



NORTH CAROLINA SQUIBS.

Newspaper Gleanings from Cherokee to Currituck.

A sturgeon weighing 323 pounds was on the Greenville market last Friday. It was caught in a Dutch net below Washington.

The North Carolina Corundum Wheel Co. have completed their \$150,000 mining plant at Sylva.

The Farmers' Alliance have opened a general merchandise store at Durham, capital \$5000.

The post office at Clairmont, Catawba county, was burned recently and Elmore Cloninger, the deputy postmaster, has been arrested and bound over to the Federal Court at Statesville, charged with embezzling the money and stamps.

John F. Lifsey, who killed his brother-in-law, Chas. Key, at Garysburg last December, was tried at Northampton court last week, and the prisoner was acquitted. Senator Ransom was of counsel in the case and received a fee of \$1,000.

Fire at Kingston burned two residences and a church. The wind was very high. The loss is estimated at \$20,000. The business part of the town was not affected. The fire burned itself out.

At Raleigh Frank Batchelor, a son of the Hon. Joseph B. Batchelor, while out driving complained of a pain in his heart and soon afterward expired.

Abner Adams, of Watauga county, sold a beautiful curly walnut tree the other day to L. L. Concell, of the firm of Concell, Taylor & Co., of Elk Park, for the sum of \$435. The tree measured three and one-half feet through at the stump and is said to be curled from the roots to the end of the topmost twig. Such trees are of fabulous value. Mr. Concell may realize \$1,000 or \$1,500 for it.

Hoke Smith's Patronage Court.

[From the St. Louis Globe Democrat.] WASHINGTON, D. C.—Hoke Smith has introduced a novelty. He has established what might be called a patronage court. Finding himself best by the impetuous friends of rival candidates for a certain office, Secretary Smith informs them as fast as they call:

"Gentlemen, I will set a time when I will hear you in regard to the qualifications of your candidate."

He consults a memorandum book, which might be very well entitled, "the office-seekers' docket," and makes an entry, of which the following is an illustration:

"Saturday, April 8—Governor of Oklahoma, I p. m."

When the day and the hour come round the friends of the candidates assemble in the Secretary's office. The private secretary acts as outer guard, and informs all comers on other business that Secretary Smith is engaged. Promptly, when the little hand and the big hand on the clock indicate the appointment, Secretary Smith leans back in his big chair and asks:

"How many candidates are represented for this office?"

The partisans announce their candidates in turn. The Secretary keeps tab on the fingers of his left hand, bending down a finger as each candidate is announced.

"Five," he says, looking at the fingers when the names of entries cease.

"Now, how much time will you require?"

There is a hasty canvass in each group and then some scattering suggestions.

"Well," says Mr. Smith, "say an hour for each candidate. Will that be enough?"

Usually it is enough and more than enough. Secretary Smith calls the name of the candidate first in alphabetical order and the candidate's friends go at the biographical business with zeal.

Secretary Smith is patient in a big armchair. Hour after hour the praises are sounded. When all have finished the Secretary announces that his decision will be reported to the President of the United States. The patronage counties adjourn. Four sessions of the court were held during last week. Each was devoted to the office of a Territorial Governorship. The hearings were very spirited. The only thing that occurred to dampen the ardor of the proceedings was the complete reversal of one of the decisions of Secretary and Judge Hoke Smith. After a long and heated debate the friends of Mr. Lett got a verdict of the court that he was the man for Governor of Utah. Two days later the President nominated Caleb West for that office. Since then the partisans of Lett have been making sarcastic remarks about the patronage court.

A Lady Did the Carving.

The desk which Mrs. Cothen and Mrs. Kidder North Carolina World's Fair Commissioners, had constructed as a memorial to Virginia Dare, the first white child born in America, was made of white holly from Roanoke Island, Virginia Dare's birth place; was designed by Miss Kate Cheshire, of Tarboro. This desk is a tribute to the memory of Virginia Dare, from the women of this State, and will be sent to the World's Fair.

SHUT OUT THE BRIGGS MEN.

Ill Feeling in the Cincinnati Presbytery Over General Assembly Delegates.

CINCINNATI, O.—A very bitter feeling has been developed between the Smith and orthodox factions of the Presbyterian Church over the action of the conservatives in refusing to give the Briggs men a single delegate to the General Assembly, although they represent a large minority of the members of the Church and ministers in this Presbytery. The Rev. J. L. Taylor, one of the leading liberal ministers, said that the other side were trying to boycott him and other ministers who believed that the Scriptures were not absolutely without error. Everywhere he went to deliver sermons or addresses he learned that anonymous communications of warning had preceded him. It is said that at least five of the wealthiest churches in this vicinity have threatened to refuse to pay their assessment for the delegates to the General Assembly, because the men chosen are regarded as bigoted beyond any of the others who were named for delegates.

The orthodox side is also raising a howl. They charge that the liberals have circulated stories of difference in the orthodox churches, which threaten to lead to disruption and have led some of the ministers to resign. It is conceded by every one, except a few orthodox among the orthodox, that the Presbyterian Church in this section is in a bad way, and that if the General Assembly convicts Dr. Briggs there will probably be a schism.

The orthodox declare that they can, under all circumstances hold the churches but this is as vigorously denied, with the assertion that the courts have declared that, unless there is something in the charter of a church binding it to some particular form of worship, it can withdraw at any time by a majority vote of the members. Several of the wealthiest churches in the city are not bound by any such restrictions, and two of them are said to be getting ready to secede.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—The issue of Briggsism involved the Presbytery of Philadelphia North into fever heat at its second day's session in Germantown. The excitement was precipitated by Franklin L. Shepard, an Elder in the First Presbyterian church of Germantown, who introduced an overture to the General Assembly not to consider appeals from the Presbytery, but to direct that they be made to the Synod in the regular course so as to keep up the dignity of the Synod. Dr. Briggs' name was in everybody's mouth in a few minutes.

Elder Shepard thought Dr. Briggs was "an injury to the church," and if he remained it might cause disruption. The Rev. John Peacock thought the Synod of New York should not be able to look after the Briggs case.

The Rev. L. F. Benson said his blood boiled when he saw Presbytery after Presbytery ask the General Assembly to convict Dr. Briggs. He thought the Presbyterian churches were large enough to hold him. The Rev. Charles Wood thought Dr. Briggs would be stoned in the end. Elder Shepard withdrew his resolution.

PEACE LIGHTS ON BELGIUM.

The Country Barely Escapes Most Direful Calamity.

BRUSSELS, (Cablegram.)—A nation yesterday on the verge of civil war is today completely at peace. The air of terrible suspense like that which hangs over two great armies about to be hurled against each other has vanished. The escape from a dreadful slaughter was by the smallest chance.

The plans of the revolutionary leaders are now becoming known. They counted with good reason on turning the guns of the regular army, reinforced by the mob, against the Civic Guard and the police. The conflict would have been one of the most sanguinary in the history of the Government, and the monarchy itself would have been almost certainly overthrown. Then would have come Communist reign, foreign interference, and endless complications for all Europe.

It must be admitted that the leaders of the revolt have remarkable control over the people. The orders to return to work have been almost universally obeyed, and there has not been the slightest disturbance.

The agitation for universal suffrage without plural voting will be continued. It is not likely to lead to any such critical situation as that of Wednesday. If the demand is not granted by the present Parliament it probably will be the first Chamber chosen under the system adopted.

Fighting in Salisbury.

SALISBURY, N. C.—There was much excitement on the streets about 2:30 o'clock, caused by a personal encounter between Mayor T. C. Linn and Town Commissioner D. M. Miller. The difficulty occurred about the purchase of a rock crusher by the town. Several blows were struck and the faces of both gentlemen were considerably bruised. No weapons were used, but Mr. Miller accuses the mayor of having drawn a pistol and a pair of brass knuckles on him.

COLUMBUS CARAVELS.

The Arrive Towed by the Spanish Fleet.

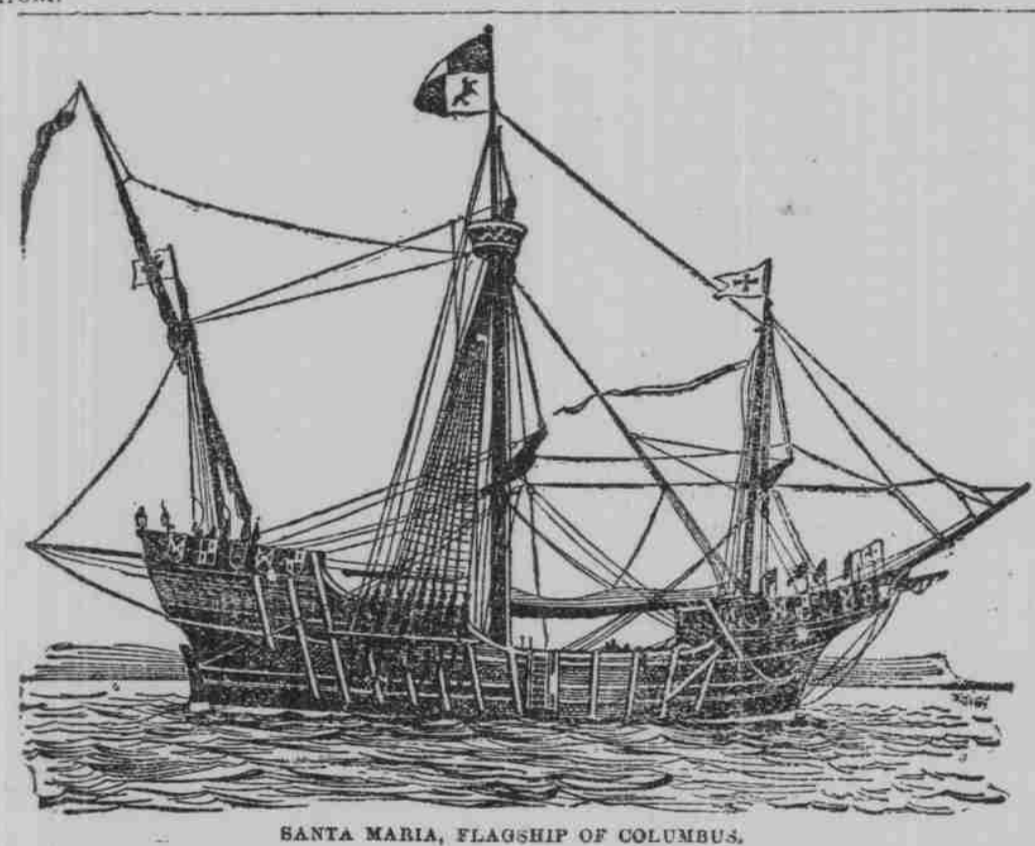
An Excessive Amount of Gunpowder Burned Again.

FORTRESS MONROE, VA.—The three Columbus caravels arrived here at 10:30 o'clock Friday morning in tow of three Spanish warships, and were received with great thunder of salutes and display of flags from the counties represented by the fleets. They dropped anchor at the end of the American line of vessels.

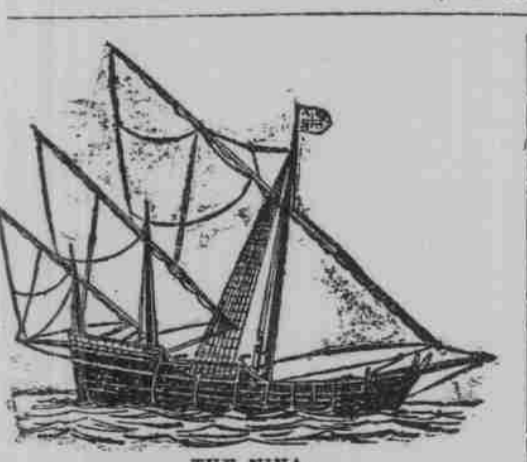
The day could not have been more beautiful or the scene more impressive as they came in the road, decorated from jib-boom to taffrail and with the flags of Castile and Aragon and of Queen Isabella standing out and fluttering in the gentle breeze. The little fleet was tumbled about on the Virginia coast Friday in a lively fashion by the northwest wind that blew all day, but it managed to make the Capes early in the morning, and, after taking pilots aboard, proceeded in.

At the head of the fleet was the unprotected cruiser, Infanta Isabel, towing the flagship Santa Maria, which displayed the flag of the admiral. Behind and a mile eastern came the torpedo vessel Neula Espana with the Nina as her charge, and in the latter's wake was the big black protected cruiser Reina Regente with the Pinta. They were towed by at least a quarter of a mile of hawser and looked like so many ducks sitting on the water with the feathers of their tails plucked. When off the fort the stars and stripes were thrown out and were saluted by the leader, the fort quickly responding.

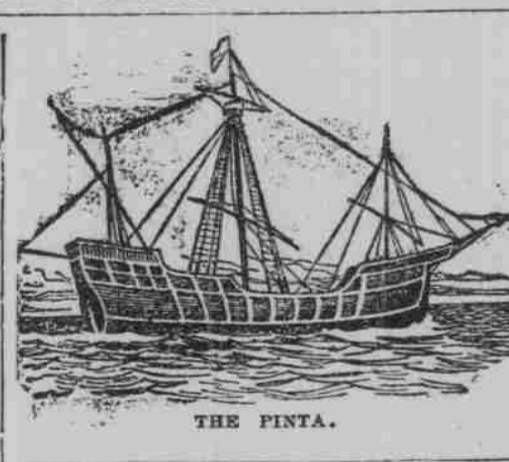
Before the Santa Maria was abreast of the Philadelphia, the Dutch frigate Van Speik ran up the Spanish colors and saluted them with thirteen rounds. Then the Russ an ship, General Admiral, commenced to salute and later every flagship in the harbor honored these curious looking craft and the country they came from.



SANTA MARIA, FLAGSHIP OF COLUMBUS.



THE NINA.



THE PINTA.

SOUTHERN NEWS BRIEFS.

Items of a General Nature and Other States.

Although nearly three decades have elapsed since the peace of Appomattox, there are still 162 of the 493 general officers of the Confederate army surviving.

There is a horse in Florida that becomes wildly excited and unmanageable whenever any one approaches him having a breath that smells of whiskey. He is not a Kentucky horse.

Gov. Brown, of Maryland, is the only one of the Southern Governors who takes the least pains with his moustache. The ends of it are twisted and waxed in truly French fashion. He is also the most fashionably dressed and stylish-looking of the Governors.

While Sam Small is writing poetry for an Atlanta newspaper his old rival, Sam Jones, is still beating his record in saving souls. A revival conducted by the Rev. Jones at Bowling Green, Ky., last week, resulted in the "profession" of religion by 3,500 of the ungolly of that city.

Bishop Key, of the Southern Methodist Episcopal Church, who was recently married at Sherman, Texas, to Mrs. L. A. Kidd, president of the North Texas Female College, the ceremony being performed by Bishop Galloway, is a little over 50 years old and is said to be the finest looking of the Southern Methodist Bishops.

The liquor dealers of South Carolina, it is announced, will fight the new dispensary law of the State from the lowest court to the highest.

VIRGINIA HAPPENINGS.

The Latest News Items in the Old Dominion.

A new bank has commenced business at Martinsville, known as the Farmers Bank.

Both the Presbyterian and Episcopal pastors at Abingdon resigned last week. Rev. J. J. Loyd of the latter having a call from Lynchburg.

Ollie Brown, a 12 year white boy of Richmond met his death Thursday by falling under a lumber wagon.

The eightieth anniversary meeting of the Virginia Bible Society was held last week at the Grace-street Presbyterian church Richmond.

The Roanoke Machine Works has received orders for eighteen locomotives, thirty cabin cars and two wrecking cars, the whole aggregating about \$208,500, in value.

The Governor has granted three pardons, viz: J. W. Fairfield, sentenced in 1890 to 10 years for stealing; Jacob Smith who had served one out of three years for grand larceny; Walter Miller who was sentenced in 1878 for 23 years for house burning.

August 9th has been named as the day for the gathering of Virginians at the Chicago Fair. On that day the two hundred and seventy-fourth anniversary of the assembling at Jamestown of the first representative legislative body of Americans will occur.

A Richmond newspaper expresses the hope that "a real Confederate dinner" will be served at the Memorial Bazaar. Such a spread would comprise "rye coffee, 'slapjacks, sorghum, Nassau pork, rice soup, potato pie and other delicacies that please the palates of the boys when they got big boxes from home."

140 Mules Burned.

ATLANTA, GA.—The City Stables were destroyed by fire and 140 mules perished in the flames. Loss \$30,000; insurance \$10,000.

PALMETTO CHIPS.

News and Notes From Here, There & Everywhere in South Carolina.

The Girls of Converse College, Spartanburg, had an Arbor Day all of their own last Friday, and planted many trees.

Work on the Cathedral at Charleston is progressing. None but Charleston workmen have been engaged on the building.

Farmers' barns are being burned by incendiaries through Spartanburg and Orangeburg counties.

The Charleston, Sumter & Northern Railroad Co. is enlarging its Sumter machine shops, putting in a foundry, blast furnace, etc.

The Home Insurance Company of Columbia has decided to go out of business. The company has been in business for about three years.

Work has begun on the extension of the Atlantic Coast Line of their branch from Sumter to Remini, 2) miles south-west, via Orangeburg, to Denmark, connecting there with the South Carolina and South Bound Railways.

Mack Shelton, a white convict from Charleston County, made his escape from the penitentiary Thursday. He was under a two years' sentence for burglary and only had seven months long to serve. He is a skilled mechanic and made himself a duplicate key, which he used to unlock the door to the post from which he escaped.

The sinking fund commission of South Carolina, which had power granted by the legislature about a year ago to assume control of and lease the oyster beds of that State, has now taken the matter in hand and is granting leases to responsible applicants. By a wise provision of the law each lease is for twenty years, and during each year the lessee is required to replant one twentieth part of his territory thus insuring the replanting of the entire area by the time the lease expires. The rental charged will vary from ten cents to one dollar per acre annually.

A New Profession--The Cutter-Out.

[From the Saturday Review.] The world is over-populated with amiable, good looking young men: highly educated, healthy and wholly incapable of earning their livelihoods. No opportunity can provide berths for all of them, but some might be employed as "cutter-outs." This is a new profession. The duties of the cutter-out are few, simple and agreeable. He or she has merely to make love and to ride away. Thus, put case that some one's daughter, niece, or it may be, favorite cousin, has become engaged to a man who is not liked by the family. To resist her choice is futile. Opposition merely fans the flame of passion. So you send a note or telegram to the central office of the "Society for the Utilization of Johnnies," and they dispatch a cutter-out. He is young, handsome, agreeable, perhaps a lord or an honorable, a baronet, very likely. His duty may be explained in a word—he is to cut out the young lady's affianced lover, to make her out of conceit with that disagreeable person, and then to retire gracefully to some outlandish part of the globe. The scheme is peculiarly valuable to parents, but any one may make use of it. Of course there may also be, and should be, female cutter-outs, to be slipped at young men who have entangled their affections undesirably. Lord Algernon is fond of the rector's daughter, of the gardener's daughter, of whom you will. Instead of crying if you are the Duke, you send up to the central depot for a really first class cutter-out, married lady preferred. In a very few weeks the rector's daughter, or the gardener's daughter is as disconsolate as Calypso, and then the cutter-out disappears, carrying with her the respectful homage of the family whom she has rescued.

THE NEW RAILROAD UNION.

It Enters the Field with a List of Officers and 11,000 Members.

CHICAGO, ILL.—The members of the various labor organizations that have been in daily session during the past week, participating in the new national railway order, which will be known as the American Railway Union, finished their preliminary work.

The officers elected are: Executive Board—Eugene V. Debs, George W. Howard, W. S. Mismser, S. Keilber, W. H. Sebring, L. W. Rogers, F. W. Arnold, Henry Walton, and J. A. Clarke. The Board elected the following officers for the year: Eugene V. Debs, President; George W. Howard, First Vice-President; W. S. Mismser, Second Vice-President, and S. Keilber, Secretary.

It has been decided that the Eastern country will be divided into districts, and one member of the Executive Board will be assigned to a special district, which will put nine organizers into the field at once. The entire membership of the Order of Railway Carmen have already voted to join the new order. This will start the new union with 154 lodges, having a membership of nearly 10,000.

Late News Briefs.

A Sylvania, Ga., merchant, who has a lot of crinoides left over from the old days, has placed them on sale in his store.

A divorce was recently granted to a woman at Paris, Tex., and five minutes later she faced the judge with another man and was married.

Suits for \$207,000 have been filed against the city of Atlanta, Ga., by people who claim that their health has been injured through miasma from the city dumping grounds.

Joseph R. Combs and wife, of Houston, Ind., were married thirty-five years ago. About a year ago differences arose between them, and on Saturday they were remarried.

The ladies of Dresden have been holding a riding tournament, the honors of the joust being won by a young English girl, Miss Theresa Brooks. Her final exploit was the driving of a pair of horses tandem while riding her own horse at full speed.

While being transferred from the prison at Banks to Newport, in Georgia, a prisoner leaped from the train while it was going at the rate of thirty-five miles an hour. The train was instantly stopped and a search made, which proved unsuccessful.

Out of one hundred men whom you will meet in Tobacco, Mexico, scarcely ten are able to read, and two out of every three are held by their creditors as slaves for debt. There are about 500,000 Mexicans in this form of slavery. The people often fall into debt through paying the exorbitant marriage fee asked by the priest, and another large fee is exacted at the baptism of each child, each baptism requiring the entire wages of at least two weeks.

SWALLOWED A WHEAT BEARD.

But Pennell Would Have Got Well if His Bull Hadn't Gored Him.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.—Frank Pennell, one of the best known farmers in Middlesex county, died at Franklin Park of lockjaw. About a week ago he inhaled a wheat beard, which lodged in his throat and caused much irritation. Efforts of physicians to remove the beard were fruitless, but the man might have got well had he not had an experience with a fine Holstein bull on Friday.

The animal has always been regarded as tame; but on Friday, as Mr. Pennell was leaving the forty acre field on his place, he became conscious of the rapid approach of the bull from behind. Mr. Pennell made for the fence as fast as possible. The bull was nearly upon him when he was within a few feet of the fence. He dropped down, hoping the enraged animal would rush by him. The bull did pass him, just stepping on his right arm. Then Pennell jumped up and attempted to gain the fence. The beast turned on him, and one of his horns was jammed into the man's neck. The animal then rushed off in another direction. Mr. Pennell was able to stagger to the house, where the sight of the terrible wound in his neck and his pale face caused his wife to faint. The four young children ran screaming from the house.

Physicians said that despite the wound made by the bull they might have saved Mr. Pennell's life, but for the ailment in his throat caused by the wheat beard. Lockjaw set in immediately, and he died in a terrible agony.

EX-PRESIDENT DAVIS.

His Bid to Leave New Orleans on May 27th Twenty-Eighth.

An Atlanta dispatch says: It is announced that the body of Jefferson Davis will be in state here on the 29th day of May while en route to its final resting place at Richmond. It is officially announced by the committee of Fulton County Confederate Veterans' Association, of which Mr. Davis was one of the two honorary members—Henry W. Grady being the other—that the body would leave New Orleans on the night of May 28th, accompanied by an escort from the Louisiana veterans.

Montgomery will be reached early in the morning of the 29th. The funeral train will arrive in Atlanta about 4 o'clock on the afternoon of the 29th, and the body will be conveyed to the State capitol, where it will remain until about 7 o'clock, leaving at 8 o'clock for Richmond. The Confederate Veterans' Association will, in a body, meet the funeral train and accompany the remains to the capitol and back to the depot. A committee will go on to Richmond with the remains to the depot.

ONLY \$40,000 LEFT.

A Million and Three Quarters Dollars Goes to Europe.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Treasury Department was advised that during the day \$1,750,000 in gold had been withdrawn from the New York sub Treasury for shipment to Europe by a steamer sailing Tuesday.

The day began with \$1,790,560 in free gold in the Treasury. Deducting this amount taken out there is now left \$40,560 of free gold in the Treasury. The Treasury officials are encouraged to hope that by Saturday, the next shipping day, the free gold will be increased to a sufficient sum to meet the export demand.

Secretary Carlisle continues to decline to talk on the situation.

Florida Will be There.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA.—In a westbound freight over the Savannah, Florida and Western Railroad there are fifteen cars loaded with Florida products and manufactures for exhibit in the Florida State building at the World's Fair. They include agricultural and mineral products, many varieties of woods, educational work, art exhibits, fruit, (natural and preserved), botanical specimens, etc. State Commissioner A. O. Jackson will have most of this material in place before the opening day of the Exposition.

SERVIAN COUP D'ETAT.

Alexander Arrests His Regents and Assumes the Crown.



One of the boldest political strokes that has startled modern Europe was the coup d'etat of young Alexander, King of Serbia, on the 1st of April, in one night and without bloodshed, he arrested the three Regents who were administering the Government during his minority, and had himself proclaimed King in the cathedral at Belgrade. He is only seventeen years old, but is a well-developed and amiable man, who seems to thoroughly appreciate the high responsibility resting upon him.

A FATAL SERENADE.

A Farmer, Newly Wedded, Kills Two of His Annoyers.

TOPEKA, KAN.—The frontier idea of celebrating a wedding by the beating of tin pans and firing of guns was responsible for three deaths at a chautauk near Ness City. A young farmer by the name of Anderson was married, and brought his bride to the little cottage he had provided for her. A number of hoodlums in the community thought it would be proper to give them a reception.

About fifty gathered around the place at midnight, and commenced making a deafening noise. One cowboy had borrowed a double barreled shotgun which was loaded with buckshot. He was drunk, and instead of shooting in the air, fired both loads at the frame of the cottage. Anderson and his wife narrowly escaped being killed.

TO EXCLUDE ULSTER.

A Move to Leave the Province Under Imperial Rule.

LOSOS, (Cablegram.)—An important statement is made in regard to the Irish Home Rule bill. It is to the effect that when the bill reaches the committee stage a large section of Radicals will support a proposal to leave the counties of Londonderry, Antrim, Down and Armagh, in the province of Ulster under imperial rule.

These being the counties in which the Unionist element is strongest, and antagonism to the Irish Home Rule bill therefore pronounced, it is considered doubtful that Mr. Gladstone would assent to such a scheme, even if the Irish Nationalist members are willing to do so. The proposition means a division of Ireland, and the Irish Legislature created under it would represent only a portion of the country.

No More Gold Certificates.

Secretary Carlisle Saturday directed the sub-treasurers throughout the United States to issue no more gold certificates at present. In doing so he simply obeyed the law, which provides that the Secretary of the Treasury shall suspend the issue of such gold certificates whenever the amount of gold coin and gold bullion in the treasury reserved for the redemption of United States notes falls below \$100,000,000.

In explaining his action on this subject, Secretary Carlisle said that while \$100,000,000 gold reserve had not yet been reached, he was so close to it that prudence dictated that no more gold certificates would be issued.

Keeley Strikes It Rich.

CHICAGO, ILL.—Unless some unforeseen obstacle comes in the way the famous rich mine of gold ore for drunkards will pass out of the hands of the Leslie Keeley Company. The price to be paid is \$10,000,000 and a New York syndicate of capitalists is the purchaser, and all that is necessary to consummate the sale is Dr. Keeley's signature to the contract, in which he agrees not to enter into the same business again.

A World's Fair Horror.

CHICAGO, ILL.—While one of the heavy guns forming part of the Government exhibit at the World's Fair was being hoisted into place the tackle broke and the gun fell on two of the men at work upon it. J. W. Walker was flattened into a pulp, and Corporal W. J. Keary was badly mangled. The gun weighs fourteen tons.

The Young Man's Age.

Secretary Carlisle's advisers are men of young years and of even younger appearance. Hamilton, first assistant secretary of the treasury, is 36 and looks 33; Eckels, comptroller of the treasury, is 34, smooth-shaven and boyish, and W. E. Curtis, the other assistant secretary, is 33.

A New Phase of the Insanity Dodge.

LOUISVILLE, KY.—The attorneys of A. R. Sutton have decided to account for his prodigious lying and erroneous figures on the ground that he is and has been insane. The defence, so common in murder trials, has the attraction of novelty in a trial for forgery.