BOSTICK, Sec'ty. Mesers. Blizzard and Bostick are in the city and said yesterday that the call for a strike had been issued Tues day, Feb. 9th, from the headquarters of the Brotherhood in St. Louis by President John T. Wilson and that the order for a suspension of work would call out between 4,000 and 5,000 men as bridge builders, section foremen and hands, members of the construction, fuel and water supply departments and all other allied branches of labor; that while all are not members of the L B. of M. W. E., the written consent of nearly all to walk out upon a refusal of their demands has been secured and the men were only waiting for the orders when they reached them yester-

A detailed account of the grievances could not be given by Mr. Bostick. He said they were first submitted by the committee to General Manager Jno. R. Kenly and were later taken up with President R. G. Erwin, by correspondence to New York. Still later the matter was referred to President Wilson, of the I. B. of M. W. E in St. Louis and he took the matter up again

with President Erwin with no result. It is said that the Atlantic Coast Line officials do not view the situation with alarm. General Manager Kenly told the committee at the outset that the men were receiving as much for their services as was being paid by any other Southern road for similar services; that it had always been the Coast Line's policy to treat its employes with the utmost consideration in the matter of wages, but in the instance complained of, he saw no way of granting their request.

The outcome of the strike will be watched with interest. The committee of employes who have had the matter up with the officials are J. E. Blizzard, of Macbeth, S. C.; J. D. Bostick, o Lake Mary, Fla.; N. Y. Roberson, of Norfolk, Va.; W. H. Wigge, of Kenly, N. C.; T. W. Godbold, of Bidgeland S. C.; C. W. Williams, Savannah; M. M. Knight, of Ousley, Ga.; G. P. Kellum, of Thomasville, Ga.; C D. K. Wagner, of High Springs, Fig.

- Durham Sun: Collector Carl Duncan, of Raleigh, stopped over here Saturday afternoon on his way home from Greensboro, and Satur-

KNIFE IN HIS

Another Sensation at the Jail. Resulting from Finding of

an Ugly Weapon. JAILOR'S PROMPT ACTION.

W. Rivenbark, the Prisoner, Who Pazzled the Officers in an Ingenious Manner, During Repeated Desials-Taken from film.

No jailor in the State is more careful or solicitous for the safety of his prisoners than Capt. R. M. Capps, who is at present serving this county in the important capacity named, but yesterday one of his charges came near beffling him and for what purpose no one can tell. The prisoner was A. W. Rivenbark, confined as a man of unsound mind upon the vertict of an inquisition of lunsey, and the way in and proved so effective that I am | which he all but outwitted the veteran officer is about as follows: Early this week Mr. W. J. Meredith

visited Mr. Bivenbark at the jatl and

in the course of a conversation, the latter drew a long kni'e and remarked to Mr. Meredith that it didn't seem that he was much crazy when they would allow him such a weapon as that. Mr. Meredith didn't think so either, but was naturally a little slarmed and reported the occurence to Mr. Marsden Bellamy, who regarded the incident with a little more seriousness. Mr. Bellamy reported the matter in turn to Jailor Capps and the officer went forthwith to Riverbark's apartment in the jail and demanded the knife. The prisoner said he had no wnife and stoutly contended that he had had none. The room and every sitch of clothing therein was searched and fac's seemed to be on the side of Rivenbark, for nothing in the shape of a weapon could be found. Jailor Cappe went back to inquire if there could not be some mis-

take. He received a negative reply

and again made a fruitless search yes-

reach of the man was discovered in a

most extraordinary manner and in a

most extraordinary place. Rivenbark is confined in the wo man's department of the jail, overlooking the fire engine house on the corner. Soon after the final search yesterday morning, one of the firemen at the station noticed an object resembling a knife lying on the sill outside of a window of Rivenbark's room. Jailor Capps was notified; he went into the room, put his hand outside at the point indicated by the fireman and drew in a murderous looking knife of the barlow pattern, which was immediately removed. The blade of the knife is four inches in length, while the handle is an inch longer.

While no one oen impuga Mr. Rivenbark's motives in having the knife in his possession, the jailor was of the very good opinion that it had best be taken away. Capt. Capps thinks the knife went into the jail in the prisoner's overcoat pocket.

DISSOLVED THE INJUNCTION.

Shell Fish Commissioner of Branswick May Collect Tax on Clams-Appeal. Judge Ferguson heard in chambers last night and dissolved the injune tion recently granted here, restraining Shell Fish Commissioner L. C. Tripp, of Brunswick county, from the collection from Brooks & Taylor, of this city, the tax of three cents per bushel on all clams they shipped from that territory. The hearing was set before Judge Probler, holding court at Lumberton, but owing to the presence of smallpox there, the argument was heard here. Russell & Gore represented Brooks & Taylor and Messrs. Cranmer & Davis, of Southport, were here to present the case for the shell fish commissioner. Mr. Gore, for the plaintiff, appealed the case to the Supreme Court. The authority for the collection of the tax is given in a spe

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by the plaintiff.

cial act by the last Legislature, the

constitutionality of which is attacked

Important Gathering of Methodists in Grace M. E Church Past Two Days.

The Missionary Institute of the Wilmington District, M. E. church, which has been to session two days in Grace church, this city, adjourned yesterday after a series of interesting and profitable sessions. Rev. R. B. John, of Wilmington, presided, and Rev. A. S. Barnes, of Whiteville, was secretary. Mr. J. N. Gibbons was elected missionary campaigner for the ensuing conference year. Mission's subjects were discussed with much interest and profit at all the sessions. Among the ministers in attendance

were all Wilmington pastors and Revs. W. E. Brown, of Elizabethtown; A J. Groves, of Bladen circuit; Euclid McWhorter, of Southport; W. D. Sasser, of Kenansville; J. T. Draper, of Whiteville; C. C. Brothers, of Burgaw; Y. E. Wright, of Scott's Hill; A. S. Barnes, of Clinton; V. A. Royall, of Jacksonville and Richlands.

- Great preparations are being made for getting electricity from Buckhorn Falls, on the Cape Fear river. The powerful dynamos and other machinery have been deliv-Buffkin, of Blackshear, Ga.; M. H. ered at a point on Deep river and Jones, of Brockton, Ala, and R. will be floated down on barges. It is said the river will develop 3,000 horse power there.

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A runaway, almost ending fatally, started a horrible ulcer on the leg of Durham. Dr. E. H. Bowling, appointed to succeed J. V. Rigsbee, resigned and W. F. Cheek, his clerk, is now collector. There was a new delictor. There was an all remedies. But Bucklen's Arnica Saive had no trouble to cure him. Equally as good for Burns, Bruises, Skin Eruptions and Piles. Only 25c, at R. R. Bellamy's drug store.

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Door of Hope is Closed to Jabel Register Sentenced to Hang in Whiteville

Thursday Two Weeks. [Special Star Telegram.]

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 9.-Governo Aycock to day after hearing straument against commutation by J. A. Brown J. B. Schulken and others from Co lumbus county, decided not to lote. fere with the death sentence of Jab Register and to let him be hanged Whiteville February 25th, for the bit ing of Jessie Soles and Jim Staler

Merch. The Governor devoted the entimorning to the hearing of a deless tion against commutation and further brief pleas by C. M. Bernard and Donald McReckan, prisoner, counsel, for commutation. The later say they made their last tight in the matter and there is no hing left but for their client to pay the dear penalty.

Married Last Evening.

At the home of Mr. James D Mote, No. 902 North Fourth street, a 9 o'clock last night, Rev. A. D. M. Clure joined in marriage Mrs. With nie R Murray and Mr. Nathan Mar ray. The ages of the bride and groom 56 and 55 years respectively, had as element of unusual interest in the cere mony for many friends who were preent to witness the nuptials. After the ceremony a sumptuous wedding sun per was served.

- Fayetteville Observer: Mr. J Harrison, an aged citizen of Greensboro, who is in Charlotte on a visit to his son, Mr James Harrison, is making an effort to secure his share of an English estate valued at \$200,000,000. Mr. Harrison, who is 80 years old, traces his aucestra back to Sir Francis Drake, and it is under the will of the latter that the aged gentleman claims an interest in the vast estate, consisting of land in Great British and money in the Bank of England.

- On the local market yesterday spirits turpentine advanced to 63c. and rosin was firm at \$2 60. There was "nothing doing" in cotton. Re ceipts 186 bales against 287 same day

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