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## BISHOP CHESHIRE MAKES HIS REPORT TO CONVENTION

A Review of the Work Accomplished in this Diocese During the Past Year. A Flattering Reference to Charlotte and Charlotte People.

The Business of the Convention is Being Despatched Satisfactorily. The Program for Tomorrow and the Work Accomplished Last Night.

**PROGRAM.**  
Friday, May 19.  
6.30 a. m.—Holy Communion.  
8.30 a. m.—Morning Prayer.  
10.00 a. m.—Business Session.  
11.00 a. m.—Special Order: Report of the Woman's Auxiliary. Speaker: Mr. John W. Wood, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Missions.  
12.00 p. m.—Noonday prayer for missions.  
4.00 p. m.—Afternoon session.  
8.00 p. m.—Evening prayer. Sermon by the Rev. Richard W. Hogue.  
Evening prayer in the Church of St. Michael and All Angels; Sermon by Archbishop Pollard.

Today's sessions of the diocesan convention of the Episcopal Church began with a celebration of the Holy Communion at 6.30 a. m., followed by a devotional service of morning prayer at half-past nine.  
At ten o'clock the Rt. Rev. Joseph Blount Cheshire, Bishop of the Diocese, began his official and annual address to the convention. This and the special order of "Diocesan Missions," were the features of this morning's work of the convention.  
In the Bishop's annual address is set forth a statement of his official acts and general work during the convention year, and though it is a long document it is always an interesting one. Many have heard the story of the two Irish laborers discussing "a layshop's business," as they leaned upon their spades by the ditch they were digging a hot summer's day.  
Said Pat:  
"Molke, o'd like to be a bayshop."  
"Faith, mon, why so?" replied his companion.  
"Because," continued Pat, "a Bayshop's business is such a noise, easy business."  
Certainly no bishop of the Episcopal Church would ever consent to this doctrine, for there is no set of men with more to do, more to think about, and more to carry on mind and heart than the chief pastor of the church, who, like the apostles of old, has to carry upon his episcopal shoulders "the care of all the churches."  
The Bishop's address was an official address this morning can fully realize how true this is, what a busy man indeed is a bishop.

The Bishop's Report.  
In his opening remarks Bishop Cheshire paid a beautiful and fitting compliment to the clergy and workers of the church in Charlotte. Said he:  
"In this busy and growing city of Charlotte, where the eighth annual convention of the Diocese of North Carolina, and it is gratifying to our feelings as churchmen to find that our brethren, the clergy and laity of our convention in this enterprising city, carry their zeal, energy and liberality into their religious work. I do not know of none in the Diocese who are doing more work or better work than is being carried on in St. Peter's Parish and in the Diocesan Missions and missions which have sprung from it."  
Bishop Cheshire also made a touching reference in his introductory remarks, to his late brother in the Episcopate, the Rt. Rev. Alfred A. Watson, who was for a long period Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina, and who recently died in Wilmington. Bishop Cheshire said that he felt it right to express, however inadequately, the sympathy of this diocese with the sister diocese of East Carolina in the death of their beloved bishop. He stated that although some twenty years had passed since Bishop Watson had sat as a priest in a diocesan assembly in St. Peter's Church in Charlotte, he never had ceased to feel that he was a part of this diocese. Bishop Watson was a man of the most rigid conception of duty. Bishop Cheshire went on to say, and never in any way flinched from doing what he thought was right. He was also a man of great bravery, and here Bishop Cheshire told a touching story of how during the Civil War Dr. Watson, who was then a Confederate chaplain (though he originally came from the North), was seen kneeling one day on the battlefield, in the very mouth of cannon and rifle, in order that he might minister to the dead and dying. A commander passing by paused, and pointing to the kneeling chaplain, said: "There is one braver than I; tell him to come and command us."  
Bishop Cheshire's report showed that none of the clergy had died dur-

ing the year, and he said that it gave him pleasure to look into the face of the oldest even of his clergy, who was his place to answer to his name. Here the Bishop called especial attention to the church law requiring that adequate support be provided for aged and infirm clergy.

He gave a detailed statement of his official visits and acts over the diocese, and this included all ordinations, confirmations and services held by him. During the year he has held 159 services, preached 103 sermons, made 24 addresses, officiated at 16 funerals, baptized one adult, celebrated the communion 53 times and confirmed 26 persons. He has also consecrated two churches, ordained two deacons and advanced three deacons to the priesthood. In addition to this work in his own diocese, he has officiated a number of times outside the diocese in helping other bishops. This outside work included 28 services, three celebrations of the communion and 26 sermons. Part of this time was spent in Wilmington at the consecration of St. Andrew's Church, where Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of East Carolina. He also held a number of confirmations in Charleston at the request of Bishop Capers, who was ill. It must be remembered that the Episcopal Church has three bishops at work in North Carolina, and that therefore Bishop Cheshire's work only covers one diocese.

At the close of the statistical part of his address, the Bishop took up the cause of missions, calling attention to the state of the church in this regard, and urged the clergy and people to more earnest and consecrated effort in this department of church work. He also made a strong plea for more effort in the direction of having the cause of the ministry brought to the minds of the youths and boys of the various parishes.  
Reference was made to the meeting of the General Convention of the Episcopal Church in Richmond in 1907, at which time a thank offering will be made by the men of the church for missions. This will be one of the most interesting of the general conventions of the church, as it will be at the time of the establishment of English Christianity in this country, reckoning from Jamestown in 1607.

One of the most striking features of the Bishop's address was his reference in strong and pointed terms to the reform of the divorce laws of North Carolina. As is well known, the Episcopal Church is opposed to divorce, and has been making a strong fight against this form of social looseness. The subject has not only been brought up at Episcopal conventions in this State, but Bishop Cheshire has also appeared before the gatherings of other Christian bodies, where he was cordially received, and made earnest pleas for concerted action in having the disgraceful laws of North Carolina reformed in this regard.  
The Bishop went on to say, and did not represent the Christian sentiment of this State, but were largely the result of private individuals for selfish ends. The Bishop was glad to see the loose laws enacted since 1883 repealed, and expressed his great gratification at the harmonious and united action of most of the religious bodies of the State in this important matter, and here the Bishop solemnly warned the individual to see to it that he preserved his personal integrity in this matter, and thus effectively aid in carrying out the law.

The foregoing is but a brief reference to a document which was altogether an earnest and thoughtful contribution to modern Christian endeavor by one bent upon progress in the Kingdom of God, and the same was listened to with careful attention by the convention and visitors.  
**Diocesan Missions.**  
At the close of the Bishop's address, the special order of "Diocesan Missions" was taken up, and stirring addresses were made by Reverends Geo. M. Tolson and Thos. L. Trott. These gentlemen made most eloquent and earnest pleas for deeper consideration of this subject, and their remarks made a fine impression on the convention. Mr. Trott took up particularly the work of the church in and about cotton mill settlements, and gave some striking illustrations of what had been and what can be done. It is evidently the intention of the convention to give greater attention to this cause, and a resolution was introduced by Rev. Sanders Guignard, of Greensboro, that the question of missions—the most effective way of handling them—be referred in each convention to a committee composed of one priest and two laymen, this committee to make plans and discuss the best methods for this work. This was unanimously carried.

**Deaf-Mute Priest Introduced.**  
One of the most beautiful features of work in the Episcopal Church is the ministering to deaf-mute people—the silent members of the Church, who participate in the services and listen to sermons in the "sign language." A fine work is being done by the church in this regard, and the use of the prayer book system renders this church peculiarly fitted for reaching this class of people, who enter with great joy into the services. Bishop Cheshire therefore had great pleasure in introducing to the convention the Rev. O. J. Whildin, of Baltimore, in charge of one of the branches of this department, and who is himself a deaf-mute. He can only speak and read in the sign language, but he manifested great pleasure in being present at the convention.

**Noon-Day Prayer for Missions.**  
As the city clock struck twelve the Bishop solemnly announced that the special hour for concerted prayer for missions had arrived, and the convention arose in a body and sang with great spirit that grand old missionary hymn, "O Zion Haste, Thy Mission High Fulfilling." At the conclusion of the hymn earnest prayer was said for the cause of missions, and this included (Continued on second page)

## NAVAL ACTION IN THE NEAR FUTURE IS NOW EXPECTED

As Result of Reported Departure of the Joint Squadron Under Rojstvensky, From Hon Koe Bay Moving Northward. Russian Admiral Won't Resign.

Doubtful if Fleet Can Make Over 200 Miles a Day Under Most Favorable Circumstances. The Fleets are Still Some Distance Apart.

**JUNCTION OF SQUADRONS.**  
Tokio, May 18.—The reported departure of Rojstvensky from Hon Koe Bay northward renews the popular expectation of naval action in the near future.

**Effected May 8 and the Combined Fleet Started Seaward May 14.**  
Saigon, May 18.—A junction was effected on May 8 by the squadrons of Rojstvensky and Nebogoff. It took place outside of territorial waters. The vessels started seaward May 14, going in an easterly direction.  
**Fleets Yet Far Apart.**  
Singapore, May 18.—The latitude and longitude in which the Russian fleet is reported by the British steamer Rong Wan does not indicate that a naval battle is imminent. The Russians on May 16 were 150 miles from the coast of Annam, and apparently heading north for the waters of the island of Hainan, near which, according to a Hong Kong dispatch, 150 junks laden with provisions were waiting for the Russian fleet. It is doubtful if the fleet can make more than 200 miles a day under the most favorable circumstances.

## REPORTS ARE UNFOUNDED.

**Rojstvensky Has Not Applied to Be Relieved of Duty, But His Health is Poor.**  
By Associated Press.  
St. Petersburg, May 18.—Reports of a nervous breakdown of Rojstvensky turn out to be unfounded. It is officially stated that Rojstvensky has not applied to be relieved. However, the condition of the Admiral's health continues to be a source of anxiety.

## TO FIVE MURDERS MAN CONFESSES

Fellow Named Johnson Tells Virginia Police That He Has Killed Three Men and Two Women and also Committed Many Robberies. A Black Record.

**Chester, W. Va., May 18.**—In a letter which the police authorities here have just received, a man signing himself "A. Johnson," and claiming to be a partner of Henry Williams, who was recently executed in Roanoke, confessed to five murders and numerous robberies, and says he has been converted. According to Johnson, he killed a woman at Chester, W. Va.; two Italians at Uniontown, Pa.; a man at Hyndman, Penn., and a woman at Martin's Ferry, Ohio. He also claims to have assaulted a woman at Staunton, Va., for which, he says, another man was lynched.

## LOCK OF WASHINGTON'S HAIR.

**New Jersey Woman Finds it Among Old Possessions.**  
Harrison, N. J., May 18.—Mrs. William McGarrett, of 519 Bergen street, has in her possession a lock of hair said to be from the head of George Washington. The hair, with a medallion portrait of Washington, was found in a cedar box among Mrs. McGarrett's family possessions.

## OUTLAW MORO CHIEF HAS BEEN KILLED

**Troops Under Command of General Wood Finally Run Down Insurgent Chief Pala and Shoot Him to Death. His Followers Have Been Killed.**  
By Associated Press.  
Manila, May 18.—News has been received that Pala, the outlaw Moro chief who has been pursued the past two weeks on the island of Jolo by troops under command of General Wood, has been killed. His few surviving followers are being trailed by the troops. At the beginning of the uprising Pala was reported to have a following of 600 well armed men, most of whom have been killed.

## CAROLINA BANKERS ASSEMBLED TODAY IN WINSTON-SALEM

Ninth Annual Convention of The North Carolina Bankers' Association Called to Order This Morning by President F.H. Fries. The Attendance Large.

Report of Secretary Evans Showed Organization to be in Excellent Condition. 44 New Banks During Year. Increase in Resources \$8,000,000.

**Special to The News.**  
Winston-Salem, N. C., May 18.—The ninth annual convention of the North Carolina Bankers' Association was called to order in the Elks Auditorium at 10 o'clock this morning by President F. H. Fries.  
Bishop Edward Rondthaler opened the first session with a beautiful prayer in which he invoked divine guidance in all that may be done by the convention.  
Secretary C. N. Evans called the roll, which showed a large majority of the bankers represented. The secretary submitted his annual report, showing that 44 new banks were organized last year, and that there has been an increase of over \$8,000,000 in the resources of the banks in the State. The gain in membership of the association during the past year was 65. His report showed further that the association's receipts during the year were \$1,324; total disbursements, \$1,537. There is a balance in hand now of about \$500, with all debts paid.  
Secretary Evans then presented President Fries, who delivered his annual address. Col. Fries spoke of North Carolina's prosperity. He told how deposits of banks have steadily increased, saying that "Customers of banks are better off and have an air of confidence that has not been so marked for many years." The splendid address was liberally applauded.

**W. E. Borden, of Goldsboro and Chas. E. Johnson, of Raleigh, sent strong papers, which were read. Borden's paper discussed "Interest on Deposits," and Johnson's, "Saving Bank." W. T. Olds, of Elizabeth City, made an instructive address on the same subject. J. C. Cooper, of Fayetteville, made a fine address on "Collateral for Loans." W. H. Mendenhall, of Lexington, made one of the best addresses of the session on "Bank Clerks."  
After transaction of minor matters the convention adjourned. This afternoon the bankers were tendered a car ride over the city. A stop was made at Salem Female College, where the faculty and students gave a delightful and appreciated recital.  
An official photograph of the Association was taken during the stop at the school.  
Tonight the bankers will be tendered a reception at the home of President Fries.**

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY OPENS.

**Question Which is All Absorbing to Presbyterians is Admission of the Cumberland Branch.**  
By Associated Press.  
Winona Lake, Ind., May 18.—The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church opened here today. The question which overshadows all others is that of taking the Cumberland branch into the General Assembly. While the church in the North has voted overwhelmingly in favor of the proposition and the Cumberland Church has given consent by a small majority, the commissioners to the Assembly realize there was difference of opinion on the question. Presbyterians in the southwest are against the proposition.

## TRIAL OF HOCH.

**Counsel for the Defense Finished His Address—Prosecution Makes Plea For Conviction.**  
By Associated Press.  
Chicago, May 18.—With a final plea in behalf of Johann Hoch, charged with the murder of Mrs. Marie Welcker Hoch, counsel for Hoch finished his address to the jury. Assistant State's Attorney Olsen followed with an attack on the contentions of the defense and concluded with the demand that Hoch be adjudged guilty and the death penalty be inflicted.

## THE CARONIA FLOATED TODAY.

**Cunard Liner Released From Mud Bank and Proceeds on Voyage.**  
By Associated Press.  
New York, May 18.—The Cunard liner Caronia was floated at 8 o'clock this morning from a mud bank off Sandy Hook, where she stuck while bound out Tuesday.  
Seven tugs combined in their efforts, which were successful an hour after high tide. The Caronia will resume her voyage this afternoon. The ship was not damaged.

## DR. OSLER ONE SPEAKER.

**First Annual Meeting of Tuberculosis League Convened Today in Washington.**  
By Associated Press.  
Washington, May 18.—The first annual meeting of the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis, began today and the subject will be discussed in all its phases for two days. Dr. William Osler was the principal speaker today.

## JUSTICE COURTS ARE TO BE TESTED IN HIGH TRIBUNAL

Police Justice Courts of Asheville and Raleigh are to be Examined, Testing Their Legality. New Furniture in the Governor's Office.

Noted Murray Murder Case Will Not be Argued on Appeal at this Term of Supreme Court. This is the Case in Which Defendant Killed His Uncle.

**Special to The News.**  
RALEIGH, May 18.  
Very handsome new furniture was placed in the executive office of Governor Glenn yesterday soon after His Excellency left the city for Newbern. Especially notable are a massive quarter-sawn oak flat top desk, a perfect and up-to-date piece of furniture in design and workmanship, a new executive chair to match, and a number of handsome file cabinets. Also a luxurious leather upholstered divan. It is understood that the office of Insurance Commissioner Young will fall heir to the discarded gubernatorial desk and chair.  
**To Test the Law.**  
One of the most notable cases from the fifteenth district argued in the Supreme Court this week was State vs. Earl Lytle, from Asheville, in which the constitutionality of the act creating the police justice courts of Asheville and Raleigh are tested. This case was argued yesterday, the Attorney General appearing for the State and Frank Carter, of Asheville, for the defendant.  
The question involved is whether the court can exercise final jurisdiction in cases other than those that an ordinary magistrate can dispose of finally. The appeal affects directly the Asheville court, but it also bears on the Raleigh court, which is a similar creation.  
**Strawberry Weevil.**  
State Entomologist Franklin Sherman is spending this week in the strawberry growing section of the State lecturing before the berry growers on the strawberry weevil. He instructed the growers especially in the habits of the insect and the best methods of prevention and extermination.  
**Amateur Baseball.**  
A movement is on foot to organize in Raleigh an amateur baseball team for the coming season. It is contended that there is ample excellent material out of which to form such a club and that it will be no trouble to arrange for games with similar teams from a number of other towns in the State, including Wilmington, Rocky Mount, Wilson, Kinston, Durham, Greensboro and some others. It is likely that a meeting will be called soon for the purpose of organizing.

## MURRAY MURDER CASE.

**Announcement is made by the Supreme court that the noted Murray murder case will not be argued on appeal at this term at all, but will go over to the end of the docket for the first district in the next term of court. This is the case in which the defendant and his uncle, both being well known music dealers in Durham.**

## WHERE BAPTISTS WILL MEET.

**Great Interest Manifested in Selection of Meeting Place of First Triennial Convention.**  
By Associated Press.  
St. Louis, May 18.—Great interest is manifested in the selection of a place for holding the first of the triennial conventions of the organization effected yesterday by the Baptists of the North America. A committee will make the selection, and the first meeting will be held next year. The Women's American Baptist Home Mission Society, which constitutes a part of the general convention, continued today.

## HIRAM CRONK BURIED TODAY.

**Last Survivor of War of 1812 Laid to Rest in Cypress Hills Cemetery With Military Honors.**  
By Associated Press.  
New York, May 18.—The body of Hiram Cronk, the last veteran of the war of 1812 to pass away, was buried today in Cypress Hills Cemetery with impressive military honors. The body has laid in state at the city hall since yesterday, the first which had rested there since Grant. One hundred and fifty policemen were required to keep the immense throng moving, the greater part being women and children.

## STOLE MONEY TO SAVE SON.

**Trusted Bank Employee at Des Moines Indicted For Embezzlement.**  
By Associated Press.  
Des Moines, May 18.—Carl M. Spencer, a former trusted employee of the Des Moines National Bank, is indicted on the charge of embezzlement and alleged fraudulent entries. The amount of shortage will not exceed \$5,000. There is a pathetic story in connection with Spencer's confession, which he made prior to the indictment. For many years annually he had been taking an invalid son to the east for medical treatment. He had been unable to meet the expenses and to save his boy's life he took the money from his employer.

## THIRD AND CLOSING DAY.

**National Association of Manufacturers in Session in Atlanta, Nearing the End of Business.**  
By Associated Press.  
Atlanta, Ga., May 18.—The program for the third and closing day of the National Association Manufacturers' Convention included the report of the nominating committee, election of officers, consideration of incorporating the association and choice of a meeting place for next year.  
The opening address was by George J. Seabury, of New York, who made a lengthy discussion on tariff revision and remedy.  
The Association re-elected David M. Part, president by acclamation, and chose New York for the place for the next annual convention, and decided that the association shall be incorporated under the laws of New York. The names of Wm. McCarroll, of New York, and D. A. Tompkins, of Charlotte, were presented for president, but both were withdrawn.  
Secretary Metcalf, of the Department of Commerce and Labor, greatly fatigued, is under the care of a physician. It is possible that owing to his illness his address this evening and the reception planned to be given this afternoon may be cut out of the program for the day.

## SOUTHERN PRESBYTERIANS.

**Forty-Fifth Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States Convened Today at Forth Worth, Tex.**  
By Associated Press.  
Forth Worth, Tex., May 18.—The forty-fifth assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States (Southern Presbyterian Church) convened today with over 200 commissioners, representing thirteen synods present.  
Probably the most important matter will be the question of closer relations with other Presbyterian bodies. The report of the committee to confer with representatives of other Presbyterian churches for this purpose will include what is known as the "Pittsburg plan" which provides for the organization of an ecclesiastical council composed of at least four representatives from each church body for the promotion of the co-operation of the federated churches in the foreign missionary work and in the general work throughout the United States.

## LASH FOR WIFE BEATERS.

**Whipping Post Law Goes Into Effect Today in Oregon.**  
By Associated Press.  
Portland, Ore., May 18.—The "whipping post law" for wife beaters went into effect today in this State. The law provides that a man convicted of wife beating may be punished by whipping, not exceeding twenty lashes, but this is only an additional punishment, as the old punishment by fine or imprisonment is still in effect under the new law.

## NOW SPEAKING IN THE GRUBB CASE.

**E. J. Justice Concludes His Argument and is Followed by E. E. Roper for the Defendant. R. J. Pickens Now Speaking. Seven Others to Speak.**  
Special to The News.  
Salisbury, May 18.—E. J. Justice, of counsel for the State, concluded his argument in the Grubb case this morning and followed E. E. Roper, of Lexington, who opened for the defense. R. T. Ricketts, of Lexington, for the prosecution, was speaking when court adjourned at 1 o'clock. Seven other speeches are to be made. The case will probably not reach the jury before Saturday morning.  
Grubb's counsel are confident of his acquittal, while lawyers for the prosecution say he will be convicted in some degree.

## SLASHED WITH SWORD.

**Man Narrowly Escapes Beheading in Fight at Clarkburg, W. Va.**  
Clarkburg, W. Va., May 18.—With an old rusty army sword grasped in both hands, Thomas Watson slashed at Irwin Wright last night, at Clarkburg, in an effort to behead him. Friends intervening probably saved Wright's life, and, covered with blood and frightfully wounded about the neck and face, he staggered into the office of Justice Riley.

## CHANGE ENGLISH MARRIAGE LAW.

**Episcopaleans Demand Amendment of English Law so as to Preclude Remarriage in the Church of Divorced Persons During Life Time of Other Party.**  
By Associated Press.  
London, May 18.—The London Diocesan Conference passed a resolution demanding an amendment of the English marriage law so as to preclude remarriage in the church of divorced persons during the life time of the other party to the proceedings. An attempt to modify the resolution in favor of permitting remarriage in the church of the innocent party was defeated by a large majority.

## FLORIDA MAN DIES MYSTERIOUSLY IN NEW-YORK HOTEL

Herbert Leon Kepler, of Deland, Florida, Meets Death in Susen's Hotel from the Effects of Morphine Poisoning. Scandal in the Case.

With Deland Was a Married Woman Who Ran Away From Florida With Him, Both Leaving Families Behind. Police Investigating Case.

**New York, May 18.**—Herbert Leon Kepler, a bookkeeper, whose home is Deland, Fla., died in his room in Susen's Hotel, 46th street and Sixth avenue, from morphine poisoning. With him at the time was a woman who told the police her name was Mrs. Dona Miller, and that she had fled from Deland with Kepler two weeks ago. Mrs. Miller said Kepler was the son of a Deland physician, and that he left Florida suddenly because of some trouble. He left a wife and several children behind, she said, and she left her husband to come here with him. She has been detained by the police pending further investigation of the case. Kepler was about 37 years of age.

In the room which Kepler and the woman occupied the police found two small bottles. One was filled with morphine, and the other was nearly empty. Mrs. Miller told the police that Kepler had been despondent for several days, and had told her that unless his father did something at once to fix up the trouble at Deland he feared something dreadful would happen. Mrs. Miller was removed to the custody of the coroner without examination.  
A note found in Kepler's room indicated that the man had deliberately taken his life. It was addressed to his nephew, John Raymond, who is employed in this city, and said:  
"Good bye, Jack. I thank you for all you have done. You know as well as I the reason for this and will forgive me. Again I thank you, and again I say a last goodbye. (Signed) Herbert."

Raymond told the police that his uncle at one time was a prominent tennis player, and that he won the Southern championship several years ago. Later Mrs. Miller told the coroner that a portion of her story as she gave it to the police was untrue. She had not lived with her husband in seven years, she said, and did not flee from Deland with Kepler. She had been in New York or vicinity for several years. She had also told the coroner that she had been a witness in the William Hooper Young murder case in this city several years ago. She had lived in the house with the murdered woman, and had first introduced her to Young. Mrs. Miller also said Kepler left a letter addressed to his father and mother begging that he and Mrs. Miller be not separated in death and that his parents and daughter forgive him for the act. In view of this letter the police believe Kepler intended to kill both himself and the woman.

## DISMISSAL FOR RAGGING.

**Affair on English Cruiser Results in the Compulsory Retainment of the Commander.**  
By Associated Press.  
London, May 18.—The recent case of "ragging" on board the British cruiser Kent, has been promptly followed by compulsory retirement on half pay of Capt. Gamble, her commander, and the punishment of others concerned in the affair. The "ragging" took place in the gun room where midshipmen attempted to strip and flog an unpopular comrade. The latter drew a revolver and shot one of the midshipmen in the mouth.

## WILL SPEND TWO MILLIONS.

**Improvements at Colon and Panama and Double Tracking of Road Approved.**  
New York, May 18.—Plans for the enlargement of the terminal and dock facilities at Colon and Panama, and the double tracking and re-equipment of the road, entailing an expenditure of approximately \$2,000,000, were approved by the board of directors of the Panama Railroad Company at a meeting held here today. It was stated unofficially by one of the directors present that the question of rates was discussed, but that no action was taken.

The meeting, which was called to clear up pending matters preparatory to the departure for the isthmus of Governor Magoun and Chief Engineer Wallace, who sail tomorrow, continued all day. In a formal statement given out at the conclusion of the meeting, it was announced that the board had investigated the question of securing additional ships of American registry, but had been unable up to the present time to find any such vessels of satisfactory size and character.  
—The semi-annual target practice of the Hornets Nest Riflemen will take place Saturday morning at 7 o'clock.  
—Mr. George Harrington, of New York, a well known insurance man, is in the city.