

that took palce in the conference: "We held an informal meetin of the

State Executive Committee, and a number of representative Republicans from various sections of the State were present. Encouraging reports were received Vryburg. The death sentences of a from all sections of the State. The Republican party will earnestly advocate the rehabilitation of our merchant marine, industrial expansion and a continuance of the economic policies inauurated by the late President, and will oppose unwise legislation which was en acted by the last Legislature, the farm-

ers, the mechanics, the laborers, the manufacturers, and all classes of business men are invited to join with us in our efforts to maintain the satisfactory condition of affairs which now obtains in action, the blowing up of railroads throuhout the country as a result of and the cowhiding of British subjects Republican legislation.

and Europeans. Lotter pleaded that he Further than this, Senator Pritchard, was a citizen of the Orange Free State, who presided over the meeting, would but this was disproved. say nothing.

day.

The following were, among the prom inent Republicans who attended the meeting: District Attorney Holton, They Discuss the Coming Report of the Isth-Collector Duncan, Marshal Dockery, Postmaster C. Tom Bailey, Zeb. V. Walser, CoVllector Harkins, Marshal Millikan, Tyre Glenn, J. W. Mullen, ex-Judge W. P. Bynum, Jr., ex-Judge Pasco, now a member of the Isthmian Spencer B. Adams, Harry Skinner, Dr. Canal Commission, for a short time to-D. H. Abbott, Congressman Blackburn, Robert D. Douglas, Dr. R. M. Norment Capt. Charles Price, Samuel Paul Satterfield, Revenue Agent Patterson, Frank D. Jones, J. A. Haskins, A. H. Price, John C. Dancey, colored, and the latest facts and information may be Jas. H. Young, colored. H. P. Cheat- incorporated in it. ham, colorede, was expected but the conference was denied the pleasure of his presence.

During the meeting many expressions of opinion were made as to the best course to pursue in order to win back North Carolina to the Republicans. though not once was it suggested that Loge Harris' advice be followed. Loge's recent utterances were like epicac to the pie eaters. Not one of the many officeholders present offered to get away from the trough to make room for some one more decent and who would "add strength and respectability to the par-All agreed that more voters were needed in the party, but no one was wil ling to sacrifice an office in order to secure them.

Harry Skinner probably made the most emphatic speech of the meeting. He wanted no one to lose sight of the fact that he was the most pronounced Republican in North Carolina and Pritchard's warmest friend. He de clared that he believed implicitly in a high tariff, a ship subsidy and everything else for which the Republican party stands. He declared that the Republican party could make North Carolina and the South rich and powerful even as it has added to the accumulated exercises. wealth of New England

Judge Bynum, Dr. Abbott and others found consolation in "the many accessions to the party," though they were unable to mention any names. It was claimed that the growth had been pronaunced in everey section of the State, and outsiders took the growth to apply to the Order of Doodles. Harry Skin ner, whose appetite is directed piewards Ben Jean Holton and others who are praying that Pritchard may have suffient pull to favor them a pone of bread, announced that chances were broght for the election of a Republican Legislature and the return of Pritchard to the Sen-

(By the Associated Press.) Middleburg, Cape Colony, Oct. 12 .-Two young farmers who had twice joined the Boers have been hanged at

Counsel for Plummer Hicks, of Kittrell. number of other condemned men have convicted last week of murder in the firs been commuted to penal servitude. degree, appealed the case to the Supreme Commandant Lotter, the Cape rebel court. whose commando, consisting almost Timberlake withdrew sentence, the exewholly of rebels, was captured south of cution having been set for November 5th. Petersburg in September, and who was The jury failed to agree in the case of sentenced to death, was executed vester Victor Hilliard, charged with stealing Mr R. J. Southerland's horse and buggy,

Commandant Lotter had been tried The defendant was bound over to the and found guilty on eight counts, includnext term of court in sum of \$500, failing ing sedition, the murder of colored, unto give which, he was remanded to jail. armed scouts, the murder of troopers The case will be transferred to Warren county for trial.

near future.

A great many of our people will attend the State Fair, at Raleigh, next week. Henderson is a patriotic little city and takes great pride in our State Fair. Lieut. John S. E. Young, who was sta tioned at Sullivan's Island, has been ordered to Cuba. Mrs. Young accompanied him.

This action being taken, Judge

# SCHEEPER A PRISONER. Washington, Oct. 12 .- Former Senator

## After Two Weeks' Pursuit the British Capture Him.

Turned Over to Norfolk and Western.

(By the Associated Press.)

Mr. Alfred D. Wester Dead.

(Special to News and Observer.)

(By the Associated Press.)

day discussed with the President mat-(By the Associated Press.) ters relating to the coming report of London, Oct. 12 .- Lord Kitchener re the commission. This report will not ports to the War Office from Pretoria, be submitted to the President until some time next month, as it is desirable that under today's date that General French's column have captured Commandant Scheeper. 1

Although the commission is not ad-Lord Kitchener does not state whether vised fully as to the treaty negotiations Scheeper's commando, which has been so between the Secretary of State and the active in Cape Colony, was captured or British government it is expected that not. The British have been in pursuit before the report is made the commisfor a couple of weeks. Scheeper himself sion will have information which will was so ill that he was obliged to travel enable it to make its report conform in a buggy. with the new treaty.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

PASCO SEES BOOSEVELT.

mian Canal Commission.

(By the Associated Press.)

#### Address of Welcome by Mayor Hood. A Large Attendance.

Cincinnati, Oct. 12 .- The general offices of the Cincinnati, Portsmouth and (Special to the News and Observer.) Virginia railway were today formally Goldsboro, N. C., Oct. 12 .- The Sunday turned over to the Norfolk and Western, School Convention convened at the First which recently purchased the road. The Baptist Church last night. Rev. B. F. Norfolk and Western will have a gen-DeLoach, of Mount Olive, and Dr. F. D. eral agent here. Swindell delivered interesting address-

es. This morning at the tobacco was in attendance. Mayor Tood delivered an appropriate ddress of welcome and a fitting and

happy report was made by M1. R. P. Raiford, of Mount Olive. of Mr. Alfred D. Wester took place yes-President Porker delivered an intersting address, showin the growth and

terday evening at the residence, Dr. J. D. Hufham officiated. Mr. Wester was buried increase in attendance of the school since with Masonic honors. He was 80 years of the organization of the association. age, an honorable Christian gentleman Rev. A. W. Farris led the devotional and highly respected here. He leaves a

wife and six children.

## Weekly Bank Statement.

Bloodhounds on Bank Robbers' Trail. (By the Associated Press.) New York, Oct. 12 .- The statement of the associated banks for the week ending today shows:

Beatrice, Ncb., Oct. 11 .- News which Lcans, \$870,900,700; decreased, \$2,657,reached here today told of the robbery 500; deposits, \$942,688,900; decreased, \$864,200; circulation, \$30,983,800; increased, of the bank at Narka, Kansas, forty miles southwest, some time last night. \$365,700; legal tenders, \$70,653,500; de-Expert safe blowers used dynamite on creased, \$440,200; specie, \$182,501,900; inthe steel safe and secured about \$15,000 creased, \$2,147,300; reserves, \$253,155,400; in cash. Later the reports are that the incicased \$1,707,100; reserve required, bloodhounds have the trail and are far \$235,672,225; decreased, \$216,050; surplus, out in the country with a large posse in \$17,483,175; increased, \$1,923,150. pursuit.

opposing special privileges senger station building. It is said that He loved and trusted the Seaboard Air Line authorities have the people. given orders for the work to begin in the

Erected by The Jefferson Club Of St. Louis, Missouri, On their pilgrimage, October 12, 1901.

To express their Devotion to his principles The inscription on the shaft which now

stands on the Missouri University campus has become world famous because i was written by Thomas Jefferson himself and because therefore it shows the achievements which he considered the

most meritorious of his long resultful life. The inscription reads: Here was buried

THOMAS JEFFERSON, author of the Declaration of Independence

of The statute of Virginia for

#### Religious freedom and

Father of the University of Virginia.

The authenticity of the gravestone is undoubted. When, on April 18, 1882, Con- gratulations." gress appropriated \$10,000 for a monu-

ment over Jefferson's grave, the Misse Randolph, residuary legatees of Thomas Jefferson presented the original shaft to in response to the inquiry. The questhe University of Missouri. It was unveiled July 4, 1885, on the University as follows: campus with ceremonies in which United States Senator Vest, Thomas Bayard, then

Secretary of State; United States Senator Elkins and other prominent Americans participated.

The Jefferson Club, which left St. Louis in a solid train of Pullmans on Thursday night, reached Charlottesville early in the morning and after breakfast on the Capt. Lemly said he would not object train were taken in hand by members of provided he could cross-examine on the the city council. The formal exercises points raised. Mr. Rayner did not conat Monticello began at ten o'clock but cede this point, but before the point the long line of carriages containing the was decided Mr. Rayner asked his first reply from the commander of the Fly-Missourians and others filed into the question as previously given to the

grounds shortly after nine o'clock. At court. After reading the dispatch in the head of the visitors was the club's famous drum and fife corps. The visitors were welcomed to Mon

ticello by Hcn. Jefferson M. Levy, who alluded to Jefferson as "the greatest statesman and profoundest thinker of any time

or country." Responses were made by Harry B. Hawes, president of the club, and by Lieutenant-Governor Lee, of Missouri.

The presentation of the granite monument was made by Hon. M. E. Benton Henderson, N. C., Oct. 12 .- The funeral Congressman from the Fifteenth Missouri district, and in the absence of Governor Tyler, the monument was accepted by General Fitzhugh Lee, representing the

Democracy of Virginia. The following addresses were also delivered: "The Declaration of Independence," by

ex-Governor Wm. J. Stone; "Abolition of Law of Entail," by Congresman Chas. E.

marle," by Hon. R. T. W. Duke, and "The University of Virginia," by the Hon. you had it in mind at all?" Frank M. Estes.

The copper box put in the base of the the Jefferson club.

to the University to attend the Virginia. "I had it partly in hand." On redirect examination Mr. Hanna Gallaudet football game.

took exception to its reception, saying Mr. Rayner's summary might be inaccurate, as other statements made by him referring especially to the contents of documents presented had been. Mr. tary and did not enclose it." Rayner resented the imputation and replied to the effect that if uttered outside of the court room he would say that it was false. May 21, probably about half past six."

Before the court adjourned both Mr. Rayner and Capt. Lemly made statements concerning the incident to the and the Hawk left at dusk May 21?' court and Admiral Dewey expressed the opinion that Capt. Lemly's explanation should be satisfactory to Mr. Rayner.

CHADWICK IS QUESTIONED. When Capt. Chadwick took the stand Mr. Ravner formally addressed the court requesting the permission to ask the witness two questions, which he outlined. He called attention to his question put to Capt. Chadwick yester-

"To the best of my knowledge the Hawk was the first and only vessel that carried day concerning a telegram which Adthat memorandum," replied the witmiral Sampson had sent to Admiral Schley on May 28. He had asked the ness. "The Hawk left on May 21st and the witness if he remembered that mes-

first information you had was about half sage and the witness had replied that past eight or nine o'clock on the 20th. he did remember it very well, adding: When did you get this second confirmatory "Because I protested against his coninformation you speak of?"

dum?"

Mr. Rayner said that this last expres-7 o'clock on the evening of May 20th." sion was purely voluntary on Capt "Then the confirmatory dispatch as I Chadwick's part and was not necessary understand it was received some twenytions which he stated to the court were four hours before the Hawk left with this memorandum to Commodore Schley. Is

"First. When did you first learn of that right?" "Yes, at Key West and the Hawk was the existence of dispatch number 8?" sent from Havana." "Second. Did you then, in protesting

"When did the Hawk leave?"

"That is correct."

on the day previous."

Mr. Rayner:

against the sending of this congratula-"Can you give me any subsequent dispatches or memoranda that passed betory dispatch, refer to his blockade of Cienfuegos in dispatch number 8?" tween Admiral Sampson and Commodore Schley in reference to the Spanish Squad-Admiral Dewey stated that the court

"Yes."

Was there?"

portunity for any."

"What date?"

Bahama Channel May 26th."

son and Commodore Schley in reference

to the Spanish Squadron at Santiago.

"I thought I replied, there was no op-

FIRST NEWS OF CERVERA'S FLEET.

After further effort on Mr. Rayner's

ron being at Santiago?" had no objection to the questions and "I do not think I can refer you to any. As to Admiral Sampson heard that the fleet of Admiral Schley had not left Cienfuegos In other words after he got a

ing Squadron he sent the Wasp, I think, about May 26th to Cienfuegos with an question the witness said: additional dispatch, but she, of course

"I was informed of its purport at the did not arrive there until Commodore Schley had left for Santiago and I do not time it was sent to the Marblehead." remember what those dispatches were." "Did you see it when it was sent to "Was that the Wasp?"

the Marblehead?" "I did not read it."

"When did you first read it?"

"I did not read the original dispatch

until the answer was received from Hawk."

mation to Commodore Schley at dusk on the evening of May 21st and the time when this dispatch was sent from the Bahama Channel on the 26th, there was no communication between Admiral Samp-

against the sending of the congratula-

"I do not mean that. I mean whether

"I can say I had it partially."

monument contained the constitution of his second question Capt. Chadwick of-the club, the names of the existing chief fered a written reply, but Mr. Rayner officers of the United States and a parch- objected, saying he must first read ment roll of the officers and members of what witness had written before he answered.

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arranged between these teams the Fair authorities will endeavor to have a game mit the dispatch to her as she was a here Fair week between two college faster vessel. As to whether number 8 teams. was enclosed with this I was not secre-

The A. and M. football team will have a week's rest before tackling the University eleven. Next Saturday the cadets go "She left the Havana blockade some distance west of Havana, about dusk, on to Chapel Hill to try conclusions with the Varsity. The A. and M. team this year is undoubtedly the strongest that 'Then you received this information on has ever represented the college. While May 20 at half past eight in the morning the boys are not making any boasts they say they expect to play their and to make

The witness said in reply to questions the contest at least interesting. The A. and M. team this year is a heavy one. that the memorandum beginning: "'The It will average 180 pounds in weight, No enclosed instructed instructions' had not little of the success of the team is due been sent by the Iowa as the dispatch to the efforts of coach Jim McRae, who was dated May 21 and the Iowa had left was for several years a star half back on the Varsity team. Mr. McRae has been "Was not the Hawk the whipped out of the raw material into first vessel that carried that memoran-

good shape in remarkably quick time. It has not been definitely decided that the University of North Carolina and University of Virginia will play in Norfolk this year. An agreement has not vot

been arranged as to the charge for the

A SHOT IGNITED THE GAS.

grounds.

### "I got it on shore at Key West about And the Coal Mine Flashed Into Flames. The Workmen Escape.

(By the Associated Press.)

Fairmont, W. Va., Oct. 11.-At 5 o'clock this morning there was an explosion of gas in the Fairmont Coal Company's New England mines, a mile an half south of this city. The gas igniting from a shot fired by one of the miners, the loose coal at once took fire and a big blaze resulted

and filled the mine with smoke. The flames were finally shut off by the putting up of brattices and the men all came out unhurt. There was a mule killed and a horse crippled, but no further damage was done. The fire is still raging in the mine, but it is believed it will be under control in a short time. It is being so well confined that work will be resumed tomorrow.

New Line From Mobile to Coal Field.

(By the Associated Press.) Montgomery, Ala., Oct. 11 .- Articles for incorporation of the Warrior Southern

Railway have been received by the Secre-"My impression is she left by the Old tary of State.

The new road will connect the War-"Then I understand that between the rior Branch of the Mobile and Ohio with time that the Hawk carried this inforthe Alabama Great Southern at Ensley. Ala., giving Mobile a new line to Birmingham coal fields.

The officers of the new road are: A. B. Andrews, president.

W .W. Finley, vice-president.

- H. W. Miller, Secretary,
- H. C. Ansley, treasurer.

A. H. Plant, auditor.

# Cape Rebel Sentenced to Death. ]

## (By the Associated Press.)

part to elicit information as to corre-Middelberg, Cape Colony, Oct. 11 .-spondence between the commanders and Sentence of death has been passed upon objection on the part of Mr. Hanna to Commandant Lotter, the Cape rebel, bringing in dispatches which had no immediate bearing upon Commodore Schley's conduct, Mr. Rayner aid there was no communication between them between May 21 and May 27. He then quoted the whose commando, composed almost wholly of rebels, was captured by Major Scobell, south of Petersburg, early last month. Lord Kitchener has confirmed the sertence. Five of Lotter's comrades dispatch of May 27 as the first positive knowledge conveyed to Commodore have been sentenced to twenty strokes Schley of the presence of the fleet at with the rod, to be followed by imprisonment until the close of the war.

of Cape Pedras?" "Yes." "Did you have the blockade of Cienfuegos in mind when you protested tory dispatch?"

"May I ask if you mean I had that Cockran: "Distinguished Sons of Albe- only in mind?"

After Mr. Rayner had formally asked

At 2:30 the Westerners sat down 40 an Capt. Chadwick then tore up his writ-excellent lunch, furnished by Mr. Levy ten reply and answered it verbally.

I brought out the information that the

commodore Schley brought by the "Was not that on May 26th, when your ship was at a point between Havana and Cape Francis, in the vicinity