### THIEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

in Detroit the body of a girl who dies under suspicious circumstances is found in an undertaker's morgue, being experimented on with a new embalming fluid-The Standard Oil company has raised the price of crude oil 17 cents per barrel in two days - One hundred expert glass workers in a factory at Pittsburg strike-The Attorney General gives the Governor an opinion on the subject of the new justices of the peace not qualifying by April 1st -Samuel Watts, with general stores at Auburn, Garner and other points, makes an assignment-The Supreme court justices file decisions-The inter-State commerce commission grants temporarily the petition of the Southern railway to charge less for long distance than for shorter distance for passenger traffic-A bottle has been picked up at sea containing a note written shortly before the cruiser Reina Regente was lost-Justice Jackson, of the Federal

Supreme court, refuses to express an opinion on the Income Tax law -The captain of the British steamer Ethelred, arrived at Boston, confirms the report of his yessel having been fired on by a Spanish cruiser. - The Delaware Legislature takes its 106th ballot for Senator — The conductor and a The quickness of the rise is phenomenal. brakeman on the Western North Carolina railroad are killed in a wreck near Marion. -Ten thousand counterfeits of the pink 2-cent postage stamp have been seized in the office of the Wells Fargo Express company in Chicago: Assistant Postmaster General Kerr Craig says that he received such a counterfeit about a month ago and secret services detectives were then put to work. -Private Secretary Thurber says the President has received no communication of any sort urging an extra session of Congress-There is continued enlistment for the Cuban service of men in Alabama and Louisiana-Venezuela takes steps to show England she will oppose any further territorial encroachments. -- Grammar school No. 32, in New York city, with 1,700 pupils, is closed because there is a case of measles in the family of the janitor-In the House of Commons, Sir Edward Grey, in answer to a query, said that England could not send a commission to act with the one appointed by our Government to examine the Nicaragua canal unless desired by the United States to do so; that in case the canal was taken under protection of this

Government England would take care that her commerce should be accorded as favorable terms as that of any other nation-Shocks of earthquake are again felt in Italy -Troops have a fight with brigands in Sardinia --- Mobile men get the contract for furnishing castings for a marine railway in Nova Scotia, against Northern and Entish bidders-So far only two men are known to survive the explosion in the mine et New Whitcom, Wash, -At Wheeling, W. Va., two buildings collapse and six persons are killed; the debris catches fire; in one of them is a car load of turpentine and oil but the fire is cut off from it-Mrs. Jefferson Davis will in Richmond to day attend the reinterment of the remains of her son Jefferson-There is much diversity of opinion among lawyers as to the effect of the decision of the Supreme court on the income tax; some say all lower courts are as bound by the decision of the evenly divided court as if the decision was unanimous; others say any circuit court could decide the law unconstitutional, which would be final so long as the Supreme court remained divided-The discovery of the counterfeit stamps were made through a man in Chicago who in answer to an advertisement bought stamps from tue "Canadian Novelty and Supply company" of Hamilton, Ont finding they were counterfeit he turned them over to revenue officials.

## The C. F. & Y. V. Forcelesure Pro

ceedings. The examination in the matter of claims against the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley railway was resumed yesterday morning at 11 o'clock before Special Master Eugene S. Martin in the United States court room.

Among the lawyers preset were the following:

Counsel for the plaintiff bondholders and Gen. John Gill, reciver of the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley railway Judge Cross and Col. F. P. Clark, of Baltimore, Judge J. H. Hudson, of Bennettsville, S. C., Ricaud & Weill, of Wilminton. and the Hon. Geo. M. Rose, of Fayetu. ville, Cel. Tompkins, of Baltimore, or e of the committee of the bondholders was with the North Carolina Abstract and

Counsel for the North State Improvement company-Messrs. Watson & Buxton, of Winston; R O. Burton, E-q, of Raleigh, and George Rountree, Esq., cf Wilmington, Mr. J. W. Fries, of Salen, receiver of the North State Improvement company, was present.

The court began its proceedings by taking oral and record evidence as to the North State Improvement company's claim of ownership of certain rolling stock and equipment of the rathroad in can side has no more significance than if it the hands of the railroad company when the road went into the hands of Receiver Gill and now in the possession of the railroad company. The witnesses examined for this behalf were the following officials of the Care Fear and Yadkin sadly mistaken. I think the outlook is Valley Railroad company: General more encouraging, and that we can show Manager J. W. Fry, Chief Engineer H, L. Fry, Secretary Hon. Jnc. M. Rose, General Auditor R W. Bidgood, General leave them and come to us. Freight and Passenger Agent W. E. Report of Firing on the Ethelred Kyle. The complainant trustees and bondholders admitted the Improvement and equipment with certain reservations

to be agreed upon later in this hearing. Te following witnesses were examined is nothing to add to the story cabled at the time. The Ethelred was off Cape Maysi on the Care has to the North State Improvement comas to the North State Improvement company's claim of \$50,000 on the graded roadbed between Mt. Airy and the Virginia line, seven miles: R. Percy Gray, formerly secretary of the improvement company; W. H. Macfarland, formerly secretary of the improvement company; W. H. Macfarland, formerly secretary of the improvement company; W. H. Macfarland, formerly secretary of the improvement company; W. H. Macfarland, formerly secretary of the improvement company; W. H. Macfarland, formerly secretary of the improvement company; W. H. Macfarland, formerly secretary of the improvement company; W. H. Macfarland, formerly secretary of the improvement company; W. H. Macfarland, formerly secretary of the improvement company; W. H. Macfarland, formerly secretary of the improvement company; W. H. Macfarland, formerly secretary of the improvement company; W. H. Macfarland, formerly secretary of the improvement company; W. H. Macfarland, formerly secretary of the improvement company; W. H. Macfarland, formerly secretary of the improvement company; secretary of the improvement company; H. L. Fry, chief engineer of the Cape General Manager J. W. Fry, of the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley railway.

Pending the examination of witnesses

NEW YORK, April 9.—Grammar school No. 32, in West Thirty-first street, was closed this morning by order of the Board of Health. Seventeen hundred pupils were shut out and will remain shut out of the employed will be also be also below the street.

Dear Dock, Ihav a pashunt whose phisi-cal sines shos that the windpipe hov ulcerated off and his lung hav dropped into his stumick. He is unabel to swaller, and I fear his stumick is gor. I hav give him every thing without effeckt, his farther is a wealthy, 'onorable and influenshal. He is an active member of the Mefodist church and God nose I don't want to lose him. What shall I du? Answer by return mals, yours in nede,

## DISASTROUS FLOODS.

ROANOKE, CAPE FEAR AND OTHER RIVERS RAGING.

Cape Fear Four Feet Above Danger Line at Fayetteville and Still Rising-Many Bridges Gone-Raleigh Politics-Improvements at Ovford Asylum -Senator Butler

is Interviewed, ? MESSENGER BUREAU, RALEIGH, April 9. There is no fear of further frost now. But the floods are doing far more damage than frost could have done in this section. At the weather bureau to-day Mr. VonHermann said that the rainfalls were phenomenal. Most of the rain fell Sunday night. At Morven 3.17 inches fell, and at Chapel Hill 4.75 inches. Reports at 8 o'clock this morning stated that the Roanoke at Weldon was 31.2 feet, or 4 feet above the danger line, and rising rapidly, and report from the Cape Fear at Fayetteville said it was 42 feet, or 4 feet above the danger line, and rising heard an omnious cracking, and without s

Mr. VonHermann says.
In this county the loss is heavy, Backwater in Crabtree creek carried away the mained standing bridge (the highest in the county) at the county home. Other bridges on Neuse river and other streams are gone. Lowland crops are badly hurt. The worst of the rain was from Chapel Hill northward into Virginia. No more railway washouts were reported to-day. A careful watch was kept last night by railway people. The new method of making nominations

here, by the Democrats, is attracting more attention to the election than in a long time. The persons who are nominated at the primaries for Mayor, etc., are allowed delegates at the city convention Friday night in proportion to the votes they got at the primaries. It is possible that combinaons may be formed. It is certain that the sentiment of the voters, as shown last night was against the present administration. If combinations are made, and there are ru-mors of them to-day, they can readily be traced. So to-day politics is the chief topic ts lower story is of brownstone from San-

The city Republicans are very quiet. There are rumors that they will make desperate efforts to carry the city and that they may attempt colonization of voters. morning Deputy Sheriff Carr against Octavius Coke, Secretary of State, in the Mortgage bill matter. The complaint was also served. The case comes up before Judge Starbuck April 22nd, in

this county. Plans are accepted for a new engine house here for the hook and ladder truck and Capital hose wagon. The building will be of brick, 45 by 60 feet, two stories in height, with rooms on the second floor for firemen. Architect Bauer, of this city. has just completed and sent to the Oxford orphan asylum plans for extensive and imposing buildings there. These will greatly enlarge the capacity of that institution and will give it modern advantages.

The crop cards for the first monthly re port of the agricultural department will be sent out next week to the 1,200 correspond

There is much stir here by reason of the dropping of veteran employes of the Sea-board Air Line, Yesterday D. T. Bunch, who had been with the Raleigh and Gaston railway twenty-nine years; S. J. Hunter, twenty years; T. L. Shaw, twenty-three years; Henry Wilton, thirty years, and Albert Johnson over fifty years, were dropped. The dropping of Mr. James Maglenn and of Mr. Dan Hutchings has also caused much feeling locally. The Scaboard has in past years had great strength in its attachment for its employes and in their devotion to it. An afternoon paper here most pointedly holds up Vice President St. John as the man who is making these changes, and he is attacked right and left. It is alleged that the tax on druggists under the new revenue act will amount to 6

Mr. Scales, of Statesville, member of the Democratic State committee; Editor Erwin, of the Morganton Herald, and Col. S. McD. Tate were among the callers at the Executive office to day.

Capt. Claude B. Denson, of this city, will go to Wilmington next Saturday to see the widow of Gen Whiting in regard to securing material for the address he is to deliver in this city May 10th on that officer's life and service. He hopes that some of the veterans of Fort Fisher will come here May 10th. They will be heartily welcomed. Governor Carr makes requisition on the Governor of South Carolina for Kuge Easterling and Henry Easterling, who are wanted for larceny in Richmond county. The Governor has notice that Cicero and Fom Eskridge are in jail at Shelby, awaiting requistion from the Governor of South Carolina for larceny of clothing.

Mr. Robert L. Burkhead to-day retired from his clerkship in the Treasury Depart-He is the last of the Democrats to go. Maj. W. H. Martin, Republican, succeeds Mr. Burkhead will be connected Guarantee company, which will have its office here, and which is now having pre-pared abstracts of all deeds, wills, judgments, mortgages, etc. It will require three or four months to complete this. Lawyers and bankers are me abers of the company.

Ex Commissioner of Agriculture Robinson was here to day, and tells me he thinks the sales of fertilizers will be two-thirds as large as those made last spring. He says this is due to the large increase in truck crops, and it is for these that most of the

fertilizers are now bought. Much mention has been made as to Marion Butler's position it the United States Senate. He says now:

"The fact that my seat is on the Republiwere on what is called the Democratic side. I'am a Populist and will stand by and for the people against the evil policies of both the old parties, till the majority of the peo-ple see the truth and join with us in a fight for freedom and prosperity. Those who exto the people that the gold bugs control both parties. This done, the patriots in both who are attached to their old parties will

Confirmed. Boston, April 9.-Capt. Hopkins, of the

A Grammar School Closed. in this connection, the court took a recess until 10:30 o'clock this morning.

A certain physician not a thousands miles away, says the Washington Evening Messenger of the 8th. received the following letter from a brother in the profession:

shut out and will remain shut out of the school until the health officers raise the embargo put upon it. The immediate cause of all this is a case of measles in the janitor's family, but back of it looms up the old contention between the health department and the board of education concerning the school janitor's living rooms. The control wersy has this time been carried before the Mayor who has sided with the health officers raise the embargo put upon it. The immediate cause of all this is a case of measles in the janitor's family, but back of it looms up the old contention between the health department and the board of education concerning the school janitor's living rooms. partment; hence the closing of the school.

## A Probed Battle.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. April 9—In a pitched battle at Little Warrior, Ala., mining camp twenty-one miles west of Birmingham, last night, four men were shot, one of them fatally. The trouble grew out of a lease on the Little Warrior coal mine, formerly operated by Hooper & Co., but now leased to Thomas & Bibby. The Thomas party claim that the Hooper party waylaid in the road for them and commenced firing before a word was spoken.

### CRIMINAL NEGLIGENCE. leglect to Remove a Condemned

Building the Cause of a Fearful Disaster-Six Persons Killed by Collapse of the Building -Danger of a Terrific Explosion.

WHEELING, W. Va., April 9-A few mintes past 8 o'clock this morning an accident occurred which threw the city into the greatest excitement. The five story build. ings, Nos. 1220 and 1222 Main street, occupied by T. T. Hutchisson & Co., wholesale hardware and saddlery dealers, and W. H. Chapman & Sons, wholesale painters and builders' supplies, collaped with a deafening report, burying ten men beneath the ruins To add to the horror of the situation the shris took fire from a natural gas leak and dense clouds of smoke arising, the efforts of the rescuers were greatly impeded. The greatest damage to life was among the employes to Hutchisson & Co., all of whom were at work. At 9 o'clock to-night the list of dead and missing reached six, including Father F. H. Parke, vicar general of the West Virginia diocese, and four wounded. The Hutchisson building stood on the corner of Alley 9 and Main street, the Chapman building adjoining. At the hour mentioned the employes in Hutchisson's rapidly. The outlook is for great floods, a moments warning or giving the unfor tunate men time to make an effort to escape

crash, carrying with it the entire structures of both buildings. Only the rear wall re-Frank Haller, Adam Blum and T. T. Hutchisson were in the rear office and were saved by the aid of two men who pried off the bars of a back window and rescued the men just before a fall of bricks buried the

The men in the Chapman building fared

somewhat better. Clifton, one of the workmen, noticed the plastering and the wall separating them from Hutchison's crumb ing and falling down. He immediately gave an alarm and not a minute too soon for before the men had reached the doors bricks and mortar were pelting them in showers. All got out in time however. A general alarm brought the fire department promptly to the scene and the work of rescuing was commenced. Blinded and suffocated by the dense smoke, the firemen worked like Trojans and in aboutstwo hours the first victim was rescued. It was M. J DeFord who was comparatively uninjured while he was lying directly across Benjamin Pritchard, who was cold in death, and nedical examination showed that he had been killed-by being crushed about the ches No more bodies were found until 6:30 o'clock his evening, when the body of Father Parke was taken out of the debris, so horri

oly crushed that the body was scarcely ecognizable. In the meantime the fire had gained that the firemen had to give their entire attention to subduing it. After twelve hours hard work they got the flames under control, but it will be morning before the blaze will be completely extinguished.

Father Parke was walking up the alley when the deplorable affair occurred. Harry Cowl, the messenger boy, was also killed in the alley while returning from a call. A startling rumor was extant this evening that an explosion was imminent, for stored in the Chapman building is a carload of turpentine and oil. If the flames reach this nothing can prevent a most horrible addition to what is already the most disastrous accident that has occurred in this city. At 7:30 o'clock, however, Chief Healy claims to have the blaze cut off from the oil The cause of the collapse was the defec-ive construction of the Hutchinsson building, which was condemned two years ago and the work of removing neglected.

### THE INCOME TAX LAW.

Great Uncertainty as to Consequences of the Decision-Diversity of Upinion as to Effect of the Even Division of the Court.

Washington, April 9.-The scope and effect of the decision of the Supreme court in the income tax cases, so far as they relate to the collection of the tax upon incomes, other than those derived from rents and interest on State and municipal bonds, are the subject of general discussion. A wide diversity of opinion exists upon this point and the various expressions tend to confuse the average mind. Attorney General Olney, for instance, nuoted as saying:

"So far as the lower courts are concerned the division of the Supreme court is as binding as if the whole court bad been unanimous in its favor. I cannot believe that any judge would grant an injunction to preyent a collector from collecting the tax on incomes from other sources than rents or State and municipal bonds in the face of the Supreme courts action. The only way I can see by which persons who object to paying the tax can secure judicial action is by their paying the tax under protest and entering suit for its recovery.' But there are other lawyers equally familiar with the practical effect of the de cisions of the Supreme court, who say that the action of the court yesterday binds no judge in respect of the points as to which the court is evenly divided—not even the Circuit court for the Southern district of New York, in which the cases originated. "Should a circuit judge hold that the law was unconstitutional," said an attorney this afternoon who has had a large practice in the Supreme court, "and issue an injunction against the collection of the tax, which however, is rather improbable in view of the general practice of the courts, that would stand as the law for that circuit, because it could not be overturned by a divided court. Until there is a full bench however, there does not appear to be much

A Victory for Southern Iron. MOBILE, Ala., April 9.- The Edgar Thompson foundry and machine works here have secured the contract for the castings of the marine railway to be constructed at Halifax. Nova Scotia The bid was the lowest submitted in competition with foundrymen elsewhere in the United States and in Eng land . The material factor in achieving this success was the fact that Alabama iron is at least \$1.50 a ton cheaper than any other iron in the world, while the quality is of the highest The contract called for about 100 tons of castings.

robability of relief from the law."

Experimenting With a Dead Body DETROIT, Mich , April 9,-The police resterday found the body of a girl by the name of Myrtle Cook in the morgue of Undertaker Gibbs. The report is that the girl died two months ago in a lyingin hospital on Lincoln avenue. The undertaker coolly explained that he was keeping the body simply to test the merits of a new embalming fluid. He company's ownership of rolling stock British steamer Ethelred, which arrived said that the young man who had paid here to day, says with regard to his being | him \$10 to bury the body had said that overhauled by a Spanish cruiser, that there he did not care if the body was used for was mistaken in claiming that he brought the girl there. The cause of the death

was given as pneumonia.

It is claimed that the baby which was born at the hospital is still living. The body was exhumed this morning for ex-amination. Dr. Seaman could not be found to-day, but voluntarily gave himself up to the police this afternoon. He said that he had treated the girl at different times and acknowledged he had taken the girl to the hospital. He de-clared that she had died from natural causes, however, and said that he did not know that the body had been kept for two months. He claims that he does

not know where the girl came from. He was not held. As baldness makes one look prematurely old, so a full head of hair gives to mature life the appearance of youth. To secure this and prevent the former, Ay er's Hair Vigor is confidently recommended. Both ladies and gentlemen prefer it to any other dressing,

## COUNTERFEIT STAMPS.

TEN THOUSAND TWO-CENTS SEIZED IN CHICAGO.

Detectives at Work for the Last Month-The President Not Urged to Call an Extra Session of Congress - Southern Men Enlisting for Cuban Service - The Income

Tax Matter. Washington, April 9 .- A Chicago morning paper printed this morning an account package containing 10,000 of these counterfeit stamps had been discovered in the Chicago office of the Wells-Fargo express. The

that it was sperious The lines of a genul: et time to qualify a pril 1st—then the Governor stamp, he said, were even and regular, but should not appoint. This case has aroused the counterfeit was ragged and blurred and very great interest. The Attorney General's the coloring defective. An expert, he added, could easily tell the good one from the bad. Upon receipt of this stamp, inspectors were set to work, but whether the present discovery was the outcome of that investigation he would not state, but t is probable that the counterfeit was one of the many thousands sent out from Chicago. Mr. Craig said he thought the story somewhat magnified, but in any event it would not necessitate the recalling of the issue of 2-cent stamps, as postmasters throughout the country would be warned of the counterfeits and be directed to keep a close watch for the spurious article. Postoffice inspectors in the field will be instructed to use

eiters and the secret service detectives will act in conjunction with them. Private Secretary Thurber's attention being called to the statements contained in Washington evening paper that the President was being flooded with telegrams from all parts of the country appealing to him to call an extra session of Congress to repeal the Income Tax law, states that not a single telegram, letter or verbal communication has been received on the subject. Information continues to be received a Washington of enlistment of men in Alabama and Louisiana for service in Cuba. This is in violation of the United States laws, but no information definite enough to jus ify action seems to have been received by

every effort in ferreting out the counter

inited States authorities. Secretary Carlisle has announced that ereafter no resignation of any officer, clerk, or other employe in the Treasury Department will be accepted when there is cause for any delinquency or misconduct. In all such cases recommendation for the removal of the offending person must be made, and not simply a recommendatio that the resignation be accepted. Advices received from Venezuela state hat the Chief Magistrate of the Amacuro egion has been directed by the Caracas linistry to erect a church on the banks of the Amacuro river, which is to form the

nucleus of a new settlement which it is inended to establish there. This settlement will be located on the river directly opposite o that now occupied by the British and is intended as an intimation that Venezuela regards that part of the territory as her own, and that British colonists must not encroach Commissioner Miller and the officials of the internal revenue bureau were busy al day endeavoring to find out where the income tax law as construed by the Supreme court "left them." As a full copy of the Supreme court's decision could not be obtained, it not having yet been printed, and

as its exact bearing on the present regula-tions could, therefore, not be accurately determined, no additional instructions to collectors could be issued to day, but directions to collectors how to proceed will probably be ready for issuance to-morrow. In the meantime this telegraphic instructions was sent to each sixty-three collectors of sixty-three collectors of internal revenue: "Hold income tax list due April 10th until further orders. Retain possession of all returns received." The tax list lirected to be held refers to the returns for the previous month in the hands of colwho, under instructions from Washington, forward the list here from his office on the 10th of each month. These lists will now have to be revised to conform to the additional exceptions made by the

## The Southern Railway Petition

Supreme court.

Granted. WASHINGTON, April 9 .- The Southern Railway has been successful in its application to the inter-State commerce commission for authority to charge less for longer than for shorter distance for the transportation of passengers between various points of its ines. The decision of the commission granting this request was rendered to-day The order of the commission is as follows: "That the prayer of said petition be and the same is hereby granted, and 'said Southern Railway company is hereby authorized to charge less for the transportation of passengers for longer than for shorter distances over the same line in the same direction, the shorter being included within the lenger distance, but only to the extent and upon

the conditions following:

'1. Such higher rates for shorter distances shall not in any case exceed the lower rates for longer distance by more than \$5,00. "2. Such lower rates for longer distances shall not in any case be less than those previously published by the Seaboard Air Line or other competing carriers between the Such lower rates for longer distances

shall not in any case be less than the cost of the service rendered. "This order is hereby declared to be temporary and provisional pending further investigation by the commission, and the same may be modified or revoked at any time and without or with notice in discretion of the commission.

The New Whatcom Mine Disaster New Whatcom, Wash., April 9-Few de tails, except those received at the first new of the mine disaster, are to be had. The formation of the mine and the story told by the two survivors, shows that the breas where the explosion occurred was a third of a mile from the entrance to the mine. Twenty three men were in the mine and Kearns and Gellum are the only ones known

A Wreck on the W. N C. Road. ASHEVILLE, N C., April 9.-Last night an extra freight on the Southern railway ran into a slide two miles west of Marion. Engineer W. E. Lee was caught under the car and instantly killed. Fireman E. L. Early died a few hours later from his in-

boom. This morning the Standard Oil company announced that it would pay \$1.27 per barrel for the crude article This is an advance of 17 cents a barrel in two days. On the Oil City Exchange the price is 10 cents higher, sales being made at \$1.37 per

barrel. The New Miners Quit. PITTSBURG, Pa., April 9.—Robbins' mine at McDonald, which resumed yesterday with about fifteen men at the 60 per cent rate, is idle to-day. The strikers were suc cessful in getting the new men to quit. There is no other change in the mining situ-

## THE NEW JUSTICES.

An Opinion From the Attorney General on the Status of Those Not Qualifying by April 1st.

Special to the Messenger.] RALEIGH, N. C., April 9 .- Governor Carr asked Attorney General Osborne for an opinion as to whether, if the additional justices of the peace elected by the State Legislature failed to qualify on or before April 1st there were created vacancies which he had a right to fill. There were 3,600 such justices elected and the act said they were to qualify on or before April 1st. Very few of them have qualified. The Attorney of the discovery by secret service detectives General says mere delay in qualifying does of an extensive counterfeiting of the pink not in itself work a forfeiture of office, He 2-cent postage stamps. It was stated that a advises that where these legislative appointees have by their own negligence failed to qualify, it matters not how long after cago office of the Wells-Fargo express. The names of the shipper and consignee were withheld.

April 1st, and still fail to do so, the Governor should appoint to fill the office thus yacant. If before his appointees qualify Third Assistant Postmaster General Kerr | the legislative appointees qualify the latter Craig, who has supervision of the postage have the better title, while if the Governor's stamps, said to-day that about a month ago appointees qualify first they have the better he received from a postmaster in the West a counterfeit 2-cent stamp, and upon examination with a magnifying glass he detected to the negligence of the legislative appointees—because they were not notified in

> opinion gives the legislative appointees the inside track. Supreme Court Decisions. [Special to the Messenger.] RALEIGH, N. C., April 9 .- The Supreme court filed this evening the following opinons: State vs Hatch, from Chatham, no error; Commissioners of Durham county vs Tobacco company, revised; Wilson Cotton Mills vs Randleman Cotton Mills, from

## An Assignment.

Randolph, petition of plaintiff to rehear dis-

[Special to the Mesenger.] RALEIGH, April 9-Samuel Watts, of luburn, this county, with general stores there and at Shotwell, Garner, Clayton and other points, assigned to day to E. B. Barbee, of this city, with liabilities of \$11,000, which assets will cover. He confessed judgements. amounting to \$5,200, principally to the Raleigh National bank and E. B. Barbee.

The Sun's Cotton Review. New York, April 9.- The Sun's cotton review says: Cotton rose 4 to 5 points, lost most of the advance, then rallied and closed firm at a net gain of 4 to 6 points, with sales of 113,700 bales. Liverpool advanced 1 point for futures and was unchanged on the spot. with sales of 18,000 bales. New Orleans ad vanced 2 to 4 points. The New Orleans re ceipts to-morrow are estimated at 2,000 bales, against 9,321 last week and 2,540 last year. Manchester will not be closed during the Easter holidays. Silver advanced &d in London, and ic here. The receipts at the ports were 26,283 bales, against 11,219 last year. They are expected to be about 110,000 this week, against 63,221 last year. Spot prices in this country were generally unchanged, with a light trade. Mobile advanced 1-16c. Dry goods are firm and the Jaffray sale has been very favorable. Some cotton goods are

To-day's features were: The was another oullish budget. It consisted of an active and higher Liverpool market, a bullish tone at Manchester, unfavorable weather advices from the South, a rise in silver, good buying orders from Europe and estimated small re-ceipts at New Orleans to-morrow. The South sent some buying orders, though it also sold. Local operators covered shorts and also went long to some extent. The undertone was firm. The strength just now is coming more from Manchester than from any other place, and Manchester is boomed up by favorable advices from East India.

Atwood Violett & Co. said: "Cotton cannot be brought here to liquidate a sale of contracts nearly as cheaply as the short can cover himself on the market. We referred resterday to the warehouse stock at New Orleans of 254,000 as representing the largest supply at any one point in the United States, but a valued correspondent there wires us to-day that we are mistaken as to the amount, saying the New Orleans Ex-change estimated that the railroads held on April 1st, 73,000 bales, all of which practi-cally is in transit, which, deducted, would eave in warehouse an actual stock of about 181,000. We very much doubt if the cotton in presses to-day at the United States ports unsold is 550,000 bales. Another feature of the spot situation in this country is that the hands of people who are holding it for higher prices, believing that putting money into cotton at present figures is as safe, or safer, than anything else. That the English spinner must buy, the large sales at Liverpool, which were to-day 18,000 bales, are continually proving. If in February he was taking 82,000 bales a week of all kinds, the consumption cannot be any smaller now, and perhaps is a little larger, as trade conditions there have improved materially in consequence of the rise in silver and in creased prospects of trade in the East. The English spinner has been caught napping, as it turns out, now that the Continent and America have obtained the largest share of the cheap cotton, and Great Britain the buyer when the supply is dwindling and competition increasfor what remains in this country. The actual stock at Liverpool or March 28th, of all kinds was 1,784,110 bales. of which 1,653,343 was American. Of the remainder 49,176 was Egyptian and only 3.998 East Indian. Is it any wonder that Manchester and Lancashire must see that it largely American cotton or nothing? Our iverpool correspondents write under date f March 30th: 'Cotton is held in very strong hands by people who will not sell at present prices, and England will have to get from America 600,000 bales in the next five months, but no matter what her re-

### uirements, how is she to get it? Base Ball.

NORFOLK, April 9 .- The Bostons, of the National league, and the Norfolks of the Virginia State League, played a game o ball here to day before about 1,000 people and the Bean Eaters showed the Norfolks what the game was and how it is to be played, although for the first three innings the locals shut the Bean Eaters out. In the fourth they jumped on to Herr unmercifully and pounded out six runs. Setley was nade two runs in the third on two hits and Whaley's two baggers. They made one in the fifth and three in the ninth on loose playing on the part of Boston, Boston tried three pitchers, Sullivan, Dolan and Hodson, and all showed up well, Hodson puzzling the locals with his deceptive outcurves. Baltimore plays Norfolk to-morrow. The score was—Norfolk 6, Boston 13.

Chicago's Mayor Iustalled. CHICAGO, April 9.—George B. Swift was installed as Mayor. Much surprise was evinced when he stated that he had two appoinsments to make at once. It is announced his selection for city comptroller is O. D. Wetherell, a banker, who held th same position under Carter Harrison's administration. The other appointment was that of Fire Marshal Swenie, who is to suc-

Strike of Glass Workers Pirisburg, April 9.—One hundred expert glass workers employed at Atterbury's factory struck to-day on account of polishing machinery used by the firm. The men claim that the work done by the machines is inferior and that the ware damaged is charged up against their salaries.

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IN OUR NICARAGUA CANAL COMMISSION.

The Subject of Our Appointment of a Board of Engineers to Examine the Canal Brought Up in the House of Commons-Retirement of Speaker Peele -British Troops to Leave Honduras.

LONDON, April 9-In the House of Commons to-day Sir William Harcourt moved a vote of thanks to the retiring Speaker, Right Hon. Arthur Wellesley Peele. The motion was seconded by A. J. Balfour, the Conservative leader, and supported in eulogistic speeches by Joseph Chamberlain and Justin McCarthy, and the House passed it by acclamation.

Sidney Buxton, Under-Colonial secretary, announced that one-half of the troops in British Honduras would be withdrawn on April 30th and the remainder at the end of

Sir Edward J. Harland asked whether Sir Edward Grey was aware of the fact that the United States Government had appointed a committee to examine into the question of the Nicaragua canal and to survey the proposed route of the canal. Would the British Government, he asked, appoint a commission to co-operate with that of the United States. Sir Edward replied that he was aware of

the appointment of the United States commission, and that the board of inquiry consisting of three engineers, had been ordered to report before November 4th. The British Sovernment, he said, could not consider the uestion of sending any one to act with the American commission unless the United States desired such co-operation. The British Jovernment was fully sensible of the great mportance of the question, and in the event of the canal enterprise being undertaken by the American Government would take care that British trade and commerce received as favorable terms as those accorded to other

Sir Edward Grey, replying to an interro-gation by Sir George Baden-Powell, said that the Government had received no proposal that they advance money to pay damges awarded to sealers, under the award of the Paris tribunal, pending the settlement of these claims by the United States. ROME, April 9.—Shocks of earthquake were again felt at Reggio di Calabra last vening, but no damage was done. The Government is informed that a severe fight occurred between the troops and a band of brigands in Sardinia yesterday. Two of the brigands were killed and several were wounded and a number of others were captured.

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