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# THE STATE NORMAL FOUND IN FLAMES

Four Hundred Girls Aroused From Sleep Make sure, the college was a mile away, the Their Way From the Building to a Place of Safety.

## TWO BUILDINGS BURN

These Were the Kitchen in Which Boiler and Heating Rooms With Quarters for 150 Girls, and the Large Four Story Brick Dormitory vided and the Work of the College free use of cars, and hotels gave invita- has suffered two most to Go On.

(Special to News and Observer.) Greensboro, N. C., Jan. 21.-It was with a feeling of absolute terror that people awakened before light this moreing were told that the Normal College was on fire, and that the dormitory, where three hundred and fifty girls were known to be sleeping was in flames. Every one thought of them, every heart longed to be present to help to save.

As crowds hastily left their beds, hurrying to the college a mile distant, there was an awful dread of coming horror. No thought was given the loss of the building, in the ignorance of how its precious occupants were faring. No street cars were running at the hour, and those who reached there were overcome with joy to find that not a soul of all the four hundred had been burned or disabled, but that with wonderful forethought on the part of the watchman and the system immediately organized by the college authorities, every soul ws saved, there not even being a panic during the

whole time of rescue. GIRLS DISPLAY HEROISM.

The nerve and coolness displayed by these young girls was something remarkable, and the concern felt for them by every man, woman and child in Greensboro, is sufficient assurance of their high merit. Everybody and everything turned out and poured out assistance and accommodations, feeling that the best was not half good enough for them.

The proprietor of the Benbow Hotel was thoughtful enough to at once begin preparations for breakfast for the whose crowd, the street cars tendered free passage, and at nine o'clock every one of the girls had been comfortably and royally fed and cared for, by that and other hotels in the city which had also responded in no uncertain tones of hospitality soon The same thing occurred at dinner, and parents of the students all over the State need have no fear that their daughters or wards will suffer a moment of discomfort.

rattled, for at the meeting at ten o'clock everything was being planned out for comfortable disposition of the burned out students, and arrangements were made to begin the regular exercises Monday morning, this causing only one day's interruption in college studies.

The fire was discovered in the kitchen of the building devoted to dining room, laundry, boiler room, cold storage and heating plant, destroyed that building college chapel to receive further instrucand the large four-story brick dormitory near by at five o'clock this morning. In the first building were rooms or one hundred and fifty girls, and the dormitory proper had two hundred young ladies from all parts of the State. Every soul was

saved without a single accident. A COOL, SENSIBLE MAN.

The fire was discovered by the watch man at 4 o'clock breaking through the roof of the kitchen. With rare presence of mind, he went up and down the building having the girls awakened and a corps of assistants put to work at rescue, before giving a general alarm. By this means there was no panic, every lady preserving wonderful presence of mind. The alarm was sounded at 4:20, and

the fire companies made quick work getting there, a mile from quarters. It was impossible to do more than save the other

There were several hair breadth escapes and much excitement among the girls, but at no time anything approaching a panie. Two girls in the fourth story who had been overlooked, were awakened just as the flames had begun to eat their beds, and realizing their situation, they rushed on their rescuer, knocking him down, and were just in the act of leaping from a window when he pulled them back, and carried both to the first land-

usual occurrence. A great many trunks present. In two or three weeks some pointed general manager of the Norfolk

and fourth floors were burned. All others the origin of the fire but also as to why were saved. Much clothing was hanging it was not checked, to ascertain the rein wardrobes and some - the trums sponsibility of the loss, whether there contained money, though in almost all cases was a lack of water or water pressure the girls took their purses, even when and whether there was criminal respons Were the Dining, Cold Storage they left trunks. The largest amount bility anywhere on the part of anybody and to this end the court advised the and forty by another. These were rare grand jury that they had the power and

> five girls lost all clothing. KINDNESS OF THE PEOPLE.

five hundred girls, many of them tremo- ity. It was further suggested that a ca-Near by. Wonderful Nerve Shown ling with cold, lightly ciad, scattered over lamity of this nature under the shadow the trunk and furniture-strewn lawn, the sitting court should not be by the Girls, Who in Many Cases while the fire was roaring in the build allowed to pass without a thorough Lost Heavily. Generosity of Hotels

while the intermed was rounded in the public of the public of the public of the public of the Normal College, the order, under the wonderful system or order, under the wonderful system or order.

> tion to breakfast and every girl came within the last week. down for breakfast. A meeting was held at ten o'clock and invitations from homes in the city poured in, enough to accommodate twice the number of those burned out.

Another dormitory building will be able the assembled citizens and students.

back for girls having to return home. \$2,000 for any one company.

PLANS TO RESUME AT ONCE. There was a meeting of students, the faculty and citizens at the college chapel at 4 o'clock this evening. Besides these were President Venable, of the State University, State Superintendent of Public Instruction and Chairman of the Board of Directors J. Y. Joyner, and State Treasurer B. R. Lacy. The first work was assignment of homes. Out of the entire student body, when the first call of names was read, it was found that only eleven had been overlooked, for these, there were thirty-seven reserve homes waiting. Call was made for those who desired to go nome temporarily and only twenty-four responded, and provisions were at once made for them to leave tonight. They expect to be back Mon-

Mayor of the city W. H. Osborn was on to borrow, but all would be supplied.

the institution and would see that it occurred. The college authorities are not at all keys of the State Treasury, if that were the car, where it had been secured by who said he was opposed to war. permissible.

At the conclusion of the meeting, everynotified the two hundred who are at the cars at 8 o'clock in the morning to go the scene of the robbery. to the hotels in the city and take breakfast, and for all those at private homes to report promptly at 10 o'clock at the tions. A list of lost books was even taken so that the deficiency can be suppiled at the earliest possible moment. Before dispersing, the entire audience joined in singing the "Old North State" with their accustomed fervor and harmony. The conduct of the entire student body and faculty has awakened universal and enthusiastic admiration of citi-

expressing to Dr. McIver assurances of stolen. condolence and hope, and prominent men from all over the country have been swift to offer assistance, as well as sympathy. DR. McIVER'S STATEMENT.

the following notice: way, though a number of them lost their homes to the students and comfortable temporary arrangements have been made There will be no suspension of the college. The students have shown perfect self-pos session and there has been at no time anything bordering on a panic. three other dormitories, together with the officially closed here today by which the printions. temporary equipments of rooms in the Columbus Terminal and Transfer Com- lieve that he wants appropriations. It is ing, when an aid succeeded in getting them safely to the ground. Them safely to the ground. Washington, Jan. Washington, Jan. Railroad. President Johnson confirmed lation on the canal question should contain the college for continue the growth for the lation on the canal question should contain the college for continue the growth for the lation on the canal question should contain the college for continue the growth for the lation on the canal question should contain the college for continue the growth for the lation on the canal question should contain the college for continue the growth for the lation on the canal question should contain the college for continue the growth for the lation on the canal question should contain the college for continue the growth for the lation on the canal question should contain the college for containing the growth for the lation of the college for containing the growth for the lation of the college for containing the growth for the lation of the college for containing the growth for the lation of the college for containing the growth for the lation of the college for containing the growth for the lation of the college for the college to continue its work for the the rumor that N. D. Maher has been ap-

row with Governor and other State officers to confer over the necessary steps to be taken for the relief of the situation

ONE OF THE DAY'S SENSATIONS. One of the sensations of the day, which has been greatly criticised was, a charge made to the grand jury by Judge Cooke who is holding court. So far no action has been taken in the matter by the grand jury, but no one desires to with hold any facts about the fire, it being one of those calamities that will occur in spite of the best precaution. As to the fire companies and the water preswatchman very properly gave the alarm first to the sleeping students and it is remarkable that out of so many at that time of night none were hurt, and none made sick. The fire was burning rapidly when first discovered and the work of the fire companies necessarily had to be largely in protecting other buildings which was done.

The grand jury was charged not only to make inquiry as to exceptions. One hundred and twenty- it was their duty to bring before them every official of the fire and water departments and every official of the city, if it was necessary, to get at the truth It was a weird sight at five o'clock with of the matter and locate the responsibile and Banks. Quarters to be Pro- ganized by the managers of the college. city, which, while claiming to have the most efficient fire department in the State

> THE LOSS AND INSURANCE. From best advices the insurance commissioner valued the entire plant of the college at 180,000, the buildings burned at 65,000, the mechanical building and con-

to accommodate one hundred and twenty- tents at \$12,500, the dormitory and furnifive girls at once. The college will not ture, etc., at \$53,000. From insurance close, of this President McIver assured agents here the approximate insurance The banks of the city offered one hunon this property is stated to be about one-half the estimated value, divided up dred dollars each to the girls who had among at least twenty-five companies so all their clothing burned. The Southern that the total loss will be in the neigh-Railway offers free transportation and borhood of \$30,000, amounting to not over

# Was it \$80,000 Train a single game of cards in which the account wins." Robbers Got or a Mere Trifle?

(By the Associated Press.)

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 21.-Train robbers stole the iron safe from the express car of the Sunset Limited, norththe platform and by his authority, Presi- bound, on the Southern Pacific Railway If they were going to stand pat on the dent McIver announced that no one in near San Luis Obispo, today and it it trust question, citing methods of over need of funds would be put to any incon- understood the robbers secured a large venience as citizens of Greensboro had amount of treasure from the stolen strong pleyed, and calling attention to his bill subscribed a sufficient amount for every- box, the sum being placed as high as \$80,- declaring over capitalization a public one, those who preferred being permitted | 000. This, however, is denied at the office swindle. He charged that the Republi- proprietor. o borrow, but all would be supplied.

Superintendent Joyner in a short ad set Limited was travelling in two sections tion. dress assured the students that two and it was in one of the express cars Mr. Lacey (Iowa), reviewed conditions million North Carolinians stood behind of the second section that the robbery past and present and said the people had

would rise from the ashes more splendid The express Messenger T. Sullivan, had He opposed reciprocity with Canada at to natural gas which escaped into the than ever. He said that had he not heard of the calamity he never would have known from the conduct of the girls exist. It was nearing San Marquerote, he distributed in the conduct of the girls exist. It was nearing San Marquerote, he distributed in the conduct of the girls exist. It was nearing San Marquerote, he distributed in the conduct of the girls exist. It was nearing San Marquerote, he distributed in the conduct of the girls exist. It was nearing San Marquerote, he distributed in the conduct of the girls exist. It was nearing San Marquerote, he distributed in the conduct of the girls exist. It was nearing San Marquerote, he distributed in the conduct of the girls exist. It was nearing San Marquerote, he distributed in the conduct of the girls exist. It was nearing San Marquerote, he distributed in the conduct of the girls exist. It was nearing San Marquerote, he distributed in the conduct of the girls exist. It was nearing San Marquerote, he distributed in the conduct of the girls exist. It was nearing San Marquerote, he distributed in the conduct of the girls exist. It was nearing San Marquerote, he distributed in the conduct of the girls exist. It was nearing San Marquerote, he distributed in the conduct of the girls exist. It was nearing San Marquerote, he distributed in the conduct of the girls exist. It was nearing San Marquerote, he distributed in the conduct of the girls exist. It was nearly a san distributed in the conduct of the girls exist. It was nearly a san distributed in the conduct of the girls exist. It was nearly a san distributed in the conduct of the girls exist. It was nearly a san distributed in the conduct of the girls exist. It was nearly a san distributed in the conduct of the girls exist. It was nearly a san distributed in the conduct of the girls exist. It was nearly a san distributed in the conduct of the girls exist. It was nearly a san distributed in the conduct of the girls exist. It was nearly a san distributed in the conduct of the girls exist. It was nearly a san distrib cept for the smoking ruins that any- cevered the loss of the safe. He had been with Canada and said he hoped to see second floor falling on the first with the thing unusual had happened. State
Treasurer Lacy, who has two daughters in the institution, pledged everything in his power to remedy the loss, even to the heavy steel bars, and carrid away. The messenger immediately gave the warning. body having been assigned homes with The train was stopped and word wa perfect order and system, Dr. McIver wired along the line to look out for the robbers. The train reached this city tocollege to report promptly at the screet day and detectives were at once sent to

Th safe was found today in the rough diamond and some valuable papers. Not withstanding the express people's statesent from Barbara was worth about \$1,-

The Wells, Fargo officers say that there

# Buried Under a Landslide.

has not been recovered.

# Goes to the Norfolk and Western.

(By the Associated Press.) Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 21.-A deal was

# WE RADS HAVE A STRAIGHT FLUSH

You're Not So Flush as You Once Were.

Panama Canal, But Objects Seriously to Playing the Thief in Order to Obtain That Water-way.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 21 .- The Army Appropriation Bill was under consideration in committee of the whole today for five hours, most of which time was devoted to a general discussion of the tariff quesion. Mr. Williams, the minority leader, taking the phrase "stand pat" for his publican politics. Replying to a ques tion by Mr. Watson (Ind.), he said the tariff should be revised. If he had the power he would bring about a Democratic tariff but it would take time. Mr. williams has several bills pending repealing the duty on coal, and these he talked on at some length. He read from the testi mony before the House committee of in vestigation of the last Congress on the coal question, to show that coal was sixty-seven cents less a ton during the

years tariff was repealed. Mr. Payne asserted that the price of coal was not less to the consumer dur Mr. Williams compatted this statement

and asked Mr. Payne why his party a. not "stand pat" for free coal. out what the Republican party

standing pat" on. "It was only a few days ago," he con tinued, "that the great I am' of the Republican party ( livered a speech in which he said We hold the acc.' Now I had a private and confidential conversa tion with a gentleman of this House this worning and he told me he did not know

"I'll tell you what we have got that wins," interjected Mr. Palmer (Penn.) 'We have a straight flush."

"Well," rejoined Mr. WillTams, "I don' know what a 'straight flush' is, but you haven't got quite as much of a flush as you used to have. Things are not so flush as they were a while back."

Mr. Williams asked if the Republicans were going to stand pat on the currency question, referring to his bill regulating the deposits of public funds. He asked capitalization, which he said were emcans are becoming a party of negotia-

not forgotten to "let well enough alone." of the hotel. The explosion is credited The House adjourned until tomorrow

# Platt Lauds Our Teddy.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Jan. 21 .- Mr. Platt, of property loss is \$2,000. Connecticut, concluded his speech on lands alongside the track. It had been Panama today, consuming most o fine Hay-Bunau-Varilla Treaty Discussed. ion of the morning hour. He defended the course of the President throughout ment that there was little of value in the Panama revolt and eulegized the the safe, it is stated that one package executive personally as brave and fear- the Minister from Panama, today conferwere two safes in the train, one of which | States, basing his argument on the ground gratification to the Minister that it had is locked at New Orleans, the other be- that the pending canal treaty practically practically decided not to amend the coning a depository for local valuables which contemplated that result, and said in the treaty been returned they assert seldom contains more than effect that if it was to be done at all it to Panama for amendment it is considered Telegrams have been pouring in all day \$1,500. It was the latter safe that was should be done by legislation and not by certain that strong pressure would have

which the country has encountered in present treaty to insert amendments, Panama, saying that they are not of the which would have made the treaty quite country's seeking, but were due to the unsatisfactory to his government. President McIver this afternoon issued he following notice:

To the Public: The main dormitory to the President of the President of the President to the several negroes were at work on an extension of the President of the United States. It was, however, impossible to undo what had been done, and he contended that further proceedings several negroes were at work on an extension of moving. without it the obstacles of disease and outlawry will be infinitely increased.

Mr. Morgan predicted that the President would not be able to secure future appro-"Indeed," he said, "I don't be sist of promises only."

were lost. Every one in seventy-five permanent and better arrangements can be made. The board of directors of the lost is promoted to general superintendent.

| A great many trunks | present. In two or three weeks some pointed general manager of the Norfolk road, effective February 1. A. C. Needles is promoted to general superintendent.

because he had heard that the President had entered into an agreement for the payment of that sum for that purpose.

Mr. Platt defended the President against the charge of committing an act of war or even an act of intervention, denying that his acts in connection with the Panama revolt amounted to either. The charges that the President knew of the revolution and had connived at it, Mr. Platt characterized as disgraceful and untrue. He maintained the President had the right to protect transit across the James vs. Southern Railthmus even against Colombia. Mr. Platt referred to the sentiment

the Colombian forces and was interrupted by Mr. Tillman, who asked if the attitude of the Colombian forces was not in the nature of "a dicker or badger to in crease the price of going." Mr. Plat BEPARTEE IN HOUSE crease the price of going." Mr. Platt replied that Mr. Hubbard and his fortytwo men had nothing to do with the buy ing of the departure of the Colombian troops. The act of Colonel Black in Tillman Declares That He Wants the raising the flag of the Panamanian na tion was defended on the ground that he was engaged at the time in civilian duty and raised the flag after the new government was formed. There would, he added, be no difficulty in accepting the theory of good faith in those matters if Senators wanted a canal at Panama and did not want it at Nicaragua. "I want a canal at Panama," respond-

ed Mr. Tillman. "if we don't have to steal it.'

To this expression Mr. Platt took ex ception as unworthy.

When Mr. Platt closed Mr. Tillman was ecognized to read the Ostend Manifesto and the comment made upon it by the Republican platform of 1856. He contended that the policy of the present administration was that might makes right is," he said. "the doctrine of the wolf in Aesop's Fable that 'whether the stream runs up or down I am above you and I want you for supper.'

He declared our course in Panama to be "simply greedy and dirty." Mr. Teller spoke briefly in reply to Mr. Platt, and the Senate adjourned until

### A Unit for Roosevelt.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 21.-Delegates to the Republican National Convention selected oday in Florida are a unit for President Roosevelt. In each district resolutions of instruction for the President were adopted. Today the President was in receipt of telegrams from every district convention, He declared it was impossible to find and from a majority of the elected delegates pledging support in positive terms.

# Three People Were Killed, Two Fatally Hurt by Natural Gas.

(By the Associated Press.)

Marion, Ind., Jan. 21 .- In an explosion which wrecked the Seitz Hotel today three people were killed, two fatally hurt and ten seriously injured.

The dead: CHARLES BEITEL, proprietor of the MRS. CHARLES BEITEL, wife of the

JAMES DEVLIN, proprietor of the care. Fatally injured: Edward Gaskell, L. H. Hobis, oil well contractor.

The seriously injured were all guest

The outer walls were blown out, to

The fireman had great difficulty in taking the injured from the wreck. The gas Yet Machen's Salary Was \$3,500. could not be shut off and owing to this the fire continued to gain headway. The bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Beitel could be seen through the flames and wreckage for an hour before they were recovered. The

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Jan. 21 .-- M. Bunau-Varilla. less. During the morning hour Mr. Mor- red with Acting Secretary of State Loomis gan spoke in explanation of his bill for regarding the Hay-Bunau-Varilla treaty the annexation of Panama to the United situation in the Senate. It is a source of been brought to bear on the junta by Mr. Morgan spoke of the difficulties interests hestile to the negotiating of the

of the State Normal and Industrial Col- cavation on the line of the city sewerage should be in accordance with legislation. in a few days, for an executive session of lege was ourned this morning about 4 extension and one negro named Wallace In order to get rid of the consequences the Senate to take up the Panama treaty o'clock. No student was injured in anyTurnbull was buried under a mass of clay of our acts we must make, he said, some as the Senators desire to discuss the and timbers, while other laborers nar- equitable arrangement with Panama, for Panama matter in open session, in contrunks and all their clothing. The citi rowly escaped injury. Turnbull's body it was not to be supposed that Colombia nection with pending resolutions. To this meant to submit calmly. If, he argued, desire Schater Cullom and other Repubwe are to build a canal in Panama, we lican leaders have acceded, as they have a time. In the midst of the argument must have the good will of Colombia, for no disposition to prevent a frank and open an adjournment was taken until tomor-

# Barclay is Appointed.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 21 .- The President nominations:

way in Supreme Court.

# TO SPEAK ON PANAMA

Senator Simmons Has Prepared an Address on this Question. He Will Criticise Some of Administration's Acts in Panama Matter.

(Special to News and Observer.) Washington, Jan. 21.-Argument in the James case against the Southern Railway from North Carolina was begun in rebels at 7,000 to 9,000. The opinion here the United States Supreme Court late this is that the insurrection will be suppressed afternoon and will be continued tomor-

Senator Overman, ex-Judge A. C. Avery, and C. A. Mountjoy, of New York, represent the plaintiff, Mrs. James, and Col. W. A. Henderson, Capt. Chas. Price, and F. H. Busbee appear for the defend ant railroad. Senator Overman made the opening argument this afternoon.

ago by Mrs. James, against the Southern | State. Railway for killing her husband, who was an engineer in charge of an engine that was wrecked. She obtained a verdict fo \$20,000. The State Supreme Court sus tained the verdict and then the fight was transerred to the Federal Court, then back to the State courts and again to the Federal Courts-twice before the State Supreme Court, three times before the Circuit Count of Appeals, to say nothing of several injunctions in it issued by Judge Simonton, and now for the first time it is before the United States Supreme Court, principally on a question jurisdiction.

on the Panama question and will probab ly deliver it at an early date. He will vote for ratification of the treaty, but will criticise severely some of the acts of the administration in regard to the revo lution in Panama and the recognition of the new republic. Senator Overman thinks it quite probable that he will vote against the treaty.

Kope Elias, of North Carolina, has written to Senator Simmons and Over man, saying that if he could get their endorsement he would be an applicant for appointment by the President on the canal commission. They have advised him that it is pretty definitely settled hat ex-Senator Jones, of Arkansas, is to receive the appointment. In this connection, it will be recalled that Senator Jones suddenly changed from advocacy of the Nicaragua route to vote for the Panama route, which the administration much desired, and as a result was beaten in his State at the next election.

Rutherford B. Hayes, son of the former president, and James H. Cutler, who is interested in street railway property in North Carolina, are here in the interest of the Appalachian Forest Reserve Bill. Mr. Hayes lives at Asheville and is president of the association that is urg-ing the bill. State Geologist Holmes has also been here recently on a similar mis-FRED L. MERRITT.

# MADE \$20,000 A YEAR.

# Tampering With Witnesses. (By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Jan. 21 .- An interesting

incident in the trial of August W. Mach-

en, the Groff brothers and the Lorenzes

on an indictment charging conspiracy to defraud the government in connection with the sale of letter-box fasteners, came today just before the usual hour for adjournment. Throughout the day bank officials had been on the stand testifying concerning various checks and drafts which passed between D. B. Groff and Martha J. Lorenz and George E. Lorenz and Machen. After J. W. Herring, cashier of the Union National Bank of West- present. Seven out of ten ministers of minister, Md., had told of the various transactions of Machen with his bank, four new ones have been appointed. They Mr. Taggart, Assistant District Attorney, are all neutral as regards the revival offered in evidence the transcript of Mach- of the progressive independence clause en's entire dealings with that institution, which the government opposes. A se to the admission of which Charles A. rious insurrection is threatened in the Douglass objected. Taking up the docu- southern provinces because of official opment, Holmes Conrad, special counsel for Dression. the government, contended that it was admissible and remarked that in looking over it it appeared that by strict economy, Machen on a salary of \$3,500 a year, had managed to make \$20,000 a year. This brought forth a storm of protest from counsel for the defense, who appeal ed to the court to let the defendant Machen be tried on only one charge at

Several bank officers were examined as to payments by D. B. Groff to the Lorenzes and payments by George E. Lorenz to Machen.

J. W. Herring, cashler of the Union National Bank of Westminster, Md., identified several New York drafts of Dr. ing a sight draft on George E. Lorenz for \$1,031 which was forwarded to Toledo for collection.

In the course of the testimony yesterday it was brought out that among the checks sent by D. B. Groff to Martha J. Lorenz was one for \$2,062, and the government today sought to show that about that time Machen drew the sight draft on George E. Lorenz for the \$1,031, or one half the amount of the check Several similar transactions were set forth, the witness giving the dates and amounts of the various draft deposits by

Affidavits were today presented to the court alleging that Postoffice Inspectors Maher and Gregory approached witnesses. Justice Pritchard issued a rule rejuiring the inspectors to make answer.

### The Revolution at Montevideo.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 21.-According to a cable report to the State Department from United States Minister Finch at Montevideo, the revolutionary disturbance in that country is much more serious and extensive than has been supposed here. The minister cables under date of the

20th as follows: "There have been three battles, all won by the government; the last one being or the 18th. The total number of killed and wounded was about 500. The government forces were estimated at 28,000 and the in a month unless aided by near neighbors. The press and telegraph censorship continues; also martial law."

### To Suppress Lawlessness.

(By the Associated Press.) Charleston, S. C., Jan. 21.-A mass meetng of the citizens of Aiken, S. C., has been called for Saturday, January 23, at This case has been in the State and noon. The purpose of the meeting is to Federal courts so long that everybody in take such action as may be advisable North Carolina must be familiar with in aiding the governor in his efforts to it. It is an action brought many years suppress the lawlessness existing in this

# To Relieve Tobacco Growers.

Washington, Jan. 21.-The House Committee on Ways and Means has granted a hearing on February 4th, on several pending bills for the relief of tobacco growers. The general proposition is to remit the customs tax on growers who stem and twist their own tobacco.

TAKE AN INCH. I WANT AN ELL.

Senator Simmons has prepared a speech This Last Phrase Describes the Japanese Position Just Now.

(B vthe Associated Press.) Tokio, Jan. 21.-The growing belief that a peaceful settlement of existing international difficulties eventually will be atained has served to strengthen the financial markets and stocks are advanc-

in gon the local exchange. The government, which has so far not received any communication from Russia, remains silent awaiting a formal response to its last note. The mere acceptance of aJpan's proposals will not suffice. Japan will unquestionably insist upon some definite plan of action besides mere promises, including a reduction of the

The government of Japan has expended a large amount of money in preparation for war and is now ready to fight and is naturally unwilling to disarm, unless absolutely convinced that her rights will be

Russian fleet in Japanese waters.

London, Jan. 21.-The Westminster Gazette this afternoon voices official and general opinion on the Far Easter crisis, "We believe the chances of peace are

at thi smoment more favorable than they have been for some weeks past.' The Associated Press learns that even Lonsdowne, who has been consistently pessimistic, yesterday took a hopeful view of the situation and expressed the belief that war would be averted. His opinion was based on the conditions outlined in these dispatches yesterday, namely: that Russia is willing to concede prac tically all Japan's demands, but that she cannot see her way to make a treaty with Japan recognizing in black and white

China's sovereignty over Manchuria. Discussing this, however, Baron Haya shi, the Japanese Minister to Great Britain maintains a pessimistic view. He declared today that Japan would rather aght than forego an actual treaty admission by Russia of China's sovereignty over Manchuria.

# Seoul is Quiet.

(By the Associated Press.) Seoul, Jan. 21.—The city is quiet at the Korean Cabinet have resigned and

# Pythian District Meeting.

(Special to News and Observer.) Monroe, N. C., Jan. 21 .- The fifth district meeting Knights of Pythias was held here yesterday. A very interesting programme was arranged at the opera house. The address of welcome was delivered by R. W. Lemmons and responded to by J. W. McNinch, of Charlotte, and T. L. Caudle, of Wadesboro, and others After this light refreshments were served by the ladies and a most enjoyable social gathering took place. At 8 o'clock the organization assembled at Castle Hall No. 38, where important work pertaining to the order was disposed of, and at 11 Lorenz to Machen which had been depos-ited and credited to Machen's account chester Hotel, where a grang banquet with the bank, and also a leter from was held. Rev. Geo. Atkinson was toast Machen dated January 23, 1900, endors | master.