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GREAT BRITAIN STOLE A MARCH ON RUSSIA. While Russia has her hands full

in trying to stay the Japs, Great Britain is making the most of her "friendly" but armed expedition into that great unknown country, Thibet. Several days ago the cablegrams told us that a Thibetan chief ordered the British troops to leave but the white men declined and this brought on a battle in which the British played havoc with the Yellow Men by means of the improved arms and artilery which the British took along to make friends as they go. It was discovered that the Thibetans were armed with Russian guns and had been supplied with Russian ammunition. This showed that Russia had been monkeying with the Thibetans and had armed them against

England's purpose is to protect her Indian frontier and at the same | mutual advantage of the two. time to gain important trade concessions in I hibet. Another explanation of the friendly visit comes to light in the announcement that exeeedingly rich gold deposits have been discovered in this strange land. Their discovery of gold means that the Bruish are in Thibet to stay on a very long visit. This is where Great Britain stole a march on

COTTON GROWING IN ARGEN-

The Maunfacturers' Record, March 31st, has this bit of interest ing information:

Franklin & Herrers, of 417 Bartoloin- M tre, Bu-nos Avres, Argentine R public, inform the Manufacturers Record that a new departure during the past year has been the first ship ment of raw cotton grown in Argen tios. Only a small quantity was expor ed, but a considerable area is under cultivation, and it is estimated that there will be a production of 4,000 or 5,000 in 1904.

It will be seen that Argentina's cotton crop this year will amount to about 200,000 bales of the size and weight of the average American bale. It would be interesting to - know what the quality of the Argentina cotton is, what the climatic condition of that region is with reference to cotton culture, what area is adaptable to cotton culture, and what the yield is per acre. Of course, all these questions, as well as that of labor, transportation facilities and mechanical equipment figure in the production of cotton, and it needs to be seen whether the cost of cotton culture in Argentina or any other Sonth American or African region will be such that the regions now being exploited for cotton production will sooner or later compete with the South in furnishing the world with its supply of raw

We hate to hurt a President's feelings, but as Col. Roosevelt has shown that he is not particular who dines with him, usurps the prerogatives of Congress, has to have a stands about 30 feet in height, covers flunkey to introduce him to his own family, wants a \$70,000 stable for a lot of sore-backed branchos, and in all manner of ways acts strenuously and obstrepuously, it becomes necessary for us to tell him that we'll give him till the 4th of next March to look out for some lucrative position that will hold him down a while.

The Columbia State complains that its suggestion to make Booker T. Washington Roosevelt's running mate has received no second from the Republican press at the North. a dispensary election before the regu-Why does the State persist in this lar State and county election in Noeffort to humiliate Dr. Washington by making him the tail to a Roosevelt kite? Here's where we stand by the negro, and it is but another instance of the fact that the "South is the Negro's best friend."

A lady editor has jumped on the Augusta Chronicle, but the editor of that paper says he must "refuse to take issue with her." Sensible to the last! Just let the charming creature alone, for you would make her wear out all her type in her de-termination to have the last world.

Some politicians are probably lotte "Observer," and a well known newspaper man, died yesterday from heart-failure. He was 32 years old and mum, because what they stand for might jump the trolley before it is was vice consul to Shanghai under Cleveland's last administration. waved down by the people.

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MANAGEMENT City Editor of the Charlette Observer Vic-

I. E. AVERY IS DEAD.

tim of Heart Fallure.

curred as the result of heart failure.

Mr. Avery was easily one of the

most gifted writers of the State press

the Monday edition of the Observer

had gained for him a national reputa-

tion, his bright observations and pun-

gent remarks upon every-day topics

having been copied widely North and

South. Under Oleveland's adminis-

tration he was in the diplomatic ser-

vice at a foreign post but for the past

several years he had been with the

Charlotte Observer and had been in

the front tank of his profession from

the very start. His death will be de-

LEASED THE NEWBERN THEATRE.

Cowan Bros., of This City, Acquired Im

proved Masonic Opera House.

Mr. Jas. H. Cowan, of the firm of

and on yesterday closed a deal by

which the firm leases for a period of

three, with an option of five years,

the Masonic Opera House in that city,

which will be greatly improved and

enlarged before next season at a cost

of something like \$10,000. Mesars.

Cowan Bros. will conduct the theatre

in connection with the Academy of

Music here. Mr. F. F. Matthews, an

manage the house for the lessees, but

the Messre. Cowan Bros. will be in

general control. The leasing of the

house in connection with the Wil-

mington Academy will result to the

PARK FOR EXCURSIONISTS.

lly Hall Yard Put to Good Purposes

Other Improvements.

The Public Building Committee o

Murrell, Karr and Yopp, met yester-

day afternoon and went over the en-

a view to making a number of im-

provements. One of these will be

It is probable that the main corridor

somined and a number of needed im-

provements made upstairs. The ad-

LOAST LINE'S FINE EARNINGS.

Remarkable Showing for February as Re-

ported by Hugh MacRae & Co.

Feby. 1904 1903 Incree Constant State Stat

turns from 35 other roads which have

reported for February show a decrease

Mr. T. Donian, superintendent of

Oakdale cemetery, requests us to an-

nounce that the magnificent plant,

the Fortuna Globula, is in full bloom.

This plant is at the junction of two of

the cemetery avenues, and it is a most

luxuriant and beautiful specimen. It

130 feet square feet of ground, and is

in flower from top to bottom. The

bloom is globular in shape and is a

feathery white, rendering the plant

one of the prettiest of the botanical

specimens. The plant belongs to the

mountain laurel family, and Superin-

tendent Donlan says there is not an-

other of the kind so large, shapely

and beautiful, anywhere in the United

With the recurrence of each month-

ly meeting of the Board of Aldermen,

there is a revival of the talk about the

petition of the Anti Saloon League for

vember. From the best information

obtainable yesterday, it appears that

the dispensary advocates will wait

a while longer before beginning the

A correspondent reports that Mr. H.

Herring, of Berta, Pender county, and

Miss Apple Smith, of Keith, N. C.,

were married in Canetuck chapel Fri-

day. The ceremony was witnessed

by a number of friends of the popular

young people. Among the attendants

were a number of friends from Wil-

I. E. Avery, city editor of the Char-

mington and Chadbourn.

The Dispensary Issne,

Marriage in Pender.

July 1st to February 29th:

From July 1st to February 29th.

of \$492,337 in net earnings.

Beautiful Specimen.

Messrs. Hugh MacRae & Co., bank-

needed for years.

plored everywhere.

The announcement of no death

Erstwhile A. & N. C. Receiver Made Remarkable Disclosures in Superior Court.

THE HEARING IN RALEIGH.

Judge Brown Intimates That He Wil Grant Continuance-That Conference With the Governor Again. and his "Idle Comment" column in Many Motions Lodged.

[Special Star Telegram.]

RALEIGH, N. C., April 2.-V. H McBee and K. S. Finch, the alleged conspirators in the Atlantic & North Carolina rallroad matter, had their first inning in court to-day and the proceedings were characterized by highly sensational affidavits on their side of the case. The testimony of fered was primarily for the purpose of quashing the bill of indictment or securing a continuance of the trial to the next term of court, but the affidavits also contained disclosures regarding the management of this rallroad, in which the State is the largest stockholder and therefore responsible for its operation.

Counsel for defendants made four motions: That the sollcitor be ordered Cowan Bros., this city, is in Newbern to file a bill of particulars; that the indictment be quashed; that the action be dismissed on the ground that the matter is only cognizable in the Federal Court, and that the case be con tinued until the next term, provided the other motions were not granted.

While Judge Brown, after hearing be affidavits and argument, stated that he would take the first three motions under advisement until Monday he stated that if he did not quash the bill, he would certainly grant the conexperienced man, has been engaged to tinuance.

Of the sensational affidavits read, the irst was by W. W. Clark and it set orth all the facts with reference to the alleged agreement between the counsel for the defence and Governor Aycock to drop the prosecution of Finch and McBee, provided the receivership suit as brought on would be abandoned on preliminary hearing fore Chief Justice Walter Clark. I recited W. S. O'B. Robinson's conver sation with Governor Aycock and Judge Robinson's assertion that the your associates anything you want to about the agreement and I'll back

the Board of Aldermen, Aldermen The affidavit of Captain McBes for merly receiver of the railroad under the order of the Federal court, was read and it proved a warm document tire City Hall building and yards with After stating the necessity for a con tinuance to secure witnesses, it stated some of the allegations he desired to prove. Among the number were that the removal of the high picket feace the railroad under the present State around the yard and replacing the management was not earning sufficient same with a neat stone fence with revenue to pay a dividend, maintain the road bed or provide the necessary coping. The yard will be converted equipment; that the road is being "run into and equipped as a public park for largely as a political machine;" that excursionists, which has been so badly employes are fostered on the road to pay political obligations; that contracts for supplies are made at extravagant prices, and numerous free passes are of the Hall building will be rekalgiven in defiance of law. For serving on the proxy committee, 34 annual passes are issued, 14 of these to persons vertisement for bids for the extensive not even stockholders. Capt. McBee further sets out that 34 prominent poliimprovements to the Academy of Mulicians (only eight of whom live on sic will probably be made in a few the line of the road) are given passes as attorneys and names them in his affidavit. He further desires to prove that the contract for oil was made with the National Oil Company at excessive figures and a representative of the oil company was given a pass over the railroad as travelling representative. He states he can prove that an excessive contract was nade with Bryan Ives to furnish wood for the road and ers and brokers, furnish the following the railroad loaned Ives the money to statement, showing the excellent earnequip his plant. Among other charges ings of the Atlantic Coast Line for are: That 11 agents are short in their February, and also for the period from accounts; much freight is hauled with out being billed; the road had earned more under receivership management than under present control; the present management is detrimental to stockholders: that certain receipts are Gross Earnings.....\$1904 1903 Incree Gross Earnings....\$17,218 232 \$12,520,147 \$698 095 Operating Expenses 8 306,241 8 337,66 431 735 Net Earnings...... 4,9,2,01 4,184,171 729,830 †Deorease. misspent or diverted as in the case of the Morehead Hotel, which he charged lost \$8,000 last season; that prominent men and their families boarded, The statement is all the more rewined and dined at the hotel free of markable from the fact that the re-

charge; that the value of stock adwhen the receiver was apvanced pointed. Allusions to the bench warrant ap

peared in Capt. McBee's second aff davit. In this sworn statement he said that while acting as receiver under orders of the Federal Court, he was arrested in Newbern and brought to Raleigh and taken before Chief Justipe Clark. His only counsel present was subpocaed as witness; his application for time was denied; his motion to waive examination was refused and he was bound over to court unde bond; that when he was approached by Judge Robinson and asked to vacate the receivership provided the conspiracy prosecution was dropped. he refused to do so under any such conditions. Counsel for Finch then refused to confer further and withdraw Finch's bill of complaint, leaving the receivership unsupported and it had to be abandoned. "The agreement to settle and sign a decree in the United States Circuit Court was made and signed and presented to the United States Circuit Court under the direct duress of criminal iprosecution." says the affidavit, and the beach warrant was sworn out by the Attorney Ganeral and issued and served for the sole purpose of obstructing the action of the United States Circuit Court, forcng a withdrawal of the suit then pending, absolving the receivership under duress and forcibly taking the properted States Circuit Court and returning

It to the president and directors of the The court room was crowded during the hearing. Attorneys for McBee and Finch were Argo & Shaffer, Capt. W. H. Day, Mr. W. W. Olark, of Newbern, and Messrs. F. H. Busbee & Son. The prosecution was repre-sented by Solicitor Armistead Jones and Attorney General Gilmer.

- Mr. J. M. Lee, of South Washington, Saturday forwarded to the STAR two ripe strawberries from the fields of Mr. W. J. Garris, of South Washington-the first of the season.

-Pay your poll tax before May 1st, or you cannot vote in the State and Presidential elections to be held in November next.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

- Mr. B. H. Boddie, a highly esteemed farmer, living in Nash county, was unhitching his horse from the plow at the noon hour when he suddenly reeled and fell to the ground, dying instantly.

- W. T. Kennedy, a well known county roads for assault, and whose counsel gave notice of appeal, was placed in jall on Friday and will beabandoned the appeal.

- The Soldiers' Home at Raleigh is entirely full, and forty applica-tions are on file. State Auditor Dixon says that if the Legislature will give \$5,000 additional, forty more veterans can be provided for. There are now 125, and the apprepriation is barely enough to main-

- Mrs. W. J. Tyson, of Fayette-ville, is at Raleigh, asking the Gov-ernor to pardon her husband, who is serving a ten years' sentence in the penitentiary. He represented to the insurance company that she was dead, collected the insurance money and married another woman. It is the third time she has thus appealed for mercy. - Greensboro Record: This young

man Baskerville, of the State University, must be a real wonder in the field of chemistry, Without knowing anything conclusive about the merit of his achievements, one can guess that be is a remarkable man from the fact that in a single newspaper item we find that he is to deliver lectures before Columbian University and the Cosmos Club of Washington, D. C., and the Chemists' Club of New York city. Dr. Baskerville appears to have found a line of work that he enjoys and to be following it with zest and perseverence. That is the sort of man who succeeds in these times. - North Carolina won the sev-

enth annual inter-collegiate debate from the University of Georgia on Friday night at the University of discussed as follows: "Resolved, That labor unions are inimical to our industrial development." Carolina was represented by Mr. Issac C. Wright, of Clinton, and Mz. A. Hall Johnston, of Asheville, while the University of Georgia was represented by Messrs. A. Golucke and W. W. Patterson, both of Athens, Ga. The debate was one of the most scholarly ever heard in Chapel Hill. It was Greek against

- Gastonia Gazette: For years and years past there has been talk of tin deposits near Kings Mountain. This talk appears at last to have amounted to something more than hopes spoken aloud. It has been demonstrated that tin is there -there in valuable deposits; and we believe it must be there in paying quantities, else interested land-hold ers would not be refusing \$100,000 offers for fractional interests. This vein of tin ore is said to stretch a distance of forty miles from the western part of Gaston county to Gaffney City in South Carolina. It is gratifying to know that Gaston holds a generous share of these rich deposits. About half of the carload of oresent to England last Fall was taken from the farm of Mr. John E. Jones three miles from Bessemer City.

- At Raleigh on Friday the negro Will Adams was convicted of murder in the first degree, and sentenced to be hanged on Tuesday, May 24. The counsel assigned by the court to defend Adams gave notice of appeal to the Supreme Court. so that the hanging cannot take place on the day set. The crime with which Adams stands convicted is the killing of a colored woman named Mary Bridgers and her little daughter in St. Matthew's township. on January 22nd. Another child, a boy about three years old, was nearly killed, but recovered. No motive could be found for the crime other than robbery, for there were a few dollars in the house of the murdered woman, who lived only a short distance from the murderer. The killing was done one afternoon while the woman's husband was away from home, having gone to Raleigh. The evidence was entirely circumstantial, consisting of testimony for the most part of persons who had recognized Adams' footprints where they were traced folowing those of the woman running from the house to the cotton patch, and also those who had seen the man acting in a suspicious manner.

-Greensboro Record April 1:-A ong standing quarrel between father and son terminated rather seriously early yesterday morning at Bensja, when tharles Rich dangerously shot his father, David Rich with a double-barrel shotgun, the whole charge of one barrel entering the upper part of the right leg and also breaking the knee-cap. The wound is very dangerous as the main blood veins had been severed and many of the shot had lodged in the fleshy part, cannot be reached and may cause blood poison. A warrant was issued for the arrest of Charles Rich, and Deputy Sheriffs Crutchfield and Weatherly went down to place him under arrest. When they arrived he had left and The boy then picked up the only thing he wanted to carry away—his gun-and started off. The father followed him and threatened to kill him. The boy then took aim at his

tioned above.

N THE SENATE AND HOUSE. Postoffice Appropriation Bill Stdetracked

in the Senate for Debate-Persion Bills Passed by the House.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. WASHINGTON, April 2 .- Mr. Ward occupied the greater part of the day in young white man, sentenced at occupied the greater part of the day in Kinston to eighteen months on the the Senate with a speech on the Gibson bill, to repeal most of the existing land laws. He took sharp issue with the contentions of Gibson, contending gin his sentence on the road, having that the laws were beneficient, and in the main honestly administered, and urging that there was no demand for

The Postoffice Appropriation bill was completely side-tracked for the day.

Mr. Mallory concluded his speech on the old age disability pension order the secretary of the interior. He said the order is a usurpation of legislative authority and unjustified. He delared that there had not been any evidence to justify the original ruling that 76 years is evidence of total inability, nor anything in the present that would show that 72 years is case that would show that 62 years is evidence of half disability.

The Benate adjourned until Mon-

House of Representatives.

Three hundred and nineteen pen sion bills were passed by the House today in two hours. Another hour was devoted to rapid fire legislation by unanimous consent, in which a large number of bridge bills and other matters of minor importance were disposed o'. At the expiration of this time, Mr. Maddox, of Georgia, who had threatened to stop the proceedings by a point of "no quorum" when the pension legislation was finished, insisted on the point and as there were few members present, the House ad-

A bill passed to authorize the holding of a regular term of the district court of the United States for the western district of Virginia at Big Stone Gap; granting the State of Texas the right to place statutes in statuary hall of Sam Houston and Stephen F. Aus-

THE SULLY PAILURE.

North Carolina. The query was Offer of Settlement Made by the Suspended Firm.

NEW YORK, April 2 .- A meeting-of the creditors of D. J. Bully & Co., to consider the latest offer of a settle ment made by the suspended firm may be held as early as next Monday. The committee representing the creditors has been holding daily conferences with receivers Taft and Miller, at Sully's offices, and it was stated to-day that they probably will have enough information to enable them to make a statement to the creditors generally. early next week. If this is so, Super intendent King, of the Ootton Exchange, will be asked to call a meet ing on Monday or Tuesday afternoon At that meeting the committee will make a report, and it is probable that the meeting will determine whether it would be wise to sacept the latest offer made by Bully.

MR. SPRUNT'S MUNIFICENT CIFT.

Gentral Baptist Church, Col , Passes Resolu-

tion of Thanks for Noble Generosity. The Central Baptist church, colored of this city, at its regular monthly meeting on March 31st, adopted the following resolutions:

"We would be very ungrateful did we not kindly appreciate the rare favor, recently bestowed upon us by the most munificent Mr. W. H. Sprunt, in presenting the sum of ten thousand dollars to be used in making comfortable the sick and unfortunate ones of our race, by restoring them (as far as possible) to health and happiness; therefore, be it

Resolved. That we, the members o Central Baptist church, tender to the generous and noble hearted Mr. Sprunt our beartfelt thanks for the Resolved further, That we not only

tender our thanks, but that we show

ourselves worthy of the grand favor. Be it also resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the face of the minutes of this church, and that a copy of them be sent to Mr. W. H.

REV. S. S. HENDERSON, Pastor. J. M. WHITTED, Church Clerk.

Market Street Paving.

The Market street paving having been completed, City Attorney Bellamy on yesterday furnished the city engineer with a computation of the cost to each property owner along that thoroughfare, between Second and Fourth streets. The statement gives the number of lineal feet for which each property owner is liable, the rate being \$3.94 per lineal foot for each. In a very short time now it is expected that work will begin on the paving of Second street, between Market and Princess.

another Fisher Reunion.

It is learned that Rev. J. A. Smith and other Fort Fisher veterans are already moving for another reunion on the historic spot where so many brave North Carolinians gave up their lives for the Lost Cause. The reunion this year will probably be in July or early in August.

-The steamer Sarah Louise. owned by Messrs. R. P. and E. E. they returned empty handed. The Williams, had a serious accident to boy came to Greensboro several days | befall her Thursday while en route ago to enlist in the army and ex- to Newbern from Fort Barnwell, a pected to make application at the place about nineteen miles from local recruiting station, but for Newbern. While the boat was some reason or other did not do so, under way the bottom blew pipe but returned to his home. David burst or the blow cock at the rear Rich is a well known painter, hav- end of the boiler blew out. Two ing been emplayed by E. D. Golden | deck hands were scalded to death. for many years. From what the One of them lived for three hours, officers said it would seem that there while the other was so badly burnis a good in extenuation of the boy's ed that he jumped overboard and shooting his father. It seems that was drowned. Fireman Wm. Lovethe father told the boy to leave. ineer was burned on his right shoulder but not seriously.

Two persons were killed and dozen others injured in a collison be tween an express train and a freight fother's leg with the result as mentrain on the Pennsylvania railroad near Polistown Pa.

THE SITUATION IN may have been an exchange of shots with the Russians, but it is certain that the main Japanese fleet was not engaged at the time referred to. THE FAR EAST.

Japanese May Have to Fight Odds of 2 to 1 and Collision May Be at Yalu River.

VIEWS OF JAPS' COMMANDER.

Russians Planning to Put 350,000 Men in

the Field-Have Supplies in Abundance-Difficulties in Way of Japanese Advance. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, April 2.- A special cable from a Chicago "Daily News" staff correspondent from Tokio says: Field Marshal Yamagata, who, after

the emperor, is first in command of the Japanese forces and was the original organizer of the Japanese army. said to-day that the Japanese may have to fight odds of two to one, and that the clash may come at the Yalu river. The Marshal said:

"Russian troops have been coming south for a long time and it is evident tnat a conflict must result. As mat ters have turned out, it would have been better if the war had occurred when the Russians first occupied Manchuria, because ever since they have been strengthening their positions in that province. Our statesmen, however, wished to preserve peace as long as possible. It is difficult to say where the first blg land battle will take place. The Russians seem to be in force between Liao Yang and Kaiping on the Manchuria railroad. They may cross the mountains and possibly meet us at the Yalu.

"Bridges and roads of Anju have been destroyed by the Russian troops, and therefore the Japanese advance will be difficult. No doubt if the Russians destroy the Manchurian railroad it may not be difficult to repair it for the use of the Japanese troops; but the difficulty is to reach the railroad. Five months ago the Russian generals planned to put 350,000 men in the field. They must have contemplated supplying them with ammunition and

Arctic sea run near Lake Baikal. They are navigable in Summer and can be used for transportation. The Russians in this way need not rely entirely on the railroad. Large supples of American flour have been going to Viadivostok for years and we must expect to meet a well equipped and well nourished army of 350,000. It is a difficult matter to fight a nation with 3.000,000 soldiers. We have to lay our plans very carefully.

"There is no doubt that the Cossacks will worry the Japanese army, which was originally intended for home defence in the mountainous country, and is mainly composed of infantry. We must work with the material we possess. When the Japanese army is compared with other armies it must be remembered that it only has been lately organized. I had no small share in its organization, and therefore I see its faults and try to improve it, but never find that it reaches my ideal."

Russians at Wije.

SEOUL, April 2:-It is reported here that two thousand Russians troops, including Cossacks and infantrymen, are entrenched about the gate on the southside of Wija.

A pack train carrying specie to the American gold misss at Unsan, which had been held up by the authorities south of Anju, has been released and permitted to proceed. The mining company does not anticipate any further difficulty in its transportation operations.

Lake Baikal Railroad,

IRKUTSK, April 2.-The railroad across Lake Baikal has ceased operations in consequence of the breaking up of the ice, and is being removed. Its assistance to the government in transportation of supplies has been incalculable. As an indication of its service, it is stated that between March 2d and March 28th, there passed over it 1,693 freight cars, 673 troop cars, 25 ordinary passenger coaches, carrying officers, and sixty-five engines. The cost of the undertaking was \$250,000. Russian Line of Communication.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 2 .- Genera Levaskoff, director of military communications of the general staff, in an interview, gives interesting facts about the Russian line of communications. Не заув:

The transport of troops over the Si berian and Manchurian railroads worked without a hitch, except for a six hour stoppage caused by a collision. Men, guns and ammunition, equipment and provisions have gone forward with clock work regularity. The sketches of scenes along the route appearing in English newspapers are ludicrous. The pictures of encounters with Chinese bandits along the line, with broken rails, tangles of telegraph wires, prostrate poles and Cossacks galloping with what look! like miniature search lights, all belong to the realm of fancy. I do not know of a single interruption by bandits. The protection of the line is assured by more practical, though perhaps less poetic means the illustrated papers. For take trains. We discussed the subject and decided against them. The conditions did not call for them. The line runs through territory held by our troops. There may be a few robber bands, but there are no Japanese, at least at present. The only things of the kind introduced are armored cabs for the engine drivers, to protect them from stray bullets. There will be difficulty over the impending stoppage of the ice railroad cross Lake Daikal. The lake gener ally is free from ice about the middle

ularly. Quiet at Port Arthur. PORT ARTHUR, April 2.-All is

of May, but long before that time the

ice-breakers will have opened a chan-

nel and the ferries will be running reg-

quiet here and there is no change in the situation. The weather is warmer and the sick and wounded are making good progress toward recovery.

The Japanese who were killed in the last attack upon this place were buried to-day in the Chinese cemetery outside the town, with military honors.

It is hoped it will be possible to raise the Japanese fireships which were sunk in the attempt to block the harbor.

TOKTO, April 2.-The Navy Departmeni as no information concerning the reported Japanese attack on Port Arthur March 30-31, and the officials Wednesday. doubt that a general attack occurred. be favorable. OHIO AND INDIANA FLOODS.

Millions of Dollars Damage - Great Sulfering-Houses Still Submerged and Many People Without Food.

By Telegraph to the morning Star.

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It was added that it was possible that

IN FIFTEEN

few Japanese cruisers are in the vic-

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We had gone to Bird island, in the

Arabian sea, in the trading brig Hope

to fish for pearl oysters. One day as

we were dragging the bottom in fifteen

fathoms we came across what we be-

lieved to be a sunken hulk. The spot was about whree miles off the island.

Our divers could not descend to such a

depth to make an inspection, and after

two days spent in preparing tackle we

sailed the brig out and anchored her

It was three days before we got the

breeze from the right quarter, but

when it came we threw over our drag

and sailed over the wreck. The grap-

nels caught her, and the ropes and

chains stood the strain. We piled sail

on the brig, but for ten minutes she

heaved and tugged and was held fast.

Something had to give as the breeze

freshened, and, to our great joy, the

hulk was pulled out of her sandy bed

and towed along the bottom behind us,

We got her into thirty feet of water

and within two cable's length of the

beach and anchored her. The pearl

divers then went down to make an ex-

amination. They reported her to be

the hulk of an Arabian dhow which

must have been in collision with an-

other craft, as she was staved in on

What we wanted to get our find on

the beach was a breeze from the north-

west. It came after nearly a week of

waiting, and the combined efforts of

wind, current and tide brought the

old hulk in at high water. She was

one of the most curious sights a sailor

ever clapped eyes on. From stem to

stern she was a solid mass of shells.

She was about ninety feet long, and

when we came to dig down to the

wood we found it almost as hard as

iron. She had been rigged with two

masts, the stumps of which stood up

eight feet high. A few feet of bul-

warks remained on either bow, but the

rest of the deck had been swept clean.

Our grapnels had caught in the hole

which sunk her, else they would not

have caught at all owing to the solid

If we had been supplied with powder

we should have blown her up, but as

we had none we had to do some hard

work with pick and shovel. The in-

terior seemed to be a solid cake of

mud and sand, but we did not remove

much of it until we had cleared the

outside. After she had lain in the hot

sun for three or four days she began

to dry out, and the work of digging off

the shells was much easier. There

were six separate and distinct layers

on her deck, and mixed with the bot-

tom one we found three Arabian

swords, two or three ancient muskets

The divers had given it as their opin-

ion that she had been run into, but

when we came to make a closer in-

spection of the holes in her quarter we

concluded that she had been struck by

a shell fired from some man-of-war.

It had sent her to the bottom as quick

as if she had been run into by a thou-

sand ton ship. During the week we

were freeing the hulk from her shell

armor a close watch was kept on

the beach, and we picked up coins to

the value of about \$500, American

money. Some of these were Arabian

When we had entirely cleared the

decks we found the craft had only one

hatchway, and that was amidships.

We enlarged this and then rigged up a

windlass and bucket to empty her as

dirt is taken from a well. Every buck-

etful was carefully inspected as soon

as dumped, but we found nothing more

valuable than shells until well down to

her keel. We couldn't make out what

sort of cargo she carried until the shov-

els began to throw out human bones

along with the sand. With the bones

came iron shackles and other outfit-

tings of a slaver, and by and by we got

down far enough to find that she had

been fitted for a false deck and thus

enabled to carry a double tier of slaves

in a hold only six feet deep. We dug

out of her old bones enough to account

for at least fifty persons, and a sur-

geon who afterward examined some of

them said they belonged to men and

women of the negro race. In the fore

castle we found nothing except a cou

ple of gun barrels and two earthen

bowls, but in the cabin we had better

In the last dirt we took out we found

coins to the value of \$600. These were

scattered about on the floor. Many had

worked out and come ashore, and

many were' doubtless buried in the

sands beyond recovery. We found a

number of muskets and swords in the

cabin, but as no bones were found

there or in the forecastle we argued

that the crew must have got away in

Six months later when we told our

story at Cape Town we were referred

to history to prove that the dhow had

been fired on and sunk by H. M. S.

Sovereign while forming one of the

fleet to suppress the slave trade. The

dhow had loaded part of a cargo of

slaves on the Mozambique coast when

driven off and pursued by the man-of

war. The chase lasted three or four

days, and the dhow had finally thought

to escape by running among the is-

lands. When she went down her crew

escaped to Bird island and were after-

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ward taken off by a native craft.

luck.

and a couple of axes.

and some Persian.

the port quarter.

tayer of shells.

near the spot.

FATHOMS

CINCINNATI, April 2.-Floods in Northwestern and Central Ohio to-day broke all previous records, but special dispatches this afternoon indicate that the waters are receding, especially along the Miami valley. High winds still render the situation serious around that part of the Grand reservoir th-t extends in Auglaise county, while the part of the reservoir banks in Mercer county. The damage from Findley south through Troy, Piqua and other points as far as New Hamilton is estimated at two million dollars Four lives have been lost, A. C. McAdew of Oitawa, Frank Warnecke, of Ra-leids, Ralph Edleman, of Scranton, and Fred Heiner, of Dunkirk. Twenty towns are without natural gas. Several cities are without power for water works, light or trolley cars. Cellns, St. Mary's and other towns in Mercer and Auglaise counties have suffered great damage, but no loss of life has been reported. There is, however, still great apprehension there on ac-count of the reservoir waters being dashed by the great winds.

in Indiana.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., April 2.-Alarm prevailed here to-day because of the continued rise of White river and Pogus Run, the back waters of which again flooded the water works pumping station and crippled street railway traffic. To-night the waters are receding and no further apprehension is feit. Dispatches from all towns in Northern and Central Indiana say the high waters are receding, and it is believed that the danger is past. East Marion or "Johnstown" has been practically destroyed and will have to be

Two men arrived at Vincennes in a boat to day and asked for relief for Russellville, where they say nearly every house is submerged and people are without provisions except meal. A ferry boat manned by twenty-five men arrived from Billett and bought provisions, which were taken to the isolated town. They told of great suffering because of the scarcity of food.

COLOMBIA THREATENING.

May Resort to Arms II Her Appeals for Justice Pall.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. PARIS, April 2.- Jorg Holguin, financial agent of Colombia, who was one of the parties instigating the recent suit against the Panama Canal Com-

pany, said in the course of an inter-view to-day: 'We intend to appeal, and if that fails we will apply to the Court of publish a manifesto to the world, explaining that she is the victim of odious spoilation which compels her to resort to arms. The American squadrons at Colon and Panama now prevent Colombia from debarking troops concentrated at Barranguilla, but sooner or later these squadrons will be withdrawn, and then the Colom-bian forces will invade the rebel republic of Panama and make war."

ARKANSAS CONVENTIONS.

Three Counties Instruct for Hearst as Nominee for President.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. LITTLE ROCK, ARK., April 2 .-Democratic county conventions were held in the seventy-five counties of Arkansas to-day for the purpose of electing delegates to the State convention, which will be held in Hot Springs June 14. Carroll, Clay and Green counties instructed for William R. Hearst for the presidential nomination. Orawford county instructed its delegates for D. R. Francis, of Mis-

souri, for the presidency. No other

expressions on the question were re-

PARKER DELEGATES. Unseated at the Assembly District Con-

vention of Westchester, N. Y. By Telegraph to the Morning Star. MOUNT KISCO, N. Y., April 3 .-Thirty out of sixty-three delegates for Parker were unstated at the Democratic Assembly district convention for the third Assembly district of Westchester county, held here to-day, and J. Sinnott, Dr. Michael Shean and

F. Martin were elected delegates to

the State convention without instruc-

ions. Parker delegates bolted and

held a rump convention at which

Francis Larkin, Matthew Clune and

Thad Green were chosen as delegates

FIRE AT LITTLE ROCK.

to the State convention.

Property Destroyed Valued at \$75,000. Half Covered by Insurance.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star, LITTLE' ROCK, ARK , April 2 .- Fire to-night destroyed property on Mail street valued at \$75,000. The heaviest losers are the Stainback Brown Company, dealers in wall paper, paints, to, and the Watson estate, owners of the brick building occupied by the Stainback Brown Company. The combined losses are \$75,000.

The fire originated in the third story of the building occupied by the Stainback Brown Company. The losses are about half covered by insurance.

NEW YORK BANKS.

Statement of Licaring House Averages for the Past Week. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, April 2.- The statement of averages of the clearing house banks of this city for the week shows: Loans \$1,022,707,100; increase \$14,848,-400. Deposits \$1,069,369,400; increase \$20,700,900. Circulation \$36,889,000; decrease \$56,000. Legal tenders \$71,-707,800; decrease \$901,600. Specie, \$223,390,100; increase \$5,663,000. Reserve \$395,097,400; increase \$5,461,-400. Reserve required \$367,342,350; increase \$5,175,225. Surplus \$37,-755,050; increase \$286,175. Ex-U. S. deposits \$41,781,900; increase \$2,836,-

ploy 8,000 hands. The new schedule is adopted because of the condition of the cotton market. Mrs. George J. Gould is ill at her home in New Y rk city, recovering from the effects of an operation for appendicitis, which was performed last Wednesday. Her condition is said to

The Lonsdale Company's cotton mills at Lonsdale, Berkeley and Ashton, R. I., were shut down yesterday. Until further notice they will be operated five days each week. They employ a company of the compa - The Wilmington STAR copies the editorials of the News and Observer and the Charlotte News on "Let the Law Take Its Course" in the McBee-Finch conspiracy case, and adds a few sensible paragraphs about the matter and about the Governor that will be approved by the thoughtful and unbridled people of North Carolina, from Murphy to Manteo.—Raleigh News and Obser-