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IS CLARKE FISH,

Democrats and Republicans Smile On Him.

HIS MAIDEN SPEECH

The Young Senator of Arkansas Performs With Consummate Skill a Feat Many Veteran Statesman Might Shrink From in Fear.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 2.-Mr. Clarke, the new Democratic Senator from Arkansas, made his first speech in the Senate tomade his first speech in the Senate to-by Rev. C. J. Thompson, the pastor. The day in support of the Panama Canal burial was at Maplewood cemetery. treaty. He spoke for two hours and an- The floral offerings were numerous and nounced his endorsement of every position taken by the President in connection with the Panama revolt and in the ne-

Mr. Fairbanks also spoke in support of the treaty, contending for the regularity of all the proceedings of the administration on the Isthmus of Panama'. Mr. Clarke lost no time in declaring his absolute adherence to the policy of the President. The question of the wisdom of building an isthmian canal is no longer, he said, a question for discussion

and the declaration was followed by aoth er statement in endorsement of the treaty whose terms was, he said, most liberal. He also contended that the recognition by the President of the Republic of Panama had been in all respects regular and in accord with precedents. This action he considered final and in none of its as pects subject to review by the Senate in dealing with the treaty.

Mr. Clarke expressed regret at not be ing able to agree with those of his Democratic colleagues who oppose ratification but he called attention to the fact that many of those who oppose the treaty have country, is interested because of any acts details meet approval. He disclaimed, however, an intention to criticise the President in any respect, for he felt that the provocation was such that Mr. Rooselike Warren Hastings, might congratulate himself on doing so little when there was opportunity to do so much. He found so much provocation in the dealings of Colombia that he did not wonder that a man of the President's temperament had taken the position he had, and Mr. Clarke expressed surprise that more entouragement had not been given to the Panama uprising.

Mr. Clarke also announced his disagreement with the Senators who contendto the Nicaraguan route after failing to canal treaty. His principal reason for this reason for this position was anpossible on the Panama route and not possible on the Nicaragua route. He did not believe that any but a sea level canal would pay expenses.

He declared his satisfaction over the fact that the public expression given in crop the following season." favor of the canal had come from Democratic States, and he added that Democratic votes would make the ratification

feature of the canal controversy, and ex- tion, by plowing up, windrowing and tending his contention that the President burning of all the cotton stalks in the was without support in his own party. Mr. Clarke declared that "the President numerous that practically all the fruit is is now the central figure in a "Belshazzar's being punctured, thus destroying the very Feast, waiting for some friendly Daniel proportion of weevils developing late in to interpret the handwriting on the wall the autumn and extensive use of fertiliand prophesy for him whether the chairman of the Republican National Committee will 'fish or cut bait.' " He also declared that popular support of the President's course in his own party was so luke-warm as to cause great rejoicing over the announcement that the three principal Federal office-holders in Boston were for the nomination of Mr. Roosevelt, and to cause the announcement that Alaska was for him to be blazoned forth in box car letters. But "notwithstanding this lethargy," the Senator predicted, the steam and two streams of water were imnomination of the President, saying that while the Democrats were in doubt as to hour the fire was under control. Some whom to instruct for, the Republicans knew for whom they must instruct.

He made a vigorous appeal for the consideration of the canal question independent of partisad bias and when he closed was warmly congratulated by a number of Senators from both sides of the cham-

The Senate adjourned until tomorrow.

In the Lower House.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 2.-By unanimously agreeing to a resolution amending the the author, is in the near future, to es rules of the House today the resident commissioner to Congress from Porto Rico, was given additional authority equalling in all essential respects to that of a delegate from a territory, the action not requiring the concurrence of the Senate.

ing the last Congress, but was amended by the Senate to such an extent that it failed. A bill duplicating the action of the House at the last session is now before that body but pendion it. fore that body, but pending its passage by both houses. Porto Rico will receive, under the action taken today, practically all of the benefits extended in the meas-

A lively parliamentary debate preceded the adoption of the resolution, which was reported from the Committee on Rules as Six to Eight Dollars a Bale a "privileged" matter. The minority members of the committee wished to set a date in the resolution for the consideration of the bill in question, and to extend in the meantime all the privileges of a "delegate" to Mr. Degetau, the resident commissioner. Failing in this the min-ority members, after criticising the ma-jority and also the Senate for its action of last session, supported the resolution. Several hours were spent by the Hous in considering private claims, which resulted in the passage of five bills and the beginning of consideration of the "Omnibus Claims" Bill.

The House adjourned until tomorrow.

Burial of Mr. W. A. Slater.

(Special to News and Observer.) Durham, N. C., Feb. 2.-The funeral services over the remains of the late W. A. Slater were held from the First Bap tist church, the services being conducted exceedingly beautiful, attesting the high esteem in which the deceased was held. A large concourse of our people attended the funeral and burial. The burial gotiations of the treaty with the new services were presided over by the Masons of this city, who turned out in a body with the remains. Besides the Masons there were representatives from several of the other lodges of which he was a member.

No Hope of Exterminating the Boll Weevil, They Say.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., Feb. 2.-W. D. Hunter special agent in charge of cotton themselves been earnest friends of an boll weevil investigations for the division isthmian canal. He could not find him- of entomology, Department of Agriculwhich his State, as all other parts of the ture, in a report issued today as an emergency builetin, says the work of his of the President which might not in all division for several years "has demonstrated that there is not even a remote probability that the boll weevil ever will be exterminated." The bulletin aggs: "Although the very large yields of cetton of former times may no longer be possible, it is nevertheless entirely feasible to produce cotton at a margin of profit that will compare favorably with that involved in the production of most of the staple crop of the United States by following what have become known generally as the cultural methods, in volving changes and modifications of the system of cotton raising made necessary by the weevil. They were originally suggested by a careful study of the life history and habit of the past, and natured that the President should have turned ally any improvements that may eventually be made will be the result of the secure Colombia's ratification of the continuation of that study. They have now been tested successfully on a large scale by the division of entomology, as nounced to be his belief that we should well as by many planters, during two have only a sea level canal which was very unfavorable seasons. Of greatest

advantage is the reducing of the numters of the weevils by the destruction of the plants in the fall. The advantage thus gained is followed up by bending every effort toward procuring an early The changes in the cotton raising sys tem urgently recommended are: Early planting with seed from as far of the treaty certain. The Republican North as possible; thorough cultivation

party could make no such claim and the of the fields, which influences the constant President had received no assurances of growth and consequent early maturing support from the Republican party at of the crop; planting the rows as far apart as feasible and thorough thinning Continuing his discussion of the political out of the plants in the rows; destrucfields as soon as the weevils become so zers so as to procure earlier crops.

Fire on the Iroquois.

(By the Associated Press.) Charleston, S. C., Fob. 2.-The steam er Iroquois, Captain Watson, arrived here from New York yesterday morning. On Sunday afternoon fire was discovered in the afterhold between decks. Live mediately brought into effect and in an of the miscellaneous cargo was jettisoned. The vessel did not sustain any injury and proceeded for Jacksonville this afternoon. There was not any sign of a paric among the passengers. They held a meeting and passed resolutions, complimenting Captain Watson and officers and crew for their ccolness and excellent judgment exhibited.

An Author's Practical Idea.

(By the Associated Press.) Richmond, Va., Feb. 2 .- It was announced that Thomas Nelson Page, tablish a technical school in Hamover county, Va., the county of his nativity. The plan is to teach young men and girls the different manual callings such as carpentering, mechanics, cooking, sewing, etc. A competent Northern teacher A bill which provided for a "delegate is to be employed, it is said.

Tumbles Off Cotton.

AND MADNESS REIGNS

The Sensational Decline Continues Until it Spends Itself. Then Shorts Begin to Cover. Sully Says · He'll Take a Well Earned Rest.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Feb. 2.-Seiling and a violent break in prices marked today's business in the Cotton Exchange, the day's slump being even more sensational than the recent advances which have steadily sent cotton quotations upward, until yesterday they reached the highest level since 1375

Under the influence of a number of causes, chief of which was the confirmed report that Daniel J. Sully, the supposed about to take a vacation, and enhanced ket. by the belief of many operators that its to be in full control of the long side. culmination had been reached, quotations for all months collapsed to the extent of from \$6 to \$8 per bale and utter demoralization ruled in the pit. No failures were reported, but the violent fluctuation: represent losses of millions distributed throughout the market. Transactions during the day were enormous in the aggregate, the day's sales being estimated at 2,000,000 bales. The break was checked finally by renewed bull support and a rally followed. The close was about steady.

The day opened with a sharp break in prices under the influence of a generally circulated rumor of settlements by short interests effected since yesterday. This sent quotations down a half cent per pound, but a denial of the rumor brought about a substantial recovery. Barely had the market steadied after this movement Whitney, former Secretary of the Navy, when the report of Mr. Sully's intention poured in upon the brokers and the mar. surgeon in attendance. ket went to pieces, quotations melting away 5 and 10 points at a time. In fif- year. teen minutes of this panic, with every broker a seller and none a buyer, prices at the performance of "Rigoletto" at the fell vertically almost a cent a pound, and Metropolitan opera house and had to the May option in less than an hour registered a decline of a cent and a quarter a pound, a variation greater than would have been effected in a week under normal conditions. Along with the liquidation of bull speculators there was some

selling for short account. The sensational decline continued apparently until it had spent itself. After it had been going on for about an hour, and fortunes had been wiped out, a few buying orders appeared and served to allay the storm of liquidation and short selling. Then "shorts" began to cover; and there was a quick rally of from 70 to 75 points, but it had been a terrible

The close was reasonably steady on the active options at from 20 to 52 points above the low points of the day. Exchange have transactions for one day million figures were reached.

Just before the decline began a report vas circulated that Daniel J. Sully had cabled his Liverpool correspondents that he had sold out his holdings and was

going away on vacation. This report was received with credence on account of large settlements said to have been made with his firm last ev ening by several bear houses.

Mr. Sully said today: "It is true I am going away on a vaca-

Liverpool, Eng., Feb. 2.-Cotton opened excited today. Distant months were about 10 points and others about 25 points higher. The demand was active. Trading was quieter than yesterday. At 12:15 p. m. values showed an advance of 18 to 22 points over the previous day's closing prices. In the afternoon the mar ket was active but prices declined, Falruary from 8.80 to 8.56, May and June from 8.87 to 8.64, and July and August from 8.89 to 8.67. They rallied a little towards the close, which was easy, up changed to 8 points higher than the pra vious closing.

Day of Wild Excitement.

(By the Associated Press.) New Orleans, La., Feb. 2.—The repeated market showed a series of sharp breaks, come Mr. Lee and family to Mt. Olive. the last and most severe of which lowered cent under the closing prices of yester- adds a great deal to that part of town. day, July showing a net loss of ninety-17 lower at 17.12 and July 67 points lower Unlike the two other memorable breaks by

of this season, the slump was unattended with much excitement. A moderate voiume of trade had been shown all day with have good backing.

the largest amount of business coming from room traders and outside scalpers All of a sudden the entire ring was flood ed with selling orders and prices commenced a mad chase downward. They dropped five and ten points at a time un der the pressure. What weak longs there were in the market quickly let go and added to the volume of selling orders Some few stop loss orders were reached and thrown upon the market.

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But almost quickly as it was expected the pressure was removed and prices showed a quick recovery on buying or ders, evidently emanating from the same source as the selling orders. Room traders were quick to seize the opportunity and their buying hastened the recovery which at one time amounted to forty points. The market closed steady but at such a net loss that the general opinion was that it would have a great and adverse effect on Liverpool tomorrow morn ing which might cause a continuation of the decline in the local market. Some traders thought that the manipulators who were at work tonight would send buying orders to Liverpool to support that market and help drive prices up

again in the local market tomorrow. Early in the day it was the general be lief that the market would be manipulated for a wide break before the day was over and many brokers advised customers to keep out of the market. Nearly all brok ers asked \$10 a bale margin, while some asked \$15. At the close it was the gen erally expressed opinion that prominent longs again entered the break to rid themselves of undesirable company, and also for the profit it would bring them. It interests in New York and was going to Florida.

One of the significant features of the taken little advantage of it to sell short, leader of the upward movement, was take advantage of weakness of the mar-

Ex-Secretary of the Navy Dies While Under Influence of Ether.

(By the Associated Press.)

prices again started down. It was inferred afternoon at his home, 871 Fifth Avenue. that this meant the successful disposition He died while under the influence of aration and to secure the construction of of his interests and the abandonment of ether, administered preparatory to a sechis campaign, and when he was quoted ond operation for appendicitis. By his to the effect that he was about to take bedside were his son, Harry Payne Whit- ated the treaty, sa wthat as a result of the coasting accident occurred on Merrimon a two weeks' vacation, the downward ney, and his daughter, Dorothy Whitney, movement became a panic, selling orders as well as Dr. William T. Bull, the chief Mr. Whitney was in his sixty-tourth

Mr. Whitney was taken ill Friday night leave before the opera ended. Dr. Walter would put it down for them if necessary, side of his leg. Miss White, who was B. James, the Whitney family physician, This movement of insurrection was to be between Stikeleather and Mr. Miller, was was summoned and found that the cond tion of the patient was such that after consultation an operation was decided upon and was performed by Dr Bull. tion, he as President, without the con- of the three. She suffered a fracture The patient rallied so well that it was fully believed he would recover. Mr. Whitney's condition was very

grave, however, on Sunday and Monday, and at a consultation held this afternoon the conclusion was reached that the only hope for the patient lay in a second operation

fluence of ether, but whether the operation was preceded with or not is unknown. it came, sided with the insurgents, be are reported tonight to be resting very When the physicians perceived that the patient was in danger of death, marry Payne Whitney and Miss Dorothy Whitney were immediately notified. once before in the history of the Cotton hastened to the side of their father and sympathy with the revolution and who, present at the hearing by the House Comin a few minutes he had breathed his exceeded those of today, when the two last. Oxygen was used and all the skill of the physicians and surgeons brought rebels as soon as independence was pro- J. M. Gudger for an appropriation of into play to save the life of the distinguished patient, but to no avail.

It was 5 o'clock before the simple fact of his death was made public. Later the following statement was made: "Mr. Whitney died at 4 o'clock of

tonitis and blood-poisoning following ar operation for appendicitis. The interment will be at Woodlawn at ily plot where are the remains of Mis.

Paget. "The funeral services will be held at pew holder.'

Events at Mt. Olive.

(Special to News and Observer.) Mount Olive, N. C., Feb. 2, 1904 .- Mr.

as he is seventy-five years of age. We hope to see him out again soon.

The four new brick stores of Mr. Y.

at the close March was 73 points lower and proprietor and is doing a nice busithan the close of yesterday at 16.60, May ness also. The Mt. Olive Hotel is doing this government had not taken her under Department. A special train carrying one business at the old stand. Mr. J. C. Dawson is the clever proprietor and is liked all traveling men.

Senator Simmons on the Revolution.

A PLAY BY MARROQUIN

As the Senator Sees it the Player Whom this Man Expected to Join Him as Partner Joined Panama Thus Defeating

(Special to News and Observer.) Washington, Feb. 2.-Senator Simmons oday gave to the press the following interview on the Panama Canal treaty and its prospect of ratification:

"The canal treaty will be ratified by a was reported that Sully had liquidated his large majority. It now looks like a majority of the Democratic Senators may vote for it. From a political standpoint break was that shorts appeared to have it would be unfortunate for the party, if the treaty should be defeated by Demoget a canal at Nicaragua as has been con-At all times the market appeared tended, but the Republicans would by joint resolution, as they did in the matter the treaty for that purpose, authorize the proaching campaign they would say to the arty and the defeat by it of the treaty." Senator Simmons further said: "I have under the new military law.

studied this Panama situation closely, and I do not believe the revolution was gotten up in this country, as has been so per-sistently charged. On the contrary, I believe while the revolution was real and serious so far as the Panamans were concerned, it was by the Canal Company and New York, Feb. 2.-William Collins acquiesced in by the Marroquin party in Colombia. Of course not with any view or purpose on the part of the latter of bringing about the separation of Panama from Colombia, but to prevent such sepcanal at Panama.

"President Marroquin, who had negotiand to avert this misfortune he was in plunged into a big sycamore. duced to foster a movement, which he quin for declaring martial law, in which also was Miller. condition under the Colombian Constitusent of Congress, would have power to of the right arm at the elbow, the ligaconclude a treaty with the United States ments of her right ankle were badly torn, for the construction of the canal.

government at Bogota in this matter fully Besides these hurts, she was injured in justify this conclusion. For instance, how the back. else can the appointment by Marroquin, on the very eve of the outbreak, of a scious, was hurt on the right leg between Mr. Whitney was placed under the in- Governor for Panama known to be in the ankle and the knee the small bone of favor of the insurrection, and who, when the leg being split. The injured coasters explained? How can the fact that he al- comfortably. lowed to remain in control of the The committee appointed by the board military and naval forces stationed at of trade for the purpose of selecting a They Panama commanders believed to be in delegation to go to Washington to be with their forces, deserted the Colombian mittee on Public Buildings of the bill inflag and cast their fortunes with the troduced in Congress by Congressman claimed be explained? These are only \$65,000 for an enlargement of the governsome of the circumstances which tend to ment building in this city, today ansupport this theory. If the United States nounced the following named gentlemen as had taken, as Marroquin supposed she composing the delegation: Charles A. break as she had so many times before Louis M. Bourne, W. F. Randolph, Frank Panama against Colombia's authority it W. W. Rollins and H. S. Harkins. The would have amounted to nothing except committee of the House has set Friday, sought to declare military law and make of the Gudger bill and the Asheville dele tion for two weeks. I think I have earned Flora Payne Whitney, Olive Whitney and the treaty with this country under con- gation will leave Asheville next Tuesday Mr. Whitney's grand-child, Flora Payne ditions not requiring that it should have in order to be in Washington several United States had become tired of uphold- of the bill. Grace church, where Mr. Whitney was a ing the despotism of Colombia over Panama, and it not only declined to help her as heretofore, but made it plain that she was with Panama."

The Senator said, "it might be, that this attitude of the United States deterred Colombia, when he insurrection became serious, from resorting to force to main-Buck L. Hill who lives eight miles from tain her sovereignty over the isthmus, and here in Duplin county was killed by a fall-that thus what was expected to be a farce taken place between Colombia and Pana- is in flames. Firemen seem unable to Mr. Robert Williams had the misfortune to fall and break his hip last week and Colombia, which are deeply interested in The fire has spread south and is in the is suffering very much from the break, the construction of the canal at Panama, four story building of M. L. Ross & Cominstead of at Nicaragua, and which be pany, wholesale grocers, and it has als warnings and prophecies of conservative Mr. Love H. Lee and family of Faison Bogota that the only way to keep the ing occupied by Cullen & Newman, whole Botts, a young white man, aged 23 years, traders came true today and the cotton has moved to Mt. Olive, N. C. We well canal from going to Nicaragua was the sale notions. The walls in the Murphy & who lives four miles from here, met with prices almost one hundred points, or a H. Knowles is nearing completion and in that event the buried in the ruins. Present loss is \$300,- when the was discharged, and the entire issue of the struggle would not have 000. The hotel Olivette is open for business been as free from doubt as has been sup. Chattanooga, Tenn., Feb. 2.-A telegram morning and leaves a wife, child and seven points at one time at 17.10, while and Mr. L. A. Peartree is the manager posed by those who assert the new Re- has just been received from Knoxville many friends. public could not have survived a day if summoning aid of the Chattanooga Fire

its wing and protection.' the House today contained no provision to break all records on the run.

larged, but the bill as reported to the Senate today has an amendment in it appropriating two thousand five hundred dollars for the purpose. The House bill carried a total appropriation of \$11,026, The Senate bill increases this more than 50 per cent to \$16,378,411. The largest item of this increase is \$4500,000 loan to the St. Louis Exposition. But even to the St. Louis Exposition. But even exclusive of this the increase is more than

Libry Of Congress

And thus is rudely shattered "Uncle loe" Cannon's dream of economy as a reparation for the coming campaign. The President today discussed the Wilmington postmastership with the Postmaster General, but nothing could be done as no recommendation has been received from Chairman Rollins regarding it wince the President declined to appoint Mrs. Russell. Mr. Rollins has, however, been notified that Mrs. Russell would not be appointed, and it is expected that he

make an early recommendation. Lightship No. 72, which has been the station ship on the dangerous Diamond Shoals, on the coast of North Carolina for the past three months, will end her tour of duty as soon as her relief can reach her and will return to Baltimore, where she will go out of commission and her crew will have three months ashore. Lightship No. 71, Captain Tawis, which s to relieve No. 72, is now at Baltimore. where she has been thoroughly overhauled and preparations are being pushed on her to get her coaled, provisioned and ready for sea service.

station about February 15th, and for the three months to follow will have the buffetings of the waves on what is known as the vessel grave-yard of the atlantic

nate as guards on Diamond Shoal, are regarded as the stanchest vessels afloat. They are moored to anchors weighing possibly be several days before the re and well known bears did not attempt to cratic votes. In that event we would not 7,500 pounds and have powerful engines to aid them in keeping on their station, even in the most violent of hurricanes. Owing to the monotony of life on of Hawaii annexation after the defeat of lightship the crews on the Diamond Shoal ships are required to be on the station, President to contract with Panama and but three months on a stretch, though the canal company on the terms of the they are on pay the entire year. While spooner act and proceed at once with the the vessels are out of service they are the vessels are out of service they are construction of the canal, and in the ap- overhauled and put in thorough order. Dr. Young, of Concord, surgeon general people, 'See, we are building the canal, of the North Carolina Guard, was here despite the opposition of the Democratic today and had a conference with War Department officials regarding his duties

Representative Small returned morning from a trip home. His wife and children came back with him and will be here during the rest of the season

BAD COASTING ACCIDENT.

Young Lady and Two Men Flung From port, the Lena. Sled at Asheville.

(Special to News and Observer.) Asheville, N. C., Feb. 2.-A serious action of the Colombian Congress in re- Avenue last evening when the sled on

When the sled struck Stikeleather, who thought could be easily put down; indeed, was in front, was thrown past the tree which he supposed the United States and escaped with a severe pruise on the made the pretext and excuse by Marro- thrown against the tree and the sled, as

Miss White was perhaps the worst hurt and a large knot was raised on her fore-"The circumstances and conduct of the head by contact with some hard substance

Mr. Miller, who was rendered uncon-

would, the same attitude towards this out- Webb, Thomas S. Rollins, John P. Kerr, ssumed towards similar outbreaks in Loughran, W. S. Hyams, C. T. Rawls,

FIRE RAGING IN KNOXVILLE.

Walls.

(By the Associated Press.) Knoxville, Tenn., Feb. 2.-The six story ing tree yesterday. He was aged 45 years became a success, but he said it was al- Gay street building, occupied by Murphy awaits its final drafting and will be preand leaves a wife and several children to most certain if an actual conflict had & Robinson, wholesale hats and millinery, sented February 6.

lieved, after the defeat of the treaty at gone north, and is in the six story buildsuccess of the secession in Panama, would Robinson and M. L. Ross building, have a serious accident yesterday. have gone to the assistance of Panama just fallen. Two firemen are reported placing his gun in the back of a wagou

Chattapublic building is being repaired and en-time has rendered excellent service.

HANDSOFTHECZAR

May be Days Before it is Forwarded.

sian Gladiator Now Stands at the Ringside, Waiting for the Booming of the Hour of Battle.

(By the Associated Press.) St. Petersburg, Feb. 2.-The Czar now has before him the report of the special She will, it is expected, report on the council on the Russian response. All the papers relating thereto were submitted to him yesterday by the Grand Duke Alexis and the Czar is giving them earnest consideration. He had not rendered Lightships Nos. 71 and 72, which alter- his decision up to six o'clock this evening and it is authoritatively said it may sponse is forwarded to Tokio. Prices on the Bourse are again weak,

our per cents falling a point. "The announcement of the Russian mobilization precedes the Russian response, as a warning to Japan," says the Bourse Gazette today.

Ocean War Hound.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 2.-A dispatch from ladivostock, dated today and issued here by a semi-official agency, says the Russian fleet at Vladivostock has been fully equipped for immediate service and prepared for action. All the wood finishings of the ship were removed yesterday. The harbor is being kept open by ice break

The fleet consists of four cruisers, the Cromoboi (12,336 tons), the Rossia (12,-130 tons), the Bogatyr (6,750 tons), and the Rurik (of 10,923 tons), and a trans-

Waiting With Grim Determination.

Tokio, Feb. 2.-The Russian note is still undelivered and the government and people of Japan do not possess any definite information concerning the time of its fusing to ratify it, his country was not which Harry Miller, Gilliland Stikeleath- arrival or its contents. Russie's delay possibly the territory of Panama as well, er and Miss Annie B. White were riding, coupled with the announcement of con tinued movement of reinforcements into Manchuria increases the tension, while it diminishes the already slight prospects for peace. The government has been urged to dispatch a peremptory note to St. Petersburg threatening to declare war if refused immediate satisfaction in the way of a reply to its previous note, but still the government is patiently waiting although it is manifest if the delay is much more prolonged it will act energetically. Events will move rapidly when the note is finally received if it is materially unsatisfactory and the prospect for additional negotiations is slight, although probably Japan will despatch an ultimatum before striking. The Japanese show a remarkable outward calm, and no scenes similar to those in America and England before recent wars are witnessed. There are occasional demonstrations and outcroppings of popular feeling, but the casual visitor to the larger cities can see but little out of the ordinary in the disposition and behavior of the people. There is, however, an under-current of desperate determination running the nation's length and breadth. The people have counted the cost and made final preparations so that if forced to fight they are capable of waging and sustaining war in a manner that will surprise the world.

That War May be Avoided.

Paris, Feb. 2.-The Havas Agency has circulated a d'spatch to the effect that Russia's reply to Japan, the substance of date to be hereafter fixed, in the fam- to have given Marroquin the excuse he February 12, as the date for the hearing which has been communicated to the foreign chancellories everywhere, has created an impression that war will be avoided. Views have been exchanged between the ratification of Congress. But the days before the date of the calling up the United States, France and Great Britair on the subject. The concessions thereir go beyond general expectation and illusthe sentiments of equity and loyalty actuating the Czar.

"If, in spite of the very large satisfac Two Men Reported Killed by Falling tion Japan will receive," continues the dispatch, "the issue of the crisis should be war, Japan will incur the whole responsibility and find herself morally isolated.

The reply, the Havas Agency says, only

Kills Himself by Accident.

(Special to News and Observer.) Shelby, N. C., Feb. 2.-Mr. Lawson lead entered his right hip. He died this

Winston-Salem, N. C., Feb. 2:-Salem of the modern engines is now preparing Lodge Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The Urgent Deficiency Bill as it passed to leave. The railroad officials promise tonight voted to purchase a \$6,000 lot on the corner of Fifth and Trade street, for paying rent for the buildings used by nooga has been called on for aid three on which it is proposed to erect a three It is easy to put on a bold front if you the government at Greensboro while the times in the last four years and every be used as a home of the lodge.