## DOCUMENT BY REPUTABLE MEN CHARGES FRAUD AND PERJURY IN RECENT COMMISSION ELECTION

Citizens of the Fifth Precinct Declare That They Have Sufficient Evidence to Prove That Illegal Voting Was Flagrantly Carried On, and That it Has Been Going On for Years.

that he would not hesitate to do his

The citizens who have taken this

step are determined to secure a fair

only in tomorrow's primaries, but in

the May election, and to this end, it

is stated, the services of private de-

other precincts. Evidence will be

sion warrant, will be presented to the

grand jury. Additional fish will then

be pulled into the net which is go

ing to be thrown out after alleged

Mr. Davis' Statement,

vis, "has been going on in the Fifth

election we employed a lawyer to

precinct for the last twenty-five years.

"This illegal voting," said Mr. Da-

perjurers and fraudulent voters.

tectives will be brought into play

the Fifth precinct, and possibly

## EVIDENCE TO GO BEFORE THE NEXT GRAND JURY forward this investigation, and we are going before the grand jury with

The Names of Fourteen Men Who Voted Fraud- highest form of ulently Have Been Secured, With Evidence Which May Convict Nine of Perjury.

The persistent rumors of fraudulent voting in the fifth precinct , which have been heard since the day of the commission government election, took definite form vesterday when well-known citizens of the fifth precinct affixed their signatures to a document in which charges of perjury and fraud are openly made. The matter, however, is not to rest here, but will be carried before the grand jury with evidence and affidavits which these citizens claim will convict nine men of perjury, and will show that fourteen men voted fraudulently in the fifth precinct on March 21, the day of the commission government election.

P. Davis, a voter of the know the solicitor declared last night

names of J. B. Grice and D. C. Led- After the polis closed and during the ford, who were ergistrars of the com- days that followed the commission ford, who were registrars of the com-

The charges, made by men who that fourteen men were voted in the Fifth precinct who were not entitled to do so." Here Mr. Davis produced to do so." Here Mr. Davis produced city, will cause a sensation in this to do so, there are who were fraudusection, and later developments will lently voted against the commission be watched with interest. The Cit- form of government. Continuing Mr. tzen made an effort last night to com- Davis said: municate with Solicitor Reynolds as now to contest the commission govto his course of action but he was ernment election, for the reason that at Brevard, where he attends court we realize that court action could be today, and had not been reached staved off for two years, and in that when this was written. Those who time we expect to again appeal to the

JUDGE ORDERS CAPITAL

CASES TO ANOTHER COUNTY

but we do intend to vigorously push forward this investigation, and we democrat; I believe that the democracy should stand for a pure ballot, and the conhave existed in the Fifth precinct for so long, but which we propose to stop, are not only a disgrace to the city and the precinct but they are a foul blot upon the Statement of Citizens

The signed statement of voters of the Fifth precinct follow:

THE CITIZENS OF VILLE:

merous illegal votes have been cast in the primaries and general elections in the city of Asheville; we need not go beyond the recent election for the purpose of determining whether or not the people should have commisison government for this upon the face of the returns that the majority of the people did not want commission government. While the vote was in progress our attention was called to several voters who were being herded up and influenced by ex-convicts and other people business it is to violate and defy all law when it conflicts with their illegitimate business, and causing these men to perjure themselves in order to get to cast their vote against commission form of government.

"We, the voters in the Fifth pro cinct, call upon every decent and law-abiding citizen to rise up in their might, as they have a right and as is their duty to do, and condemn such lawlessness, disregard for the oath and most flagrant debauchery of cit-Some of us in the Fifth precinct have made up our minds to stop at any cost this rottenness at our voting place, and, as before stated. we call upon every good and law abiding citizen to give us their moral support.

'Upon investigation as to the legal ity of some of these votes cast in the Fifth precinct we have what we believe is evidence enough to convict nine men of perjury, and more than enough other illegal votes to change the result of that election. As to the result of the election we consider tha settled, and we accept the result, bu we have not, and do not propose to stop our prosecution of these illegal voters. We are going to present the which was done in that precinct and which convenes here this month, as is a registrar in the next municipal we have proof and evidence which we are prepared to prosegute such will be placed before the grand jury matters to the fullest extent of the that fourteen men were voted in the law, not only now but hereafter.

"Respectfully submitted by "S. P. DAVIS. "J. N. TREADWAY. "S. P. BURTON.
"D. C. LEDFORD.

"OTTIS GREEN, "H.-J. OLIVE,

"R. F. WALTERS.

"S. J. SAMS.

J. C. LEDFORD. "J, B, GRICE."

#### Tells Jury What He Thinks Other Three Members of Baptist Preacher Declares if these houses were almost palatial of the most disastrous fire that has of It for Verdict of Not Guilty in Court Today Guilty at Wilmington

WILMINGTON, April 9 .- Outraged at a verdict of not guilty by the jury peated efforts to secure bail for J. S. scathing arraignment of the leaders and several of these institutions also from one end to the other within a in the case of Jos. Stephens, acquitted Miller, found guilty Saturday of fraud of the local democratic party from were burned. The fire which began of murder Friday after having been through the mails during his connec- his pulpit tonight, Rev. Dr. Herman previously convicted and sentenced to tion with the defunct Steele, Miller H. Hulten, pastor of the First Bap- spread over a vast area. It was cally extinguished, electrocution, then granted a new Cotton company, have failed but re- tist church, declared that money and trial by the Supreme court. Judge newed efforts will probably be more liquor had been freely used "to pros- and the ames were swept to the sur- the fire getting beyond control. Robert B. Peebles, of the State Su- successful Monday, perior court, yesterday issued a bench carrant for the defendant in the H. G. Linde and James I. BcKnight, own congregation. He declared that former case and he was arrested and will tomorrow plead guilty to a con- the polls were steeped in slush; that

a charge of carrying concealed weapons, the judge certifying in the warat the former trial he is at least guilty of the latter charge preferred against him.

Judge Peebles severely criticised the jury which returned the verdict, ordering members from the court house, and yesterday on affidavit of the state solicitor removed three other capital cases to an adjoining county for trial.

### PROMINENT CLERGYMAN DEAD.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Rev. Samuel Ringgold, D. D., aged years, dean of the convocation of East Tennessee of the Episcopal church, and rector emeritus of St. John's Episcopal church, died here today. He spent fifty years in the ministry, coming to Knoxville as rec-

tor of St. John's church in 1887 Dr. Ringgold was a native of Mary-

## COTTON BROKER UNABLE TO SECURE BAIL THUS FAR

# Firm Expected to Plead

ABERDEEN, Miss., April 9.-Re-

members of the firm, L. C. Steels. C. sparing prominent members of his spiracy charge in the District court votes were open bought and he had of using bogus bills of lading and the evidence; that liquor was used to held until the next term of court on spiracy charge in the District court throw themselves upon the mercy of rant that under his own admissions of Havre, France, under \$15,000 bond the court. One witness, F. Schuank, his congregation. failed to appear and forefited it.

### 200 BURNED TO DEATH.

BOMBAY, British India, April 9 .-Two hundred men, women and children were burned to death tonight his terrific arraignment packed the in a fire which destroyed a thatched big edifice to the doors. structure in which they had gathered for a festival. Five hundred persons were in the building when the fire broke out. There was only one exit and an indescribable panic

### FAIR OVER ALL SOUTH.

WASHINGTON. weather South fair weather will predominate. for several days.

## CHARLOTTE ELECTION IS SCATHINGLY ARRAIGNED

# and Liquor Used

CHARLOTTE, N. C., April 9 .- In a titute manhood and foster anarchy,' It is expected that the other three in the recent municipal primary, not debauch even a prominent member of

Drug stree, he said, took the place of the open saloon here I nprohibition Charlotte and he urged the grand jury to do its duty. Even in the ward meetings, classes, had been arrayed against masses and anarchy encouraged. The congregation that heard

### MISS GOULD WITH SAILORS

NORFOLK, Va., April 9 .- Miss Helen Gould, who takes a great interest in the welfare of the enlisted men of the army and navy, was greeted by hundreds of bluejackets at the naval Y. M. C. A. today. Miss Gould at-April 9.—The tended a dinner and religious services bureau weekly weather and mingled freely with the sailors forecast tonight says that in the In speaking of the men she referred to them as "the boys" and said she

## BASEBALL SEASON IS READY TO OPEN IN ALL ITS GLORY

wo Pennants for New York Is Cry of Great Metropolitan City Fans

CHAMPION ATHLETICS HAS STAND PAI TEAM

### Chicago Cubs Will Enter Sea son With Better Chance of Pennant Than Ever

slasts who confidently expect the two local nines tocapture the coveted banners in both the National and American leagues this season. Hence there is keen interest in the opening game Wednesday when a line can be had on the New York Nationals in their clash with the Philadelphia club The Brooklyn club will make its debut here next Saturday on the Giant's grounds but will not play the opening game on their own diamond until next week. The High-landers of the American league do not show on the Hill Top until April 20 when they play Washington.

The Giants have had a fine conditioning down in Texas and Manager McGraw said tonight that he never brought back a team from a spring practice in such excellent shape. "It is the best ball club I have had since 1905 when we won the world's series from the Athletics," remarked Mc-

ger on his left hand and probably Ames or Raymand will be on the hurling mound at the opening event.

#### DETERMINED TO WIN

PHILADELPHIA, April 9 .- Full of the spirit that carried them to base ball glory last fall, the world's champion Athletics will open the American league season at Shibe park on Wednesday, April 13 with New York which expects in make a strong bid for the pennant this year. For the first time since the American league has been overselved the Philipse. has been organized the Philadelphia tery for the burial of those convicts esentative in that scircuit will start the season with

Connie Mack, the astute leader, has looked over the veterans and has tried opt his youngsters and has decided that the men who brought the highest honors in baseball to this

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SWEPT BY FIERCE FIRE

### FIRE SWEEPS BUSINESS DISTRICT OF TOKIO IS SECTION OF DALTON, GA.,

Five Thousand Houses Burned in Area Approxi-Fighters Helpless As mating Four Sq. Miles

### WOMEN HOMELESS

TOKIO, April 9.—The notorious Yoshiwari, the principal quarter of business block of this little city lies Tokio, inhabited by the licensed hear mass of ruins today as a result tairae, was destroyed by fire. Many in appearance and a thousand of occurred in this section. That Voters Were Bought them burned in a little more than It is estimated that the loss will three hours. Six thousand female reach a quarter of a million dollars inmates were rendered homeless.

The Yoshiwari is conducted under local hotel on the third floor but the government licenses, which privide exact cause probably never will be for the establishment of hospifals known as the building was in flames at 11.20 o'clock in the morning given. fanned by a strong southern wind rounding structures. Altogether it ton is out of commission tonight. is estimated that 5.000 houses are in Plans are under way for the rebuildruins, covering an area approximating four square miles.

A large number of women were severely injured but so far as is known no deaths have occurred, of the fire. Five hundred troops are guarding. Downing the window of the Hotel Dalton when the territory toight. When the wind died down on the clear night, the the building was a mass of flames. A entire northern skies of Tokio were ladder was being raised to take him ablaze from the glowing embers. It down and the crowd urged him not is impossible at present to estimate to jump. Unheeding the frantic the total loss. votces he swung from the window,

### he landed badly bruised but not se-CONDITION IN ISRAEL BAD

WASHINGTON. April 8.—Fore cast: North Carolina: fair slightly secution and as far as the Jew of Floods will continue in the Tennes- believed the sallors of the American warmer Monday. Tuesday, fair, Floods will continue in the Tennes- believed the sailors of the American warmer Monday. Tuesday, fair, continental Europe ies concerned is Barrond of Richmond see river below Chattanooga, Tenn., navy are the finest body of men in warmer; light to moderate portheast the importance of the weak, or worse over by a train here

## **WORKERS BRINGING** STREAM OF BODIES **FROMBANNERMINE**

Total Number of Victims of Mine Explosion Believed to be 128.-The Convicts Volunteer for Rescue Work.—Having Trouble.

the precision of clockwork a trained tion of the disaster.

The first party of ten corps of recurers tonight is bringing Banner mine of the Pratt Consoll- o'clock this morning had a narrow dated Coal company in which a disastrous explosion occurred. It is believed tonight that 128 is the exact number of victims,

#### Only Fourteen are White

This figure was obtained after making a careful check of all the men the after damp and when they were entered the mine yesterday morning. There is no longer any finding men alive underhope of ground.

were whites. It was 2 o'clock this afternoon when the rescuers were able to es tablish working conditions in the mines and at 3.20 o'clock the first three bodies were brought to the sur They were all negroes. Within two hours ten more had been brought up including Lee Jones and O. Spradling, both white.

State Mine Inspector James Hillhouse expressed the belief tonight that the mine would be cleared to Powder Caused Troble

The general bellef tonight is tha powder caused the trouble, the opinion being expressed that damage was

heaviest near the point where the day's supply of explosives was kept. When the recuers asked for assis tance this afternoon company officials called for voluteers among the convicts stating that no man need go if he was afraid. Sixteen of the ne groes in stripes stepped forward in respones to the call and accompained

Inspector Hillhouse and six white nen under ground, There are practically no mourners at Banner, none of the convicts had relatives near, but a few curious negro women stood around the opening and would break into a low mournful dirge-like chant when bodies were

Twenty convicts this afternoon dug a long trench in the convict cemewhose bedies are not claimed by re-One hundred coffins were sent to Banner today from Nashville. Ten., and undertakers are preparing

the bodies for burial as fast as they are taken from the mine

Government Investigation Dr. J. A. Holmes, chief of the government bureau of mines is enroute years.

QUARTER MILLION LOSS

Section Burned

ONE MAN INJURED

with insurance of about \$76,000.

The fire started at midnight in the

few minutes after the first alarm was

At 3.30 a. m. the fire was practi-

Practically every telephone in Dal-

C. V. Downing of Atlanta was the

Downing was seen to climb out of

grasped for a water pipe, missed !!

and went tumbling to the ground. In

his descent he struck a mass of tele-

phone wires which broke his fall and

"The situation of Israel was never

only man injured during the progress

LITTLETON Ala., April 9 .- With to Banner to assist in the investiga-

rescuers, headed by Dr. J. J. Rutsteady stream of bedies from the ledge, who entered the mine at 3 escape from death. An accident occurred to the boiler used for the fans and the air stopped for a few minutes Within a few seconds a faint cry for help was heard from below and men with oxygen belmets hurried down The entire party was overcome by brought to the surface physicians had to work over them for nearly an hour before they were able to be Of the 128 dead only 14 the rescue car. Members of the first party give a harrowing account of the experience

#### Harrowing Experie

'We were going along all right unwe got to the fourth entry," said Dr. R. H. Hamilton, " and in a few seconds nearly every man in the party was down. I attempted to carry one man over the lift but failed and myself. That is the last I remember until the surface was reach-

Dr. Carrawsy managed to stagge to the bottom of the shaft and cried, "get ue out, we are dying." It was It was when this cry was heard at the top that the second party headed by Dr. Wright was sent down.

The cause of the explosion is still mystery.

he most disastrous in the history of Alabama mining, the damage to the mine itself, is slight. Mr. Ramsey estimates that \$1,200 will cover fully.

The entire state board of convict nspectors is on the scene. men in the mines before the reacu work started, five were free, two whites and three negroes; 123 were convicts, 12 of whom were whites. Practically all of them were short term men sent from Jefferson county. the death of O. W. Spradling, one of the mine foremen

Following the explosion he escaped with others and then returned to the mine to render aid. He was found sitting today on a rock with his head in his hands. He was only a short distance from the open air. He liver at Leeds, Ala., and leaves a wife and one child. He had been handling convict men work for the past 20

# BY CORPORATIONS MAKES SUBJECT FOR WM.J. BRYAN

Lack of Pressure Made Assassins Who Own Papers Should Come Out of the Dark He Declares

### SOMEWHAT VIGOROUS

DALTON, Ga., April 9 .- The main CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., April 9. -In an address before the State Y. M. C. A. convention today Wm. J. Bryan quoted Thendore Roosevelt as saying that there was scarcely a predatory conspiracy against the country that did not have Harvard brains be hind it. Those men, said Mr. Bryan who provided the way of escaping responsibility and consequences of their conspiracies were no better than the men who held the horses in a dark place for thieves to get away after

> Discussing criminal corporations, Mr. Bryan referred vigorously to the stock of some of these journals. He were found. The laying out and burypublic gaze."

The criminals who have been growespecially those who were "coining the blood of little ones," Mr. Bryan vigorously denounced.

Mr. Bryan predicted that the present congress would so amend the law tinually. The other funerals occur torequiring publications of contributions campaign funds that the voters would know before election which side predatory interests were on.

### HAIL AND WIND STORM.

LIVONIA, Ga., April 9.—As a re-sult of the worst hall and wind storm known in this county in the past thirty years, which swept this section. more than a dozen houses are wrecked and scores of trees blown down NEW YORK, April 9.-The Rev. Many farmers in the county had Stephen Swinz, rabbl of the Free every outhouse on their premises damaged. No lives have been report-Synagogue, speaking at Carnegie hall

### KILLED BY TRAIN.

worse than it is today. Half of the world's Jewery dwells in lands of per-FLOMATON, Ala., April S.-Cary Barrond of Richmond, Va., was run

## EXTRA SESSION OF CONGRESSWILLBE VERY STORMY ONE

There Are Virtually Four Partties and Each With Large Representation

REMARKABLE UNEASINESS OVER POLITICAL EFFECT

Proximity of Nominating Conventions Causing Everything to be Watched

WASHINGTON, April 9,-It is daily ecoming more manifest that con greas is facing a stormy session, and that there can be made no forecast of the probable legislative results. Leaders appear to have little hope of restoring anything more than surface

There are virtually four parties, ach with a iarge representation working at odds in the present

house is divided between regulars and insurgents, as was evidenced by the vote in the speakership contest. The breach between these two faction s even wider in the republican m

lority of the senate.

Linea Being Drawn.

A sharp line has been draw tween the conservative democrative. the senate, who are opposed attempt at dictation on the Wm. Jennings Bryan and the gressive democrats, including pro-cally all of the new members of Missouri, who are Bryan adh The house democratic majority thus far to have escaped a the leaders fear that the party c has interfered with the se committees and the beginning

The real cause of the re uneasiness in congress is believed to the proximity of the ng the extraordinary ses easily determine the result of the

next national campaign. There is no doubt that measures licity before election of campaign contributions, Canadian reciprocity revision of the woolen schedules and any further changes the majority desires will be sent to the senate in whatever order s decreed by the ways and means committee. The republicans will be powerless to prevent. The real prob-

Of the fifty republicans in the senate twelve have practically formed a separate organization. The commit-tee on committees probably will accede to their request for one-fourth of the majority places. Of the forty-

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## **WORKINGS OF COLLIERY** THOROUGHLY SEARCHED SHOW NO MORE VICTIMS

Surviving Miners in Body Pay Respect to Dead and March to Funerals

### CAUSE YET UNKNOWN

SCRANTON. Pa., April 9.-Every the Pancoast colliery, where the 73 miners and United States Rescue newspapers owned by them and run Foreman Jos. M. Eevans lost their in their interest. He said it is not lives Friday, have been searched since now possible to learn who owns the noon yesterday but no other bodies advocated a national law to make ing of the bodies is now going on. "these assassing who own papers come Among those that lay beneath sheets out of the dark and stand before the awaiting caskets were three brothers and a cousin in one room. Five funerals of Hungarians were held today, ing rich by selling poisoned food and The 1,200 surviving miners of Throop marched from one house to the other to pay respect to the dead and then to the cemetery to attend the buris All the church bells tolled conals. morrow

President Taft telegraphed hi sympathy and as head of the Red Cross society offered aid. The citizens relief fund has reached nearly ten thousand dollars, including the

Red Cross contribution of \$7,000. Each of the adult victims belong to the colliery "keg" fund which provides \$100 as a benefit to the family of each member who dies.

It is intended by the local relief committee to raise \$200,000.

Nothing new has developed in the story of how the catastrophe occurred except the verification of the company official's claim that prior to

sending men in to urge the workers to hasten out, a message was sent into that coming to warn them of the first dered them to use out.