The Weekly Star.

IN THE SENATE AND HOUSE.

Senator Daniel Spoke in Opposition to Ratification of Panama Treaty—St Louis Loan in the House.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—The major portion of the time of the Senate in open session to-day was devoted to a speech by Mr. McCumber on the Panama canal question. He supported the canal treaty and justified all the acts of the administration in connection with the recent revolt. A number of private pension bills were passed.

In the executive session of the Senate to-day Senator Daniel spoke in opposition to the ratification of the Panama canal treaty. He was answered briefly by Senators Fairbanks and Spooner. Senator Daniel's remarks were on the highest plane. He did not criticise the administration for anything which had transpired on the isthmus but did advise that the government accept the Nicaraguan route as the only one for which title can be secured without national dishonor. He was congratulated warmly by senators on both sides of the chamber for the character of his speech.

The question of having printed for the benefit of the Senate the speeches which are made on the canal question in executive session was decided in the negative.

House of Representatives.

The House to-day disposed of the Connell Howell contest election case from the Tenth Pennsylvania district, the decision being in favor of Mr. Connell. The Republicans, with the exception of Messrs. Lanning, of New Jersey, Shiras, of Pennsylvania, and Parker, of New Jersey, supported the resolution unseating Mr. Howell, the sitting member, and giving the seat to the contestant. The Democrats solidly supported Mr. Howell.

The House then resumed consideration of the Senate amendments proposing a loan of $4,600,000 to the St. Louis exposition, upon which a vote on the question of concurrence will be taken to-morrow. Further opposition to the proposition developed in the debate to-day.

A GREAT FIRE IN OSWEGO.

Starch Factory of the Corn Products Company Destroyed—Firemen Injured. Loss Estimated at $1,000,000.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

OSWEGO, N. Y., Feb. 10.—The huge starch factory of the Corn Products Company, consisting of three great buildings, forming the largest establishment of the kind in the world, is threatened by total destruction by fire which started this afternoon in the chemical room. One of the buildings has been destroyed and late to-night the second building was ablaze and the fire entirely beyond control. It is feared that the flames will spread to the Columbia flouring mills and Kingsford's office and malt house. After the fire department and the volunteer department of Kingsford mills had tried in vain to cope with the flames, Mayor Mansfield telegraphed for aid to Fulton and Syracuse. From the latter city three engines and twenty-five men were dispatched and joined their efforts to those of the local department.

Firemen Douherty and Evans have been injured, the former fatally, by a fall from a roof. Twenty-five men at work in the buildings where the fire started barely escaped. The burning buildings contain many hundreds of thousands of bushels of starch and corn. It is believed that the loss will reach a million dollars. Six hundred employes are thrown out of work.

RAILROAD LITIGATION IN RALEIGH.

Merchants' and Farmers' Bank, of Dunn, N. C., Closes Its Doors—Assets, Etc.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 10.—Judge Purnell, in the Federal Court, made an order to-day concerning the restraining order of the Southern railroad against the Corporation Commission and the Greensboro Ice & Coal Co., referring the matter to the standing master in chancery. An agreement is pending for this to be the final argument and for an agreed statement of facts.

The Merchants' and Farmers' Bank, of Dunn, closed its doors to day, being unable to meet demands of its depositors. The Corporation Commission has sent Bank Examiner Ellington to take charge, pending the appointment of a receiver. E. F. Young is president and V. L. Stevens cashier. The last printed report showed $80,000 deposits, $114,000 resources and capital $22,000. The Commission makes a statement that it believes depositors will be paid in full.

DOMINICAN AFFAIRS.

Special Instructions Cabled Admiral Wise to Protect American Interests.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, February 11.—Specific instructions have been cabled Rear Admiral Wise, commanding the training squadron in Dominican waters regarding the protection of American shipping interests. The firing on lighters attempting to land part of the cargo of the Clyde Line steamer New York by a government gunboat, has aroused indignation in official circles here and it was said at the Navy Department that the probable course of action after such an outrage would be the seizure of the government gunboat by Rear Admiral Wise, in which event it probably would be carried to Guantanamo.

BANK FAILURE.

Equitable National, of New York—Its Business Was Small.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—The Equitable National Bank of New York was closed to-day by direction of the comptroller of the currency and National Bank Examiner Edward Ridgeley has been appointed receiver.

The failure of this bank is due to bad loans and injudicious management. The volume of business done by this bank has always been small, and has decreased so greatly in the last few weeks that its failure is almost without significance.

President Roosevelt has decided to issue a proclamation of neutrality. It probably will make its appearance to-day.

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RUSSIA SUSTAINS HEAVY LOSSES.

Ten of Her Warships Placed Out of Action in First 24 Hours of War With Japan.

OTHER VESSELS CAPTURED.

Japanese Fleet Again Bombarded Russian Fleet and Ports at Port Arthur—Captured Three Russian Transports With Troops.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister here, has received official confirmation from Tokio of the destruction at Chemulpo of the Russian first class cruiser Varigi and the third class cruiser Korielz.

The text of the official dispatch received by Baron Hayashi is as follows:

"On Monday a Japanese squadron escorting transports met on the way to Chemulpo, Corea, the Russian gunboat Korielz, as the latter was coming out of port. The Korielz took up an offensive attitude towards the Japanese vessels and fired on the Japanese torpedo boats. The latter discharged two torpedoes ineffectively and then the Korielz returned to her anchorage in the port.

"Early in the morning of Tuesday, Admiral Urik, commanding the Japaneze squadron, formally called on the Russian warships to leave Chemulpo before noon. The admiral added that if his demand was not complied with he would be compelled to attack them in the harbor. The two Russian war ships left the port at about 11:30 A. M. and a battle ensued outside the Polynesian islands. After about an hour's engagement the Russian warships sought refuge among the islands. Towards the evening the Russian cruiser Varigi sank and at about 4 A. M. to-day (Feb. 10,) the Korielz was reported to have also sunk, having been blown up. The officers and the men of the two sunken vessels sought refuge on the French cruiser Pascal. There were no casualties on the Japanese side."

A summary of losses sustained by Russia in the first twenty-four hours of the war with Japan shows that ten Russian warships were placed out of action in one way or another and that the Japanese did not lose a ship. The losses were as follows:

Battleship Retvizan, torpedoed and beached at Port Arthur.

Battleship Cesarevitch, torpedoed and beached at Port Arthur.

Battleship Poltava, hole below water line, at Port Arthur.

Armored cruiser Boyarin, disabled by Japanese fire, at Port Arthur.

Cruiser Pollada, torpedoed at Port Arthur and beached.

Cruiser Fovik, hole below water line, at Port Arthur.

Cruiser Askold, hole below water line, at Port Arthur.

Cruiser Diana, hole below water line, at Port Arthur.

First class armored cruiser Varigi, destroyed at Chemulpo, Corea.

Torpedo gun vessel Korielz, destroyed at Chemulpo.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—Dispatches to the "Daily Mail" from Tokio and Nagasaki, dated Feb. 10th, report the arrival at Sasebo, Japan, of two large Russian steamers. One is the new volunteer fleet association transport Ekaterinoslaw, which recently landed troops and arms at Port Arthur, and the other is the steamer Argun, belonging to the Chinese Eastern Railway Company. Both were captured by the Japanese cruisers Sai Yan and Hei Yan, in the neighborhood of Fusan, Corea. The Ekaterinosley is of 10,000 tons displacement and had been fitted up as an auxiliary cruiser. She had thirty rifles on board and was on her way from Vladivostock. The Argun was going to Vladivostock from Nagasaki.

The Russian whalers Glorige, Nicelai, Alexander and Michael, captured by the Japanese, have also arrived at Sasebo.

Bridges Blown Up.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—The Shanghai correspondent of the "Daily Mail" says an important bridge on the Manchurian railroad has been blown up and thirty men have been killed.

Transports and Troops Captured.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—A special dispatch from Tokio to-day says the Japanese have captured three Russian transports, having on board about 2,000 troops.

A dispatch to the "Central News" from Port Arthur says the Japanese fleet returned there Tuesday afternoon and again bombarded the Russian fleet and forts, but that it soon withdrew. The losses to the Russians, the dispatch says, were small. During the firing a Japanese cruiser grounded.

SHANGHAI, Feb. 10.—The Russian gunboat Mandjur, reported from various sources to be under repairs at Nagaska, Japan, where she is said to have been seized by the Japanese, is in the harbor here. She has had her hull and funnel repainted black and is ready for sea at a moment's notice.

Czar's Supreme Manifest.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 10.—The "Official Messenger" to-day contains the following "Supreme Manifest."

"In our solicitude for the maintenance of peace, which is dear to our heart, we made every exertion to consolidate tranquility in the Far East. In these peaceful aims we signified assent to the proposals of the Japanese government to revise agreements regarding Corean affairs existing between the two governments. However, the negotiations begun upon this subject were not brought to a conclusion, and Japan, without awaiting the receipt of the last responsive proposals of our government, declared the negotiations broken off and diplomatic relations with Russia dissolved.

"Without advising us of the fact that the breach of such relations would in itself mean opening of warlike operations, the Japanese government gave orders to its torpedo boats to suddenly attack our squadron standing in the outer harbor of the fortress of Port Arthur. Upon receiving reports from the viceroy in the Far East about this, we immediately commanded him to answer the Japanese challenge with armed force.

"Making known this our decision, we, with unshaken faith in the help of the Almighty and with a firm expectation of and reliance upon the unanimous willingness of all our loyal subjects to stand with us in defence of the Fatherland, ask God's blessing upon our stalwart land and naval forces."

Russian Reports.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 10.—Some of the newspapers here printed extras today claiming a Russian victory at Port Arthur. Three Japanese warships and four torpedo boats are reported to have been seriously crippled. One report says the Japanese battleship Shikishima was sunk. The people began demonstrating, but there is no official confirmation of the report and the announcement is discredited.

VLADIVOSTOCK, Feb. 10.—Private telegrams received here report the complete rout of the Japanese by the Russians on the Yalu river. These advices also claim that Chemulpo, Corea, has been occupied by Russian soldiers and marines.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 10.—Viceroy Alexieff began to-day the mobilization of the army reserves in Eastern Asia.

The publication of extra editions of the newspapers containing accounts of the reported injuries to the Japanese ships during the Port Arthur engagements and the sinking of the Japanese battleship Shikishima led to a demand upon the editors for the source of their information. They replied, "It came from the British embassy." These reports were received everywhere with manifestations of joy, but nothing confirming them has come from Viceroy Alexieff.

At Port Arthur.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—In a dispatch from Che Foo, dated February 10th, a correspondent of the "Daily Mail" says:

"A northeast gale which is raging here bodes no good to the crippled Russian ships.

"Complete demoralization reigns at Port Arthur.

"Advices received here from Kwang-Ting, Manchuria, say that 10,000 armed Chinese, unofficially recognized as government troops, are operating in the district and are expected to attack the railroad guards when they hear of tho Russian disaster."

Declarations of War.

WASHINGTON, Feb 10.—Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador, called on Secretary Hay to-day and left with him the announcement of the Czar declaring war on Japan. It was a dispatch from the Foreign Office to the ambassador and was substantially as follows:

"During the night of Feb. 8-9, a detachment of Japanese torpedo boats unexpectedly attacked the Russian squadron lying at anchor in the outer roadstead of Port Arthur. This attack being the beginning of military operations, obliges the imperial government to take immediate measures to reply by armed force to the challenge issued against Russia. Be good enough to inform the government of the United States."

The United States legation at Tokio made two reports to day to the state department upon the battles. They related to engagements at Port Arthur and Chemulpo and added nothing to the facts already known.

TOKIO, Feb. 10.—A formal declaration of war is expected to-night. The proclamation has been prepared and approved by the cabinet. Foreign Minister Komura has gone to the palace to secure the Emperor's approval.

Japan Seized Masampho.

TOKIO, Feb. 10.—Japan seized Masampho Sunday and dispatched a heavy force there. Japan will fortify the port and establish a naval and military base there.

Masampho is an exceedingly important point, as it controls the Corean channel and is an excellent base for future operations.

Vessels Captured.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 10.—A cablegram to the Associated Press from Nagasaki states that the Russian cruiser Varlag, which was reported to have been sunk yesterday at Chemulpo by the Japanese fleet, was captured and had arrived at Sasebo. The dispatch also states in addition to the Russian vessels damaged in the torpedo attack at Port Arthur, seven other vessels were captured. It is also reported at Nagasaki that Gen. Kuropatkin has arrived at Harbin to take command of the Russian land forces.

TOKIO, Feb. 10.—The Japanese have captured at least five Russian commercial steamers including the Ekaterintoslav, Moukden, Russia, Argun and Alexander. They were captured by the Japanese in Corean and adjacent waters at various times since Saturday by small cruisers. Some of the steamers are rich prizes. The small steamer Koelk is detained at Yokohama, its status not being clear.

Troops at Seoul.

LONDON, February 11.—Special dispatches from Tokio this morning announce the arrival of Japanese troops at Seoul, but beyond this the dispatches published in the newspapers here this morning add practically nothing to the knowledge of the actual situation.

The Che Foo correspondent of the "Daily Express" asserts that the Russian cruiser Diana was injured by a shot from the Russian shore battery at Port Arthur and that the cruiser Novik and the battleship Poltava have also been beached at Port Arthur.

Naval Movements.

CHEE FOO, Wednesday, Feb. 10.—Upon the withdrawal of the Japanese minister from St. Petersburg, the Japanese fleet and transports proceeded to Masampho, which was occupied, and the fleet then sailed for Port Arthur. The rest of the Japanese ships are guarding Northern Japan, fearing that Russia might land a force from Vladivostock, and for the further purpose of preventing four Russian cruisers from joining the Russian fleet at Port Arthur. Other Japanese war vessels are cruising to intercept Russian vessels coming from Singapore. The Russian battleships damaged at Port Arthur are the Perseviet, Czarevitch and Retvizen. The cruiser Royarin was beached when the tide was falling and has not been floated and will be damaged, as a northeast gale was blowing to-day. The Japanese fleet has probably retired to Masampho and it is not known whether there was another attack on Tuesday night.

General Tchichikoff took command of the Russian troops in Manchuria to-day.

Mysterious Circumstance.

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SITUATION IN THE CITY OF BALTIMORE

Business Men Aroused to Importance of Keeping Their Trade from Slipping Away.

IMPORTANT ACTION TAKEN.

Insurance Companies Co-operating With Bank People to Relieve Financial Situation—Federal Troops to Replace the State Militia.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 10.—The situation in stricken Baltimore began to visibly clear to-day after a conference at the Belvidere hotel between Mayor McLane, a special joint committee of the Legislature and a formidable delegation of representative business men.

This conference was arranged with a view of meeting in a practical way the awful exigency which this community now faces. The supreme question to be decided was that of calling upon the national government for soldiers to take the places of the two State militia regiments now doing police duty in the burned district. The constitution of Maryland requires that no such request can be made of the President except by authority of the State Legislature. The legislative committee was present to hear the views of the mayor and officers of the city on that point. On this score it was shown that the State militiamen were already much exhausted by their long continued sentry duty; that they should be relieved in order that they might return to their several vocations, and that the militia on active duty is costing the State $50,000 a day.

Mayor McLane was particularly insistant that to efficiently guard the hundreds of millions of treasure that lie buried beneath the smouldering ruins called for the strong arm of the Federal soldiers. The announcement of the Legislative committee that it would recommend at once the passage of the necessary resolution was received with pleasure by the officers and business men present, and now that the Legislature has formally acted, there is every assurance that a national cordon around the devastated region will inspire a feeling of hopeful confidence in the future.

Mr. McLane's announcement that he will appoint an emergent committee of citizens to act as an advisory board of municipal officials is a great step forward in the way of putting the situation upon a practical business-like shape.

There is no doubt that within the past twenty-four hours the business men of Baltimore have been aroused in an extraordinary degree to the importance of doing everything possible to keep their trade advantages from slipping away. Merchants and bankers have been conferring to-day on this subject and the prevailing conviction is that it will require the utmost vigilance to prevent the deflection of a considerable volume of commerce to Philadelphia and New York. It is believed here that the situation may be saved if the debris can be cleared away and temporary buildings erected within four months. That a large per centage of the Spring trade will be lost is inevitable, but there is a set resolution among wholesale merchants that the per centage shall be as small as possible.

The opening to-day of the board room by the Chamber of Commerce and the receipt of quotations, the uninterrupted shipments of grain cargoes, the notification of some of the large insurance companies of their readiness to pay fifty per cent. on losses, and the action of the Legislature in asking for Federal troops, constitute a chain of incidents which have contributed materially to the restoration of public confidence and cheerfulness.

Financial institutions are to-day busily engaged in carting their securities and funds to temporary offices outside the confines of the burned district. By 8 o'clock express wagons and other available conveyances were backed up to banks and trust company buildings preparatory to removing all books, papers, funds, etc. The vault of the First National bank was opened and it was found that all of the securities and moneys of the bank were as safe as on the day they were placed in the vault. They were removed to the American National bank building on Gay street where temporary offices will be opened.

A number of large vaults and safes were opened to-day and in each of them the contents were found to be in good condition. Four hundred thousand dollars in coin and legal tender notes was taken from the vaults of the Third National bank and sent to the vaults of a bank outside the fire district. A heavy guard of soldiers accompanied the money.

The bankers of the city are doing their best to help the financial situation, some of the burned out banking houses resuming business in a small way at their temporary quarters. Most of the checks for small amounts presented to-day were cashed, but those for large sums were not paid in full.

Telegrams, letters and resolutions offering aid or sympathy were still being received at the mayor's office. Among them was a cablegram from Liverpool announcing that at a representative meeting of the tradesmen of that city a resolution was unanimously passed tendering the sympathy of that city to the citizens of Baltimore.

The insurance underwriters put in a very busy day, perfecting their organization and preparing to get at the work of adjusting the losses. About a dozen "loss committees" were appointed and to-morrow these will get to work adjusting the insurance.

The insurance companies are also co operating with the bank people in their efforts to relieve the financial situation. The largest companies and some of the smaller ones, too, have decided to immediately pay fifty per cent. of the amount of the claims presented to them where the loss was total or nearly so, leaving the remainder to be paid after the insurance has been finally adjusted. A few small claims were paid by some companies to-day.

Insurance men seen to-day as a rule stick to the estimates made yesterday on insurance losses. There is still a wide difference of opinion among them. A minority express the belief that when all the adjustments have been made, the insurance companies will not have to pay more than $60,000,000, while others think that $100,000,000 will not more than cover the insurance. Between $80,000,000 and $90,000,000, however, is the prevailing estimate.

Firemen Alarmed.

The local firemen were considerably alarmed about 1:30 P. M. to-day, when in responding to an alarm from the residential section they saw fire issuing from the roof of the home of the late John E. Hurst, on Cathedral street. The disaster of February 7th started in the business house of John E. Hurst. The fire proved to be the burning of soot in a chimney and was extinguished before damage was done.

The police to-night captured John Butts and George Cave, of Philadelphia. Butts is alleged to have sandbagged a bank runner in Philadelphia in 1898 and is also said to have had experiences in Washington.

ANNAPOLIS, MD., Feb. 9.—The General Assembly to-night passed the joint resolution asking the President to send Federal troops to Baltimore. It is understood that Governor Warfield will ask the President for 1,000 soldiers. An enabling act empowering the city of Baltimore to borrow $2,000,000 was also passed.

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TO LOCALIZE THE WAR.

Favorable Replies Received in Washington from European Powers.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Having received enough favorable replies to insure the concurrent action of European powers in the endeavor "to localize within as small an area as possible the hostilities in the Far East, and to insure to China as much as possible her neutrality," Secretary Hay to-night addressed notes to Russia and Japan inviting their co-operation in this endeavor and announcing that the United States stood stalwartly for this principle. It was known in advance that both the combatant powers desire the localization of the war.

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PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Flour was firm and held higher on choice grades; winter patents $5 60@4 80. Wheat—Spot firmer; No. 2 red 97c. Options opened stronger and closed strong. Corn—Spot steady; No. 2 59⅜c. Option market was less active and while higher at times showed a general tendency to ease off through bull efforts to unload holdings. The close was ¼@⅜c net lower: May closed 58⅜c; July closed 57⅛c; August 47⅜@57⅜c; September 56⅜c. Oats—Spot steady; No. 2 48c. Lard strong: Western steam $7 95; refined lard easy. Butter steady; extra creamery 25½c; State dairy 14@21c. Cheese—Market firm; State, full cream fancy, small colored, September 12; late made 10¾; small white, September 12; late made 10¾. Eggs higher and firm; State and Pennsylvania nearby average, finest 34@35c. Peanuts firm; fancy hand-picked 4¼c; other domestic 3¾@6c. Potatoes firm; Long Island $3 09@3 50; Jerseys $2 75@3 25; Jersey sweets $1 50@1 75; State and Western sacks $2 50@3 65. Cabbage steady; domestic, per ton, $25 00@35 00; per 100 $5 00@10 00. Freights to Liverpool—by steam 12. Tallow quiet. Pork easy. Rice firm. Sugar—Raw firm; refined steady. Cotton seed oil was rather quiet and in sympathy with lard: Prime crude, f. o. b. mills, 30½@31c; prime summer yellow 38@38⅛c; off summer yellow nominal; prime white 41c; prime winter yellow 40@42c.

CHICAGO, Feb. 10.—An increased foreign demand incident to war movements, combined with the congested local situation, caused an erratic wheat market to-day. At one stage in the trading May wheat showed a gain of 2¼c from the low point of the day and although all the gain was not maintained, the close was firm and 1⅝c higher than yesterday's closing figure. Coarse grains were weak on heavy liquidation, May corn closing ⅝c lower and oats down 1⅛c. Provisions were 5c higher to 10c lower.

CHICAGO, Feb. 10.—Cash prices; Flour quiet but firm. Wheat—No. 2 spring —c; No. 3 spring 80@94c; No. 2 red 93¾@98. Corn—No. 2 49⅛c; No. 2 yellow 49⅛c. Oats—No. 2 39⅝@40½; No. 3 white 40@44c. Rye—No. 2 62. Mess pork, per bbl., $14 87½@14 50. Lard, per 100 lbs., $7 50@7 55. Short rib sides, loose, $6 75@7 00. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, not reported. Short clear sides, boxed, $7 12½@7 25. Whiskey—Basis of high wines, $1 27.

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 2 May 95⅜@96, 97, 94¾, 96⅜@96⅛c; July 86⅜@87⅜, 80⅜, 86⅜, 87⅜c; September 83@83¼, 83⅜, 81⅜, 83⅜c. Corn—No. 2 February 50c; May 54⅜@@54⅜, 55⅛, 53¾, 53¾@53⅞c; July 53⅜@52⅜, 52⅜, 51⅝c. Oats—No. 2 February 39⅝c; May 43⅜@@43⅝, 43⅝, 42⅛, 42⅝c; July 39⅛@39⅛, 39⅝, 38⅝, 38⅝c; September 33⅝, 33⅜@33⅞, 33⅜, 33⅛c. Mess pork, per bbl—May $14 90, 14 92½, 14 65, 14 75; May $14 85, 14 85, 14 75, 14 80. Lard, per 100 lbs—May $7 80, 7 85, 7 70, 7 70; July $7 90, 7 90, 77½, 7 80. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—May $7 15, 7 22½, 7 10, 7 17½; July $7 27½, 7 30, 7 20, 7 30.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 10.—Cotton: Spot, moderate business; prices 58 points lower; American middling fair 7.20d; good middling 7.04d; middling 6.94d; low middling 6.86d; good ordinary 6.78d; ordinary 6.58d. The sales of the day were 7,000 bales, of which 500 bales were for speculation and export and included 6,400 bales American. Receipts 13,000 bales, including 10,600 bales American.

Futures opened easy and closed quiet and steady; American middling (g o c): February 6.88d; February and March 6.69d; March and April 6.71d; April and May 6.73d; May and June 6.74d; June and July 6.74d; July and August 6.73d; August and September 6.59d; September and October 6.09d; October and November 5.84d.

WEEKLY STAR one year, $1.00.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— In seeking an American heiress for a wife is Alphonso trying to recoup himself for the millions Uncle Sam got from him several years ago?—*Norfolk Public Ledger.*

—— In the appropriation bill there is an item of $20,000 for the monument to Hampton. This is a continuation of the appropriation of last year, and it yet remains for the people to raise $10,000. Of this a little over $6,000 is in sight. Much of this has been subscribed recently and if the same active work is done the full amount can be easily obtained.

—— We have forced Spain to leave Cuba; we shall aid Panama to maintain her independence of Colombia; we shall in due course abate the San Dominican nuisance, and, if we play creditably our part in the world, do many other high-handed acts of right and justice. And in each case we shall find our justification in a better code than that even of international law.—*Providence Journal.*

—— What is described as being the largest tobacco warehouse in the world is located at Liverpool. It occupies one block 725 feet long and 165 feet wide. The height from the level of the road, excluding that of the vault, is 424 feet 10 inches. The total accommodation of the twelve floors of the building and the quay floors is 58,200 packages. In addition to this warehouse are two older warehouses, which occupy the north and south quays of the same dock, the tendency being to concentrate the storage of tobacco in one location.—*Exchange.*

PERCY JONES MURDER.

Case Against Men Under Indictment Settled by Agreement.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 10.—The case of the State against the men Rich, Whitley, Ward, Pittman, Allen and Bass, under indictment for the killing of Percy Jones in Wilson last May, has been settled by agreement, by which the men are to plead guilty to manslaughter and to each serve a term in the State's prison to be fixed later. Lawrence Morgan, also indicted for the killing of Jones, is at large, a reward of $200 being offered for his capture.

Senator Hanna's condition remains practically unchanged. The physicians say that no complications have developed. It is this feature of the case that the physicians are guarding zealously against, as they realize that if any complications develop in the Senator's distressingly weak condition the result might be fatal quickly.

Escaped an Awful Fate.

Mr. H. Haggins, of Melbourne, Fla., writes: "My doctor told me I had consumption, and nothing could be done for me. I was given up to die. The offer of a free trial bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption induced me to try it. Results were startling. I am now on the road to recovery, and owe all to Dr. King's New Discovery. It surely saved my life." This great cure is guaranteed for all Throat and Lung diseases by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. Price 50c and $1.00. Trial bottles free. †

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Schr Lillian Woodruff, 288 tons, Warner, Ponce, Porto Rico, J T Riley & Co.

Stmr Tar Heel, Bradshaw, Fayetteville, S M King.

Clyde steamer Navahoe, Johnson, New York, H G Smallbones.

Stmr A P Hurt, Robeson, Fayetteville, T D Love.

Steamer Sanders, Sanders, Little River, S C, Stone, & Co.

CLEARED.

Schr John J Hanson, Wood, New York, C D Maffitt.

Schr Geo A McFadden, Wallace, New York, C D Maffitt.

Schr William Linthicum, Hitchens, Georgetown, C D Maffitt.

British steamer Coya, Thomas, New York, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Clyde steamer Carib, Chichester, New York, H G Smallbones.

British schooner Lillie, Davis, Kingston, Jamaica, J T Riley & Co.

Stmr Tar Heel, Bradshaw, Fayetteville, S M King.

Clyde steamer Navahoe, Johnson, Georgetown, S C, H G Smallbones.

Stmr A P Hurt, Robeson, Fayetteville, T D Love.

EXPORTS.

COASTWISE.

NEW YORK—Schr Geo A McFadden, 18,400 cross ties; cargo by Hall Tie & Lumber Co; vessel by C D Maffitt.

NEW YORK—Schr John J Hanson, 500,000 feet lumber; cargo by Cape Fear Lumber Co; vessel by C D Maffitt.

FOREIGN.

KINGSTON, JAMAICA—British schr Lillie, 248,161 feet pitch pine lumber, valued at $3,687; 207,825 cypress shingles, valued at $1,240; cargo by Kidder Lumber Co; vessel by J T Riley & Co.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Rosin easy. Spirits turpentine easy at 67½.

CHARLESTON, Feb. 10.—Spirits turpentine and rosin nominal; nothing doing. Quotations omitted.

SAVANNAH, Feb. 10.—Spirits turpentine was firm at 64c; receipts 94 casks; sales casks; exports 1,204 casks. Rosin was firm; receipts 2,770 barrels; sales 1,613 barrels; exports 215 barrels. Quote: A, B, C, $2 80; D, $2 80; E, $1 85; F, $2 90; G, $2 95; H, $2 95; I, $3 20; K, $3 25; M, $3 30; N, $3 35; W G, $3 45; W W, $3 75.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Cotton nominal at 14.25c; net receipts — bales; gross receipts — bales; stock 76,441 bales.

Spot cotton closed steady; middling uplands 14.25; middling gulf 14.50c; sales 525 bales.

Cotton futures market closed steady; February 12.98, March 13.11, April 13.28, May 13.38, June 13.43, July 13.50, August 12.83, September 12.10, October 11.49, December 11.05.

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET

[Quoted officially at the closing by the Chamber of Commerce.]

STAR OFFICE, February 4.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market firm at 61c per gallon.

ROSIN—Market firm at $2.50 per barrel bid for good strained.

TAR—Market firm at $1.40 per barrel of 280 pounds.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm at $2.50 per barrel for hard, $4.25 for dip, $4.25 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine firm at 62c; rosin firm at $1.70@1.75 bid; tar firm at $1.60; crude turpentine firm at $2.28, 3.75@3.75.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	70
Rosin	282
Tar	367
Crude turpentine	46

Receipts same day last year—22 casks spirits turpentine, 72 barrels rosin, 176 barrels tar, 9 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Nothing doing.

Same day last year, market firm at 8⅛c for middling.

Receipts—197 bales; same day last year, 778.

[Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commission Merchants.]

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm. Prime, 87½c; extra prime, 90c; fancy, 95c, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 75c; extra prime, 80c; fancy, 85c. Spanish 95c.

CORN—Firm, 57½@60c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 16@16½c per pound; shoulders, 12½c; sides, 12½c.

EGGS—Firm at 23c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Dull. Grown, 25@35c; springs, 10@22c.

TURKEYS—Firm at 12½@13c for live.

BEESWAX—Firm at 25@26c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6½c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 50@55c per bushel.

BEEF CATTLE—Firm at 2@3½c per pound.

[Quoted officially at the closing by the Chamber of Commerce.]

STAR OFFICE, February 5.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market firm at 61c per gallon.

ROSIN—Market firm at $2.50 per barrel bid for good strained.

TAR—Market firm at $1.40 per barrel of 280 pounds.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm at $2.50 per barrel for hard, $4.25 for dip, $4.25 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine firm at 62c; rosin firm at $1.70@1.75 bid; tar firm at $1.60; crude turpentine firm at $2.20, 3.75@3.75.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	5
Rosin	350
Tar	311
Crude turpentine	104

Receipts same day last year—19 casks spirits turpentine, 305 barrels rosin, 305 barrels tar, 33 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Nothing doing.

Same day last year, market firm at 8⅛c for middling.

Receipts—1,160 bales; same day last year, 693.

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COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm. Prime, 87½c; extra prime, 90c; fancy, 95c, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 75c; extra prime, 80c; fancy, 85c. Spanish 95c.

CORN—Firm; 57½@60c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 16@16½c per pound; shoulders, 12½c; sides, 12½c.

EGGS—Firm at 23c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Dull. Grown, 25@35c; springs, 10@22c.

TURKEYS—Firm at 12½@13c for live.

BEESWAX—Firm at 25@26c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6½c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 50@55c per bushel.

BEEF CATTLE—Firm at 2@3½c per pound.

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STAR OFFICE, February 6.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nothing doing.

ROSIN—Market firm at $2.50 per barrel for good strained.

TAR—Market firm at $1.40 per barrel of 280 pounds.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm at $2.50 per barrel for hard, $4.25 for dip, $4.25 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine firm at 62c; rosin firm at $1.70@1.75 bid; tar firm at $1.60; crude turpentine firm at $2.20, 3.75@3.75.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	14
Rosin	297
Tar	371
Crude turpentine	32

Receipts same day last year—26 casks spirits turpentine, 219 barrels rosin, 364 barrels tar, 56 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Nothing doing.

Same day last year, market firm at 8⅛c for middling.

Receipts—730 bales; same day last year, 517.

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COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm. Prime, 90c; extra prime, 95c; fancy, $1.00, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 80c; extra prime, 85c; fancy, 95c. Spanish, $1.00.

CORN—Firm; 57½@60c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 16@16½c per pound; shoulders, 12½c; sides, 12½c.

EGGS—Firm at 23c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Dull. Grown, 25@35c; springs, 10@22c.

TURKEYS—Firm at 12½@13c for live.

BEESWAX—Firm at 25@26c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6½c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 50@55c per bushel.

BEEF CATTLE—Firm at 2@3½c per pound.

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STAR OFFICE, February 8.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nothing doing.

ROSIN—Market firm at $2.50 per barrel for good strained.

TAR—Market firm at $1.40 per barrel of 280 pounds.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm at $2.50 per barrel for hard, $4.25 for dip, $4.25 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine firm at 62c; rosin firm at $1.70@1.75 bid; tar firm at $1.60; crude turpentine firm at $2.20, 3.75@3.75.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	10
Rosin	165
Tar	104
Crude turpentine	66

Receipts same day last year—1? casks spirits turpentine, 1,258 barrels rosin, 345 barrels tar, 18 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Nothing doing.

Same day last year, market firm at 8⅛c for middling.

Receipts—771 bales; same day last year, 400.

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COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm. Prime, 90c; extra prime, 95c; fancy, $1.00, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 80c; extra prime, 85c; fancy, 95c. Spanish, $1.00.

CORN—Firm, 57½@60c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 16@16½c per pound; shoulders, 12½c; sides, 12½c.

EGGS—Firm at 23c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Dull. Grown, 25@35c; springs, 10@22c.

TURKEYS—Firm at 12½@13c for live.

BEESWAX—Firm at 25@26c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6½c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 50@55c per bushel.

BEEF CATTLE—Firm at 2@3½c per pound.

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STAR OFFICE, February 9.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market firm at 62½c per gallon.

ROSIN—Market firm at $2.55 per barrel bid for good strained.

TAR—Market firm at $1.40 per barrel of 280 pounds.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm at $2.50 per barrel for hard, $4.25 for dip, $4.25 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine firm at 62c; rosin firm at $1.70@1.75 bid; tar firm at $1.60; crude turpentine firm at $2.20, 3.75@3.75.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	41
Rosin	300
Tar	239
Crude turpentine	58

Receipts same day last year—6 casks spirits turpentine, 17 barrels rosin, 176 barrels tar, 58 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Nothing doing.

Same day last year, market firm at 8⅛c for middling.

Receipts—375 bales; same day last year, 178.

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COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm. Prime, 90c; extra prime, 95c; fancy, $1.00, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 80c; extra prime, 85c; fancy, 95c. Spanish, $1.00.

CORN—Firm; 57½@60c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 16@16½c per pound; shoulders, 12½c; sides, 12½c.

EGGS—Firm at 23c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Dull. Grown, 25@35c; springs, 10@22c.

TURKEYS—Firm at 12½@13c for live.

BEESWAX—Firm at 25@26c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6½c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 50@55c per bushel.

BEEF CATTLE—Firm at 2@3½c per pound.

(Quoted officially at the closing by the Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, February 10.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market firm at 63c per gallon.

ROSIN—Market firm at $2.60 per barrel for good strained.

TAR—Market firm at $1.40 per barrel of 280 pounds.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm at $2.50 per barrel for hard, $4.25 for dip, $4.25 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine firm at 62c; rosin firm at $1.70@1.75 bid; tar firm at $1.60; crude turpentine firm at $2.20, 3.75@3.75.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	15
Rosin	258
Tar	314
Crude turpentine	14

Receipts same day last year—92 casks spirits turpentine, 583 barrels rosin, 1,143 barrels tar, 21 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Nothing doing.

Same day last year, market firm at 8⅛c for middling.

Receipts—186 bales; same day last year, 287.

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BEEF CATTLE—Firm at 2@3½c per pound.

— Fayetteville *Observer*: Perhaps the most cordial call ever given a minister was that extended yesterday to Rev. C. H. Durham, of Lumberton, to become pastor of the First Baptist church. The call was a unanimous one, and the salary of the pastor has been raised $200 more yearly than has heretofore been paid. In conversation with Mr. J. A. Oates, who has been superintendent of the Baptist Sunday suchool for a number of years, the reporter learns that the school is showing a marked increase in attendance, 202 scholars answering to the rol call Sunday morning.

— Kinston *Free Press*: Mr. T. H. Spence, who lives near the city, was coming into town last Saturday night and when in front of Mr. S. H. Loftin's residence was attacked by a musk-rat. The little "varmint" ran up his leg and came near frightening Mr. Spence to death. He shook the rat off and picked up a brick and killed it. It was a fat one, with fine fur, and the question arises: "How come it on Queen street, in the heart of the city?"

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