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FAILS OUT OF SIX MURDERED

Faur Members of Family Are **Butchered** in Their Beds

FIRE SET TO DESOLATED HOME for killing the Lyerlys when she had

Ike Lyerly, His Wife and Two Vhildren Mudered as They Slept in Their Home by Unknown Hands.. Several Negroes Arrested for the Crime.

Greensboro, N. C., Special.-One the most horrible tragedies in the history of Rowan county occurred near Barber's Junction, about 40 miles from this city Saturday morning. Between the hours of 1 and 2 o'clook an nuknown person or persons entered the home of Ike Lyerly, a well known farmer, while its occupants were asleep, killing Mr. Lyerly, his wife and two of the youngest children and fatally wounding the third.

The parents and the three children were asleep in the front room on the first floor, there being two elder daughters sleeping up stairs, who were unmolested and were awakened by the smoke from below. The girls descended the stairs to awaken their room they beheld their father and mother and three youngest children ying on the bed, their heads were rushed and their faces badly disfigured.

The two older daughters, Mary and Addie, aged 18 and 16 respectively. managed to carry the dead bodies from the house and extinguish the flames. Then they ran to the nearest neighbor, W. B. Barbers, and told the story of the awful tragedy. There being no officers of the law at this place, R. R. Mulliken, train dispatcher on duty at that hour, was notified and a posse of armed men. Bloodhounds were also sent from Winston-

Mr. Lyerly was a highly respected citizen and well connected and it is inconceivable that any one should have anything against him or his fam-

Three negro men and a negro woman-George Erwin, Jack Dillingham and Mitchel Graham and his wifehave been arrested and put in jail at Salisbury on suspicion of complicity in the case.

Excitement is intense in the neighporhood and there is talk of lynching, if the criminals are caught.

Charged With the Crime.

Charlotte, Special.-Sheriff Julian of Rowan county brought to this city for safe keeping, Neal Gillespie, his son, John Gillespie, Jack Dillingham and wife, George Ervin and Henry ee, colored, charged with the murler of Isaac Lyerly, his wife and two children near Barber's Junction. There was nothing to indicate a lynching at Salisbury, but the Sheriff thought best to move the prisoners. The coroner's jury fastened the crime upon all the prisoners.

Negroes Made Threats. Mr. Matt L. Webb, a white man

who had worked with Nease Gilles-'Old man Lyerly can cut that wheat | Section Director. and thrash it but he will never eaf or get the money for it." This recalled something that Mr. J.

G. Lyerly, a son be a former wife, had heard his father say. Nease Gillespie, who is a saw mill hand for Mr. John Dellinger, moved into one out finding that they could get plenty work at good wages did not sow the entire lot. This, not being according to contract, worried Mr. Lyery. who spoke to Nease and was, in turn, cursed. Finally, howeve, the matter was settled by Mr. Dillinger, use rent for Gillespie. Nothing more was heard of the wheat until me time ago, when it had been cut Mr. Lyerly, who was preparing to

ve it thrashed. Monday Nease Gillespie went down Mr. Lyerly's house and asked him nat he was going to do with the

"Why, I am going to thrash it and se it," said Mr. Lyerly.

"You will not," declared Nease. Hot words followed and Mr. Lyerly rdered the negro out of the yard. It as here Gillespie told his landlord hat he would kill him or die in the ttempt if he used the wheat without

ing him a share of it. It was after this that Nease told . Webb that Mr. Lyerly might cut ell it. Gillespie had been very inelent to Mr. Lyerly.

The crowd which gathered at the Lyerly home heard of this threat of Gillespie and went to his home to arrest him. The negro had gone to his wife became frightened and ran to the home of Mr. Dick Files, a farmer, and begged him to protect

nothing to do with it. Said Gillespie Knew of the Crime. "I don't know nothing about it, but my husband does," said Gilles-

pie's wife.

her, saying that she would be hanged

Near the home of Gillespie was a freshly burnt spot, where a straw bed and other things had been fired since daylight. Those who graveled in the charred place found pieces of clothing, and a spoonful of scortched blood. Some paces from the house a bloody shirt, which had been boiled, and was still wet, was discovered in a weed patch. These bits of evidence, when put together, make an interesting and convincing story.

Gillespie's wife was hysterical and wild. She talked two ways, but the officers believe that she gave her husband away to Mr. Files. Gillespie is described as a fussy negro.

One of the ladies told the officers of a conversation that their father had with Dillingham, one of his hands. He had been after Dillingham for being trifling when the negro told him that he was going to leave and go to work at the saw mill. Mr. Lyerly answered: "Yes, if you go there and work five days right straight along I will set you up.' tather and mother. On reaching their | This seemed to rile Dillingham, for he told some one that, except for the reason that he lived on the old man's place, he would have given him a

Friday Mrs. Lyerly had trouble with Dillingham's wife, who was taken to task for leaving dirty water in a wash tub, which had been loaned to her. The negress became mad and abusive.

Those who were looking for motives thought that Jack Dillingham and his wife should be arrested.

Attack On Rowan Jail:

Salisbury, N. C., Special.-On Satarday night, just before midnight, a desperate attack by a leaderless mob was made upon the jail here with the and promptly wired the news to the sheriff at Salisbury, who started at ishment to the alleged murderers of once to the scene with bloodhounds the Barbers Junction family. The officers allowed two committees of the lynchers to go through the jail and see for themselves that the prisoners Salem to assist in the pursuit of the had been removed to Charlotte. Then the mob dispersed.

TAR HEEL CROP BULLETIN

General Summary of Condition of North Carolina Crops for Week Ending Monday, July 9, 1906.

The weather during the past week has been generally cloudy with frequent rains especially in the central and eastern districts where the damage by excessive rain was considerable. The rain over the entire State averaged about 0.80 inch above the normal. The greatest excess was at Wilmington where the rainfall was 2.47 inches above the normal amount. In the western district the rains were reported, and the week as a whole in that section was favorable. The warm continued until the 3rd when the weather became gradually cooler, the temperature averaging for the week 1 to 3 degrees lowe rthan the normal. pie, a large mulatto, about 40 years County on the 3rd; and the lowest old, reported that he had heard the was 60 degrees in Buncombe county flourishing condition. On Thursday negro ust the following language: on the 5th and 9th.-A. H. Thiessen,

New Directors Elected.

Elizabeth City, Special-The stockholders of the Elizabeth City Cotton Mill met here and elected a board of directors for the ensuing year, consisting of C. H. Robinson, J. B. Flora. of Mr. Isaac Lyerly's cabins last fall. D. M. Jones, Dr. O. McMullan, G. M. He, his son and step-son agreed to Scott, D. B. Bradford and P. H. Wilwork so much land if they took the liams. P. H. Williams was elected A section of wheat was laid president, G. M. Scott, vice-president II. The Gillespies sowed part of this, and James G. Gregory secretary and treasurer. A 6 per cent dividend was declared. The mill is in a flourishing condition.

Over 200 Houses Flooded.

Wellsville, Ohio, Special.-A cloudthe saw mill owner, agreeing to pay burst in the country just back of this city sent a torrent of water down Trotters Run that caused the heavey loss of city and country property. Over 200 homes and business houses were flooded and the foundations weakened so that the people would not remain in the houses.

Foul Meat Smuggled.

Berlin, Special.-A despatch to Tageblatt from Duiburg, Prussia, announced that the custom authorities is being pushed by a large force of of Duiburg, as a result of the discov- hands. ery that inferior Rssian meat was being smuggled across the frontier into Germany, seized consignment which proved to be carcasses of un- ing 20 miles and six when crossing wheat, but he would never eat or born colves. Witnesses testified that a bridge. The ordinance also proa number of large firms were regu-

larly importing such meat.

his work, a mile or more away, but Items of Interest From Many Parts of the State

MINOR MATTERS OF STATE NEWS

Happenings of More or Less Importance Told in Paragraphs-The Cotton Markets.

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State's Cotton Crop Below Last Year. Charlotte Observer.

Loisville, firm.... 11-8

Secretary Thomas B. Parker, of the North Carolina Cotton Growers' nearly all the reports of the cotton growing counties of the State and of these The Observer correspondent has made quite a study. It may be stated, on the strength of these reports, that, it looks something like the erop will be about 75 or 80 per cent. of that of last year. The wet June did a great deal of damage. Cotton has had a hard time this year, between the drought, the unusual cold in May with widespread frosts and the great rains, which in many sections continued day after day and which caused a great growth of weeds n the east where the rainfall has been greatest and in some other sections of the State here and there towards the west, the central belt faring better than the other parts. The increase in the labor troubles, due principally to the exodus of negro field hands to factories and railways, has become more grave and there is a story of complaint from every county reporting as to this matter. Cotton dealers, with few exceptions, say they regard the crop as much below last year. Some of them it is true, say they get good reports. The wet June prevented the proper development of the ta proots the main root of the plant, and thus affected the latter vitally. The outlook there! fore is not good. In fact, it is not what it seemed to be ten days or two

The Luthernan Synod. Dallas, Special.—The meeting of he general united synod of the Lutheran church here has been largely attended by prominent ministers weather of the week ending July 2nd and laymen of the church from al points of the country. The synod has taken advanced ground on all questions concerning the welfare of the church. The subject of missions received a large share of attention, as The highest maximum temperature also the matter of the orphanage. The reported was 96 degrees in Halifax publishing report was heard on Thursday. Every department of the church's work is reported as in a night fraternal delegates from other churches were heard.

North State Breveties.

United States District Attorney Skinner has brought suit in the United States District court at Wilming ton for \$4,500 against the Atlanttic Coast Line for penalties for failure to provide safety appliances for trains and thus violating the law made which requires such appliances.

Charters are granted the Montgomery Construction Company, High Point, to erect all kinds of buildings capital stack \$100,000. W. O. Montgomery and others stockholders; the Zion Ministerial Brotherhood and Restock, T. H. Lomax and others incorporators; the Piedmont Marble and Granite Company, Lexington, \$10,000. Zeb Deaton and others stockholders: the Opie Odum Company, St. Paul's Robeson county, to manufacture lumber, \$6,000; the Greensboro Elks Lodge Company, \$50,000, David Dreyfus and others stockholders,

The Raleigh & Southport railroad ran its first train into Fayetteville last Wednesday. Work on the road

The Cabarrus county commissioners have passed an automobile speed law, the limit on the public roads be- upon. vides for the display of a light at ships for \$346 a ton for which the

CAROLINA AFFAIRS FARMERS MEETING A SUCCESS

The State Farmers' Convention at Raleigh Was a Big Success.

Mr. C. C. Moore, president of the North Carolina division of the Southern Cotton Association, gives the folfowing account of the third annual convention of the North Carolina farmers, held at Raleigh last week:

The convention was in session three days, with three sessions per day. During this time there were meetings of The North Carolina Tobacco Association, the North Carolina Division of the Southern Cotton Association, the North Carolina Dairymen's Association, and under the excellent management of Mrs. F. L. Stevens, the farmers' wives who attended the convention held five sessions, which were

full of instruction and benefit. At the general sessions of the convention from start to finish the chairman had a supply of speakers who handled their subjects in such a way as to win the applause and appreciation of the convention. The different subjects covered almost the entire question of agriculture.

Governor R. B. Glenn was the first speaker. He was followed by Hon. S. L. Patterson, commisioner of agriculture. Col. J. Bryan Grimes of Pitt Years." Mr. A. C. Green of Wake county delivered an interesting address on "What the Cow Has Done For Me." Mr. A. L. French, of Rockingham county, handled the ques- degraded and imprisoned on Devil's tion of "Beef Raising" with intelli- Island, is restored to the army by the Association, has now secured pretty gence and demonstrated to the satis- decision itself. faction of the farmers that beef raising in North Carolina is not only possible but very profitable. Mr. R. W. Scott, of Albemarle county, with | decision will be posted in every comhis characteristic plainness handled the subject of corn growing to the satisfaction of the convention. Mr. R. H. Gower of Johnson county, showed and demonstrated that dairying can be made profitable on the average

The woman's department was per haps the most interesting of the whole convention. Dr. Delia Dixon Carrol gave a lecture on home nursing and care of the sick that was full of val uable information. Miss Mae Cord,

of Canada, addressed the convention. The Woman's Department elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: President, Mrs. J. L. Stevens, Raleigh; Vice Presidents, Mrs. C. N. Allen, Mrs. J. N. Bowles; Secretarytreasurer, Mrs. W. Grimes. Executive Committee, Mrs. R. S. Tucker, Mrs. M. M. McLeod, Miss Viola Bid dle, Mrs. W. P. Wilson.

The Dairymen's Department of the convention elected R. H. Gower of Johnston county president and Prof. J. C. Kendall, secretary. The exhibits of butter by various darymen were inspected and prizes awarded. The sweep stake prize was awarded to Mr. R. W. Scott of Alamance county.

Tobacco Growers Session.

There was a session of the tobacco farmers presided over by President John S. Cunningham. Col. J. Bryan Grimes, Secretary of State, was one of the principal speakers. He made a special appeal for organization on the part of the tobacco farmers, declaring that up to the present time this class of farmers have shown themselves incapable of perfecting an organization. He urged that the tobacco farmers present return to their homes and urge the necessity of organization and co-operation upon their neighbors. He said the only successful tobacco farmers' organization in the State is in Pitt county where he has money invested in the co-operative organization that has for three years yielded him thirty and forty per cent. profit.

News Items.

The State charters the Asheboro Grocery Company, wholesale and retail, with \$50,000 capital of which amount \$10,000 is subscribed by H. T. Caviness, C. T. Loffin, Asheboro, and T. J. Finch, of Wheatmore.

Brazilian insurgents in the State of Matto Grosse captured the capital and murdere! the Governor.

M. Anatole Leroy-Beaulieu, a noted French authority on Russian affairs, declares an actual revolution is in progress in Russia, which may take years to accomplish its aims.

A marshal of nobility of Kherson, Russia, declares his belief that the lief Company, CCharlotte, no capital situation there is drifting into a calamitous uprising against land-

Admiral Rojestvensky was acquitted of charges in conection with the surrender of the Russian fleet to the Japanese, but four other officers were sentenced to death.

The last six months 86,867 persons emigrated from Russia to Siberia.

Official reports disclose revolting conditions in some of the English packing houses and preserving plants.

Lord Robers told the British House of Lords that an army reserve of 500,000 men is necessary, since former allies are not to be depended

The Midvale Steel Company offers to furnish armor plate for new battle-Government has been paying \$420. Itew in number.

BY FRENCH NATION

Chatham Record.

Devil's Island Martyr Declared Innocent and Rank Restored.

MADE A GENERAL

Accused Officer Could Not Have Obtained Secret Mobilization Papers For Delivery to Germany-Did Not Write Bordereau.

Paris.-Alfred Dreyfus has been completely vindicated by France. The Supreme Court of the Republic announced its decision annulling

court-martial at Rennes in 1899. To wipe every stain from Dreyfus' reputation and to emphasize its condemnation of the false evidence that was tried against him the court orders that he need not stand trial again. It declares there is no reason for another trial because Dreyfus

committed no offense. In conclusion the court noted the fact that Dreyfus had waived pecuniary indemnity for all he suffered during twelve years.

The court ordered its decision to be transcribed on the records of the Rennes court-martial and to be published in the official journal and five county spoke on "Agriculture in newspapers to be chosen by the Pro-North Carolina for the Past Ten curator-General and, at the Government's expense, in fifty newspapers here and in the provinces to be named by Dreyfus.

The former captain, after being falsely convicted of treason, publicly

He will return to his country's sereral, Premier Sairien assured the mune in France. Neither Dreyfus nor his wife was

in court when the decision was rendered. In an interview afterward Dreyfus said: "This has been a long and terrible ordeal. I began to feel as if it would

never end. It is clear that the decision restores me to my old place in the army, but'I am not aware of the cerning my advancement in rank. "I have nothing to say against my accusers. Being again an officer I

am obliged to obey the army regulations of silence. "I am inexpressibly thankful to all who have assisted in the mainten-

ance of truth.' special session at the Elysee Palace under President Fallieres. The Govcourt's decision was determined. Two bills were drawn. By them Dreyfus will be nominated a major, with early promotion to a lieutenant-colonelship. Had he served his country

ant-colonel of artillery now. Dreyfus' name will be entered on the list for the Legion of Honor, but he will not be nominated to that distinction directly.

secured the quashing of the Rennes court-martial's verdict, will be made In its decision the Supreme Court holds that these new facts have been

established before it: General Mercier's secret papers presented at the Rennes court-martial in which the initial "D" was substituted for "P," was a falsification establishing a strong presumption of

Dreyfus' innocence. Second - That another document fus was falsely shown to have given to Germany the plans for the railway mobilization of French troops never reached the War Department; therefore Dreyfus could not have secured

Third - That the Rennes courtmartial failed to hear essential testithat Drevfus was innocent.

"These facts," says the court's de cision, "without seeking for any further grounds, are of a nature to esamine whether the verdict of the Rennes court-martial shall be annulled without a retrial or be followed by another trial by a court-

After a long review of the document in the case known as the bordereau, the decision states that it was written by Major Count Esterhazy, and that the accusations connecting Drayius with the bordereau rest only on hypothesis and conject-

'The accusation against Dreyfus," continues the decision, "whether based on the handwriting or the text of the bordereau, was wholly unjustifiable and without motive. Moreover, Dreyfus having a large fortune, one seeks in vain for any reason for be thirty-five cents a sack. his committing such a great crime.

"The court therefore holds that, as all the accusations against the accused fall to the ground, there is no necessity for a new trial, and consequently the judgment in condemnation is annulled as unwarranted by the evidence.' Chief Events in Case Which Nearly

The "Dreyfus Case" has excited Bank Exchanges Increased. Bank exchanges at New York for

Disrupted France.

the week were 4.5 per cent. larger than in 1005, while at other leading cities the average gain was 2.2 per

Factory Scandals in England. Factory inspectors found conditions in English food establishments as revolting as those in Chicago.

Failures Are Few. Failures occurring this season are

France to the verge of revolution several times, it has overthrown ministeries, it has excited anti-Semitic fanaticism and provoked insane glorification of the French Army. The dates of its chief events during Were Wading at Cedar Rapids twelve years are: Dreyfus arrested...October 14, 1894 Found guilty by a secret court-mar-

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Island under life sentence... January 5, 1895 Mathew Dreyfus charges Colonel Esterhazy with having written the bordereau....November 15, 1897

Esterhazy acquitted by secret courtmartial.....January 11, 1898 Zola publishes "J'accuse" letter.. January 13, 1898 Zola fined and sentenced to prison. February 23, 1898

Court of Cassation quashes Zola's sentence April 2, 1898 Cavaignac, War Minister, produces documents to prove Dreyfus' guilt ..July 7, 1898 Zola condemned again. July 16, 1898 the conviction of Dreyfus by the Colonel Henry arrested, confesses forging chief of Cavaignac's docu-

ments; commits suicide. August 31, 1898 War Minister Cavaignac resigns... September 4, 1898 French commission decides against revision September 26, 1898 Brisson Ministry resigns; Court of

Cassation reports in favor of revision......October 25, 1898 Dupuy Ministry takes office . . October 31, 1898 Court of Cassation stops prosecution of Picquart....December 9, 1898 Court of Cassation orders second court-martial. June 3, 1899

Dupuy Ministry having been defeated, Waldeck-Rousseau forms new ministry.....June 22, 1899 Dreyfus leaves Devil's Island for France.... July 13, 1899 second court-martial opens Rennes August 7, 1899 Attempt to kill Labori fails . . August 14, 1899

Dreyfus sentenced to ten years' imprisonment in a fortress . . President Loubet issues pardon.". September 19, 1899

September, 20, 1899 MOB MURDERS WIFE BEATER.

Kill Him Before He Gets Sober. Indianapolis, Ind .- Oliver Bryant, coal miner, of Venderberg County,

is wife a beating. A mob was ofganized at night and while Bryant was sleeping off the effects of liquor they broke into his house, took him out and beat him so terribly that he died next day.

The mob is said to have been led by A. J. Gleich, a prominent farmer and fruit grower. He was arrested, charged with murder. Harry Linnville, a blacksmith, is also under arrest on a similar charge and war-

rants are out for a number of others. SIDED WITH MUTINEERS.

Czar's Soldiers Bayonetted Officer

Who Gave Command to Fire. St. Petersburg, Russia. - Addidetails of the mutiny of the Seventh Cavalry at Tamboy shows that both the infantry and the Cossacks sent to subdue the mutineers refused to fire on them-the infantry bayonetting the officer who gave the command. Only a detachment of dragoons, who, it is said, had been plied with liquor, attacked the mu-

The officers of the Seventh fired on their own men. The number of killed or wounded has not been es-

DEWEY AT OLONGAPO. Dry Dock Reaches Philippine Waters After Long Voyage. Manila.-The dry dock Dewey ar-

rived at Olongapo. The trip from Singapore was uneventful in Philippine waters marks the successful completion of the biggest towing feat ever undertaken in ocean navigation. The giant dry dock passed out of the Virginia Capes at 10.40 o'clock on the night of December 29 last.

Russian Admiral Shot. Vice-Admiral Chouknin was shot

by a sailor at Sebastopol; the surgeons hold out no hope of recovery; the assassin escaped; general conditions in Russia seem to be growing

Kentucky Murderer Confesses. At the trial of ex-Judge Hargis in that he had killed J. B. Marcum, but did not stick to his recent confession implicating Hargis.

Coffee Rates Favor New York. Steamers between South America and the United States announce that the rate from Rio de Janeiro and Santos to New Orleans will be forty cents a sack on coffee, while the rate to New York from the same ports will

Labor Men in Campaign. Federation of Labor officers announced that an active opposition would be begun to Congressmen who had voted against labor Interests.

Public Money Stolen. Armed men in St. Petersburg, Russia, shot two employes of the Admiralty and stole a bag containing \$12,-500.

Petroleum Stops Plague. Dr. ' rner, Health Officer of Bombay, has successfully demonstrated the extraordinary officiency of crude petroleum as a plague disinfectant.

Religion in British Army. Mr. Haldane, the British Secretary for War, in a speech at Pimlico outlined a plan to give more attention to the spiritual needs of the army.

California Fruit Shipments. The season's total citrus fruit shipments are 23,858 carloads.

SEVEN LITTLE GIRLS DROWN.

and Stepped Beyond Depth.

tial..... December 19, 1894
Publicly degraded and sent to Devil's Smallest One Suddenly Sinks and Six Others Lose Lives in Trying to Save Her.

> Cedar Rapids, Iowa.—Seven girls were drowned while wading in Cedar River, only three blocks from home. One child slipped into a deep hole, and in trying to rescue her six others were drowned. Ruth Klersey was the only one of the party to escape. The dead are Lucille, Hazel, Gladys and Josie Sweeting. Ruth and Cora Coyle and Clara Usher. The girls ranged in age from seven to sixteen

The Sweeting children lived with their father near Ellis Park, on the outskirts of Cedar Rapids. Clara Usher was the daughter of Sweeting's housekeeper, and the Coyle children were nieces who were on a

visit from Sioux City. The children had gone to the river. with Mrs. Usher, who took her baby. The latter fretted and Mrs. Usher started home with it. The children iminediately went wading in the river. Ruth Klersey went to the end of a long sandbar and, seeing that the water was deep at the end of the bar, warned the other children. Lucille Sweeting, however, ran to the end of the bar and, the sand yielding, slipped off into seven feet of water. Her cries brought Hazel Sweeting to her aid. In trying to pull Lucille back on the sandbar she, too, fell in to the deep water. Another child went to her assistance and slipped in, and so on until the seven of the eight children were in deep water. Some of September 10, 1899 them drowned helplessly, while two

on the sandbar out of deep water. Ruth Klersey, seeing the fate of her companions, then ran down the Supreme Court fully vindicates Drey- road crying to Mrs. Usher, overtakfus.....July 12, 1906 ing her when almost home. Mrs. road crying to Mrs. Usher, overtak-Usher left her baby in the road and ran back to aid the children. She Indiana Man's Neighbors Capture and I managed to get hold of the hair of the water, but it was too late to

save their lives. The other bodies were recovered later, while hundreds of people gathered on the river bank to watch

Girl Drowns in Big Moose Lake, Utica, N. Y .- The body of Miss Grace Brown, of Otselic, was recovered from Big Moose Lake in the Adirondacks. The lake is still being dragged for the body of her companion, Carl Graham, of Albany. They went out on the lake. Their boat was found upside down next

STOLE \$200,000; LOST IN COTTON

T. W. Alexander, an Augusta, Ga.,

Broker, a Defaulter and a Fugitive. Augusta, Ga.-T. W. Alexander, of the cotton brokerage firm of Alexander & Alexander, is a defaulter for nearly \$200,000 and a fugitive. He left this city, leaving a note saying he had been using funds to speculate in cotton, that the market had gone against him, and that he

would never return alive. Investigation showed that Alexander had used not only all the resources of his firm, but that he had stolen from Augusta banks by the improper use of cotton warehouse receipts about \$150,000. The Georgia Railroad Bank is the heaviest loser. In addition to money gotten from banks Alexander touched his friends for sums ranging from \$1000 up to

GIRL KILLS HER BROTHER.

Avenges the Death of Creffield.

Whom Mitchell Shot. Seattle, Wash .- George Mitchell, who recenty shot and killed Franz Edmunds Creffield, a "Holy Roller Prophet," and was acquitted of the charge of murder on a plea of insanity, was shot and killed by his sister, Esther, in the Union Station. Esther Mitchell joined the "Holy Rollers" at Corvallis, Ore., and was one of the most ardent of Creffield's followers. When her brother pursued the leader of the "Holy Rollers" to Seattle and shot him in the street, he declared that Creffield had

deluded and wronged his sister. Mitchell was acquitted. Nearly all the following day he spent searching for Esther in Seattle lodging houses. She refused to be comfort-

ed after the death of Creffield.

AWARDS FOR BATTLESHIPS.

Cramps and New York Company Get Contracts for New Vessels.

Washington, D. C. - Secretary Bonaparte awarded the contracts for the two 16,000-ton battleships, South Carolina and Michigan, one to the Cramps, of Philadelphia, and the other to the New York Shipbuilding Company, of Camden, N. J. The bid of the Cramps was \$3,-540,000 and that of the New York Shipbuilding Company \$3,585,000. The Secretary of the Navy was obliged to distribute the contracts in

should be built by any one concern.

this way because Congress had pro-

vided that not more than one ship

McCall Left Small Estate. John A. McCall, former President of the New York Life Insurance Company, died comparatively poor. There has just been completed an appraisement of his property, and it shows his net personal property does not exceed \$40,835.

Thaw Denies He is Insane. Harry Thaw, from the Tombs, New York City, made his first statement

since his indictment, in which he

positively denied that he is insane.