Investigation of the P. O. Department

FULL OF FRAUDS

ur Gorman Said a Thorough Examination Should be Had-Mr. Aldrich Asked That a Specific charge be Made-Semi-Political species Were Delivered by Messrs. Teller and Simmons-House Passes Appropriation Bill of \$3,000,000 for River and Harbor Work.

beson amendment to the postoffice appropriation bill, providing for a commission to investigate the postoff e department was before the Sengetail of meday, and after being med out of order, was pending in modified form when the Senate adjournal made and earing the postoffice department had members of Courses and that a thorough examihour should be had. Mr. Aldrich naly modified meant nothing; that if an investigation was to be had, it should be "a live one." He said that f or specific charges were brought in the should be looked into by Congress der that the demand should not be made a part of a general ap-

Semi-political speches were made by Messrs. Teller, Mr Teller said Fourth Assistant Bristow had standard Beavers got only \$26,000 and Manen \$20,000, and yet the government had been defrauded of a letal of \$3,200,000. It was this amount in which there was interest. There was high authority for saying a postatice department ought to allestigated fully. The Presi-

il his two attorneys had said tel the Republicans of the are had begged the question and hard there was nothing further la lovestigated. Referring to the date made a few days ago, that the

Mr. President, we do not whether it will be Cleveland, ing corps of the army. Hearst or Bryan. The Demlarty never knows who it is

Peyne from what he termed a great area. k by Mr. Simmons, in previurks. Mr. Simmons dee-lay that his remarks in n to the reluctance of the the department to undertake an restigation referred to hesitancy on her of former Postmaster-Gen-Smith and not to the present Sthaspergeneral, Mr. Payne. He the however, his belief that visition had been delayed iso that the present postmastera had not treated fairly the S. W. Tulloch to give testiregard to conditions in the This act of discourage-Mr. Simmons, was calcuthe work of unearthing the department. Restrench of a fortnight referred to the se'ecocrais of a candidate Mr. Simmons said and with advocating theutral man. He qualifications he had a calm, well isposition and mind, judicial

ervalive temperament, and

"I that would be re-Present ones do not 1903 the treaties with forthe held up on the one Beaufort inlet, North Carolina. rust buster and on the sufe man for business in-We have had the spectaonly original trust buster, V-seneral, who has acted is give Executioner, and ${f a}$ ara assistants." said Mr. and they have managed " Thisis to presecute." wing Mr. Simmons asker · leople want—a man their will, or a

will bend them to his aking of the demands for Conhavestigation of executive his, Mr. Simmons said, if it found upon a thorough examithat the department was free frauds, it would result in benethe Republican party, and pershow that his inter Bristow report to have got at home."

tant postmaster-general. Mr. Simmons said only three of the persons found to have been mixed up in the postoffice frauds were appointed under Democratic administrations.

Mr. Gorman made a plea for favorable action on the Culberson amendment, that the conditions in the de-Senators Plead for an partment were such as to make an inquiry imperative. He said that the masted-general practically charged members of Congress with being confederates of Machen and Beavers, and that on this account Congress could not in justice to itself refuse to make an inquiry. He quoted the President's memorandum in the Machen case, saying that it also raised a question as to the conduct of members, and added that under these charges, Congress could not afford to let the matter rest. The department's reflection upon Congress, he denounced as an "outrage," and said that instead of there being a question of politics involved, the honor and integrity of Congress were in question.

> Mr. Aldrich replied: "Give us an explicit charge, and we will take it

Mr. Culberson said that if explicit charges were necessary, they could be found in the case of Montague indictator and in that of John W. Pettit. In the former case, there is, he said, according to the Bristow report, a mystery as to whether former First Assistant Postmaster-General Heath had received two thousand of the shares of the stock of the concern. Wesnesday April 11.—The Cul- In the case of Pettit, that individual, it has been developed, had been on the pay-roll of the Baltimore postoffice for four years without doing any work, and that it had never been shown whether he had been appointed to this work by Mr. Heath or by

Mr. Lodge said that both Heath and Beavers are out of the department, and that Beavers is under course of prosecution; hence he did not consider the charge of a characthe department. He considered the character of the charge as conclusive in showing the demand for an investigation to be a sham. After some assered that the amendment as fi- further discussion, the Senate adjourned.

The House.

Washington, April 11.-The House to-day passed the bill reported by the committee on rivers and harbors, appropriating \$3,000,000 for the restoration of maintenance of channels or of other river and harbor improvements. Mr. Burton, chairman of the committee, explained its provision and urged the adoption of settled principles with regard to river and harbor work, with the view to considering each project accord ing to its merits.

Mr. Burton said the amounts expended for rivers and harbors when the vast extent of our waterways was considered, was very small. He favored the adoption of a policy of pushing matters to completion as rapidly as possible, and declared that Congress should not undertake anything which could not be completed within a reasonably short time. The system pursued in the United States, who their he thought, contrasted most unfavorabildide for the presidency would bly with those of foreign countries. The one great defect in our system was the insufficiency of the engineer-

Mr. Burton favored the policy of requiring communities interested in 20th in nominate until after its con- river and harbor improvements to ports participate in the expense, and said carrying 1,000 tons of coal. The con-It simmons answered the recent that preference should be given to veyors ordered in the United States Mr. Spooner, who defended channels and harbors, which benefit are expected soon, and they will ena-

> Discussing the question of inland waterways, Mr. Burton called attention to the vast sums, amounting to many millions of dollars, which would the Anglo-French colonial treaty, by be required to construct them, and declared that the adoption of any one of them would furnish a precedent for the adoption of all.

> in favoring broad and liberal treatment of rivers and harbors, Mr. Ransdell, of Louisiana, a member of the committee, said he would support a bill carrying \$100,000,000, because the people now are ready for it and consisting of four army corps, is now would applaud its passage. He regretted the present measure simply | the second army, consisting of a simas an emergency. The American people, he said, are not afraid of large sums, but rather like them. He charged that the Republicans had been lavish and even reckless of expense in all matters except river and harbor improvement, and called attention to the hundred of millions which, he said, had been spent in connection with the war with Spain and on criminal aggression and passive warfare."

Mr. Humphreys, of Mississippi, also a member of the committee, spoke of the fallacy of the levee system of Republican side, he improving the Mississippi river, and the candidate said it was not possible for a levee who would overturn or a system of levees to wishstand The entury, make new floods, such as occurred in 1897 and

General debate was closed by Mr. without the advice or Small, of North Carolina, who spoke Senate. He said the of the necessity for an inland waterwitnessed the spectacle way between Chesapeake Bay and

Mr. Clark, of Mississippi, called at tention to the fact that the river and harbor committee was made up entirely of members living on the gulf coast, the Great Lakes or the ocean. Seven great states through which

Missouri river flows or passes are without a single representative. He alluded to the acquisition by the United States of the Sandwich Islands, the Philippines, Guam and Porto Rico, "on the pretext that homes are wanted for our children,' and yet, he said, there is more farming land out of which to make such homes that is overflowed and destroyed and made barren by the floods of the Missouri river, than could be found in all those islands.

"Instead," he vigorously declared Single bemocratic party, and per-Single bemocratic party. amid applause, "of squandering mon-Simmons reviewed the investi- ey to hold the Filipinos in subjection, the postoffice department, to educate the Hawaiians and to carry of Mr. Mark reference to the ca- the mail at an exorbitant price to the Mr. Machen. He spoke of cannibals of the Fiji is ands, you Muchen's alleged peculations, better be taking care of this land you befored to the Difference of the peculations, better be taking care of this land you

at his intriguing was not bold After passing a number of minor Heath transfer was not bold After passing a number of minor Mr. Heath became first assis- bills the House adjourned.

The Russian Scheme is One Great Magnitude

TO LAST MONTHS

The Plans Are Based on the Dictum That "God Fights on the Side of the Heaviest Battalions"-The Men and Guns Placed at Kuropatkin's Disposal Cover the Extreme Limit That Will be Required-Japan's Army Has Landed in Korea.

St. Petersburg, April 11.—Exceptionally reliable information regarding the Russian military plans confirm the repeated announcements made by The Associated Press that these plans will not mature until late in the summer. They are of far greater magnitude than is generally believed abroad, and take into account all possible contingencies.

General Kuropatkin, remembering the experience of Russia during her and the firm let him have the goods. ter to effect the present conduct of war with Turkey, when the Russian army of 30,000 placed in the field at the beginning had to be more than that a negro had secured a suit of to settle the fate of the campaign.

> upon Nepoleon's dictum, that "God fights on the side of the heaviest battalions," and they are being worked out and timed so as to apply to a superiority of numbers on land and sea simultaneously. The army is designed to attain the enormous total of half a million at the time scheduled for the reinforcement of Vice Admiral Makaroff's fleet with the Baltic squadron. The seventeenth and tenth army corps, now drafting, are expected to reach Manchuria by the middle of June. The mobilization of four other corps, at lease two of which will be from the Volga, will be announced by the middie of next month, and will start eastward a month later, reaching

Rear Admiral Rojestrensky will hoist his flag as commander of the formidable Baltic squadron early in jury the other jury just concluding July, and will sail immediately for their work a few days ago. Port Arthur with the following vessels: the battleships Slava, Borodino, Kniaz, Souvaroff, Alexander III. and Osliabia, the last named being now en route here from Cherburg; the cruisers Aurora, Dmitri, Donskoi, Svietland, Almaz, chug and Izumrud, and the transamtschatka and Ocean, each ble the squadron to coal at sea. The last possible difficulty regard the passage of the Suez canal disappeared last week with the signing of which Great Britain adheres to the convention of 1888, concerning the free passage of the canal.

Japan's First Army Landed in Korea. Paris, April 11.—Official advices received here by the French government confirm the dispatches an-

nouncing that Japan's first army, completely landed in Korea, and that ilar number of corps, is about to start. The points of debarkation of the second army are not known.

More Exchanges of Shots.

Paris, April 11 .- A dispatch to the Temps from St. Petersburg to-day says some further exchanges of shots have occurred between the Russian and Japanese forces along the borders of the Yalu river. Vice-Admiral Makaroff, the dispatch adds, is inspecting the outlying defenses of Port Arthur.

Port of New Chwang Closed to Commerce

Che Foo. April 11.-6 P: M:-A Chinese steamer has just returned from New Chwang, the port pilot's would not respond to her signals from there to take the vessel up the river. Two British steamers found themselves in the same predicament. The port of New Chwang is practically closed to commerce.

Protests Against Presence of Chinese

Troops. against the presence of Chinese troops on the Manchurian frontier, and has demanded their withdrawal within a five mile limit of the great wall.

Elect Officers.

The Wilmington Light Infantry held is regular monthly meeting at the avmory last night. Mr. John B. Pesand who has been a member for the past five years, retired from acctive James W. Jackson, Jr., was elected vice fenses. The lefendant appealed to the

president. No other business of importancee was transacted.

ARRESTED FOR FORGERY. Negro Secured Several Dollars' Worth of Goods—Two Marriages.

MERGER SUIT

(Special to The Messenger.) Goldsboro, April 11.-Ex-Sheriff B. F. Scott, of Pikesville, was in the city today and brought the report that Policeman Albritton was still very feeble and that his condition is not so favorable as it had been. It will be remembered that the policeman was assaulted by some negoes on Saturday night a week ago, and that he was severely cut with a knife. He killed one of the negroes in the crowd and the rest are in jail in this city awaiting results of the officer's condition. The marriage of Mr. W. E. Stroud, a clerk in the Bank of Wayne in this city to Miss May Poole, will take place in the First Baptist church tomorrow at noon. There are in the city to attend the marriage Mr. J. W. Stroud and Mrs. Dr. N. W. Hicks, father and sister of the groom of Florence, S. C., Rev. W. B. Oliver, pastor of the Baptist church

of Florence, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Williams, an uncle and aunt of the groom, and Mr. Moody Stroud, of Greensboro. Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Pender have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Miss Mary, to W. E. Hales, the happy event to take place at the home of the bride's parents on the 21st of April. The prospective groom holds a position as bookkeeper for the John Slaughter company, and the bride to be is well known and popular among her wide circle of friends.

A negro named Joe Jones was brought to this city from LaGrange this morning and placed in jail charged with forgery. On Saturday he went to the store of Best & Thompson and secured goods to the amount of \$10, a side of meat and a box of tobacco on an order signed Bill Smith, whom the negro said was W. W. Smith. The negro represented that he was a tenant living ern railway companies, involving the on the farm of Mr. Smith and that his name was Graham. When they turned to the books they found that Graham had been trading on Mr. Smith's orders Later in the day Mr. Smith came to the city and denied having written an ortier. In the meantime it was learned doubled, has insisted that the men clothes from H. Weil & Bros. on an orand guns to be placed at his disposal der signed Bill Smith. The negro was shall cover the extreme limit required | traced up and found near LaGrange. He says that a negro named Joe Jones The Russian plans are predicated wrote the orders and that the two were to divide the goods. A warrant has been secured for Joe Jones, who lives near Dudley, and is said to be a fugitive from justice from Lenoir county.

PENNY CASE CONTINUED.

Two Weeks' Term of Superior Court Commenced Yesterday, With Judge Justice Presiding.

A two weeks term of the superior court convened yesterday morning with Judge M. H. Justice presiding Judge. Justice's charge to the grand jury was short and to the point. Every term of court that convenes in New their destination at the end of Au- Hanover county now is criminal court and accordingly a grand jury has to be impaneled. There were only few cases to be considered by this grand The following grand jury was drawn

and empaneled: Eric Norden (foreman), J. H. John son, J. Piver, Arthur Branch. W. McGowan, L. M. Guttenburg, A. C. McMartan, W. M. Godwin, R. T. Brown, E. S. Kerr, T. J. Fergus, G F. Seiter, E. T. Conoway, A. M. Pate, J C. Bowden, H. Wolcott, Stephen Sneea-

en. P. D. Jenkins. After the charge to the grand jury the trial of cases began. Although a number of divorce cases were granted last week still there was another supply on hand yesterday. Whenever there are a few spare minutes in court there are always enough divorce cases to take up the time. The following divorces were granted yesterday:

Rosa Hauser vs. M. H. Hauser. Patience Williams vs. Curtis Wil-

Bertha Hill vs. Wm. Hill. J. D. M s vs. Mary Mills.

Rosa Hauser's husband is serving a six years term in the penitentiary for burning his store.

The damage suit of B. F. Penny vs. the Atlantic Coast Line was called yesterday afternoon but the case will have to go over until the next term of court on account of the absence of a witness. The defendants attorneys stated that W. A. Sue one of their material witneses was absent and that it would be impossible to get him here the defendants agreeing to pay the costs of this term.

Other cases disposed of were: Mabel Carlton, keeping a disorderly house, rofeited bond and judgment ab-

plaintiff comes into court and takes Adrian and Vollers. non suit.

State vs. Lucy Sidbury, colored; bill changed from larceny to forcible trespass, and judgement suspended upon payment of costs.

he pay the costs.

Hannah Watters, colored, assault with deadly weapon. \$5 and the costs. The first case to be taken up this morning will be that of Thomas F. Bagley vs. the City of Wilmington, in which he contends that certain property belonging to him on Secon1 street was injured to the extent of London. April 12.-The Tien Tsin \$700 by the manner in which another correspondent of The Standard says street was graded. He contends that that Russia has again protested the grading causes the water to flow over his property. The suit was brought in 1898, but has beeen con-

tinued from time to time. Ex-Judge E. K. Bryan represents the plaintiff, and Mr. Wm. J. Bellamy the city.

Must Pay \$100 Penalty.

In the case of J. E. Mintz vs. Charley Wessell which was heard before chau, who has been president of the Justice Fowler yesterday and in which organization for the past two years Mintz was charged with unlawfully and maliciously injuring a shad net belonging to Charles Wessell, the defenservice and was put on the retired list | dant was taxed with the cost and it Vice President Thomas R. Orrell was was also adjudged that he pay the unanimously elected president and Mr. penalty of \$100 as required in such of-

superior court. Mr. W. P. Gafforl reresented Mintz and Mr. L. V. Grady, Wessell.

Railroad Case from Minnesota Remanded to the State Courts

SUPREME COURT

Decision Says the Circuit Court Should Not Have Entertained Jurisdiction—The Opinion of the Court Was Unanimous-The Suit Was by the State of Minnesota Against the Northern Securities Company, the Northern Pacific and Great Northern Railway Companies.

Washington, April 11.-The United States Supreme Court today decided the case of the State of Minnesota vs. the Northern Securities Company and the Northern Pacific and Great Northvalidity of the merger of the two railroad companies, holding that it was without jurisdiction and reversing the opinion of the court below.

Justice Harlan who delivered the should not have entertained jurisdiction in the case, the effect being to timore; Joseph Hale, Washington; remand the case to the State courts. D. E. Winstead, Mr. Turk's "private fact that the proceedings was for the dent of construction of Southern railpurpose of enforcing both the State way; A. G. Jones, superintendent of laws and the Federal anti-trust act, the Norfolk division; E. T. Lamb, saying that the circuit court could not have taken jurisdiction if only the caster, Chattanooga; W. W. Croxton, State statutes had been involved. Tak- Norfolk: A. K. Posten, general agent ing up the Federal law and and analy- Southern Pacific railway. Washing-

to any of the classes provided for by

that law. The contention that the cause involved proprietary interests of the State was not allowed to influence the opinion. On that point the court said the injury was at most only remote and indirect. The court also refused to hold that Minnesota's dignity or rights as a State would be affected under article IV. of the Federal constitution by permitting the stock of corporations in the State to be held by an outside corporation like the securities company. Justice Harlan said the court could not think that the articles of the constitution had any bearing whatever on the question. He said in conclusion:

"For the reasons stated, we are opinion that the suit does not-to use the words of the act of 1875-really and substantially involve a dispute on controversy within the jurisdiction of the the growing of the Japanese rushes for court circuit for the purpose of a final decree. That being the case, the circuit court, following the mandate of the statute, should not have proceeded therein, but should have remanded the cause to the State court. The decree of the circuit court is revised and the cause is sent back with directions that will be remanded to the State court.

The opinion of the court was unan-

WELL KNOWN CITIZEN DEAD. Mr. Hauke Vollers Died at His Home on Second Street Yester-

Mr. Hanke Vollers, an honored and prominent citizen of this city died at his home at the corner of Second and Died at Her Home at Town Creek on Dock streets at 7:45 o'clock yesterday morning.

Mr. Vollers was born on October 19th. 1824, at Spaden, province of Hanover, Germany. In 1846 he left his native land and came to America, taking up his residence in Charleston, S. C., where he lived for two years. At the end of two years he left Charleston and came to Wilmington, and since that time, a at this term. The case was continued period of more than half a century, he and a most excellent and beloved wohas been prominently connected with man. She is survived by her husthe mercantile interests of this city Mr. Vollers was engaged in the mer- Mercer, one brother, Mr. J. B. Mercer cantile business while in Charleston and and one sister. Mrs. Emma J. Walker. he engaged in the same business when | both of this city. he reached Wilmington. He was for M. J. Corbett vs. Seaboard Aid Line | many years a member of the firm of afternoon at 2 o'clock from Zion M. E.

The deceased was one of the leading ones in founding St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church and since the church was first founded, he had aided it in many ways and was always a faithful W. T. Mercer vs, Tios. H. Wright. member. He was secretary up to a few plaintiff non-suited and ordered that years ago, when on account of failing health he was compelled to give up his position. Mr. Vollers was at one time a member of the board of aldermen, representing the Fourth ward.

When the German volunteers were organized Mr. Vollers was one of the business. To such a sufferer relief comes most earnest members and he was soon made first lieutenant. He gave valued service during the civil war.

In 1854 the deceased married Miss case, Anna Elizabeth Ohlandt, of Wulfsdorf, Province of Hanover, Bermany, but who at the time of her marriage was a resident of Charleston. Mr. Vollers is survived by his wife and an only great sufferer with backache, which I son, Mr. H. L. Vollers, president of the supposed to be rheumatism, and used wholesale grocery house of H. L. Vol. all the rheumatic cures I could get hold lers and a member of the board of of. I was completely laid up with it county commissioners. Others rela- and could scarcely get around, to do tives are. Mr. Ludwig Vollers, of my work was simply out of the ques-Point Caswell, a sister-in-law, Mrs. E. tion. My sister, reading about Doan's Vollers, and a niece, Mrs. H. L. Vollers. Kidney Pills, and knowing how I suf-

her most loyal and valued citizens. The funeral will be conducted this Pills." afternoon at 4 o'clock from the resi-Lutheran church, where services will Y., sole agents for the United States. 'be held at 4:30 o'clock. Interment will be in Oakdale cemetery.

FUNERAL OF W. A. TURK

MANY PROMINENT MEN IN AT-TENDANCE.

The Services Were Held in Christ Church, Raleigh-List of Bearers-State Officials at the Ser-

(Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., April 11.-The remains of William A. Turk, passenger traffic manager of the Southern railway, arrived from Washington on a special. They were accompanied by railway officials. The train was met by many others, as well as leading citizens. Many points in North Carolina were represented.

The remains were taken to Christ church directly upon arrival here, and there the funeral services were held, being concluded at Oakwood

Rev. Dr. M. M. Marshall, rector of Christ church, officiated. The pallbearers were: J. M. Culp, C. H. Ackert, L. S. Brown, J. A. Dodson, S. H. Hardwick, J. P. Minnetree, Washington, D. C.; A. S. Thweatt, New York; J. S. B . Thompson, W. H. Tayloe, Atlanta; J. H. Drake, Richmond; First Vice-President A. B. Andrews, M. T. Leach, Charles E. Johnson, V. E. Turner, Joseph G. Brown, Benehan Cameron, R. B. Raney, J. A. Duncan, John R. Ferrall and P. H. Andrews, of Raleigh.

Among the party which came on the special, besides the wife and children of Mr. Turk, were Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Turk, of Staunton, Va.; Mrs. Nannie Turk, of Washington; Joseph Richardson, chairman the Southeastern man, general passenger agent Western and Atlantic; L. Green, C. B. opinion, said that the circuit court Northrop, special attorney of the Southern railway; S. E. Bugess, Bal-Judge Harlan called attention to the secretary; J. A. Dodson, superintengeneral agent at Norfolk; C. A. Benzing its provisions , he said that it ton; W. V. Richards, industrial agent was clear that the case did not belong of the Southern railway; Thomas J. Pence, newspaper correspondent of Washington: Assistant Superintendent G. E. Payton, W. L. Pierce and Editor Albert Fairbrother, of Greens-

boro, and J. B. Graham, Durham. The attendance at the funeral was notably large, the Corporation Commission and all the state officers attending, except Governor Aycock, who is absent.

JAPANESE RUSH.

Car-load of Roots to be Planted in This Vicinity.

Mr. Lester H. Dewey, botanist in charge of fibre plants of the government, telegraphs that he has a car load of the roots to be planted as a test in matting, and that he will be here in about a week, when he desires to meet and consult with those who have agreed to attempt the cultivation of the reed. The shipment is to be divided between the planters here and at George town, S. C.

It will be remembered that Mr. Lester was in Wilmington several weeks ago for the purpose of getting some of the planters in this vicinity to agree to plant the roots as an experiment. The climatic conditions in this section of the state are said to be very similar to that of China and Japan where the plant is grown. If the plant can ge grown along the Atlantic coast successfully it will prove a great industry.

MRS. E. W. TAYLOR DEAD.

Sunday Morning.

Mrs. E. W. Taylor, wife of ex-Sheriff Taylor, of Brunswick county dled at her home at Town Creek, on last Sunday at 10 o'clock after a protracted illness. She was 54 years of age.

Mrs. Taylor was a devout Christian band, and aged mother, Mrs. A. J.

The funeral was conducted yesterday church, at Town Creek, by Rev. W. R.

CHEERLESS OUTLOOK.

How the Future Was Brightened For a Well Known Wilmington Man.

With an aching back that makes the daily toil a torture, and that robs sleep of its restful properties, the future holds out little promise to a man, no matter how successful he may be in like the dawn of the Arctic day. A Wilmington business man who found relief of this sort tells his story of his

A. V. Horrell, proprietor of a restaurant at 505 South Fourth street, says: "I used Doan's Kidney Pills and they did me a lot of good. I have been a The news of Mr. Vollers' death will fered, went to Bellamy's drug store and cause great sorrow in this city. He got me a box. They acted like a charm. was beloved by all who knew him and My backache, or rheumatism, or whatin his death Wilmington loses one of ever it was, has entirely left me, and I give all the credit to Doan's Kidney

For sale by all dealers, price 50 cents. dence, thence to St. Paul's vangelical Foster-Milburn Company, Buffalo, N. Remember the name - Doan's-and

take no substitute.