PRIVILEGE TAXES

The House Decides on the Sections Applying to Railways and Banks.

THE TAXES ON DISPENSARIES.

The House After a Heated Debate Adopts a Schedule Therefor-Other Revenue Bill Sections Adopted .- The Senate Passes the Bill Amending the Charter of Wilmington-Governor's Ap-

Seamen's Fund Society Amended.

pointees of State Institutions Confirmed-More Dispensary Bills Passed.-The Charter of

school fund; but a dispensary was an

exclusive right, a franchise, a monop-

Mr. Robinson said the supreme court

Mr Thompson, of Onslow, said he

was personally opposed to educating

Mr. Ray, of Macon, said Mr. Wins-

pensaries. He intimated his belief that

county should pay a tax for the priv-

Mr. Boushall denied that he was act-

ing under the influence of barkeepers,

Mr. Winston's substitute, as amended

by Mr. Craige, was adopted by an

overwhelming vote, Mr. Maunev's

propriety of granting license, with the

Mr. Council's amendment was lost.

only half a dozen votes being cast for

it. The result was greeted by loud ap-

Section 4, regarding tax on bank

stock was passed over Tuesday. It

was again up, and Mr. Williams of-

ty and school purposes upon any bank

shares of stock owned by residents.

bank or banking association directly

shall be paid by the cashier of such

county of Wake or the county in which

the bank or banking association is lo-

cated. When remitting said taxes to

holder living in North Carolina, and

upon receipt by the state treasurer of

said taxes, he shall remit to the treas-

urer of the county in which said

stockholders reside the amount so col-

lected for county purposes. Should the

residence of any stockholder be un-

treasurer of the county where the bank

ty in which said banks or banking asso-

ciations are located shall assess the

value of shares of stock in any such

banks or banking associations, taking

shares; Provided, that in determining

the value of such shares for taxation

there shall be deducted the amount of

real property on which the bank has

There was debate on section 35, tax-

Section 36, imposing a graduated

The tax on undertakers was reduced

adopted. The tax on telegraph, tele-

phone and express companies is fixed

Auctioneers pay \$15 taxes, bicycle

than 100,000 bales \$100; cotton factories

There was strong objection to sec-

Mr. Carroll said this gave power to

Mr. Allen, of Wayne, offered an

amendment to strike out schedule A

taxes. This was satisfactory to Mr.

Another amendment adopted provides

that the sheriff can report delinquents

to superior as well as criminal courts.

Mr. Julian made a motion to recon-

sider the vote on the graduated tax on

amendment to strike out all sections

Mr. Willard defended the tax. He

said it was not doubted, and was con-

Mr. Petree asked Mr. Willard what

Mr. Allen said it is held that fran-

railway gross savings. He offered an

Mr. Petree took that view,

replied "\$60,000 or \$70,000."

in cities of over 12,000 \$15; marriage li-

agents \$10; rent collectors \$15; butchers

franchise tax on capital stock, of rail-

ing lawyers and physicians and den-

paid the taxes.'

ways was adopted.

enses are \$1 each.

imprison for debt.

Carroll, and was adopted.

tists \$5. It was adopted.

adopted. Its text is as follows:

a monopoly, but merely o police reg-

(Special to The Messenger.)

SENATE. Raleigh, N. C., February 23.-Bills

were introduced as follows: To extend the jurisdiction of justices of the peace. I had decided that a dispensary was not To amend the charter of the Raleigh and Gaston railway and to allow it Bills passed as follows: To abolish

the criminal circuit of Madison, Hen- children upon "blood money." derson, Haywood, Buncombe and Mc-Dowell. To regulate public printing. ton's substitute was a strike at dis-To amend the charter of Kinston. The bill to increase the permanent | the liquor men had a cinch on the leg-

school fund of the state came up on | islature. He wanted to know why the third reading. It provides that \$136,750 be held in trust by the state treasurer | ilege of regulating its own evils. for the benefit of the state board of Senator Hicks opposed the passage of | but thought when the state granted a

the bill on account of the fact that franchise it should tax that franchise. "ese bonds were part of the sinking Mr. Oraige offered an amendment to nd and were intended to pay part of Mr. Wilson's amendment: "And it shall the 4 per cent, bonds falling due in 1910. | be the duty of all managers of dispen-The chair thereupon appointed Sen- saries to pay to the county treasurer ators Hicks, Daniels and Travis as a for the benefit of the school fund of committee to examine the bonds and re- the county in which such dispensaries

Seven directors of the blind institutio such dispensaries." This, Mr. Winsat Raleigh were elected as follows: B. | ton accepted. F. Montague, I. M. Proctor, C. B. Edwards, Hugh Morson, W. 'N. Jones,

ing: To confer upon internal improvement board the power to appoint a swamp agent. To provide for a dispensary at Bethel, Pitt county. To pre- missioners to grant licenses, saying Fall of the Confederacy" by Jefferson Davis be used as a text book.) To establish a bureau of jrinting and labor would have power to investigate the

read, nominating the following directors of the state normal college at Greensboro and they were confirmed: Fifth district, S. M. Gattis; Sixth, J. F. Potter; Seventh, W. D. Turner; Eighth, R.

The governor also nominated for directors of the Eastern hospital at Goldsboro: Dr. Elisha Porter, of Pender; Dr. W. D. Bulluck, of New Hanfor six years beginning March 1897, and Albert Anderson, of Wilson; Shade I. Wooten, of Lenoir, and W. F. Rountree, of Craven, for six years beginning March 1899. These were con-

The joint committee on appropriations reported favorably the bill giving the to the state freasurer within thirty deaf-mute school at Morganton \$40,000 | days after July 1st of each year, and for support and \$7,000 for improve- upon failure to pay the state treasurer, ments; the blind institution and the as aforesaid, he shall institute an acnegro deaf-mute and blind institute at | tion against the bank or banking asso-Raleigh \$52,000 for support and \$15,000 ciation to enforce the same in the

NIGHT SESSION.

The senate passed bills as follows: To establish a dispensary at Léxington. . To amend the charter of Wilmington. To incorporate the Savings bank at Goldsboro and the Bank of Cumberland at Fayetteville. To amend' the charter of Elizabethtown. To incorporate Bule's academy.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. Bills were introduced as follows: By Mr. Nichols, of Pitt, to establish a board of immigration for the state. (It provides for three commissioners, the perintendent of immigration, and is to receive a \$1,000 salary, the others actual expenses.) By Mr. Noble, to ex-

the charter of the Seamen's Fund Society of Wilmington. To amend the law of:1891 regarding the sale of baled cotton, so that it shall not prevent a for fraudulent baling or packing, or to prevent indictment for false pretense. The house went into committee of

Mr. Winston offered the following as a substitute for part of section 34: "Each dispensary in the state shall pay annually into the state treasury the following franchise taxes: Each dispensary for a town of less than 1,000 people, \$50; for township in any enty, \$200; for town of over 1,000 and

not e. ceeding 3,000, \$200; for town not \$ 6,000, \$300; for town or city and for each dispensary for county, \$500; and that it shall be the duty of all man, gers or officers of dis-. the first day of It shall be the duty of the state treasurer to place all amounts received for said dis vensaries under this act to the credit of t. e permanent school fund of the state, to be disbursed by the state board of ed."-

cation in a manner provided by law." Mr. Mauney offered an amendment to provide that half of the liquor license tax shall go to the public schools

of the county and the other half to the state public school fund.

Mr. Holman said Mr. Winston's amendment discriminated against dispensaries.

There was a heated discussion, in which Messrs. Leatherwood, Winston, Williams of Iredell, Alexander, Boushall, Robinson and others took part. Mr. Boushall said he did not take sides; that the point was whether dispensaries, which were granted privileges, should not pay privilege taxes.

Mr. Leatherwood wanted to know why all privilege taxes on barrooms could not be paid into the state treasury for the general school fund. He said there was a wide difference between the state license of a dispensary as an exclusive right to a county, and the licensing of barrooms by county au- the tax would raise and Mr. Willard

Mr. Council insisted that a part of the tax on barrooms should always be chise is property and is taxable just as given to the state for the general a road bed.

Mr. Thompson, of Onslow, said he vanted these great corporations to pear their equal share of the burdens. Mr. Connor asked whether the railway commission would not take consideration of this tax in making its

would, therefore, be reduced.

Mr. Willard said probably the objection to this tax is that it is a percentage tax, instead of a lump sum. Mr. Craige took ground against this ax on railways, saying he would not the principles of government; that it was an indirect way of making the people who ride pay tax; that to levy this tax simply because railways have the money and could pay the tax was

Mr. Cannon said he regretted to differ with the committee, but he was sure the legislature was about to insert a most dangerous principle. He said this tax is not violative of the letter of the constitution, but it violates its'spirit.

At 2:30 o'clock the committee rose and the house adjourned. NIGHT SESSION.

The house tonight passed on third reading the following bills: To encourage education among the masses by providing that the state treasurer shall duplicate subscriptions to public schools more than \$25. To give Macon county dispensary. To incorporate the town of Oriental. To allow Tarboro to issue waterworks, electric light and sewerage bonds. To incorporate the Presbyterian Female college at Chariotte. To incorporate Goldsboro. To in corporate Wallace.

Messrs. Brown of Stanley, Moore and Julian were appointed as the house branch of the committee to investigate the agricultural department, the state treasury and the charitable institutions of the state.

are located all taxes herein imposed on TO SELL THE A. & N. C. RAILROAD A Bill to be Introduced in the House

Providing Therefor (Special to The Messenger.) Raleigh, N. C., February 23 .- A bill the state treasurer within ninety days 000 the treasurer is authorized to sell held by the state in the Atlantic and | sider the case-99 to 132. North Carolina railway; . that before delivery of the shares Edwards shall contract with the state to construct and complete, within four years from ratification of the act, a line of standard guaged railroad at least 100 miles in length, connecting with the Atlantic and North Carolina railway and running westwardly through the counties of Wayne, Johnston, Harnett, Moore and Montgomery, and then in directions of Concord, Salisbury or Charlotte: that on execution of the contract Edwards shall deposit with the treasurer securities amounting to \$100,-000 for the performance of the contract, the condition being that if the road is completed in four years then the security is surrendered to Edwards. otherwise he forfeits the amount to the

THE CHARLOTTE DISPENSARY The Senate Committee Decides to Report the Bill Unfavorably

(Special to The Messenger.) Raleig, N. C., February 23 .- This afternoon the advocates of the dispensary at Charlotte arrived here in special cars to attend the hearing before the senate committee on the house bill to establish a dispensary. The senate chamber was packed, and the delegation, 200 strong, each wearing a blue badge, filled the floor and lobbies. Interest was intense and there were waves of applause during the speeches. The latter consumed over three hours. At their conclusion, Senator Osborne called on the senators to stand by him and defeat the bill. He spoke only a minute and his appeal was answered immediately, the committee deciding by a vote of 4 to 3 to report the bill un-

Not one child dies where ten formerly died from croup. People have larned the value of One Minute Cough Cure and use it for severe lung and throat troubles. It immediately stops coughing. It never fails. R. R. Bellamy.

CORNISH AGAIN TESTIFIES

He Denounces Molineaux as the Man Who Sent Him the Poison Which Killed Mrs. Adams

New York, February 23,-Harr Cornish on the witness stand at the Adams inquest today accused Roland B. Molineux of having sent him the poisoned bromo seltzer. Ever since Cornish first testified in the case he had been asking to be recalled, claiming that when on the stand at the opening of the inquest he had not finished giving testimony, and since then many tax on gross earnings of railways was statements have been made by other witnesses which seemingly contradict

ed what he had sworn to. Cornish's statements did not create much of a sensation. His story was that he thought Molineux had sent him the poison because he was the only man who had shown great enmity toward him; that he had lied about him and persecuted him; that he had lied about others in the club; that there was enmity between Barnett and Molineux, tion 71, which provides for indictment | and that Molineux had started stories | admiral. and prosecution of delinquent tax- about members of the Knickerbocker Club. Witness stated that Molineux. him. He declared that the cordner must search the athletic clubs of New York city for the murderer of Mrs. Adams. He suspected Molineux of having sent Kutnow powders to Barnett. taxes, this covering poll and property | He testified that Mrs. Molineux's statement that she had never been in Barnett's alone was false. He knew of a person who had seen Mrs. Molineux and Barnett drinking wine in the latter's room when no other person was present. Witness stated that Molineux was his bitter enemy and the only man

he knew of who could have a motive for wishing to take his life. Cornish was very earnest in testifying and contradicted much that he said when he was first examined by the which imposed the tax. He said it was coroner. He was asked several times to give the names of men who had told the stories that he repeated about Molineux. He said he could not re-member them all, but that he had no doubt these men would come forward and substantiate his story as soon as they heard he had told it. He talked rapidly and at times the jury could

hardly follow him. The other testimeny given today was without special new features.

Before the discovery of One Minute Cough Cure, ministers were greatly disturbed by coughing congregations.

No excuse for it now, R. R. Bellamy.

LITTLE BUNGO GAME

WILMINGTON N. C., FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1899.

Million Dollars.

tax on railways, saying he would not vote for it; that it was in violation of MR. BOUTELL! WRAIHY A

At His Scheme for Warship Armor Plates Being So Denounced by a Brother Republican-House Knocks Off One Hundred Dollars a Ton From Mr. Boutelle's Proposed Figures-The House Restores the Grades of Admiral and Vice Admiral

SENATE. Washington, February 23 .- During he enitre session today, until 6 o'clock the senate had under consideration the river and harbor bill. Good progress been disposed of, with the exception of me amendment Shortly after the opening of the ses-

sion, Senator Faulkner, of West Virginia, presented the protest of John T. McGraw against the seating of N. B. Scott, elected a senator from West Virginja. It was ordered to lie on the A report from the committee on mil-

itary affairs, permitting volunteer regiments to retain their colors, and to deposit them in the state capitols was At 5:45 p. m. the river and harbor bill was laid aside, eighty-nine pages

having been completed. After a brief executive session, the reading of the Alaska code bill was resumed in open session, an agreement being reached that no other business should be transacted tonight. Upon completing the feading of the bill, the senate at 7:35 o'clock, p. m., adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. Immediately after the reading of the ournal in the house today Mr. Crumppacker, republican, of Indiana, called up the contested election case of Brown vs. Swanson from the Fifth Virginia district. Against this Mr. Miers, demtempted to call up the same case several weeks ago, but the house, by a vote of 113 to 79 decided not to consider

The committee on naval affairs, which had the right of way with the naval appropriation bill, agreed to yield an hour to the committee on District of Columbia to dispose of important matters. At 1:45 o'clock, p. m., the house went into committee of the whole and resumed consideration of the naval appropriation bill, the pending question being on the point of order raised against the amendment offered by Mr. inderwood, democrat, of Alabama, to appropriate \$4,000,000 for the construcon of an armor plate plant at such place as a board of naval affairs might Mr. Boutelle continued his defense of

the recommendation of the committee to increase the maximum price of armor to \$545. Tests had demonstrated, he said, that the Krupp armor of 25 per cent. less weight than Harveyized rmor, had equal resisting power. Mr. Sherman, republican, of New York, who was in the chair, sustained the point of order against the Underwood amendment.

The question then recurred upon Mr. Boutelle's amendment fixing the price of armor at \$545 per ton. Owing to its esisting power, Mr. Boutelle contended that the cost of Krupp armor for like protection would be slightly less than that of Harveyized armor at \$400 Mr. Hopkins, republican, of Illinois

noved to amend the Boutelle amendment so as to fix the price of armor plate \$445 per ton. The royalty on Krupp armor, he said, was \$45 per ton and he had searched in vain for evidence to show that the manufacture of Krupp armor was more expensive than Harveyized armor. There was no recommendation save from a subordinate official of the navy

department. "That is not true," interrupted Mr. Boutelle, flourishing aloft a handful of documents. "I have here the evidence which the house refuses to hear.' Mr. Hopkins declared that he had been informed upon reputable authority that the proposition in the bill was an ttempt to "bunco" the government. This statement aroused the indignaon of Mr. Boutelle and Mr. Dalzell, epublican, of Pennsylvania, Give the name of your authority,

said Mr. Dalzell. "He won't," shouted Mr. Boutelle. "I challenge him to name a single man who ever made such a statenent," said Mr. Dalzell. "The gentleman would not permit the member from Maine to black his boots," retorted Mr. Hopkins turning indignantly upon his antagonist.

At this point the gavel took Mr. Hopcins off the floor and Mr. Rixey, democrat, of Virginia, a member of the naval committee, in a five minute speech opposed the committee's propsition which he said would increase the ost of armor for a single ship \$449,000. Mr. Burke, democrat, of Texas, said was humilitating to hear a member of the naval committee admit that the government was absolutely at the mer ey of the armor plate manufacturers. Mr. Walker, republican, of Massachusetts, offered an amendment to Mr Hopkins' amendment, providing that he government should not pay more for armor plate than any foreign government paid-adopted. The Hopkins amendment to th

mendment was carried-102 to 78, and as amended (fixing the price of armor at \$445) the amendment was adopted without division. Boutelle gave notive that he would demand a separate vôte in the

Mr. Moody, republican, of Massachusetts, then created something of a furore by offering at the end of the bill copy of the senate bill to create the rank of admiral of the navy. rorious applause greeted the reading of the amendment. The naval committee had amended this bill so as to create the rank of vice admiral as well as

Mr. Boutelle at first reserved a point of order against the amendment, but being in a rival club, was jealous of turning suddenly upon Mr. Moody, declared he would withdraw the point in deference to what appeared to be the general demand of the house, if the amendment could be voted upon with out debate. "We will vote without a word," said Mr. Moody.

"Vote," went up in chorus 'Vote." from all sides of the house. The question on the amendment was put and it was carried with a rousing When the nays were called for there was the silence of the grave. The bill was then reported to th

Separate votes were demanded by Mr. Boutelle upon the naval academy and armor plate amendments, both of which were carried, the former-89 the latter 130 to 58. Mr. Boutelle then moved to recommit the bill, with the instructions to restore the price of plate armor to \$545 per ton as originally recommended by the committee. The motion was voted down—79 to 155. The bill was then passed.

The senate amendments to the mi tary academy bill were adopted. This bill now goes to the president. The senate bill to permit volunteer regiments of the Spanish war, to retain their colors was passed. At 5:30 o'clock, p. m., the house ad-

assessments. He said the valuation To the Tune of a Half Attacks Made All Along Our Lines.

VIGOROUS ASSAULT

Repulsed With Infantry and Artillery. The Monaducek Throws Ten-Inch Shells Among Enemy-Some Sharp Engagements Much Property Burned-More Incondiarism Threatened Last Night-No Philippinos Allowed

on the Streets After 7 O'clock Manila, February 23.,5:05 p. m .-With daylight this morning the enemy commenced worrying tactics at various parts of the merican line, apparent was made, eighty-nine pages having ly for the purpose of withdrawing attention from affairs inside the city. An attempt was made to rush through our extreme left near Caloocan, but it was promptly caecked by a hot and effective muskerry and artillery fire,

In the meanting some bodies of rebels, evidently some of those engaged last night in the cowardly work at Tondo, spread out between the city and the outposts. Every available man was sent to drive them away, with the result that there was desultory firing all the morning.

From 8 to 10,30 o'clock a. m. the United States double turreted monitor Monadnock, joined in the engagement, hurling 10-inch shells over the American lines into ledies of the enemy as indicated by the signal corps. So far our casualties are one man

killed and ten men wounded. At 11 o'clock there were sharp engagements at the Chinese cemetery and at San Pedro Macati, almost simultaneously, but the artillery fire from both positions dove the enemy back. From the high powers of the city fires ocrat, of Indiana, raised the question of can be seen burning at a dozen differconsideration. Mr. Crumpacker attempted to call up the same case sev-tempted to call up the same case sev-probably due 30 the Monadnock's shells.

> It is currently reported that the natives have threatened to burn Escolate and the walled city tonight.
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> Scores of rebeis have been arrested in the Tondo district. A band of sixty rebels, having two carloads of arms and accoutrements, was captured in a house. Business is temporarily sus-

5:35 p. m. Major General Otis today issued a general order, directing all the inhabitans of Manila until otherwise ordered, to confine themselves to their homes after 7 oclock in the evening, when the streets will be cleared by the police. The general also warns incendiaries and suspects that they will be severely dealt with if discovered in any

Extraordinary precautions have been taken for the suppression of further trouble, which is threatened to take place in the city tonight; but it is generally believed that last night's experience will effectively quell the disturbing element.

Fire has been durning all day in the Tondo district and has been clearing the residents out of many houses in the outskirts from which the enemy previously fired on the Americans. A cloud of smoke hovered over the city today, conveying the impression to people about the bay and in the out-side districts that the whole city is burning.

The rebels between the city and the outposts are being smoked out this afternoon and driven toward the beach. Sharpshooters at various parts of the line are very annoying, but otherwise there has been no further excitement since the frustration of the morning's attack.

Lieutnant Eugene S. French, of Company L, First Montana volunteers, and Private Oscar Felton, of Company C, South Dakota volunteers, were killed and two other Dikotans were wounded.
Paris February 23.—Agents in this
city of the Philippinos have received news from Iloile saying that the out-break there of the was not the work of the natives, but was started by the American shellic. When the attack commenced, the Phippinos add, the foreign residents were endeavoring to persuade General Lopez, the Philippino commander, to submit, as Iloilo was not fortified and was therefore not in a position to resist the American at-tack. The whop commercial quarter of Iloilo, it appears, was destroyed, with four-fifths of the rest of the

Finally, the Philippinos say, the foreign residents subsequently met, protested against the bombardment and resolved to put it claims for damages.

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Four Persons Burned to Death Hartford City Ind., February 23 .-Four persons were killed and two were injured today in a fire and explosion

burned to death. made and it is seared that other bodies will be found. The damage was practically confined to the Dick building

Carolina Central Stock on Exchange

New York, February 23.—The following securities are approved for list-ing by the governing committee of the stock exchange Georgia and Elabama Rallroad Company, \$2,922,000 first mortgage consolidated 5 per celat. fifty year gold coupon bonds of 1745.

Carolina Central Railroad Company, \$2,847,000 first consolidated mortgage gold 4 per cent. fifty year guaranteed coupon bonds (1949.

KILLED ON THE RAILROAD

Deaf Mute Run Over by a Train-Republican Objection to the New Blectioh Law-Illicit Distilling on the Inc

Messenger, Bureau, Raleigh, N. C., February 23. The new election law, now before the legislature, provides, as was the case up to 1893, for challenging of votes on the day of election, that is at the polls. The opponents of this plan, who of course are republicans, claim that it will be used to block voting. The state grants charters to the

Kapp-Miller flouring mill company of Forsyth county, capital \$25,000, and the Union Furniture Company of Durham, with \$20,000 capital. The development of the furniture manufacturing interest in this state during the past two or three years is very remarkable. Rufus Pool, a deaf-mute white man was killed yesterday by a Seaboard Air Line train near Ridgeway. On his person was found \$400. His home was in this county and his body was brought here. His skull was torn open. The funeral of Rev. Dr. Bennett Smedes will be held here tomorrow morning from Christ church. His age was 62 years. He leaves three daugh ters and three sisters. Joseph G. Brown, president of the Citizens National bank, of this city, and a member of the American Bankers' Association executive council, was today notified that the council will meet at New York March 15th to arrange for the coming convention. Today a young moonshiner was brought here and jailed. He was married last week and his bride came with him. There is considerable moonshining in this section. It increases steadily. Farmers say that owng to the extreme badness of the weather they have been able to do no farm work For more than forty days the ground

regulate the world," said a genius. The druggist handed him a bottle of De-Witt's Little Early Risers, the famous little Pills-R. R. Bellamy.

has been either wet or frozen.

ENGLAND'S WAY

She Forces the Sultan of Oman to Cancel His Lease of a Coaling Station to

Bombay, February 23.-Important details regarding the action of the British authorities at Muscat, the capital of the sultanate of Oman, have just become public. It appears that the news of the lease by the sultan of Oman of a coaling station to France on the coast of Oman leaked out while the British political agent at Muscat, Major Eagan, was ...bsent. He promptly returned to his post, but the sultan refused to furnish him with any inforboat Sphinx thereupon dispatched a lieutenant and armed party to the Bandar Jiosioh; but the sultan, hoping to receive aid from the French, continued to be recalcitrant. The arrival of the second class cruiser Eclipse, flagship of the East Indies station, with Rear Admiral Drummond, threw the sultan's subjects into a panie, though the sultan himself remained obdurate. During the morning of February 16th Admiral Drummond sent word ashore that unless the sultan attended a durbar on board the Eclipse at 2 o'clock that afternoon he would bombard the forts at 2:20 o'clock p. m. Notice of foreign consuls and the town was speedily in confusion.

The advisors of the sultan entreated him to submit and the Eclipse took up position broadside to the town, while the other British ships cleared for action. The sultan thereupon posted a notification at the customs house and on the gates of the town, that the agreement with the French was can-

At noon the sultan sent his brother on board the Eclipse, but the British admiral refused to receive him as a substitute. Just before 2 o'clock the sultan of Oman, almost unattended, arrived on board the flagship and remained there for three hours, while the whole population lined the beach and anxiously awaited the outcome.

The sultan, it appears, completely acquiesced to the British demands and handed over to Admiral Drummond the treaty with France. On the following day the admiral went to the palace, where a great durbar was held and the sultan publicly repudiated his agreement with France.

New Union Depot Scheme for Bich-

Richmond, Va., February 23 .- The Richmond, Petersburg and Carolina railroad people today closed some \$200,000 of the options they had on property for right of way and depot site in this city. Mr. Dewitt Smith, president of the company, left for New York tonight. He said today that as soon as the Richmond franchise was secured work on the road would be commenced at these points and it would be completed in seven months. As before stated, there is talk of the Chesapeake and Ohio uniting with the Richmond, Petersburg and Carolina in building viaducts and a depot, and it is now said that the Norfolk and Western may also come into the Union depot scheme, running into Richmond over the tracks of the new road:

The Boom in American Tobacco Stock New York, February 23 .- American tobacco showed pronounced strength on the stock exchange today and ran up 11 points over Tuesday's closing, on the announcement by a financial news bureau that they had information from which destroyed the Dick building on the public square of this city.

The explosion apparently tore the upper floor of the Dick building loose and it fell. A rumber of persons occupying apartments in the block were pinioned down in the debris and four burned to death.

Bureau that they had information from an undoubted authority that a deal between the American Tobacco Company and Liggett and Myers was practically consummated last week.

The details were refused for the present, but agreement, so the bureau unand the Union Tobacco Company and

ent, but agreement, so the bureau unerstands was equivalent to an actu consolidation of all the interests named and meant that the monopoly of the tobacco business had passed into the hands of the American Tobacco Com-

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