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#### News Circulation Dailies

# FOURTEEN IN A FIRE TRAP.

Penned in by Flames Several Leap From the Windows.

Still Others Strangled to Death by the Smoke That Rolls in Dense Volumes Through the Blazing Hotel Lincoln in Chicago.

(By the Associated Press.) Chicago, Dec. 4 .- Fourteen persons among the scores crowded into the Lincoln hotel, at 176 Madison street, met death shortly before 6 o'clock this morning in a fire which will pass into local history as one of the most horrible Chicago ever has experienced.

Death came suddenly to a few, bu with awful slowness to others who were penned in the death trap and sufforated or burned to death. Some died in their rooms, some chanced all in jumping and were then dismissed to meet for the inlost, while others were found in the hallways where they had expired with the conclusion of the inspection. Coroner their fingers dug into the cracks of the floor. All of the bodies were recovered as the hotel was not destroyed.

M. M. HANDY, Janesville, Wis. EDWARD TONER, Milwaukee. H. K. WOOD, Lebanon, Ind. B. F. BOSWELL, Chicago. SAMUEL L. YOCUM, Davenport, Iowa J. C. YOCUM, Davenport, Iowa.

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Two others, including one who died on the way to the hospital, have not The victims were taken to Roolstons'

Morgue, and all day the place was filed with anxious people interested in the the safety of friends or relatives. The building was fire-trap of the worst | Third Major.

kind, according to experts. There were but two exits, a narrow stairway leading down the four floors of the building, and an uncompleted fire escape in Election of Cfficers of the Second Regiment at the rear.

The fire started on the second floor, presumably from a lighted cigar dropped on the carpet. Guests occupying upper rooms in the front part of the hostelry, aroused by the screams of a woman, were able to escape from the stairway, and about thirty people reached safety by means of the fire escape. To add to the horror, however, this gave way while others were attempting to escape, and three men were dashed to death on the pavement of the alley below.

For the people still in the rear rooms there was now no escape save by jumping. The stairway was in flames and the fire escape gone. Horror-stricken faces appeared at the windows and cried frantically for help. Firemen cried back to them to wait until nets or mattresses could be brought, and those who did in most cases escaped with slight injuries. But some, crazed with fright, jumped to the pavement and were either killed or badly hurt. With great difficulty, the fire, although comparatively a small one, was subdued, but it was some time before rescuers could penetrate the dense bank of smoke which filled the place. It was an awful scene which met their eyes. The dead or unconscious were lying stretched on the floor, or, in some cases, J. N. Craig of Reidsville is Blected Colonel of on their beds. Some had attempted to slip on a garment, before making for the street, but had been overcome, but

most of them were in their night clothes. Stores and other hotels in the vicinity were filled with men and women who had escaped with only their night gowns. An investigation will be made. A fire wall around the elevator and other precautionary alterations had been needed sometime ago, but the matter had been neg-

Of the people injured it was necessary to take only three to the hospital. Others, suffering from slight cuts and bruises, or from the inhalation of smoke, were cared for at neighboring drug stores and departed without their names being re-

ported to the police. In one instance, a fireman of Engine Company No. 2 saved a woman from running to the rear of the building to certain death on the fourth floor, only to be forced to drop her from the third floor to the roof of the building at 178 Madison street. The woman held her seven-year-old son in her arms. She was dying at the hospital. During the day he and meet the "green horns" who had Mrs. J. Sheppard and her son is named Frederick. She was then carried from the roof of the building to the Brevort House where a physician was summoned. was found that their injuries were

E. C. Weber, the night clerk, was one of the first persons to discover smoke on the second floor. It is believed that the fire began in this section of the building. Weber refused to make any statement and after he had secured possession of the hotel register he was taken to the Central Station, where he is being

detained. F. A. Smith, proprietor of the hotel,

"I am certainly not to blame for thi awful catastrophe. Three weeks ago the agents of this building were notified to born in Connecticut in 1851.

place a stairway in the rear of the building, and also to build a fire wall around the freight elevator shaft in the rear. The contractors came and looked the building over, but nothing was done. Last night our seventy rooms were all filled and I should judge that we had about 125 or 150 guests. From what I can learn the fire originated in the rear of the building on the second floor. This probably accounts for the escape of guests Firemen Worked Fourteen who occupied front rooms on the upper floors. They had an opportunity to reach

the stairway before the flames reached that part of the building, but the occupants of the rear rooms were cut off by the flames. Most of our guests last night were persons who came to Chicago to visit the stock show and knew little of the building.'

Chief Musham, of the fire department, said that in some ways it was the worst. fire he had attended during his career as OTHERS DIE IN FLAMES a fireman, and that so dense was the smoke that it was impossible to reach the imprisoned guests, who died like rats in a cage. When the firemen finally managed to make their way into the room the sight that met their gaze was appalling. Men and boys lay about the floors of the rooms and hallways where they had fallen in their eagerness to

escape. "The building," said the chief, "was one of the worst fire traps I ever have seen. The floors in places had cracks in them large enough to drop a penny through and the smoke just sifted through and suffocated the inmates of that the Coxe and other companies had the rooms before they had time to make their way into the hallways."

A jury was impaneled this afternoon by Coroner Trager to ascertain the the causes of the disaster and to fix the guilt for negligence. After viewing the bodies of the victims of the fire. the jury went to the hotel, where an examination was made of the premises. The jurors quest, which will begin December 12. At Tracer said:

"The fire undoubtedly was caused by the explosion of an oil stove in the rear of the third floor. The building is very carelessly constructed, the fire escape is worthless, the rooms are outrageously that such a building should have been used as a housing place for human beings.

#### THE STATE GUARD.

#### Election of Officers by the First, Second and Third Regiments

(Special to the News and Observer.) Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 4 .- The election of officers of the First Regiment at Statesville today resulted as follows: J. F. Armfield, Colonel; T. R. Robertson, Charlotte, Lieutenant-Colonel; Geo. Butler First Major: P. I. Fl. gan, Second Major, and J. C. Bessent,

#### H. C BRAGAW COLONEL.

(Special to News and uObserver.) Goldsboro, N. C., Dec. 4 .- The commissioned officers of the several companies composing the Second Regiment, North Carolina State Guards, met in this ity this afternoon and elected the fol-Colonel, H. C. Bragaw, Washington

Lieutenant-Colonel, T. C. James, Wilnington Major First Battalion, C. B. Elliott

Edenton. Major Second Battalion, T. S. Pace Major Third Battalion, G. B. Sellars

Maxton.

There was a full representation of all These officers will be a credit to the row. regiment. They were handsomely entertained by Company D, Second Regiment,

Resolutions were adopted expressing thanks to the militia of this city for hospitality to officers.

#### THIRD REGIMENT OFFICERS.

#### This Organization

(Special to News and Observer.) Durham, N. C., Dec. 4.-A meeting of officers of the Third Reegiment was held and a God-fearing people." here .today for the purpose of electing Families cannot be kept together, he when thrown into the sea, or that it be staff officers of the regiment. The fol- said. The boys are sent into the mines burned. lowing were elected:

Colonel, J. N. Craig, of Reidsville. Lieutenant Colonel, T. J. Winston, of Durham.

Major of First Battalion, J. J. Bernard, of Raleigh. Major of Third Battalion, J. M. Al

bright, of Greensboro. No election as to Major of second battalion.

#### Johnstone Still Lingers.

(By the Associated Press.) Philadelphia, Dec. 4.—Barry Johnstone the actor, who, last Monday night shot and killed Kate Hassett, of Keith's Bijou | They were promised \$1.10 a day, but re-Theatre Stock Company, and then turned ceived only 65 to 80 cents a day. He told the weapon upon himself, is gradually how he had been paid to go to Hazelton revived slightly, but the physicians say his recovery is impossible. A consultation was held by the doctors today, at which it was decided that an operation became greatly interested, and, leaning to remove the two bullets which Johnstone fired into his breast would be futile, and they are now awaiting the end. The murdered woman's body was today forwarded to the home of her parents at Aurora. Ills.

### Charles H. Dow Dead.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 4.-Charles H. Dow founder of the Wall Street news gath-

## LIGHT FLASHED ON COAL MINE HORRORS

Twelve-Hour Days.

### LIVES IN THEIR HANDS

#### Their Last Shift Twenty-four Hours Long-Should They Fall Asleep During That Vigil Fans Would Stop and Gas Gather.

(By the Associated Press.) Scranton, Pa., Dec. 4.-At today's sessions of the Anthracite Strike Commission, the representatives of the mine workers continued to call witnesses, mostly practical miners, who told their story of the conditions as they exist in the Hazelton or middle coal fields. The miners tried to show by their witnesses violated the agreement entered into by both sides when the commission was appointed, that the strikers should return to work and be given their old positions back where they had not already been filled. Some of the witnesses called testified that they were not given back their od places and maintained that men prominent in the union in the various localities during the strike were dis-

criminated against. The commission has decided to invite the mine inspectors to appear before them, because the miners claim that the workmen fear to inform the mine inspectors are usually accompanied by some representative of the company who may small, and it is nothing short of a crime cause the man's dismissal. This is a new

point before the commission. Rumors of possible negotiations towards a settlement outside the commission continue to be heard. Lawyers admit they have heard such rumors, but say they know nothing about a possible settlement. Whatever is done will be first decided upon in New York, where those in authority to act are located. Several attorneys, among them W. W. Ross, of Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Company, have returned to the Metropolis. Whether or not it is in connection with peace negotiations cannot

be learned here. The opinion still prevails here, and

Jackson Ansbach, of the Hazelton witnesses because he is the first fire- be fifty per cent. greater than the White man to appear before the commission. He said he received \$1.57 for a day of twelve hours, and his assistant \$1.25. On every other Sunday when he and his assistant shifted from day to night work, they were compelled to work twenty-four hours straight without relief. This statement caused a buzz through the straightened up and became more interested In answer to a question put by the commission he said he was off duty following week.

"Supposing you should fall asleep when officers and companies of the regiment. what would happen's" asked Mr. Dar-

> "Well," he replied, "if I slept long enough the fans would stop, gas would killed; that's all."

Rev. James V. Hussie, rector of St. Gabriel's Roman Catholic church, Hazelpractically all his life.

said, "are deplorable. The mine workers chosen for the scene of the attack. are barely able to exist. I have been in their homes. They are not homes, but the warships is followed by boxes and merely a habitation, a resting-place other refuse thrown overboard. There-They are frugal, conservative, reasonable, fore, Admiral Sumner has decided that

almost as soon as "they are able to todin the small towns in the vicinity or their being read by Admiral Higginson's drift into the large cities. He cited in- scouts. stances of poverty and said that it took amined the tax lists of Hazelton, he said, persons assessed owned their own homes.

was the means of bringing fourteen Slavonians to this country at the instance of a breaker boss at the Coxe mines. been "shipped by his mother from Europe." Judge Gray evidently thinking that the alien laws were being violated.

toward the witness, said: "When was thisk" "Seventeen years ago," repliedu the

Hungarian. "Oh," said the judge, as he leaned back in his chair, and a wave of laughter swept over the court room. The commission then adjourned until tomorrow Today was set as the limit for the coal companies to answer the submission made by the miners, but thue Cove Company's time was extended until tomorrow the officials of the company being and ering firm of Dr. Jones & Company, died not prepared to make answer. Besides at his home in Brooklyn today. He was the large companies which signed the re-

#### the appointment of the arbitration com mittee, thirty-nine companies have, up to today, signified their willingness to abide by the decision of the arbitrators. Services at the Tabernacle.

There was a large attendance on the services at the Tabernacle Baptist church last night and interest in these services is steadily deepening. Last night there were two professions of faith. The services today will commence at 10:30 and tonight at 7:30.

## THE NAVAL PROBLEM

#### Program Made Public by War Department.

#### Communication With Shore Ceases---Movemints of the Enemy's Fleet Cloaked in Mystery.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Dec. 4.-The Navy Department has made public the elements of the great naval search problem on which the combined fleets are to begin work tomorrow in the West Indies The rules which are to govern in this mimic warfare follows:

"The White fleet includes vessels of ominands of Rear Admirals Sumner and Crowninshield, combined under the former The Blue fleet includes vessels under Rear Admiral Higginson

"In the afternoon of December 5, the Blue fleet learns that one of its scouts sighted the White fleet December 2nd in latitude 15 degrees north, longitude 45 est, a position about 900 miles to the eastward of Barbaloes.

"The White fleet represents an advanced detachment of an enemy whose object is to secure a base in the Porto Rican waters between and including Mayaguez, on the west, and Great Harbor, Culebra, on the east; also to mine the main ship channel of the port seized before 6 p. m., December 10th, at which time the problem ends.

"(a) If it enters the port selected and has worked one hour in laying mines before the arrival of a Blue force 50 per cent. greater than its on, it wins. "(b) If it enters the port and completes

the mining of the channel before the arrival of a Blue fleet double its own, it

"White loses if intercepted by a su perior Blue force at sea or in less than one hour after it enters the port. "The Blue force to will rather strongly, too, that the operators a superior force meet the White fleet at and miners will agree on most points sea or within one hour after it has anbefore the commission concludes its chored in the port selected. (b) If the White force has been at anchor more than one hour but not long enough to region, was one of the most interesting plant all its mines the Blue force must

#### With the Warship?.

(By the Associated Press.) Port of Spain, Island of Trinidad, Wednesday, December 3.—Rear Admiral Sumner has issued an order with respect court room and every commissioner to the neutrality of Trinidad. With the departure of the gunboat Eagle this morning communication with the shore ceased, and from now the movements of one day every two weeks, thus working the "enemy's" squadron will be cloaked six days one week and eight days the in mystery. While Admiral Sumner has not indicated when he proposes to sail, the understanding among the officers of you work in the long shift of 24 huours, the vessels under his command and that the squadron will leave the Gulf of Paria at 5 o'clock tomorrow morning. There is a lighthouse at Boca Grande, the exit from the Gulf, and apprehension and Company B. First Regiment, of this accumulate in the mines, and if an ex- is felt that the keeper may communicate plosion took place some men might be with the United States consul, who will telegraph to Rear Admiral Higginson, commanding the defending squadron, the course and speed of the "enemy." Conton, said he had lived in the coal regions sequently Admiral Sumner proposes when out of sight of land to change his course "The conditions in this region," he and speed, and then proceed to the port

It is often the case that the course of such debris be put to sink immediately

New code signals for use day and night dle out," and the girls are sent to mills have been arranged in order to prevent

Though his squadron is stronger than one man six years before he was able to the one commanded by Admiral Cervera, pay off a funeral debt of \$200. He ex- Admiral Sumner declares that the problem before him is more difficult than and in a population of which perhaps 70 that of the Spaniards, as the latter were per cent was made up of mine workers, able to chose ports in Cuba as well as only eighty mine employes out of 1,723 in Porto Rico and Culebra. Moreover, the Spaniards moved from the Cape Andrew Mattey, a Slavonian, said he Verde Islands, while Admiral Sumner's command is limited in regard to time.

#### The Enemy's Squadron Sails.

(By the Associated Press.) Port of Spain, Island of Trinidad, Dec. 4.—The United States consul has been authoritatively informed through agents of the departure this morning of the "enemy's" squadron. Its destination is uncertain, but it is believed to be Porto Rico or Culebra. The ships passed through Boca Grande going slowly. There is no satisfactory indications as to the course the squadron will pursue. All the warships had a low free board, which is evidence that they are wellfilled with coal and ammunition. A collier carrying 2,500 tons of coal, discharged ts cargo into the various vessels, which also received provisions and We report an advance in church and ammunition from a supply ship. The parsonage building and collections. Have seize a base and hold, and confidence ments this year on account of personal November 22, leaking, arrived at Delaas to the final success of the movement afflictions. quest made to President Roosevelt for prevails on board the ships.

Is Commercialism Sapping Our Spiritual Life?

#### THE BISHOP'S QUESTION

Nine out of a Class of Eleven Deacons of one Year Advanced --- Three Received on Trial Under Ouestion One-

(Special to News and Observer.) Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 4 .- The sec ond day's session of the North Carolina Conference opened today with devotional exercises led by Rev. W. C. Norman.

After the reading of yesterday's journal by Secretary Cuninggim, Bishop Smith called the seventh question, Who are deacons of one year, and nine out of the class of eleven having passed the required examination were advanced, while two were continued in the class of the third year. Rev. Jesse L. Cuninggim, secretary of the recently estab ished correspondence school of minis terial education at Nashville, Tenn. spoke interestingly of that enterprise Rev. J. M. Rhodes, president of Little ton Female College read his annual re port which was referred. Rev. W. H. Kirton, of South Carolina Conference

was introduced to the body. Dr. T. N. Ivey, editor of the Raleigh Christian Advocate, read his annual report, showing a prosperous year for that paper.

The class of the first year numbering eight were advanced to the second year, except two, who were unable to complete the course of study on account of poo health. In answer to question nineteen, the

names of R. J. Moorman and G. O. Green were referred to the Committee on Memoirs. Under call of question one, Wm. H

Brown, James E. Saunders and James H. Buffalo, all of Elizabeth City district, were received on trial. The bishop spoke of the small number

of young preachers coming into the conference and expressed regret at the dearth of ministerial students in other conferences, and ask if commercialism was sapping the spiritual life of our young men who ought to be coming into the ministerial ranks. An interesting discussion on the subject was participated in by Revs. Betts, Parker, Gibbs, Bishop and others, and at the suggestion of Bishop Smith, Dr. Kilgo led the conference in prayer that the Lord would send more laborers for the harvest.

Conference adjourned at one o'clock with benediction by Bishop Smith. Rev. Dr. H. M. Hamill, of Nashville. addressed the Sunday school anniversary tonight at the conference room, and Rev. J. H. M. Giles preached at Bladen Street

REPORTS OF PRESIDING ELDERS. The following reports were made by

the presiding elders: J. T. Gibbs, Raleigh District-This has been a year of great prosperity in the Raleigh district. All the pastors' salaries have been paid in full; and more than half the charges have paid all assessments for conference collections in full, and there has been an advance along all lines. Good revivals and many accessions to the church. During the past four years considerably more than \$40,000 has been raised for building churches and parsonages.

W. H. Moore, Durham District-This has been a prosperous year on the Durham district. All the salaries of pastors are not paid in full, but we have had a better year than last; \$3,000 has been subscribed for building a district parsonage.

B. R. Hall, Fayetteville District-Our salaries are not all paid in full, but this has been a better year than last. There have been large accessions to the church, and some building done on churches. W. S. Rone. Rockingham District-During the year we have had heavy drafts to pay on last year owing to the failure of crops. Taking everything into consideration we have fairly good re

ports. R. B John, Wilmington District-There has been good revival interest throughout the district all during the year. All the preachers, with one exception, have been able for fair duty. The one who was disabled has been magnanimously cared for by his people. Collections are in advance of last year. One new parson-

age has been built. F. D. Swindell, New Bern District-We have made some material progress; several churches and parsonages have been improved, and debts on others paid. Some of the charges have increased salaries of their pastors. We have had some good revivals, but not what we ought to have had. Altogether it has been a pleasant year.

R. A. Willis, Warrenton District-The salaries are not entirely paid in full, but there is a very decided advance along all lines. We built some new churches. and had some good meetings, resulting in a number of accessions to the church. F. A. Bishop, Washington District-We have had good meetings on the district and large accessions to the church.

J. E. Underwood, Elizabeth City Dis-

tions paid in full. Early in the year we had a missionary institute and every pastor who attended is able to report salary and collections for missions paid in full. We prayed for revivals in the beginning of the year, and our prayers have been answered.

#### THE RED RIVER BISING

## A Number of People Forced to Leave Their

(By the Associated Press.) Shreveport, La., Dec. 4.-Red River ontinues to rise at Shreveport and points above. It will go above the danger-line here before morning. The bottom lands inhabited principally by negroes, are rapidly filling with water. A number of families have been forced to leave their homes. The gap in the levee at Bleacher, twenty miles above Shreveport, is reported to be widening. There appears to be no immediate danger of loss of life, though there will be considerable suffering and heavy crop and livestock

Snow and rain continue to swell the rushing waters. No fear is entertained for the safety of Shreveport.

#### MONROE GOES DRY.

#### No Bar-Rooms Will be Licensed and Dispensaries to Close. (Special to the News and Observer.)

Monroe, N. C., Dec. 4.-The Board of City Aldermen have made Monroe a dry town. By a vote of four against one they have declined to grant licenses to bar-rooms. The dispensary goes out on the first of January and after that the town will be on the dry list. Five parties applied for license and at one time it was thought licenses would be granted inder strict laws with sunset closinf.

#### New President of Lehigh Valley Read. of Representatives.

(By the Associated Press.) Philadelphia, Dec. 4.-E. B. Thomas was elected president of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company and the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, in place of Alfred Walter, resigned, at a special meeting of the boards of directors of those companies held today.

Mr. Thomas makes the statement that the Lehigh Valley Railroad will be operated independenty as heretofore, and there was not a full Democratis vote. n no manner connected with the operations of the Erie railroad or with any had no local the other of the trunk lines. While maintaining friendly relations with all of ful of votes; them, the property, he says, must be over a score of

#### Knoxville and Bristol Road Sold.

(By the Associated Press.)

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 4.-The Knoxville and Bristol Railroad, of which H. J. Braker, of New York, was president, was sold today to a syndicate headed by Bird M. Robinson, of New York, who is president of the Harriman and and Bristol is forty miles in length, extending from Morristown to Corryton, Tenn. It was built about twelve year ago in connection with an English syndicate scheme to develop property at Middleboro, Ky., and along the route of the Knoxville, Cumberland Gap and Louisville road, now owned by the Southern Railway. It is not stated what amount was paid for the property.

#### A. C. L. Stockholders May Subscribe.

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 4 .- The Atlantic Coast stockholders, informing them that they in that section where there are practimay subscribe at the \$125 per share to the \$15,000,000 new stock to be issued in part payment for the \$30,600,000 of Louisville and Nashville stock, par value. They did not register because they were Each stockholder will be entitled to sub- indignant at the manner in which they scribe for an amount equal to 40 per cent of his holdings.

#### To Reconstruct the Drydock.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 4.-Naval Constructor Dubose has reported to the Navy them voted against the Republican can-Department that it will require \$32,000 to reconstruct the dry dock, which re- their intense opposition to Senator Pritchcently parted while in Havana harbor ard. and was towed from there to the Pen- ; "Senator Pritchard's best friends in sacola naval station. He estimates that North Carolina will regret exceedingly

#### Appointed Reporter of Decisions

provements in the dock.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 4.-Charles Henry Butler, an attorney at law, of New York, was today appointed reporter of the decisions of the Supreme court of the utes, most of which time was spent be-United States. He is 43 years old. He hind closed doors. After the reception of has practiced law in New York for sev-, a number of bills and petitions and the eral years past.

#### Holmes Succeeds Justice Gray.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Dec. 4.-Oliver Wendell Holmes was today confirmed by the Oklahoma and Indian Territory as one Senate to succeed the late Justice Gray State and opposing the House Omnibus as a member of the bench of the United Statehood bill. On motion of Mr. Hoar States Supreme court. There was no the Senate then went into executive sesopposition, and the nomination was not sion, and at 1:05 adjourned until Monday. discussed.

#### Leaking Schooner Arrives.

(By the Associated Press.) Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 4.-The schoonenemy is prepared to make a dash to not been able to meet all my appoint- Providence, which arrived at Savannah, ware Breakwater today in tow of the tug William F. McCauley.

# THROUGH THE WOOL

Ties up Pritchard in His Own Statements.

#### THE PEOPLE ARE AMAZED

If the Republicans did not Kick out Negroes Because of Color, Then Their Whole Campaign was a Miserable

Pretense. (Special to News and Observer.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 4.-Senator Simmons today gave out the following

"Senator Pritchard's 'statement, published in the papers on Wednesday, will strike the people of North Carolina with amazement. If his statement that the negroes were not excluded from the Republican State convention on account of color he true, then the campaign which his party made in North Carolina this year was a miserable pretense, for the whole campaign was based upon the theory that the negro had been excluded because of his color, and that was what the 'Lily

White' movement meant. "Senator Pritchard and his party made his re-election to the Senate the overshadowing issue of the campaign. Upon that issue the Senator and his party lost in the proportion of more than six to one, for he only has five votes out of fifty in the Senate and nineteen out of one hundred and twenty in the House

"There was not a full vote in the State this year, except in the western part, where there was a sharp contest, both on the Congressional and legislative tickets. There the vote of both parties was brought out with reasonable fullness. Most of the white Republican vote is in this section of the State.

"In the east where the Republicans have very few white voters there was practically no contest, and as a result many of these counties many of them they

worked on its merits. Mr. Thomas is a real contest all over the State and chairman of the board of directors of the there had been a full vote, the Demotween eighty and ninety thousand. The majority in the State in 1904 will not fall below seventy-five or eighty thousand. The State is and will remain strongly Democratic.

"Senator Pritchard deceives himself if he thinks he made any gains from the Democratic party in the last campaign. I know of no county in the State where it made gains in white votes worth men-Northeastern Railroad. The Knoxville tioning, and in some sections it sustained substantial losses.

"His asumption that there was only thirty thousand white Republicans in the State prior to this year is without foundation. I have never heard any one estimate the white Republican vote, since that party obtained substantial permanent additions from the disintegration of the Populist party, at less than sixty thousand, while many have estimated it very much higher The Senator must know that in the mountain districts of the State alone his party had more than thirty thousand white voters, else how could they have elected in recent Line directors have issued a circular to years the Congressmen they have elected cally no negroes.

"There were only about six thousand negroes registered in the State this year. had been treated by their own party and, being unwilling to vote the Democratic ticket, they purposely absented themselves from the polls as the best way to rebuke Senator Pritchard and their

"Nearly all of these negroes voted the State Republican ticket but many of didate for the Legislature because of

\$15,000 is needed to make certain im- that he has found it necessary to make this apology which is humiliating in many ways.

### Proceedings in the Senate

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 4.—The Senate was in session today one hour and five minadoption of a concurrent resolution calling on the President for the papers in the Pius Fund case, recently arbitrated before The Hague tribunal, Mr. Beveridge read the resolutions adopted by the delegates to the Oklahoma non-partisan convention favoring the admission of

#### The Simmons Burglary Case.

(Special to the News and Observer.) Washington, N. C., Dec. 4 .- In the case of Seth Simmons, for burglary, the er John C. Schmidt, from Fernandina for defendant's attorney quashed the grand jury true bill and the State appealed. There were many flaws in the bill. Simmons will be released on bail until February court.