THE STATE. The first shipment of blackberries from Southern Pines was made yesterday-Governor Carr and Ed. Chambers Smith go to Morehead City - Yesterday was alumnee day at the Salem Female institute; the alumna fund for the education of poor daughters of the institution's graduates amounts to \$3,000, and was increased by \$100 yesterday; to day is commencement

day proper; the address will be by President

Hark, of the Monavian college, at Bethle-

hem, Penn .- Charlotte gets the Lutheran

college for women. Near San Jose, Cal , James Dunham kills his father-in-law, his mother-in-law and four other members of the family and then makes his escape - The Senate confirms several nominations by the President-Mrs. Cleveland and children will go to Buz zard's bay next week - The House agrees

searried down with it -The towns of Rengesterday -- The Presbyterian general assembly spent most of the afternoon discuss. ing the action of the Charleston (S. C.) pres-Northern Methodist conference to organize

2 000 Cubans - Cuban cigar manufacturers is spreading in the cities of Egypt-British Proops defeat a body of Matabeles.

ALUMNE DAY.

Yesterday's Extress at the Salem

First Shipmont of Blackb rries, s

Referen, May 27-The First shipment of elackberries from Southern Pines wen north to-day. The crop is a fine one. Covernor Carr and Ed. Chambers Smith went to Morehead City to-day.

The Deadly Electric Wire. SAVANNAH, Ga., May 27-Marlow Well, & plored lineman employed by the Brush lectric Light and Power company, while at work on a pole twenty-five feet from the ground, came in contact with a wire, through which 1,000 volts of electricity was passing and the wire burned, into the flesh of his arm severely, causing him to fall. Death resulted in a few minutes.

---Beat This, Will You? Florence, N. C., is a little village be tween Jamestown and Deep River, and is a hustling, thriving locality-if we have but ocen misinformed.

There are two carriage fact ries, one dairy, one retail and one wholesale store, one saw mill and one hennery, and yet there are only forty-seven inhabitants of the place, including seven widows and

one widower. En-iness is said to be thriving, except in the matrimonial line. It looks like that one lone widower might make the trip with seven widows to select from, but perhaps he is afraid to take one of them for fear the other six will make war on him, and as he is unable to marry them all he thinks it best to go it alone. Bully for Florence: let the booming ontinue, -Greensboro Record,

WIND AND FIRE.

FEARFUL DESTRUCTION BY THE ELEMENTS.

St. Louis and East St. Louis Devastated by a Cyclone-The Latter in Flames -- Factories and School Houses Fifted With People Shat ered-Residences and Bustness Houses Wrecked. 1,000 People

Killed. KANSAS CITY, May 27 - It is reported here that a cyclone has swept across Eastern Missouri from Moberly to St. Louis. All

DECATER, Ills., May 27-It was learned from Wabash railroad officials that at 5:30 o'clock this afternoon a terrible cyclone truck East St. Louis, blowing away one span of the Eads bridge and also the east approach of the same. Five hundred box cars in the yards were turned over and blown away. The Wabash and Vandalia reight houses were blown down, together with many other buildings, but as yet the particulars are meagre. It is reported that

Chi Ano, May 27 - Communication by elegraph from St. Louis was cut off about o'clock this afternoon. Just before the wires went down word was received that the roof of the grand stand at the fair grounds race track had been blown off and hat two persons were killed and several in-

INNATI, May 27-A report reached his city this afternoon that the grand stand at the St. Louis fair grounds, where races re now-being held, was blown down and out came over the race wires of the Western nion Telegraph company. The bare bul tin was received that a cyclone had struck race course, and had demo ished the stand, killing many people. Then minunication was suddenly cut off and formation came later that all wires leadgrout of St. Louis had been torn down by

Das Moine- Ia . May 27-Reports of seriis storms this after oon and much damage out love tre being received here, ut the wires are down and there will be here was heavy rain and wind. by Louis, Mo, May 27—Loss of life from te storm here and in East St. Louis is estisted at 500. East St. Louis is burning up.

The loss already is \$2,000,000 INDIANAPOLI- Ind., May 27-Reports from The Vandalia, Wabash and Big our shops are leveled to the ground. At dlingham, fit, the water is running over he depot platform, and the whole country

Er. Louis, May 27-St. Louis was struck by cyclone of frightful fury at a late hour his afternoon. Hundreds of people were

At 5 20 o'clock the clouds that had covered he city since moon broke into a furious weeping with it dense waves of rain. The ghest speed of wind previously recorded august, 1878 The screaching of the wind hrough electric wires, the piles of debris hat swent in every direction, the electric shes from tangled wires and the crashing At 5 o'clock the lowest estimate of fataliies in East St. Louis and this city is placed

East St Louis suffered probably the great-Messengers came at 7 o'clock asking The steamer D H Pike with thirty pasongers on board bound for Peoria, was iver and a number of persons killed. The amor with a crew of six and twenty lady passengers on board was blown against a ner and broken in two. The ladies and two f the crew c ung to the bridge's stone work

The steamer Libbie Congera, with only pt. Seaman, his wife and three of a crew, posite Caron delta is supposed to be the samer Congera olard, was demolished and six men are

eported killed. A saloon at No. 4064 South eventh street fell with nine men in the treets fell and the debris fills the streets. The electric railway line is burned out as well as an electric plant. Fourteen fire larms were sounded within an hour, and

hree alarms were sent in from the poor use which building has 1,200 inmates. he roof of the poor house was blown of nd the fatalities are great. During the last race at the fair grounds te roof was blown off the grand stand The crowd had gone to the open field for

eated for a time, began afresh and fell in crents. At 8 o'clock the eastern sky was the street. The Louisville and Nashle eastbound through passenger train had ust reached East St. Louis when the storm ruck that my. The train was overturned

at miraculously only a few passengers seenger train, which left St. Louis at a clock was on the east span of the bridge then the wind picked the cars up. They

were thrown into a confused mass. The et work of wires made rescue difficult and angerous, but it is thought all will be got ridge is so badly wrecked that it will take hree days to allow trains to pass. The report of fatalities in East, St. Louis that the loss of life will exceed

s impossible to cross the bridge or d flames were soon pouring from a dozen gs. The fire department was utterly owerless to cope with the conflagration and is feared nearly the entire business and a A mong the principal buildings dready in ruins are the National hotel, the Standard Oil works Fast St. Louis wire nail

works, the Crescent elevator, Hazel elevator, all freight depots and stores and resi- scouts opened fire on the natives and retired. n St. Claure avenue At 2 c'clock to-night no wire can be obtained to surrounding territory in the eastin and northern portions of Missouri, but it is feared that the loss of life in these sections will be very large. The damage to The defeat of this party of Matabele warriors property in St. Louis is estimated at \$1,000,-00 and the loss in East St. Louis is nearly | with fear.

2,000,000 and the fire is still raging. KAN-As CITY, Mo., May 27 - Rensick, Ranlooph county. Mo, was blown away this afternoon and several persons were killed Labaddie, Mo., was also destroyed. Ten persons were killed at the latter place. DE ASCE, III., May 27-A conductor on the Vandalia railroad who reached here at !

o'clock to-night received & message at the crossing of the Vandalia and Chicago and Eastern Illinois, thirty-five miles from their lives in the Eads bridge wreck at East St. Louis. The message stated that a train was about to cross the bridge when it was struck by the cyclone and carried down in the wreck. The report is not as yet confirmed.

RHODISIA, Ills., May 27-It is reported nouse at Drake, near this city by the the Highland park property.

BLOWINGTON, Ills May 27 - Word reached the Chicago and Alton reilroad officials this evening that a cyclone had demoli-hed the village of Rush Hill, Mo, twelve miles from Mexico, in Audrain county The cyclone struck the town about 4 o'clock and blew down the schoolhouse, crushing its inmates. The report was to the effect that fifty pupils had been killed and a number Sr. Louis, May 27—The two cyclones have as reported, is now convalescent, accord done great damage in the northwest. The

list of dead in St. Louis is beyond presen computation. A startling report has just reached police headquarters that 200 girl are in the ruins of Liggitt & Mvers' cigarette factory at Tower Grove park. Alarming reports are received of great loss of life in the southern portion of St. Louis from the railroad tracks to Caron de'ts. The winwept away the roof of the exposition bu ing and that structure is badly damaged by he flood of water

Great anxiety is felt for the safety of passengers on the different excursion boat which were on the river when the storm broke. The steamer City of Florence, with an excursion party, is reported lost below Caron delta. The steamer St. Paul, with thirty passengers, is believed to be wrecked The levee is packed with people, groping through the darkness and eagerly imploring nformation from loved ones on the river. The destruction to property in this city will not be learned until day light. The Annunciation church, at Sixth and Lasalle streets was totally destroyed. Father Head, he pastor, was fatally injured

The middle span lof the roadway above the tracks on the Eads bridge, was blown completely away. It is not known whether eny persons lost their lives while crossi the bridge. The big Cupples block of build-ings was partly demolished. The dead and jured are being taken from the ruins of he various buildings and manufactories. The Baltimore and Ohio and the Vanda a roundhouse, the Standard Oil works ast St. Louis and Crescent elevators and zen freight houses were caught in the cylone and reduced to debris.

It is reported that the Grand Republic and several other excursion steamers, with al the passengers and crews, have gone down CHICAGO, May 27-Word was received by wire at the Union depot that the Vandalia freight house at East St. Louis was blown to atoms, and all the employes at work inside f ur clerks, were killed. At the freight office of the road arrangements were nade to send a special train to St Louis at 30 a. m. with two car loads of Western nion supplies, and a party of linemen to epair the wires east of St. Louis. Indianapolis Ind , May 27 Railroad flicials say the best estimates on the nume killed at St L uis put it in the neigh

oorhood of 1,000 The cyclone is movin rapidly almost due east. The Vandalis started a special train filled largely with surreens and newspaper men at 10:30 o'clock Sr. Louis May 27-The difficulty in ob ining information from outlying district increased by an order from Mayor Wal ridge, ordering all electric light circuit urusd off This is to prevent death to th ersons coming in contact with broken estric light wires. From Soulard stree uthward as far as Caron delta, wind played eavoc with the residences and houses in that territory. The streets are filled wit wreakage of demolished houses every where The number of bodies already found indi cate that the loss of life in that section wil

reach at least thirty. An unknown dead man was found under the bricks of a fallen chimney at Second | The public printers will do the work. and Chuteau avenue. Fireman Jos. Carpenter of the St Louis railing works on the collapse of the was found badly mangled in a pile of wreck age on Desoto street The evangelical church on Eight stre and Lafvatte avenue, and St. Hughes Cathe ic church on Kansas ayenne were totall sale liquor store at 229 South Broadway col lapsed from the force of the wind. Julit Marino was killed and three others set ously injured The power house of the culling line at Jefferson and Grier avenue was destroyed and a dozen employees ar

fatally injured. In suburbs dozens of frame houses were lown down but up to 11 o'clock to night no fatalities are reported there.

A Church Transance Company. CLEVELAND, Ohio, May 27-The feature of this morning's session of the general Church was the adoption of the resolution, exciting, and confusion reigned all the morning. Opponents of the insurance proposition were unable to secure a vote by vides for the organization of a mutual church insurance company, the affairs to be in charge of a Board of Insurance, and the ompany to do a general fire, lightning and

It was decided that the question of location f the next general conference be left to th The Christian Endeavor society was give a final slap by the adoption of a report depeceting the organization of any societies of hrist an Eudeavor in the Methodist Church hurch cannot afford to have any societies n its Church-known as Epworth Lesgue or hristian Endeavor. "We must cling to our elieve it to be for the best interest of our church and young people. The conference debated the question

an assistant secretary for the Epworth of the South! It was decided to have one.

Murdered by Enrglars.

Houston, Tex., May 27-I. B. Baker, city, was to day found murdered in the resimade the discovery. The dead man's face murder was apparently robbery, as one room had been ransacked and two bundles of silverware were found tied up near an open window. Mr Baker had evidently made a desperate fight for his life, as there was evidence that he had had a terrific struggle with his murderers. Louis Williams and Alfre McBride, negroes, were arrested to-night fo the marder. The police refuse to give the reason for their action. The excitement to night over the murder is running high.

Tobacco Order. HAVANA, May 27-A delegation of cigar nanufacturers and representatives of kinired industries called upon Capt. Gen. Weystatement of the situation in which they were placed. If, they declared, the concession granted by Spain in fayor of contracts ade before the issuance of Gen. Weyler's edict prohibiting the exportation of cigars

and tobacco were carried out, they would be

bliged to close their factories. Gen. Wey

er promised to inform the home Govern

ment of their representations and said that he would send a petition to the Government favorable to the manufacturers. BULUWAYO, May 27-Capt. Plumer reports that the scouts belonging to his column n Monday afternoon found a force of 2.0 Matabeles encamped upon a stone kopje having a hollow centre like a fort. The last. Plumer, upon hearing the firing, advanced the column at a gallop and poured a heavy fire into the enemy and they retreated, sustaining heavy losses. One English trooper was killed and two were wounded.

has stricken the native impis in the west

A Norwegian Bark Wrecked, HALIFAX, May 27-About midnight last ight the Norwegian bark Boedrene, from Ayonmouth for Miramichi, was wrecked naif a mile from the fog whistle on St. aul s island, in the gulf of St. Lawrence A thick mist and heavy fog prevailed at the time. Capt. H. Wilson, First Mate M. H. Sweenson, Second Mate Theo. Parson and seamen Harold Nelson and Emil Soterstron Decatur, stating that 120 people had lost were lost. Five men were saved. The crew heard the fog alarm half an hour before their ship struck.

Charlotte Gets the College. CHARLOTTE, N. C., May 27-Charlotte gets the Lutheran college, for women. Columbia, S. C., was her most formidable comthat eighty children were killed in a school petitor. The site of the college will be on

> McEnery Nominated for Senator. Baton Rouge, La. May 27—Midnight— Judge Samuel D. McEnery, has just been nominated for United States Senator by the emocratic cancus of 168 vote. Cot. Mosby Improving. San Francisco, May 27-Col John Mosby

who was dangerously ill here, but not dying as reported, is now convalescent, according

SIGN OF IMPROVEMENT

WILMINGTON, N. C., THURSDAY, MAY 28, 1896.

IN INCREASE OF BAILWAY RECRIPTS OVER LASTYEAR

The Drought in the Piedmont-Dele gates to the Chicago Convention. The Book on "Resources of North Carolina"-The Craven County Case-The American Protective Association in This State-To Go to

Richmond.

MESSENGER BUREAU, PARK HOTEL, RALEIGH, N. C. May 27. The reports of the earnings of the South ern railway system in this State for the past quarter came in to-day The total is \$457. 10, an increase of \$12,731 as compared with the same period last year. The statement as to the Southern's leased lives in the State is as follows: North Carolina railway. \$367,193, an increase of \$77,898, State university, \$1 708, an increase of \$510; Atlanta and Charlotte Air Line \$61,604, an increase of \$1,681; Asheville and Spartanburg \$30,586, an increase of \$9,012.

Among to day's arrivals here are John Wilder Atkinson of Wilmington, George M. Rose and Rev C. A. G. Thomas of Fayetteville and James Edwin Moore of Wil-

Telegrams state that the long and very serious drought in part of the Piedmont section was broken vesterday afternoon and last night by fine rains Wells are going dry and some mills have shut down. It has been rumored that the North Carolina delegation to the National Democratic convention would be instructed to bolt in case free silver was not declared for. An extreme free silver man assures your correspondent that this is an error He says no such instructions will be given; that the del-

egates will be carefully selected as men who can be trusted, and will be instructed to yote as a unit for free silver in the platform. The question was asked of one of these extreme silver men what Dr. J. J. Mott will to in case the National Democratic convention nom nates men like Teller and Blackburn and declares strongly for free silver He replied: "Dr. Mott will join forces with the Democrats and will vote our ticket." Recources of North Carolina" will be pub ished. .Of the hand book 10,000 were i, but a great many of these distributed at Chicago. The printed. edition of the new book ought to be larger. Work is in progress on a library building

at St. Augustine Normal school here. It is Menard street with his wife and child, were of granite. The chapel, of the same mapaid for by gifts. There is nothing in the rumor that Oliver H. Dockery will be a candidate for United rates Senator against Pritchard. The result of the Craven county which the State sought to make that county pay the cost (\$6,100) of the use of troops sent there in 1893, to enforce the court mandate in the James City land ownership matter,

is as was expected. The State has to stand

the cost. The case differs from one in

which the sheriff or county commissioners call for troops to guard a jail or quiet a Two illicit distilleries were captured ves terday in Cumberland county. It is alleged that the American Protective ssociation has 15,000 members in North Carolina and 400 in this city. If this be true it has been kept very quiet, for not once a year does an outsider hear mention made of that order. The figures must be exaggerated.

Junius Daniel Camp, U. C. V., of this city. takes fifty uniformed members to Richmond. They will wear campaign hats, gray sack coats of grass cloth, and black trowsers and will carry the State dag of the "Bethel regiment and a distinctive post flag. Fifty Sons of Veterans will accompany them and they will be escorted by the Governor's ard. sixty stron

W. C. Stronach, of this city, gets a World's fair medal for pop corn, the yield being forty-eight bushels to the acre. The Cancasian, the Populist State organ says to-day:

'The press of the Democracy has declared its opposition to Judge Russell for Governor This was to be expected. We think that much of its course is right. But it is idiotially pursuing a course that will do more toward electing Russell than the Russel element of the Republicans can do. The oitter personal criticism of the partisan is being indulged in, in connection with spite ful and malignant personal abuse. Now, this can only result in driving some Repubicans, who seem to be dissatisfied, into a date. The last thing on God's earth a Republican is going to support is a Democrat. The Democratic press cannot possibly win for its party a single recruit by the course it is pursuing. It can and will, if that course weaken. Let it show some sense in this campaign if it be possible. If it cannot tell the truth about its own party, let it stop lying about other parties. Let it remember s 'officially declared' position, and act so that its disabilities may be removed. I Russell should by any means be elected Governor, it is probable that the Democratic press, by its wildly foolish policy of peronal abuse and party misrepresentation will be as largely responsible for that elecion as any other agency. We do not favor Judge Russell for Governor and such influence as we have will be opposed to him; but we do favor sense, decency and truth in ournalism.

"The action of the recent Republican onvention shows that the party was either partisan judiciary in the last campaign, or hat they have backslided and deserted hat great principle since that time "We have neglected to present a prett significant inconsistency which cropped out at the Republican convention. It was in the case of that monopoly hireling, 'rev erend' Long. When he began his speech he said he had just come down on a visit and had no idea of attending the conven ion, etc., etc. He forgot himself a little while afterward and said: 'Just before leaving home Maj. McKinley told me to say to you, etc , etc. This 'reverend' Mr Long no doubt brought down the financial

ew York's New Electric Company New York, May 27-A rumor was current his afternoon that there was no truth in ! the Albany dispatch, printed this morning, their application was referred to the comthat the Walter company had been incor- mittee on laws. The committee on new tric and Westinghouse concerns, and that the report had been circulated for speculative effect on general electric stock. Ex-Governor Flower was seen about the matter unanimously decided that the next place of meeting shall be Boston. A committee has and he said: "I am interested in the Walker company, and we are not organized to fight anybody. Our capital is \$5,000,000." It is thought on the street that Mr. Flower, and his associates, who are largely interested in trolley lines throughout the country, have formed the new company for the purpose of supplying their own plants.

The Yess by Cyclone in Michigan DETROIT, Mich., May 37-Relief associa tions have been organized at Oxford, Ortonville, and Mt. Clemens to relieve the distress | the dispatch says, resulted in a severe loss to caused by Monday night's disastrous cyclone. Those families living in the path of the storm who escaped with their lives lost during the night, on the hill of Descanso during the night, on the hill of Descanso nearly everything they had, and are in actual want. Governor Rich will have an or- Paraez Valdez and the rebels under Maceo ganization perfected by to morrow solicit- and Diaz, on Monday, the insurgents caring aid from the State generally, and pro ried 130 wounded off the field. vide for its distribution. One of the in-jured, Mrs. Stuart, died to-day, and several of 500 rebels under the insurgent leader Carmore deaths are expected. It is said the 'rillo, near San Cristobal, and routed them tornado were buried at Ortonville to-day. | wounded.

THE BACE QUESTION

Before the Southern Presbyterian General Assembly-An Animated Discussion-Young People's Societies-Reports of Committees,

MEMPHIS, Tenn., May 27-The assembly was opened at 9 o'clock with devotional exercises by Rev. W. T. Palmer, of Trenton.

Dr. J. P. Smith, of Richmond, Va., de sired to record his vote in the negative on the question of State aid to the school at Fredericksburg. Notice was given of a protest on the same subject.

Rev. Dr. L. P. Bowen, of the committee on publication, submitted answers to overtures in its hands. The question of young people's societies now sgitating all the churches cropped up in connection with a request for the preparations of doctrina topics for young people's meetings. Dr. Parks championed the cause of the young people. The committee opposed the proposition of such topics, but the assembly decided by a large majority in their favor.

The assembly decided that it could not interfere with the prices of religious papers A long debate followed on the establishment of branch depositories of the publication house in Atlanta, Memphis and other cities. Dr. Hazon, secretary of publication said: "The establishment of such deposi tories would cripple and eventually destroy the publication work of the Church, divid ing and impairing its capital, now barely sufficient. It would be absurd from a business standpoint. We do not object to the local depositories if supported by local capital." A large ma-

report of the committee on publication was read and docketed. It refers to "the busy demons of the press," which the Church must fight with their own weapon; commends the work of the executive committee and recommends its reappointment. The bills and overtures committee ther reported, clearing their hands of several un-

jority decided against the depositories. The

important papers, which passed without de-The foreign missions report was taken from the docket and adopted by sections The economy of the executive committee is commended. The treasury is out of debt. Regrets are expressed that 1,039 churche have not given to foreign missions, and they blame the ministers for failure to pre sent the cause. Action was taken disposing of mission property in Brazil. The assembly then took recess to 3 o'clock p. m. The assembly was called to order at o'clock and Rev J. S. Moore, D. D. of Sher man, Texas, presented the report of the special committee on Sabbath school secretary placed in its hands. It recommended "that the executive committee of publication b instructed to employ a competent man to give his whole time to developing the Sunday school work and colportage as a mis-

color was then taken up, and the assembly was solemnly constituted a court to consider The case is as follows: One Reuben James, a colored man, pre sented himself as a candidate for the minisry before the presbytery of Charleston, S. The presbytery examined him and was refused to receive him solely because he was

a negro. Exercising its right to review the records of the presbytery, the synod took exceptions to this action and ordered the presbytery to reconsider its action and receive James. Elder J. A. Ensloe, of Westminster church, Charleston, brings the matter before the general assembly by complaining of this action of the synod. The first speaker was Elder Ensloe, the complainant. He disclaimed race prejudice and spoke of his life long interest in the religious training of the negroes. But the people of Charleston presbytery do not deem it wise to permit

any mingling of the races. His principal point was that the book of Church order does not recognize the relationship of candidates to presbyteries; therefore the synod relationship which is uncontitutional. Elder W. K. Thompson, of South Caroina represented the synod. He appealed for the colored race and said: "We have no right to refuse to license one of its members to carry the Gospel to his own people There is no fear of race amalgamation in South Carolina. These colored men will be iriven to leave our Church and enter the

Northern Church, which is holding out its arms to receive them.' The greatest speech of the session, so far. was made by Dr. Woodrow. Among other things he said: "I do not recognize the right of the Church to bind my conscience my conscience with not permit me to obey the law of the Church I have a simple remedy. I will not obey. I will withdraw from the Church. Charleston presbytery cannot come up here and say that it conscientious reasons for not obeying the constitution of our Church. If it will not obev let it withdraw.'

The whole afternoon was taken up by thi lebate. Most of the speakers expressed themselves as opposed to the introduction of the color line into the Church courts. especially when there are colored commissioners now on the floor of the assembly The debate was still in progress when the hour for recess was reached. An effort was made to have a vote then, and for a few noments there was the utmost confusion Motions to take a recess, to go on with the vote, and to lay on the table came from all parts of the house. The moderator solved the question by ordering a recess until 8 o'clock p. m. The assembly met at 8 o'clock. Dr

Rumple presiding at the request of the moderator. Religious services were held and addresses delivered on mission work at home, in Mexico and in Cuba. After the mass meeting, the report of the ome missions commission was taken up by invalid fund, Dr. Craig told of a lady, culivated and refined, the widow of a promi nent clergyman, who had been forced to take a position as chambermaid in a hotel and to eat with negroes because the committee had not sufficient funds to aid her. Dr. Craig was re elected secretary unanimously

and \$5,000 was asked for the coming year. Supreme Council of the Royal Areas

SAVANNAH, Ga., May 27-The Supreme Council of the Royal Arcanum held a long session to-day. A resolution was passed straddle that was incorporated into the making policemen and firemen extra hazardous ricks, and requiring that their examiner in chief before passed on. The proposition to require the secretaries of subordinate councils to notify applicants within forty-eight hours of the action on business reported adversely on the proposition made by the Virginia representatives, asking that an emergency fund be estab lished, and the rep rt was adopted. It was been appointed to devise appropriate plans for celebrating the twentieth anniversary next year.

Another Spanish Victory. MADRID, May 27-A dispatch to the In parchial from Hayana says that Col. Monrada, with a force of Spanish troops, has defeated a band of insurgents 2,000 strong under command of the leader, Aguirre. The engagement took place near San Blas, and

nonetary loss will reach nearly \$17,000,000. | with a loss of thirty killed and wounded Fifteen of the unfortunate victims of the The Government troops had one man

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U.S. Gov't Report



APPROPRIATION BILLS

BEING SETTLED BY CONFER-ENCE COMMITTEES.

Dubois' Amendment to the Filled Charse Bill Defeated-Other Revenue Amendments Offered-The Bond Bill Discussed-The House Accepts the Senate

French Spolis. tion Claims Amendment,

WASHINGTON, May 27-The conference report on the Naval Appropriation bill was taken up, read and agreed to. As it left some dozen matters still unadjusted in conference, including the question of battleships, a further conference was ordered; and then, on motion of Senator Harris, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

At 1:05 the doors were opened and legis lative business was resumed, the "Filled Cheese" bill being taken up, on which the pending question was the amendment offered by Senator Dubois, Republican, of Idaho, imposing an additional tax of 75 cents s barrel on lager beer, ale and porter. The vote was taken and the amendment was defeated—yeas, 27; nays, 34.

The following amendments to the "Filled Cheese' bill were afterwards proposed by Senators Morgan; Stewart, Populist, of Neyada, and Mitchell, Republican, of)regon. The first proposed a tax of 1 cent a pound on all American cheese offered in the market for sale, and the other two proposed an import duty on all wools.

The Filled Cheese bill went over without urther action, and at 2 o'clock the Prohibiory Bond bill was taken up as the unfinshed business. A speech in favor of the bill was made by Senator Hansbrough, Republican, of South Dakota, who claimed that it was necessary to limit the overshadowing power of the executive, which was 'bordering on imperialism." He favored action at the present session to increase the evenue by a duty on tea and coff-e and by additional tax on beer, and declared his belief that if Congress adjourned without mch action, there would be a new issue of bonds within a month after adjournment The Bond bill was opposed by Senator Ikins, Republican, of West Virginia, as a neasure that might bring the Government a standstill. An interesting discussion ook place between Senator Elkins and Senator Butler, in which the latter foreshad owed the election of a Populist President next November, and in which the former said that the next Republican administraon would be compelled to borrow money arry on the Government. A set speech in favor of the free and un imited coinage of silver, independently of an international agreement, was made by Senator Daniel, Democrat, of Virginia, and was not finished when, at 5:45 o'clock, the

Senate adjourned until to morrow. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. A feeble effort or two to obtain unan nous consent for the consideration of private bills withered and died under objection by Mr Keem, Populist, of Nebraska. Mr. Cannon, Republican, of Illinois, called up the General Deficiency Appropris tion bill and addressed the House in opposi tion to the motion made vesterday by Mr. Mahon, Republican, of Pennsylvania, to concur in the Senate amendment appropriat ing money to pay the French spoliation and the war claims

Mr. Adams, Republican, of Pennsylvania, aid that by the treaty of 1838, the United States had received \$5,000,000 to meet these of that money \$1,250,000 had been paid on account of them. After a stirring appeal by Mr. Cannon to "turn down" this ifregular method of legislation, the vote was taken on Mr. Mahon's motion to concur in the Senate amendment, resulting-yeas, 111; nays 97. The annoucement was received with applause.

On motion of Mr. Cannon, the House asked a conference with the Senate on the emaining amendments to the bill. Mr. Cannon then called the supplemental conference report upon the Sundry Civil bill. ut the items appropriating for sundry pub ic buildings. The statement accompany ing the report showed that the Senate \$6.577,257; the House had concurred in amendments aggregating \$2,487,628; Senate receded from \$2,003,450, leaving \$1, 6 179 still in dispute. Without completing the consideration of he report, at 5:30 o'clock, the House adourned until to morrow, Mr. Keem, Popuist, of Nebraska. having made the point of

Confirmations by the Senate. Washington, May 27-The Senate to-day confirmed the following nominations Dominic I. Murphy of Pennsylvania, to be commissioner of pensions: Napoleon J. T. Dana of New Hampshire, to be first deputy Sande of the District of Columbia, to b second secretary of legation at Tokio. Japan lieut, L. C. Lemly, judge advocate genera of the navy, with the rank of captain. ection was taken on the nomination of Wiliam H. Fowle, to be collector of the Lynch ourg, Va., district to succeed Gen. Fitzhugh Lee, which was adversely reported by the Finance committee.

no quorum.

Florida Republicans. JACKSONVILLE, Fls., May 27-A special Sunby-Chubb Republican faction of Florida, the "lily whites," who have bolted from the ranks of the regulars, met in Ocala to-day and endorsed a ticket in caucus which is safe to go with a whoop through the convention. It is headed by E. R. Gunby

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