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BUREAUCRACY **NF** NANY GETS A JOLT FROM SEC. MEYER

Will Abolish Unbusiness Like Methods in Vogue in The Department

ACTIVE LINE OFFICERS HAVE MORE INFLUENCE

Act in Harmony Under **One Head**

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29 -Heeding the cry for reform in naval affairs Secretary Meyer day after tomorrow will inaugurate the most sweeping changes in the navy department since the establishment of the bereau system in 1842. The secretary hopes to put the department on a business basis beyond the dreams of his predecessors. The key-note of his reform is the subordination of the bureau chief Talladega, Macon and Sumter, with of the past.

Reforms Instituted. Summarized, the essential changes

in the Meyer plan are: The selection of four responsible

advisers on subjects within the four groups into which duties of the department fall, to be known as the Aide for Material, the Aide for Personnel, the Aide for Operations of the Fleet, and the Alde for Inspections.

The grouping of the bureaus into two divisions of material and personnel, according to the nature of their dutles.

ine establishment of a cryssion of operations of the fleet. The establishment of a comprehen-

alve inspection system. The establishment of a modern and

efficient cost-keeping system in the navy department and at navy yards. The separation of navy yard work into two divisions of hulls and ma-

chinery. The establishment of the board of construction.

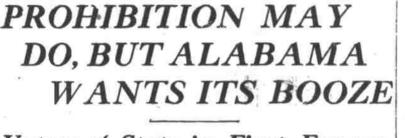
The abolishment of the bureau of equipment.

Henceforth the officers who fight the ships are to have more influence in the navy department. Chosen men from among them are to be the official eyes and ears of the secretary. with full responsibility for their reports-but not his hands. The

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IN PRISON WITHOUT SO

TRAMP LIVED SIX YEARS



Voters of State in First Expression of Sentiment Turn Down Constitutional Amendment by an Overwhelming Majority.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Nov. 29 .- 1 While today's election was an sp All indications point to a majority of parent landalide in repudiation of between 18,000 and 20,000 in Alabama prohibition, it is not regarded here Bureaus Will be Compelled to against the prohibition constitutional as likely that the state will ever go amendment today. Chairman J. Lee to the conditions that existed befor-

Tong, who has been in charge of the the adoption of the state-wide prohi fight against the amendment, claims bition laws. It is generally believed that the majority against the amendthat today's results will mean uit! ment will be fully 20,000. mately a modification of the present Jefferson county, in which is Birdrastic laws, but not necessarily

mingham, the largest city in the their repeal. state, in spite of the fact that the

Prohibitionists were largely re tight has been concentrated here, sponsible for today's results, Countles gave a majority of over 1,000 against which have had prohibition for twen the amendment. Mobile, Montgomty-five years voted against putting it ery, and Cullman counties show the into the state constitution and citle. largest majorities on the victorious side, and it appears the amendment and towns of Jefferson county (Bir has carried in but three counties, mingham) which went heavily for prohibition under local option, today reversed the former majorities.

Congratulates State. Today's election, being the first

time the state has ever had an op-A street procession was starter portunity to pass on the prohibition nere at 7 o'clock headed by a huge question, is regarded as especially significant. Still it cannot be recoffin labeled "amendment." garded as a straight anti-prohibition Chairman J. Lee Long, of the victory because of the personal polistate Alabama anti-amendment con: tics that has been injected into the mittee tonight issued the following statement:

issue. Its association with the administration of Governor B. B. Com-"I want to congratulate the peopl er and his reputed ability to name a of Alabama on their great victory successor to the governorship in won through the efforts of the press Judge S. D. Weakley, author of the "This will serve notice on future prohibition bills, have figured promigenerations that the people of Ala bama will not allow any of their

Gov. Comer Repudiated. personal liberties abridged. A significant feature of the result "I hope that the gentlemen on th is the fact that sentiment against the other side will shake hands with us amendment is so widespread. Rural as we have malice towards none, and cities join us in a forward stride so that precincts, small towns and alike are, for the most part, return- we can go-on and make Alabama ing substantial margins on the win- the greatest state in the union."

PAID CLAIRVOYANTS

SI5,000 FOR EVIDENCE

Had Imposter Arrested on

Charge of Larceny

nurse, who formerly acted as mas-

charge is that the two defendants had

Mrs. Brandes is the wife of a well

She was ill at the time. Miss Got

was her masseuse. One day in 1995

apart from her husband for nine years

Goff, she says, told her she knew how

seuse for Mrs. Brandes. The man is teen or twenty of

obtained \$15,000 from her by improp- this time, it is d-

ning aide. There has never been City Majorities. seen here anything 'ike the enthus-Birmingham gave a majority o iasm shown in Birmingham tonight 953 against the amendment; greater over the result. Thousands of peo- Birmingham (including suburbs) reple from Jefferson and adjoining cords a majority of 1.252 against. countles were here to see the re-Montgomery county complete and turns flashed and the down town official gives 1,718 majority against streets were one billow of enthusiasm. the amendment. The total vote war The result everywhere is regarded as 3,896.

a distinct repudiation of the pres- The city of Mobile gave a majority ent state administration which has against the amendment of 2,356 ATLANTA METHODISTS been particularly radical in its socalled reform program. (Continued on page three.)

Do Your Shopping Early-



ZELAYA TO ESCAPE REVOLUTION IN NICARAGUA MAY RESIGN RRESIDENCY

Reported That He Will Place Resignation in Hands of Congress and Flee Country. Anarchy Likely to Ensue. U.S. Cousul Threatened

Seeks Protection.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29 .- The report that President Zelaya of Nicara-gua is about to leave that country as the result of the revolution he now aces, is declared to be absolutely false by Senor Rodrigues, d'affaires of the Nicaraguan legation guan congress will assemble next here. He says that the revoltion is at a standstill. "it is take that Zelaya is not friend-

ly toward the Americans residing in tire and possibly attempt to escape Nicaragua," said Senor Rodriguez in from the country at night by the Padenying reports, "Americans hold the best concessions in Nicaragua." ensue. Peraletent rumors from var-He added that the process relating to the executions of Groce and Can-

non, the two Americans, were on their way to the legation and that they ragua, would show they had been executed in This an entirely legal way.

The United States consul at Mana- | mission which have been received at gua, has been threatened by President the state department from the consulate representative of the United Zelava and he has been granted permission to occupy the legation prem- States in Nicaragua and came in the charge lises as being more secure. The Nicara

Wednesday, December 1, and it is rumored that President Zelaya will geious quarters indicate that Irlas may succeed Zelaya as president of Nica-

This information is embodied in tel-cgrams more or less delayed in trans- thus practically abdicating.

PRESIDENT GETTING HIS

order in which they are here given. APPEALED TO MEXICO. SAN SALVADOR, Nov. 29 .- It is reported here that when President Ze-

laya of Nicaragua learned of the intention of the United States to seek reparation he vainly appealed to Mexico for help. Cablegrams received by

the Italian minister here from Managua say that President Zelaya has now offered to summon congress and place the presidency in its hands,

broke through the rear door. They discovered the body of Weaver un-der a bed. He had used his last bullet to kill himself.

shot her twice. Armed citizens quickly

the house and two deputy

Associated Press Leased Wire Reports.

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

MANIAC WITH GUN

LEAVES A TRAIL OF

Kills Mother And Officer Who

Went to Take Him Into

Custody

Shoots Down Neighbor Who

Hesitated to Offer Him

Refuge

GREENVILLE, Ohio, Nov. 23.-

After murdering his mother and an

officer who had attempted to arrest

him, and probably fataily injuring

inother woman and her husband,

lyde Weaver, thirty-four years old.

today completed the tragedy by com-

o be afflicted with "exaggerated ego."

He was under suspended sentence

from the probate court. Sherid

John F. Haber and Deputy Sheriff William H. Farra went to Weaver's home today to arrest him. The ap-

pearance of the officers seemed to

drive the man mud. He opened tire

on them from an upper window with

a shot gen and Farra fell wounded;

A moment later Weaver's mother

rushed from the house, crying "I'm

shot," and fell dead at the feet of

Demanded Protection.

the woman, Weaver walked from the

house to a woodshed into which Far-

ra had crawled, and fired twice at

the wounded officer, killing him,

He then jumped into the buggy in which the officers had reached the

house, and drove to the home of Levi

Minnich, a neighbor, from whom he

demanded protection. When Minnich healtated, Weaver shot him through the back. Weaver then turned on Mrs. Minnich and

Aborifie

While Haber was trying to revive

Weaver was declared by physicians

mitting suicide.

the sheriff.

THEN KILLS HIMSELF

WOUNDS TWO OTHERS

DYING BENINDHIM



THE ASHEVILLE CITIZEN.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., TUESDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER, 30, 1909

MUCH AS UTTERING WORD

Convicted of Wrecking train Broke into House, Bound, When She Failed to Get it and Never Opened his lips To Confess or Deny it

DIED MERELY NO. 5,954

CANYON CITY, Col., Nov. 29 --Serving the sixth year of his life sentence for wrecking a train on Oct. 31. this afternoon from frightful burns 1903, John Devine, convict No. 5.954 died in the Colorado penitentlary a few days ago. He was also known an a man of mystery, for from the minute he first entered his cell and heard the door clanged behind him and locked, he never gave utterance to an audible word not even when he was dving

That language was not essential to the formation of friendships and the sustaining of interest in his assoclates is proved by the general grief expressed by officials and prisoners over the death of the man who never spoke a word, kind or unkind. gentle or harsh, to any person for six years.

It was on the morning of Oct. 31, 1903, that another wreck was an-nounced on the railroad. The train, made up of Pullman sleepers, day coaches and treasure-laden express cars, pulled out of the union station at Denver and was making excellent progress castward when, at a cre-k west of Fowler, in Otero county, as

the 250-foot bridge over the stream was reached, the rails spread and the train dashed onto the bridge, which collapsed and went down with a crash, dragging the train with It. Officials of the railroad announc ed immediately that spikes had been

pulled by train wreckers, whose motive for the act was robbery They didn't explain why it was that the bridge went to pieces like a structure of straw, but cried "wreckers," and to prove their cry provided the culprit in the person of a tramp found asleep in a clump of bushes about 100 feet from the scene of the caustrophe.

The tramp was John Devine, sixty five years of age, who was so dazed at being shaken from his sleep, so amazed at what he saw that he was

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CAUSING HER DEATH TO DIVORCE HUSBAND

Saturated Her With Oil and Applied Match

REJECTED SUITOR SET

FIRE TO SWEETHEART

Lee in doubt.

nently in the result.

Politics Involved.

TWO CONFEDERATES CREDULOUS WOMAN

TAMPA, Fla., No. 29 .- Marie Cos-NEW YORK, Nov. 29 .- Mrs. Mary Brandes of No. 17 East Eighty-sevta, a young Cuban widow, died here enth street, seems to be a somewhat credulous person. Running through inflicted upon her by a rejected suithe remarkable story of alleged extortor, Miguel Gomez is under arrest, Be- tion which she told to Magistrale fore she died the young widow O'Connor in the Yorkville police court charged Gomez with having set her yesterday, a narartive of the loss of \$15,000, one saw this yeld of credulity afire. She declared that she had restanding out. jected Gomez's suit and that with two Mrs. Brandes appeared before the confederates he forcibly entered her magistrate to make a statement its adoption, was adopted by the Atome in West Tampa last night. She against a woman and a man. The woman is Miss Delia Goff, a trained held shortly after their regular Monwas bound hand and foot. Then the

men saturated her clothing with gasoline and touched a lighted match Jacob Lamensdorf, an employment of the city attended and the discussion agent, of No. 40 Seventh street. The is said to have been of a heated nato her,

The unfortunate woman was found today, frightfully burned from head; to foot and she died at 2 p. m., afto do saloon keeper. She said she met Miss Goff about nine years ago. ter making a statement to the police. She did not recognize the men who were with Gomez and who aided him, she charged in perpetrating the awful Mrs. Brandes, who has been living

IRON COMPANY BANKRUPT.

crime.

000

NORFOLK, Nov. 29 .- Judge Edmund Waddill, of the United States that is where the chairvoyant entered London. He is the only one in the court, today appointed Messes E. W. Into the case. Mrs. Brandes was in- South. Wolcott of Norfolk, and George W. formed that this clairvoyant had Dusch of Wheeling, W. Va., receivers brought about the marriage of Kathfor the Norfolk Iron company, against erine Clemmons and Howard Gould. which concern involuntary bankruptcy proceedings were begun today. The receivers qualified under bond of \$20,-

LOCATE BATTLE ABBEY.

RICHMOND, Nov. 29 .- The council ommittee having the matter in hand Two jars of marmatade were shown to her. She was given to understand tonight decided that the confederate "Battle Abbey" be placed at the Westthat they had been prepared by the ern extremity of Monument avenue,

wicked conspirators. A celebrated provision being made for the purchase chemist had analyzed them and had said cyanide of potassium was mixed of a suitable plot of ground at the point designated. This action practi- with the marmalade. Cost of the cally settles finally the long pending question of a site for the memorial. (Continued on page 4)

er means

Rohin to Bishop Hendrix

ATLANTA, Ga. Nov. 29 .- What

when the ministers of that denomina-

ment of the Rev. E. J. Bigham as pre-

charge, made at the relient conference.

Hendrix, and said to have been tele-

day meeting in Trinity church. Fif-

were omitted in the resolution sent t

FELLOW OF R. G. S.

graphed to him mamediately

lanta ministers at a

ture. Names were

Bishop Hendrix

resolution addressed to Bishop Cumming.

the leading pastors

treely mentioned at

lared, though they

gusta.

PROTEST AGAINST ELDER RECOMMENDATIONS READY

for Mr. Bigham, after the majority with respect to it was reached.

after

Most Important Matters

exert all its influence towards se- of the Twenty-fifth Infantry, colored

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29-Follow-

Methodist circles in this state in recent white house today it was announced up" of the town of Brownsville in years was given new impetus today tonight that the administration will August, 1906, allegedly by members

tion in this city protested to Rishop curing a comparative revision of the the military court of inquiry today E. R. Hendrix against the appoint- interstate commerce laws by the in- visited every building shot into dur-

capade of Negro Soldiers

Had Hardly Settled one out of Court Before She Came BROWNVILLE, Texas, Nov. 29 .promises to be the hottest light in ing a lengthy conference at the In its investigation of the "shooting

at Him With Another

BOTH WHITE HAIRED

coming congress. A rough draft of ing the raid, examined several wit-BLAIR, Neb., Nov. 29 .- The versiding elder of this district, in place of the proposed amendments to the law nesses and incidentally inquired into dict of a jury in the Washington District court in a case just conclud-Rev. J. T. Daves, transferred to Au-gusta. the proposed amendments to the law the recent burning of the barracks buildings at Fort Brown. That with The action of the Atlanta ministers Wickersham, and while this was coned has convinced Mrs. Hannah J. follows the announcement of a change sidered in all its details, no decision evidence was both produced and de-Loosing that she cannot twice secure stroyed is the opinion of members of money from the same man on breach the court. The unique house to house of of promise suits. of the board of stewards of St. Johns The president had as his advisors the court. The unique house to house

Mrs. Loosing, a widow, aged sev-Methodist church of Augusta, pro- the attorney general, Commissioner visits, examination of bullet holes and tested against his appointment to that Lane of the interstate commerce the hearing of the evidence of the enty-four years, sued Henry Monke, a widower, aged eighty-one years, for commission and Senators Elkins and occupants preceded an executive session of the court. Rods were forced \$20,000 damages for breach of prom-Frank B. Kellogg, the special through the bullet holes and maps ise. Both of the old people are rich,

'trust buster' of the department of displayed indicating that the buildes Monke owning 640 acres of land and Mrs. Loosing \$40 scres that is equalwere fired from the fort. Witnesses heard today testified that ly valuable.

Mrs. Loosing instituted - suit last aparks from burning grass caused the year. This case never came to trial, recent barracks fire. What is considered significant is testimony as to the but was settled by Monke paying explosion of cartridges during the fire, over \$2,000. A few months ago several testifying that fully a hundred another suit of the same kind was exploded, nearly all in the barracks brought, Mrs. Lobaing alleging that occupied by company D of the Twen- a second time Monke had sought her hand and heart, had won both, but ty-fifth infantry at the time of the refused to take either.

It is probable that the present in

uiry will conclude Wednesday.

IDENTIFYING DEAD

raid

FIVE MEN ADRIFT FOUND BY COMRADES declaring that during the time of the OF CHERRY DISASTER WASHINGGTON, Nov., 29.-Five of the members of the deck crew of these occasions he simply passed the the gunboat Marietta, who were time of day and spent perhaps ten

of identification statements of relatives adrift in a gig off Port Limon, Costa minutes discussing crop conditions. nd friends of the victims whose bod- Rica, were picked up by a rescue pares have been recovered from the ty of the Des Moines today, according to a dispatch received at the navy department today. The men had made their way to the shore at Coleta Point, walking through the orchard and

The five men adrift in the whale-

boat of the Marietta have not been by showing that on the dates monheard of, but it is expected that their tioned he was at home working on

rescue will be reported soon as search-ing parties havev been sent out for cunstances he offered in evidence the contract of actilement in the oth-

from hunger or thirst.

Believing that breach of promise

suits were coming along with too

much regularity, Monke decided to

contest this one, and filed his answer,

settlement of the first suit and the

bringing of the second he had seen the widow but twice, and that upon

On the other hand, Widow Loosing

averred that Mr. Monke called at her

home several times that year, and

cepted her invitation to sit at table,

and on one occasion, when they were

All of this Monke denied, proving

an alibi to many of the allegations

burning love into her cars.

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mine. All day long women passed into lost in the mine fire. The identity of thirty bodies was about twenty miles from Port Limon. over the fields, he whispered words of

be heard.

VANDERBILT CAPTAIN

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Nov. 29 .- At them, Nov. 29.—Fore-bilt football team tonight, quarter-rolina: Fair Tues-back William Neeley of Nashville, visions are kept in the boats it is be-tesday; moderate was chosen to contain the same and anter the boats it is be-tor the defendant. Both principals cast for North Carolina; Fair Tues- back William Neeley of Nashville, moderate was chosen to captain the squad next lieved that they have suffered little

season



Wednesday:

WASHINGTON.

day and

northeast winds.

bank ostensibly for the secress. She was told that there was a plo to polson a friend of hers, a man

Miss Goff, the story continued, made a proposition whereby the evidence was to be obtained. Mrs. Brander swears that on December 11, 1906, she drew \$10,000 from the Fifth National

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Nov. 29 .-Dr. W R. Lambuth, of this city, see retary of the hourd of missions of old the nurse confidentially that she the Methodist Episcopal church wished she could get a divorce. Miss South, received information tonight that he had been elected a fellow of the separation might be obtained, and the Royal Geographical Society

CHERRY, Ills., Nov. 29 .- Investigaion as to the causes of the Bt Paul mine disuster was begun today by Coroner A. H. Maim, with the taking

the little hall to produce proof that their husbands, fathers, or sons were

established. At least three days will The gig was not recovered. he consumed in this tedious work before the stories of the survivors will

justice and Secretaries Wilson and secret meeting Dickinson also gave their views briefly. While the president has not yet made his selection of the men in the wo houses of congress who will be entrusted with the task of putting

the legislation through there are said to be a large number of candidates anxious for the honor of appearing as champions of the white house