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REPUDIATION OF BONDS.

BY COUNTIES RAISING A STORM OF ANGRY COMMENT.

Buucombe County Brings Suit to Invali date an Issue of \$98,000 - Southport Naval Reserves-Kow tear's at the Capital -Grant's Low Estimate of Russell's Fol lowing-Butler Denles Rumors as to Fu. sion-Our State Leads in Number of New Pactories.

Messenger. Bureau, Raleigh, N. C., January 1.

Buncombe county new brings suit to test the validity of \$98,000 of bonds issued to the Asheville and Spartanburg railroad. The holders of these are innocent met the arty in the executive reception persons, as aret hose of the Stanly county \$100,000 of bonds, lately declared ed the pression to the hall of the house where the two branches of the general invalid by the supreme court. The repy diation of bonds is raising a storp angry comment and it is urged the fit is damaging the credit of the state which has been so high. It is said Oxford case it was the decision in the which opened the door to

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> passes by the railways, unless perhaps ing offences of the some one makes a test case and lets the courts decide whether such passes are offenders." The new year came in clear and cold. | clared that it was "a

closed. A few clerks were at work here made that there was plenty of and there. There was but little receiving. There was no reception at the executive mansion. It is said not to be the land, and among the people there custom to receive there on this day and not enough to meet the tax-burdens laid. it is added that one reason is that it upon them. Retrepchment and economy would interfere with private receptions. At the office of the secretary of state it is said that the December entries of "public lands" were larger than in any

other month of the year. Day before yesterday the receipts were over \$200 and yesterday over 2,500 acres were entered. Of course all or nearly all of this land has been entered before. It is quite probable that the next session of the North Carolina Teachers' As- more satisfactory banking system, and a

sembly will be held at Asheville. The teachers of Georgia, South Carolina and Tennessee are invited to attend and that | measures to get at personal property. will be the most convenient point for H. L. Grant makes the plain assertion that only one republican in 1,000 in the

state endorses Governor Russeil's administration. Grant is on the state republican committee and ought to know. Senator Butler declares that as yet no fusion of populists and republicans is agreed on. This is in conflict with the news from Washington last week. It must be that the Butler wing of the poplists is holding aloof, waiting to see what terms the republicans offer. The anti-Butler populists are regarded as having already made a deal with the republicans for this year. Their leaders are now

holding them up to this. North Carolina remains at the head of all the states so far as the number of new mills in 1897 and the additions to old mills are concerned.

The statement was made that Mrs. Persis F. Chase, of New Hampshire, had turns out that it was captured at Chancellorseville, where the color-bearer and twenty-five men of that regiment were Strong transacted a few last matters flanked and captured. It was at one time denied that the Fourth had ever lost its

It is quite plainly hinted that it is the purpose of the new railway commissioners to oust H. C. Brown, the veteran and very efficient clerk to the board, and put in his place Senator Sharpe, of Iredell, last week made assistant clerk. Brown is a democrat and Sharpe a re-Mr. Richard Baker, of Wilson county,

was sent home from the asylum here today, cured. Mrs. Stark, Pleasant Ridge, O., says:

"After two doctors gave up my boy to dle, I saved him from croup by using One Minute Cough Cure." It is the quickest and most certain remedy for coughs, colds and all throat and lung troubles, R. R. Bellamy

Mr. Bryan at Austin.

Austin, Texas, January 1.-W. J Bryan and wife, accompanied by ex-Governor Crittenden of Missouri, arrived here after midnight last night and today were tendered a reception at the home of ex-Governor Hogg About 2,500 people attended, Mr. Bryan authorized the statement by the Associated | banking stock and \$1,000,000,000 of dea positive Press today that he would not make any statements on his Mexican trip until he reached Lincoln, when he would give the public his views in detail. He, however, expressed himself as delighted with the country and the people. Mr. Bryan and the members of his party will assist Governor Culon in his New Year's reception this vening and leave tonight for Muskgee, Indian Territory, where Mr. Bryan will stop a day or two before

going home. Hart's Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil with Creasote and the Hypophoshites f faithfully used, is a specific in the treatment of weak lungs, Consumption Bronchitis, etc. Leading physicians recommend it. Sold by J. C. Shepard, R. H. Hardin and H. L. Fentress.

Indignities to General Rivera

Barcelona, January 1.-General Ruis era, the insurgent leader who was captured, badly wounded, in the province of Pinar led Rio, by the Spansh troops under General Velasco, on March 29th, 1897, and who was condemned to death and his sentence modducted on foot and in chains to Montthere were no demonstrations.

Lovernor Tyler Inaugurated-In His Ad dress He Favors Rigid Laws Against Election Frauds, Financial Reform for the People and Economy in State Finan

Richmond, Va., January 1.—The inau-guration of Hon. J. Hoge Tyler as gov-Virginia took place in the hall of the touse of delegates at noon today. was crowded, a large number of ladie being present. The ceremonie y simple. The incoming governor all lieutenant governor and some half dozn of their friends were escorted from the executive mansion to the capitol Luilding by Company F. First room, an with the governor-elect, headwhere the two branches of the general assembly and gathered. Prayer was offered by lev. Dr. Moses D. Hoge and the oath vas administered to the new urt of appeals. Lieuten t Governor Echols was also

dress. In his address, the incoming govand reform, and favored fewer officers rather than the cutting down of salaries. honest elections question. On that point

her sister states of this union and be worthy of a leader's place in the future, which she so grandly held in the past, if she would forever set the seal of her ndemnation upon the affrontery of es and pervert their will by the. influences. Here lies the to our republic, and in eyself the exacting duties ion, I would feel derein the very beginegistature or early within would-be

The public buildings were nearly all the statement is almost was a necessary principle, but how it was to be practiced on a pace with an everdecreasing value of taxable property under our present financial system, could not tell. "Therefore," he added, "I earnestly hope that Virginia's voice will be spoken by the legislature in no uncertain sound, asking from the federal government's attention to the real needs of the people in demanding a better and more healthful money circulation." Touching taxation, he favored vigorous

> At the conclusion of Governor Tyler's address, cails were made for Senator Daniel, who gracefully excused himself from speaking. Tonight Governor and Mrs. Tyler held a reception at the executive mansion. The affair was a most brilliant one. All

> the military officers in the city, members of the general assembly and hundreds of Richmond's citizens with the lady members of their families called.

Mayor Van Wick Enters Upon the Daties of, ish government will approve of the ar-

New York, January 1.-New York today became the second city of the world, with Robert A. Van Wyck as crowd gathered early to witness the induction of the new mayor. Mayor of routine. Nearly all the old members of Mayor Strong's cabinet dropped in to say good bye. Floral pieces in yellow and black immortelles, resting in a bed of roses, was one of the most noticeable decorations.

At 11:50 o'clock, 'Mr Van Wyck enered the office. He was greeted by Mayors Strong, Gleason and Wurster. The four men chatted some time and office-holders made a circle around them. About one minute, before 12 o'clock, Mayor Strong said:

"Mr. Van Wyck, the people of this new city, made up of five boroughs and 3,500,000 people, have decided that you should be the first mayor and descend from your position as judge to assume the position of magistrate. My impression is that this old city in which you and I have lived for about the same number of years-this old city of New York that is passing away, will contribute \$3,000,000,000 worth of property to the new city of posits. And you will take charge ers, and you will always feel, I know, that it is the brightest little jewel in the cluster of five. You have been chosen to be mayor of one of the Greater New York." ,

Mayor Van Wyck, in reply, said: "The people have chosen me to be yielded by land investments. mayor. I received the office from and to them I will answer." Then, after a great shaking of hands,

the ceremony was completed, and the administration of Mayor Strong was a thing of the past. A good contingent of Brooklynites ac-

companied B. S. Color when he took charge of the comptroller's office. Mr. Color announced several minor appointments and got through the ceremony of induction with little ado.

When a man is suffering with an a ching head, a sluggish body, when his muscles are lax and lazy, his brain dull, and his stomach disdaining food, he will, if wise, heed these warnings and resort to the right remedy, before ified, has arrived here and was con- it is too late "Parker's Sarsaparilla" the "King of Blood Purifiers" makes juich fortress between lines of soldiers | the appetite keen and hearty-invigoand mounted gendarmes. General Ri- rates the liver-purifies the blood and vera was calm, but he protested fills it with the life-giving elements of against being chained. No one was al- the food. It is a wonderful blood lowed to speak to him. There was a maker and flesh builder. Sold by J. C. big crowd of people in the vicinity but | Shepard, J. H. Hardin and H. L. Fentriss.

NO DEFINITE INFORMATION TO BE ASCERTAINED.

The Situation Not so Alarming-British and Russian Foreiga Offices Dumb-Germany Uncertain as to Rer Position-The Korean Situation of More Interest to England than the Chiacse-Hints of a Chino-Japanese Alliance Agalust Eu

(Copyrighted by The Associated Press.) London, January 1-The ingenuity displayed in manufacturing news from Virginia regiment. Governor O'Ferrall the far east is remarkable. Five-sixths of the statements can be safely labelled "Guess Work." The British and Russian foreign offices are as dumb as oysters and the German stream of conflicting communications in the semigovernor y Judge R. H. Cardwell, of the official press shows they do not know there on which foot they are standing. sworn in by Judge Cardwell. The new France is apparently in the dark, en delivered his inaugural ad- while the mikado has dissolved the ernor deckred in favor of retrenchment Japanese diet in order that opinions should not be expressed. In the cir-One of the most salient features of his cumstances it is not strange that ac-address was that part devoted to the curate information is difficult to secure curate information is difficult to secure. The known facts wholly corroborate "Virginia would set a noble example to the statements cabled the Associated Press on Saturday last, that Great Britain is carefully watching the situation, biding her time and will certainse who would debauch the people's ly not fail to act promptly and vigorss use of money and the power ously at the proper moment. It was pointed out in that dispatch that in well informed circles the scare in the newspapers in regard to the far east was at least premature and that the members vidently sin of the government were

ith me in mak- cere in disclaiming the least alarm. This view of the case was practically reiterated by The Daily Graphic on Friday, which asserted that there was every reason to believe the Russians would adhere to their pledge to evacuate Port Arthur at the end of the winand that, therefore, there were no bds for complaint on the part of Britain. The Daily Graphic ointed out that the British did not regard the occupa-Shou by the Germans as because British inare admirality, acforeign offices according to The agreed on this post

of the Chinese to the tion is more interestration at the present nom Report Arthur of the Chinese loan, to Chou, principally because the of Salisbury sees in the attempt to salisbury sees in the British superior tendent of Korean customs, at more so he rious scheme to overturn Sir Robert Hart, the British director of the Chinese imperial maritime customs, which has apparently been nipped in the bud. The cabinet's existence would be short if it permitted Russia to coerce the Tsung-Li-Yamen (Chinese foreign office) into dismissing the British head of the Chinese customs. It is not known yet whether the Brit-

Mayor of the Second Largest City in the rangement arrived at, according to a cable despatch from Telda by McLeavy Brown and M. Alexieff, the Russian agent, in Korea, will work the Korean customs together. The British ministers appear to be somewhat disthe flag of the Fourth North Carolina its mayor. At the City hall, a large trustful, so the war ships of Great regiment, captured at Sharpsburg. At crowd gathered early to witness the Britain which are at present off Che-Britain which are at present off Chemulpo, the port of Seoul, in order to give moral support to Mr. Brown, will

remain there for the present. It is by no means clear that the British interests are surely threatened at the present moment, and she can probably well afford to await the were strewn in every direction. A tiger, spring, when, unless the normal conditions are resumed, Great Britain will undoubtedly take steps necessary to protect her interests and re-establish the balance of power.

The Spectator publishes the writer regards Marquis Ito's return the big crowd of office-holders and ex- to power and Japan's offer to assist the officers at Pekin in drilling the Chinese army, and her proposal to consent to a postponement of the payment of the war indemnity, as possibly foreshadowing a Chino-Japanese alliance. The writer adds that he is convinced the Marquis Ito thinks that securing perpetual control of the resources of trade and soldiers of China are within his power and, if Japan's offer is accepted, Europe, according to the writer in The Spectator, will be beaten, "for she has not the means to make the effort necessary to conquer the United Yellow

The financial barometer does not which you will be mayor; \$230,000,000 show any decided trepidation. Consols are improving. There is not the slightest sign of the sellin this little borough along with the oth- marks real clouds on the political horizon and there are signs of reaction in the long-continued depreciation in land. Farms are selling and renting more freely and at higher prices. The imlargest cities in the world I congratu- provement is attributed to the rise in late you and welcome you as mayor of the price of wheat, and partly to the cheapness of money. Capitalists are glad even of the beggarly interest

The New Year honor list is weak and decidedly partisan. It attracted little interest from the public, outside of the Knighting of Mr. Thomas J. Lipton, the millionaire provision merchant whose knightage establishes the fact that titles are purchasable, for the honor bestowed upon him was, of course, due to his gift of £25,000 (\$125,000), to the Princess of Wales jubilee fund for feeding the outcast poor of London.

The Paris police, during the course of the week, secured another of the organized gangs of murderers and robbers which have terrorized the suburbs of the French capital for months past. The new arrests number thirty-three and the oldest prisoner is only 21 years of age, Within three months the bodies of fifty three murdered persons have been found in a small section of the River Seine and it is believed most of the murders are traceable to this gang. There have been innumerable murderous attacks and robberies in the streets and the police are satisfied that all of the gangs, a number of which have been arrested within the past six larny.

VINGINIA'S NEW GOVERNOR. RVENTS IN THE FAR EAST, months, acted in concert and with a months, acted in concert and with a GERMANY TO HOLD KIAO CHOU the police to the abodes of the persons arrested have resulted in the discovery or arsenals of revolvers, daggers, bludgeons, knuckle-dusters, hammers affixed to bamboo canes and leaden balls at-

tached to wire. The annual wild scene of debauchery welcomed the new year in London. As usual, the precincts of St. Paul's cathedral were the centre of attraction. About 23,000 people assembled there, The majority of those present were composed of West End dudes, demimondaines and jail birds, mostly in a drunken condition. There was a scene of the wildest orgie and licentiousness, swearing, etc. Ugly rushes were frequent and the thieves reaped a rich harvest. The police were unable to

cope, with the mob. There is some reason to believe that France and Great Britain have about reached an agreement on the subject of West Africa, by which the Lagos Hinterland will be defined by prolonging it northward to the Niger, the the present Lagos-Dahomey frontier. France would thus secure Say and about 100 kilometres on the right bank of the river, and Great Britain would have Boussa and Nikki restored to her and be confirmed in the possession of other claimed points.

THE CUBAN MINISTRY.

Take the Oath of Office and the Autonomist Covernment is Inaugurated-General Lee.

Havana, January 1.-Many people assembled at the palace today to witness the swearing in of Senor Rafael Montero. marquis of Montero, Senor Francisco Seayas and Senor Laureano Rodriguez. as secretaries of the provisional govern-

Marshal Blanco, the captain general escorted by a number of high Spanish officials, the consular corps, army and territory, and, if the right measures ; navy officers, politicians, etc., reached the throne room at 9 o'clock a. m. A possession, even more valuable, than new Bible was open on a table and upon it the secretaries took the oath of fidelity to the queen, the monarchy and the Spanish government, placing their right. hands on the Bible and kneeling as they

repeated the words required. Senor Galvez, president of the cabinet. was first sworn in and then the oath was administered to the others. To Marshal and to rapidly develop the netural Blanco's inquiry "Do you swear fidelity to Spain, the queen and Spanish in-stitutions?" all eplied: "We do.;" . Marshal Blanco then addressed the offi-

Consecrated by the oath just taken, autonomous government of Cuba is: now established in accordance with the her for the blessings of Christianity royal decree of November 27, 1897. Your and civilization.' political parties to which you belong are aple guarantees of the liberal policy ich the government expects the new ne to adopt. The new government be inspired by high, conciliatory, and just motives. It is your dy the necessities of the ispecially economic question s to restore the property ce and the welfare of propaganda we can make: onomy and against although it was

the revolution of the revoluti pany yeu in fully thorny mission, so the restore to this processed on have processed on for years, are peace and are much needed. To consecrate out our good secrate ing out our good Secrate with hearts and of loval; tutions: Long La pain Cuba! 'Alrays Spanis."

After the conclusion of this all present attended the cele mass by the bishop in the chape

palace. All present knelt down a elevation of the host excepting the Bilish and the German consuls. When bliding good-bye to the consular corps, Marshal Blanco took both of General Fitzhugh Lee's hands. He shook them warmly, saying in broken English: "I thank you," a distinction which the captain general did not bestow upon any of the other consuls of the ceremonies convicted upon persons who had

Cable messages common crimes. exchanged during the da atulation were Sagasta, premier of Spain, ween Senor arshal Blanco. The new secretaries have explo thanks to Dr. Congosto, the secretar general of Cuba, setting forth that it is due to his constant activity that the provisional government was established today. For two months Dr. Congosto, who was formally consul at Philadelphia, has hardly slept two hours a day, which has greatly surprised everybody here, as most of the officials work scarcely three or four hours daily. For this constant activity and the final success it has met with, Dr. Congosto has been most cordially congratulated by all concerned. The first resolution adopted by the new cabinet was to send a cable message to the queen regent of Spain, offering their

respects and pledging loyalty to the crown. All is quiet here.

San Francisco, January 1.- The industrial activity of Japan is illustrated by the demand for steamer space on the ships of the Pacific Mail and Orient-Occident steamship Companies. There is now so much cotton from Texas in San Francisco awaiting shipment for the Orient that heavy shipment of flour destined for the same market cannot find steamer space. The quantity of cotton at present in the warehouses and in cars on this side and across the bay amounts

to 14,000 balles, R. H. Schwerin, vice president and general manager of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, says it is a fact that flour shipment have been delayed by reason of the demand for space to carry cotton, but he fancies that the delay is only temporary. His recent visit to the Orient and the observations he made there, convinced him that Shanghai was taking the lead in the manufacture of cotton goods.

The Ted Cross Ask Aid for the Cubans Washington, January 1.- After consultation with the state department officials, the Red Cross lias arranged to open headquarters in New York for the and Mrs. H. G. Shibley, of Toronto, were married at the Park Avenue hotel here reception and forwarding to Havana of contributions for the benefit of the suffering Cubans. Miss Barton will be in charge and she may find it necessary to go to Havana to arrange for co-operation with Consul General Lee.

One Minute Cough Cure cures quickly. That's what you want. R. R. Bel-

IS THE OPINION OF ONE IN THE EMPEROR'S CONFIDENCE.

Most Important and Valuable Possession-The Forts to be put in Thorough Repair and Surrounding Country Improved-Understanding as to France and England Helping Themselves also to Chinese Teritory-American Reciprocity Negotiations.

(Copyrighted by Associated Press.) Berlin, January 1.-Bishop Anzer, of South Shan-Tung, China, dined with the emperor and empress at the new palace on Tuesday. Baron Von Buelow, the minister for foreign affairs, and Count Von Leyder, the new minister of Japan, were present. On the following day the correspondent of the Associated Press had an interview with the bishop, to whose shrewd advice and detailed information regarding the whole province of Shan-Tung. in which Kiao-Chou is situated, the German government owes much, Bishop Anzer gave an interesting account of the occurances of the previous evening and of the audience he was accorded by the emperor in November. Blanco's Special Courtesy to Consul and also told of his audience with the pope a fortnight ago.

> The bishop, who has been thirty-four years in China, and who is about to return, said:

"I am amazed at the keen knowledge the emperor displayed regarding China. its resources and government. Every question the emperor asked was pointed. There is no doubt Germany means to keep Kiao-Chou and its contiguous are taken it will prove a most valuable Hong Kong, because its mineral wealth, coal and iron, although needing a large amount of capital to develop it, is almost inexhaustible."

The emperor told the bighton that steps were under way to give a through administration to the territory Relative to his audience with the pope, Bishop Anzer said that his holiness "highly approved the energy shown by Germany in the gigantic task of opening China and preparing

The correspondent of the Associated Press learns that Germany, in the spring, will commence improving the harber of Kino-Chou, and will construct docks and wharves and strengthen the forts materially. Krupp ordnance of large calibre has been ordered, and during the winter a large quantity of military supplies will be sent to China. Some of the best artillery and engineer officers have volunteered to go to Kiao-Chou.

In official circles, it is not believed that Great Britain or any other power, will interfere with Germany's plans. It is stated that the entente with Russia and France is perfected and that France will soon force China to grant her further compensations on her

outhern frontier. is also learned from an excellent that there is no intention on of either Russia, Germany or place obstacles in Great y if she feels inclined to esent opportunity of position and inof Ching-from

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Prince Bismarck was contained in dispatch from Berlin dated December 29th. It reads as follows: "It is asserted that, owing to his insomnia, the medical attendants of Prince Bismarck have advised him to abstain from all work and excitement for some weeks to come. Dr. Schweninger believes in the possibility of a cure, but not a

rapid one." A dispatch from Berlin December 27th said: "The Hamburger Nachrichten denies that Prince Bismarck's gout is better and says he cannot walk or sleep, and is unable to read or answer his friends' letters. The former chancellor is described as being very irater at the statement that his health is satisfactory, and is quoted as saying: "H the gentleman who wrote that were inmy place he would be able to get an idea of what a satisfactory condi-

Hamburg, January 1.-The report that Prince Bismarck died today is unfounded. The Prince, today received no personal visits. Callers left their Mala State

The B-Il-Shibley Marriage.

New York, January 1.-Professor Alexander Melville Bell, the distinguished Scotch scientist and father of A. Graham Bell, the inventor of the telephone, today.

J. A. Perkins, of Antiquity, O., was for thirty years needlessly tortured by physicians for the cure of eczema. He was quickly cured by using DeWht's Witch Hazel Salve, the famous healing salve for piles and skin diseases. R. R. المالية Bellamy.