QUEEN VICTORIA'S DECLINING DAYS

Pathetic Picture of Her Final Hours.

MONTHS A MENTAL WRECK

The End Hastened by the Horrors of the South African War and Death of Relatives - Her Majesty a Mental Wreck For Months.

New York, Jan. 21 .- A dispatch to The World from London says:

Your correspondent has obtained from a source within court circles the first comprehensive and actual account of the queen's illness that has been given out.



These facts have placed the illness of deen in a startling and pathetic light. They show that her mind has been failing for months, even before her visit to Ireland. She had been a mental wreck for months. Whenever it was officially announced that she made felicitous responses to speeches at public functions it is a matter of cold fact that the poor old queen was in such a daze that all she could say to her companions was: "Where am I?"

Several times when she has appeared in public during the past six or eight months she has fallen asleep. Had it been anyone else but the queen of England it would have been plain long ago that the malady was senile decay. And that truthfully is what afflicts Victoria.

But for her physical breaking up of the past week, an attack of paralysis in the left side, it would have been possible for the court and the royal household to have kept from the British people knowledge of her mental decay for an indefinite period. For the queen had lapses of intellectual vigor, but these were more interesting to her than her periods of mental density.

Horrors of War. When her brain was clear she immediately reverted to the horrors of the

war in South Africa. Again and again she harped upon the war. This war, which she strove with all her power to avert, made the last hours of England's queen, who reigned happily longer than most men live, most wretched and miserable. In her lucid intervals it haunted her incessantly.

The queen's strong constitution manifested the first symptoms of serious decay during the stay of the court at is supposed that he and his brother Windsor in November and December. 1899, when evil tidings of the South Af- was near by where the children were. rican war, which began the previous A neighbor aw smoke coming from the October, began to arrive in rapid suc-

The queen did not look for any serious disaster to her army. She expected nothing but a series of quick, easy victories. Instead, disaster followed disaster every few days.

General Buller, before leaving England for the South African campaign, assured the queen that the war would be "difficult, but not dangerous." In consequence of news of the many reverses which came to her with added severity, she felt that she had been deceived, and never forgave Buller. When his name was submitted to her for a visit to Windsor after his return from South Africa, she stroked it through It was at this time that the queen had

fits of crying in an aggravated form, which immediately preceded her present critical illness.

The assassination of the king of Italy last July shocked her deeply. The news of the illness of her eldest child, Empress Frederick, added greatly to her distress. and the fact that she was physically unable to visit the empress and see her before either died made her nervous and

Later came the death of her second son, the Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha (Edinburg), which in a few weeks was followed by the death of her grandson, Prince Christian Victor, son of her daughter Helena, wife of Prince Christian of Schleswig-Holstein.

The prospect of an indefinite prolongation of the war was a trial under which her health again began to sink in No-vember last. Her spirit remained un-Female college here on Saturday the daunted, and when it was reported that President Kruger had said the war would claim her as one of its victims. the queen declared: "I may die, but Mr. Kruger won't kill ma."

Sleepless Nights. While the queen has been sleepless at night, she has long had strange fits of

drowsiness in the daytime. When her mind has been clear the queen has tried valiantly to combat this failing. The court officials have also worked hard to keep her from sleeping at the wrong The last time she drove outside the

grounds of Osborne the villagers of East Cowes were astounded to hear the clear treble of the son of the Prince of Battenberg trilling out popular songs from the royal carriage.

The boy was singing to keep his grandmother awake, in obedience to her wishes. Now and again she dozed, waking to tell the boy to continue his chant, which to the uninitiated onlook-

er contained a world of pathos. The queen drove about in her donkey chaise within the grounds of Osborne House for the last time on Tuesday. The Duchess of Edinburg, or Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, was her companion. On her return to the castle the queen was asleep. In that condition she was carried to her bed, never to rise again. On Thursday the queen had a stroke

of paralysis. Since then she has been

in a comatose condition.

CINCINNATI CAPITALISTS To Make an batensive Tour of the Southern States.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Jan. 19. - Some time ago the Commercial club of Cincinnati invited Mr. D. A. Tompkins of Charlotte to make an address to the club on Southern Industrial Development. After this address the subject of organizing in Cincinnati a party to make an industrial tour from that city through the Piedmont region to the South Atlantic coast and return to Cincinnati was discussed. Mr. Samuel Spencer, president of the Southern railway, promptly agreed to furnish a train for

the use of a representative party.

The party will consist of 20 to 30 of the most representative citizens of Cincinnati and the Ohio valley. The places to be visited are not yet determined upon, nor is the route definitely fixed, but it is contemplated leaving Cincinnati the night of Feb. 6, thence probably to Knoxville, Asheville, Charlotte, Columbia, Charleston, Savannah, At-lanta, Chattanooga and Cincinnati.

The purpose of the tour is to promote commercial relations between the southern manufacturing districts and the South Atlantic ports, on the one side, and Cincinnati and Ohio valley and the northwest on the other.

TO REDUCE YARN OUTPUT Action of the Southern Yarn Spinners'

Association. 7 CHARLOTTE, N. C. Jan. 19 .- At a meeting of the Southern Hosiery Yarn Spinners' association here yesterday afternoon a resolution was passed that production of soft yarns should be cur-

About 150 000 spindles engaged in the tears. manufacture of soft yarns used for hosiery were represented by personal owners or proxy. President Adamson of ing last night that he expected that the order passed by the association will have the effect of stopping all night work in the mills represented. The former schedule of prices was or-

dered vacated, for the reason, it was stated, that the members of the associaation expected higher prices as a result of the agreement to curtail production. This association numbers among its membership about 95 per cent of the spindles of the south engaged in the manufacture of soft yarns, and it is expected that the action taken at the meeting will have an immediate effect upon the output of the hosiery yarn product.

North Carolina's Textile Industries. RALEIGH, Jan. 19 -The state labor commissioner's annual report shows that on June 30 last there were in operation in North Carolina 185 cotton mills, 30 knitting and 11 woolen. Today he finished a supplemental report, showing the mills which began operations between June 30 and the first of the present month. There were 19 of these, and they have 184,000 spindles and 3,600 looms, bringing the total up to 1,481,771 spindles and 33,289 looms. There are 18 mills in course of construction. Some of these are very large and their total of spindles will probably exceed 200,000.

Boy Burned to Death.

DURHAM, N. C., Jan. 21. - Saturday afternoon, Barney, the 4-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. M. Haskell, who reside on Pine street, was burned to death. It were trying to make a fire, as an oil can room and ran in and seeing the child on fire made an effort to extinguish the flames, which he finally succeeded in doing, but not until the child was burned fataily.

Niece of Late Gov. Brown Married. GREENVILLE, S. C., Jan. 19.-Professor John C. West of Pelzer and Miss Martha Eloise Brown were married at Belton at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. A. B. Byrd, yesterday. A large number of prominent people of this State and Georgia witnessed the ceremony. The bride is a niece of the late Senator Joseph E. Brown, of Georgia. She is a very handsome and brilliant woman and has a large circle of

friends in this and other States. Woods Full of Moonshiners,

GREENVILLE, S. C., Jan. 19 .- Deputy Marshals Carson and Phillips have returned from a raid in the dark corner. bringing J. Luther Thomas, caught in a moonshine still near Brettell, a postoffice in the "Dark Corner." The marshals were followed and fired on from ambush by friends of the prisoner at several points, but were not hit. They report the woods full of stills all through the mountains, probably because there have been no raids recently. Stonewall Jackson's Widow.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Jan. 21.-Interest-

ing services, commemorative of Lee's principal feature of which was the presentation of crosses of honor to confedwidow of the illustrious Stonewall Jackson, pinned the crosses on the coats of the veterans.

Price of a Bale of Cotton.

NEWTON, N. C., Jan. 21 .- Mr. John E Setzer killed a hog the other day which so far breaks the record in this county. It weighed 588 pounds. It was sold to the Maiden cotton mills store at 8 cents a pound. This was letin posted at the Mansion House reads \$47.04, about the value of a bale of coston or a common work horse.

Terrible Accident.

THOMASVILLE, N. C., Jan. 21 .- A terrible accident happened at the veneer works Saturday afternoon. Five workmen, all negroes, fell into the steaming tank. Yance, who was scalded the worst, died last night. The others will recover if the proper care is taken of

A Charleston Fallure.

CHARLESTON, Jan. 21 .- A petition in voluntary bankruptcy has been filed in the United States district court here for Follin Bros., wholesale and retail to borne ride through Cowes at intervals. bacco dealers. The liabilities of the bacco dealers. The liabilities of the at breakneck speed, sending off the firm are 140,000, with assets amounting latest tidings to officials and foreign

THE QUEEN IS DEAD! LONG LIVE THE KING!

A Noble and Most Illustrious Life Ended.

Surrounded by iler Children and Grandeh! dren, the Queen of Great

ly and Peacefully Passes Away. OSBORNE HOUSE, Isle of Wight, Jan. 22-6:45 P. M.-Her majesty the queen breathed her last at 6:30 n. m., surrounded by her children and grandchildren. (Signed) James Reid, R. Douglass Powell, Thomas Barlow.

LONDON, Jan. 22-7:07 P. M.-The text of the Prince of Wales' message to the lord mayor is as follows: OSBORNE, 6:45 P. M.-My beloved mother has just passed away, surround-

ed by her children and grandchildren.

(Signed)

Albert Edward.

Cowes, Jan. 22 .- The queen is said to have bade farewell in a feeble monosyllable to her family assembled at her bed side at midday. She first recognized the Prince of Wales, to whom she spoke a few words of great moment. Emperor William, with the others present, filed past and heard a whispered goodbye. All those in the bedroom were in

VICTORIA'S LAST HOURS.

the Death Chamber. LONDON, Jan. 22,-1:40 P. M.-The gloomy faces of the crowds incessantly approaching the bulletin board at the Mansion House indicate how little the public hope to receive better news of the condition of the queen. All ages and conditions of women and even children are content to spend a long time in waiting their turn to get within reading distance of the board.

As the throng moves slowly past the notice board those who are unable to get there personally are sending messenger boys with notebooks and pencils to bring the text of everything posted. The grief of all is evident Never were there so many black ties in the city before the actual arrival of a time of general mourning, and nobody mingling with the crowds can doubt for a moment that everybody in them has a keen. personal interest in the queen's condi-

Mr. Balfour, the first lord of the treasury, and the children of the Duchess of Connaught have started for Osborne. Mr. Balfour, it is said, goes as the representative of the premier, Lord Salisbury. The summoning of Mr. Balfour and the Connaught children is regarded as indicating that the end of Queen Victoria is fast approaching.

Preparing For Eventualities. The arrangements are already practically complete for meetings of the privy council and parliament, the statutes providing that they shall assemble immediately on the death of a sovereign. The privy councillors could gather together within a few hours. The ministers will attend, give up their seats of office, be resworn, receive the proclamation of the new king, pass votes of condolence and congratulation. and adjourned.

After giving up their seals, the ministers will receive them back from the new ruler. The privy councillors will also be sworn afresh, and parliament will assemble within 24 hours of the death of the queen, in accordance with recedent in the course of George

Laperor William's yacht Hohenzollern has been ordered to leave Kiel immediately. She is expected to arrive at Cowes Friday. No arrangements have been made for Emperor William's return to Germany, which is dependent upon eventualities.

Remarkable Scene.

There was a remarkable scene outside of the Mansion House early this afternoon. On the receipt of the alarming reports something resembling a groan was uttered by the hundreds of people assembled, and then some one started to sing the national anthem. All heads were bared, and in a moment the crowds were singing "God Save the Queen' with a fervor proving how earnestly they wish for her recovery. The passengers in passing carriages, cabs and omnibuses joined in the singing, the drivers reverently doffing their hats.

BERLIN, Jan. 21-2:30P. M.-The correspondent of the Associated Press here learns from an official source that Queen Victoria recognized Emperor William when the latter went to her bedsides vesterday by giving a sign of joy. She was unable to converse with him. It is erate veterans. Mrs. Anna Jackson, not known how long the emperor will stay in England.

Cowes, Isle of Wight, Jan. 23-4 P. M. -The end is very near. The Prince of Wales has not left the vicinity of the queen's bedroom since 9 a. m. Emperor William and all the royal family is near her majesty's bedside.

LONDON, Jan. 22-4:55 P. M -A bulas follows:

OSBORNE, Jan. 22-4 P. M.-My painful duty obliges me to inform you that the life of our beloved queen is in the greatest danger. Albert Edward. (Signed)

Cowes, Jan. 22-Noon.-News from Osborne house confirms the belief of every one that the death of her majesty is imminent, and its announcement at any moment would not be a surprise. The weather is cold and rainy. Beyond the newspaper correspondents few persons are about the gate of the royal residence. Mounted messengers from Os-

courts. The rector of Whippingham church remained at Osborne through-out the morning. None of the royal personages has gone driving or walking. It is appearated that Emperor William of Germany will not leave today. H.r m jesty has recognized several members of the royal family who are

there. The queen is now sleeping.

The papers devote columns of space to historical and personal reminiscences and the scenes and incidents of the queen's life. Emphasis is laid on the fact that her majesty is now paying the penalty for her devotion to affairs of state. It is generally recommend that END CAME THIS EVENING state. It is generally recognized that until a few days ago there was no hard-er worker in the kingdom. Roughly estimated, she signed 50,000 documents Britain and Empress of and a Calm-

> No dispatch of any gravity was ever ssued from the foreign office until seen by the queen, and some idea of the work thus entailed is gathered from the fact that the foreign office handles considerably over 1,000 dispatches weekly. A Hard Worker.

> After every sitting of the house mmons the government secretary in the house was in the habit of forwarding to the queen an abstruct of the business done. She personally attended to these and frequently returned them with marginal notes asking explana-

> hilen Terry's appearance at Sandring-ham before the queen is recalled as being the only occasion when her majesty ever prompted an actress. The queen gave her the cue, very softly. As Miss Terry did not take the cue, the queen repeated it more loudly, and the actress, suppressing her merriment, accepted the cue and proceeded with her part.

Pathetic Incident. Of pathetic interest now is the inscription on the last wreath from the queen which was placed on the bishop of London's coffin Thursday last. It does not bear her own siguature, and this is the first instance on record of such a hapening. It was regarded at the time the court officials of serious import. Lord Clarendon, the new lord chamberlain, with Prince Christian of Schleswig-Holstein and the Duke of Argyll, arrived at Osberne this afternoon. It is the lord chamberlain, who, with the Bishop of Canterbury, announces to a new monarch his accession to the throne.

Mansion House, London, Jan. 15-4:47 p. m.-In reply to the Prince of Wales' message, the lord mayor, Mr. Frank Greene, dispatched the following:

"I have received your royal highness sad intimation with profound grief which is shared by the citizens of London, who still pray that, under divine Providence, the irreparable loss to her majesty's devoted family and loyal subjects throughout the empire may still be averted. Will your royal highness be pleased to accept this heartfelt expression of my deep and sincere sympa-

SEABOARD AIR LINE WORK. Efforts Being Made to Improve School houses and Yards.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Jan. 22.-Mrs. E. G. McCabe, general director of school work for the Seaboard Air Line Industrial association, has just issued two circular letters to the people along the line of the Seaboard Air Line, between Richmond and Florida. The first one asks for the opinion of the resident along the line as to the work and for suggestions that will aid in beautifying the schoolhouses. In the first letter she explains that where schoolhouses have been painted and renovated she wil send cards, which will induce children to plant flowers, etc., around the build

The second letter is one of more im portance, and is worthy of production for the benefit of readers along the lin of the railroad, as it contains a requesfor the names of white schools along the line of the road or within 10 miles o the railway station.

This means much for the country schools, where a library is an unknown quantity, and where there is always so

much room for improvement. The day set apart for the planting o trees at the schoolhouses along the line of the Seaboard Air Line is set for March 20, and will be known as Seaboard Air Line Arbor Day. There will also be a flag day with a celebration.

Escaped Prisoners Recaptured. SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 22.-Five on of eight prisoners who escaped from th United States transports at Hong Kons have been recaptured, according to the Shanghai Mercury, copies of which have reached this city.

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GUILTY OF MURDER IN SECOND DEGREE

Verdict Against Three of Jennie Bosschieter's Slayers.

PRISONERS WILL APPEAL

*My Darling Jennie Is Avenged at Last!" Exclaimed the Mother of the Murdered Girl-The State Attorney Satisfied With the Result.

PATERSON, N. J., Jan. 19. - Walter C. McAllister, Andrew J. Campbell and William A. Death, three of the four persons indicted for the death of Jennie Bosscheiter, a mill girl, who was murdered on the night of Oct. 18 last, were last night adjudged guilty of murder in the second degree. According to the New Jersey law, the maximum penalty for the prisoners is 30 years imprison-

The mother of the murdered girl said,

"My darling Jennie is avenged at last. The killing was not so bad, but—but—oh—it was awful, awful. We hoped they would receive the same fate as they gave to Jennie, but that could not bring her back."

Prosecuting Attorney E- ley said: "The state is content, secause the state and its represent ves have done their full duty. Person ly there never has been vindictiveness in my heart." One of the counsel for the prisoners said he considered the verdict a victory

for the defense. Michael Dunn, counsel for Campbell and Death, said that the case would be appealed on error. It may be 18 months before the final adjudication of the case. Prosecutor Emley said after the ver-dict that Kerr would be tried some time during the present term, but he could not at present fix the date.

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INDUSTRIES IN THE SOUTH New Developments Reported During the Past Week.

CHATTANOOGA, Jan. 21 .- Among the more important of the new industries Decatur, Ala., and Augusta, Ga.; coal mining company at Birmingham, Ala.; a \$100,000 cotton mill at Statesville, N. C., distilleries at Medoc, N. C.; a \$80,-000 company to manufacture druggists' specialties at Chattanooga; an electric light plant at Red Springs, N. C.; a foundry at Hickory, N. C.; a \$750,000 gas company at Atlanta, Ga.; a \$40,000 grain elevator at Montgomery, Ala.; an ice factory at Dawson, Ga.; a \$200,000 land company at Raleigh, N. C.; a land-dry at Red Springs, N. C.; a light and water company at Marion, N. C.; a \$40,000 lumber company at Jacksonville, Fla., and Lexington, N. C.; a paint fac-tory at Wilmington, N. C.; a planing mill at Athens, Ga.; a sash and door factory at Jonesboro, N. C.; sawmills at Silver Spring and Tallahassee, Fla.

YOUNG TARHEEL CRIMINALS North Carolina Legislature Asked to Establish Reformatory.

RALEIGH, Jan. 22. - There was a hearing yesterday before the committees on penal institutions of the two houses on a bill establishing a state reformatory for young criminals. Many prominent persons were present. It was stated that every judge had for ten years urged the establishment of a reformatory. The chairman of the state penitentiary board said he had investigated the records and found that during the past five years only five white boys and no white girls under 16 had been admitted. while 101 negro boys and 12 girls had been admitted.

President and Mrs McKinley. WASHINGTON, Jan. 21. - President Me-Kinley has almost completely recovered from his recent illness and was in his office at the usual time this morning. His work for the present, however, will be confined to such as requires immediate attention, and he will receive only such callers as have urgent business with him. Mrs. McKinley's health is quite good.

Can't Take New Company In. ATLANTA, Jan. 22.-Although Americus boasts of a new military company. the new organization will not be admitted into the state militia. There is no room for the company, and as a regult it will be necessary for the loys to wait until there is a vacancy, so de-plares the adjutant general.

No Negroes and No Indians. RALEIGH. Jan. 22.—In the house yesterday Mr. Carson (Rep.) introduced a bill to amend the constitution so as to eliminate negroes and Indians in mak-ing appointments for congressional and judicial districts.

SOMEWHAT TOO PREVIOUS Sanator Tillman's Election Was

Week Ahead of Time. COTTINEIA, S. C., Jan. 18 .- A Washngton special says:

Carolina to have me remain in the sea-ate that they have actually elected me a week ahead of the time appointed by law for them to act.

This is the way Senator Tillman commented, good naturedly, upon the premature action of the state legislature in passing upon his election last Tuesday, when, according to law, the formality should not have taken place until next

"I suppose," added Senator Tillman, "our state legislature, which is naturally Democratic, was so eager to carry out the verdict of the people, expressed in the primaries last summer, that the lawyers of that body neglected to consult the constitution, which provides that the election of senators shall be held on the second Tuesday after the legislature meets and organizes. It makes and organized the first Tuesday of this month. It should have allowed snether Tuesday to intervene before proceeding with the senatorial election. The result is they will have to have another election next Tuesday to make my election valid. I suppose that the members of the legislature were afraid that something thing might happen to prevent them from carrying out the desires of the people of the state, so they decided to give me my commission for another term a week ahead of time."

THE PORT ROYAL DRY DOCK

Congressman Elliott Objects to

Removal to Charleston. CHARLESTON, S. C., Jan. 19 .- Congressman William Elliott, representative in congress from the First district, according to advices from Washington, is leading a fight against the removal of the drydock from Port Royal to Charleston. There is now a delegation in Washington from Port Royal endeavoring to enlist the services of Senator Mo-Laurin and the senators and represen tatives from Georgia in an effort to prevent the carrying out of the recommen-dations of Admiral Rogers' board. It is not believed that the com-

bined efforts of Congressman Elliots and the Port Royal committee will defeat the plans of the navy department, for the matter has gone too far for recall. Secretary Long has already ordered the site to be purchased, and steps, it is understood, will soon be taken to carry out the orders of the secretary, who, by an act of congress, is vested with the power to begin work without further action by congress.

Mayor Smyth expressed confidence to-day in Senator Tillman being able to control the situation at Washington. The mayor expressed his satisfaction at Senator Molaurin's refusal to enter the fight against Charleston.

Shocking Suicide of an Afflicted South Carolinian. GREENVILLE, S. C., Jan. 18 .- E. P. Wyatt, a well-to-do citizen of Greers, killed himself at noon today. Three years ago Mr. Wyatt was paralyzed. Since then he has suffered greatly, although able to walk about. Recently he has been in low spirits, but no suspicion was entertained that he would take his life. He was 50 years old, unmarried

and lived with his mother. At noon today he took his shotgun and went to his stable, a short distance from the residence. He entered the building, shut the door and in a few seconds his nother, who was standing on the piazza watching him, heard the reported by The Tradesman for the report of a gun. She ran to the stable week ended Jan 19 are brickworks at and found him in the last agonies of

He had evidently placed the muszle of the gun just under his right ear, as all the upper and back part of his hear was torn off, leaving only a part in front of his ears. His brains were splashed around on the walls and floor of the stabl and death must have been almost instantaneous.

LOAD ENTERED HIS HEAD

Prominent Young Columbia Man Ac cidentally Kills Himself. COLUMBIA. S. C., Jan. 19. - William O. Flenniken, general manager of the Columbia Land and Improvement company, was found dead in his room yester-

His mother who was in the house did not hear the report of the gun and was not aware of the tragedy until the blood dripped through the ceiling into the

Flenniken was a prosperous young business man and was the leader of all society germans. He led the state ball

An Affray In Anderson. which Jim Clark was seriously wound the peasant, he said: ed by Bailey Davis. Clark is still alive. but in a dangerous condition. A family fend is said to have been the origin of the trouble. Clark had old man Davis down, slashing him with a knife, when Bailey interfered. Clark then threw Bailey to the ground and was beating him, when Davis fired. Bailey Davis has been arrested.

The Law a Farce. COLUMBIA, S. C., Jan. 19.—Representative Thomas of this city has introduced

in the house a bill to repeal the income tax law. A bill of this character passed the house last session, but was killed in the senate. The law is a farce, Mr. Thomas says, as but \$1,571.11 was collected from this source last year. Lived in Three Centuries.

GREENSBORO, N. C., Jan. 21.-Goldsboro has three negro citizens who have lived in three centuries and bask in the sunshine yet of the present one. They are Nellie Smith, aged 113 years; Bob Lane, aged 106 years, and George Petti-john, aged 108 years.

Fire at Westminster.

WESTMINSTEN, S. C., Jan. 19 .- Fire broke out this morning in the grocery store of F. S. Jenkins, burning it and two adjoining buildings, one occupied by F. A. Davis as general store; the other by Pitts & Gray.

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Kruger Goes to Utrecht.

THE HAGUE, Jan. 22.-Mr. Kruger has started for Utrecht, where he will pass some weeks. He was greeted by a growd at the railroad station and said he falt very well on coming out for the first time since his recent illness.

Negroes Protest. WICHITA, Kan., Jan. 23.-At a meeting of 850 negroes here last night, reso-

lutions were adopted coudemning the recent burning of the negro at Alexan-der and calling for the legislature to punish the perpetrators. A KING'S ERROR.

He Was Desirous of Finding Birds.

and He Found Them. [Copyright, 1900, by C. B. Lewis.] One day the king of Persia and ruler of the earth took it into his head to wander out into the country alone and have a chat with some of his honest subjects. Coming across a peasant at work in his field, the king halted to

"I have heard a traveler say that in the fields where the grass is thick and tall there dwelt a species of bird which made and stored up honey. Hath seen a flock of such birds around here?" "I don't think I have," replied the

peasant. "The tale of a traveler may be true, but the birds are evidently coy and shy." "He described them as about the size of my thumb."

"Haven't seen any." HE BLEW HIS BRAINS OUT "With yellow lines across their backs and many feet." "Haven't heard 'em singing around

> "But they singeth not." protested the king. "Instead of a song they make a noise as of 'up-m-x-01" "And do they sometimes light down

on a log?" "Truly they do." "And the man who sits down on one imagines be has a bradawl for a cush-"Now you are hitting it. Even so did

the traveler relate. Let me see those "You'll find a nest of them over by that gooseberry bush," said the peasant as a grin spread over his face, "but I'd leave a few young ones for seed if I was you. A nest of 'em makes the place seems homelike, you know, and

The king climbed the fence and waded through the grass to the spot, and his yells and antics soon proved that he had found the birds. After

their bites keep the boys from getting



Anderson, S. O., Jan. 19 .- A serious galloping three times around the meadshooting scraps occurred near Denver, ow and rolling over it once be got rid in this county, on Sunday afternoon, in of their company, and, limping up to "Hath a name for those birds?

"They are called bumblebees," "And how long are their teeth?" "About the length of a crowbar." "And, knowing this, you still let your king place his life in peril! Caitiff, the

ax of my executioner awaits thee!" "I let thee go forward, O king, not knowing that thou wert king, but instead of deserving the ax thou shouldst reward me with a bag of gold." "S'death! But how so?" "Because, O king, thou hast never

had a circus within thy realm, though often longing for one. Here is one ready made. Let thy suit of a hundred follow thee out here tomorrow and when all are assembled send them into the meadow to find the nestlings." "B'gosh' if I don't do it!" exclaimed

the king as his frown disappeared and a balmy smile stole over his face, and next day the performance came off as advertised and was reported as an un-M. QUAD. precedented success.