One square, one month

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PITTSBORO, CHATHAM COUNTY, N. C., THURSDAY, JULY 26, 1906.

frightful Collision on Seaboard

Near Hamlet, N. C.

WERE NOT DELIVERED

seaboard Air Line Passenger Train No. 44 and an Extra Freight Train Come Together With an Awful Crash in a Deep Cut One Mile From Hamlet.

Hamlet, N. C. Special.-Twenty or more were killed and twenty-three padly injured in a head-on collision between a Seaboard Air Line Passenger train and an extra freight one mile from here Sunday night. Nearly all those killed were colored passen-

The known dead are: Engineer F. B. Lewis, of the pas-

senger train.

H. S. Byrd, Baggage master. Fireman Tom Hill, colored, of the

passenger train. Negro fireman name unknown, of the freight.

Probably 25 others unidentified.

Railroad men, citizens and the passengers who escaped injury, are working heroically to recover the dead and injured imprisoned in the wreck-

Both the second and first class coaches were overturned and it is sadly agumented before the work of the rescuers is completed.

The rescuers can see a number of lifeless forms by the fitful light of lanterns and these they are striving manfully to reach. Fortunately the lamps in the coaches were extinguished in the crash and fire was not added to the horror of the catastrophe.

Thus far the list of the seriously injured reaches twenty-three-five white and eighteen colored. Others may be imprisoned in the overturned coaches.

The engineer and fireman of the freight train jumped and escaped with a few bruises. The coach for colored people was completely demolished and nearly everyone in it met | terms. death. Both locomotives were demolished and the baggage cars and coaches jumbled together in an unsightly mass. The tracks are piled high with

The wreck occurred about 7:30 o'clock. The passenger train, which left Charlotte at 5 o'clock, was without orders and was moving at the rate of forty miles an hour. Without warning the freight, an extra fruit train, west bound, dashed around the curve in the deep cut one mile from Hamlet, and the two trains came together with an awful crash and roar. Engineer Lewis and his fireman were instantly killed and death was almost as swift to the passengers in the colored coach. The destruction was complete and rendered more horrible by

the cries and groans of the dving. The dead and injured will be conveved to Rockingham as soon as a special can be mad up and the track cleared sufficiently. Messages have been sent to every physician in Hamlet and Rockingham, as well as in the county.

It is impossible at this time to ascertain the names of the dead and injured owing to the confusion incident to the catastrophe. Not all the dead have been identified, but it is stated that the list will reach 29. The chief dispatcher of the Scaboard at Raleigh has ordered 18 coffins from

the undertaker at Rockingham. been placed. The passenger train, it is said, had no orders to meet the freight, and it is the presumption that the freight overlooked its orders. One report ascribes the cause of the wreck to have been a lap order, stating that the passenger train had orders to meet the freight at Hamlet, while the freight's orders were to meet the passenger train at Rockingham.

Blame Placed on Rockingham Opera-

Rockingham, Special.-It is stated that 21 dead bodies are pinioned in the wreckage. This brings the number of dead to 29.

It is further rumored, though the information is not official, that the cause of the wreck was the failure of the operator here to deliver the orders to No. 44 to meet the extra freight.

Negro Mob Pursuing Negro Murderer.

Decatur, Ala., Special.-A mob of ting wood. negroes are searching the woods other negro, Charlie Davis, with a shotgan; in a quarrel over a woman. swamp near Moulton Heights. He know that it was sitting on the bu- some one asked.

Attorneys Getting at the Truth in the Now Famous Lyerly Murder Case-The Witnesses.

Public interest in the now famous Lyerly murder that occurred at Bar ber's Junction now centers in the trial of the five negroes now in the Charlotte jail charged with the crime. The first examination of witnesses for the State was held at Salisbury last Saturday, and the proceedings Mr. H. E. C. Bryant, a staff correspondent of the Charlotte Observer.

The first witness to make a statement was Mr. J. G. Lverly, a son of the murdered man and a halff brother of the children. He said: "Jim Taylor, the boy who had been working for my father, told me of the murder about 4 o'clock in the morning. Taylor had spent the night at Mr. R. F. Cooke's, with Sam. I went

Story of Murdered Man's Son.

with Mr. Pless Barber to the old home. Ed. Barber, Charlie Brown and Ed Carter were there when we arrived. I think Mr. Matt. L. Webh was the first man on the premises after the girls left. He was accomcompanied by a Mr. Watson, a cattle dealer who occasionally with my father. Watson was on his way there that morning to get breakfast.

"Soon after I arrived there those who had assembled thought it best to arrest Jack Dillingham, as the girls had said something about a quarrel that father and Jack had had the day before. The negro had said something about cursing father.

"When we critered the house, we found the front door open, just as the girls had left it, when they started for Mr. Cooke's hone. The bodies of father and John were on the floor. Dr. Chenault and myself hunted for and found the money, about \$175 that father kept in the house. Some of it was upstairs in a drawer, and remainder in the little rear room, near the Kitchen.

"The house n which Nease Gillespie lived is located about a quarter of a mile west of the Lyerly home. Jack Dillingham lived southwest, about 300 yards.

"When we went up to father's ome we saw a feather bed, a bureau drawer and a lamp in the front walk, where the girls had left them. The Lyerlys were all friendly. Father and his children were on the best of book, which contained 25 cents, was

"Last Christmas I heard father say that he and Nease had had some words about their contract. Father had told Nease that he would have wreekage and will be blocked for to work a crop, as he had promised us. We slipped by, fearing that he to do, or get out of his house. Nease cursed him, an, in turn, was ordered out of the vard. Henry, old Fannie Gillepsie's son, left and went to Mr. Leroy Powlass' to live. Nease continued to drive for Mr. John Penninger, a saw mill man."

> Miss Mary Lyerly Makes a Statement. The next witness to take the stand daughter, of Mr. Isaac Lyerly. She John's feet extended over the edge of was dressed in black. Miss Lyerly is 18 years old, Las an attractive face, light chestnut hair and soft, attractive brown eyes. Her lips are thin and sensitive. She seems intelligent and sprightly. After a most trying week she appeared fresh and composed yesterday. Her manner was of a quiet, modest but plucky maiden. She is neither backward nor brazen, but willing and ready.

"I knew nothing after I retired about 9 o'clock," said Miss Lyerly, 'until Addio called me, declaring that the house was on fire and that papa and mamma were dead. I was nearly suffocated. The house was full of smoke.

"When I went down I found Addie at work. She had already dragged papa and John from the bed and was fighting the fire. I caught hold The blame for the wreek has not of papa and pulled him further out from the bed. We threw water on the bed and carried out the burning

"I went over and felt mamma's face; it was cold. She was lying just as she lay when she went to sleep, except that her feet were hanging out. I saw blood all over the pillow. I picked Alice, who was still alive, up in my arms and carried her out into the yard. where we tried to bring her too. We could barely hear her breathe. Addie went back upstairs and brought us some clothes, which we put on in the yard. We hen left for Mr. Cooke's, Addie leading Janie and I carrying Alice.

Door and Window Open. The front door and the windo that opens into papa's room from the porch were open. The key was on the inside of the door. I always locked the door at night but after papa went out and, on returning, forgot to turn the key. Any one could have gotten in through the window, with-

out rauch eftor:. "Papa's axe lay at the woodule. for I saw it there the afternoon before. John and Alice had been cut-

"When I went to bed papa was around Moulton Heights, a suburb of I fast asleep, snoring. Mamma was this city, for Henry Howard, one of dozing off. That was afew minutes before 9 o'clock. Addie and I slept his Anglo-Saxon father than he does together. I heard no noise.

"The lamp, which had a porcelain who his father was he called the bowl, was nearly full of oil. It had name of a well-known white man. Howard is believed to be hiding in a been filled the Saturday before. I "Do you like Nease Gillespie?"

LYERLY MURDER EXAMINATION reau and the burner was on. When we arose, the lamp was on the hearth.

"John Gillepsie and Henry Lee. son and step-son of Nease, started a crop. They lived in the house with Nease and his wife, old Fannie. One day Fannie came down home and got after papa for having Henry and his must tell us all you know." wife lvie in with them. She was mad because they slept on her beds. Saturday following, Nease came and askconversation and Nease cursed papa, who drove him out of the yard. Geo. Cronford, who worked for us then, are given in substance as reported by said that Nease declared that he would kill 'old Ike Lyerly.' Mr. Cranford told us about it the next morning. Nease was mad. Papa told him that he would have to sow the wheat or leave.

> "Mr. Crnaford went from here to his home at Hildebrand.

"Nease was down there once or twice after that but I never heard any more until a few days before the tragedy. Nease came down and asked papa what he was going to do with the wheat. Papa told him 'thrash it.'

"Della, Jack's wife, and mamma had trouble Friday morning about the soap suds in the tub. After mamma left I went down to the spring and heard Della say: 'If she (meaning mamma) had said three more words I would have downed her.'

"Jack and papa di not get along together. Jack had been there just about a week. He told papa that he was going to work for Mr. Penninger. Papa said, 'Well Jack, if -ou oo there and work five days without laying off. I will treat.'

"I heard Jack say that he would not go to work for no man before 7 o'elock.

"Mr. Jim Taylor, who had been working for us and sleeping in the house, spent last Friday night with Sam Cooke I was straining the milk when he left. Sam Cooke had come over to our house to bring a grain cradle which his father had borrowed that morning. Jack was at the lot with Della who helped us to milk the cows. Jim Taylor, Sam Cooke and Jack left together going down the path toward the oring. That morning Jack had worked for Mr Cooke and then he went down to Mr. Penninger and secured work."

On being questioned by the lawyers Miss Lyerly continued: "Papa kept most of his money in the bureau upstairs. Nothing in the house was disturbed. Even Alice's little pocket left on the bureau by her bed.

"We did not go by Jack Dillingham's house, which was close to the path that leads to Mr. Cooke's, for lamp at Jack's house the day ma and we were afraid that Jack might hear | me went down there." might kill us too. Sister Janie, who is 10, going on 11, said that she heard talking in Jack's house as we passed. hurt me are they?" I was then about 11:30 o'clock. We arrived at Mr. Cooke's at 11:55."

"A fire was burning slowly but steadily in the middle of the bed. The bureau drawer lay inverted upon the breast of John, who lay on his was Miss Mary Lyerly, the oldest stomach. The drawer was burning.

> "I pulled papa and John to the floor and called Mary. We worked

> "After we had put out the fire I run upstairs and got some clothes for us. I did not see any light or hear

any talk as we passed Jack's house." Miss Addie corroborated other statements made by her sister. On being interrogated she the made the following additional declarations: "When I went down mama's face was covered with a pillow. One of her feet was on the floor. Little sister lay beside her on her back, just as

she had slept. "When papa turned off the Gillespie boys, Nease came down and asked him why he had done it. Papa told him that they would not work the land, and they had to get out. Nease was ordered away and as he went he muttered something but I Mr. Cranford told uus that Nease was saying that he would kill 'old Ike

"Jack' wife said that if mamma had uttered three more words she would have downed her.

"Della, that is Jack's wife, knew how we slept."

Mr. Matt L. Webb, an illiterate white man drove a wagon for Mr. Penninger, stated that he and Nease had worked together. In part he said: "Three weeks before the tragedy, in conversation with me, while loading lumber at Mr. Powlass', Nease | Southern road, in the western part of brought up the subject of wheat. He the city, with his right foot mashed declared that he thought the crop would be pretty good this year. I told him 'yes.' Then he said: "Well, where his right leg was amputated, that of building another cotton mill old man Ike Lyerly can cut mine but he won't eat it, or get the money for it. I told Jones Thompson what Nease had said and he declared that Nease wasn't dangerous.'

Little Henry Tells His Story. After the foregoing persons had had their say a small, bright faced, curly haired boy, with blue eyes, and pretty features came in. He carried His lips twitched nervously, and he his African mother. When asked

"No, he has been mean to me," was the quick reply.

Solicitor Hammer took Henry between his legs, pulled off his hat and patted him on the shoulders, saying: "Boy, we're not going to hurt you Nobody wants to harm you. Now you

"Nease Gillespie beats me. He's my grandpa. He whipped me last Friday. Pa (meaning Nease) and ed father what was the trouble with John met Henry Lee and Jack at the him and the boys. They had some branch, this side of Mr. Ike's, Friday night. That's what pa and John said when they came back. Pa said that he didn't care what they did with him after he had done what he wanted to do. Maw, old Fannie, asked paw where he was going and he said 'It's none of your business, but you'll know when I come back.' She said no more. Paw and John came back before day. I was in bed with

"When paw aand John came in they set down by the fire and maw asked paw where he had been and he said: 'I've been down to old Ike Lyerly's. I went down there and killed them. I told you I was going to

kill them, and so, by God, I did.' "It skeered maw nearly to death when paw said that. John didn't say nothing. Jack and paw done it. Paw said that Jack's wife held the lamp. All met at the branch. Paw took his axe with him. I saw him get it. He washed it off at the branch but there was some blood left on the pole. He and John said they washed it. We saw the axe the next morning and there was a speck of blood on it. Paw said he killed Mr. Ike and Miss Gussie (Mrs. Lyerly) and Jack killed

John and Alice. Maw never asked no more, for she was skeered.

"Jack used Mr. Ike's axe. He and Mr. Ike fell out about a horse. Paw and John said they set the bed

"Before day paw put his old overalls with John's, in a bed tick of straw and burned them. He burned his shirts, too. We saw them burning them. They burned them because they had blood on them. Blood was all over the shirts and the over-

"I left home early that morning and told Mr. Mann Walton that paw had killed Mr. Ike and Miss Gussie." "Do you know where you would go if you were to tell a story, Hen-

ry?" asked Solicitor Hammer. "Yes, sir, to the bad place," ansvered Henry.

"Who made you?" "The Lord," was the ready re "Paw said they threw the lamp in the brier patch. I saw a church

The boy started when Mr. Hammer called to some one in a loud voice, and said: "They are not going to

He was assured by a number of his be all right if he told the truth. piece. Paw said that they threw it

in a brier thicket." This little negro tells a most interesting story. His words are full of meaning and the State must rely largely on what he says to convict the negroes who are now imprisoned in the Charlotte jail. Henry is dispossed to tell too much but his story allies, in the main, with the one he told the day after the murder at the coroner's inquest. He is smart and very bright. If his story is true Nease Gillespie, John Henry, George Ervin and Jack and his wife will hang. No half-grown boy ever had nore responsibility resting upon him.

It is a question of life or death. The testimony of the negro women contradicted that of the boy. number of witnesses are still in reserve for the State.

Shoots an Officer.

Washington, N. C., Special.-Mr Louis Snell, chief of police of Belhaven, was shot down in cold blood by Elias Eborn, colored. Snell went could not understand what he said, to the home of Ebhorn at 7 o'clock to serve a warrant. Arriving, he found Ebhorn at home and stated the cause of his visit. Ebhorn re sisted arrest, secured a shot gun and fired on the officer. The load entered his side and arm, wounding him se riously, but not fatally.

Foot Mashed Off by Train.

Durham, Special.-A white man by the name of Henry Humphries, who says that his home is in Roxboro, was found on the right of way of the off. An ambulance was called and he was taken to the Watts Hospital, His injuries are not serious. Humph- for spinning purposes. The plan calls ries refused to make a statement as for a mill with from 3,000 to 5,000 to how the accident occurred.

Painfully Hurt. . Knoxville, Special.-Mr. George

Manning was painfully hurt on Gay street, near the corner of Commerce avenue when he attempted to board a little white, soiled hat in his hand. an electric car. Mr. Manning evifor him at the corner but this it did lively rate he attempted to board it. As a result he was thrown and dragged some distance. One of his shoulders was dislocated and he was otherwise injured.

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.

Charlotte Cotton Market.

paid to wagons:

These prices represent the prices

Good middling, tinged 11 Stains..9 to 10 General Cotton Market. Savannah, steady....10 3-4 Charleston, nominal.... Wilmington, steady........ 10 3-4 county on the 10th.—A. H. Thiessen. Baltimore, nominal....11 1-4 Philadelphia, quiet.. 11 1-4 Augusta, steady.. 11 1-9 Memphis, quiet and nominal..10 7-8 Cineinnati..

The Press Association.

The Press Association of North Carolina and Virginia was held at Chase City, Va., this year and a most joyable occasion it was agreed to have been.

The following officers were elected: President-T. J. Lassiter, Smithfield Herald.

First Vice-President-J. C. Hardy, of the Warrenton Record. Second Vice-President-W. B. Cochran, of the Troy Montgomerian. Third Vice-President-H. R. Kinlaw, of the Rocky Mount Echo. Secretary and Treasurer-J. Sherrill, of the Concord Times.

Historian-M. L. Shipman of the Hendersonville Hustler. Orator-Rev. J. O. Atkinson, D. D. of the Christian Sun.

Executive Committee - Josephus Daniels, H. A. London, W. C. Dowd J. A. Thomas, Zeb Council. Delegates to National Convention-J. O. Atkinson, Josephus Daniels, J

A. Robinson, Archibald Johnson, M. L. Shipman, C. L. Stevens, H. P. Deaton, J. A. Thomas, H. R. Kinlaw, R. M. Phillips, J. T. Britt, Thad. R Manning, W. B. Thompson, W. C. Hammer, W. C. Dowd, J. D. Bivins, J. country acquaintances that he would W. Bailey, C. H. Poe, R. F. Beasley, J. G. Boylin, J. P. Caldwell, Clyde R. "I saw the lamp on the mantel Hoey, W. K. Johnson, H. A. London, W. F. Marshall, Norman H. Johnson, J. B. Sherrill.

Drowned at Chimney Rock.

Charlotte, N. C., Special.-Mr. Samuel A. Brissie, a well-known young man of this city, was drowned in one of the "bottomless" pools at Chim ney Rock. Mr. Brissie, accompanied by Mr. J. H. Shumate, went to Chim ney Rock three or four days ago to spend his vacation. He and a party of friends went to see the pools, one of the best known sights around the little resort village. Mr. Brissie went too near the edge of the cliff, slipped and fell. He could swim little, if any, and there being a strong undercurrent, he was drowned before his friends could render any assistance

Bitten By Mad Cat.

Burlington, Special.-Lyman Faucette, of Glencoe, was taken to Richmond for the Pasteur treatment. He was bitten a few days ago by a mad cat. A mad-stone on being applied to the cat's head, adhered for several hours. Mr. R. L. Holt accompanied the boy to Richmond Friday morning. Much uneasiness is felt on account of the condition of the victim.

For Two More Factories.

Cornelius, Special.-There was an enthusiastic meeting of the business men of Cornelius to consider two mat ters closely connected with the upbuilding of the town. The first was the question of putting in operation before the assembled townsmen was spindles. About \$23,000 was shown to be in sight as soon as the movement shall take more definite shape.

Again in Race For College.

High Point, Special.-High Point is again in the race for the Methodist that it will not be located at Oak dently thought the car would stop Ridge. Before the decision was reached to go to Oak Ridge, High Point, not do and while it was going at a from all accounts, stood the best show of getting the college and since the late developments it is believed there come here.

TAR HEEL CROP BULLETIN

NO.50.

General Summary of Condition of Ending Monday, July 16, 1906.

The precipitation during the past

week has generally been below normal. In Rockingham and Granville counties the rain has been excessive being four inches at some places. The week as a wohle has been showery; some report that showers occurred every day. Some damage by excessive rains or overflows were reported in Hyde, Anson, and Harnett counties but the damage has been much less than the preceding week. The weather has been partly cloudy, but there has been more sunshine the past week than during the preceding week. The temperature averaged about two degrees below normal. The first part of the week was hot and sultry, becoming cooler on the 12th. The highest temperature was 94 degrees in Greene county on the 11th, and in Halifax county on the 12th; the lowest ,was 54 degrees in Buncombe which parliament has chosen, has ap-

Lutheran Synod Ends.

Dallas, Special.-The general United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran church, which was held here, closed its work on Saturday. From every viewpoint it was a highly interesting and profitable meeting. Deep spirituality and profound earnestness pervaded all its deliberations. From a standpoint of general interest its delivery on the divorce evil is perhaps one of the greatest things accomplish- but it is understood that the grand ed. This is a strong reiteration of the dukes, Gen. Trepoff and other officials action taken two years ago, and the report is as follows:

The attitude of the Church of palace. Christ is regard to the sacredness of the marriage bond and its indissoluable character should be made clear and unmistakable. In view of the revival of the agitation of this subject in this country, it is proper that the United Synod should give utterance to what it believes is the teaching of the Scriptures, and that in terms unequiovocal.

"In the perview of the State marriage is a civil contract and nothing more. Decrees of divorce affect such contract only in its civil aspect. Therefore an annulment by the State of the bonds of marriage can have no binding effect upon the conscience of the Church of Christ, which, restng upon the Holy Scriptures, recognizes n marriage an institution ordained of God and hedged about with divine

sanctions and limitations. While the Church cannot but look with disfavor upon the facility with which the bonds of marriage are dissolved under the laws of the State because of its natural effect in begetting a perverted view of the character of the marital bond, yet it is not In our province to dictate to the State how it shall deal with this subject, viewed as simply a contract between citizens of the Commonwealth. It is our duty, however, as churchmen, to consider marriage as more than a civil contract and to so act as to emphasize its divine and Scriptural char-

The speccial function of the Church therefore is to indicate by faithful teachings, proper sentiments as to the sacredness of the marriage relation as of divine sanction, and through its ministry to testify to the indissolubleness of the martial bond by declining to officiate at the remarriage of divorced parties while both are living.

Viewed in the light of Scripture, marriage is an engagement as long as both parties do live, and the vow prescribed in the ritual so affirms While for one specified cause and perhaps also for wilful desertion. there was be a proper dissolution of that foreigners anticipate." that bond and of all obligations growing out of such marriages, there is no Scriptural warrant for either party to remarry, while the other is living. Therefore no minister of the Church of Christ should officiate at the remarriage of divorced parties unless he is assured that the marriage bond has been dissolved by God Himselfthat is by the death of one of the Publishing Committee's Report.

The publishing committee held meeting, the chairman, Rev. W. L. Sabrook, submitted the following re-

port from the meeting: "Whereas, a proposition has been laid before this committee by private parties from Columbia respecting the purchase of a property in said city for the purpose of furnishing the publication interests of this Synod, Resolved. That, having heard and considered the aforesaid proposition, this committee reports it with its approval to Synod and requests that its acceptance be authorized. "W. L. SEABROOK,

"GEO. B. CROMER, Sec.

Three Were Killed and 20 Injured.

Ashland, Special.-The powder mill Protestant College since it is learned of the Atlanttic Dynamite Company blew up killing three men. Twenty others were injured. J. L. Pierce, of Wilmington, general superintendent of the powder mill and two workmen were killed. The neutralizing plant is no question that it will eventually was destroyed. There were 25 buildings in the group.

ADJOURN RUSSIAN PARLIAMENT

North Carolina Crops for Week Troops Are Being Massed at Great Centers-Revolutionists Are Also Prepared For Emergency.

> St. Petersburg, By Cable.-An imperial ukase has been promulgated dissolving parliament and fixing the time for the convocation of the newly elected assembly as March 5,

> A second ukase places St. Petersburg in a state of extraordinary security by the declaration of a minor

> form of martial law. A large part of the province of Kiev, where armed uprisings are anticipated in consequence of the dissolution of parliament, has been placed under martial law. The conditions for the new elections will be published later.

The emperor, discouraged by hisfailure to form a coalition ministry and the distinctly revolutionary paths parently been persuaded to risk a final appeal from parliament to the people, or in other words, to dissolve paliament and order new elections on the basis of universal suffrage.

Thursday the imperial ukase causing the dissolution of parliament was signed, and was enforced Friday at a final, momentous conference on the subject held at Peterhof. Exactly who was present cannot be learned, and one or two ministers were at the

Evidently the government is not bland to the fact that the dissolution of parliament will be accompanied by tremendous excitement, riots and bloodshed, if nothing worse. Troops are being massed at St. Petersburg, Moscow and other centres, prepared to apply physical force and in addition to the guard regiments, which were hurriedly marched into the capital Thursday night, the entire Twenty-third division of infantry arrived here Saturday from Pskov. This imposing military array is expected to overawe the masses. The Socialists and the Group of Toil in parliament have prepared for an emergency. They drafted an address for issuance to the country the moment the

dissolution was declared. Bloodshed on a large scale with a dictatorship in the background is considered to be the inevitable sequel of the dissolution of parliament, but the supporters of a dissolution claim that the emperor must take the risk, arguing that new elections may give different results and, in any event, that it is better to fight than to abjectly surrender to the revolutionary

parliament. Mr. Yermoleff, former minister of agriculture and leader of the Conservative Centrists in the lower house, who several weeks ago vainly tried to form a coalition ministry, in conversation with the correspondent of the Associated Press declared that the situation was extermely critical. He was without hope that a conflict could

be avoided. "The stuation is so complicated," he said, "that it is impossible for any man to predict the course of future events, but I feel safe in predicting two things: first, that Russia will come to a constitutional basis; second, that there will be no great revolutionary cataclycism in the sense

Memphis Cotton Firm Suspends.

Memphis, Special.-The announcement is made that Armstrong & Company commission brokers, has suspended operations. It is said the correspondents of the firm demanded margins of cotton futures which could not be covered. A member of the firm said the suspension is only

Georgia Bar Asociation Elects President.

Warm Springs, Ga., Special. - The Georgia Bar Association closed its annual gathering by electing Judge A. L. Miller, of Macon. president. The vice presidents chosen were: T. M. Cunningham, Savannah; S. P. Gilbert, Columbus; E. P. S. Denmark. Valdosta; W. A. Wimbish, Atlanta, and S. H. Sibley, Union Point, O. A. Park of Macon, was elected secretary and Z. D. Harrison, of Atlanta, trasarer. A reception was tendered the association this evening.

Wheaat Crop Estimate.

Chicago, Special.—The daily trade bulletin issued the annual estimate of the wheat crop making a total yield of 720,000,000. Including the supplies carried over the total supply for the year is 21,000,000 bushels. The estimated consumption is 450,000,000. bushels. The aggregate of the world's crop is 80,000,000 bushels less thaan last year.