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TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

THE STATE.

The "airship" visits Williamston, first appearing totally dark, then brilliantly illuminated.——The railway commission on the 27th inst. will take up applications to order reduction in telephone rates.——Treasurer Worth asks the railway commission to assess for taxation the property of express companies in the state.——Governor Russell failed to lay his passenger fare reduction petition before the railway commission yesterday.——A passenger station is to be built at Purvis, on the Atlantic Coast Line if the people will furnish the material.——Five cottages at the Oxford orphan asylum will be ready for occupancy May 1st.——Pennsylvania again defeats the Chapel Hill boys at base ball.

DOMESTIC.

The naval trial board submits the reports of the tests of the Wilmington and the Helena; the former earns a bonus of $41,500 and the latter one of $49,940.——The Oregon was not seriously damaged by her grounding at Balmertin, Wash.——The president sends a message to congress urging that provision be made for the proper representation of this country at the Paris exposition of 1900.——There were many office seekers at the White house yesterday.——The republicans of the senate reject the democratic-populist proposal for filling vacancies on the committees.——In Buckingham county, Virginia, George W. Kyle is found dead by the roadside.——Congressman Shattuc, of Ohio, raises a breeze by appointing a negro as cadet to the naval academy.——Postmaster Dayton, of New York, resigns.——W. W. Wysor, United States consul at Cadiz, dies on the passage homeward.——The refusal of the owner of Monticello to sell puts an end to the scheme of W. J. Bryan to make this a national park.——Representative Shannon, of New York, introduces a bill to amend the anti-trust law.——At Chicago a man kills his step son at the breakfast table and then shoots himself.——Bank President Spalding, of the Globe bank, of Chicago, confesses to having hypothecated the university bonds; Mr. Spalding's father, residing in New Hampshire, attaches his son's stock farm in that state as security on his bond.——Populists in the house decide to force republicans to maintain a quorum.——Attorney General McKenna informs congress that there are no funds available for paying district attorneys.——In Rhode Island a man, his wife and their daughter are murdered and their bodies cremated in the conflagration of their dwelling; a farm hand who lived in the house had done the deed; he was captured, a chattering maniac.——Two Kansas City newspapers were burned out last night.——Charges are preferred against Theo. Meyers & Co., of the New York stock, exchange by the governing committee of that body.——The river continues to rise at Vicksburg and all points south and the situation as to the Louisiana levees is acute; in the Mississippi delta many houses are washed away and reports of drownings are received.——Throughout the overflowed districts there was a fearful rainfall Tuesday night, so great in Helena that huge pumps were put to work to get the water out of the city.——The crest of the rise was reached at Cairo last night.——The Missouri is on a rampage; at Omaha the danger of change of channel has about been averted; the men working on the levees there struck for double wages; at Kansas City the river has reached the danger line.——Many of the best farms of Marshall county, Missouri, are under water.——Yesterday was an exciting day in the Kentucky legislature; Seven ballots were taken; Hunter was in one vote of election; only the intervention of friends prevented a fight on the floor of the house; the bribery charges will be further investigated.——Steamers were yesterday sent in haste to relieve the people on flooded Davis island, and it was thought they would get there in time to prevent heavy casualties.

FOREIGN.

The Cubans have two encounters with Spanish gunboats, one from land and in the other they send a boat against the warship; the latter had her side plates and gun mountings badly damaged; several land fights are reported in one of which the Spanish acknowledge defeat.——Best diplomats at Vienna regard war as inevitable; that the time has passed for the powers to interfere.——The Greeks continue to make inroads into Turkish territory.——The Laurada lands a cargo of munitions of war at the Cuban port of Banes; General Garcia is there with 5,000 troops well fortified, and the Spanish are assembling for an attack by land and by water.

Base Ball.

Newport News, Va., April 14.—Newport News was shut out today by Richmond, but the visitors did not have a cinch. Both teams played gilt-edged ball and the visitors made their two runs by bunching hits. The score:

Richmond .....0 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 *—2; 5; 0.
Newport News 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0; 5; 3.
Schmidt and Foster; Host and Magee.

Grensboro, N. C., April 14.—The game here today ended in another defeat for the University of North Carolina. Score:

University N. C. 0 2 1 0 0 0 1 1 0—5 3 5
Pennsylvania ....0 0 0 0 0 6 0 0 1—6 3 6

Norfolk, Va., April 14.—The Norfolks and Bridegrooms came near breaking even today, the score resulting in a victory for the visitors by a score of 8 to 11. It was a slugging match throughout with honors pretty nearly even. The score:

Norfolk .. ..0 0 0 0 3 0 3 0 0 2—8; 14; 4
Brooklyn .. ..7 1 1 0 1 1 0 0 0 *—11; 16; 0
Batteries: Pfannmiller, Wilson and Snyder; Payne and Grim, Dunn, Kennedy and A Smith.

The Kansas Bribery Investigation

Topeka, Kas., April 14.—Representative Keefer occupied much of the time of the legislative investigating committee today. Keefer had made broad charges of corruption, but showed a decided unwillingness to mention names or give other direct testimony. When hard pressed for definite statements as to charges of corruption made by him in public, he stated that he had been approached by a man who wanted to buy his vote on the railroad bill. The man told him others were getting money and that he was a fool if he did not go home "fixed." He could not remember the man's name. He said he had also been approached several times on the text book bill. He went on to say that he had been told by State Senator Carroll that B. P. Waggoner had made the brag that he (Waggoner) as head of the railroad lobby, had $50,000 at his disposal to defeat railroad legislation.

Adjournment was then taken till April 27, to give time for the serving of a number of subpoenas for additional witnesses.

WAR INEVITABLE.

SO BEST INFORMED EUROPEAN DIPLOMATS DECLARE.

The Time Passed for the Powers to Intervene—The Question Raised of Greece Expecting Aid From Some European Power—King George Not Hopeful, But Determined to Stand Firm—Greeks Still Making Inroads Into Turkish Territory Cretans Insist on Union With Greece.

Vienna, April 14.—The best informed diplomats here regard war as inevitable. They say the strain cannot much longer be borne by either Turkey or Greece, and that the time has passed for the powers to attempt to intervene. In view of the dangerous position assumed by Greece, the question is reiterated, whether she does not count upon some power coming to her support at the present moment. The situation is regarded here as analogous to the time when Servia attacked Turkey in 1876, when Russia and Great Britain saved defeated Servia from annihilation.

Ellassona, April 14.—The Turkish troops are now centred in very strong force at Grevena and the insurgents have little chance of advancing further.

Athens, April 14.—The Greek insurgents, according to dispatches from the frontier, have sustained considerable losses and are retreating before superior forces. While occupying Baltino, the Greeks burned most of the houses of that place.

Ellassona, April 14—The Turks complain that the Greek troops are trying to provoke an attack. Yesterday a detachment crossed the frontier and for a brief period occupied the monastery near Damasi, subsequently retiring. A communication has been sent by Edham Pasha to the Greek commander, informing him that these tactics will be stopped by force if necessary.

Athens, April 14.—On the re-assembling of the boule today M. Delyannis, the premier, introduced in the presence of a crowded chamber a bill granting the government a credit of $23,000,000 drachmas for the ministries of war and marine. The premier asked the house to expedite the passage of the budget. Dealing with the development of the foreign situation, he declared that the powers had taken their stand on the principle of the integrity of Turkey, but up to the present had not expressed an opinion with regard of the proposals Greece had made for a pacific solution of the difficulty. After dwelling upon the right of the Cretans to settle their own destinies, he declared that, despite all which had happened, Greece still hoped the powers would agree to a peaceful settlement. The situation on the frontier was not, he said, created by Greece, but by the strange policy of a state which by precipitate armaments had compelled Greece to assemble an army capable of coping with all eventualities and of defending the interests and honor of the country. (Sensational).

In concluding, M. Delyannis said the Greek government was doing its utmost to repair the imperfections inseparable from an army so hastily collected and he hoped that in the course of a few days an army would be concentrated abundantly capable of doing its full duty to the country. (Loud cheers).

Deputy Rallli, the leader of the opposition, thought that in view of the existing circumstances, the time was not propitious to commence a debate upon the budget.

M. Delyannis agreed with this suggestion and said that tomorrow he would submit a vote on account for three months.

Athens, April 14.—Colonel Mataxas, the Greek minister of war, received today a letter containing a mysterous substance which subsequently proved to be gelatine. The first supposition was that it was the act of an anarchist, but it is now believed to have been a practical joke.

It is stated here tonight that another strong band has enterd Macedonia near Kalambaka.

Vienna, April 14.—The Tageblatt says today that sharp differences have arisen in the Greek royal family as to the proper course for the government to pursue. The crown princess, in defiance of her husband and of Kinge George, has gone entirely over to the war party.

London, April 14.—The Daily Chronicle will publish the following tomorrow from its Athens correspondent, Mr. Henry Norman:

"I have had an audience with King George. He spoke without much hope, but firmly, like a man who can only do his duty and leave the rest to heaven. More than once he said: 'If Greece had been a great power and had walked into Crete long ago, her action would have been welcomed by the powers as well as by the rest of the world, as a blessing. But she is only a small power, and seems unable to do anything that will satisfy the great powers.'"

New York, April 14.—A copyright cable to The Journal from Canea says:

"The Russian congul again interviewed the insurgents at Retimo. The most prominent leader of the Cretans is Sapaunjakis, who is related to high officials in Athens. The chiefs insisted that nothing but absolute union with Greece would satisfy them. They refused to entertain Consul Demeric's proposal to choose delegates from all parts of the island to meet the admiral in conference at some point distant from the ships and Colonel Vassos."

A PITCHED BATTLE EMINENT

Between Cubans and Spaniards—The Former in Possession of the Port of Banes. Spaniards Assembling to Attack by Land and Sea—The Laurada Lands a Cargo There.

Havana, April 14, via Key West.—Barnes, an important port on the north coast, near Gibara, from which are heavy annual exportations of bananas and cocoanuts to the United States and which is the site of the estate of H. Dumois & Co. American citizens narrowly escaped total destruction today. The expedition under General Roloff, on the steamer Laurada, carrying 2,406 rifles, 500,000 cartridges and several pieces of rapid firing artillery, landed alongside the quay of Banes. General Calixto Garcia, with 5,000 men, came to protect the convoy of arms and ammunition, but as Roloff had no men to arm, Garcia was compelled to carry the arms into the interior.

It is reported that the insurgents, hearing that a Spanish gunboat might arrive at any moment, closed the entrance of the port with torpedoes. General Roloff, assisted by local bands and finally by the soldiers under General Garcia, commenced to fortify the heights around the port, hastily casting up trenches to make the port temporarily impregnable to any Spanish forces in the neighborhood of Gibara.

The gunboats Nueva Espanas and Mealicia had arrived at Nipe from Havana. The cruiser Reina Mercedes had left Havana on the 12th with four companies of marines and infantry under the command of Rear Admiral Marencoa, to unite with all the forces which had left Nipe and Gibara with a view to a combined land and sea attack upon the insurgent's position, for the recovery of the port of Banes. Nipe is separated from Banes by the San Ramon canals. Three columns marched on Banes in full view of the formidable and nearly impregnable insurgent positions.

Reinforcements have been sent forward by the Spaniards and Admiral Navarro will sail tomorrow by the cruiser Legaspi for the Caribean and thence for Nipe to personally direct the attack by sea. The reinforcements expected will be under General Livares.

Evidently an important battle is in sight if the insurgents try to defend their advantageous stronghold and their claim of being able to hold a seaport. Great anxiety exists with reference to the garrison of 100 men in the fort defending the quay at Banes. It is believed they will be compelled to surrender for lack of water and supplies.

The cruiser Pinzon has twice been compelled to break chains in order to enter the Banes port.

Democratic Proposal Rejected.

Washington, April 14.—The committee appointed by the republican caucus of the senate to arrange with the opposition a plan for the re-organization of the senate committees today decided to reject the proposition made yesterday by the committee representing the alliance of the democrats, populists and silver republicans, and to ask for another conference with a view of reaching a more satisfactory understanding.

TELEPHONE RATES.

The Railway Commission Asked to Reduce Them—Hearing to be Had—To Assess Property of Express Companies—Russell Does not ask Reduction of Passage Fare Rates.

(Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., April 14.—Upon complaint of the railway commission from several points, of excessive telephone rates, the commission this afternoon decided to take up the matter of reducing rates and cited the telephone companies to appear before it here April 27th and show cause, if any, why the reduction should not be made.

Treasurer Worth will ask the railway commission, sitting as a board of tax equalization, next month to assess the property of express companies in North Carolina. He will call this equalization board's action in this matter to the attention of the board.

Contrary to public expectation the railway commission today received no request from Governor Russell to reduce railway passenger fares.

Commissioner Otho Wilson says he favors reduction of freight rates also.

Superintendent Laurence says five new cottages at the Oxford orphan asylum are completed and will be occupied May 1st.

Several residents of Purvis, a flag station on the Atlantic Coast Line, appeared before the railway commission this afternoon and asked that the railway be required to establish a depot there. The commission ordered this done on condition that the citizens furnished all the materials for the building.

Representative Dixon, of Greene, arrived to confer with the superintendent of the penitentiary in regard to securing of convicts to grade the railway from Snow Hill.

The Airship Visits Williamston.

(Special to The Messenger.)

Williamston, N. C., April 14.—The mysterious airship seen at Wilmington and other points was observed here last night about 9 o'clock. When first noticed it appeared as a black mass against the moon-lit sky, going slowly from south to north. Its altitude was not great, being near enough to enable the observer to discern outlines of its rigging with the naked eye. As it passed over the town it ascended rapidly and a brilliant light was thrown out far ahead of it. This light was seen by some who could not, on account of the great height it had attained, catch the faintest glympse of the aerial machine. If it should appear again there will be many to behold it as people are much interested and will watch for its reappearance.

AN EXCITING SESSION

Of the Kentucky Legislature—Seven Ballots—Hunter in One Vote of Election. Intervention of Friends Prevent a Fight. The Bribery Investigation.

Frankfort, Ky., April 14.—This has been an exciting day in the legislature, which adjourned at 3 o'clock p. m. with the fight still pending. Seven ballots were taken today for United States senator, making forty-two ballots that have been taken at the present extra session. The vote in some of the ballots was changed by temporary pairs, but none of the changes of the day were material.

Dr. Hunter, the republican nominee, had 61 votes and the field had 63. The field had just the required number for election, but the Blackburn men, the gold democrats and the bolting republicans could not unite on anybody. Ex-Secretary Carlisle arrived at his home in Covington today and his presence in the state caused much comment as to his being a compromise candidate, but he secured no votes.

During the sixth ballot, Representative Lyons, the Hunter leader, went over to Senator Clark and began talking to him. Clark asked him some questions. Lyons answered him facetiously and Clark jumped up and started to knock him down. Lyons jumped back, and Clark was caught by members around him. The lieutenant governor called to Sergeant-at-Arms Sommers: "Arrest those men at once." Somers took him at his word and pulled Lyons along toward the aisle, when mutual friends explained that Lyons never intended to make trouble.

Before the hour for the joint legislative session, it was learned that the grand jury had decided to go deeper into the bribery charges and would devote another day to the investigation. Then the legislature will act. Resolutions were ready today for an investigation.

Deputy Sheriff Sullivan served another long list of witnesses, among them the lady who says she saw Dr. Hunter go into the Gaines residence; the member who says he saw him on his way there; another official who is said to have begun the negotiations with Gaines and another whose name has never been mentioned.

A deputy sheriff arrived at the capitol at 11 o'clock armed with subpoenas for Representative Clark, one of the anti-Hunter men and half a dozen newspaper correspondents. It was also stated that a subpoena had been issued for Mayor Todd, of Louisville, who has been in Frankfort a great deal of the time endeavoring to assist Dr. Hunter, but the deputy was unable to find Mr. Todd.

It was stated this morning that John W. Gaines, father of Captain Noel Gaines, who brought the charges of bribery against Hunter, had been summoned before the grand jury and that he would swear that one of the most prominent men in Louisville had offered him money with which to buy votes for Hunter.

Graham Vreeland, a newspaper correspondent, was one of the witnesses before the jury. He at first declined to talk and was ordered to jail by Judge Cantrill, but later consented to talk and was released. The investigation may be completed tomorrow. The prospect is that there will be continuous balloting tomorrow, but there is nothing in the situation tonight to indicate a breaking up of the deadlock.

Shooting Match at Baltimore.

Baltimore, April 14.—The first interstate shooting tournament ever held in this city began today under the auspices of the Baltimore Shooting Association and will continue until Saturday. Prominent shooters from all parts of the country participated in today's contests, the entries numbering forty-five. Today's sport was all the target shooting, the events being thirteen; eight for fifteen and five for twenty clay birds. About 9,000 targets were thrown. Five best records today, out of a possible 220 were as follows: S. Glover, Rochester, N. Y., 208; E. D. Fulford, Syracuse, N. Y., 204; Hood, Baltimore, 193; M. M. Mayhew, Marcy N. Y., 184, and William Crosby, of Batavia, N. Y., 177.

Found Dead by the Roadside.

Farmville, Va., April 14.—Intelligence has just reached here of the finding of the body of Mr. George W. Kyle, on the roadside near his house in Buckingham. He was probably thrown from his horse as his neck was broken. Several years ago two of his grown daughters were drowned in State river.

A TEST VOTE

ON THE TARIFF BILL FORCED IN THE SENATE.

The Vest Resolution of Censure of Secretary Gage Referred by a Vote of Twenty-Four to Twenty-Three—Senator Mantle Opens Another Tariff Skirmish—Unanimous Consent to Appoint Time for Vote on the Cuban Resolution Denied—Division Among Democrats of the House.

SENATE

Washington, April 14.—Senator Mantle presented a memoral from wool growers, urging ample protection to their industry. He referred in this connection to reports that Secretary North, of the Wool Manufacturers' Association, was acting as secretary of the finance committee.

Senator Morrill denied the statement, saying this gentleman had been summoned as an expert to give information on the wool question.

Senator Morrill succeeded in cutting off the debate by calling for the regular order. He expressed the hope that there would be no premature debate of the tariff bill before the senate, adding that he expected the bill would be reported at an early day.

The debate soon came up again on the resolution of Senator Vest declaring illegal the recent order of the secretary of the treasury to customs officers relative to goods imported after April 1st.

Senator Vest declared that the duty of the secretary was to execute the existing law. And yet the order clearly anticipated the retroactive clause of the tariff bill pending before congress. In effect the order nullified the existing law. He said that no intelligent lawyer would declare the retroactive clause of the Dingley bill to be a lawful exercise of authority by congress. It was an act of intimidation against importers.

Senator Morrill again expressed regret that the tariff bill was being discussed before it had been perfected and presented to the senate. Some of these provisions now under discussion might be changed before reaching the senate.

Senator Vest answered that he had not precipitated a tariff debate. It was the secretary of the treasury who precipitated the question by his illegal order. Must the senate remain dumb, he asked, while this secretary "drew his sword and directed it against American citizens?" It was an unjustifiable act against the importers, he asserted.

Senator Morrill moved to refer the resolution to the finance committee. This precipitated a tariff vote. Great interest was manifested in the vote and the roll call was closely followed. The vote was—ayes, 24; noes, 23.

The only republican to vote against the motion was that of Senator Chandler, while the democrats voted solidly against it. They had the assistance of all the silver republicans, and the populists present, except Senator Mantle, representing Montana, who voted with the straight republicans. Senator Cannon, silver republican, and Senators Butler, Harris, of Kansas; Heitfeld, Pettigrew and Turner, populists, were recorded against the motion. Senators Teller, Jones, Stewart, of Nevada; Kyle, whose position is a question of interest, and Senator Allen, were absent.

Senator Morgan then moved to proceed with the Cuban resolution. It had been expected that Senator Vest would speak on the resolution, but he stated that he preferred to see a vote taken. Thereupon Senator Morgan asked unanimous consent that the vote be taken tomorrow.

Senator Hoar said this would be hardly fair, after Senator Morgan had spoke four days, to ask for a vote which would allow only one day for speeches against the resolution.

Senator Morgan was willing to defer the vote until the next day, Friday, but Senator Hoar said he could give no assent in the absence of the senator from Maine (Hale.)

"Then I will move this resolution in opposition to the bankruptcy bill," said Senator Morgan.

Efforts to fix a time for the vote were unavailing, and Senator Morgan finally gave notice that he would call up the resolution daily until a vote was reached.

The Indian appropriation bill was then taken up. It afforded Senator Gorman, of Maryland, an opportunity to speak of the disorganized condition of the senate. He criticised the course of those in charge of these measures in pressing excessive appropriations when the senate committees were so disorganized that proper care for economy could not be exercised.

The committee amendment, opening the Uncompahgre Indian reservation to public entry, led to a long contest. A point of order was made against it by Senator Jones, of Arkansas, and pending the decision, the senate at 5 o'clock p. m. went into executive session and soon after adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The house was in session but ten minutes today and then adjourned until Saturday, without transacting any business. The session was long enough, however, to furnish occasion for a display of the division among the democratic members, which the recent caucus had not been able to heal. In this division Mr. DeArmond, of Missouri, appeared as the leader of the opposition to the leadership of Mr. Bailey.

As soon as the journal had been read Mr. Dingley made a motion that when the house adjourn it be until Saturday.

Mr. DeArmond and Mr. Simpson immediately demanded a division.

The vote on the motion was 131 to 38. Mr. Bailey and his followers voted with the republicans, while Mr. DeArmond and other democrats and the populists opposed the motion. Many democrats refrained from taking sides, while those who rose for the division seemed about equally divided on the question.

Mr. DeArmond, Mr. Terry, of Arkansas, and other democrats tried to secure a yea and nay vote, but only thirty-one members supported the demand, which was not a sufficient number.

As soon as the house had adjourned the democrats gathered in groups discussing their policy with great earnestness.

Anxious for Peace With the Cubans

Havana, via. Key West, April 14.—The mayor of Sancti Spiritus, Marces Garcia, and the well known Senor Spelterne, had arranged to visit the camp of General Maximo Gomez with a view to settling terms of peace. It is understood that Gomez has said he will not receive them unless they bring letters from the Cuban junta.

It is reported from San Antonio de las Vegas that the insurgents under Jacinto Hernandez, made an attack upon the town but without serious results. A company of twenty peasants who had left the town with ox carts to gather corn were carried off to the Castillas camp, where they were forbidden to continue the traffic. Their clothing was seized and they were compelled to return to town naked in a cart.

During the recent attack on Vereda Nueva, a major and his child were wounded. The insurgents remained nine hours in the town and had supper and a dance.

Bryan Approves the Appointments.

Washington, April 14.—Speaking of the president's appointment of commissioners to visit foreign countries in the interest of an international monetary conference, William J. Bryan today said he thought the personnel of the commission was excellent, so far as Mr. Stevenson and Mr. Wolcott were concerned. Mr. Paine, he did not know.

THE WORK OF A FIEND.

An Entire Family Murdered and Their Dwelling Burned—The Murderer Captured After Attempting Suicide.

Pascoag, R. I. April 14.—News reached here today of a tragedy at Oakland, a small farming village a few miles from Pascoag. About 3 o'clock this morning, the house occupied by Edward Reynolds and family, was burned and Reynolds, his wife and adopted daughter were killed.

It was several hours after the fire was discovered before those who were at the scene could begin their search. At daylight a body was seen lying near the centre of the ruins and as soon as possible it was removed. Although burned so badly that it was beyond recognition, the appearance indicated that it was that of Sylvina Reynolds, the 20-year-old daughter of the family. A short time later Reynolds' body was also recovered, the identification being a general one, as the body had been frightfuly burned.

When the neighbors who had been aroused by the fire went to the Reynolds house this morning they found that the flames were confined to one part of the building. The place was securely fastened, the doors being bolted and locked and the windows closed tightly, so that they were compelled to burst open the door to gain admittance. The house, had been saturated with kerosene and the flames spread rapidly. The rescuers attempted to reach that part of the house where the Reynolds family slept, but were driven back and only had time to take Mrs. Reynolds' body out before that section of the house was in a blaze. Her head had been crushed in, and the upper part of the body was horribly mutilated.

Martin Mowry, who worked for Reynolds, slept in another part of the house and the villagers hurried to his room to alarm him. The room was empty and from the hasty examination that could be made it was evident that the bed had not been disturbed. The bed clothing, as well as the floor leading to the door, had been saturated with some liquid, supposed to be kerosene. Mowry's trunk and box belonging to him were open and his clothing was strewn about the floor. Mowry was found in Leander Buffum's barn, some distance from the scene of the fire, chattering and laughing like a maniac. Buffum seized the man and gave him up to one of the posse searching for him. Mowry is a bachelor, about 65 years of age.

From the position of the bodies, it is believed Reynolds was called to his daughter's room by some unusual sound and that when he reached the side of her bed he received his death blow. At that time Miss Reynolds was probably killed.

The murderer, it is supposed, then went to Mrs. Reynolds room and after stabbing her twice in the face, battered her head in with some blunt weapon. When Mowry left the house he went to the woods and there shot himself in the head. The bullet only stunned him, however, and he did not repeat the attempt. He then went to Buffum's farm. The revolver with two chambers empty was found in his possession and an empty oil can was found in Mowry's apartments. Mowry was willing to talk after his arrest, but from his appearance and manner of expression it seemed clear that he was insane.

Reynolds and his wife were each about 50 years of age. Sylvina was their adopted daughter, the child of Mrs. Reynolds deceased brother. Reynolds had little money and hence it is thought robbery could not have been the object of the crime.

Medical Examiner Wilcox examined the bodies this afternoon. The wounds on Mrs. Reynolds' head were made by the butt of a musket. While there were no less than seven bayonet wounds on the body. The musket and bayonet were both found in the ruins of the fire and are known to be the property of Mowry.

Immediately after the autopsy Judge Spear, of the district court, signed a warrant for the arrest of Mowry and he was at once brought into court for arraignment. He plead not guilty. He was then committed to jail without bail, to await the preliminary trial on April 21st.

The only thing like a confession made by Mowry tonight was when Dr. Wilcox told him he proposed to etherize him and then abstract the bullet which is now in his head.

Big Fire in Kansas City.

Kansas, City, Mo., April 14.—Fire, which broke out at 9:15 o'clock tonight in the five story building on Walnut street, 200 feet north of Ninth, has spread to the Hall building adjoining on the south and now threatens the entire block bounded by Walnut, Ninth, Main and Eighth streets. That part of the Hall building occupied by The Kansas City World, is already in flames and the plant of the newspaper will probably be destroyed. The offices of The Kansas City Times also in the Hall building are in such great danger that all the paper's employes have left the building.

A later account of the fire says: The Scarritt block, a substantial five-story brick building on Walnut street near Nineth and directly across the street from the Central station of the Kansas City fire department, was destroyed by fire tonight. The fire for a time threatened another block in the very heart of the city. The five-story Hall building, extending south on Walnut street to Nineth, in which are The Times and The World newspapers, several stores and many offices, seemed in great danger as it was soon on fire in the upper story adjoining the Scarritt block. The electric wires soon went down, and everybody left the building. The fire burned fiercely from 9 o'clock until 10:30 o'clock by which hour nothing but the walls remained of the Scarritt block. The loss on this building is $50,000, insurance $30,000. The building was unoccupied. The damage in the Hall building is not great. The mechanical department of The Times was shut down for nearly two hours, but the paper has suffered no material damage. The office of The World was flooded.

Outside of the Scarritt building the most serious damage was done to the building occupied by the Campbell & Eaton Crockery Comnay, fronting on Main street and running back to the rear and of the Scarritt block. A few thousand dollars, however, will cover the loss on building and contents.

It is thought that the fire was the work of an incendiary and that an attempt was made to start a general conflagration. While the fire was in progress six other alarms were turned in. All were for fires in the business part of the city.

Investigating the Dean Company's Swindlings.

New York, April 14.—The governing committee of the stock exchange this afternoon prefered charges against Charles Neukirch, the board member of the firm of Theo. W. Meyers & Co., who it is alleged, acted for the E. S. Dean Company on the exchange.

Assistant District Attorney Allen today continued his examination of complaints against the E. S. Dean Company. A large number of complaints have been lodged with the district attorney by people who claim that they have been swindled. There are said to be about 100 of these in adjoining cities and states. District Attorney Olcott said that the investigation would probably result in a recommendation to the complainants to take their cases to a police magistrate for hearing.

Killed by an Electric Car.

Birmingham, Ala., April 14.—L. H. James, white, aged 30 years, and married, while attempting to step from an electric car on the East Lake line to a trailer about 7 o'clock tonight, missed his footing and fell. The wheels of the trailer passed over him, mangling him to such an extent that he died shortly afterward.

ARTESIAN WELLS

IN UPPER CAPE FEAR SECTION A GREAT SUCCESS.

Unaccountable Delay in Appointment of the Federal Judge—The C. F. & Y. V. Railroad Asks the Railway Commission to Lower Its Classification—Residence Burned at Agricultural College—Randall to Paint Portraits of Three Colonels of the Twenty-Sixth Regiment.

Messenger Bureau, Park Hotel,
Raleigh, N. C., April 14.

At 4 o'clock this morning the home of Mr. F. A. Hege was burned. It was near the Agricultural and Mechanical college and was owned by Colonel Holladay, president of the college. Mr. Hege has charge of the poultry department at the state experiment farm. Hege was asleep and was with great difficulty awaked by a negro boy. His room was full of smoke and he was nearly unconscious. The fire originated in the kitchen.

George M. Rose, J. W. Fry and W. E. Kyle, of the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley railway, were before the railway commission today and asked it to place that road on the same basis as the other local roads, such as the Carolina Central, as to freight and passenger tariffs. That road now has the standard tariffs, the same as the North Carolina and the Wilmington and Weldon railways.

The "independent democrats" had a meeting here last night and nominated Frank Stronach for mayor. It is asserted that 150 were present at the meeting.

A convict from Pitt county was brought to the penitentiary today.

The fact that the judge of this district was not named yesterday has led some persons to think that unless very speedy action is taken James E. Boyd will get the place. Most republicans this morning adhere to their belief that Robinson will get this place and Purnell succeed him on the superior court bench.

W. G. Randall, the artist, will spend the summer at Blowing Rock. He has commissions which it will require six months to fill. He will paint for the state library a group, the portraits of the three colonels of the Twenty-sixth regiment—Henry K. Burgwyn, Z. B. Vance and James H. Lane.

There is a renewal of interest in gold mining in the piedmont section and some very fine ore is being taken out.

Engineer Kinney, who was hurt in Sunday's collision at Harrisburg, is now certain to recover.

Thus far twenty-two of the insurance companies which last year took out license have failed to renew them.

Polk Miller arrived here today. He gives his characteristic recitations tomorrow.

Artesian wells in the upper Cape Fear section are proving a great success, as State Geologist Holmes insisted last year they would. At depths of 200 to 250 feet excellent water is found, and in some cases it rises to a height of ten feet above the ground.

Otho Wilson and a party of friends have returned from a fishing trip in Onslow county. They fished in Wallace's creek, a tributary of New river and caught many very fine black bass.

A report is received at the revenue office of the seizure of twenty-seven barrels of untaxpaid brandy and whiskey in a railway car at Fayetteville. The owner is said to have fled.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT.

Urging Congress to Make Provision for Our Country to be Represented at the Paris Exposition of 1900.

Washington, April 14.—The president to-day sent the following message to congress, urging it to make suitable provision for adequate representation of the United States at the Paris exposition:

"To the Senate and House of Representatives:

"I transmit herewith for the consideration of the respective houses of the congress a report of the secretary of state representing the appropriateness of early action in order that the government of the United States may be enabled to accept the invitation of that of the French republic to participate in the universal exposition to be held in Paris in 1900.

"The recommendations of this report have my most cordial approval and I urge upon the congress such timely provision for this great international enterprise as will fittingly respond to the widely testified wish and expectation of our inventors and producers that they may have adequate opportunity again, as in the past, to fortify the important positions they have won in the world's competitive fields of discovery and industry. For are the traditional fridships of the United States and France, and the mutual advantages to accrue from their enlarged commercial intercourse less present factors than the individual interests to be fostered by renewed participation in a great French exposition, especially when it is remembered that the present display is projected with a degree of completeness, and on a scale of magnificance beyond any of the European exhibitions that have marked the close of the century.

"It is proper that I should emphasize the need of early action, for if the present session pass without suitable provision being made, the postponement of the matter for nearly a year longer could not but operate greatly to the disadvantage of the United States in view of the elaborate preparations already making by other governments and of the danger that further delay may result in an inadequate organization of the American exhibit.

WILLIAM McKINLEY."

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c

General Rivera in Close Confinement.

Havana, via. Key West, April 14.—General Ruis Rivera and Colonel Bacalloao continue at Cabanas fortress "incommunicado," with strict orders that no one shall be admitted to see them, except the prison officials. All that is known as to General Rivera's condition is that he occupies a comfortable room. Nothing is known as to when he will be tried. That will depend probably on the progress he makes to recovery from his wounds. The likelihood is that he will be tried by a summary court-martial but this does not imply that even if sentenced he will be executed.

Died on the Passage Homeward.

New York, April 14.—William W. Wysor, United States consul at Cadiz, who took passage on board the Werra, at Gibraltar, died on board shortly before noon today. He was a native of Lynchburg, Va., had been suffering from consumption for several months and returned home in company with his nephew, Frank Wysor. During the voyage he failed rapidly. Consul Wysor's body will be taken to his home in Lynchburg.

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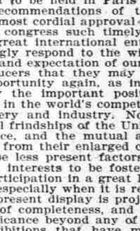

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SPECIAL EASTER SALE OF LADIES' HATS

Our Millinery Department has been rushed for the past week. We employ 4 regular Milliners and 4 Saleladies in this one department, and this week we expect to reach the largest sales in this department we ever had before. We have had 150 Hats trimmed in nice Straw, Flowers and Lace and Chiffon to make something special, for 50c each, ready trimmed, also 200 Trimmed Hats for 75c and a large lot for $1.00. Our Fine Trimmed Hats for $1.25, $1.50, $1.75 and $2.00 are the newest and best goods. Our stock comprises, all the finest and nicest goods of the season. Our fine beautiful Hats, nicely trimmed for $2.25 up to $6.50 are the grandest selection of the best styles. Our Untrimmed Hats are of all grades.

Sailors in White and Black for 9c.

A beautiful Bell Crown Sailor, nicely trimmed, for 25c.

Our Fine Panama Sailors, short backs and wide fronts, all colors Straw, for $1.25.

Our special line of fine White Chip Fancy Edge Shapes for 69c are the newest goods.

For this week 1,000 Hats that sold last season from 25c to $1.00, put on separate tables to close at 10c each.

Embroidery All Grades.

We have 200 styles, all prices, from 2 inches wide, nicely worked, for 4c per yard, up to best grade from 5 to 10 inches wide, for 35c. I bought this lot of goods for 50 cents on the dollar and that enables me to sell it very cheap.

Ribbons.

I want you to take a look at our Ribbon. Special sales this week.

Baby Ribbon for 1½c per yard.

No. 2, all Silk, all colors, at 3c; No. 3, for 4c; No. 5, for 5c; No. 7, for 7c; No. 9, for 10c; No. 12, for 12c; No. 16, for 15c; No. 22, for 20c; No. 30, for 25c; No. 40, for 30c; No. 50, for 35c; No. 60, for 40c; No. 80, for 50c; No. 100, for 85c. These prices cover all styles in Black Grosgrain, Satin, Taffeta, Changeable, Lace Ribbon, Taffeta. We have the finest stock of Ribbons of the season and city. We refilled our cases by order from the hard cash houses of northern cities by every day's mails and by telegrams.

When you need Chiffon, Black, White, Pink, Blue, Tan and Cream come and see our stock.

We have just received by express a very fine line of Face Veiling from 20c to 50c per yard, White, Black and Cream.

Flowers.

Of all the beauties of nature I consider Flowers the greatest, and this season bids fair for one of the grandest of all Flower seasons. We have made special preparation to meet the demands of the fair sex in this line. Our stock consists of the newest novelties of the season. The Geraniums in all colors are the fad of fashion in all the large cities. We have them at different prices. A nice bunch with Flowers and plenty of Foliage for 50c; finest, made of best of Silk, for 75c and $1.00 a bunch.

Fine Roses with Ribbon Stems and Foliage for 25c, 35c and 50c a bunch.

Violets all shades and qualities, in White, Black, Purple and Lilac, from 10c to 50c a bunch.

Apple Blossoms, Lilies of the Valley, from 25c to 75c a bunch.

Our stock consists of 100 different styles of fine, new Flowers. Maiden Hair Ferns, 12 Sprays in bunch, for 39c a bunch, best goods. All grades of Foliage.

Tips and Aigrettes, all shades, 3-4 Plush, fully 11 inches long and the best Ostrich goods, for 88c; all colors, White, Black, Lilac, Red, Cream, Leghorn, Green and Blue; 8 inches long for 75c and 50c. colors, and Valenciene Laces, both White

We have Silk Laces, Chiffon Laces, all colors, and Valenciene Laces, both White and Cream. Linen Torchon, ½ inch wide, very pretty, for 5c; 1 inch wide for 10c; finer up to 25c per yard.

Silks.

SILK FOR SHIRT WAISTS—Special China Wash Silk for 25c; all grades in Stripes and Solids, 32 inches wide, in Black Ground, with light Green Stripe, all best Silk, 35c per yard; Changeable Silk in Red