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will be made.

# MORE CUSTOMS FRAUDS 150 CORPSES FOUND. Conceded That No More Men Are Living

10 Assistant Weighers Dropped From Rolls in New York.

#### 83 MEN HAVE BEEN REMOVED

Mr. Loeb Announces That the "General House-Cleaning" in the Custom House Service Has Been Completed.

alleged customs frauds was brought men have been accounted for. to light here with the arrest of five hundred feet from the main shaft ernment in connection with importations of figs in 1906. According to continued for two days. the federal prosecutors, Giddings underweighed two shipments of figs consigned to local importers, recording walls, placed the number of dead at the weight of the first shipment at grade pounds instead of 40,600, and defrauding the government of the duty on 8,700 pounds of the figs con tained in the second shipment.

The indictment against Giddings, it is intimated, is the first of a series which the government hopes to obtain from the grand jury now in session as a result of following up Collector Loep's investigations and dismissals. Ten more assistant weighers have been dropped by Colector Loeb from the customs service.

Mr. Loeb announced that with these dismissals the "general house-cleaning in the customs house as the result of the investigation to underweighing frauds had been completed.

Including these last dismissals, a toms service began.

#### TOWNS DOOMED.

tion of Volcano.

Santa Cruz, Teneriffe.-Four towns craters, are threatened with destrucinhabitants of the apparently doomed the army and pay the expenses of Hypes. towns are fleeing, and those of a fifth, Arguayo, have appealed for aid. The four chiefly endangered by lava ere Tanquek, Tamaimo, Chasna and

The entire island is rocked almost continuously by the tremblers, explosions and eruptions. The ashes darken the sky all over the Canaries, floating many miles. Ravines and gullies are filled with lava. Flames shoot from the peaks to great heights, sometimes reaching more than 1,000 feet. the half-million-dollar mark. From all over the island refugees are fleeing to Santa Cruz. The government has started work on the opening of a way from Guia to San Juan on the coast. The Red Cross

#### LAND OFFCE SHAKE.UP.

Sensation is Predicted That Will As-

tonish Whole Country. Washington, D. C .- A shake-up in the administration of the general land office and prosecutions for land frauds in the west that will create a sensation throughout the entire country is predicted by close friends of sult of the so-called Ballinger-Pinchot

The recent appointment of Francis the general land office, If Attorney General Wickersham

government service, had interfered here. with his administration of the inteferred to another depatment of the

#### AMERICAN GOLD OUTPUT.

Value of the Product in 1908 Fixed at \$94,560,000.

Washington, D. C .- The gold miners of the United States produced \$94,560,000 worth of the precious metal during 1908, according to the United States geological survey and the bureau of mints, which have co-operated in preparing an analysis of the reports from private refineries and federal mints and assay offices.

of \$4,124,300. was third with \$19,329,700.

#### GHOULS TAKE BABY'S BODY.

Flends Rob Grave of Infant Son of Montana Millionaire.

fiendish crimes ever committed in this vicinity was brought to light when the sexton of Highland Cemetery found that some time during the bight the grave of the infert sexton of highland cemetery found that some time during the bight the grave of the infert sexton of highland cemetery found that some time during the bight the grave of the infert sexton of the population which lives on the farms. child died a year ago.

#### ASTOR IS SAFE.

His Yacht Was in San Juan After the Hurricane.

as the repairs were completed.

## VOL. XXXII. PITTSBORO. CHATHAM COUNTY. N. C., WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1909.

In Cher. y, Il'.; Mine. Cherry, III .- After more than one hundred and fifty bodies had been discovered in the St. Paul mine efforts to carry them to the surface were temporarily abandoned while an effort was made to check a fire which again threatened the main shaft, The mine has been sealed, and will remain so for weeks.

That no men survive in the mine now is generally conceded. An accurate count of the victims has not been made, but it is now believed all but a score of the missing The bodies discovered were found

Thomas C. Giddings, a customs weigh-on an elevated surface, where they er, on an indictment charging him had retreated before the advancing with conspiracy to defraud the gov- water and fatal black damp. They died after a strugle that may have Messages, scrawled on wood and

the natural slate cropping from the

one hundred and sixty of one hundred and sixty-eight. One message said: 'We are all here to die together." This is accepted by mine officials as indicating that many men whose escape from the second vein had been cut off by fire had descended to the

#### lowest level, and that less than a dozen bodies will be found in other sections of the mine. REWARD FOR BRAVERY.

Man Given an Orange Grove for Sav-

ing Boy's Life. New York City.—Benjamin Levin of 4946 Michigan avenue, Chicago, has given an orange grove in Florida as weighing frauds had been completed.
Some individual cases remained, howris of the United States signal corps, eyer, on which he might find it nec-eyer, on which he might find it nec-stationed on Bedloe's Island, for havcssary to take action, the collector ing saved Mr. Levin's 10-year-old son, Robert, from drowning. Mr. Levin and his son went to the island to see total of 83 men have been removed the Statue of Liberty, and while there by the collector since the work of the lad fell overboard, and the solreadjustment of the staff in the cus- dier, through an act of remarkable

heroism, drew him from the water. When Mr. Levin found it was impossible to obtain the soldier's promo-Canary Isla d Trembling Through Ac- tion, he offered him his choice between a life position in Chicago at \$150 a month or an eighty-acre orange in the path of the streams of lava that are thrown out by half a dozen ing it. Morris accepted the orange The situation is critical. The grove, and Mr. Levin gave him sufhimself and his wife to Florida.

### LUMBER OUTPUT FOR 1900.

Yellow Pine of the South Amounts to

Third of Total Cut. Washington, D. C. - Washington, Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas and Wisconsin, in the order named, constitute the big five in producing the country's lumber supply, whose valuation for the last year runs far above

Yellow pine of the south, which has been far in the lead in the lumber production for more than a decade, more than maintained its supremacy has a large organization in the field. than 33 per cent of the total cut from last year, contributing slightly more

all kinds. Louisiana was the heaviest producer of yellow pine lumber. Texas, Mississippi, Arkansas and Alabama followed in the order named. Oak lumber manufacture now centers in Kentucky, West Virginia and

#### WHY THE CHURCHES FAIL.

the administration as the ultimate re- Bishop Williams Says It's Because Church Doesn't Do Duty.

Kansas City, Mo .- That America is in a worse state of class conscious-J. Heney, the graft prosecutor, to his ness and social stratification than is old post in charge of the land cases England, and that the churches are in Oregon is said to be but the be- wasting time over the details of ginning of the upheaval promised in creed and ritual instead of being the leaders in declaring those spiritual principles which are the guidance of finds that Secretary Ballinger, in society, was declared by the Right connection with the Cunningham coal Rev. Charles S. Williams, Episcopal land claims while he was out of the Bishop of Michigan, in an address

"The masses are leaving the church rior department, the secretary will because the church does not concern either be asked to resign or be trans- itself with the vital questions of the masses," he said.

"We have no right to turn away a beggar because his breath smells of whisky and receive into the front pew a wealthy debauchee because he helps support the church,"

#### Newsy Paragraphs.

The Manchester, England, federation has recommended that the time curtailment now in force in the cotton mills be continued until the end of February

Mrs. Augusta E. Stetson, who has been living in seclusion since her ex-The total gold product was 4,574,- communication recently by the moth-\$40 ounces, a net increase in value er church of the Christian Scientists in Boston, announced that she has Colorado leads with a productive resigned from the membership of the value of \$22,871,000; Alaska was sec- First Church of Christ, Scientist, ond with \$19,858,800, and California New York, of which she was formerly first reader.

> A letter from Chief Forester Gifford H. Pinchot was read at the National Farm congress in Chicago, M. Pinchot said that upon the development of the country's farm lands de-

the grave of the infant son of A bill was introduced in the Cuban Harfield Conrad, son of William Con- senate for the establishment of a narad, the Great Falls millionaire bank- tional currency on the gold basis, and er and former candidate for the dem-ocratic vice presidential nomination, The gold coins are to be of five, ten had been opened and the body of and twenty-dollar pieces and the subthe shild made away with. The only sidiary coins of silver, nickel and copreason which can be ascribed for the per. The amount of coin issued is to crime is that the perpetrator desired be determined by a currency commisto hold the body for ransom. The sion to be appointed by the govern-

The arrival of the steamer Utstein at Bluefields, Nicaragua, from New Orleans, bringing ten thousand rifles and a great quantity of ammunition, New York City.—The Astor yacht gives the Estrada army complete con-Nourmahal was seen in the San Juan trol of the revolutionary situation. harbor a week ago by the steamer Estradia is now ready to proceed L. W. Luckenbach, which arrived against Managua. The rebels now hold more than half the country. The yacht Nourmahal was battered Word was received from New Orleans by the terrific West Indian storm, that Estrada will be recognized by and put into San Juan for repairs. Washington soon. It was reported It was Colonel Astor's intention to from Greytown that the government leave San Juan for Ponce as soon troops are bottled up there and are Eaves. ready to surrender.

#### W. N. C. CONFERENCE

Appointments Read-Change of Name of Church Discussed-Rev C. F. Sherrill Imprudent-Rev. H. L. Atkins Desperately Ill-Interesting Statistics.

The Western North Carolina Con-ference of the M. E. church South, in assembly at Hickory was saddened Monday by a telegram read at the opening session that Rev. H. L. Atkins was at the point of death at Banders, Texas. Rev. H. M. Blair by request led the conference in intercessory prayer for him and family.

A motive was made and discussed favoring the movement to change the name of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to Episcopal Methodist church.

Rev. C. F. Sherrill against whom certain charges were preferred was suspended from the ministry for 30 day, not for immorality, but impru-

The statistical questions were called and answered. In round numbers these figures show that the Church membership in the conference is now 89,000, a gain of about 3,000 over last year. During the year the conference has paid \$19,000 for foreign missions, \$12,000 for domestic missions, \$6,000 for Church extension, \$671 for Bible cause, \$71,000 for presiding elders' salaries, \$2,680.90 for bishops' fund, making a total of \$151,116 for all purposes.

The following appointments were read:

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT-D. Atkins. presiding elder. Asheville, Bethel-D. J. Miller. Central-G. H. Detwiler. Haywood Street—T. L. Lallance. North Asheville—C. C. Marley. Bald Creek Circuit-W. L. Edwards.

Biltmore and Mount Pleasant .-- C. H. Christenbury. Burnsville Station-A. F. Rutledge. Burnsville Circuit - Rufus

Elk Mountain-Elmer Simpson. Fairview Circuit-J. A. Fry. Hendersonville Circuit.-C.

Hot Springs Circuit--C. R. Aldson. Marshall-E. O. Lawton. Mars Hill-L. H. Griffith. Riverside-To be suplied. Swannaona Circuit-D. R. Uroffitt. Tryon and Saluda-W. A. Newell. Weaverville Station-W. E. Poovey Weaversville Circuit-C. L. Keever.

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT-H. K. Boyer, Presiding Elder. Charlotte, Belmont Park-L. A.

Brevard Street-Ira Irwin. Calvary-E. E. Williamson. Chadwick and Seversville-H. H.

Dilworth and Big Springs-A. L. North Charlotte-W. O. Goode. Trinity-E. L. Bain A. W. Plyler

assistant. Tryon Street-G. T. Rowe, W. L. Nicholson, suernumerary. Derita-Seymour Taylor. Lilesville-C. H. Clyde. Matthews-E. J. Poe.

Monroe, Central-H. F. Chreitz-Morven-To be supplied. Mount Zion-J. W. Clegg. North Monroe and Icemorlee-W.

T. Albright. Pineville-W. S. Hales. Polkton-L. T. Cordell. Prospect-C. C. Brinkman. Unionville-A. J. Burns. Wadesboro-J. H. West. Waxhaw-C. M. Campbell. Weddington-J. H. Bradley.

Principal Wedington Academy, J M. Downum; principal Piedmont Industrial school, J. A. Baldwin; missionary to Japan, S. A. Stewart; student Vanderbilt University, N. S.

FRANKIJN DISTRICT-J. E. Gay,

· Presiding Elder. Andrews tSation-L. D. Thompson. Bryson City and Whittier-A. S.

Dillsboro and Sylva-C. H. Neal. Franklin Circuit-W. I. Hughes. Franklin Station-M. F. More. Glenville Circuit-R. L. Andrews. Hayesville-J. R. Warren. Hiawassee Circuit-Guy Bryant. West Market-E. K. McLarty. Maco Circuit-A. W. Jacobs. Murphy Station-W. E. Abernethy. Murphy Circuit-J. H. Hopkins. Robbinsville-A. F. Foster. Webster Circuit-J. A. Peeler.

GREENSBORO DISTRICT-W. R. Ware, Presiding Elder. Asheboro Circuit-James Wilson. Ashboro Station-C. A. Wood. Coleridge-R. L. Fruit. Denton-H. V. Clarke. East Greensbero-S. T. Barber. Greensboro, Caraway Memorial--S. B Richardson. Centenary - D. M. Litaker, W. L.

Grissom, assistant.

Spring Garden Street--J. W. Long. Walnut Street-J. W. Ingle. West Market-E. K. McLarty. West Greensboro-W. L. Dawson. High Point, South Main-O. P. Ader.

Washington Street-J. E. Thomp-Liberty-C. H. Caviness. Pleasant Garden-R. A. Taylor. Ramseur and Franklinville-J. E. Woosley.

Randleman and Naomi-G. E. Randolph Circuit-L. E. Stacy.

Reidsville Station-L. T. Mann. Ruffing Circuit-J. F. Hornbuckle. Uwharie-J. A. Sharpe. Wentworth-A. L. Aycock. Editor North Carolina Christian Advocate, H. M. Blair, assistan editor, W. L. Sherrill; secretary-treasurer Greensboro College, W. M. Curtis; missionary to Korea, J. R. Moore.

MORGANTON DISTRICT-R. M Hoyle, Presiding Elder. Bakersville-M. A. Osborn. Broad River-J. L. Meneer. Cliffside-A. C. Swafford. Connelly Springs-E. C. Puzey; R. . Abernethy, superintendent. Elk Park—William M. Johnson.

Green River-W. S. Cherry. Forest City-J. F. Moser. Henrietta and Caroleen-L. P. Morganton Station--W. T. Womble. Morgan Circuit-E. M. Modling.

Marion Station-H. H. Jordan.

McDowell Circuit-D S. Richard-

North Catawba-J. J. Brooks. Old Fort-W. C. Malone. Rutherfordton-T. J. Rogers; J. B. Carpenter, assistant. Rutheford College-E. E. Cree. Spruce Pine-E. E. Jones. Table Rock-Albert Sherrill. Thermla City--J. E. Womack. Hartland-M. E. Tuttle.

MOUNT AIRY DISTRICT-R. M. Taylor, Presidin; Elder. Boone Circuit-T. F. Weaver. Creston Circuit-E. M. Jackson. Elkin Station-R. C. Tuttle. Danbury Circuit-D. A. Finkley. East Bend Circuit-J. S. Mock. Helton-E. L. Doggett. Jefferson Circuit-F. L. Shore. Jonesville-W. T. Carner. Laurel Springs Circuit-O. P.

Routh. Mount Airy Circuit -- J D. Gibson. Mount Airy Station-J. F. Elk. Wilkesboro Station-Z.

Parris. Pilot Mountain Circuit-J. C. Rich-

ardson. Rockford Circuit .- T. J. Houck. Rural Hall Circuit-C. A. Swift. Sparta Circuit--J. C. Keever. Watauga Circuit-B. F. Fincher. Wilkes Circuit-J. W. Kennedy. Wilkesboro Station-B. F. Hargett Yadkinville Circuit-B. A. Tork. Student Vanderbilt, W. O. Rudisill

SALISBURY DISTRICT-J. Rowe, Presiding Eder. Albemarle Station-E. C. Sprinkle. Albemarle Circuit-P. W. Tucker. Bethel and Big Lick-S. S. Higgins, China Grove-J. J. Eads.

Concord Central-P. T. Durham. Epworth-J. A. J. Farrington. Forest Hill-W. L. Hutchins. West Concord-W. C. Jones. Concord Circuit-W. P. McGhee. Cottonville Circuit-E. A. Wiley. Jackson Hill Circuit-E. M. Avett. Kannapolis-W. B. Shinn. Lexington Station-A. L. Stanford. Linwood Circuit-A. R. Surratt. Mount Pleasant-N. R. Richardson New London Circuit-O, J. Jones. Norwood Station-T. E. Wagg. Salem Sation-G. A. Stamper. Salisbury, First Church-S. P. Tur

entine. Holmes Memorial--C. M. Short. South Main Street-W. O. Davis. Salisbury Circuit-J. T. Stover. Spencer Station-R. D. Sherrill. East Spencer, North Main-C. A. B. Holderby; J. P. Lunning, supernum-

Woodleaf Circuit-M. B. Riden-Principal New London High School -J. D. Rankin.

SHELBY DISTRICT-J. R. Scroggs. Presiding Elder. Belwood Circuit-W. V. Hunnicutt. Bessemer City J. F. Armstrong. Cherryville, Melton Crouse-M. B.

Clegg. El Bethel-E. G. Kilgore. Gastonia, Main Street-G. D. Her-West End and Franklin Avenue-J

C. Harmon. Ozark-N. C. Smith. Kings Mountain-D. F. Carver. Lincolnton Station-F. L. Town-Lincoln Circuit-J. W. Strider. Lowell-M. D. Hix.

Lowesville-D. P. Waters. McAdenville-R. S. Howie. Mount Holly-J. A. Bowles. Polkville-W. M. Boring. Shelby, Central-To be suplied; A G. Garrett, supernumerary.

Lafayette Street-T. E. Smiley. Shelby Circuit-E. M. Crowder. South Fork-H. G. Stamey. Stanley Creek-B. Wilson. Wayesworth-J. Frank Harrison.

STATESVILLE DISTRICT-J. N. Huggins, Presiding Elder. Alexander Circuit-E. Mevers. Caldwell Circuit-J. C. W. Hollo-

Catawba Circuit-J. M. Price. East Monbo-To be supplied. Davidson-R. E. Atkinson. Granite Falls-W. F. Sanford. Hickory Circuit-P. E. Brittain. Hickory Station-J. H. Weaver. Iredell Circuit-J. P. Davis. Lenoir Circuit-J. O. Erwin. Lenoir Station-C. M. Pickens. Maiden-T. S. Coble. Mooresville Circuit-M. T. Steele. Mooresville Station-R. M. Court-

Newton-E. W. Fox. Rock Springs-W. F. Elliott. Statesville Circuit-J. D. Rankin.

West Statesville Circuit-E. E. Yates. Statesville, Broad Street-Harold Turner.

Race Street-O. J. Hinson. Stoney Point-T. B. Johnson. Troutman-J. J. Edwards. Conference missionary evanvelist, D. H. Coman; president Davenport Female College, C. C. Weaver; professor in Davenport College, J. B.

WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT-W. H. Williams, Presiding Elder. Brevard Station-C. S. Kirkpatrick Brevard Circuit-R. C. Kirk ... Bethel—E. D. Stabbeler. Canton-L. B. Abernethy. Clyde J. H. Green. Haywood-J. F. Starnes. Johnathan-T. A. Groce. Leicester-C. H. Curtis.

Sulphur Springs-J. W. Campbell. Waynesville Station-J. H. Barnhardt. West Asheville-S. E. Barnhardt. Missionary to Korea-M. B. Stokes

North Haywood-C. E. Steadman.

Mills River-J. W. Williams.

Spring Creek-J. B. Parham.

WINSTON DISTRICT-T. F. Marr, Presiding Elder. Advance-L. L. Smith. Cooleemee-W. Y. Scales. Davidson Circuit-J. T. Ratledge. Davie-P. E. Parker. Farmington-A. C. Loftin. Forsythe-J. S. Hiatt. Kernersville-H. C. Byrum. Leaksville-A. T. Bell. Lewisville-J. B. Tabor. Madison and Mayodan-L. W. Col-

Mocksville-B. Margeson. North Thomasville—A. B. Bell. Spray and Draper—T. C. Jordan. Stockesdale-L. T. Herndon. Stonesville-J. H. Robertson, Summerfield-C. F. Goode. Thomasville, Main Street-Parker

Homes. Walkertown-M. H. Vestal. Walnut Cove—J. H. Brendall. Winston, Burkehead-W. H. Biles. Centenary-J. E. Abernethy. Grace-W .M. Robbins. Southside and Salem-T. R. Wolfe. Agent Children's Home-J. P. Rod-

West End-W. A. Lambeth. Transferred: W. W. Peele, J. C. Wooten, F. S. Love, M. Y. Self, C. R. Ross, M. A. Smith, to North Carolina Conference; J. P. Hipps, to East Columbia Conference; V. L. Marsh to Virginia Conference, and A. H. Wishner, Baltimore Conference.

# M.P. CONFERENCE CLOSES

Most Successful Meeting at Randleman Closes With Following Appointments. Randleman, Special.-The Metho-

dist Protestants closed a most suc-

cessful session Monday afternoon. The stationing committee reported as follows: Alamance, W. M. Rike; Albemarle, J. F. Dosier; Anderson, L. W. Garringer; Asheville, J. I. Williams; Buncombe, G. L. Curry; Burlington, J. D. Williams; Caldwell, H. D. Garman; Chatham, J. R. Hutton; Chesterfield, J. W. Self; Cleveland, W. D. Reed; Concord, A. O. Lindley; Davidson, J. W. Hulin; Denton, W. A. Ledford; Fairfield, F. W. Easter; Fairview, D. A. Braswell; Flat Rock, W. F. Kennett; Forsythe, W. C. Lassiter; Gaston, T. A. Williams; Graham and Haw River, A. H. Bryan; Granville, J. W. Frenk; Greensboro, T. J. Ogburn; Greenville, W. D. Fogleman; Guilford, J. H. Stowe; Halifax, W. L. Harris; Haw River, C. E. M. Roper: Henderson, R. M. Andrews; High Point, A. G. Dixon; Ivy, W. A. Lamar; LaGrange, J. H. Abernathy; Lebanon, J. H. Moton; Liberty, C. J. Edwards; Lincoln, T. F. McCulloch; Littleton, S. W. Taylor; Mebane, G. W. Holmes; Mecklenburg, O. D. Staey; Mocksville, W. J. Hackney; Monroe, W. P. Martin; Mount Hermon, J. A. Burgess; Oals Ridge, W. R. Lowdermilk; Orange Homer Casto; Pinnacle and Moun! Mathews; Randoiph, W. F. Ashburn; Roanoke, C. L. Whittaker; Rockingham, J. E. McSwain; Rocky Mount, unsupplied; Saxapahaw, J. H. Bowman; Stanley, E. G. Lowdermilk; St. Paul, H. W. Braswell; Tabernacle, C. E. Cecil; Thomasville, Edward Suits; Uwharie, Thomas Plyler; Vance, R. C. Stubbins; Why Not, J. A. Ledbetter; Winston Station, W. T. Milloway; Winston Mission, D. R. Wil- It is Believed it Will Affect liams; Yadkın College, H. E. Powell;

Medical Advertising in Japan. In future no licensed medical pracise in Japan details of methods of and dentists connected with hospitals not be allowed to advertise any information beyond that indicating their degrees and specialties. In this respect the ordinance approximates marriage not performed by the priest. perhaps more to the American idea of what is legitimate, for it is quite common to find in transatlantic journals small rectangular spaces containing the name, address and telephone number of some practitioner, with an indication of the branch or branches of work in which he claims to be especially adept and instructed. -Dundee Advertiser.

Welch Memorial, Thomas E. Davis.

lots of divorced people marry again, the rates of piece work.

Less Than One-Fourth of South's Acreage Being Tilled.

# THE COMMERCIAL CONGRESS

Startling Figures on Our Own Country Will Be Presented to Southern Commercial Congress.

Washington, D. C.—In view of the present and increasing depression in the rural and Lancashire districts of the British Isles, conditions which have been investigated by a royal commission and reported upon with genuine alarm, a paper will be read and discussed at the Southern Commercial Congress, December 6 and 7, on "Opportunity for Southern Propaganda in the British Isles." The paper will be prepared by Thomas L. Field of London, a Virginian by birth, resident in England in connection with varied shipping interests.

Additical subjects to be considered during the congress: "Neglected Agricultural Opportunities in the South," "Manufacturing Opportunities in the South," and "Colonization Opportunities in the South," will all have relation to the one great subject of attracting to the south elements of population that will strengthen rather than tear down the civilization of which the south is justly proud.

The committee on arrangements, at the headquarters of the congress in Washington, is already in receipt of letters from owners of large plantations and real estate men relative to lands that could be grouped for colonization purposes, and it is hoped that cerning his departure. I think that a safe working plan will be evolved from the proceedings of the congress. The South's Empty Acres.

State. Total Acreage. Improved. 8,654,991 Arkansas . . . 33,616,000 6,933.735 1,511,653 Florida. . . 35,110,940 Georgia . . . 37,564,000 10,615,644 that have been issued by those who Louisiana . . . 29,061,760 4,666,532 Maryland . . . 6,362,240 3,516,352 Mississippi. . . 29,671,680 7,594,428 Missouri. . . 43,985,280 North Carolina . 31,193,600 22,900,043 8,327,106 5,511,993 Oklahoma . . . 44,424,960 South Carolina . 25,916,800 5,775,741 10,245,950 Tennessee. . . 26,679,680 Texas. . . . . 167,034,720 19,576,076 Virginia . . . 26,767,680 10,094,805 West Virginia . . 15,374,080 5,498,981

Totals . . . . 612,096,920 145,185,999 The above figures show that less than one-quarter of the land area of the south is serving agricultural purposes, yet the distribution of rainfall, the steady temperature, the long growing seasons, the varieties of soil, promise pre-eminence to the south in agriculture when science and brawn

#### unite to produce the result.

RED CROSS STAMPS. Forty Million Dollars To Be Used On Christmas Mail.

Washington, D. . C .- While . Uncle Sam struggles under the load of Christmas packages in the mails this year, there will be forty million Red Cross stamps circulating on the mail matter carrying the practical message of peace and good-will to the

four corners of the earth. The demand for Red Cross stamps, always heavy at the Yuletide, gives promise of exceeding all records this year, and the Red Cross society is preparing to meet the demand by increasing its supply of stamps from thirty million to forty million. These forty million stickers will be

sold for the benefit of the Red Cross tuberculosis camps exclusively this year. From the middle west particularly comes an increase in the de to demonstrate his good faith. This mand, and in this the directors of the society feel a new interest in the work suddenly aroused by the mine disaster at Cherry, Ill. Relief supplies of all kinds for the

stricken people at Cherry are being sent from all parts of the country to that place in care of Ernest P. Bicknell, director of the Red Cross, who is at Cherry in personal charge of the relief work.

#### MURDERER HELPS MOTHER. Admits Double Killing So Mother May

Get Reward. Galion, Ohio.-That, as he said, his nother might get the reward, Edward Bachman, under indictment for burglary in five counts by the grand jury which he claims credit, that his ashere, has confessed that he was guil-Zion, T. L. Hunter; Randleman, T. H. ty of a double murder, committed in Gulfport, Miss., in October, 1908, during a celebration there. He shot and killed Policeman Lee Varnada and a bystander who had been deputized by the officer to arrest Bachman, he said. Chief Woldman communicated with

#### Bachman had been sommitted. POPE'S NEW CANON.

he authorities at Gulfport and ascer-

Marriages, Rome, Italy.-Pope Pius X has ordered that a new canon law be published before Easter. Although the terms are still kept secret, it is be- The dead are Mr. and Mrs. William titioner will be permitted to adver. lieved on good authority that the edict contains important modifications of the modernization regulations afmedical treatment or the history or fecting marriage. The issuance of Mr. Bork was presumably killed while success of such methods. Doctors the present law more than a year trying to defend his wife. The child ago attracted much attention, as it probably was slain because the muror engaging in general practice will marked another step in the fight of the vatican against the modern tendency of the church. The law affected by the union of Catholics and non-Catholics, making unrecognized any

#### SHIRT WAIST MAKERS STRIKF.

Total Halt in the Industry in New York Called. New York City.-What, it is be leved, will be substantially a total halt in the shirt waist making industry in this city was called when the shirt waist operators in shops all over the city went out on strike. The workers demand a working week of 52 hours in place of the 9 1-2 A burned child dreads the fire, ad hour day in force now, and an admits the Philadephia Ledger, but vance of from 25 to 30 per cent in

DR. COOK CANNOT BE FOUND

Brother Quiets the Exasperations By Saying the Doctor is Near New York Taking a Rest.

New York, Special .- Dr. Frederick A. Cook dropped completely from public view Sunday. Not even John R. Bradley, whose money was behind his polar explorations, knows where he is. Confiding his secret to only one man and perhaps to his wife, the Brooklyn explorer slipped quietly and mysteriously away, leaving behind a string of puzzled and exasperated friends, and a debate more acrimonious than that which followed his announcement of September last that he had discovered the North Pole on

April 21, 1908. Charles Wake, an insurance man of this city, appears to be the only one who knows the mystery of Dr. Cook's whereabouts. And Wake is firm in his resolve to keep his lips sealed until Cook himself sees fit to take the public into his confidence.

A New York dispatch says that they found Dr. Frederick A. Cook Sunday night, that is, an authoritative statement was issued by his brother, W. L. Cook, saying that the explorer, who mysteriously dropped from public view Saturday, was still in the vicinity of New York, recuperating. He was on the verge of a nervous breakdown and his retirement was absolutely necessary.

The statement, as issued by Mr. Cook follows: "Dr. Cook is in the vicinity of New York trying to get a muchneeded rest. If he decides to go to Europe there will be no secret conhis friends and critics alike should be charitable enough to allow him to rest until his health is fully restored. He has not been reading the newspapers in the last few days and is not responsible for the statements

were acting as his spo "In sending his data to Copenhagen, Dr. Cook has fulfilled his obligations to the public."

WALTER WELLMAN SPEAKS. Takes Strong Ground Against the Claims of Dr. Cook-Believes Him

an Impostor. . Washington, Special. - Walter Wellman, whose preparations for a conquest of the North Pole in an airship were abandoned upon the announcement of the claims of Dr. Frederick A. Cook and Commander Robert E. Peary issued here Sunday night a long statement in which he analyzes the narrative of the two explorers, declaring that of Peary 'preicse, workmanlike, consistent, credible in every patricular," and denouncing that of Dr. Cook as a self-

evident and even deliberate impos-"Cook's story is suspicious both in what it does tell and what it does not tell," Mr. Wellman declares. "He is generally vague and indefinite but, like most men of his class, altogether too precise at the wrong place. Nowhere does the story ring true. It was always an approximation of reality itself. This is true of his figures, his description, every-

thing.

"Those of us who have had a share in Arctic work," say Wellman, in considering his analysis, "and who have felt anxiety that no blot of fraud should stain the proud record of effort and sacrifice, had a first hope—that Dr. Cook would be able was disolved in the analysis of his own story. A second hope—that he was the victim of some hallucination of mental illness and himself believed he had been to the Pole though of course he has not, vanishes in the light of earlier and subsequent events. There remains, though one says it with keenest alternative that the journey which he did make, and the report which he gave of it, were deliberately planned from the

The gist of Mr. Willman's finding is that with his meager party and equipment Dr. Cook could not possibly have acomplished the feat for tronomical data are too minutely precise to have been made under the claimed conditions in the field, and that the explorer's dash for the lecture platform and his acceptance of "erowns of flowers placed upon his head by innocent women and children" before submitting his field rectained that the murders confessed by ords to scientific examination all conspire to his discredit.

> Triple Murder and Assault. Frontenac, Kan., Special.-A triple murder and an assault on a woman was enacted on a lonely road a mile north of here some time Friday night. Bork, Germans, of Frontenac, and their son, who was 2 1-2 years old. derer wished to silence him. The Borks were Friday night, when they started to drive home to Frontenac

Kills Sweetheart's Father. Camilla, Ga., Special.-Pursuing his eloping daughter who had run away from home with Columbus Huey, T. J. Sellers, one of the wealtheist farmers of Mitchell county, was shot to death in the public road 10 miles southwest of here Saturday afternoon, when he caught the fleeing couple. Leaving his body in the road, Huey and Miss Sellers, it is alleged, went on, driving rapidly in a buggy, intending to complete the elopement with a wedding.

from the home of Mrs. Bork's mother two miles out in the country.