Crops. The report urges the necessity of striving more effectively for permanent improvement of soils and liversity of crops through raising all farm supplies. Attention is directed North Carolina pays to dealers in other States for supplies that could he produced on the North Carolina farms more money than is gotten for the entire cotton crop of the State. As long as this is the case the only cotton money left in the State is that realized by profits by the dealers | mills are complete. selling the supplies.

will he says, be the smallest per acre on record. This will also be the case as to corn. At the same time some yields of both crops will be abnormally large.

Receipts For the Year \$132,258.75. Commissioner Graham reports receipts of the department for the fiscal vear ending Dec. 1, 1909, \$132,258.75. The amount remaining in the treasary at the end of this fiscal year was given in the report. He report-1 \$15,000 paid on the debt for the A. & M. Agricultural building and a balance due of \$15,000. This he recommended to be speedily liquidated by special appropriation from the reeipts of the department.

The commissioner reported the finest agricultural exhibits at State and the district fairs this fall ever made in the State, due largely to the attractive supplemental preminms provided by the State Department of Agriculture He recommended that the amounts especially the department of women's work, be in-

He recommends definite effort and provision by the State Department for raising improved breeds of stock and cattle. And stated that the mountain test farms will undertake to demonstrate the possibilities of

Progress in Horticulture Shown. Progress in horticulture as demonstrated by the very creditable high premiums carried off by North Caroma at the National Horticultural Congress at Council Bluff in the contest with all the other apple-growing States, was presented with special ompliment for State Horticulturalist W. M. Hutt.

Treating soil survey work the report mentioned the resignation of Mr. brane to take an appointment in the Inited States assay office at Charlette and the substitution of Mr. Brinkley to take up his work in co-operating with the national government the last work being in Pitt. Gaston and Scotland counties, there being 22 counties and special sections aiready mapped.

Treating animal industry, the commisioner recommended the appropriation of \$500 for the preparation and distribution of hog cholera serum to check the spread of this disease, especially in Eastern Carolina.

He recommends legislation that will cheek bydrophobia among cattle, declaring that sevral thousand head of cattle were lost the past year from this disease. Cattle tick eradication was declared to be progressing well. Fine progress in dairy demonstratmg department, the department of entomology and in the department of agreemy were reported, special attention being asked to action to prevent the introduction of the boll weevil into this State which, he said transferd to recah this State frough natural progress in 1923. there was special mention of the

in conclusion the commission reperied that the new oil division turned into the treasury Nov. 30 the sum

COMMISSIONER M. L. SHIP-

MAN'S ANNUAL REPORT. Raleigh, Special.—The forthcoming annual report of Commissioner of Labor and Printing, M. . Shipman will show decided improvement in the chapter of farms and farm labor, especially in application of better methods of farming, in the efficiency of labor and an advance toward in- him.' tensive farming. The report declares that a gratifying increase in breadth of vision is noticeable among the farirers generally, says the report, due largely to the effective effort through the state department of agriculture and the special bulletins is-

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sued by the various divisions. Increased diversification of crops. Market value of 87 counties. Decrease culture Reviews the Agricultural in fertilization is reported in fourteen counties. The great majority of the counties. The great majority ward smaller farms. Reports from 95 counties claim that negro labor is unreliable. General increase in the cost of living is reported.

Report as to wages show highest average for men \$24.11, an increase over last year. The lowest average is \$14.76 an advance of \$1.39 over last year. Reports show financial convarious divisions of the department, dition of working people good in 20 perty that is now occupied by the counties, fair in 42, poor 30; bad 3. Improvement is reported from 71

As to cost of production 68 counties show cotton produces at average cost of \$33.39 per bale; wheat in 77 counties at 77 cents per bushel; corn in all counties at 53 cents; oats to the Lake Toxaway people." In 38 cents; 51 counties tobacco average 47.71 per hundred pounds.

In the general introductory to the to work of the department Com- brother as his guardian. missioner Shipman says the distrelin-Soil Improvement and Divesity of The effort to give statistics of organi- Washington's signature to the papers. given the right of way at both ends year but it is the purpose to have such a report for the next year, part thereof. Commissioner Shipman or Assistant Commissioner George B. Justice have gone into every section of the state He is now a farmer of Polk county, tention to more interesting if not to the fact, as he stated it, that wherever necessary to make sure of 3 miles from Tryon, where he owns getting the fullest and most accu- considerable lands. For the past rate reports possible. In spite of three months he has been working great effort, the commissioner says hard in getting up records and having it has been impossible to secure ab- a survey made of the whole tract solutely complete, reports of micel- in question. The lands were known lancous factories. Hoever the re- as the William Barton and Frank ports of cotton, woolen and silk Barton places, Johnnie Bagwell tract

> Politics in Great Britain. Great Britain is immersed in the po- ington Fisher and wife, Addie, is that litical campaign which has been in- his wife also says that she knows augurated by the refusal of the nothing about the paper which bears House of Lords to consent to the a clear handwriting of the signatures budget. The country is divided in- ofthe two parties. Fisher is a man to two great camps, composed of of no education and can barely write those who support the Lords' action his name so that people can read it. and those who contend that the House of Commons must have absolute control of the finances of the nation. There are, of course, many there was a jail delivery here, seven other issues, such as tariff reform prisoners making their escape and so versus free trade, but these are being pushed into the background by the conflict between the two houses. While the various local organizations are busy selecting candidates and preparing for the contests in their the escape. He is said to have serespective districts, the leaders of the great parties are carrying on a general campaign. The radicals, who had long forseen the fate of their finance bill, are not allowing the grass to

grow under their feet. In London Saturday afternoon one before. of their organizations the National Democratic League, held a demonstration as a protest against the action of the Lords which was one of the most notable ever held in the metropolis. Fully 20,000 persons, mostly of the laboring and artisan classes, gathered in Trafalgar square and cheered the radical speakers, who condemned in unmeasured terms the members of the upper chamber.

Snow Ties Up Trains.

St. Paul, Minn., Special.-Cold and snow are now delaying freight traffic on the Northern Pacific and some parts of the Great Northern railroads more than the strike of switchmen, according to statements issued by the general managers of those roads Sunday night. According to General Manager Slade of the Northern Pasnow and especially in northern Minlate in St. Paul Sunday night.

Southern Educational Conference will 30th of this month.

Verdict For \$7,500.

Oxford, Special.-A remarkably interesting case was argued in court here, that of Sidney H. Usry against Southern Railway. The jury rendered verdict of seven thousand five hundred dollars in favor of the plaintiff, who was sriously and permanently injured, by having his hip fractured. The accident occurred in September, 1908, near Oxford, while the train was at a water-tank. Mr. Usry 802.47. was suddenly thrown down by unexpected motion of the car.

A Good Trade.

In Demand.

"That's a very popular man." "Yes; he'll listen to the details of Journal.

CHARLEY'S SOMNILOQUENCE. "No," said young Mrs. Torkins "Charley wasn't playing cards las: night. He went to the theater, and the performance evidently pleased

"How do you know?" inquired the severe friend. "Whenever he gets anything on his mind he talks in his sleep. And every once in a while he would say, very earnestly, "That's good!" - pressed from Arkansas, Louisiana, Washington Star.

TAR HEEL CHRONICLES

News Notes Gathered From All Parts of the Old North State.

Claims Toxaway Site-Will Carry Case to Court.

Asheville, Special.-George Washington Fisher, a farmer of Polk county, it is learned here, claims that he is the rightful owner of the pro-Toxaway Inn at Lake Toxaway. "While I was in the asylum at Morganton for about one year," Fisher is quoted as saying, "returning in 1896, two of my brothers sold the land, of which I have an interest, making out the deeds, it is alleged, for the company the Fisher boys report covering the whole scope of signed the paper for their insans

Some time after the deal was made required reports has largely disap- that George Washington Fisher never peared, but there are still many that had a guardian appointed by the give trouble by neglecting to prompt- courts. So it became necessary to ly fill out and return the blanks. sign an entirly new deed with George zed and unorganized labor failed this |On this ground Fisher expects to win of the capitol and pressed through his suit and regain the lands or a

of land and a part of the Tom Cantrell lands. An interesting part of the deed covering this land and sup-London, Special.—The whole of posed to be signed by George Wash

> Seven Prisoners Escape. Smithfield, Special.—Tuesday night far none have been apprehended. One prisoner, a negro man, was

held on the charge of murder. It is reported that a prisoner who was a "trusty" was responsible for cured a file by which the prisoners affected an exit by sawing the bars to a window of the jail.

It is also said that the prisoners were on top of the cells when the jailer locked the doors the evening

Lee H. Battle Not Guilty.

Greensboro, Special.—The jury in the case of the government against and which he is expected to incor-Lee H. Battle, cashier of the City Na- porate in his message. tional Bank, on trial in the federal o'eloek last Saturday.

District Attorney Holton announced that he would not pos two other cases against Battle and he was discharged. Judge Boyd, in thanking the jury, said it was evident that the readjustment of the duties and power community believed Mr. Battle had of the Interstate Commerce Comcommitted no intentional wrong.

Chair Factory Organized.

the Murphy board of trade Monday night it was decided to organize a cific, freight is more or less tied up chair factory, to be capitalized at all along the system on account of the \$15,000. C. E. Wood, J. M. Vaughn and C. B. Hill were appointed to nesota and Norths Dakota. Pasenger solicit subscriptions. The stock was of the stockholders will be called at once, when officers will be elected along, it is thought the company will be held at Charlotte, 28th, 29th and rent power from the Murphy Power mediately undertaken, but to be con-& Light Co.

> 39,480,326 Pounds Plug. Winston-Salem, Special.-Local tobacco manufactories have shipped, the past eleven months of the present vear, 39,480,326 pounds of plug tobacco, an increase of 4,446,700 pounds over the same period of last year. The manufacturers have paid favor of the present year of \$266,-

Lincolnton, Special.-The entire Mamma: "Have you been taking plant of the Michal Gheen Manufac-

Lincolnton Mill Burns.

Parker, held each year in every part Polly taste it an' she liked it so l stroyed by fire at an early hour Fri- Take small pieces of the dough and stroyed by fire at an early hour Fri- Take small pieces of the dough and stroyed by fire at an early hour Fri- Take small pieces of the dough and stroyed by fire at an early hour Fri- Take small pieces of the dough and stroyed by fire at an early hour Fri- Take small pieces of the dough and stroyed by fire at an early hour Fri- Take small pieces of the dough and stroyed by fire at an early hour Fri- Take small pieces of the dough and stroyed by fire at an early hour Fri- Take small pieces of the dough and stroyed by fire at an early hour Fri- Take small pieces of the dough and stroyed by fire at an early hour Fri- Take small pieces of the dough and stroyed by fire at an early hour Fri- Take small pieces of the dough and stroyed by fire at an early hour Fri- Take small pieces of the dough and stroyed by fire at an early hour Fri- Take small pieces of the dough and stroyed by fire at an early hour Fri- Take small pieces of the dough and stroyed by fire at an early hour Fri- Take small pieces of the dough and stroyed by fire at an early hour Fri- Take small pieces of the dough and stroyed by fire at an early hour Fri- Take small pieces of the dough and stroyed by fire at an early hour Fri- Take small pieces of the dough and stroyed by fire at an early hour Fri- Take small pieces of the dough and stroyed by fire at an early hour Fri- Take small pieces of the dough and stroyed by fire at an early hour Fri- Take small pieces of the dough and stroyed by fire at an early hour Fri- Take small pieces of the dough and stroyed by fire at an early hour Fri- Take small pieces of the dough and stroyed by fire at an early hour Fri- Take small pieces of the dough and stroyed by fire at an early hour Fri- Take small pieces of the dough and stroyed by fire at an early hour Fri- Take small pieces of the dough and stroyed by fire at an early hour Fri- Take small pieces of the dough and s day morning. The machinery, buildings and raw material are a total loss. Insurance for \$7,300 was carried but the loss will reach higher figures than this. Mr. Victor F. Motz of this place was the principal owner your summer trip ithout insisting on in the company. The fire had quite telling about his own."-Kansas City a good headway when discovered about 3 o'clock in the morning.

> Plans to Check Boll Weevil. Raleigh, Special.—The North Cara regulation having for its purpose the keeping of the boll weevil out of the State. The regulation forbids the importation of cotton seed, cotton seed hulls, loose cotton in any fry in deep hot fat until a golden shape and baled cotton unless com-Texas, Mississippi and Alabama.

CONGRESS MET ON MONDAY

Appropriation Bills Give Right of Way.

LIVELY TIMES EXPECTED.

Much Interest is Manifested in President's Message on Account of Many Questions he Will Have to Deal With.

Washington, D. C., Special.-Congress assembled Monday on the "long session," which will probably run into the summer. Senators and Representatives who have arrived express a determination to take up the work of the sssion vigorously with the hope of having it well advanced before the holidays. The House is alreday organized by the election of Speaker and officers at the extra sesation, especially on the part of it was found that the title and deed sion, and the appointment of comsome manufacturers to furnish the of this land was void for the reason mittees, so there will be no excuse for that body not getting down to case of higher vacancies, of second business at once.

The appropriation bills are to be with all possible haste. When the Fisher was only temporarily in appropriations bills have been dissane, staying at the asylum one year. posed of Congress will turn its atmore important measures.

Here are some of the things Congress will find ready to hand to

Sweeping changes in the railway laws, giving added power to the interstate Commerce Commission. . An amendment to the Sherman antitrust act exempting labor unions from penalties for combination.

Subventions for the upbuilding of the merchant marine and extension of the ocean mail srvice. Authorization to railroads to pool

under strict supervision of the Interstate Commerce Commission. Legislation regulating the boycott and the issuance of injunctions

against labor organizations. Internal waterway improvements, according to the policy outlined by the President in his recent addresses in the South and West.

A proposal to reduce the present tax on oleomargarine. An investigation of the sugar trust scandal will be proposed, and may

or may not be undertaken. Much interest is manifested in the President's message on account of the great importance of the many questions it will have to deal with No presidential message in years, it is safe to say, will have been listened to with a greater amount of eagerness and interest. In the course of his recent tour of the country Mr. Taft outlined in his various addresses the views he held concerning the great public questions of the day

The President will propose to Concourt here for the past two weeks, re- gress important legislation upon at turned a verdict of not guilty at 10 least ten subjects. Each is a matter which will provoke discussion and arouse opposition in Congress. The chief subjects to be dealt with are: Supervision of the issue of stocks and bonds by interstate corporations; mission; expansion of the duties of the Bureau of Corporations; creation of a new bureau in the Depart-Murphy, Special.-At a meeting of ment of Justice to deal with violations of law by inteterstate carriers; establishment of a so-called "railroad court''; amendment of the Sherman anti-trust act; creation of a postal savings bank; ship subsidies; amendment of the procedure regardtrains are from, one to four hours taken up immediately. A meeting ing the granting of injunctions, and the conservation of natural resources In addition to these it is probable The 20th annunal coference of the and the business will be pushed right that currency reform will be recommended, not as something to be im-

tary Commission is completed.

French Creamed Dates .- One scant cupful of confectioner's sugar, 1/2 cup ful of water, white of 1 egg, mixed with water, add flavoring. Boil all together, allow it to cool, then work out to the United States government | between the hands and cut in pieces for revenue stamps, the sum of \$2,- large enough to fill dates from which by the New York coton exchange. By 368,819.93 this year, an increase in the stones have been removed. Roll dates in granulated sugar.

Dainty Molasses Wafers.- A scant quart of flour before it is sifted, 2-3 cup of lard rubbed into the flour. Then make a hole in the flour and put in 1 cup of mclasses, 1-2 teaspoon of salt, 1-2 teaspoon of ginger your cough medicine, like a good turing Company, manufacturers of and 1 teaspoon of soda wet in two on Saturday inaugurated a new de- "You see," he said, "I have already farmers institute work under T. B. boy?" Tommy: "No ma'am, I let sash, doors, blinds, etc., here was deroll very thin, cut cut and bake.

> Tomato Soup.-Boil chicken or the soup 1 can of tomatoes and boil one hour. Salt and pepper to taste. This will make four quarts of soup. Bisque of Oysters.-Let two quarts

of milk come to a boil. Take three pints of ovsters, drain off the liquor, put in a chopping bowl and chop fine. Stir two small tablespoonfuls of flour in four of melted butter. Put the ovsters in the boiling milk, stir in olina board of agriculture has passed the butter and flour, season with pepper and salt, let boil up once and

Fried Bananas.-Peel ripe bananas, cut in half, roll in eggs beater with cold water or milk, then in flour, and yellow. If you wish to serve them for dessert sprinkle with sugar and lemon jaice; if as a vegetable, sprin- which was offered two weeks ago. kle lightly with salt

TAFT APPROVES KNOX PLAN

Board of Examiners Will Pass Upon the Fitness of All Applicants For Position of Secretary and the Records of Efficiency Will Be Preserv-

Washington, Special.—To improve diplomatic srvice and to encourage and commercial foreign relations of for promotion to the rank or ministers, President Taft has approved a plan suggested by Secretary of State Knox, and published it as an Execu-

tive order. The new prospect provides for a board of examiners to pass upon all applicants for appointments as sec- advisers on subjects within the four retaries and prescribes the standard groups into which duties of the deplan to the President, points out the remarkable growth of the political and commercial foreign relations of the United States and the increasing difficulty of the problems to be dealt

Records of efficiency of all the unler secretaries will be preserved in the State Department and appintment from outside the srvice to secretaryship will be made only to the class of third secretary of embassy; or, in scretary of legation, or of secretary of legation at posts which have assigned to them only one secretary. Vacancies in secretaryships of the higher class will in the future be filled by promotion from the lower grades, and efficiency and ability demonstrated in the service will be the tests of advancement.

known to the srvice so that every man may know just where he stands. The examining board will determine the fitness of candidates designated by the President for examina- gress alone can do.

Washington and will be both oral and written. A physical examination will be supplemental.

Candidates must be between the ages of 21 and 50 years. The department will aim to apportion representation fairly among the States and Teritories.

COTTON MEN WRONGED

Commissioner of Corporations Denounces the Practice of Dealing in Futures. Washington, Special.—Both the roducers of cotton and the dealers in

hat commodity are the victims of the system of trading in vogue on the cotton exchange of the country. This is the burden of parts 4 and of the report of Commissioner of Corporations Herbert Knox Smith on the conduct of such exchanges. The practice of dealing in futures, as it is

caried on at present, is condemned,

carried on at present, is condemned the existence of the exchange. "The brief discussion of general peculation in this report," says Mr. Smith, "recognizes the possibilities for good inherent in a great central market like a cotton exchange, and he need that this good be developed

line with economic law. The report is especally condemnaory of the dealings in futures, branding this form of speculation as pure gambling and highly injurious to legiimate trade. In quotations for "future" deliveries of cotton, the market is so uncertain and so many elements of change enter into the transaction eotton actually in existence.

The effect of these fictitious quotations, the report points out, tends to mislead the cotton planted as to the true value of his crop, honestly grown. In addition it leads brokers to "play" both sides of the market to protect themslyes against loss in such trades, with the rsult that the producer is forced to pay in the end, while the farmer loses likewise.

The report, while recognizing that the exchanges in New Orleans and New York are necessary, does not put of coarse yarns. On the other mince words in criticising the New York exchange. After declaring that the New Orleans methods of conducting the transactions in cotton followed natural lines, the report draws attention to the fact that it has been proven that the abnormal depressions in the future price in New York were almost wholly due to improper artificial conditions now maintained maintaining them the New York exchange is responsible for a very real injury to the producer and mer-

King of Sweeden Mingles With the People.

In an interview, after it was all over, men with whom he worked.

W. J. Colhoun Likely to Accept the Chinese Ministership.

Chicago, Special-William J. Calhad been induced by Secretary of TO REORGANIZE THE NAVY.

Naval System To Undergo a Radical Change.

Washington, D. C .- Heeding the cry for reform in naval affairs, Secretary Meyer has inaugurated the most sweeping changes in the navy department since the establishment of the the personnel and efficiency of the bureau system in 1842. Himself a director of banks and manufacturing companies in New England in times past, he hopes to put the department on a business basis heyond the dreams of predecessors. The keynote of his reforms is the subordination of the bureau chief of the past. Summarized, the essential changes

in the Meyer plan are: "The selection of four responsible partment fall, to be known as the aide for material, the aide for personnel, the aide for operations of the fleet and the aide for inspectors. Grouping of the bureaus into two divisions of material and personnel,

Establishment of a division of operations of the fleet. Establishment of a comprehensive

according to the nature of their du-

inspection system. Establishment of a modern and efficient cost-keeping system in the navy department and at navy yards. Separation of navy work into two livisions of hulls and machinery. Abolishment of the board of con-

struction. . Abolishment of the bureau of equip-Henceforth the officers who fight

the ships are to have more influence in the navy department. Chosen men from among them are All the secretaryships in the future to be the official eyes and ears of will be graded according to the im- the secretary, laden with full responportance or difficulty or other aspects sibility for their reports, but not his of the work done at each mission, hands. The secretary will retain his and these classifications will be made administrative and executive power for his own exercise, and that of the assistant secretary of the navy. All the reforms went into effect

the bureau of equipment, which con-

Four Governments Bar Mails to Such Stamps.

Washington, D. C. - Five foreign governments have placed restrictions upon the use of Red Cross Christmas stamps. Four of the countries -Great Britain, Orange River Colony, Southern Rhodesia and the Transvaal-refuse to admit to their mails packages bearing such stamps, and Germany admits packages bearing the stamps if they be affixed to the back of the letter or parcel, but not if they are placed on the face of it.

The postoffice department issued a bulletin saying that articles liable to sail from Panama to Corinto, with be refused admittance to any of the countries because they bear the stamps wil be returned to the sender if known. The loss to the Red Cross fund as a result of the ruling will be small.

LATE NEWS NOTES.

A ten thousand mile trip in a thirtyfoot launch is the program mapped out for Stanley A. Beadle, who arrived in Chicago. Mr. Beadle started his tour from Muskegon, Mich., and intends to return to the starting point within twelve months, his route taking him through the Illinois-Michigan canal, the Mississippi river, the Gulf and evils eliminated by regulations in of Mexico and around the Atlantic seaboard to the Gulf of St. Laurence up the St. Lawrence river and through the Grea Lakes back to Mus-

A \$1,000,000 mortgage has been re corded in Murphy, N. C., to secure a loan to a like sum, the right of way has been purchased and a one hundred and fifty-foot dam will be built on Hiawassee river below Murphy, that all bids are made at a much in Cherokee county, which will furower figure than those offered for nish power for the copper mines at Ducktown, Tenn., and other cities within a radius of one hundred miles. Partly as a result of new economic

conditions and partly as a result of those causes which brought about the curtailment movement among the but widespread and general revolution is setting in among southern manufacturers that may have the effect of the determination of manufacturers to make finer goods in both yarns and in cottons. This will be of value, because it will reduce the outhand, the better grade of goods and the finer yarns will bring to the pro-

Under a recent ruling of the commissioner of internal revenue, druggists who put up alcoholic medicinal compounds must pay a special tax uplifted, and they, in turn, are now as rectifiers if the compounds are not spreading their knowledge into every sufficiently medicated so as to be un- cotton field and pine belt south of the suitable for use as a beverage.

Louis Greenberg, a diminutive New York newsboy, came to Washington to see the president. The boy was plainly disappointed when told that the president, who was at a cab inet meeting, was too busy to see him, and declared he would remain Stockholm, By Cable.King Gustave here until he does see the president.

A proposal that the government beef four hours, then strain; add to the King said that this was only the shall enter suit against the state of living in a barn with her child. Mrs. beginning. He intended to mix with Colorado to recover the value of thir- Phillips said her husband had sold her all classes of laborers, so that he ty-five thousand acres of mineral to Smith for \$1.50 and that Smith might ascertain their opinions and land, which, it is alleged, passed into had turned her out. When arrested wishes. Already he added, he had ob- state control through misrepresenta- Smith admitted that he had lived with tained many valuable hints from the tion, is under consideration by the the woman, but said he did not know department of justice.

> Officers of the Pie Salesman's union of New York sert word to Washington that Papin and Rankin, Life Sentence for Boy Who Killed His houn, a Chicago attorney and diplo- the members who were intrusted with mat, Sunday night admitted that Sec- the delivery of the big Thanksgiving retary of State Knox had offered him mince pie to President Taft, have disthe post of minister to China. The ad- appeared. Papin and Rankin were mission came in denial of a report scleeted to deliver the pic because father, Judge Hargis, the noted feud-that he had declined to accept the of- of their record for trustworthiness, ist of Jackson, Ky. fer. Mr. Calhoun explained that he according to their comrades. They State Knox to reconsider a determination not to accept the appointment ported and at present their where in the penitentiary.

ZELAYA WILL PROTEST

will be made.

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FORCES MOVE ON NICARAGUA

President of Nicaragua Will Be Held Personally Responsible for the Death of Two Americans.

Washington, D. C .- President Zeaya has not only refused to take official cognizance of Secretary Knox's note, which was practically an ultimatum, but he is declared to have dispatched special agents to Washington to endeavor to have the state department's ultimatum set aside, first by appeals to that department, and, secondly, by direct appeals to members of congress. The state department is entirely aware of the presence and identity of these emissaries. While they are being watched in a general way, the United States is maintaining over them, nothing could

be construed as espionage. In addition to this, it was reported that any attempt that Zelaya might make to escape from the country would receive the direct and vigorour attention of the American warships now lying off the coats of Nicaragua. Secretary Knox's note intimated in the plainest language that the state department looks upon Zelaya as the man responsible for the torture and death of the two Ameri-

cans, Groce and Cannon. Naval forces of the United States are being moved forward to both coasts of Central America, for the purpose of protecting American life and property in Nicaragua by force of arms, if the necessity arises.

With the departure from Philadel-December 1, except the abolishing of phia of the troopship Prairie, with 700 marines aboard, for the Isthmus of Panama, and, if it be so decreed, for Nicaragua, and with the sailing The examinations will be held at RESTRICTIONS ON RED CROSS STAMPS from Magdalena bay of the protected cruiser Albany and the gunboat Yorktown for Corinto, on the Pacific coast of Nicaragua, the warlike activity of the navy department was becoming manifest on both oceans that wash the Nicaraguan shores.

Besides, the cruisers DesMoines and Tacoma and the gunboat Marietta are lying off Port Limon, Costa Rica, ready for any call upon them, and the guns of the little gunboat Vicksburg are pointed toward the custom house and town of Corinto. In addition, the transport Buffalo, according to what is said to be the plans of the officials responsible, will probably as many as 1,100 marines aboard, soon after the Prairie, which left Philadelphia with about 500 ma-

rines, arrives at Colon. On the Albany are about 280 bluejackets, and on the Vicksburg, Yorktown and Princeton about 150 each. These, together with the marines, would make an army equal to any organization reported to be serving under Zelaya.

At the same time, the United States will have a formidable force within striking distance of the Atlantic coast in case of danger to American lives or property in that section of Nicaragua. At Port Limon, Costa iRca, are anchored the cruisers Des-Moines and Tacoma, each with 280 men aboard, and the gunboat Marietta with 150 men.

CHATTANOOGA SECURES FRANCHISE.

Little Rock Baseball Club Sold to Tennessee City.

Chattanooga, Tenn.-President O. R. Andrews of the Chattanooga League Baseball Association received word from President Rather of the Little Rock Southern Legaue Club that the Little Rock franchise, reserve list and other property had been placed in the hands of President W. M. Kavanaugh of the Southern League, wtih instructions to receive Chattanooga's draft for \$12,500. President Kavanaugh was wired by President Andrews to draw on the local club cotton mills in the south, a silent for that amount. This closes the deal for the transfer.

CARNEGIE'S ANCESTORS.

Lowest Negro in the South Excels Millionaire's Forbears.

New York City.—Andrew Carnegie said that the lowest negro of the south is more advanced than were his (Carnegie's) ancestors in Scotducer quicker buyers and better land 200 years ago. He was speaking before the Armstrong Associa-

"Talk about uplifting the negro race," declared Mr. Carnegie, "those who have attended the industrial institutions now established are already

WIFE SOLD FOR \$1.50.

Buyer Gets Tired of Bargain and is Arrested.

Buffalo, N. Y .- Ernest Phillips of Akron and Edward Smith, a farmer near Lockport, was held for the grand jury on a charge of violating ties when Phillips' wife appeared to the police for aid. She was found she was Phillips' wife.

BEACH HARGIS SENTENCED.

Frankfort, Ky.-The court of appeals affirmed the life sentence given Beach Hargis for the murder of his

Young Hargis' mother employed the were to recport on Thanksgiving highest priced lawyers in the state