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SPEAKER REED AT LAST ENDS THE & USPENSE OF THE REPRESENTATIVES

BY ASSIGNING THEM THEIR WORK

Three Election Committees Instead of One as Heretofore -- The Message Read and Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means -- All Hope of the Holiday Recess Has Disappeared and Members are Getting Down to Work in Earnest.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.-There was a feverishly excited feeling in the House when the members assembled to-day. Hope of the holiday recess had disappeared and the members were preparing to address themselves earnestly to the serious task before them The chaplain in his invocation said "We find ourselves as a nation con-fronted with a grave and momentous problem. We seek Thy counsel, Oh! Lord, in this uplift of the moment that each heart and mind may be prepared couragously to meet these problems

and so adjust them that peace and tranquility will smile upon the land."

As soon as the journal had been approved Speaker Reed laid before the House the President's special message. Notwithstanding the fact that all the members had read the document in the newspapers this morning all lis tened with attention. There was no demonstration of any kind, however when the reading was concluded. Speaker Reed immediately referred the message to the Committee on Ways and Means, and then announced the membership of the committees of the Much more interest was manifested on the floor in the composition of the committees than in the message as every member was vitally in terested in his assignment.

Speaker Reed this afternoon announced the House committee assignments as follows:

Foreign Affairs: Republicans--Hitt. Illinois, chairman; Draper, Massachusetts; Adams, Jr., Pennsylvania; Quigg, New York; Cousins, Iowa; Taft, Ohio; Smith, Michigan; Heatoole, Minnesota; Pearson, North Carolina. Democrats-McCrary, Kentucky; Price, Louisiana; Luckner, Virginia; Dinsmore, Arkansas; Money, Mississippi; Newlands, Nevada.

Ways and Means: Republicans-

Dingley, Maine, chairman; Payne, New York; Dallzell, Pennsylvania; Hopkins, Illinois; Grosvenor, Ohio; Rus sell, Connecticut; Doliver, Iowa; Steele, Indiana; Johnson, North Dakota; Evans, Kentucky; Tawney, Minnesota. Democrats—Crisp, Georgia; McMillan, Tennessee; Turner, Geor-gia; Tarsney, Missouri; Wheeler, Ala-bama; McLaurin, South Carolina.

Appropriations: Democrats-Cannon, Illinois, chairman; Bingham, Pennsylvania; Groutt, Vermont; Northway, Ohio; Stone, Pennsylvania; Arnold, Rhode Island; Hayner, Ne braska; Blue, Kansas; Pitney, New Jersey; Hemonway, Indiana; McCall, Tennessee. Democrats-Sayers, Texas; Dockery, Missouri; Livingston, Georgia; Robertson, Louisiana; Layton, Onio: Bartiet New York

Coinage, Weights and Measures—Republicans—C. W. Stone, Pennsylvania chairman; Hartman, Montana; Lou denslauger, New Jersey; Hunter, Kentucky; Brewster, New York; Hadley Illinois; McClure, Ohio; Southard Ohio; Fairchild, New York; Cannon Utah. Democrats—Allen, Mississippi; Bankhead, Alabama; McRae, Arkansas; Sparkman, Florida; Spencer, Mis sissippi; Clark, Alabama. Military Affairs: Hull, Iowa, chair

man; Lockhart, North Carolina. Pacific Railroads: Powers, Ver-

mont, chairman. Inter-State and Foreign Commerce:

Hepburn, Iowa, chairman. Judiciary: Henderson, Iowa, chair

Rules: Republicans-Speaker Reed

chairman; Henderson, Iowa; Dallzell. Democrats—Crisp, Georgia; McMillan, Rivers and Harbors: Hooker, New

York, chairman.

Railways and Canals-Chickering New York, chairman; Lockhart, North

Immigration and Naturalization

Batholdt, Missouri, chairman. Indian Affairs-Sherman, New York

chairman. Public Buildings and Grounds-Miliken, Maine, chairman; Skinner

North Carolina. Merchant, Marine and Fisheries

Payne, New York, chairman. Banking and Currency-Walker

Massachusetts, chairman. Naval Affairs-Boutelle,

chairman Committee on Elections-Daniel York, chairman; Linney, North

Carolina Committee No. 2-Johnson, Indiana

Committee No. 3-McCall, Massachu setts, chairman.

War Claims: Mahon, Pennsylvania chairman.

Election of President and Vice-Pres

ident: Curtis, New York chairman. Private Land Claims: Smith, Illinois

chairman. Expenditures in the Agricultural De partment: Gillett, New York, chair

Expenditures Department of Jus ice: Ellis, Oregon, chairman. Expenditures Public Buildings: Set

tle North Carolina, chairman Territories: Scranton, Pennsylvania

Public Lands: Lacey, Iowa, chair

Invalids Pensions: Pickler, S. D.

chairman.

Labor: Phillips, Pennsylvania, chairman; Strowd, N. C. Agricultural: Wadsworth, New York chairman; Shuford, N. C.

Mississippi River Levees: Ray New York, charman; Woodard, N. C Mines and Mining: Aiken, Michigan, chairman.

Irrigation of Arid Lands: Herman,

Oregon, chairman. Militia: Marsh, Illinois, chairman

haw, North Carolina. Draper, Massachusetts, Patents:

hairman. Post-office and Post Roads: Loud, California, chairman; Settle, North

Reform in the Civil Service: Brosius, Pennsylvania; Pearson, North Carolina; Lockhart, North Carolina. Manufacturers: Apsley, Massachu-

Manufactural Manuf hairman; Shuford, North Carolina. Brumm. Pennsylvania Claims: hairman: Woodard, North Carolina. Harmer, Pennsylvania, Library:

Printing: Perkins, Iowa, chairman. Loudenslager, New Jer-Pensions: y, chairman.

Alcoholic Liquor Traffic: Morse, Massachusetts, chairman; Woodard, North Carolina. Revision of Laws: Bowers, Califor-

nia, chairman; Linney, North Caro-

Enrolled Bills-Hager, Iowa, chair-

Ventilation and Accoustics-Linton Michigan, chairman; Skinner, North

District of Columbia-Babcock, Wis onsin, chairman. Expenditures in the Navy Depart-

ment—Thomas, Michigan, chairman. Expenditures in the Department of State-Quigg, New York, chairman; Pearson, North Carolina.

Ependitures in the Treasury Department-Grosvener. Ohio, chairma

Expenditures in the War Department—Grout, Vermont, chairman. Expeditures in the Department of the Interior-Curtis, Kansas, chair-

As soon as the reading of the lists had been completed Messrs. Cannon and Dingley offered resolutions for the printing of documents necessary for the use of their committees, and it was immediately evident that the House was to plunge into the actual business of the session. Mr. Dingley called up the holiday recess resolution which had been returned with an amendment from the Senate and moved its refer ence to the Committee on Ways and The motion was agreed to, although there were a few dissenting voices from the Democratic benches. Then at 12:55 the House adjourned

TELEPHONES AT WILSON.

Lines to Connect Raleigh, Greensboro and Wilmington.

WILSON, N. C., Dec. 21.—(Special.) Work commenced here in earnest yesterday setting the poles for the tele-phone exchange, which it is expected will be in operation by January Immediately upon the completion of the work here the company, which will be known as "The Wilson and Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company," ill extend its lines North to Toisnot which has a connection by private wire with Tarboro, and south to Goldsboro, where, by an agreement already con ammated, they will connect with the "Inter-State," thereby putting us in direct communication with Wilmington, Raleigh, Durham, Greensboro and

intermediate points. Mr. J. L. Ludlow, of Winston, one of the best civil engineers in the State, is her conferring with the city fathers relative to a complete sewerage system, which is to be put in at once.

The tobacco market closed yesterday until January 2d. There has been sold on this market since the season opened 5,852,396 pounds, for which was paid something over \$600,000, which, taken together with the \$400,000 paid out for cotton, makes a total in round numbers of a million dollars circulated among the farmers of this county and vicinity in the past three months

THE STRIKE ON AGAIN.

There Was a Mistake in the Proposition Submitted.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 21.-The strike on the Union Traction lines which was declared off by the labor eaders at 1 o'clock this morning upon proposition sent to them by Mayor Warwick, on the authority of traction officials represented by Thomas Dolan through Rev. Dr. Baker and George Griffiths, a committee of the Christian League, was a few hours afterward, when the men reported for duty, delared on again, and is to-night apparntly as hard and fast as ever.

There was obviousy a misunderstanding or a mistake in interpreta tion of the proposition submitted to the strikers, on one side or the other.

Thomas Dolan is a director of the Traction Company and has been active in the management of the affairs of he company

GEN. GORDON'S NEW LECTURE.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Gen. John II. Gordon has changed the subject of his lecture delivered to-night from "The First Days of the Confederacy," to War with England and the Monroe The lecture was under the auspices of the Press Club, of Chicago

ITALY AS ARBITRATOR.

PARIS, Dec. 21.—It is rumored here arbitrate the Venezuelan difficulty.

DISCUSSED MESSAGE

MANY SENATORS THINK THE PRESIDENT HAS MADE A MISTAKE.

SILVER RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED

One by Mr. Vest and One by Mr. Butler -- The North Carolina Populist Sees his Resolution Strangled by Mr. Platt Without a Word of Protest --Mr. Dubois Doesn't Think Any Financial Legislation Possible Along the Lines Laid Down by the President.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The ses-ion of the Senate to-day was notable in bringing out a very pointed state-ment from Mr. Dubois, (Republican, Idaho) who was understood to voice the views of the silver element in the Senate, that no financial legislation possible along the lines down by President Cleveland and strenuously arged in the message of last evening. It was said, and should be understood by the country that the President's desire for the retirement of the greenbacks, or the authorization of a bond issue were utterly impossible of accomplishment. The only action the Senate would take, if it was given the opportunity to vote would be to adopt the resolution of Mr. Vest, (Democrat, Missouri) offered earlier in the day, desiring the coinage of silver bullion in the treasury and the payment of government obligations in silver. Mr. Dubois' declaration ame at the close of the session and soon thereafter the Senate adjourned until Tuesday—the day before Christmas-thus acceding in part to the President's request that a holiday reeess be not taken pending the grave financial complications. The only im-mediate response to the President's message was in the presentation of two resolutions favorable to silver, that by Mr. Vest and another by Mr. But-ler. Populist member, from North Carolina, proposing gold payments while the metals were at a parity and silver payments when gold went to a pre-mium. Efforts were made for the immediate consideration of the measures but Mr. Platt's objection sent them

A letter from Secretary Olney gave congratulatory cablegram from the Brazilian Senate, transmitted through Minister Mendonca, of Brazil on President Cleveland's recent enun-ciation of the Monroe doctrine The resolution is as follows:

The Federal Senats of the United States of Brazil sends its greeting to the Senate of the United States of America upon the worthy message of Pres ident Cleveland who so strenuously guards the dignity, the sovereignty and the freedom of the American na

Mr. Vest's resolution was as follows "Besoived, That the Secretary of the Treasny is hereby directed, in pursuance of the existing law, vesting in him full power to do so, to coin as rapidly as possible the silver bullion in the Treasury purchased under the Act of July 14, 1890, into standard silver dol lars and with such dollars to redeem. cancel and retire the Treasury notes of the United States of July 14, 1890 sued in the puchase of such bullion and also to redeem the United States notes commonly called greenbacks in standard silver dollars as well as in gold, using which ever may be most bundant and convenient.

Mr. Vest asked immediate considera tion of the resolution, but Mr. Platt (Republican, Conn.,) objected and the

bject went over. "I am greatly surprised," remarked Mr Cockrell, (Democrat, Missouri)that ach a resolution should meet with ob

Mr. Putler, (Populist, North Caro ina) soon brought forward the subeet in another form by asking imme diate consideration for a resolution di recting the Secretary of the Treasury to pay government obligations in gold when the parity of the metals stood at 25.810 grains of gold to 4121/2 grains of silver, and to pay in silver when this parity was disturbed by the advance

in the value of gold.

Mr. Platt again objected. The Senate went to the calendar and assed several private pension bills While this was proceeding, Mr. Stewart (Populist, Nevada) rose to inquire "What has become of the President's message transmitted to this body last evening? Is it on the table? Are re

marks in order?" Mr. Hawley (Republican, Connecticut) quickly interposed. "We are do ing a little good," said he. "It is to be hoped the Senator will allow the consideration of pension bills to proceed. Mr. Stewart assented and more pen sion bills were passed. One of these, offered by Mr. Peffer, required pay ment of pension money to wives in ases where male pensioners desert or abandon their families or are habitua drunkards, or for any reason fail and neglect to support their families.

Mr. Sherman objected and the bill was laid aside. Mr. Squire (Republican, Washing ton) had the clerk read an amended

bill appropriating \$57,000,000 for an extensive system of coast defenses, the amount to be expended in annual nstallments. After a brief executive session the

Senate doors were at 1:30 p. m. re-opened, and after the Vice-President had announced his signature to the Venezuelan commission bill, Mr. Stewart took the floor for a sharp criticism of the President's financial message He said the President's upholding of the Monroe doctrine had placed him on that Italy will extend to the United a high level, but the message of last States and Great Britain an offer to evening had suddenly reduced him to a very low level. The United States afternoon. It is therefore now a law. ing all burial expenses,

had the resources to create money for emergency. Wars were not fought on a gold basis. It was the inheren strength of a nation that won victo ries. England had maintained her po sition during the Napoleonic wars by placing a flat on the bills of the Bank

of England. "Let the President once announce that United States obligations will be paid in silver and there will be no further raids on the treasury. If London wants financial war, let us mee

Mr. Dubois (Rep., Idaho) said he regretted that the President had felt called on to send in such a financial message at this time. The President must know that he cannot accomplish either a retirement of the greenbacks or the authorization of bonds. The only possible result would be to pre cipitate a tariff agitation. And, so far s financial legislation is concerned, the .country should understand. every Senator here understands, that as soon as the Senate had an oppor tunity it would adopt the resolution offered to-day by Mr. Vest to coin silver bullion and pay government obligations in silver. Senators knew this neasure would be adopted if brought to a vote. The country should know it. The opposition to the measure would seek to obstruct it and prevent its passage. Mr. Dubois referred to hopeless situation presented by the President's message, a situation impossible to be remedied by immediate legislation, as the President and every man conversant with public affairs was well aware.

At 1:45, on motion of Mr. Faulkner (Dem., West Virginia) the Senate adourned until next Tuesday

EXECUTIVE SESSION. WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The Sen ate, in executive session to-day, passed over the nomination of Gen. Coppinger to be Brigadier General, upon an ex planation that the Committee on Mili tary Affairs, to which the nomination had been referred, had been unable to properly consider the nomination. The delay on this nomination caused the postponement of action upon a large number of army promotions, made in consequence of Gen. Coppinger's nomi

nation. FEELING IN VENEZUELA.

'Long Live President Cleveland and the United States."

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.-The World will publish the following copyrighted able from Caracas, Venezuela: "The anti-English feeling is increas

ng here. "Fresh flowers are placed daily upon the statue of Washington, and the American and Venezuelan flags are everywhere to be seen, either displayed side by side or entwined in significant embrace, with the portraits of Washington and Monroe between.

"Another mass-meeting was held in the Plaza Bolivar this morning, at which were heard the cries: 'Abajos los Englesh' (Down with the English) 'Vive Cleveland y los estados unidos' (Long live Cleveland and the United

"A demonstration of all the citizens is planned to take place on Christmas day under the auspices of the Simon Bolivar Club. Invitations have been given to the President of the Repub-lic, the cabinet, the clergy and the United States minister. The American residents of Caracas will then return the honor paid to their nation on the orating the statue of Bolivar, the Lib-

"The patriot society for the defense of Venezuelan territory issued a pro-test against the pretension and aggres-sions of England. It also requests the minister of Foreign Affairs to remove the exequators of Venezuelan citzen who are acting as British consuls in this country unless they resign imme

"In Guyaya, the enthusiasm has led to the forming of battalions ready for

"The honors paid to the American minister continue. "The Arch Bishop and the clergy of

Caracas called upon him to-day to ex-press their thanks and those of the people of the United States for the stand taken by President Cleveland. "Venezuela is sending diplomatic mis

sions to every foreign country. "The country applauds theaction of the government and the nation is uni

RESCUING THE MINERS.

Six Bodies Known to be Entombed Not Yet Found.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 21.-The work of rescuing the entombed miner in the Nelson mine is going on slowly Lon Ferguson, white, 30, married, and Arthur McMillan, white boy, 15 years old, who worked with him, were taken out badly mangled. An engine arrived from the mine at 1:30 p. m. with the bodies of Elder Morgan, 14 years of age, son of ex-Postmaster J. D. Morgan: Thomas Lane and son, Will Lane who were working together; Cyrus Alexander and H. B. Williams. This leaves six bodies that are known to be entombed yet.

FRANKLINTON, N. C., Dec. 21. (Special)—The new cotton mill here has just finished installing the first section of their machinery and will start up January 1st, manufacturing warps. The mill is equipped with the best and most improved machinery All their warps will be put up on the Denn warper, their object being to make only high grade goods.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The Presi dent signed the Venezuelan commis sion resolution about 3:25 o'clock this

A SENSE OF JUSTICE

THAT IS THE PRINCIPLE THAT HAS INFLUENCED THE PRESIDENT

THE VENEZUELAN AFFAIR

He Told John R. Morris That if the Commission Decided That he was in the Wrong he was Ready to Drop the Whole Matter -- Does Not Anticipate a Prolonged Disturbance of the Markets if he Gets the Co-operation of Congress .- Speaks Highly of Ransom.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21.—(Special.)-John R. Morris had an inter of three-quarters of an hour with the President. As he was taking the train for Baltimore he reluctantly told me something the President said relative to the present situation. Fearing lest what he said might not be used with perfect accurracy, I committed the words of the President to him to writing and he confirmed them. Mr. Morris said that the President was earnest in all he had to say, es pecially touching the Venezuelan situ-

"His position on this," continued Mr. Morris, "was unenviable, but his sense of justice nevertheless seems to be the dominating principle actuating him. He believes he is right. He has been a great student of this Monroe

doctrine and he understands it.

"Concerning the work of the commission the President said: 'I want to know where justice rests in this mat-ter and if it should turn out that we are wrong, then we will drop the whole matter.'

"Concerning yesterday's special mes-age the President said: 'I did not know up to nearly noon yesterday that that message would go to Congress. had not then dreamed of sending it.' "He said he did not anticipate any prolonged disturbance of the market

if he could receive proper co-operation "The President spoke kindly of Senator Ransom, saying it was to be de preciated that Senator Ransom's influential personality could not be felt here at this time; and the President

added touching Ransom: 'He is such wise counsellor and concilator. In the announcement of committee to-day, the North Carolina Congress men were taken care of as follows Pearson-Foreign Affairs, Reform in

Civil Service and Expenditures in the State Department. Lockhart—Military Affairs, Rail-yays and Canals, Reform in Civil Ser-

Settle-Interstate and Foreign Commerce, Postoffices and Post Roads Expenditures on Public Buildings chairman of the last named commit Linney-Elections Committee, num-

ber one, Revision of the Laws.
Skinner—Public Buildings and
Grounds, Ventilation and Acoustics.
Shaw—Military.

Shuford- Education and Agricul-Strowd-Labor. Woodard-Claims and Committee or Alcohoic Liquor Traffic and on Missis-

Mr. Lockhart was summoned home to-day by the sickness of his child. He leaves to-night but will return, if the child is well enough, to be on hand W. E. CHRISTIAN.

DEMOCRATS WIN IN MARYLAND. Special Election of a Successor of the

Late Senator Bennett. WESTMINSTER, Md., Dec. 21.-Com plete returns from all the election dis tricts in Carroll county insure election of Dr. J. W. Herring, the Democratic candidate for State Senator, by a majority of seventeen votes. election was a special one, held for the purpose of selecting a successor to the late Senator Pinckney J. Bennett, who died suddenly a few weeks after his election in November as a Democrat On the contest depended the political complexion of the State Senate, which meets in January. If the Republicans had won the Senate would have been composed of thirteen Democrats and the same number of Republicans. As it is, the Democrats have a majority of two votes and will thereby be able to prevent much of the legislation which the Republicans would otherwise have been able to enact. The contest has been fought on strict party lines, and every available vote has been brought

BURYING THE DEAD.

Inquest Over Victims of the Cumnock Mine Disaster Concluded.

SANFORD, N. C., Dec. 21.—(Special) -Excitement at Cumnock has subsided and things are more quiet around the mines to-day. Coroner Chapin has concluded the inquests and decided that the thirty-nine miners came to The report that dynamite exploded their death from the explosion of gas in the mine is false.

Forces of hands from the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley, and Raleigh and Western railroads have been busily engaged all day digging graves at the Cumnock grave-yard. About twenty five of the dead miners will be buried there; others have been removed across the river into Chatham county for burial.

Two of the dead bodies were shipped to Ramey, Pa., to-day, accompanied by two of the men who escaped the fear ful disaster. Other bodies will probably be shipped north to-morrow The Cumnock Coal Company is bear-

THE MONROE DOCTRINE.

Ex-Minister Jarvis Interviewed .- His Experience When in Brazil.

Matters pertaining to the Venezuelan affair being the absorbing topic the editor of the Greenville Reflector in-terviewed ex-Minister Thos. J. Jarvis, and obtained his views on the President's message, and the following is what he said to our questions:

Reporter—"As you spent four years

in South America, it may be of interest to the public to have an expression of your views on the President's recent message on Venezuelan affairs, and we will be glad to publish them, if you have no objection."

Mr. Jarvis—"I have no objection to

giving them. I have read the message with great pleasure and hearty approval. I am delighted to see the President take so bold a stand in affirmance

and support of the Monroe doctrine."
Reporter—"Did you give any special attention to the Monroe doctrine while you were a Minister of the United States in South America? Mr. Jarvis—"Yes; immediately after my appointment I devoted myself to

the study of international law and especially to the Monroe doctrine in its applications to European relations with the South American countries." Reporter-"Did you have any oceasion to assert the Monroe doctrine

while you were representing this country at the government of Brazil?' Mr. Jarvis—"Yes. The English government was pressing the collection of a claim against the government of Brazil. The English Minister addressed a very tart note to the Brazilian Minister of Foreign Affairs which created intense excitement in the Brazilian Parliament which was then in session. The situation became so acute that it looked for some days as if the English Minister's passport would be sent to him and diplomatic relations broken It was at this stage of the proceedings that the English Consul General, who was a man of long experience and fine ability, had an interiew with me in which these laconic and pointed questions and answers

ere askéd and given: "English Consul General—'Are your people in earnest about the Monroe

doctrine? "American Minister-'I think so." "English Consul General—'If we were to take possession of two of the Brazilian provinces and hold them till our claims are paid, do you think your government, in the maintenance of the

Monroe doctrine, would interfere?" "American Minister—'Yes; my gov-ernment will not permit it and if your country does not desire to come in conflict with mine you had better not at-

tempt it.' "In a few days the Engish Minister modified his attitude and the matter was amicably settled. I do not say my position on the Monroe doctrine had anything to do with the amicable adjustment of the controversy, but I will say that I heard no more of seizing

Brazilian territory. Reporter-"Do you think a war is imminent between this country and

England?"
Mr. Jarvis-"I do not. If the President maintains his firm attitude and Congress stands up to him , England will find some way to adjust her difficulties with Venezuela without involvthe United States in the ma however, war should come, as much as it is to be deplored, it will not be as calamitous to us as a nation as a surrender of one iota of the Monroe doc-

THE PANIC IN PHILADELPHIA. Yesterday a Day Neverto be Forgotten

trine as Americans interpret it."

in the Quaker City. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 21.—Philadelphia has had its full share of the disastrous financial depression of the past week. This was a never-to-be-forgotten day in banking and speculative circles. Banking houses and brokers' offices presented scenes of activity seldom witnessed . They were crowded with anxious faces and nervous figures. Many individual speculators were ruined, and one brokerage house succumbed—L. H. Taylor & Co. The failure involves a number of, speculators who operated through the firm. No statements of assets and liabilities can be obtained, but the figures are large both ways. It is not believed the firm will resume.

The loss during the week on stocks exclusively listed by the Philadelphia Exchange is estimated at nearly fifty millions of dollars.

EXCHANGE WILL NOT CLOSE. False Rumor Started on Account o the Panic in New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.-A rumor was put in circulation by an evening paper to the effect that there was a probability of closing the Stock Exchange if the depression in prices continued. An Associated Press representative who interviewed Secretary Ely, of the Stock Exchange on the subject, was informed that no suggestion of such a course had reached that officer, that no meeting of the members of the Exchange had been had to consider such a course, and that he saw no reason to expect any meeting of the Stock Exchange to consider the proposition. Concluding, Mr. Ely said: "The Stock Exchange will be open as usual every business day of the week."

METHODIST PREACHER MARRIED.

RIDGEWAY, N. C., Dec. 21.-(Speial.)—At the residence of the bride's mother, in Edgecombe county, N. C., December 19th, 1895, Rev. H. M. Jackson, of the North Coralina Conference. to Miss Eva C. Lyon, Rev. J. A. Hornaday officiating.