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BIG BANK DEFAULTER

Release Granted on \$25,000 Bond—Depositors Protected.

MONEY LOST IN SPECULATION.

Frank G. Bigelow, President of the First National Bank and Head of the American Bankers' Association, is arrested, charged with embezzlement.

Milwaukee, Special.—Frank G. Bigelow, president of the First National Bank of this city and formerly president of the American Bankers' Association, has defaulted bank funds to the extent of \$1,500,000. The capital of the bank is \$1,500,000 and a surplus of \$1,500,000. Bigelow signed over property amounting to \$200,000, making a net default of \$1,300,000. Aside from the surplus which will meet the default, the sum of \$1,635,000 has been subscribed by the directors to meet any demands which may be made on the bank.

The aggregate wealth of the bank approximates over \$2,000,000. The Comptroller of Currency has been asked to make immediate examination of the bank.

Bigelow admitted that that amount had been lost in speculation and he had falsified the books to cover up the defalcation. Henry C. Goll, assistant cashier of the bank has been removed, charged with having been a party to the falsification of figures in the bank's books.

In making his statement to the directors of the bank, Mr. Bigelow said he had become involved in speculation in Wall street several months ago. He had also been a persistent bull in the wheat market and recent losses in gain had been added to heavy losses in Wall street. From manipulation of the bank's funds, he had extended the defalcation. More than a million dollars was guaranteed to the bank by various stockholders, and no serious run was made on the bank. It is not thought that any complications with creditors of the bank will follow.

The motions of Mr. Bigelow have been going on for months, according to the statement of one of the directors, but so cleverly was the work done that neither the directors nor the national bank examiners discovered that anything was wrong with the funds of the bank. The intimations that there were irregularities came to Charles F. Pfister, a director, when an employee of the bank gave Mr. Pfister information sufficient to start an investigation. Then followed a meeting of the directors and a confession.

DOUBT EFFICIENCY OF FLEET
Observers of Rojstvensky's Fleet in Kamranh Bay Were Not All Favorably Impressed.

Kamranh Bay, Special.—The Russian squadron, consisting of 52 ships, including the transports, left Kamranh Bay at noon April 22, and the main portion soon disappeared in a westerly direction. Sixteen vessels—the Russian cruiser, Svyetlana, the Russian hospital ship Orzel, four German transports, seven Danish transports, and three Russian transports remained in the offing.

Those who saw Admiral Rojstvensky prior to his departure say he is suffering from dysentery, accompanied by severe pains. All the officers and crews of the Russian ships appeared to be full of confidence.

It is believed here that it is Admiral Rojstvensky's intention to do everything possible to have Admiral Nebogatoff join him before undertaking a decisive battle. A torpedo boat destroyer is patrolling the coast.

Although the Russian crews were confident of victory, independent observers who got near enough to Admiral Rojstvensky's warships to be able to inspect them were not unanimous regarding the efficiency of the squadron.

ADVANCE IN WAGES.

Five Thousand Employees of Colorado Corporation Will Be Benefitted.

Pueblo, Colo., Special.—Announcement is made, beginning May 1, that five thousand employees of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Co. of this city, will receive an advance in wages. Office employees and superintendents will receive an increase of ten to twenty percent and men in the mechanical departments seven per cent.

RUSSIAN PRINTERS STRIKE.

Types Say They Won't Work on Sundays and Holidays.

St. Petersburg, Special.—Printers suddenly struck Monday, announcing their intention of refusing to work on Sundays and holidays. Only the Russ and Novoe Vremya appeared Monday morning.

Suicide on German Cruiser.

Newport News, Va., Special.—Lieut. L. A. P. F. Starke, of the German cruiser Bremen, committed suicide aboard the ship on Monday. His fellow officers declare he was temporarily insane as a result of ill health.

Five Indicted for Peonage.

Athens, Ga., Special.—In the Federal Court Monday indictments for peonage were returned against R. L. Quittmann, Weldon F. Brooks, George S. Huff, Ed. Huff, Rufus Harvey, and fully twenty more cases are to be investigated.

T. H. Sappington was arrested on a charge of trying to induce negroes to emigrate to Mississippi. His bond was fixed and he was released.

NORTH STATE CROP BULLETIN

The Outlook as Viewed by the Department of Agriculture.

The temperature during the week ending Monday, April 24th, averaged nearly two degrees daily below the normal, but the larger part of the deficiency was caused by the very cool weather during the early part of the week; killing frosts with formation of ice occurred on the 17th, 18th and in northern sections on the 19th. Subsequently the temperature rose considerably, reaching a maximum of over 80 per cent. on the 21st, and the conditions became more favorable for the growth of vegetation. The amount of precipitation during the week was quite small, and was limited to light showers Friday evening in the central and eastern portions of the State; in the west the entire week was dry, and the need of rain is beginning to be felt. The soil, however, is in excellent condition for plowing, and farm work progressed rapidly. On account of the check caused by the early cold the growth of crops during the past week has been rather slow.

Planting corn is now being pushed vigorously and may now be considered general over the State; in some southern counties all the upland corn has been planted, and the preparation of lowlands is under way. Some early corn was cut back by frost, and replanting is in progress. The planting of cotton is proceeding very slowly, though a fair quantity was put in the ground during the week; all evidences point to a considerable diminution in the acreage to be planted. Tobacco plant beds are in fine condition, and the plants though still small appear to be growing nicely and will be plentiful; a little tobacco has been set in extreme southern counties. Wheat, oats and rye have generally made considerable improvement during the week; spring oats where up are doing nicely, but they are slow coming up in the west. Replanting truck crops that were cut down by frost is proceeding rapidly. Irish potatoes are being planted in the west and cabbage and melons are coming up nicely since the frost. The shipments of strawberries are increasing.

In regard to the damage caused by the killing frosts of the 17th and 18th, a large number of the special reports received indicate that the damage to fruit is much less than at first thought. In low ground almost all fruits were killed, but on all uplands and sloping surfaces permitting drainage of the cold air to lower ground, while the damage especially to peaches is considerable, fair crops of all fruits were left on trees at a considerable number of places and apples were not so much injured. These fruits were too well set and large in the east to receive much injury and the greatest damage probably occurred along the eastern slopes of the Blue Ridge. Of the truck crops, Irish potatoes and beans were quite generally cut to the ground, as were unprotected tomato plants; the injury to peas, cabbage and onions was insignificant. The injury to strawberries was much less than anticipated and will only have the effect of delaying ripening to some extent. A little very early corn and cotton were cut down, and in places slight damage was done to wheat and clover.

Mr. Arnold Borden Shot.

Goldboro, Special.—About 9 o'clock Monday night there occurred one of the most sensational shooting affairs that Goldsboro has ever witnessed. One of the most prominent citizens of the town, Mr. Arnold Borden, was shot twice by E. L. Edmundson, also a prominent business man. The shooting took place in front of the railroad waiting rooms and was witnessed by a number of people who were crowding the street just at the time.

The trouble grew out of personal differences. Mr. Edmundson is in custody. Mr. Borden was taken to the home of Dr. John and William Spicer, where his wounds were examined. It was found that he was shot just below the nipple on the right side of the breast and at this time it is feared that his wounds are more serious than at first thought.

Noted State Winner Soid.

New York, Special.—Major Daingerfield, the winner of many famous races and the holder of the three-year-old championship in 1902, was sold to P. J. Dwyer, in the Fasig-Tipton auction sale of the horses of William B. Leeds and Andrew Miller, at the Aqueduct race for \$3,000. The stakes won by Major Daingerfield in the past four seasons were worth \$91,905.

14 Die in Convent Fire.

Montreal, Special.—The little village of St. Genevieve is in mourning over the loss of 14 lives in a fire, which destroyed the convent of St. Anne there early today. One nun, nine children, ranging in age from 10 to 18 years, and four old women perished in the flames. Two nuns were so severely burned that it is feared that they will die. In their grief over the catastrophe, the villagers find some comfort in relating the heroism displayed by Sister Marie Adjuiter, who gave up her life, and Sister Marie Therese and Marie Robertine, who were perhaps fatally burned in their effort to save the lives of the children and helpless old women in their charge.

LUMBER PLANT BURNED.

Short Lumber Mill at Washington Destroyed—Loss \$20,000.

Washington, N. C., Special.—Fire broke out in the saw mill plant belonging to the E. M. Short Lumber Company Monday night. The mill was totally destroyed. By hard work the large dry kilns and a large stock of lumber belonging to the company was saved. The total loss to the Short Lumber Company is estimated at \$20,000.

Wrecked in Burning Bridge.

Rome, Ga., Special.—A part of the first section of the northbound Cincinnati and Florida limited, on the Southern railway, was wrecked in a burning trestle six and a half miles from Rome. No one was killed but several of the crew were injured. The section carried only baggage, express and mail cars. The engine passed over the burning bridge, but the two cars following went into the burning structure.

ASK FOR FAIR PLAY

Japanese Not Satisfied With French Government's Attitude

WANTS FRANCE TO SPEAK OUT

Minister Montono Calls on Foreign Minister Del Casse and Submits Courteous but Earnest Representations Regarding the Prolonged Stay of Rojstvensky in Kamranh Bay.

Paris, By Cable.—Acting upon instructions from his government, Dr. Motono, the Japanese minister to France, called on Foreign Minister Del Casse this evening and submitted representations on behalf of Japan concerning the presence of the Russian Pacific squadron in Kamranh Bay. An official communication issued after the meeting states that Minister Montono's communication had no character of a formal protest against an alleged violation of neutrality, but was to obtain assurances that France would observe strict neutrality.

The exact terms of Japan's representation has not been disclosed, but it is understood, while having the usual courteous form of diplomacy, that it set forth that serious apprehensions had been aroused by the stay of the Russian warships in Kamranh Bay, and that urgent desire that French neutrality be placed beyond doubt.

The terms of the French responses, although not given out, tend to give ample assurances upon all the questions raised. Besides these general assurances, the conference doubtless permitted the explanation of the French point of view concerning the stay of Russian warships in Kamranh Bay. It is maintained that this was at most a brief sojourn, and not a prolonged stay, official information leading to the belief that the squadron actually left Kamranh Bay last Sunday. No Japanese ships were in the vicinity during the stay of the Russian squadron, and, therefore, it is held, it had not the character of giving asylum to a belligerent against the attack of the enemy.

It remains for Tokyo, to which the French reply was sent, to say whether the assurances are considered sufficient. The opinion prevails here that M. Del Casse's answer is of a nature to prevent serious complications. However, the attitude of Socialist deputies promises to bring up the entire question before the chamber. M. Presens, one of Jaures' chief lieutenants, has given notice of his intention to question the government on the presence of Russian ships in Indo-Chinese waters, and the attitude of neutrality has not been observed with sufficient vigor.

The appearance of the question as a political issue in political quarters, leads to the feeling in some quarters that Rojstvensky's presence in Indo-Chinese waters is a considerable menace to France, and may operate to weaken the bonds between Russia and France.

Ordered to Move On.

Paris, By Cable.—A telegram received here from St. Petersburg and understood to be of official origin says: "The Russian Admiralty has notified Admiral Rojstvensky of the grave danger to peace which will be entailed if the stay of his squadron off the coast of Annam is prolonged contrary to the laws of neutrality. No doubt is entertained that the admiral will carry out the formal instructions sent to him."

Facts Not Established.

St. Petersburg, By Cable.—The following statement on the subject of Kamranh Bay has been made: "If Rojstvensky is still at Kamranh Bay, he will remain outside the three-mile limit as he did during his long stay off Madagascar. Naturally, Japan will file a caveat, just as she would file one with the United States if Rojstvensky should approach the Philippines. Japan's protest is in the nature of a warning. The facts yet remain to be established."

Squadron Reported to Have Left.

St. Petersburg, By Cable.—Reports are current here that the Russian second Pacific squadron has already left Kamranh Bay and is on the way to Vladivostok; but the government will proceed with action on the Japanese protest as if the squadron had not continued its voyage. A special service was held at the Admiralty church to offer prayers for the safety of the squadron and its successful arrival at Vladivostok.

Testifies in South Carolina.

Windsor, Va., Special.—Deputy Sheriff J. H. Kiniry has arrived at the State prison here with John F. McCarthy, who is serving a term in the prison for robbing a bank at Newfane, and with whom the deputy has been on a trip to South Carolina. In that State McCarthy testified in a postoffice robbery case, having been taken there as a witness at the request of the South Carolina authorities. McCarthy will leave the prison again soon, to appear as a witness at Newfane in the case of a man who is detained there on suspicion of having been implicated in the bank robbery for which McCarthy is now serving his sentence.

Contents of Cars Saved.

Washington, Special.—Reports received at headquarters of the Southern Railway here state that the mail section of the Florida limited ran into a burning trestle near Rome, Ga., and was derailed, the cars being thrown into the bank. The report states that there was no loss, the mail and express being forwarded. The trestle caught from forest fire.

Fatally Stabbed in Fight.

Kinston, Special.—Ed. Warters was killed Saturday evening near Wise Fork, five miles from here as the result of a fight with P. B. F. T. and Clem Worley, brothers. Warters and the three worleys met in the public road about sunset, and after a few words began fighting. Warters being stabbed so badly that he died within a few minutes. P. B. Worley was caught and lodged in jail. The other two men are at large, but will probably be arrested. The trouble began about a year ago at a dance at the home of the Worleys over a few peanuts.

WOUNDED CRIMINALS ARRESTED

Postoffice Inspector Swears Out Warrants on Federal Charge.

Postoffice Inspector Hardy Gregory Tuesday night at Greensboro swore out United States warrants against the wounded men at Wadesboro as shreds wounded men held at Wadesboro as suspected postoffice robbers. One warrant was sworn out against Charles Cross, alias Charles L. Blackburn, alias Missouri Charley, and is for a postoffice robbery in Gordonsville, Va., March 28th. The other is against James Fisher, alias James Shaffer, alias James Vincent, alias James V. Enn, alias "Connecticut Shorty" who is charged with robbing the postoffice at Latta, S. C., Feb. 25th, 1904. The letter was badly shot when the pursuing party captured him, but has improved sufficiently to stand his trial at the preliminary investigation Wednesday. On the warrants, the names of several Virginians and South Carolinians were endorsed by the commissioner for subpoenas as witnesses for the government.

Tar Heel Topics.

A year ago the stockholders of the Modena Mills, at Gastonia, authorized the president of the mills, Mr. J. D. Moore, to build a new mill. Friday afternoon the directors met and decided to build the mill at once. It will be known as Mill No. 3. The building will be 75 by 150 feet, and will be two stories high. It is to be built of Fort Mill brick, and will accommodate 10,000 spindles, 8,000 of which will be put in at once. The two old mills have 216 looms and 9,672 spindles. When the new mill is completed, the three mills together will have a little over 17,000 spindles. This night work will stop, and only day work will be done. This new mill will give employment to all the present night hands. Work about the progress on the building will be completed by cold weather.

Telegraphic reports Tuesday night to The Carolina Fruit and Truckers' Journal, from many points in the strawberry and vegetable district of North Carolina, indicate that the damage by the cold weather and frosts of the past two days is general throughout the belt. The old berry plants sustained but little damage, but those of last year's planting were rather hard hit, the damage being estimated at something like 25 per cent. The average injury up to the present is estimated as follows: Strawberries, 15 to 20 per cent; Irish potatoes, 35 to 40 per cent; beans, peas, etc., 50 to 60 per cent.

The date fixed for the corner stone laying of the Crittenton Home, situated on the corner of McDowell and Ninth streets, Charlotte, is Easter Monday, April 24th, at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. Mr. Chas. Crittenton will be present and participate in the exercises on this occasion. Many Charlotte people who remember Mr. Crittenton and the great meeting that he conducted there a year or more ago, will doubtless be present, together with a large number who have not yet had an opportunity to see the site and the commodious building now nearing completion.

Plans have been completed for the third annual May music festival to be held at Greensboro, beginning May 18th. Besides the best vocal talent of that such, such eminent vocalists as Dr. B. Merrill Hopkinson, of Baltimore, and Anita Rise, of New York, will aid in one of the concerts. The chorus will consist of 100 singers from Greensboro and nearby cities, and a large number of these have been training on the "Messiah," Handel's matchless oratorio, ever since November.

President F. P. Vegable, of the State University, says work on the new \$45,000 laboratory building began Tuesday, Contractor Underwood, of Durham, doing the work. Dr. Venable says he is receiving letters from alumni in all parts of the country pledging themselves for donations toward the raising of the \$50,000, necessary to be raised in order to secure the \$50,000 from Andrew Carnegie for a library building. He is confident of securing the amount.

George Williams and Will Tucker, desperate negroes of Goldsboro, were bound over to court Monday in a \$200 justified bond. They had robbed an old colored man who was standing on a corner counting his money. They grabbed his money and jumped on an outgoing passenger train, but were captured and taken back to Goldsboro with the above result.

The Governor appoints W. T. Brown of Winston, director of the North Carolina Railroad to succeed George P. Pell, resigned.

Application to Secretary of State.

Application was made Wednesday morning to the Secretary of State for the chartering of a new mill in a half dollar corporation at Cullowhee, but the papers had to go back for correction, in that they had failed to comply with the law in specifying interests, and some other particulars concerning the insurance of preferred stock.

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NORTH STATE NEWS

Many Newsy Items Gathered From all Sections.

Charlotte Cotton Market.

These prices represent prices paid to wagons:

Strict good middling	7 1/2
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Tinges	6 1/2 to 7.00
Stains	5 1/2 to 6 1/2

General Cotton Market.

Galveston, quiet	7 1/2
New Orleans, steady	7 1/2
Mobile, easy	7 1/2
Savannah, quiet	7 1/2
Charleston, quiet	7 1/2
Wilmington, dull	7 1/2
Norfolk, quiet	7 1/2
Baltimore, nominal	7 1/2
New York, quiet	7.80
Houston, quiet	7.80
Philadelphia, quiet	8.05
Houston, quiet	7 1/2
Augusta, steady	7 1/2
Memphis, steady	7 1/2
St. Louis, steady	7 1/2
Louisville, firm	7 1/2

\$45,000 for Guilford.

Greensboro, Special.—For two years or more Guilford College has been raising an endowment fund with gratifying success. Now comes the announcement that Andrew Carnegie has offered \$45,000 on conditions that friends of the college will duplicate that sum. This donation was granted in response to the application of the trustees of the college through President Hobbs and Mr. J. Elwood Cox, supporting these gentlemen and the application were: Carl Schurz, Vice President Fairbanks, Speaker Cannon, President Charles D. McIver, President Sharpless, Col. S. F. Worthington, Congressman Dixon, of Montana, and other prominent friends of the institution. In a few hours after Mr. Carnegie's offer had become known, several thousand dollars additional was pledged by private subscription, and friends of the college are confident that the college will comply with the conditions. When this \$90,000 is secured, with the fund already subscribed, this splendid old North Carolina educational institution will have an endowment fund of \$150,000 fully guaranteed.

State Printing Contract.

E. M. Uzzell & Company, who were the State printers for the past two years, are again awarded the contract for the ensuing two years. This action was taken Wednesday at noon by the State printing board, which is composed of Governor Glenn, the members of the State council, and the Commissioner of Labor and Printing, H. B. Varner. There are over four hundred different classes of printing on which bids have to be made, and the awarding of the bid is before the commission awarded the contract they had a detailed estimate of the bids as submitted by the two bidders, E. M. Uzzell & Company and Edwards & Broughton, made. This showed that there were three bids aggregating \$5,000,000, which the Uzzell bid was the lowest and items aggregating \$1,038,400 on which Edwards & Broughton's bid was the lowest. Altogether the difference of the bids in favor of Uzzell & Company is \$3,968,600. The printing for the two years will amount to \$60,000.

New Enterprises.

A charter is issued for the Hare Distillery Company, of Hamlet, capital \$10,000, incorporators Starkey Hare, A. K. Atkinson, and others. Also the Harnett Grocery Company of Dunn, incorporators, O. P. Shell, A. H. Parker and others.

A charter is issued for the Southern Mutual Indemnity Company, of Charlotte, the incorporators being James Allen Houston, J. J. Hutchison, R. D. Moore, W. H. Collins, E. S. Williams, Geo. J. Williams, R. L. Kesler, J. A. Walker, and others. The Gas-kill Hardware and Mill Supply Company, of Newbern, is also chartered with \$10,000, Jas. Gas-kill being principal incorporator. A charter is issued for the Cullowhee Mining & Reduction Company, of Cullowhee, Jackson county, the authorized capital being \$1,000,000. The incorporators are D. D. Davis, R. E. Bowen, T. A. Cox, J. T. Taylor, and others.

The Department of State also grants a charter for the Newbern Iron Works capital \$20,000, subscribed by W. A. McIntosh, E. H. Williams, W. T. Brinson, for the purpose of doing a general iron foundry and machinery business. The Oxford Water & Electric Company has been chartered with \$50,000 capital for the purpose of constructing water works and an electric light plant for the town of Oxford. The incorporators are Harry L. Miller, of Mecklenburg; W. T. Sherman, W. E. Richardson, of Washington, D. C.

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STATE SANITATION URGED

Convention at Atlanta Makes Recommendations Looking to the Isolation and Care of Patients—El Paso, Tex., Gets Next Meeting.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—El Paso, Texas, was chosen as the next meeting place for the American Anti-Tuberculosis League, all other aspirants for the honor withdrawing in favor of that city. The election of officers resulted as follows:

President, Dr. R. E. O'Neill, of Sioux City, Ia.; secretary, Dr. Walter N. Villas, El Paso. The vice presidents from the various States, so far as chosen are: Drs. T. V. Hubbard and A. H. Vandyke, of Atlanta; C. P. Ambler, of Asheville, N. C.; C. A. Snodgrass, of St. Louis; E. L. McGhee, of New Orleans; Mark Millikan, of Hamilton, Co.; U. V. Williams, of Kentucky; J. Y. Porter, of Florida; Prestor H. Hickey, of Detroit; T. M. Gray, of East Orange, N. J.; and W. J. McMurray, of Nashville, Tenn.

The resolutions adopted urged the duty upon the various States of establishing sanitariums for the isolation and care of tuberculosis patients. The regular programme of the day was followed, the absence of several speakers necessitating the reading of their papers by title and ordering them spread on the records of the meeting. Among the exceptions to the rule were the papers of Dr. Henry O. Marcy, of Boston, and of Dr. J. R. Rivers, of Paris, which were read at length.

The Patterson Jury.

New York, Special.—The jury which is to decide the fate of Nan Patterson was completed at 7:40 o'clock Wednesday night when Recorder Goff adjourned court until next Monday morning.

Miss Patterson is to again face a jury composed almost entirely of married men, only two of the accepted panel of twelve being single—one a bachelor, the other a widower.

Most of the jurymen are men of middle age and beyond. Many of them have large families, some grown daughters who are married. It was announced tonight that the defendant will take the stand again during the present trial and tell her story of how young met his death in the hansom cab last June as he was driving to the steamship pier to join his wife on a trip to Europe. It is also alleged Miss Patterson is anxious that her sister Mrs. J. Morgan Smith, should become a witness for the defense, although it has not been determined yet, either by the prosecution or the girl's lawyer just what part the Morgan Smiths shall play.

When the last juror had taken his place in one of the empty chairs remaining in the box, Recorder Goff turned to the twelve men and delivered the customary warning not to discuss the case or to allow it to be discussed in their hearing. He then adjourned court.

Carnegie's Niece Married.

New York, Special.—It became known Wednesday that Andrew Carnegie's niece, Nancy, was secretly married about a year ago to a riding master named Heaver, whom she met at Newport. The story was confirmed by Mr. Carnegie.

"My niece was married to Mr. Heaver in New York about a year ago," he said. "Mr. Heaver was a riding teacher in the family. The family has no objection to the match. Mr. Heaver is an honest, upright young man. I had rather Nancy had married a poor, honest man than a worthless dandy. We want no rich men in the family."

Mr. Carnegie said that Mr. and Mrs. Heaver went to Europe immediately after their marriage. They returned a few days ago and are now on a visit to New England.

Mr. Heaver was formerly coachman for his wife's mother, Mrs. Thomas M. Carnegie, in Pittsburg, and at her winter home in Fernandina, Fla. He was a widower with two small children.

Burned Themselves to Death.

New Orleans, Special.—In an attempt to escape from jail three prisoners set fire to the parish jail at Pontchartraine, La. Two of the men were cremated and a third badly burned. The dead are: Henry Taylor, Vine Mount, Ala.; James Reilly, Philadelphia. Fatally burned: Lucien George de Laas, Lafayette, La. The men were arrested last night for disorderly conduct.

Got Poisoned Candy By Mail.

Mobile, Ala., Special.—Report was lodged at police headquarters of an attempt made on the life of Mrs. Florence Hogan by means of a box of candy sent her through the mails by a rascal of unknown person, presumably a birthday present, yesterday being her anniversary. When she opened the box she found it contained the candy, but emitted a peculiar odor and was covered with a fine powder. She took it to a nearby drug store, and was informed that it contained enough poison to kill fifty people. Detectives are on the case and it is understood the government will make an investigation.

New York Will Participate.

Albany, N. Y., Special.—A bill was introduced in the senate to comply with the request of General Fitzhugh Lee, president of the Jamestown Exposition Company. It provides for the appointment by the governor of a commission of seven to represent the State at the exposition. This commission is directed to provide for a State building and exhibit, costing not over \$150,000, and to report the estimated expense to the Legislature of January, 1906.

GREAT PLAYER DEAD

Joseph Jefferson, Prince of American Actors, Passes Away

THE END CAME SUNDAY EVENING

Distinguished Actor's Condition Grew Steadily Worse Saturday Night, When It Became Apparent That the Heroic Struggle of Days Had Exhausted His Vitality—Illness Originally Contracted by Discretion in Eating While on Fishing Trip With Mr. Cleveland.

West Palm Beach, Fla., Special.—Joseph Jefferson died at his home, "The Rects," at Palm Beach, at 6:15 o'clock Sunday evening. The end came after a day of unconsciousness and after a heroic struggle of days, which had exhausted his vitality. At his death bed were his wife, his sons, Charles B. and Frank Jefferson; his nurse, Miss Mabel Bingham; Dr. R. B. Potter, and his faithful old servant, Carl Kottler.

The end was not a surprise to his family. Ever since his last sinking spell, which came after a rally on Thursday morning, and which was followed by an improvement until Friday, the family has been waiting for the end. Mr. Jefferson's condition Saturday night grew steadily worse, and the family, who had retired, were summoned from their beds and Dr. Potter was called. The patient's condition continued to grow weak all through today, and the brief bulletins from the bedside contained no words of encouragement.

The sickness of Mr. Jefferson, which ended in his death, was contracted, it is believed, while on a recent visit to his son, Charles B. Jefferson, at Hobe Sound, a few miles above Palm Beach, where he went to meet his friend, former President Cleveland. It is believed that from a slight indisposition in his eating there, he suffered an attack of indigestion. Since his return to his home, this condition grew steadily worse, with slight rallies, until the end.

The body of Mr. Jefferson will be taken to Buzzard's Bay on a special train, accompanied by all the members of his family who are here. It will reach New York Wednesday morning, and the family home to reach Buzzard's Bay the evening of that day.

It was on April 1st that Mr. Jefferson went to Hobe Sound to meet Mr. Cleveland and other friends at the home of his son, Charles B. Jefferson. The party spent about a week there, and at that time there were frequent fishing expeditions.

When Jefferson became ill he returned at once to The Rects and was taken to his room on the second floor of the cottage, which is only 160 feet from the ocean, and where he could watch the