

WAR DECLARED  
ON INSURGENTS  
BY PRESIDENT

Taft Will Retaliate  
Republicans in Congress Who  
Oppose the Administration Pol-  
icies Find Their Patronage Cut  
Off or Held Up.

HOW LID CAME OFF

Washington, Jan. 6.—War without  
quarter will be waged between the  
Taft administration and such Repub-  
lican insurgents in Congress as op-  
pose the Taft legislative program.

The battle broke suddenly today.  
The substance of it is, that the Sen-  
ators and Representatives who have  
taken a stand against the present ad-  
ministrative and who continue to  
align themselves with the opposition  
to the President's policies are to re-  
ceive no consideration in matters of  
patronage.

Utterances such as that made by  
Senator Cummins at a recent dinner  
in Des Moines, by Senator Bristol in  
previous speeches, anti-Taft articles  
in Senator La Follette's magazine,  
and a recent interview by Senator  
Clapp on the price of foodstuffs, are  
said to have stirred the President to  
action.

Taft Will Retaliate.  
It had been reported further that  
some of the Republican insurgents in  
the House have tried to secure ap-  
pointment under the administration  
of men out of harmony with the Taft  
regime. Mr. Taft's closest friends  
advised him that it would be impos-  
sible for him to afford sinews of war  
to those who might cooperate with  
the Democrats in Congress against  
the Taft legislative program, and in  
the country at large by creating anti-  
Taft sentiment in advance of the  
1912 convention. The President lis-  
tened to such advice and decided to  
follow it.

In support of the assertion that  
the battle is not with the tariff in-  
surgents, it was pointed out tonight  
that Senators Nelson, Brown, Burkett  
and Borah, all of whom voted against  
the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill, appear  
to be persona grata at the White  
House; Postoffice Department, Land  
Office and Internal Revenue Bureau,  
where Federal "pie" is served.

How the Lid Came Off.  
Representative Miller of the  
Eighth Minnesota District was chiefly  
instrumental in "blowing the lid off"  
the situation today. He did it by a  
statement to the effect that Postmas-  
ter General Hitchcock had informed  
him yesterday that Miller's recom-  
mendations for Presidential postmas-  
terships were being held up because  
of his insurgent activities in the  
House. He quoted the Postmaster  
General as saying, in substance:

"A great deal of pressure is being  
brought to bear upon me to withhold  
from the insurgent Republican Con-  
gressmen the patronage in their dis-  
tricts. I am very loath to do this,  
and the matter is still under consid-  
eration."

Mr. Miller said that he told the  
Postmaster General he intended to  
carry the thing to the floor of the  
House, but that Mr. Hitchcock urged  
him to defer any such action until  
the subject could be further consid-  
ered. Whereupon Mr. Miller agreed  
to await full developments before  
precipitating an open fight.

BARLOW & WILSON'S MINSTRELS.

Merry Performers at Academy of  
Music Last Night.

What the Raleigh News and Ob-  
server of December 31, 1909, says of  
Barlow & Wilson's Minstrels:  
The Barlow & Wilson Minstrels  
were at the Academy of Music last  
night, and the performance given was  
one that brought applause from the  
audience.

In the first part there was music  
with melody to fit the vocalists ren-  
dering some very attractive numbers,  
the comedians looking diligently af-  
ter the fun end of the performance.  
Some of the songs made a hit with  
the audience. The take off on Cook  
and Peary was very clever.

In the second part there were fea-  
ture acts in which juggling was pre-  
sented, Fred Robb in a funny skit,  
the international comedy quartette,  
songs and buck dancing, musical  
comedies and other specialties, going  
to make up a performance that was  
appreciated time and again.

At Brown's opera house, Tuesday,  
January 11th.

VASSAR GIRLS  
NEXT NUMBER

To Appear at the Public School  
Auditorium on Janu-  
ary 17th.

Among the most notable recent  
achievements of the lycceum managers  
in providing a high grade of enter-  
tainment for Southern audiences has  
been the engagement of the  
Eight Vassar Girls, who will appear  
here on January 17 under the aus-  
pices of the Radcliffe Agency, and  
the presentation at popular prices of  
a splendid attraction that has heretofore  
been monopolized by the large  
cities of the North and West.

The history of this remarkable  
company of accomplished young  
women is of itself a matter of no lit-  
tle interest. Ten years ago, or more,  
a wealthy and liberally inclined man,  
by some curious process of ideal-  
izing, determined, without regard  
to time or expense, to educate a dou-  
ble quartette of girls for concert  
work. He selected, from his own  
personal acquaintanceship, eight  
young women marked for their su-  
perior character and musical ability,  
furnished them with the means to  
complete their literary and musical  
education, and then awaited results.  
Five years passed and then the girls  
came forth from the schools. An  
initial performance in a big eastern  
city was an instantaneous success and  
since then for five more years, large  
and enthusiastic audiences in cities  
from New York to San Francisco  
have demanded return engagements.

For some time the lycceum union  
tried in vain to capture the double  
quartette but comparatively recently  
the temptation of a fancy salary pre-  
vailed. The Eight Vassar Girls with  
their splendid program of instrumen-  
tal music are now appearing regu-  
larly in a number of Southern cities  
and will be one of the stellar attrac-  
tions of the entire season in Wash-  
ington.

MARRIAGE AT BUNYAN.

Miss Harriet Cutler and Mr. James  
Shepard Married.  
On the evening of December 29,  
Miss Harriet Cutler became the happy  
bride of Mr. James Shepard. The  
marriage took place at Zion Episcopal  
Church, Bunyan, and was performed  
by Rev. Joseph Fulford, the rector,  
in the presence of a large company.  
The church was attractively decorat-  
ed for the occasion in cedar, holly,  
evergreens and roses. Miss Helen  
Finney presided at the organ.

The bridal party entered the  
church as follows:  
Messrs. Major Whitley and Arthur  
Cutler; then entered Miss Emma Cut-  
ler, alone. She was followed by  
Misses Laura Whitley and Alle Brad-  
ley. Mrs. Hugert Shepherd, the dame  
of honor, was unaccompanied. The  
ring bearers, Misses Ethel All-  
good and Ray Cutler, bore the ring  
on white ribbon. They also carried  
bouquets of white roses. They were  
followed by the groom, attended by  
his best man and brother, Mr. Char-  
lie Shepherd.

Next came the attractive bride un-  
attended, becomingly attired in white  
and carrying a bouquet of bridal  
roses. At the altar they were made  
one by the rector.

The bride is a daughter of the late  
Mr. Bartemus Cutler and is a most  
charming young lady. She possesses  
many friends and admirers. The  
groom is a son of Mr. Dawson Shep-  
herd. He is a young man of promise.  
The Daily News extends best  
wishes.

MATINEE TOMORROW.

The Gem theater has arranged to  
run a matinee tomorrow afternoon  
for the school children who could not  
attend during the week on account  
of their studies. There will be one  
price of admission to everybody,  
grown people as well as children, five  
cents. There will be four reels of  
pictures presented which have been  
shown formerly, but will be new to  
most of the children.

The management has decided to  
run this matinee for the benefit of  
the First Baptist Sunday school and  
the Delta Sigma Society. The per-  
formance will begin promptly at 4:30  
o'clock and run one hour.

BENEFIT LAST NIGHT.

The Junior Baraca benefit at the  
Gem theater last night was largely  
attended in spite of the bad weather.  
The program was well rendered and  
everybody seemed to have a good  
time.

The Junior Baraca class desires to  
extend their hearty thanks to all  
those who so kindly rendered assis-  
tance, and for the liberal patronage  
of the public. They especially appre-  
ciate the generosity and many cour-  
tesies extended them by the Gem  
management.

Miss Helen Keer left this morning  
for Norfolk where she will visit for  
a few days.

COMPELS CON-  
SUMER TO PAY  
MORE FOR OIL

Effect of Inspection  
It is Discussed by a Representa-  
tive of an Independent Com-  
pany—Average Virginia Price is  
12 1-2c.; in N. C. 15c.

MARSHALING FORCES

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 6.—A promi-  
nent representative of the independ-  
ent oil companies, discussing the  
North Carolina illuminating oil situa-  
tion last night, said that the North  
Carolina illuminating oil inspection  
act is having the effect of forcing  
the consumer in this State to pay a  
half a cent, and more per gallon for  
their oil than consumers pay in other  
States, notably Virginia. The pre-  
vailing bulk price of oil in this State,  
in fact, is 10 1-2 cents, and in Vir-  
ginia the average is something like  
8 cents, with cuts now on in Rich-  
mond and Norfolk, especially, that  
trim the price down to 6-cents per  
gallon. The average North Carolina  
retail price is 15 cents, while in Vir-  
ginia the price retail is nowhere over  
12 1-2 cents. This oil man said that  
probably the Virginia oil would not  
stand the 100 proof flash Elliott cup  
test, but that its illuminating power  
is even greater than the North Caro-  
lina oil and there are no accidents  
from explosions reported from any  
quarter. The contention of the oil  
people is that the North Carolina tax  
requirements are such a sacrifice un-  
necessarily illuminating power to  
flash-proof tests, and saddle a great  
burden of taxation on the consumers  
unnecessarily.

He says the independent oil people  
are marshaling their forces for a de-  
termined fight before the next legis-  
lature to either greatly modify the  
regulations established or wipe out  
the law entirely as an unnecessary  
burden upon the people. This oil  
man predicts that the annual revenue  
from this tax will be \$20,000 to \$40,-  
000, and that something more than  
general increases in the salaries of  
department officials and clerks will  
be necessary to keep down the ac-  
cumulation of funds so that it will  
show revenue on interstate commerce  
proving the act unconstitutional un-  
der the pending suit testing its con-  
stitutionality now pending in the  
United States Supreme court.

MARRIED IN ROCKY MOUNT.

Miss Lillian Savage, one of the  
nurses at the Washington Hospital,  
formerly of Speed, N. C., was quietly  
married to Mr. Jack Robbins at  
Rocky Mount last night.

BRIDGE PARTY.

Mrs. John H. Small Hostess Yester-  
day Afternoon.  
Mrs. John H. Small entertained  
yesterday afternoon at bridge at her  
home, corner of Main and Bridge  
streets, in honor of Mrs. James G.  
Stanton and Mrs. Fred W. Hoyt, of  
Williamston, and her guest, Miss Lot-  
tie Blow, of Greenville. A lovely six  
course luncheon was served. The color  
scheme was pink. No social function  
of the season carried with it more  
enjoyment. Those invited were Judge  
and Mrs. George H. Brown, Mrs. H.  
M. Jenkins, Miss Janie Myers, Mrs.  
W. C. Rodman, Miss Julia Hoyt, Miss  
Fannie Satchwell and Dr. A. C. Hoyt.

SALE POSTPONED.

On account of the extreme bad  
weather the giving away of 250  
packages and three loads of wood by  
J. K. Hoyt has been postponed until  
Saturday morning at 8:30. This is  
quite an innovation and no doubt  
will attract large crowds to this well

TO ENTER MINISTRY.

Mr. J. T. Johnston, of Belhaven,  
arrived in the city this morning on  
his way to Greenville, where he ex-  
pects to study under Rev. B. F.  
Hulse, for the Episcopal ministry.  
Mr. Johnston has been engaged in  
the mercantile and manufacturing busi-  
ness at Belhaven for some years.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

There will be an important meet-  
ing of the Chamber of Commerce at  
their rooms this evening. Every  
member of the body is requested to  
be present.

ENROLLMENT INCREASED.

The enrollment of the Washington  
Public Schools is now over 700 stu-  
dents, being the largest number in  
its history. The mid-winter exami-  
nations will begin next Monday, last-  
ing through the week.

DEMANDS RAN-  
SOM FOR GIRL

Her Grandfather is Requested  
to Turn Over \$10,000,000  
For Her.

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 7.—A let-  
ter demanding a ransom for Roberta  
De Janon, the \$10,000,000 heiress  
who eloped with Walter Cohen, was  
received today by Robert Buist, mil-  
lionaire grandfather of the girl.  
Mr. Buist would not divulge the  
contents of the communication fur-  
ther than to let it be known that a  
ransom had been demanded. As  
soon as he received it he communi-  
cated with his lawyer, Henry F. Wal-  
ton, who notified Superintendent of  
Police O'Leary. Buist, Walton and  
O'Leary then held a conference at  
which it was decided to ignore the  
demand for a ransom, and redouble  
the efforts to locate Cohen and the  
girl.

Mrs. Henrietta Cohen, wife of the  
waiter, defied the police department  
when detectives called on her at her  
home in that city and demanded the  
love letters alleged to have been  
written to Cohen by Miss De Janon.  
"Those letters are locked up in my  
trunk," said Mrs. Cohen. "You shall  
not have them. I will not ever let  
you look at them."

The detective then told her that it  
had been said that the letters were  
forgeries and he wanted to see them  
and satisfy himself as to whether the  
girl wrote them.  
"I do not care what you want to  
satisfy yourself about," Mrs. Cohen  
replied. "These letters are going to  
remain in my possession and you  
shall not take them away."

The detective then gave up his ef-  
forts to get possession of them.  
Superintendent O'Leary declared  
when he learned of the stand taken  
by Mrs. Cohen, that he believed she  
only had one letter written by Miss  
De Janon in her possession.  
"And that is not a love letter" ad-  
ded O'Leary. "It is a note she wrote  
to the waiter about serving meals to  
her."

The Philadelphia police learned to-  
day that Cohen was a race-track  
gambler, and owned an interest in a  
horse at the Tampa track. The search  
for the missing girl was extended to  
the South as a result of this discov-  
ery, but it was in no way lessened in  
the other parts of the country.

STILL IN RICHMOND.

Miss Wright Will Not Return Until  
Next Week.

Miss Mary E. Wright, the teacher  
of the kindergarten department,  
Washington Public Schools, is still in  
Richmond for treatment. She is not  
expected to return to the city before  
the middle of next week. Definite  
announcement when the pupils in this  
department are expected to resume  
their studies will be made through  
the columns of this paper.

WILL MEET IN  
OPERA HOUSE

Laymen's Meeting Next Sunday  
Afternoon.

There was a conference between  
the different pastors of the city and  
a committee from the Young Men's  
Christian League had at the Cham-  
ber of Commerce rooms this morn-  
ing. The purpose of the conference  
was to adopt plans for the laymen's  
meeting billed for Washington next  
Sunday, at which time Dr. B. F.  
Dixon, State Auditor, and Col. John  
R. Burton and one other, are ex-  
pected to make addresses.

It was decided to hold the meeting  
in the opera house Sunday afternoon  
at 2:45 o'clock. This meeting will  
take the place of the regular Sunday  
afternoon meeting of the Young Men's  
Christian League. It is expected that  
all the citizens of the city will attend  
this meeting. The laymen's move-  
ment is one of much moment and is  
rapidly gaining ground all over the  
Southern States. A rich treat awaits  
all who hear either of the distin-  
guished speakers.

IS INDISPOSED.

The many friends of Mr. Edward  
Long will regret to hear of his indis-  
position. He has been confined to his  
home for the past week or more.

CHAFING DISH PARTY.

Miss Olive Burbank entertained a  
few of her friends last evening at  
her home, corner of Fourth and Mar-  
ket streets, at a chafing dish party.  
This popular young lady proved her-  
self a most charming hostess. The  
following were her guests: Miss Julia  
Mayo, Miss Mary Simmons Jones,  
Miss Mae Ayers, Miss Mayme Bur-  
bank; Messrs. William Runley, Hen-  
ry Moore, Jos. Morgan, Shawboro;  
Thos. Payne, Jay Hodges and Lee  
Daverson.

MORSE'S WIFE  
VISITS HIM  
UNDER GUARD

He Adapts Himself  
The Banker Convict Tries to  
Appear Cheerful as he Quits  
Loyal Woman—Says She Will  
Free Him.

CANNOT EAT ROUGH FARE

Atlanta, Jan. 5.—Chas. W. Morse,  
or as he is now officially known in the  
Federal prison here, "No. 2814," had  
his iron netts put to the keenest test  
today, when, as a convict, he met his  
loyal wife and did his best to cheer  
her on to meet the future.

It was with faltering step and  
nerves on the verge of collapse that  
Mrs. Morse entered the prison, but an  
hour later, when she emerged, her  
step was resolute, her manner self-  
reliant, and she made no secret of her  
determination to begin anew a fight  
for the freedom of her husband.

What lines this campaign will fol-  
low have not yet been definitely fixed.  
"I mean to have my husband out  
of that awful place," Mrs. Morse said.  
"How I shall do it, I do not yet know,  
but he must be set free."

Mrs. Morse reached here at 10:30  
a. m. today and was met at the rail-  
road station by W. E. Reid, who has  
charge of all of Morse's manifold busi-  
ness interests. It was Mr. Reid's  
original plan to take Mrs. Morse im-  
mediately to the Federal prison,  
where her husband is incarcerated,  
but when he saw how nervous she  
was he urged her to go to a hotel first  
and prepare for the ordeal.

Mrs. Morse rested at her hotel for  
a couple of hours and then with Mr.  
Reid rode out to the prison, which is  
three miles from town.  
Banker in Prison Garb.  
Morse had just returned from the  
dining hall with 788 other unfortu-  
nates when his wife arrived. Morse  
was clothed in the prison uniform of  
faded blue, a loose, ill-fitting blouse  
and a pair of baggy, shapeless pants.  
He has not yet been assigned to any  
fixed task, and until that has been  
done will not have to share his cell  
with another convict.

The kindly veil of seclusion could  
not be thrown over the meeting of  
husband and wife because of the pris-  
on rules.

Mrs. Morse had to meet her hus-  
band in the presence and hearing of  
an armed guard, and throughout the  
time they were together the vigilant  
eye and ear of the guard saw and  
heard everything that passed between  
them.

Ordinarily visits to prisoners are  
limited to 30 minutes, but Mrs. Morse  
was permitted to spend an hour with  
her husband.

Mrs. Morse will remain here until  
Saturday or Sunday, when business  
connected with her husband's affairs  
will compel her to return to New  
York. Before leaving she will see  
Morse again, probably on Thursday.  
Mr. Reid will see Morse again, prob-  
ably on Thursday. Mr. Reid will see  
Morse tomorrow.

MORSE SHOWS COURAGE.

Morse showed his courage and his  
adaptability today by falling into the  
prison routine without complaint. He  
marched into the big dining hall for  
breakfast, dinner and supper and he  
made a valiant effort to eat the plain  
food set out on the bare pine boards,  
but could dispose of only a little of  
it. He watched the other convicts  
keenly and saw them extend one  
finger to get an extra piece of bread,  
and make other finger signals as re-  
quests for food.

ATTRIBUTES DOWNFALL  
TO BAD WHISKEY.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 6.—In plead-  
ing for the mercy of the court, W.  
J. Perry, a former rural free delivery  
small carrier who served route No. 5  
going out from Raleigh, declared to  
Judge Connor in the Federal court  
last afternoon that his downfall was  
due to heavy drinking brought on  
him by unhappiness over the fact that  
he was separated from his wife to  
whom he had been married only a  
short time before she left him. He  
had misappropriated small sums  
amounting in all to \$17.50, while in  
the mail service and had repaid all  
the amounts. He said that after los-  
ing his position he went to Rocky  
Mount, where the curse of drink still  
held him as a victim, bringing on  
him finally conviction for forgery and  
a sentence of 12 months in jail that  
he had served. Judge Connor re-  
served sentence until later in the  
term.

They say that figures never lie,  
and that may be the reason why let-  
ters are used for cost marks instead  
of figures.

\$200,000 FIRE  
IN RICHMOND

It Originated in the University  
College—Medicine, Den-  
tistry Department.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 7.—Fire which  
started in the dental department of  
the third floor of the University Col-  
lege of Medicine shortly before 4  
o'clock this morning utterly wrecked  
that big structure, leaving only the  
bare walls, ice coated. By the most  
heroic work the Virginia Hospital,  
which is separated from the college  
only by a bridge, was saved. Be-  
tween thirty and forty terror-stricken  
patients were hurriedly removed to  
residences in the neighborhood while  
others were picked up bodily by the  
first people arriving and the hospital  
attendants and removed safely to the  
Shelving Arms Hospital.

Some of the patients, ill with pneu-  
monia, were brought down to the  
ground floor to be carried out in the  
event that the flames spread to the  
building. In a way, the fire was the  
most dangerous the department has  
ever called to subdue.

Within an hour or so, however,  
the flames were under control. Sev-  
eral cases of heroism among the  
nurses helped to prevent a panic in  
the hospital.

It is estimated that the total loss  
will reach \$150,000 or \$200,000.

INFANT DEAD.

Seth Wilson, the 5-months-old son  
of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Whitley, died  
at the residence of his parents, Has-  
vey street, last night at 8 o'clock.  
The little fellow had been a great  
sufferer. He was the sunshine of the  
home and the joy of father and moth-  
er. The funeral will take place this  
afternoon at 3 o'clock from the resi-  
dence, conducted by Rev. Robert  
Hope, pastor of the Christian Church.

MISS HOYT ENTERTAINS.

Gave a Card Party Last Evening at  
Her Home.

Miss Julia Hoyt entertained at  
cards last evening at her home, Mar-  
ket street, in honor of Mrs. James G.  
Stanton and Mrs. Fred W. Hoyt, of  
Williamston. Bridge was the game  
played. Miss Hoyt was a most charm-  
ing hostess and the evening was  
greatly enjoyed. Those present were  
Mrs. James G. Stanton, Williamston;  
Mrs. Fred W. Hoyt, Williamston;  
Mrs. J. B. Moore, Mrs. A. M. Dumay,  
Mrs. L. L. Knight, Mrs. John H.  
Small, Miss Lottie Blow, Greenville;  
Miss Lida Rodman, Mrs. Justis Ran-  
dolph, Mrs. W. C. Rodman, Mrs. W.  
D. Grimes, Mrs. C. H. Richardson,  
Miss Lillian Bonner, Mrs. A. C. Hat-  
away, Miss Mattie Laughinghouse,  
and Mrs. H. W. Carter.

INFORMAL DANCE  
AT THE ARMOY

One of the Most Pleasant Social  
Functions of Season.

There was a subscription dance  
given at the Armoiy hall last night  
and it proved to be one of the most  
enjoyable dances of the many given  
this season. The music was furnish-  
ed by the Washington Concert Band.  
The following were present:

Mr. Richard Neal, Miss Barham;  
Mr. Harry Bryan, Miss Marcella Myers;  
Mr. Archie Clark, Miss Reba Dumay;  
Mr. Charlie Hill, Miss Mary Clyde  
Hassell; Mr. William Knight, Miss  
May Belle Small; Mr. David Taylor,  
Miss Isabel Carter; Mr. John Mac-  
Lean, Miss Mildred Davis; Mr. Walter  
Windley, Miss Hill.

YOUNG MAN IN BAD ACCIDENT  
AT CONCORD.

Concord, N. C., Jan. 6.—James  
Vaughan a young white man eighteen  
years of age, who worked in the Kerr  
bleachery, met a most horrible death  
yesterday afternoon by falling in one  
of the large starch vats at the bleach-  
ery and being burned to such an ex-  
tent that he died two hours later.  
Soon after the dinner hour yester-  
day the superintendent of the bleach-  
ery sent young Vaughan down to the  
starch room to stir the starch in one  
of the large vats. While he was  
working at this one of the blow pipes  
used in conveying heat to cook the  
starch, bursted. The discharge of  
steam from the pipe struck him full  
in the face. He staggered back a  
few steps, falling in the vat of boil-  
ing starch.

When he was rescued by some of  
the workmen he was burned beyond  
recognition. Dr. J. E. Smoot was  
summoned and used every effort for  
the alleviation of his suffering, stay-  
ing with him until he died at 5  
o'clock.

Morse looked out for No. 1, and  
now the Atlanta Federal prison au-  
thorities are looking out for No.  
2814!

FRENCH AVIATOR  
FALLS TO DEATH  
WITH AEROPLANE

Hurled to the Earth  
The Wing of Leon Delagrangé's  
Machine Snaps Sixty-five Feet  
in the Air—Tragedy Witness-  
ed by Great Throng.

THE EXPERTS FOREWARNED

Bordeaux, France, Jan. 6.—The in-  
fant science of aviation claimed an-  
other victim today. Leon Dela-  
grange, one of the pioneer aeroplane  
experimenters and a skilful pilot, was  
instantly killed when the wing of his  
Bleriot monoplane snapped off at a  
height of 65 feet and hurled him to  
the ground, the motor falling upon  
his head. His skull was fractured at  
the base. Death was instantaneous.

Delagrangé, the third man in  
France to make a public flight in an  
aeroplane, was a distinguished figure  
in the new sport before the Wrights  
were known to the public.

The experiments he had been carry-  
ing on here for the past two days  
attracted much attention. Early to-  
day a large crowd assembled to see  
him try to make a new record. On  
account of the high wind he deferred  
going up until later in the afternoon.  
When the wind died down to about  
twenty miles an hour he had his ma-  
chine brought out. He started off in  
very good style and accomplished two  
turns around the course with remark-  
able finesse.

Experts Forewarned.

But to the practised eyes of some  
of the experts present it seemed that  
something was wrong with the ma-  
chine. As Delagrangé started on the  
third round they commented upon  
the apparent vibrations in the wings.  
Then some one remembered that the  
aviator was flying with one of the im-  
proved models of the Bleriot type,  
which have collapsible wings, so made  
in order that they may be easily  
taken apart and transported.

Delagrangé was just making a turn  
at the conclusion of the third round  
when a sudden gust of wind struck  
the machine. The machine seemed to  
be making but slight headway and  
it swayed and tilted at a dangerous  
angle. Inch by inch the aviator drove  
it forward, the crowd stricken dumb  
by the obvious peril.

As he fought his way forward  
through the air, attempting to bring  
the aeroplane to an even keel, they  
saw that the wings were straining  
out of their sockets. The angle of  
the planes assumed unnatural slants.  
He had fought his way forward  
about eight yards and seemed on the  
point of settling to a safe angle when  
a sharp report was heard. Almost  
simultaneously the left wing was car-  
ried clean away and came whirling  
down, followed by the unbalanced  
machine, darting sidewise to the  
earth at lightning speed. The wreck-  
age hit the ground with a crash; the  
huge propeller churning around in  
the earth for some records after the  
aeroplane landed. When it was  
stopped it had torn itself into splin-  
ters.

The people who rushed forward to  
extricate Delagrangé found him  
buried under the mass. The motor,  
which had not stopped, lay upon the  
back of his skull. He must have died  
instantly, but his friends, who had  
seen him come scathless through  
many dangers, would not believe at  
first that he was dead.

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Mr. A. G. Smither left last Sat-  
urday for Petersburg, Va., where he  
will probably locate. He has been in  
the jewelry business here for a year  
or more. Mrs. Smither preceded him  
several days. They have the best  
wishes of all their friends here in  
their new home.

Mr. D. M. Packard left this morn-  
ing for Mackey's Ferry.

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mal called the platyon vagatus in  
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naturalist to write a magazine article  
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