THE INSURANCE SWINDLES.

The Conspiracy Extensive - Eleven Men Arrested - Six Companies Involved-Much Inginuity Displayed - The Investigation to Begin To-Day.

[Special to the Masenger.] MOREHEAP CITY, N. C., July 29-The noted graveyard insurance conspiracy existing at Reaufort and already of considerable notoriety in the newspapers will come up for legal investigation before a justsce of the peace here to morrow. A number of the allegedconspirators are under arrest—some of them men of considerable prominence and respectability. Col. John W. Hinsdale is in charge of the prosecution and startling developments are anticipated.

in addition to the information furnished us for Sunday's issue by our Raleigh correspondent regarding the insurance swindle, we give the following special dispatch sent the New York World from Beaufort, N. C., on Saturday last:

Ten prominent men were arrested to-day for an alleged conspiracy to collect 'grave-Fund Life association, of New York city. The warrants were made out on an affidavit of J. W. Aiken, a special agent of the insurance company.

The accused men are Dr. T. B. Delamar, ex-treasurer of this town and justice of the peace; Medical Examiner Charles R. Hassell. Selden Delamar, ex-Mayor of this agent, the Rev. Stephen I. Turner, William H. Turner, David W. Parker, William Fisher, Albert Wigfall and Levi T. Noe.

The arrests were a surprise here. Suspicion was aroused nearly a year ago. The prosecution alleges that the evidence will show much ingenuity on the part of the desuspicion of fraud was aroused, but they are now united in pressing the case vigorously against the defendants.

The specific charge made is that these men planned and partially succeeded in carrying into effect a scheme to defraud six life Life Association of Minneapolis, the Michigan Mutual of Detroit, the Life Insurance Clearing company of St. Paul, the National Life Association of Hartford, the Massachussets Benefit Association of Boston and the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association of

The hearing on the charges made by Mr. Aiken began to-day before Justice Allen Davis at Morehead City, a small watering-place near here. John W. Hinsdale, of Raleigh, a leading attorney, who represents civil suits against the company amounting to \$35,000, is conducting the prosecution, District Solicitor O. H.

Allen is assisting him. "It will take about a week to get in the are more than fifty witnesses against

"Frederick A. Burnham, who succeeded the late E. B. Harper as president of the Mutual Reserve Fund Life association, said last night that frauds against the company were suspected in North Carolina, and an ing graveyard insurance schemes, but the conspiracy was not supposed to be so extensive. No report has been received by of his discoveries were not known to the home office.

[By Southern Press.]

first insurance company to unearth the frauds which were being practiced at Beaufort, N. C. They received a tip from some anonymons correspondent about three order to secure payments of assured policies. months ago and the wholesale arrests yesterday were the result of the investigation started by this company. The official who pany's adjusters, gave a press representative an outline of the case as he heard it discussed in the office: He says:

"As I overheard the discussion I got the impression that there was a very complete plot to defraud the insurance company, but cannot tell you how many were connected with it nor their names. As I understand the case, we appointed an agent to take charge of that territory about a year ago. In the course of time we wrote policies for several persons in Beaufort, N. C. The papers were properly made out and everything seemed to be done in a legitimate manner. Then we were notified of deaths, one after another until three claims had been made. We carried about a dozen policies, representing a face value of between \$50,000 and \$60,000. The last claim account of the death of Freda Williams. Just about time we received an anonymous letter to the effect that our agent in Beaufort was taking risks which no insurance company would think of taking if all the facts were known at the main office. We immediately sent an inspector to investi- | them. gate the matter, and he immediately nofified us not to pay any of the claims. It seems that our agent had organized a regular band of conspirators to defraud insurance companies all over the country. The plot involved men of previous high standing in the community. They had written policies on persons who were even then on their deathbeds. Some were sick at the time the policies were made out on their representaions that the insured were healthy and a proper risk. Some of the persons did not now that they had been insured. Some were insured for large amounts who were living in abject poverty and could not pay a dollar for insurance. Not one of the policies, as I understood the case, was a proper risk for a reputable insurance company to take. Yet, so complete was the organization of the conspirators that all the papers bore the signature of the necessary endorsers, Nothing was missing which could in any way arouse suspicions at the home office. You must remember that ours is only one of the victimized companies. The same deception was practiced in the other cases. We are satisfied that Mrs. Williams was murdered in order to secure the insurance money. There are suspicious circumstances burrounding other cases, and we propose to pash the investigation until the whole plot be exposed, no matter who is involved

Why Not You?

Hood's Sarsaparilla to overcome the weakness and languor which are so come mon at this season, why are you not doing the same? When you know that Hood's Barsaparilla has power to cure rheumatism, dyspepsia and all diseases caused by impure blood, why do you continue to suffer? Hood's cures others, why not you

Hood's Pills are prompt and efficient,

CHICAGO, July 36-J. D. Caton, one of Chicago's oldest settler's, died at his residence in this city to-day, aged 84 years. He was an ex-justice of the Supreme court of Illi-

INVESTIGATION INTO THE CASES AT BEAUFORT.

The First Day's Proceedings - Another Added to the List of Defendants-A Nest of Swindlers and Wholesale Frauds Discovered by the Insurance Companies-Boldness Caused by Success Leads to

Detection.

[Special to the Messenger.] ATLANTIC HOTEL, MOREHEAD CITY, N. C., July 30 .- The famous Beaufort life insurance conspiracy trial opened in preliminary hearing here to-day before Justices of the Peace W. W. Willis and McCain with an vard insurance' from the Mutual Reserve | imposing array of distinguished counsel on both sides. The trial warrant was issued by Justice Allen C. Davis, but the defense swore out a removal of the case from before him and Justice Willis was selected to preside with Justice Joshua Dennis as associate.

place, Jacob C. Delamar, general insurance and the charges specified and the witnesses

At this stage of the trial it developed that Justice Dennis was the son-in-law-a fact that he had adroitly withheld-of the arch conspirator, Hassell. This precipitated a fendants. The insurance companies in- lengthy and spirited argument pro and con of the company's examining physician, Dr. volved paid some of the claims before any between the counsel, but resulted finally in Dennis withdrawing under heavy fire and McCain was selected. The case was then opened de novo and proceedings begun. The bar and court room was packed with insurance companies - the Northwestern | the large number of defendants, the larger number of witnesses and scores of interested spectators. There are twenty-five cases of alleged fraudulent gravevard insurance pending at this trial, with as many individual defendants and with C. R. Hassell and Noe. Delamar & Co., insurance agents. and Drs. T. B. Delamar and E. L. Perkins, examining physicians, figuring as the arch conspirators in every case

The first case called was that involving the policies issued on the life of one Charles Arthur, a street beggar, now deceased, who in his applications for insurance through testimony against the accused men. There | the above agencies and in the examinations of the above physicians, was reported to be a man of sound constitution, good health, and splendid hereditary record, whereas in truth and in fact, as sworn to by witnesses who knew him intimately and constantly, he was a walking skeleton at the time of agent was sent there to investigate. A said applications and examinations and had number of persons were suspected of work- been for more than two years previous afflicted with bowel consumption constantly and of which complaint he died within a the company from Mr. Aiken, so the details | few months after the issuance of said policies, aggregating more than \$9,000, and of which it is said he knew nothing, his applica-BOSTON, July 29.—The Massachusetts tions, signatures and physical examinations Benefit Life association, of this city, was the | being forgeries by the said agents and physicians aforesaid and their co-conspirators, necessary to the required proofs of death in

At this stage of the trial pending a spirited argument of counsel as to the admissability had charge of the case is on Cape Cod, but | of certain evidence bearing on the allega-Mr. J. R. Roland Corthell, one of the com- tion of conspiracy the court adjourned until 10 o'clock to morrow morning.

> [By Southern Press.] New York, July 30-A Beaufort, N. C., special says: A warrant for another arrest in connection with the alleged graveyard insurance swindle has been issued. The accused is Dr. L. W. Perkins, formerly of Morehead City, but now a practicing physician at Newport, N. C.

[New York World.]

MOREHEAD CITY, July 28 .- The insurance swindle has been going on for eight years, and some of the merchants in the town have been engaged in it. So remunerative had it become that the negroes went into the business on their own account, and eventually joined forces with the white men. The gang finally became bolder, taking out larger policies of insurance, where heretofore they had been satisfied with small but quick profits, and their greed was the ultimate cause of their exposure. Policy holders of five New Nork and New England companies have been defrauded by

It is alleged that about eight years ago C. R. Hassell, a shrewd horse trader, went to Beaufort and soon engaged in the insurance business, and that after a while he and a physician and some merchants formed a ring to defraud the several insurance companies that employed Hassell as their agent. Old, decrepit and dying whites and negroes of both sexes were insured, in many instances without their knowledge. It was no uncommon occurrence, it is said, to see men hawking around Beaufort and its suburbs policies of life insurance, offering to place them free of cost to the assured if in ill-health, and agreeing to provide the necessaries of life while alive and at death to have them decently buried, besides occasionally allowing a small sum to provide for their families' requirements. When they found a dying person they would sometimes take out policies without securing the consent of the insured.

It is alleged further that Levi T. Noe. Selden D. Delamar and Jacob C. Delamar, under the firm name of Noe, Delamar & Co., secured the assistance of Dr. T. B. Delamar, a relative of the junior member of the firm, together with the agency of several reputable life insurance companies, and

began operations of a similar character. The first company to start an investigation was the Mutual Reserve Fund Life association of New York, which had a death loss of \$1,000 upon Ella G. Rountree, a negress, insured as a white woman, who died of con-When thousands of people are taking sumption shortly after she had been insured. The aggregate insurance placed upon her life in various companies within a few

months of her decease was \$14,000. The Massachusetts Benefit Life association of Boston, which had been represented by Noe, Delamar & Co., less than six months, stood for policies aggregating \$50,000. Upon notification of two death losses, occurring within a period of less than two months after issuing the policies, the company detailed its inspector, W. C. Abrams, to make an investigation. He found that Fereda Williams, one of the risks, who had been insured for \$2.000, had been lying at the point of death for several weeks prior to the issuance of the policies, and that Ella G. Rountree, colored, who had been insured as

her bed several months when the insurance was effected. The beneficiaries in the Rountree case figured in the policy as the father and the brother of the deceased. The "father," Stephen I. Turner, is a Baptist minister, Neither of the parties was possessed of the means to carry so heavy a line of insurance.

In the course of Inspector Abrams' investigation he discovered that men and women 65 to 80 years of age had been insured on the basis of ages ranging from ten to fifteen years. He discovered also that one of the insured, John Boyd, was a poor demented negro: another, Mary A. Longest, was 65 years old, but was insured as 54, while she had suffered from heart disease for several years, and died of it a few months after the can-

celling of the policy.
Fereda Williams had been in ill health for several years. Her husband, Samuel Williams, who is nominated as beneficiary, is a fisherman who is and always has been in straightened circumstances.

His boon companion, Abe Wigfall, secured \$3,000 from the Bay State Beneficiary Association of Westfield, Mass.. upon the death of his brother. James Wigfall, who was insured on his deathbed, eleven days before his decease. The claim had been paid without investigation upon the part of the company, as a clean set of proofs of loss had been forwarded by the conspirators, giving cause of death as malarial fever, a disease common in this section. This money, it is alleged, was divided between Abe Wigfall, David Parker, Frank Gibble The case was then stated by the plaintiff and Silas Blount. It was invested by them in real estate, and the Bay State has instituted suit against each of them to recover

the amount. It is stated the inspector's life has been threatened since he began his investigation. Among the many cases of alleged fraud developed in policies secured through the agency of Noe, Delamar & Co, with the aid T. B. Delamar, are the following:

Samuel Windsor, insured as a white man, aged 58, for \$3,000. He is a negro, 75 years old, in ill health, and had no knowledge that his life was insured. Mary Williams, negro, as 50 years old, has

a son living aged 45 Rosanna Washington, insured for \$5,000, has never been examined and ha knowledge of any insurance being placed William J. Morgan, insured for \$6,000 at

the age of 59, is in ill health and is 70 years Holdah A. Morgan, insured for \$2,000, was suffering from a complication of diseases, and her signature to the application, according to her statement, is forged.

Sarah A. Lewis, insured for \$2,000 at the age of 49, is a septuagenarian. William H. Jones, ex-postmaster of Morehead City, insured for \$1,000. The policy was cancelled, as he is a consumptive. Maria Hamilton, insured as a white woman for \$2,500 at the age of 47, is a negress 65 years old, and in declining health. Thomas Davis, insured for \$2,000 at the

age of 44, is over 50 years old and has con-Shepherd Davis, insured for \$6,000, age given as 57, is 75 years old, bent, a chronic sufferer from rheumatism, and is povertystricken and dependent wholly upon charity for support. He had no knowledge of being

The medical examination in the Wigfall case was made by Dr. Edward Thomas, of Newbern, N. C., who at the time was visiting Beaufort. He has since removed to New York city, and is said to be domiciled at a lodging house known as the Waverly, No. 9

A man named Thomas, possibly the doctor of that name mentioned in the Morehead City dispatch, has been at the Waverly lodging house, No. 9 Bowery, for the past seven months. He has been quite a mystery to the other lodgers in the place, probably because he is non-communicative. He pays 15 cents a night for his room, and usually arrives at the lodging house after midnight. He is a clean shaven man, of medium height. about 60 years of age, and although his attire is somewhat seedy, he is the best dressed man in the house. He was not in when a reporter called last night.

[Newbern Journal, July 30.] In another column will be found an ac count of numerous arrests of Beaufort citi zens on the serious charge of conspiracy in procuring the insuring of parties diseased with fatal maladies so that they could speedily collect insurance money and reap a large harvest of spoils in short order. We are informed that there are two sides to the question and that so far only one side has been heard through public print but that the other side will be heard before they are through.

The preliminary trial will be held to-day and the defendants will be ably represented by two Newbern attorneys, W. W. Clark and O. H. Guion. They went down last night for the purpose of appearing for them at the preliminary hearing to-day. It will be held before Allen C. Davis, justice of peace of Morehead City.

We understand that a number of the defendants have over-due policies of insurance in the companies, to compel the payment of which they brought suit in the Superior court of Carteret county, and that most of those suits have been removed to the Circuit court at Raleigh, and further that the same claims which the defendants in the civil cases against them set up as their answer are argued for the prosecution of

those arrested. We know nothing of what the evidence will show, but the above fact being so it looks somewhat as if the criminal actions against the Beaufort citizens might have been brought for purpose of eliciting in advance evidence that would come up on the trial of those cases and also for the purpose of creating a sentiment adverse to the plaintiffs who want to get a settlement for the policies which the insurance companies refuse to pay.

More Conspiracies in Russia,

St. Petersburg, July 30-An extensive conspiracy has been discovered among the priests of the Seminary and University of Kieff, aiming at the introduction of a plan of greater freedom of attack upon the prevailing system of nepotism in governmental positions, and it is also stated that the discovery has been made that the students union in the University of Moscow are planning to assassinate the Czar.

Specimen Cases.

S. H. Clifford, New Cassel, Wis., was troubled with Neuralgia and Rheumatism, his Stomach was disordered, his Liver was affected to an alarming degree, appetite fell away, and he was terribly reduced in flesh and strength. Three bottles of Electric Bitters cured him.

Edward Shepherd, Harrisburg, Ill., had a running sore on his leg of eight years' standing. Used three bottles of Electric Bitters and seven boxes of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and his leg is sound and well. John Speaker, Catawba, O., had five large fever sores on his leg, doctors said he was incurable. One bottle Electric Bitters and one box Bucklen's a white woman, had been in ill health for Arnica Salve cured him entirely. Sold three years before, and had been confined to by R. R. Bellamy's Drug store.

AS TO COTTON AND WOOLEN MILLS IN THIS STATE

In Next Bulletin of the Agricultural Department-Wake's Fine Roads -A Horse Thief Caught-Dr. Grissom is in an Asylum-State Fair Notes - An Escaped Murderer Joins the Cuban Insurgents.

MESSENGER BUREAU.

RALEIGH, N. C., July 24 State Treasurer Worth to-day received a telegram from William A. Guthrie who represents the State in the suit against the Wrought Iron Range company, in Person county Superior court. The State wins the suit. Judge Starbuck dismisses the injunction restraining the sheriff of Person from collecting taxes from the stove company. For years this company and others have worked the scheme of sending a supply of stoves to some central point for distribution and thence their agents take them in all directions and deliver to customers. Not a cent of tax has been paid. In some cases the companies carried on these proceedings simply by means of "nerve," while in other cases they have claimed immunity under the wide-spreading mantle of the inter-State Commerce act.

The Treasurer to-day received a check for \$250 from E. VanLaer, of Wilmington, to pay the license tax due from dealers in musical instruments. The Treasurer says this is the first tax of this description collected

in two years. There is a good deal of talk about the ex-tension of the lease of the North Carolina railway; that is, as to whether it shall be extended or not. That road is a fine property. Of course there is always talk about the Southern railway paralleling it. President S. B. Alexander, of the North Carolina railway, says he believes that it is only a question of time when the Southern will build a link between Mooresville and Mocksville, as it needs greatly a double track between Charlotte and Danville. He says he thinks this link will be built even if the extension of the lease of the North Carolina road to the Southern is made.

Three convicts from Columbus county arrived at the penitentiary to-day. News from the eastern and northeastern parts of this county is to the effect that the heavy rains of last Friday and Sunday have done much damage by washing lands. Dirt roads have also been damaged.

Deputy Collector S. G. Woods reports the seizure near Adelaide. Rockingham county, of Albert Wall's fifty-gallon illicit distillery. Wall escaped.

Late yesterday afternoon as Miss Harvey a sister of Mrs. Bennet Smedes, was walk ing through the campus at St. Mary's school here, a negro boy about 12 years of age, apparently, sprang from behind a tree and snatching her pocketbook from her hand, ran away and made his escape. In the pocketbook was \$21. The daring thief has not been caught.

Dr. A. O. Jones, whose home is Leesyille, this county, has typhoid fever and has been placed in the Rex hospital here. His brother, who has the same disease, is also in the hospital. He nursed Dr. Jones three weeks. Mr. Von Herrmann, at the State central weather station, has not heretofore sent out weather signals to the displaymen if the weather was to be fine, but to-day he had orders from the weather bureau at Washington to send them daily no matter what the weather will be. These signals are sent by telegraph to sixty displaymen from this station. There are mailed daily 243 forecasts. In all, from here, from Wilmington

and Charlotte, forecasts are daily sent to 500

persons, Mr. Von Herrman tells me.

MESSENGER BUREAU. RALEIGH, July 26.

The Populists are certainly getting at work early in their campaign business. Here it is a year before the campaign of 1896 and yet they are making things lively. Already they have hade several rallies, one to-day in Wilson county, at which Maj. W. A. Guthrie was the chief speaker. It was thought in 1894 that Senator Marion Butler made a pretty early start when he began his "campaign of education," as he termed it, in January of that year.

Farmers who come in bring news of damage by rains and hail and wind. The weather is now fair and fine, to the great delight of everybody. The Baptists will put up a \$7,000 building

at their orphanage at Thomasville. It is not thought that the stoppage of work on their woman's university will be for long. Just as rapidly as possible money will be raised, so the work can be pushed. It is reasonably sure that the building will be ready by next spring.

The State Auditor says he has up to this date licensed forty-seven building and loan associations to do business in this State. Of these nineteen are from other States, four being from Virginia, five from Tennessee, one from Louisina, five from Georgia, one from New Hampshire, two from New York, and two from Connecticut.

Rev. Dr. Bennett Smedes returned to-day from a trip as far west as Salt Late City. The clerk of the railway commission has completed the lists of assessment of

railway property in all the counties and towns and is sending out the statements. The Seaboard Air Line has made the payment of the taxes on all its property in North Carolina, aggregating \$12,966.45, the valuation being, as stated last Monday,

Ten days ago Charles Solomon, aged 26 years, a city employe, was injured in the foot by a nail in a plank, which penetrated his shoe. Up to Wednesday he was apparently all right; then lockjaw supervened. He was taken to the hospital vesterday and died there last night. It is the second case

of the kind here in about a year. Dr. Hubert Royster, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, has settled here and will practice. He is a son of Dr. Wis consin I. Royster, who is so well known in-the medical profession, and is a brilliant

There continues to be talk about the re-tirement of Mr. John H. Mills as superintendent of the Baptist orphanage. A director said the cause of his being removed from that position was that he antagonized some of the warmest supporters of the orphanage. It is said that the action taken was absolutely necessary, and that Mr. Mills' warm supporters wrote to him and asked him not to be a candidate for re-election. The trustees declare that no secret influences were brought to bear to oust him. He and the board could not be harmonious, it seems. Members of the board say the talk of Mr. Mills' reinstatement is idle.

Mr. Thomas D. Watson is continued as principal deputy to United States Marshal O. J. Carroll. at \$1,200 salary, and Mr. Clifford Carroll is appointed chief clerk at \$1,500 salary. Both these are new offices.

MESSENGER BUREAU. RALEIGH, N. C., July 30. Last Friday a thief stole and carried off a there were 104 cases of cholera with seventyhorse belonging to Rev. Dr. J. B. Bobbitt. | nine deaths.

To day the man was arrested at Goldsboro and Deputy Sheriff Brooks at once went there after him. At 11:15 o'clock to-day twelve car loads of white excursionists, containing about 900

Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley railway below Fayetteville. Very few of the excursionists had ever seen Raleigh and they enjoyed themselves greatly. At the game of base ball between Raleigh and Wilmington colored teams here yesterday, there was a remarkable play in which

four players were put out at once. The crowd at the grounds was the largest ever seen there. The Agricultural Department will issue 20,000 copies of its August bulletin, containing statistics regarding cotton and woolen mills, etc. Material, in the shape of reports from the various counties, is pouring in and

the report will contain a mass of valuable information. Road Supervisor McMackin tells me the complete cost of the twenty-four-foot roads here is \$1,600 per mile. The Hillsboro road is now complete three and one-half miles. and is one of the finest thoroughfares in the State. The country people, who two years ago cried out at the mere idea of paying taxes for roads, are now of one mind, Supervisor McMackin says, in desiring to be taxed.

Every day they talk to him about this matter. The leaven is certainly working The foundation for the new building at the Agricultural and Mechanical college is laid and the walls are going up.

At a meeting of the State fair executive committee it was decided that there should be a tournament, probably on Friday, the last day of the fair. A committee composed of Charles E. Johnston, A. A. Thompson and C. G. Latta was appointed to request the railways to make the rate one cent per mile. Much pressure will be brought to bear to secure this rate. In fact, the railway people, after the 20th of May experience, ought not to need any urging to make that rate. Dr. Eugene Grissom, who was for twentyfive years the superintendent of the insane asylum here, and who has for several years lived in Colorado, is now at an asylum at Denver, under treatment for the morphine

One of the trustees of the Baptist Woman's university tells me that work, which stoppe last week, will be resumed September 1st. Thus far \$6,000 has been expended. This is the first payment. There will be five more payments. Each one will be met, so there will be no debt. The trustees will pay as they go.

S. B. Norris & Co. have sold their large new stock of dry goods and ladies' furnishing goods to Williams, Hood & Co., of Charlotte, and the latter firm has its men here packing the goods for shipment. The firm had not been in business long.

Deputy Collector E. A. Moffit reports the geizure of a fifty-gallon illicit distillery in Montgomery county, owned by Hall Luther, who escaped arrest.

The gentlemen who are to conduct the civil service examination here August 3rd say that only ten or twelve persons so far show that they will go before the board. There was quite a demand for blanks, but it appears that most of those who sent for these are afraid to stand the examination.

Thus far about 100 makers of fruit and grape brandy have given bonds in this district and it is expected that about 400 more

will file bonds. It is said by people from Montgomery county that Young Tucker who murdered the handcuffed colored prisoner in Montgomery county, walked to Fair Bluff sixty miles away, got funds from his father and then went to Florida, It is said by a member of his family that he went to Cuba and has joined the insurgents. This may however be a mere fiction. It is said Tucker's relatives secured counsel to appear for him in case he was apprehended and tried for his horrible crime. It seems that no application for a reward for his arrest has been made.

A SEVERE TEST

To be Made of Turrets for Our New Battleships-Secret Mission of the Atlanta-All Quiet at Jackson's Hole - Increase of Yellow Fever in Cuba.

Washington, July 30-The ballistic test of a turret, representing those to be used on the battleships Massachusetts, Indiana and Oregon, will be made at the naval proving ground, Indian Head, Md., in the near future. The turret was built by the Cramps, of Philadelphia. The test will be very severe. The attack will first be made with a six-inch gun, and will be continued until the largest sized gun-a thirteen-inch boreis reached. A test will also be made of a plated structure representing the side of a ship. The ordnance bureau expects to obtain much valuable information from the test and the experiments are looked for with much interest.

The cruiser, Atlanta, returned to Key West yesterday from another search after Cuban filibustering expeditions. A telegram announcing her return received at the Navy Department to-day was the first information vouchsafed to the public by the Navy Department officials that she had been away from Key West. It cannot be learned what results, if any, were achieved by the vessel, as everything connected with her movements is kept in close secret by the few naval officials who are informed on the matter.

It is learned at the State Department with reference to the report that the recent trip of the Atlanta was for the purpose of preventing the Spanish soldiers from lynching Sanguilly, Aguirrie and Gomez, alleged revolutionists who claim to be American citizens, that no information that these men were in danger had come to the department from any United States consular officer, and that all the department knew of the alleged threatened lynching was contained in newspaper reports.

Gen. Coppinger has been heard from. The following dispatch from the headquarters of the Department of the Platte, Omaha. was received by Gen. Schofield at army headquarters this morning.

"MARKET LAKE, July 29. "A courier who arrived at Market Lake this morning reports that when he left Gen. Coppinger's troops last night, information had just been brought in by a rumor from Marysvale that all was quiet there. The Lemhi agent telegraphs that only three of his Indians are supposed to be in Jachson's Hole country and that there is no indication that others will join the uprising there." A belated telegram, dated Saturday, was

ing from Consul General Vifquain, at Panama, stating that trains were moving without interruption over the route of the Panama railroad. It is believed at the department that the strike is practically over. According to reports received by the marine hospital service, yellow fever is making largely increased ravages among the

received at the State Department this morn-

people of Cuba. The medical inspector at Havana states that in the week ended, July 29th, there were seventy new cases in that city and twenty-three deaths. From Osaka and Hiogo, Japan, comes the report that in the week ended. July 6th,

SEVEN MURDERS

people, arrived here from points on the CHARGED AGAINST HOLMES BY THE CHICAGO POLICE.

> They Claim to Have the Man Who Knows all About Holmes' Murderous Transactions-A Slight Cine to the Cigrand Murder -Holmes Attempt to Insure the Life of Another Woman a Failure.

Chicago, July 30-Mr. Cigrand, the father of the missing Emeline, who was supposed to have been murdered by H. H. Holmes, and Philomena, her sister, arrived from their home in Anderson this morning and paid an early visit to Inspector Fitzpatrick. They were accompanied by Dr. B. J. Cigrand, a cousin of the reputed victim. They were closeted with the inspector and Chief Badenoch for over an hour. The only new information they have was concerning a trunk which was received at Oxford, Ohio, where the Cigrands lived, a few days after the announcement from the Chicago employer of the girl that she had disappeared. The trunk contained only a few clothes, readily identified as the property of Emeline. There was no note or other word accompanying it. The police will at once begin work on this slight clew. They will endeavor to discover if possible what express company handled the trunk and by whom it was sent.

Mrs Strowers, a washerwoman, who lives at Sixty third and Morgan streets, furnished the detectives with a new feature in the case to-day. She said she used to wash for Holmes and for Mrs. Connors. Several times, she said, some of the latter's clothing were brought to her by Holmes. In 1891 she stated, Holmes came to her and urged her to take out an insurance policy on her life for \$10,000.

"Dont't be afraid of me" Mrs. Stowers quotes Holmes as saying. "you take out the policy and I'll give you \$5,000 cash for it at

Mrs. Strowers friends persuaded her not to do so and she never talked with Holmes on the subject again.

Mrs. Pietzel will go to Galva, Ill , to-night. The police did have an idea of preventing her from leaving the city, but have abandoned it. They are still of the opinion, however, that she can tell a great deal more than she has yet divulged

There is now little doubt that the Chicago police will convict H. H. Holmes, alias Mudgett, alias Prattt, alias Gordon, now in the Philadelphia jail, of the murder of at least seven persons. They know the name of the man who can hang Holmes by giving his testimony and that man is in their power. His name is Hatch, alias Bond, alias Mascot, and he is now serving a sentence of ten years in the penitentiary at Little Rock, Ark., for horse stealing. He is as close to Holmes through all his murder plans as Janitor Quinlan and is ready to tell all he knows. This includes the pointing out of the resting place of the bodies of the Williams sisters, whom he himself assisted in secreting after they were murdered. He will tell how they were murdered and exactly how all their bodies were handled. He will also give full and explicit information concerning the murder of Pietzel and his two children, and of Mrs. Connors and her daughter Pearl. In short this man is the only other living person aside from Quinlan who can tell the story of the murders in the charnel house at Sixty-third and Wallace streets. Aside from Quinlan, he is the only man who can tell of Holmes' crimes in a way that will

bring forth evidence of Holmes' guilt. The mention of his name by the police today made Janitor Quinlan turn pale and refuse to talk further and a confession from Quinlan is almost assured, but will come too late, as Hatch is to be the State's witness. It has been arranged to request his pardon from the Governor of Arkansas if he will give his testimony, with the understanding he will not be prosecuted in Illinois for complicity in the Holmes frauds and crimes.

It is suspected that Attorney William Capps, of Fort Worth, Texas, gave the police of Chicago some valuable information about Hatch. In fact, it is definitely understood that Hatch was discovered in the Little Rock penitentiary by Attorney Capps, who is in Chicago for the purpose of proving up the fraudulent transactions of Holmes with regard to the property of the Williams girls. He declared to-day that the Williams girls were both dead and that he could offer sufficient proof to a civil court to secure a setting aside of the title of their property (now in the name of Pietzel as D. B. Lyman), so that the heirs of the two girls could secure the property. But he refuses absolutely to say what his evidence of the murder was.

LIBERIAN IMMIGRANTS.

Return of Three of the Colony Which Sailed From Savannah-Deplorable Condition of Those Left Behind.

PHILADELPHIA, July 30-At the Wayfarers lodge, Lombard street, homesick and destitute, are three negroes of Arkansas, who have just returned from Liberia, whither they went as colonists some months ago. Of nearly one hundred companions in the expedition, some are said to have died of starvation and other are eking out a wretched existence in Africa.

They say the International Migration society, of Birmingham. Ala., offered twentyfive acres of land to every colonist and used as endorsement the name of Bishop H. M. Turner, of Atlanta, Ga. The subscribers were required to pay \$41 in advance installments and their passage to Savannah. In return they were to be given their passage, food and the land on arrival. The ship sailed in March for Monrovia with ninetyseven colonists, who were in the care of the society's secretary. The men declare they were simply dumped ashore and allowed to shift for themselves. A score of their comrades died of climate fever, and some, it was reported, perished by starvation. Work could not be secured, and the flesh of dead animals and snakes was seized upon with avidity for food.

These three saw no hope for them in the colony and succeeded in obtaining passage to Liverpool and thence to Philadelphia. They expect help from Arkansas which will enable them to return to their homes.

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