Still stand the maples at the gate, The dark fir-trees beside the door; The bob-white calls his pensive mate As sweetly as he did before. 1 still behold my mother's face, Her singing voice drifts down to me; But vacant now her waiting place, Where she had always loved to be.

No more the footpath breaks the lawn, Its course is overgrown and dim;
My father never treads upon
The spot for years so dear to him.

No hand can stay the crumbling walls, The fearless weeds and mosses start; And every piece of Home that falls Rests heavy on my homesick heart.
-Rescoe Brumbaugh, in Lippincott's.

Those were unfortunate words for

-quick!" I snapped, with as much in-

cisiveness and determination as a mild

be expected to muster. Then I picked

to my burglar. "Now, my good friend,"

said, pleasantly, "seeing that you

have expressed dissatisfaction at my

The burglar regarded me for a mo-

eyes, convinced me that if ever a

paper-and perhaps hand down to a

He looked at me in apparent aston-

ing my watch?" I asked, politely, wish-

For reply the burglar sprang at me

Springing back quickly, I avoided

his grasp, and dealt him a chopping

I was sincerely sorry that the neces-

sity for violence should have arisen-

glary you have ever committed?"

enough.

conception of your calling. I shall be

exceptionally smooth writer."

AN EXPERIMENT :. : IN REALISM

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How the Jimmy = = = Supplemented the Pen.

BY JULIEN JOSEPHSON.

you have ever tried to | later he was with me again. He looked write a story in which a about him: then walking over to my burglary forms a vital part table, he picked up my unfinished manof the plot, you will agree useript, contemplated it a moment, and that for this sort of work- thrust it into his coat pocket. Then theoretically, at least-there going over to the coal box he scooped should be no time so fitting as the up a generous shovelful of coal and midnight hour; no place so prolific of threw it upon the fire, which had nearspinal shiverings as a bare, dimly lit by gone out. After which he calmlyroom in a rambling, deserted old almost fuxuriously-drew my chair up house, where cold draughts, and eeric, to the fire, laid his pistol on the table unaccountable creakings conspire to within easy reach, and proceeded to add just the right flavor of ghostliness | read my manuscript. He was clearly to the situation. It was exactly upon a most extraordinary burglar. this theory that I rented such a room | At first the unexpectedness of his in such a house in a lonely suburb of singular actions dazed me; then the San Francisco, and on a certain bitter boldness of them fairly took me off cold evening in December prepared to my feet. I watched my felonious

pass the night there. My desire was to work up a vivid able pride that he semeed interested in account of a burglary in all its fas- my story. Then a sudden wild idea cinating details-depicting the entrance seized me. Why not enlist the aid of of the burglar, the feelings of the un- my degenerate guest in the noble cause gives a loud sound. fortunate individual whose lot it was of literature? Indeed, could anything to be the victim, and all that sort of be more appropriate? Surely, I reasthing. Naturally, I spared no pains oned, it does not necessarily follow to make my environment as suggestive that no good can come from a burglar. as possible. On the table at which I And this one seemed unusually intelliintended to sit while recording my im- gent. The more I thought of the idea pressions of the situation, I placed a the more it pleased me, the more it loaded magazine pistol. The blinds I took hold of me. Still I hesitated. had drawn so closely that from the The thing was undeniably dangerous outside the room must have seemed To be sure, I had obtained my knowlto be in darkness. My only light was edge of guns on a cattle ranch, and a dark lantern, which I had bought felt that I could shoot about as fast that day from a benevolent-looking and as straight as nine burglars out of Hebrew patriarch, who recommended ten. But what if this burglar hapthe lantern most highly. He evidently pened to be the tenth? I had just had mistaken my calling.

, I did not at once feel in the mood had better he low until my knight of for writing. And so, as there was a the dark lantern had departed, when comfortable fire going in the old-fash- something occurred that suddenly ioned grate, I got out my pipe and changed my plans. As the burglar smoked until the midnight hour-with finished the manuscript, he yawned all the weird, fautastic images that it and laid it back on the table with the at hand. At such a time and such a place, sterile, indeed, were the imagina- burglar!" tion that did not feel itself aroused. I was soon scratching away quite mer- him. For no sooner had he delivered rily. I had been working thus for himself of this caustic and unmerited perhaps twenty minutes, and had just aspersion on my powers of characterreached the point where the burglar is due to make his entry on the scene. when I fancied that I heard a faint reached as if for his pistol. "Cut it out scraping sound at one of the windows. It startled me for the moment. Then I concluded that it was nothing, con- and peaceable author could reasonably gratulated myself on having brought my finagination to such a responsive up his gun and placed it in my pocketpitch, and laughed at myself for hav- after which I addressed myself again ing been frightened by a monster of

. I resumed my writing. But I had not completed a dozen lines when something occurred which was not indeed grateful to you if you will give down on my program. It was a repe- me some idea of what a true burglar is tition-this time unmistakably real- like. You will find my fountain pen an of the sound which had startled me a few moments before. In a flash I shot the slide of my lantern to, picked up my revolver, and slipped quickly and noiselessly into a closet. I pulled the then said, with a short, snappy laugh. closet door almost shut-just leaving a sufficient opening to smable me to see what was going on in the room off him. Then a sudden idea occurred without myself being seen. I did not to me. "Take off your mask!" I have long to walt. The window at commanded. which I had first beard that faint, scraping sound was slowly, carefully shoved upward. The blind was then cautiously thrust aside, and a masked face appeared in the opening. For a burglar lived, here was a choice specimoment it glanced warily about the room. Then, apparently satisfied with what he saw, the prowler raised the blind and climbed in softly through the open window. This was realism

I shifted my feet silently, and took a new grip on my revolver. For a moment I thought of sailying forth from my hiding place and giving battle to my nocturnal visitor. On second consideration it seemed better for me to remain where I was and await developments. Then if the burglar did discover my hiding-place, I would have a decided advantage,

While these speculations had been forming in my mind, the burglar had pulled an ngly-looking pistol from his four. pocket, examined it, and put it back. Then with the slide half closed he began to flash his lantern about the room. He was in truth a burglar to satisfy what way you expect your literary the requirements of the most sanexperience to be enriched by purloinguinary youth who ever reveled in a ing to bring matters to a head. dime novel. He was short and squat of figure, shabbily dressed, and possessed of a gait which for pure burglar-But I had seen his sharp eyes measiousness far surpassed anything I have uring the distance between himself and ever seen on the stage. He wore a my pistol-hand, and I was prepared. soiled muffler about his throat, for the night was bitter cold. Now catchblow on the head with my heavy pistol ing sight of my watch-which, in my excitement, I had left lying on the He went down like a log. table-he slid over to the table, picked up the watch, and after a moment's scrutiny he thrust it into his pocket and up to a certain point in our interwith a grunt of satisfaction. He con- view I had even hoped that I was tinued his search of the room, but about to secure some bits of realism could find nothing else worthy of his that would be real contributions to attention. Once he seemed to be look- the common literary fund. But as mating rather queerly at the closet, as if ters now stood, there seemed but one he thought it might be profitably investihing to do. So I bound the burglar tigated. I had a rather bad minute hand and foot with some rather feeble- official reports of the season's working just about this time, and felt greatly looking rope that I found in the closet of the Ceylon pearl fisheries show that relieved when he went silently from where I had been hiding. Then going it has been a record year. The Govthe room, leaving the door open behind to the window, I blew shrilly upon the ernment's profits will amount to \$830,him. For some minutes afterward 1 police whistle with which, in my stren- 000. and through the uncarpeted rooms of atmosphere, I had previously equipped the old place. I was just beginning to hope that he would find his investi- of blue-coats were on the scene—and a The system of di gation so harron of results as to cause little later the patrol wagon was clat- from the oyster beds is that the Gov- remained in the water too long and Socialist party. Several persons have him to leave the house in disgust, when tering over the pavement with my ernment takes two-thirds and the na- was attacked with cramp. He came his footstens now sounded in the hall burglar inside. At that moment he tive divers one-third.-Jewelers' Circu- near drowning another boy while the leading to my room, and an instant probably did not know just what was lar Weekly.

going on. No doubt, however, the true situation occurred to him later.

* * * * * And now for the sequel-which conerns itself with the fate of the manuscript and of the burglar. The fate of the manuscript, like that of the burglar, was cruel. After many trips across the continent, it was finally accorded an entire pigeon-hole in my desk, where it will probably rest to the end of my days. And the question of why an unavailable manuscript should be preserved and given an entire pigeon-hole brings me to the second part of my sequel. Shortly after the arrest of the burglar he was identified as one Nicholas Ware, a man wanted by the police in half a dozen cities. The aggregate reward offered for his arrest amounted to some two thousand dollars, and as the chief of police was a man of small experience in such maters, we divided the money.

All of which, I humbly submit, merely goes to show that the pen is mightier than the jimmy.-The Ar-



The remains of a big sea reptile, said to be the first of its kind known to scientists, have been dug out of the limestone in Humboldt County, Ne- headed by ex-Governor Chas. B. Ay-California.

About forty varieties of fantastic fish from the Bermudas are to be sent to the New York Aquarium. Over 1000 specimens will be included in the shipment, which is expected to reach Gotham on July 14.

Inasmuch as a soldier wounded in battle sometimes lacks the strength to call out for help, Dr. Matignon, a friend narrowly, noting with pardon-French doctor in the Japanese Red Cross service, has invented a whistle which, with a very slight exertion,

Since the first visit to the ice cap of the South Pole was made, some fifty years ago, there has been a steady recession of the belt of some thirty miles, and it is argued that in the course of time it will be possible to make approach to the pole itself, and hat the land in that vicinity may even become inhabited.

electric street-sprinkler. The watertank resembles that of an ordinary horse-drawn street-sprinkler, but the about come to the conclusion that I vehicle is driven by a storage battery, and is able to cover in a day twice the ground covered by a sprinkler drawn by a team of horses.

Attention is called by the Scientifiic muttered remark: "Nobody but a American to experiments at Harvard University which seem to demonstrate blamed idiot would act like that hat engineers usually underestimate the maximum loading caused by dense erowds on bridges, floors and platforms. Forty men, averaging 163 pounds in weight, placed in a box six feet square, caused an average pressure ization than I sallied forth with blood of 181 pounds per square foot on the in my usually tranquil eye. He

The plains of Hungary are well adapted for the raising of geese, and travelers in that country are often entertained by seeing, from passing trains, great flocks of geese feeding in the fields and watched by gooseherds. So many feathers are yielded by these geese that four "bed-feather markets" are held annually at Budapest, and at each market from 600,000 to 700,000 pounds of bed feathers are placed on

A Highwayman's Mistake.

No sympathy can be felt for the

ment with puzzled face. "I'm not a young ruffian whose misadventure burglar any more than you are!" he His statement almost made me drop outlying and little frequented boule- of his life my pistol. But I never took my eyes vard he came across a woman, whose reticule dangled from her forearm. Being a thief by profession and a cur by nature he saw an opportunity to steal. 'Give me your bag," he said, clutching Off came the black cloth. One look at that thin, scarred face, with its it. "Give it quietly, or I shall do you an injury!" Hardly had he said the crooked mouth and restless, shifty blue words than he received a blow between the eyes that sent him to the ground, men. But I determined to humor him. and, before he could recover himself, he got a kick on the jaw that broke the "That may be," I said. "At any rate. will you have the kindness to place en lower part of his face. When he was taken before the Commissary of Police he learned that the woman he had asgrateful generation of authors-a true sailed was the well-known Julia, a prodescription of the most exciting burfessional wrestler at local fairs. In hospital he will have time to meditate ishment. "Why," he replied, smiling tected female, especially when her broadly, "I'm a writer myself. I just effective.—London Globe.

fixed up in these togs for a bluff. I'm out for the same thing you are. I thought this old place was deserted. Brave Man Papa. That's why I came here. I'm an Am-Evelyn is the little daughter of a erst man," he said, with a tinge of Marshall County family, relates the pride that was either real or else ex-Chicago Chronicle. She is very timid. ceedingly well done. "Class of ninety-Her father, finding that sympathy only increased this unfortunate tendency, But the farce had proceeded far decided to have a serious talk with his little daughter on the subject of her "Will you kindly explain to me in foolish fears.

"Papa," she said, at the close of his lecture, "when you see a cow ain't you 'fraid?"

"No; certainly not, Evelyn." "When you see a horse ain't you 'fraid?"

"No, of course not?" "When you see a dog ain't you 'fraid?" "No!"-with emphasis.

"When you see a bumblebee ain't you 'fraid?" "No!"-with scorn. "Ain't you 'fraid when it thunders?" "No!" with loud laughter. "Oh, you

"Papa," said Evelyn, solemnly, 'ain't

silly child."

von 'fraid of nothin' in the world but mamma?" Record Pearl Season Reported. According to a London dispatch the

could hear him walking down the halls nous endeavor to attain the realistic Last year the Ceylon Government's pond a few miles from this city. Gilprofits amounted to \$350,000, which

WILL EXUM'S NECK SAVED

But He Promises Never Hereafter to Reduction of His Sentence-Governor Believes the Man is Worthy of Death.

News and Observer.

Governor Glenn has commuted the death sentence of Will Exum, of Lenoir county, to life imprisonment at hard labor in the State penitentiary at Raleigh. Exum was tried at the September term, 1904, of Lenoir criminal court and convicted of murder in the first degree. He was sentenced to be hanged. Appeal after appeal was made to the governor after the Supreme Court refused to find error in the ruling of the lower court. Large representations of lawyers and prominent citizens appeared again and agaain before the governor, some urging a commutation, while others as strongly opposed it. Once compell- fever there. ed by pressure to give a written statement as to what he would do in the case, Governor Glenn wrote that commutation was denied as Exum was guilty of murder in the first degree. At last the murderer's attorneys

vada, and shipped to the University of cock, petitioned for a commutation ernor have saved Will Exum's life. Governor Glenn's raseons for grant-

ing the commutation are as follows: ··On appeal to Supreme Court, no error was found in the ruling of the lower court, and the judgment of the court was affirmed. The prisoner under the rules of law, having applied to me for commutation from the death penalty to life imprisonment at hard labor in the penitentiary, I have read and re-erad the evidence and considered carefully everything urged, both by counsel for the State and counsel in favor of commutation of the prisoner's sentence.

"The prisoner, himself, acknwledges the great atrocity of his crime by filing a written statement, signed in the presence of witnesses to the effeet that if the extreme penalty of The city of Hartford, Conn., has the | the law is not enforced against him, distinction of being the first to use an | that he will never hereafter appeal to any Governor for the reduction of his sentence

"In my own opinion, there was ample evidence of murder in the first degree, and the prisoner would receive but a just sentence to pay the penalty if his crime by the forfiture of his life. However, nine of the jurors, the trial judge, the judge delivering the opinion of the Supreme Court, and another of the Supreme Court judges who had earefully examined the case strongly recommended commutation of the prisoner's sentence This is citizens of Lenoir, Greene and Pitt counties, and while a great many good men oppose the commutation, public sentiment seems to favor it on the ground that there was lack of premedi-

tation on the part of the prisoner. "Therefore, while I still believe he guilty of an awful crime, acting in favor of life, and on account of the strong recommendation of those who heard and tried the case, I commute the sentence from death to life imprisonment, believing that if I err it is better to do so on the side of humanity than run the risk of doing a

wrong that could never be recalled "The sheriff of Lenoir county is therefore directed to immediately take Will Exum and convey him to the proper authorities at the State's came recently to the knowledge of the prison in Raleigh, there to be conpolice and public. Walking along an | fined at hard labor for the remainder

"This, 21st day of August, 1905. "R. B. GLENN. "Governor."

Fire at Goldsboro.

Goldsboro, Special.-A small tenant house belonging to Messrs. H. Well & Bros., and occupied by a col-

ored man by the name of "Dee" Cole, situated on John street just opposite the cotton yard, was completely destroyed by fire Monday night about 12 o'clock. The fire was occasioned by the overturning of a upon the wrong of attacking an unpro- lamp. The oil quickly ignited and in a few seconds the building was in methods of defense are so vigorous and flames. Cole lost everything he possessed in the way of household effects, except one chair.

> Carriage Factory in Greensboro. Greensboro, Special .- A movement s on foot to establish a carriage and wagon factory, with a capital of \$50,000, on the Southern Railway just west of the city, using the property recently occupied by the Carolina Spoke & Bending Works. It is earned that \$13,000 of the stock has already been subscribed, \$3,000 of which was taken by a practical carriage manufacturer.

North State News.

Governor Glenn heard last week appeals in the case of Will Adams, sentenced to be hanged Monday. Efforts will be made to have the sentence commuted to life imprisonment.

Erasmus Jackson, a farmer residng near Fayetteville, committed suicide last week by blowing his brains out with a gun. In the same neighborhood. Mrs. Allen killed herself by jumping in a well, having made her will and left it in the Bible.

Frank Gilliam Drowned. Winston-Salem, Special. - Frank Gilliam, aged 17, was drowned in a liam, with several companions, were was itself a record.

The system of dividing the proceeds swimmer, but it is believed that he clude leading members of the Polish latter was trying to rescue him.

FEVER IS SPREADING NORTH STATE NEWS

Appeal to Any Governor For the Conditions flave Not Improved as Expected

MANY NEW CASES DEVELOPED

Chief Mississippi's Board of Health Announces the Presence of the Yellow Fever and From Six to Ten Cases-New Cases in New Orleans Drops to 31 and Deaths Reach Record Number Thus Far of 13.

New Orleans, Special.-Official report to 6 p. m.: New cases, 31. Total to date, 1,743. Death, 13, Total, 402.

New foci, 12, Total, 402. Remaining under treatment, 199. Board of health at Natchez, Miss., ronounces six to ten cases yellow

The record shows the smallest number of new cases since August 6, and the largest number of deaths on any day since the fever made its appearance. The unusual number of deaths is attributed, in a measure, to the change in the weather, Sunday being cool and pleasant, in great contrast to the weather of the preceding week. on the ground that there was no pre- Three well-known merchants are meditation in the commission of the among the new cases. Only two names & Loan Asociations in the State. The atrocious crime. This and the arnest that can be traced to Italian origin heart-rending appeals of the ex-Gov- are among the 31. Of the deaths, eight are Italians. Two died in the Charity Hospital and two in the Emergency. All but two of the deaths were down

> The principal news from outside the city was the announcement from Natchez of the discovery of six cases

Other reports from the country are as follows

Amelia-two cases Bayou Beeuf, one case,

Preah Grove, three cases and one death. Elizabeth plantation, one death,

Harson City, four cases and one

St. Rose, two cases, Port Barrow, two cases.

Ninth ward of Jefferson parish, one

Lake Providence, three cases Gulfport, three cases.

Mississippi City, no new cases. The Southern Pacific Railroad, at he request of the State board of health has put on a special coach for the accommodation of people traveling between infected points on that road. It will be run every other day. Quite a controversy has developed between City Health Officer Kohnike and Dr. Joseph H. Holt, at one time president of the State Board of health. Dr. Holt, in the course of an address before a meeting, passed some severe also urged by thousands of the best strictures on the city health officer, who, when he heard the report of the

> quoted. Dr. Holt has made a rather warm reply.

address in the morning papers, wrote

him, asking if he had been correctly

Fever Until Cold Weather. Pensacola, Fla., Special.-Dr. Porter, State health officer and assistant surgeon of the Marine Hospital Service, who is here expressed the opinion that yellow fever is not likely to spread in New Orleans as it has in the past, but he does not believe the disease will be entirely stamped out before cold weather. Dr. Porter said: "The time to commence work to eradicate the mosquito and to clean up is winter. This was the city the right to take over the trade. shown by the manner in which Havana was cleaned. Most of the work was done during the winter season and when summer appeared it found the city in good condition. You cannot expect any city if any size to be cleaned in a month or two months, as it rein condition.'

Kills Two and is Killed.

Selma, Ala., Special.-Oliver Lott, negro laborer at the lumber mill of G. Talley in Tunnel Springs, during a quarrel with John and Henry Helton over a debt, opened fire on them, killing John Helton and seriously wounding Henry Helton. The negro then fled and barricaded himself in a house. A posse of citizens under the leadership of G. Talley attempted to arrest him. They surrounded the house, but Lott refused to surrender, and fired on the crowd. Talley was mortally wounded and died a few hours later. The posse then fired on the negro and his body was afterwards found riddled with bullets.

No Attempt to Suppress Evidence. San Francisco, Special.-Referring to cable dispatch from Honolulu which intimated that efforts had been made sicians who attended Mrs. Leland Stanford at the time of her death, to modify their first statements regarding poisoning, Attorney Wilson, representing the Stanford estate, and Detective Captain Callunden denied that there was any such attempt. They said all legitimate doctors' bills had been paid.

Bad Freight Wreck.

Charleston, S. C., Special.-A local freight on the Greenville & Laurens Railroad was wrecked near Barksdale four miles from Laurens. It is thought that the accident occurred on account of an iron bolt on the track. The colored fireman was killed and Engineer J. L. Bearden badly injured. The engine and seven cars cars were demolished. There have been three wrecks near this point within the past six months and foul play is suspected.

Strike in Foctory.

Warsaw, By Cable.-The strikes in the factories at Warsaw and Lodz have ended. Trains are running from Warsaw on time. They are guarded and driven by soldiers. The wholesale been conveyed to to the Fortress of Modlin, because jails set apart for political offenders are full.

Occurrences of Interest in Various Parts of the State.

Charlotte Cotton Market. These figures represent prices paid to wagons: Good middling.. 101/2

Middling.. 101/2 Tinges9 to 10 Stains... 7 to 9 General Cotton Market.

Savannah, steady..105/s

Building and Loan Progress.

Insurance Commissioner Young says there is an unusual activity in the State in the formation of Building & Loan Associations. The last Legislature placed these associations in the Insurance Department under the charge of the commissioner. At the time there were forty-four Building remarkable success that has attended their work in the State, especially in the building up of the cities and towns where they are located, has prompted other business men of other places to take up the organization of asociations in their cities and towns. Seven associations have already been organized since the adjournment of the Legislature and samany more are now being promoted. Nothing does more to build up a city or town than a good, well managed Building & Loan Association, said Mr. Young, and there is no safer investment than the stock in one of them. They can run at the smallest expense of any business institution in the State, and many of them in the State, that have done a very large amount of business have a record of never having lost one cent in any busines transaction

Suit For Damages Instituted. Salisbury, Special.—Announcement was made here that Wright & Carlton, attorneys for the heirs of Watt V. Burleyson late of this city, have instituted a suit for damages in the amount of \$25,000 against the Southern Railway Company for the death of Young Burleyson. The latter was a private in the Rowan Rifles ,and while attending the annual encampment at Charlotte about tou days ago fell into a cinder pit, near the yards of the Southern railway, sustaining internal injuries, which resulted in his death. Through her attorneys the administratrix claims that the defendant company is liable for damages on account of permitting dangerous holes to remain open on its premises. It is also stated by the Salisbury Evening Post that the city of Charlette may likewise be made a party to

the action.

Owns Its Water Works. Fayetteville now owns its water works, the transfer having been made in the directors' room of the Bank of Fayetteville. This was done in nell, of the Federal Court, sustainproperty after a term of years by offering its value, set by a board of appraisers. The purchase price is \$79,-000, the city assuming \$55,000 of the company's bonds and paying the company \$24,000. The city pays its quires time and hard work to place it lawyers, the company paying the court

North State News.

Penitentiary Superintend Mann ays the crops in Hyde county are better than he ever saw them, and that they simply astound people from up the country who have been there this season. It has been quite dry through all that section of the State and no damage has occurred on account of rains which have caused such losses in a number of sections.

The Secretary of State is preparing abstracts of all the wills in his office, 4,000 in number, these running from 1700 to 1773, though there are very few after 1750. All names given in the wills and the locations of the lands are covered by these abstracts, which wil be printed. The wills have been placed in packets.

Ceburn L. Harris, expert of the Agricultural Department, has completed the inspection of foods for man and beast in this State in search of adulterations, and finds a very remarkable improvement over last year. The results will be given in The Bulletin for November.

A charter is granted the Regal Manufacturing Company at Forest City, Rutherford county, to manufacture lumber, capital stock \$15,000.

A charter is granted the Price-Hemby Company, of Price's Mill, Union country, to manufacture flour and meal, cotton, oil and fertilizers. Grand Secretary Drewry says the fire at Mt. Olive destroyed the Ma-

First Rail Laid.

sonic Hall and property there.

High Point, Special.-An event which marks a new epoch in High old daughter, after being divorced Point's forward stride took place from his wife, who had been given Thursday when the first rail on the In- the custody of the child. The kidter-urban Electric Railway, to con- napping took place in Savannah, Ga., nect High Point and Winston-Salem | and the child was found at Kersch's was put in place. The occasion was home, 966 McCulloch street, Greenswitnessed by over 100 citizens, who boro. Kersh is a carpenter. He was manifested great pride in the begin- married again last April. ning of a work which means so much for the development of High Point and the country between here and floor and hugs and kisses in costatic Winston-Salem.

NORTH CAROLINA CROP BULLETIN Conditions For Past Week as Given

Out by the Department. The North Carolina section of the climate and crop service of the department of agriculture, issues the

following official bulletin for the past

week: In general the weather has been too wet for the best growth of crops; the week has been cloudy and in many places rain has fallen every day. Cotton has been injured to a considerable extent by the rains, bottom land corn has been drowned and the land badly washed. On the other hand the rain and sunshine in many places proved very beneficial to most crops esepcially corn, but as many farmers still had their hay and fodder to cut and cure, the week was

the State was only about one degree below the average. In many places the farmers are ready to plow for wheat, and while a great deal of land has been broken, it has been too wet for plowing to be-

in that respect unfavorable. The

average temperature of the week for

come general. It has been too wet for cotton. In many sections it is making too much weed, and not fruiting well. It is State, and picking is in progress in be paid for the northern half of Samany sections but more common in khalin to the judgment of a mixed comthe east and central districts. In some cases opening has been caused by rust and thus it is somewhat premature. A few report bolls rotting near the ground and also of the coton yellowing.

While tobacco cutting and curing have been in progress for some time, there is some that is just about ripe in the western districts. The crop will not be quite an average in most places, while some report only a onehalf crop. Firing and specking has been reported in some portions of the central and western districts. In all districts cutting and curing are in progress. The cures are reported as fair, color good but leaf somewhat lacking in body.

A great deal of lowland corn damaged by rains; while many report an involving the real issues of the war, improvement in the corn during the had manoeuvered his adversaries into past week, others report too much a position where, unless they abandon-Corn, both weed and not earing well. early and late, on uplands will do fairly well, although the crop is not

as good as was anticipated. Most of the minor crops are doing well. Turnip planting is still in progress, some have come up, and a good vield is expected. White and sweet ootatoes, buckwheat, cow peas, water nelons are all doing well. In general the fruit crop is a failure, the fruit rotting and falling to the ground but a few report apples and peaches plentiful. Fodder and hay have been greatly injured by the rains in all peace is out of the way. parts of the State. Fodder stripping s under way in all sections, and in places there is lots of hay uncut, the

weather being unfavorable. Rains reported: Raleigh 0.81: ioldsboro 0.34; Greensboro 0.92; Lumberton 0.26; New Bern 0.68; Weldon 1.94 .- A. H. Thiessen, Section Director:

A Fruit Fair.

Asheville, Special—Representatives from the fruit-growing sections of western North Carolina met here last week to discuss the advisability and | may not feel that he can affor i to lay desirability of holding an apple fair in Asheville this fall. At the conobedience to a decision of Judge Pur- clusion of an interesting meeting it was decided to hold the fair from the payment of a kopeck of tribute. He ing the city in its suit against the September 20 to October 1, under the need not consult his imperial mater. company, under the franchise giving auspices of the Asheville board of He is a man of inspiration and he is

> North State News. The Loray Mill has brought to Gastonia about 100 people this week to work in the mill. There were two car loads of them. They came from Ashe-

> ville. Mr. Walter O. Cox, ay oung lawyer of Winston-Salem, died at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon at his nome in East Winston, after three weeks' illness with fever. The de ceased was educated at the University of North Carolina and for four years was county superintendent of public instruction. He leaves a wife, and one child, besides a number of relatives and many friends to mourn his death.

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eausing him to commit the terrible deal of money preyed upon his mind, fact that he had recently lost a great some time, and this coupled with the Hardison had been in poor health ier home there Wednesday evening, Mr. Wadesboro, committed suicide at his wealthy and influential citizen of Mr. W. C. Hardison, a banker and

Mrs. Ed. R. Roscoe, of Reidsville, was gored by a cow last week and has since been in a precarious condition. During a storm she went out to the barn to feed the animal and, upon reaching the door, the cow met her and bounded upon her, rendering her unconscious, and goring her severely. Mrs. Roscoe's body was badly lactrated and it is a miracle that she was not killed outright. The patient's condition appears some better, but

she is suffering intense agony.

Benjamin O. Kersh, white, was arrested last week at Greensboro on the charge of kidnapping his 8-year-

A religious sect in Maine rolls on the

frenzy.

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Japan Materially Modifies Terms of

Peace Proposition

FOREGOES QUESTION OF INDEMNITY

Envoy Komura Will Offer Envoy Witte a Waiver of the Claim to "Reimbuurse for the Cost of the War" and Will Propose to Refer to Arbitration the Amount to be Paid Japan for Evacuating the Northern Half of Sakhalin.

Portsmouth, N. H., Special.-Tuesday morning Baren Komura, acting upon instructions received from Tokio as a result of Monday's meeting of the cabinet and "elder statesmen" under the direct presidency of the Emperor of Japan, submitted to Mr. Witte a new basis of compromise, and that compromise, it is firmly believed, will insure

peace. The revelation contained in the announcement that President Roosevelt had already informed Emperor Nicholas, through Ambassador Meyer, that Japan was ready to waive the question opening generally throughout the of indemnity and submit the price to mission but prepared the way for Japan's back down upon the main issue. It had met with denials high and low. It was declared to be impossible and incredible. The Japanese declined to admit it and the Russians said they had no confirmation. Mr. Witte intimated strongly that St. Petersburg has not apprised him to any such action by the President. There was even a disposition to ridicule the idea of arbitrating the price of half of the islands. Nevertheless, on all hands it was admitted if Japan took this position, the ground was cut out from under Czar

RESPONSIBILITY NOW RUSSIA'S Mr. Witte, by consummate skill in conceding all the demands of Japan ed the claim for indemnity, they could be held responsible for continuing the

war for money. The Japanese, by now forzoing the demand for indemnity, practically turn the tables upon Russia and shift the burden back to her shoulders if she dees not consent to submit a minor issue to the impartial judgment of a tribunal. Mr. Witte publicly dissents vigorously from the proposition, and their will still be a struggle with Peterhof, but if Japan agrees to formally renounce all claims for direct or indirect compensation for the expenses of the war the big stumbling block to

RUSSIAN WAR PARTLY ACTIVE. Everything will depend upon the form in which the proposed is submitted. Shuld the renunciation be so coupled with the other proposition that

Russia could claim it was still only a disguised demand for tribute, the gulf might only be narrowed, not bridged. All the private advices that reach the Russian mission from St. Petersburg indicate that military party is bellicose, insistent that Linevitch be given a chance, and actives in its insistence that negotiations be broken off. Mr. Witte feels the pressure of this sentiment and as a man of ar bition he

himself open to the charge that he is temporizing with the situation. He has power under his instructions to reject out of hand any proposition involving quite capable, if the Japanese proposi-tion savors still of "blood money." to refuse even to accept it for transmission to St. Petersburg.

But such a strike is not expected. Mr. Witte knows that public opinion, both in America and Europe, as well as in Russia, would condemn him if he broke off the negotiations just as the way was opened for a possible accord.

Turfman Gets Jail Sentence.

New York, Special.-John E. Madden, the Kentucky turfman, owner of several fast horses, two of which were entered in the futurity, was convicted of criminal contempt of court, fined \$250 and sentenced to serve thirty days i nthe Raymond street jail in Brooklyn to-day for ignoring a subpoena of the Supreme Court of this State. Madden was summoned to appear before a denteuce. in his wife's suit for divorce, but

Fire at Newberne. Newbern, Special.-Fire broke out in the dry house of Blades Hosiery mill at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon and consumed the greater part of the fac tory. The fire raged hercely and two small tenant houses nearby were burned. A strong northeastern wind threatened the entire section of the town with destruction, but the firemer had the flames under control before any further damage was done. The cause of the fire was unknown. The damage, so far as is known, is \$3,000

Lynching at Newbern, N. C.

Newbern, Special.-John Moore, the negro who brutally assaulted the wife of Postmaster George T. Eubanks, at Clarks, with a meat axe, was taken from the Craven county jail at 1:30 o'clock Sunday morning and lynched. The mob was composed mostly of countrymen, neighbors of Eubanks, but there were Newbern citizens in the crowd. The farmers arrived in town about midnight.

Mutineers Courtmartialed.

Libau, Russia, Aug. 26.-The courtmartial of 137 mutineers of the battleship Kniaz Potemkine has just been completed. Eight of the prisoners were sentenced to be shot, but it was recommended that their sentence be commuted to life imprisonment. Others were sentenced to various terms of imprisonment at hard labor.