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PRICE FIVE CENTS.

TO ADMIT INTO THE UNION AS ONE STATE

Oklahoma and the Indian Territory are Named.

IT'S A SUBSTITUTE BILL

Doesn't Mention New Mexico and Arizona-Democrats Oppose it---House Passes Bill Appropriating \$50,000 to Pay Strike Commission.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 3.-The Senate today began the real work of disposing of the business before it, although the session lasted but an hour and a half. When an adjournment was taken o'clock out of respect to the of Representatives DeGraffenid and Sheppard, of Texas, the bill to amend the Immigration laws was under discussion. Early in the day, Mr. Nelson, from the Committee on Territories, reported a substitute for the Omnibus Statehood bill, with the recommendation that Oklahoma and Indian Territory be admitted into the Union as one State under the name of Oklahoma. When the immigration bill was brought up, Mr. Quay precipitated a discussion over the status of the Statehood bill which was terminated by a ruling from the chair that, beginning on December 10, it would be the unfinished business and that at the close of the morning hour each day it would be laid before the Senate unless displaced by a vote of that body.

ROOSEVELT'S COURSE IRREGULAR.

Nevertheless his Appointment of the Strike Commission is Generally Commended.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 3.-The House passed, today, the bill to appropriate \$500,000 to defray the expenses of the Anthracite Coal Strike Commission and then adjourned until Friday when the London Dock Charge bill will be considered. There were two hours of discussion on the Commission bill during which the President's course in creating the commission was highly commended except by Mr. Benton, a Missouri Democrat, who contended that the commission was created without authority of law or Constitution. There was some criticism of the feature of the bill allowing double salaries to members of the commission now in government employ and because the bill left the amount of the compensation of the members to the President. But all amendments were voted favor of Boykin, Senator Pritchard's husband is employed in the Coxe mines, down and the bill was passed without

Before the discussion began, Mr. ing ruled that amendments were not in in the office. order at this time, Mr. Cannon, in charge of the bill, agreed that the amendment should be read for information. It proved to be an amendment to place anthracite

"I presume the Eleventh Commandment might also be read," remarked Mr. Cannon, sententiously, who proceeded to say that he had no desire to discuss the bill. It showed on its face what it was. It merely provided for the payment of the expenses of the Coal Strike Commission.

Mr. Benton (Missouri), a member of the Appropriations Committee, to whom Mr. Cannon yielded, declared that he could not support the bill. As an original proposition containing authority for the creation of a commission to settle the coal strike, it would, he said, have received his support. But this bill proposed to place in the President's hands \$50,000 for the payment of the expenses of a commission for which there was no authority, statutory or constitutional. The President, he said, had no legal authority for the creation of the commission. If he could appoint a commission to settle the coal strike without law. tiary. he could appoint a commission to settle our commercial or trade relations with Germany or any other sort of commission that seemed good to him.

"I know," said he, "that to refer to the Constitution is to place myself in the role of a back number. Nevertheless, 1 do have respect for the Constitution and the laws and I do not approve of this sort of proceeding."

"Do you think the President should have waited until Congress enacted a law for the creation of a commission?"

asked Mr. Hemenway (Ind). "I believe it was unlawful for the President to act as he did," replied Mr. Benton, who proceeded to say that his second objection to the bill was that it placed \$50,000 in the President's hands

without any limitation whatever. Mr. Livingston (Ga.), and Mr. Underwood (Ala.), supported the bill, although they agreed that the President's action

was irregular. Mr. Bartlett (Ga.), said the President had acted patriotically. Mr. Cochran

(Mo.), Mr. Feeley (Ills.), Mr. Gaines (Tenn.), and Mr. Maddox (Ga.), endorsed the action of the President.

Mr. Cannon, in charge of the bill, argued that it should pass in the form in which it was presented. If the President's M. E. church Monday afternoon and the action had been without authority of remains interred in Elmwood cemetery law or constitution, Mr. Cannon said, it Rev. Tuttle officiated. The floral offerhad been taken in response to an overwhelming public sentiment.

"I sometimes think," said he, "that a just and righteous public sentiment ming up from the whole country of 80,people which begets action is for county.

than the Constitution." The bill was then passed without division, although there were several dissent-

ing voices on the Democratic side.

The House adjourned until Friday.

all North Carolina

Agree to Report Substitute Bill.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 3.-The Sente Committee on Territories today agreed to report a substitute for the House Omnibus Statehood bill providing for the admission of one new State for comprise the Territory now included in Oklahoma and Indian Territory, the new State to take the name of Oklahoma. The bill as reported makes no reference what ever to New Mexico or Arizona. The votes of all the Republican members except Senator Quay were cast for the substitute and of all the Democratic mem bers against it. Senator Quay voted with the Democrats. The vote stood 6 to 5.

The status of the Indians residing in the two territories is defined in a proviso inserted in the first section of the This section authorizes the inhabitants of the two territories to adopt State constitution and he proviso im-

mediately follows. It reads: "Nothing contained in the said constitution shall be construed to limit or impair the rights of persons or property pertaining to the Indians of said terriories so long as such rights shall remain unextinguished, or to limit or affect the authority of the government of the United States to make any law or regulation respecting such Indians, their lands property or other rights which it would have been competent to make if this act had never passed."

As usual in the admission of States all male citizens are authorized to vote for delegates to the constitutional convention and there is a provision extending this privilege to Indians who are members of any of the tribes located in Indian Territory. These Indians also are made eligible to become delegates to the convention. Among the declarations prescribed for the proposed State is one forever prohibiting polygamous or plural marriages."

The new State is to be allowed four representatives in Congress until the next census and also is to have two United States Senators.

the Fight Against Pritchard's Candidate.

(Special to News and Observer.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 3 .- It is learned that George H. White, the negro ex-Congressman has wired the negro Post-"lily white" candidate.

Postmaster Bailey, of Raleigh, who i here, it is said, has agreed to appoint Gaines (Tenn.), stated that he desired P. H. Andrews, recently removed as asto offer an amendment. The chair hav- sistant postmaster, to a \$1,200 clerkship

Ex-State Senator Cameron Morrison, of Rockingham was here today. Speaker Albertson of the House of

Representatives of the State of Washington, is here. He is a son of the late Judge Albertson, of Elizabeth City. He has succeeded in law and politics on Puget Sound. His wife, who is a daughter of ex-Mayor of Charlotte, DeWolfe, accompanies him. They will visit Mr. Albertson's mother in Elizabeth City before returning west.

MONROE ROGERS GOES TO PEN FOR TEN YEARS.

Sixteen Durham Ladies Form Themselves Into a Committee to Send Provisions to the Poor at Christmas.

(Special to News and Observer.) Durham, N. C., Dec. 3.-This afternoon at 3:20 o'clock, Judge McNeill sentenced Monroe Rogers, who was convicted of attempting to burn the residence of W. B. Whitaker, to ten years in the peniten-

The Durham tobacco market has been fairly glutted this week. The warehouses have been blocked on all sides. Sales are larger than for many years and prices keep up well. All the tobacco men are as busy as bees and at this writing it is impossible to get the exact figures of the number of pounds sold. Tomorrow there

will be another large break. Sixteen Durham ladies have formed themselves into a committee for the pur pose of sending baskets of provisions to the poor at Christmas. Boxes have been placed in the drug stores and banks for the purpose of receiving contributions.

Hubert Howard, son of Frank Howard, is suffering from painful burns that he received. While taking a bath he fell on a hot stove and was burned about the

back and shoulders. Considerable cotton was on the East Durham market yesterday and today. The best grade sold for 8 cents.

Miss Kate Davis' Funeral.

(Special to News and Observer.) Henderson, N. C., Dec. 3.-The funeral of Miss Kate Davis, a most excellent young Christian woman, was held at the ings were beautiful, and many friends gathered to pay the last tribute of love

and respect to the deceased. Miss Davis was related and connected to many residents of our town and

THE STRIKE INQUIRY

A Snail Race Through the Land of Nod.

TO SETTLE OUT OF COURT

Talk of This Character Again Bobs up, Counsel Look Mysterious and say Something is in the Air---Let's

Hope So.

(By the Associated Press.) Scranton." Pa., Dec. 3.-The anthracite

coal companies and theier employes having failed to come to an agreement during the Thanksgiving recess of the Strike Commission, the hearing of the miners' side of the case was continued today, as heretofore, and unless something is done by the lawyers on both sides to curtail matters, its proceedings surely will run into next year. With the reassembling of the commission today, however, there was a revival of the talk of a settlehas been done and neither side has aplearned, regarding further negotiations, with President Roosevelt. but as one prominent attorney expressed it: "There is something in the air."

The lawyers on both sides have heard ment is reached before the hearings are

that efforts would be made by both the Long Island shore. sides to agree on as many points as possible and that the commission was ready to lend any conciliatory help to bring presented with this by the President.

about that end. Today's proceedings were of a more or less desultory character. Six witesses were on the stand during the two sessions. They were President Mitchell, two photographers, two practical miners, one of them a Hungarian, and the wife was called to show that a 20 per cent increase in wages did not mean a corresponding increase in the price per ton of coal. The photographers produced about a half a hundred photographs they had taken of the homes of mine workers in the Hazleton region, which territory was under investigation today. The two miners testified with reference to wages paid and working conditions at master Vick, of Wilson, to come to the collieries of Coxe Brothers & Com-Washington, and that a vigorous fight pany, an independent concern in the will be made against his removal in Hazleton region, and the woman, whose

told a story of poverty. The commissioners at times were seemingly impatient at the way the proceedings dragged. While they had a half dozen witnesses before them they did not learn much more than they already knew. On their trip through the coal fields they saw houses whose general appearance was worse than those pictured today, and they also received much information along the lines presented today from the men in the mines which they visited. They are anxious for the documentary evidence, such as wage statements and other data bearing on wages and conditions. This was mitted to the authorities at Washington. strongly evidenced today when they eagerly seized upon the due bills handed up by the Hungarian witness. Every man of the commission examined these and had questions to ask about them. One of the commissioners said today it was principally a question of wages, and they wanted these facts as quickly as they could get them. In this connection there was considerable discussion between the attorneys for all sides and the commission regarding the documentary evidence. Both parties to the controversy had agreed to try to agree, as far as possible, on a summary of the great mass of figures that the hundreds of accountants for the different companies are computing, but the task is such a stupendous one, taking in as it does about 145,000 men and boys, that feature of the investigation.

The commission has decided to give all companies who have not yet become a party to the arbitration commission until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning to file their statement of the miners' case.

MOTHER'S FIGHT FOR CHILD.

Judge Coble's Decision in Mrs Wood's Habeas Corpus Case.

(Special to the News and Observer.) Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 3.-An interesting legal battle was fought out today before Judge Coble, in chambers. The contest came about over habeas corpus proceedings instituted by Mrs. Josephine Wood, o fthis city, to recover possession of Katie, her fourteen-year-old daughter. The girl is now in the Montreat Rescue Home. Judge Coble finally ordered that the girl be brought to Charlotte and placed in a local institution and that permission be given the mother and to exchange visits.

Grandson of President Tyler Dead.

(By the Associated Press.)

1895. He was a lieutenant in the First Battalion of Virginia infantry, better known as the Irish battalion during the war between the States and made a war between the States, and made a name for personal courage and faithfulness to duty. He has two sisters living in Southampton county, one of them the wife of General Shands, a well known lawyer. He had never married.

THINKS PRITCHARD REJECTED BAIT. Will Pritchard get the Judgeship he has Set

his Heart On?

(Special to the New York Times.) Washington, Dec. 2.-The fight between the Administration and the re organizers of the Republican party in the South, the so-called "Lily Whites," is fairly on. Senator Pritchard, of North Carolina, the leader of the movement, tonight made a statement which removes all doubt about his position. It indicates unmistakably that Mr. Pritchard will go on with his fight. The only doubt in the matter has been about the attitude of North Carolina. The administration is said to have had Senator Pritchard in mind for a Federal Judgeship, and it has been questioned whether North Carolina would not accept this peace offering and drop the agitation. Mr. Pritchard has rejected this bait, if it was offered.

To Reward Bohn for Bravery.

(By the Associated Press.) Newport News, Va., Dec. 3.-Captain Bohn, master of the German steamship Barcelona, of the Hamburg Line, now in "out of court." Nothing definite port, leaves tonight for Washington where, tomorrow morning he will be proached the other, as far as can be granted an audience at the White House

arly last spring during a gale Captain Bohn saved the lives of fourteen men near the entrance to New York harbor. the rumor, and profess they know noth- Two small tugs, each with a crew of ing about it, "but would not be surprised seven men were floundering about on the if something in the way of an agree- ocean at the mercy of the waves, when the Barcelona hove in sight. At the risk of his own vessel and the lives of his Chairman Gray, speaking for the com- own crew he tooff off the crews within mission, today, again expressed the hope a scant hundred yards of the breakers on

For this act of bravery Captain Bohn was promised a memorial, and he will be

George H. White now Enters of a German miner. Mr. Mitchell was and Little Venice May Scon be Shivering Before Their Guns.

(By the Associated Press.) London, Dec. 3 .- It is ofcially announced here that Great Britain and Germany are taking naval measures to secure satisfaction from Venezuela, and that "for this purpose German warships already have assemled off the coast of Venezuela and those of Great Britain will shortly be there.

zuela. The reason for the aggressive methods.

in ignorance of the suggested scheme for a settlement which has been sub-The present intention of Great Britain and Germany is to make a naval demonstration against Venezuela with the prob-

able seizure of custom houses, though this is dependent upon developments. The British Foreign Office still is absolutely in the dark regarding any statement made to the German minister at Caracas and is somewhat mystified on the subject of Germany's contentions.

A DELEGATION OF NEGROES.

Calls on Roosevelt in Regard to Federal Aypointments in Virginia,

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 3.-A delegation of fourteen colored men from Virneither side is yet ready to go into that ginia, headed by Matt N. Lewis, of Newport News, called upon the President to-The delegation united in recommending after the explosion. answer to President Mitchell's original the appointment of James N. Hays, of Richmond, to be assistant district attor- flames going from tank to tank, occurney of the Eastern district of Virginia. red at short intervals, but all the injury The President referred the delegation to and loss of life was caused by the first. the recently appointed district attorney, Judge L. L. Lewis, who will name his

Killed his Brother With a Poker.

(By the Associated Press.) more Cunningham killed his brother, T. N. Cunningham by striking him over the head with a poker. The men enconcerning the wife of his brother.

Big Price for a Grandson.

IN RED DEATH FLARE Distilling and Retailing Cases Consumed all

Twelve Hurled by Explosion Into Eternity.

A SHIP'S OIL TANK BURSTS

A Number of Mechanics Were Changing the Progresso From a Coal Burner to an Oil Burner When the Disaster Occurred.

(By the Associated Press.) San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 3.-While the serious injured and property valued at \$200,000 was destroyed. The missing: FIRST ASSISTANT ENGINEER SPARKS

CHARLES GLENN. HOWARD DOWE. JAMES CAVATT. DAN. GGLLAGHER. JOSEPH MGUIRE. F. NELSON. C. C. McGREGOR. JACK STRAND.

JOSEPH REX

HARRY SMALL JACK ASHTON. First ssistant Engineer Sparks, Joseph Rex, Charles Glenn and Howard Dowe, of the crew of the Progresso, were shipped only this morning. Joseph Rex is a son of Mate Rex, of the ship W. P. Babcock.

Charles Glenn is a brother of Second Officer Glenn, of the transport Sheri-

James Cavatt was an electrician, and Gallagher, Maguire, F. Nelson and Mc-Gregor werr shipbuilders. Jack Strand was employed as a fire-

man, and Harry Small, a boy, was working as a rivet beater. His home is at Vallejo. Ashton was a fireman on the Progresso, and Dowe was a seamon. The list of seriously injured includes: Henry Conama, aged 18 years; arm

Robert Gibson, both legs broken. A. Kane, fractured leg and foot. R. Bucoll, fractured left wrist. George McNeemy, severe burns. J. Morgan, injured about arms and

T. McGill, severely burned Willis VanDerest, head bruised. Peter Hanson, fracture of right leg.

The disaster occurred at 9:45 o'clock, while forty mechanics of the iron works and twenty employes of the ship were No attempt is made to reconcile Great on board. Below the decks the me-Britain's attitude with the news from chanics were busy completing the work Berlin that President Castro is willing of changing the vessel from a coal burnto meet the demands made upon Vene- ing coal carrier, to an oil-burning oil carrier, when suddenly one of the tanks measures is declared to be due to the blew up. Men were hurled against the fact that no overtures have yet been re- steel wall and a sheet of flame came ceived from Venezuela towards meeting sweeping into their faces. On the upper that country's obligations by ordinary deck, men were hurled into the air or thrown into the water. Three sailors The Associated Press is able to say engaged in washing paint outside the that the European governments still are pilot house, disappeared as the cloud of black smoke came up from the ship, and were seen no more.

Following the explosion, the ship sagged in the center, showing that she had broken in two. In the office of the iron works, twenty feet away, every window was shattered and flying glass cut the faces and hands of many of the officials and clerks.

As they rushed out into the open, survivors, who were able to help themselves, were leaping from the ship. A great crowd of mechanics came running out of the works. As soon as the panic had subsided, these men set to work to rescue men from the burning vessel. A stream of burning oil, running from the tanks, spread out until the ship lay on waves of fire. The flames crept under the wharf and soon the timbers were blazing, adding to the difficulty of the work of rescue.

As the ship was built of steel, the fire was nearly all below the deck. There were fourteen oil tanks, containing about day to confer with him about Federal ap- four hundred barrels of oil, in all, and pointments in Virginia. The political con- despite the efforts of the fire department, ditions in the State were discussed briefly. this continued to burn fiercely for hours

Several minor explosions, due to the

Scanning Anti-Trust Bills.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 3.-The sub-commit-

tee of the House Judiciary Committee Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 3.-A special consisting of Representatives Littleeld from Union City, Tenn., says that El- (Maine), Thomas (Iowa), and Clayton (Alabama), to which was referred the Anti-Trust Bill, met today and devoted several hours to the consideration of gaged in a dispute over a crop settle- these measures. One of the bills before ment and the killing was the result of a the committee proposes an amendment to slighting remark made by the dead man the Sherman Anti-Trust Law, and another provides for publicity.

Considerable attention was devoted today to consideration of the latter. This bill requires all corporations engaged Chicago, Dec. 2.-A son was born to in inter-State commerce to file returns the wife of W. A. Clark, Jr., last night, with government authorities disclosing winning the \$1,000,000 gift which Senator their true financial condition and of their W. A. Clark offered to his sons and capital stock, and imposes a tax upon Richmond, Va., Dec. 3.-James Rochelle daughters a year ago for the first grand- such as have outstanding capital stock Tyler, a grandson of President Tyler, son presented to him, says a special to unpaid in whole or in part, The bill died today at the Confederate soldiers' the Record-Herald from Butte, Mont. His was introduced by Mr. Littlefield at home, aged sixty-four years. He came youngest daughter, Mrs. Morris, in New to the home from Southampton county in York, recently gave birth to a daughter. clusions were reached today good prog- will be called next Tuesday.

ress was made and the committee hopes to be able to make a report to before the holiday recess.

THE FEDERAL COURT.

Yesterday. The Federal court met at 9:30 o'clock

yesterday morning with Judge Thos. R. Purnell presiding. The following cases were disposed of during the day: Ed. Turner and June Turner, of Gran

ville county, illicit distilling. Defendants

waive bill and plead guilty. Judgment, 6 months in jail and fined \$100 and costs Penalty of imprisonment suspended upor payment of fine and costs. John Dodd and David Dodd, of Nash county, illicit distilling. Nol pros as to David Dodd; John Dodd plead guilty. Judgment, 4 months in jail and to pay a fine of \$100 and cost. Penalty of impris-

onment was suspended upon payment of fine and costs. Aldridge Catlett, of Granville county, retailing. Jury trial; verdict, not guilty. Ann Judd Smith, of Chatham county etailing. Jury trial; verdict, not guilty Neill Judd, of Chatham county, illici distilling, etc. Jury trial; verdict, not

guilty. Bob Holmes, of Moore county, retailing Jury trial; verdict, not guilty. The grand jury ignored the following

Daniel McKethan, charged with retailing; Dick Womack, charged with retailing; Jno. Stone, charged with illicit distilling; Jim Phelps, charged with illicit distilling; Ed. Mimms, charged with retailing; John Fogg, charged with illicit Several scifa and other minor cases

were disposed of during the day.

Education Bill Passed.

(By the Associated Press.) London, Dec. 3 .- The House of Commons passed the Education bill today. Premier Balfour appealed to the public spirit of all classes to do their best to insure the working of the bill, that which he said, no better alternative measure had been proposed, and the House adopted the third reading of the measure by 246 votes to 123. The bill was immediately sent to the House of Lords, where, in the presence of only three peers, it was formally read for the first

Limuntour Wants Uncle Sam Paid.

(By the Associated Press.) Mexico City, Dec. 3 .- Secretary of the Treasury Limantour has asked Congress to authorize the payment of \$1,420,682 Mexican currency to the United States, year. Rev. J. E. Underwood, of the together with \$43,050 interest thereon, in Elizabeth City district, said the missionaccordance with the award of The Hague ary institute held in that district had rearbitration in the matter of the Pius sulted in great good, every charge havfund. Secretary Limantour informs Con- ing met its missionary assessment in gress that the expese incurred in the full. proceedings, amounting to about \$73,000 | The body adjourned at one o'clock with already has been paid, as required by the national honor and decorum.

Sagasta Will Bow Himself Out.

(By the Associated Press.) Madrid, Dec. 3.-Senor Sagasta had an audience of King Alfonso today, at which he presented his resignation as Premier and intimated that the step was irrevo cable. He informed the King that the opposition had treated him with distrust and discourtesy, which he did not deserve. His Majesty will not decide on the course he will pursue until tomorrow.

BEVIVAL AT TABERNACLE.

Rev. W. M. Vines, of Asheville, is Attracting Great Interest

The revival services at the Tabnernacle Baptist church, which began on Sunday and which are being conducted by Rev. W. M. Vines, of Asheville, are drawing splendid congregations.

The services are held each morning at o'clock and at night at 7:30. Despite the rain last night there were over 200 people present.

Mr. Vines is an eloquent and forcible preacher, attractive in manner. His text Four Warships Sail for Venezuela. last night was from Revelations 3:20, "Behold I stand at the door and knock. It was a splendid conceived sermon and in it he discussed Christ knocking at the ish second-class cruiser Retribution, door of individual life, at the door of sailed for Venezuela yesterday, and the the home, at the door of business, and at second class cruiser Charybdis, sloop of the door of the church, where He is some times shut out.

Victor Fire Company Officers. At a meeting of the Victor Fire Com-

pany, colored, held last night, the following officers were elected for the insuing year: Wm. H. Palmer, Foreman; S. G. Smith, Assistant; S. J. Hawkins, secretary; Chas Winters, Treasurer; S. B. Jeffries, Chaplain; Primus Haywood, Pipeman;

Haywood, Sergeant; J. J. Alston, Attor-The members of the company express a determination to do earnest work this year and return thanks to the white citizens who contributed to and in the col-

Chas, Chavis, Assistant Pipeman; Wm.

ored fireman's tournament. In the Supreme Court.

Appeals argued: Rhea vs. Rawls by Peele and Shuford for plaintiff; Merrimon for defendant. McCall vs. Zachary, by Carter for plaintiff; Shuford and Gudger for defendant.

Shuford for plaintiff; Jones & Jones for defendant. Smith vs. Parker, submitted on brief by Thos. A. Jones for plaintiff; Merri-

mon & Barnard for defendant. Wilson vs. Hammitt, continued.

DISTRICT LEADS

Though all the Elders Make Good Reports

CONFERENCE'S FIRST DAY

Bishop A. Coke Smith Presides --- W. L. Cunninggim Re-elected Secretary --- Addresses by Representatives of Mission Board.

(Special to the News and Observer.) Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 3.-The North norning at Grace Church in its sixtysixth annual session, Bishop A. Coke were conducted by the Bishop, who read the third chapter of Ephesians and made appropriate comment on the lesson, and expressed the great pleasure it gave him

to be present. Rev. W. L. Cunninggim, secretary of the last conference, was requested to call the roll, which showed a large attendance for the opening day.

Rev. W. L. Cunninggim was re-elected secretary, and H. H. D. Wilson assistant

Rev. Drs. H. M. Dubose, editor of the Epworth Era, and C. F. Reid, representing the Mission Board, were introduced and delivered interesting and instructive addresses. The Bishop called the 20th question

and the nine presiding elders made reports which were very faborable, that of Rev. Dr. J. T. Gibbs, of the Raleigh district leading. He stated that all the preachers' salaries were paid in full and on more than half the charges all collections were paid, and something like forty thousand dollars had been raised during the past four years for building and repairing churches. Dr. W. H. Moore's report from the

Durham district showed considerable gains over last year, and there are advances reported on all the districts. On the Wilmington, Fayetteville and Washington districts many revival meetings resulting in large accessions to church

benediction by Rev. Dr. E. A. Yates. Rev. D. H. Tuttle preached tonight at Bladen Street and Dr. W. H. Moore at Grace church, both discourses were able and instructive, large congregations being present at both places.

HELD UP AND ROBBED.

Dick Milton of Reidsville has a Etruggle With Two Negroes,

(Special to the News and Observer.) Reidsville, N. C., Dec. 3.-Mr. Jim Milton, brother of our town electrician, Mr. Dick Milton, while on his way to the water-works last night, was accosted by two negroes, who demanded his money. Mr. Milton resisted, but being unarmed, was soon over-powered and quickly relieved of twenty-one dollars and sixty cents. In the struggle Mr. Milton was badly cut in several places, but made his way hurriedly to the waterworks station and 'phoned for the police, As yet the negroes have not been caught. The robbery occurred just this side of the Brande place, which is about one

mile from town.

(By the Associated Press.) Hamilton, Bermuda, Dec. 3.-The Britwar Alert, and torpedo boat destroyer

Quail followed today. The second class cruiser Tribune and the first class cruiser Ariadne, are under orders to proceed to the same destina-

Raleigh an Important Leaf Tobacco Market

(Southern Tobacco Journal.) Raleigh is rapidly becoming an important leaf tobacco market. Five years ago the tobacco business done in that city was insignificant. But already this year, which is the first of her reconstructed market, 2,000,000 pounds of leaf have been sold, and it is predicted that the six million mark will be reached next year. A new warehouse, several prize houses and a stemmery have recently been erected. It would seem, from these thirgs, that Raleigh is destined to become an important leaf market.

Two Systems are Awful. We Have Three.

Our Kings Mountain correspondent says Johnston vs. Cass, by Merrimon and that his people, regarding present telephone rates as too high, welcome the competition promised by recent grant of a franchise for another line. It will be interesting to the outside world to watch and see in the first place whether a second exchange is built and then to see in Appeals from the Sixteenth District ! the second place how our neighbors get on with two systems.