COURTS CONFLICT.

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n Open Letter to Captain Franklin

ome Pertinent and Poined Questions to One of the Candidates For Mayoralty

gs Him to Reconsider and nter the Party Primary-Vould Paraphrase Benediction of Horace

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sed to Capt. T. S. Franklin, aspirants for the office of

andidacy for Mayor, and eived and carefully voted and campaignpreferment. I feel tical association de-

me to not participate in the he general election, in prefer-Democrat to make of And when I recall that in bys you and I fought side by side lanks of the regular Democdefeat an Independent candithusiastic efforts and uncomng spirit in that memorable en and that you were then one candidates of the regular Defrom Ward 4 who was elected, s incredible that in so short a who waged warfare against endent candidate should yourvery same office and then apa jewel!-or rather, thou wert iit seemest now to have been

d in ambition's cup.

however simple and easy it may ver, "about face," still to me the appears most difficult to perform ny degree of gracefulness and and I am very reluctant to at-. And certainly before ventura such a disagreeable and hazsome extraordinary reason Now, what sufficient reason to suggest? I find only one d in your letter, which is: to the ruling of the Executive e my name will not be pren the primary, and I will stand or at the election in May." In hat we may comprehend the assign for refusing to enter ry it becomes necessary that "rule" referred to by on the areshold of our conm of the rule, and remember and I have always been Demand have ever heretofore looked hat we now take the same vanstound and calmly, logically and

LLIAM INVITES OUR NAVY TO KIEL

tation Will Be Declined its mills advanced wages a year ago. r Fear Some Other Power Will Take Umbrage

at Acceptance

of Germany has invited the Atlantic squadron to visit Kiel has not been disclosed and no inkling its summer cruise. This cours conveyed in a telegram to but will probably decline. The arose on publication of the fact squadron would be given a in across the Atlantic, possibly oon to demonstrate its steaming and ability to blockade Europ-

reafter this scheme was abandonause it was felt Portugal or some power might take umbrage. The of the Emperor and the adty of accepting were discussed Cabinet yesterday and there was inent.

Frank R. McNinch Puts subordinating all personal ambitions and preferences, being anxious only for the welfare of the grand old Democratic party. Now for the rule, number 8, which is as follows:

"That all qualified white Democratic voters in the City of Charlotte who will support the nominees of said primary election are invited to participate in said primary; provided, that no person who voted for Republican candidates for the General Assembly in the general election of 1902 shall be construed c be a Democrat."

Let us first interpret the rule. The first word which requires a construction is that of "qualified" which means of course, that the person offering to vote in the primary must possess the qualifications necessary to entitle him to vote in the election in May. The next term that invites our attention is, Democratic voters," but, happily, we are not left to guess at its meaning for the committee has given us this construction: "Provided, that no person who voted for the Republican candidates for the General Assembly in the general election of 1902 shall be construed to be a Democrat." The only other provision of the rule is, that the voter "will support the nominees of said primary election' this needs no interpretation.

Now let us proceed to apply this rule as Democrats to Democrats. I beg to call your attention especially to the fact that the committee has, through this broad, liberal rule, welcomed to the primary all Democrats of every degree and type. The straight-out Demperat and the national Republican-State Democrat may come hand-inhand; he who voted for any or even all fthe Republican candidates for the State offices may vote unmolested; ocrat and the national Republican. Congressional candidate are invited: the Democrat who did not vote at all of primary, but to vote for will receive a hearty welcome; the Democrat who voted a part of the the regular Democratic nomi- Democratic ticket, but cut a part, will deed a most unusual re- vote unchallenged; and since, in the committee's construction of the rule the word is used in the plural, "candi-

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GREAT TEXTILE STRIKE THREATENS

me for support! O consistency. Thousands of Workers At Lowell and Fall River Will Go Out Next Week Unless Demands Are Granted

Lowell, March 25 .- Four unions out of the six which have actively taken part in the demand for an increase in wages, held a fully attended and enthusiastic meeting last night and all voted unanimously to instruct their delegates to the textile council to force the issue if the ten per cent increase is not granted before next Monday.

Strike Planned. Fall River, March 25 .- At an execu-

ive committee meeting of the United Textile Workers held today plans were aid for the greatest textile strike, ever attempted in New England. The mule spinners of Manville and Woonsocket are now on strike and the natonal body voted to support them. That implies the entrance of the American Federation of Labor into the quarrel. In the event of a strike in Lowell, where 18,-600 operatives will be affected, the National Union voted to support the strikers. The struggle in Lowell is expected to begin April 1.

Negotiations that are pending be tween the officials of the National Mule Spinners' Union and the Yarn Trust, which thus far have resulted in a flat refusal to advance wages, are expected to result in a mule spinners' and card-room workers' strike, and it was voted to support the strikers. The yarn mill trouble is expected to come to a crisis April 7.

Fall River is not involved, because

Spain's Curiosity Aroused. Madrid, March 25.-The foreign office has received a telegram from the Spinish minister at Washington, stating that the military attache there is coming to Madrid on a most important, diplomatic mission. The anington, March 25.-Emperor nouncement is causing considerable comment. The nature of the mission

> of it can be obtained. N. Y. Prices Rally.

New York, March 25.-Considerable covering attended the opening of the cotton market this morning, but as the operings seemed to increase, it fell off until the estimate for Houston, receipts was only 900 to a thousand, This caused a renewal of the local prices, which rallied to the highest and general trade broadened.

Cotton Receipts. -The receipts of cotton at the city was 8.95.

Governor Aycock Telegraphs News

As To Court Dates. Governor Aycock wired The News yesterday evening that the special term of Rockingham county court would conflict with the second week of Mecklenburg Superior court, because of the fact that Judge Long of Statesville, has been selected to hold both Three Are Fatally Scalded By

The members of the Charlotte bar had already gotten together and arranged a callendar for the two weeks term that will convene the 6th, of April. It is thought now that the special term of Mecklenburg court will not hold longer than one week.

The special term of Rockingham ourt is called for the purpose of trying Broadnax, the negro charged with the the most prominent citizens of Rock ingham county.

Broadnax is now in the penitentiary at Raleigh, having been taken there for safe keeping.

STABBED WITH A KNIFE. Little Negro Cuts Young Robert John-

ston. In the city court this morning Vernon Ivey, Jack Cureton and Zeb Ivey, three small colored boys, were before the court charged with an assault on Robert Johnston, a brother of Frank Johnston, the well known

Yesterday afternoon Johnston and a companion were passing near the creek, to the East of the city. A crowd of negro boys and girls were engaged in a game of ball. Johnston and his companion stopped to witness the game when one of the negroes, Vernon Ivey, asked Johnston for a reed that he held in his hand. Johnston refused to give it to him when angry words were passed. The two boys engaged in a fight and Johnston succeeded in getting the negro on the ground. About this time. Ivey's mother, sister and two brothers came out and rocks commenced to be thrown. Johnston saw that he was badly in the minority and he started away. Just as he turned his back on Vernon Ivey, the latter plunged a knife in Johnston's shoulder. The wound while a small one ,is very deep and caused the young man con-

siderable pain. Two stitches were required to be taken. The Recorder bound Vernon Ivey over to court in the sum of \$25 and fined Minnie Ivey, his sister, \$2.50 and the costs.

Picked Up On the Streets By Officer Black. Mary Crump, an aged white woman, was picked up by the police this after-

WHITE WOMAN DRUNK.

noon, on South Tryon street. The unfortunate woman was thoroughly drunk and one hand still held a pint bottle of whiskey. On the way to the police station the woman prayed a while and then would

curse. She wept as she was taken to a cell in the tombs. The unfortunate creature is well known in Charlotte though she has never been caught in such a predicament as the one she will have to answer for at the Recorder's Court to-

morrow morning. MRS, MOLINEUX IS WAITING.

Has Two Months More Before She

Can Get Her Divorce. Sioux Falls, S. D., March 25 .- Mrs. Roland B. Molineux has become a familiar figure in Sioux Falls. Following the practice established by her a fortnight after she arrived here, she takes daily walks to the residence portion of the city and is quite frequently seen visiting stores in the business section. She continues to attract considerable attention.

When walking Mrs. Molineux is invariably alone, as has been the case from her first appearance in public. She has been here about two-thirds of the time necessary to establish a residence in the city and State, and in about two months she will be a legal resident of South Dakota, when her divorce suit can be instituted.

DIRECTORS GRANT EMPLOYE'S DEMANDS

New York, New Haven and Hartford Strike is Averted By the Action Taken This Morning

New Haven, March 25 .- The committee of directors of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad appointed at the New York at meeting of the directors, met here this morning and presented to the joint grievance committee of the conductors and trainmen a proposition of the road for a change in the existing wages and schedules. The change will affect nearly every class of employees of the road. Propositions for increase of pay asked by telegraphers, freight handlers, boiler-

rs, are all accepted and the increase of wages granted. The directors refuse to recognize the ployees.

makers, machinists, shopmen and oth-

DISASTERS THAT A DAY BRINGS FORTH

Steam and Water

KILLED WHILE ESCAPING

murder of Mr. Blair, who was one of Washington Policeman Kills His Prisoner and Then He **Becomes Violently** Insane

TEN MEN ARE DROWNED

Hostile Kurd Tribes Extermi nate Each Other--Robbers Kill Express Messenger On Stage-Coach

Tamaqua, Pa., March 25.-By water bar bursting on a Philadelphia and Reading engine coming down Frackville late last night Engineer Lewis Berger and Nerbert Rummel and William Rogers were fatally scalded by the escaping steam and water.

Shot Prisoner-Became Insane. Washington, March 25.-While attempting to escape William Wheeler, colored, was shot and instantly killed this morning by Policeman Sawyer, who was taking him to the station ouse. After reporting the matte Sawyer suddenly became violent and several officers were required to subdue him. The doctors pronounced him suffering from temporary insanity.

One Is Killed Outright. South, Amboy, March 25 .- Six men were caught in machinery used for storing coal on huge piles last night. Only one escaped. One was killed outright, another had his legs crushed and was horribly cut about the body and died during the night; another had both arms crushed and amputation may be necessary while two others suffered slight injuries.

Robbers Kill Messenger. Ukiar, March 25.-Highwaymen held up the state between Ukiar and Mendocino City yesterday and shot and killed an armed messenger L. U. Overmeyer. The driver whipped up the horses and escaped uninjured. The stage carried heavy treasure.

Coasting Schooner Sinks. Vineyard, Haven., March 25 .- The schooner, Mary E. Morse, bound for Port Royal for New York, with a cargo of lumoer, sunk off Little Egg Harbor, N. J. yesterday morning, by colliding with the Boston steamer, Parthan, which passed here today and signaled that she had the crew of the schooner aboard. The damage to the Parthan was not serious.

Cape May Resort Burned. Cape May, March 25 .- The Marin Villa Hotel, valued at sixty thousand lollars, was entirely destroyed by fire early this morning. A cottage adjoining was partially destroyed. The damage to the building is about five thousand. Both are owned by Mrs. Jno. M. Rogers of Wilmington, Del.

Ten Men Drowned. Gijohn, Spain, March 25.-Ten men were drowned by the sinking of a fishing boat off here today.

THAT SALISBURY COUPLE.

They Fooled the Old Folks But Never

Left Home. The police were asked last night to look out for a young man and a girl who left Salisbury on No. 35, presum-

ably for South Carolina, to get mar-The young man was A. L. Lindsay, son of the proprietor of the Central RIVER AT MEMPHIS Hotel of Salisbury. The girl was Miss Stewart. When the train arrived here no couple answering the description,

was aboard. The News this afternoon telephoned Salisbury asking if the young couple had been located. The information obtained was to the effect that neither the young lady or the young man had left Salisbury; that both were in the bosom of their respective families and that there was no elopement.

Reliance Launching April 11. Bristol, March 25.—The cup-defender Reliance will be launched April 11 unless something untoward occurs in the meantime. This date has been set by those in charge of the yacht and there the rapid progress on the yachts construction she will be able to make her maiden dip at that time.

Arrested In Monroe.

NEW YORK DETECTIVE ARRIVES. He Tells of the Stolen Jewelry Found

ative of the Detective Bureau of the ity of New York, arrived in Charlotte this afternoon. Mr. Monohan comes after Claude Ingram, who is wanted in New York for grand larceny. The property stolen has been repeatedly described in the News

Immediately on his arrival here Chief Irwin went with Mr. Monohan to the county jail. There the New York officer had a talk with Ingram, who said that he was perfectly willing to return to New York without the usual requisition papers.

But, there is a hitch, Tomorrow o'clock arraigned 'Squire Hilton's court, charged with receiving and concealing stolen goods. This charge will probably be sustain ed and in this event, the New York officer will have to return without his

Mr. Monohan informs a News man are the property of Mr. John Burke of New York. At the time they disappeared. Mr. Burke was living at the home of Mrs. Margaret V. Murray No. 10 East 34th street. Mr. Burke is a rich wholesale liquor dealer.

On January 13th, the day the prop erty was missed, Ingram was hired by Mrs. Murray at a butler. He had access to Mr. Burke's room and suspicion at once fell on him. He was shadowed for some time but disappeared between suns. Ingram's mother who lives at No. 217 West 35th, street told the New York officer that her son had gone to Boston. The police were notified but they heard nothing of the negro.

The next heard from Ingram was when he was arrested by Mr. W. S. Orr in Charlotte.

Mr. Monohan informs the News that ne reward has been offered by Mr. Burke for the return of his stolen property.

SITUATION UNCHANGED.

Cctton Market Did But Little To-

day. New York, March 25.—C. W. Lee & Co. say: There is no change in the situation. The way people hold on to their line. And, there is not enough cotton coming into the market to make them change their attitude on the outlook. For instance, interior stocks lost 14,000 bales in three days as compared with 1,000 bales last year. Houston tomorrow gets 1,000 bales against 3,000 last year. This is getting to be serious. Shorts can't get cotton to deliver in New York on any such move ment. We have got to have more cotton to stop an advance in short covering in May. Today there were factors against advance. One of them was probable strike in Lowell. It now ooks as though the strike would take place on Monday. This may and may

factor none the less, when cotton is 10 cents a pound. Then we had fine weather for the second consecutive day. The sun will dry up the roads and bring out what cotton there is left. For a while this should make an easy market. Then its a question of ability of May people to hold. This long interest in May is very different thing than the aborative attempt to corner January. That was in behalf of an erratic speculator who May crowd has got yet to be tried. Facts are with them they have long May and short July and August. This is right position to make trouble.

not prove serious. Its a disturbing

For this reason, we are cautious about selling cotton and would go slow on both sides.

Thornwell Meetings.

The meetings at Westminster inreases in interest every day. Dr.

Thornwell preaches both morning and evening. Morning 10:30, evening 8 p. m. The song service commences at 7:45 p. m. under the direction of Mr. Dorritee. A strong body of singers assist in this service which adds very much to its effectiveness. Dr. Thornwell preached last night on the sin of "Unbelief," and was attentively listened to by a large congregation.

FALLS ONE FOOT

Rise Continues Below Vicksburg and Crest Will Probably Pass Helena By Friday or Saturday

Washington, March 25 .- A special river bulletin issued today, says: The is every reason to believe because of river at Memphis has now fallen one foot below the maximum stage of 40.1 feet, but continues to rise below. At Vicksburg this morning it was

51.4 feet, at New Orleans 20.1 feet, a Mr. R. W. Smith, Charlotte's new gates are to be seated if the organiza-Luther Kell, alias Walker, was ar- rise of .01. at each place since Tuesday postmaster, has received his commis- tion to which they are affiliated are in joint committee of conductors and rested in Monroe today charged with morning. The river continues to rise sion and will take charge of the office good standing and have paid their This can be done without golfence, because of a relinquish of the May cruise across to the of day.

The Irish Land On Claude Ingram. Bill is Introduced Mr. Thomas Monohan, a represen-

WHISKEY USED IN ELECTION.

Evidence Of Bribery Given At the Gudger-Moody Hearing At Asheville. Asheville ,N. C., March 25.—The special night session in the Gudger-Moody election contest hearing was not only enlivened by a war of words on the part of the attorneys, but some sensational testimony was given by J. R. Cole, of Black Mountain, Cole, after admitting that he did not

want to answer questions for fear he had received instructions from Republican managers to use whiskey in behalf of the Republican Congressional candidate. He said that Chairman C. In- B. Moore, of the Congressional committee, had been advised by Postmaster Rollins, of Asheville, to send \$75 to Black Mountain to be used in the purchase of votes under the direction of Charles Boone, Boone, according to Cole's evidence, was to give him \$25, keep \$25 himself, and give the remainder to one of the judges of election. that the valuables found on Ingram | Cole also stated with some reluctance that Chairman Moore had given him an order on John O'Donneil for two gallons of whiskey to be used in the Republican caucus.

THE VOTE TWO YEARS AGO.

The Total Vote Was 2092 and Brown's Majority Was 120. As the fight for the mayorality grows

warmer, figures of recent city elections grow more interesting. In the Brown and Brevard campaign two years ago the vote in the different

wards was as follows. Ward 1.-Brevard 280; Brown 378. Ward 2.—Brevard 200; Brown 207. Ward 3.-Brevard 254; Brown 184. Ward 4.—Brevard 252; Brown, 337. The total Brevard vote in the four wards of the city was 986; the Brown

vote 1106. Mr. Brown's majority was

Ex-President Steyn Recovering. Geneva, March 25. — Former President Steyn, of the Orange Free State, who was seriously ill at a village of Clarens for some time is improving,

TILLMAN RAKES 'EM FORE AND AFT

South Carolina Senator is Greeted With Hisses and Cheers When Addressing **Detroit Audience**

Detroit, Mich., March 25.-Senator Ben. R. Tillman of South Carolina was greeted with alternate storms of cheers and hisses when he delivered an impassioned address on the race problem last night at the Light Guard armory, the audience being evidently divided between upholders of his ideas and strenuous opponents of them. He said the North demanded majority rule and with a sneer added that there were 235,000 more negroes than white people has never aroused confidence in his in South Carolina. "It will mean that ability to meet an emergency. But this more blood will flow than was shed in the civil war if you persist in trying to suject us to the domination of the blacks," he said.

"You butchered the Indians and shut out the Chinamen, but had it been known by the soldiers who surrendered with Lee that it was your devlish intent to set up the negro over the white man we would have fought you till now.'

Upon the senator's reference to some of Sherman's army as bummers, chicken thieves and carpetbaggers, his Northern audience broke out into such violent hissing that the speech was interrupted and some of the more timid ones in the audience feared trouble.

Murderess Uses Headache Powders. Olive Hill, March 25 .- Mrs. Mary Ferguson has been arrested here charged with trying to murder Mrs. Katherine Wilson, wife of Postmaster Wilson, by giving her poison, claiming it was headache powder. Mrs. Wilson is not expected to live. Mrs. Ferguson has been living with the Wilson's several months.

Thieves Make Wholesade Raid. Chicago, March 25 .- Thieves drove off a wagon loaded with fifty-seven cases of merchandise from the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy freight depot last night, valued at five thousand dollars. No trace of the wagon or merchandise was found up to late

Presents From the Pope. Rome, March 25.-The Pope says he intends to send a copy of his political to the National Council of Women, sented by Governor Taft in the Presi- disrupt the organization,

dent's name.

To Take Charge Wednesday.

Great Importance Attached to Measure as England's Compromise With Ireland For Home Rule

GERMAN SCORES AMERICANS

Declares That the So-called American Energy is Mere Fiction and That Americans Waste a Great Deal of Time

London, March 25 .- The offences which it is alleged Sir Hector Mac-Donald, the South African hero committed, and for which a trial by court martial has been ordered at Colombo, Ceylon, are only hinted at. It is understood they are mostly of an intimate and personal nature, and not punishable under the criminal law of Ceylon.

Enormous interest is felt in the proposed Irish land bill, which is in effect the Government's compromise with the Irish for the demand for home rule, was attested today. When the bill was introduced in the House of Commons the house was crowded to the doors, some claiming seats at midnight. Chief Secretary for Ireland Wyndham, said cash was necessary for carrying out the purpose of the bill, but this is provided for in a subpounds, to be raised by additions to the sinking fund, the interest for

which will be paid by the treasury. Yankee Energy, Mere Fiction. Berlin, March 25 .- Otto Vongottberg, a prominent German publicist, contributes to the current issue of a leading monthly, an article on American characteristics. The article which far from complimentary, says 'American smartness is mere fiction, which credulous old worlds swallow. The American energy is all wasted on trivialities instead of being reserved for efforts where it is really needed. American hustling is an instance of more haste and less speed. Nowhere is so much time wasted as in America, no workers are so nominally slow as they. Heavy Germans are actually

FIRST CHURCH SERVICES.

quicker, smarter and better workers.'

The Meetings Growing In Interest

The protracted services at the First Presbyterian church are being largely attended and interest is growing day by day. Dr. Howerton's subject at this evening's service will be "Vows."

The noon-day prayer-meetings held in the parlors of the church every day at 12 o'clock, are decidedly interesting and the attendance at these meetings is very large, considering the time they are held-the busiest part of the day. These meetings will continue through next week. The public is cor-

dially invited to attend. The session of the church will meet for the reception of members every evening directly after the congregations is dismissed. There will also be a meeting of the session Sunday morning at 10.30 o'clock.

Tribes Bent On Annihilation. St. Petersburg. March 25 .- Word was received here today of a terrible battle between Mertins and Shinans, hostile tribes of the Kurds on the Turko-Persian Frontier, A thousand corpses, the dispatch states, were counted on the field after the battle was over. The battle was the result of a mutual oath by the tribes to destroy each other.

QUARREL ON OVER NEGRO DELEGATES

Big Row in the Ranks of the National Council of Women, Which Meets at New Orleans Tomorrow

New Orleans, March 25.-Delegates encyclical to the different rulers, in- which will meet here tomorrow, are cluding Roosevelt, to whom it will be having a big row over the admission a return for his literary work pre- of negro delegates. The quarrel may

Mrs. Lillian M. Hollister, of Detroit. Michigan, National Treasurer, arrived yesterday. She said: "Colored dele-