Causes Sought by Industrial Commission.

REASONS GIVEN

South Scarcity of Money Figures as a Factor.

DIFFICULTY OF BURROWING

Then There is the Decline in the Price of Cotton. Too Much Labor, Too Little Labor and Some Other

Reasons.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Nov. 12.-The industrial remmission today made public its reof evidence taken before the commission on the subjects of agriculture and agricultural labor. Among other subjects discussed is that of agrightural depression, of which the commission speaks as follows:

The cause most often assigned for the depression of agriculture in the pastern States is the increased proauction due to the opening of Western lands in advance of the natural demand. especially through the agency of liberal had laws and grant of land in aid of ad oad construction. The competition West has been rendered especialsevere by the policy of the railroads m making freight rates relatively low for long distances. The old staple pro-

ducts having thus become unprofitable in the East, it has been necessary for farmers to change their methods and vary the character of their crops, taking up especially the culture of prolargely superseded cereal growing along the Atlantic coast, but farmers in the North Atlantic States now complain of the severe competition of States further South in this industry, and much the same may be said of fruit growing. Even so perishable a commodity as milk is transported much longer distances than formerly since the introduction of refrigerator cars.

"Another cause which several witpasses assign for the unsatisfactory concition of agriculture in some parts of the country is the conservatism of the farmers, their lack of quick adjustment 40 changed conditions, and lack of effective business planning and management. The farmers as a class have not the same crops year after year without regard to changes in supply and demand. This undue conservatism and lack of managing ability among farmers is especially emphasized with reference to the Southern States, and is given as an explanation of the too exclusive atuntion to cotton production prevailing

"Another cause assigned for agricultural depression in the South is the scarcity of money, the difficulty of borrowing on real estate security, and the consequent high rates of interest. It rems to be possible, however, to borrow money in the South at somewhat lower lower rates of interest than formonly. The decline in the price of cotton is of course an important element in the depression of agriculture in the South. The inefficiency of negro labor assigned as another cause. On the other hand, it is affirmed that there is 100 much good and cheap labor in the South. An abundance of cheap labor said to be unfavorable to the suc-TESS of agriculture, because it results be planting too large an acreage and in beglect of personal attention by the

Again, the charges that farmers are unduly conservative is met by the counter charge that they turn from one Top to another without sufficient regard to the suitability of the climate, and soil, and to the conditions of the

Southern Surgeons Convene

(By the Associated Press.) Hichmond, Va., Nov. 12 .- The Southin Surgical and Gynecological Associaconvened here this morning. The ddress of welcome was delivered by Hon, Eppa Hunton, of Fauquier coun-Ren Johnston, of this city, an-

bounced the convention program. Dr. Simons, of Charleston, S. C., prest Ment of the association, was present but did not deliver his address, this being postponed until tomorrow. About fifty members were in the hall at the pening. A paper was read by Dr. Jos. Paris says Admiral Caillard's fleet left Price, of Philadelphia, claimed - the Island of Mitylene this morning.

greater part of the morning discussion, taken part in by Dr. Watkins, of Montgomery; Dr. Reamy, of Cincinnati, Dr. McMurtrey, of Louisville; Dr. Noble, of Atlanta; Dr. Hall, of Cincinnati; Dr. Haggard, of Nashville, and Dr. Ricketts, of Cincinnati.

This evening a reception was tendered the members at the home of Dr. Hugh M. Taylor.

The Southern Medical College Association meet today in this city. President Christopher Tompkins, of the Medical College of Virginia, called the meeting to order and briefly announced the business to be transacted.

The University College of Medicine of this city and the University of Dallas, Texas, were elected members of the association and theier representatives given seats in the convention. The association concluded its work this even-

BY THIRTY THOUSAND VOTES.

Partial Returns Fer All Counties Show Large Majority For Alabama Constitution

(By the Associated Press.) Birmingham, Ala., Nov. 12.-Partial returns from every county in Alabama indicate that the new constitution has been ratified by nearly 30,000 votes. The black belt counties where the largest majorities for ratification are expected have been slow to send in returns and when the official count is made the majority may go as high as 32,000. All of the white counties have practically completed the count and they voted for the new constitution by a small majority.

Gen. C. M. Shelly, leader of the opposition, claims that the State will cast a majority of at least 20,000 against ratification. He bases that estimate on the returns from north Alabama which show increased majorities against the new con-

Cr. ft Succeeds Sapp as Collector.

(By he Associated Press.)

Washington, Nov. 12 .- The contest over the Kentucky international revenue col lectorship was settled today. At the conclusion of a conference between the President and Senator Deboe, Representative Boreing and Commissioner of Internal Revenue Yerkes, the President sprang up, and walking hastily to a appointed E. A. Craft to succeed C. E. window, looked out for a few minutes, Sapp as collector of the fifth (Louisville) then turning like an animal at bay he quets which are not easily transported district, and Geo. W. Leiberth, collector faced the crowd of men in the room and long distances. Thus truck farming has of the sixth (Covington) district, to suc- asked in a shaking voice: ceed D. N. Comingore. The latter is th . present collector and was a candidate for re-appointment.

Agent of the Junta Arrested.

(By the Associated Press.) Catbalogan, Island of Samar, Nov. 12. Diaz, the President of Tacloban, Island of Leyte, who has been proved to be an agent of the Filipino Junta at Hong Kong, has been arrested. Many incriminating papers, implicating numerous officials, were seized at the time of his arrest.

The gunboat Leyte has discovered a signal station working on the Island of Leyte and communicating with insurgents on the Island of Samar by the flashlight syshept up with the times, but have raised tem. Three operators were arrested and the station was destroyed. The men-confessed that many recruits have been sent from Leyte to Samar.

The Hancock Coming Home.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Nov. 12 .- A cablegram from Nagasaki ras received at the War Department saying that the Hancock had arrived at that port today and would sail tomorrow for San Francisco. The Hancock brings the belated passengers of the Sheridan and the Warren. The dispatch also states that the Sheridan is out of dry dock, and will be repaired so that she can sail about November 16th.

Cur Consul General at Apia Dead.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Nov. 12 .- A cablegram received at the State Department today from Auckland, New Zealand, announces the death at Apia, Samao, on October Hotel shortly after 9 o'clock last Wed-27th, of Luther W. Osborn, United States Consul General at Apia.

Death of Mrs. A. G Hyman.

(Special to News and Observer.) Hyman, formerly of Goldsboro, relect of tified a pair of trousers found in Raththe late Thos. G. Hyman, died at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon, from blood poisoning. She was also suffering from diptheria. Four children, all adults, survive her.

Fire in a Montreal Factory.

(By the Associated Press.)

Montreal, Nov. 12 .- Fire in the factory of the Dominion Tobacco Company this afternoon caused a loss of \$50,000; insured. There were 200 men and girls at work at the time, but they all got out safely.

French Flest Leaves Mitylene.

(By the Associated Press.) London, Nov. 11 .- A dispatch from

Forests Blaze in Three States; Farmers Fight to Save Homes.

(By the Associated Press.)

dispatches received here forest fires are within half a mile of town and a terrific raging in the vicinity of Bed Bud and gale is blowing. Alla Pass, Ill., Poplar Bluff, Mo., and Sedgwick, Arkansas. North of Red Bud the woods along the Black creek and Richland creek bottoms are on fire and the farmers are fighting hard to save their

Pass, Ill., is in great danger from forest ber. The plant ignited from a forest lires, which are raging in the timber west | fire

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 12.-According to and south of there. The fire is burning

Forest fires have broken out south of Poplar Bluff, Mo. The sky is covered with dense volumes of smoke and great

damage to property is feared. A telegram from Sedgwick, Ark., states that the plant of the Culver Lumber and Manufacturing Company was burning with Farm property in the vicinity to Alto several hundred thousand feet of lum-

The Dead Man Was a Victim of Alcoholism.

HIS NAME CHAS. GOODMAN

Rathbun Admits That He Meant to Kill Him.

HE SAYS NOW HE HAD NO CONFEDERATE

Confronted With Proofs of His Guilt the Deserter Loses His Nerve and Asks as to the Penalty for His

Crime.

(By the Associated Press.) Louisville, Ky., Nov. 12 .- Newell C. Rathbun, who, according to the polite. has confessed that he planned to defraud an insurance company out of \$4,000 by pretneding that a corpse shipped to Little Rock, Ark., was his own dead body, today admitted, according to the authorities, that the man who accompanied him to the hotel in Jeffersonville, Ind., and was found dead the next day, was Charles Goodman, who is said to have come from Evansville, Ind.

Chief of Detectives Sullivan and Chief Applegate and Coroner Coots, of Jeffersonville, Interviewed Rathbun today. Rathbun listened as one by one the circumstances which the police regard as proofs of his guilt were laid before him by Chief Sullivan. According to the officers Rathbun suddenly

"What is the punishment for offenses of this kind in Indiana? Does the death penalty exist there?"

"Never mind about the penalty, Rathbun," said Captain Sullivan. "What we are interested in is the name of the dead man." For a moment Rathbun looked at the

group of faces before him and then "You are on the right track: Goodman is the name of the dead man. I

met him in front of the Salvation Army Hotel and determined to keep him drunk for several days and then fix

"When questioned further Rathbun denied having given Goodman laudanum and said he would have made use of

Just before he was taken back to jail Rathbun made the following statement to Chief of Detectives Sullivan:

"I admit everything except that I killed Goodman. I meant to kill him, and kept him drunk for the purpose, PLANS FOR TWO BIG PLANTS but he died of alcoholism and I was not forced to make way with him. The mystery about the accomplice Blauchard was fictitious. I acted alone and

without a confederate." Blanchard was, according to the story Rathbun told yesterday, a corporal whom Rathbun became acquainted with

at Plattsburg, N. Y. It is said that Goodman, who was of a roving nature, came to this city on October 29 and put up at the Salvation Army Hotel. He repeatedly told the clerk, J. C. Pelton, that he did not have any money and did not know how he could get out of the city.

According to Pelton's story, Goodman returned to the Salvation Army nesday with a new coat and vest on and also a collar and neck tie. Goodman told Pelton to check him off, as he was going to spend the night in Indiana with his friends. Goodman then went and has not been seen at the hotel since. Newbern, N. C., Nov. 12.-Mrs. A. G. The Jeffersonville coroner today idenbun's grip as being of a suit the coat and vest of which were on the corpse found at the Falls City Hotel.

The police are now sure that the prisoner's name is Rathbun. It is believed his home is in Detroit.

His Wife Prostrated.

(By the Associated Press.)

Little Rock, Nov. 12.-The authorities here announce that they will have the supposed Newell C. Rathbun, now at Louisville, Ky., brought here to testify in the inquest over the corpse sent here as the body of Rathbun, whose life was cleaning up the mystery.

Rathbun's relatives made the following statement:

"The family of Mr. McKown and Ratbun only want to be satisfied that Rathbun is alive and that this body they have here is not the body of Rathbun. The family of McKown and Mis. Rathbun and all parties interested have offered to bear the expense of bringing the person arrested in Louisville, and who is said to be Rathbun and is said to have made a confession, to Little Rock if the party proves not to be Rathbun, otherwise the insurance company is to bear the expenses."

Rathbun's wife is prostrated and it is said by her physicians that her condition is precarious and all admittance to newspaper men is prohibited.

Rathbun was born in 0swego, N. Y. twenty-eight years ago. His description answers the description of the corpse here except that without the shoes the body only measures five feet to Orizaba, on the 19th, returning to seven and a half inches. The face is this city on the 22nd.

clean shaven and has the appearance of a man only about twenty-four years ACADEMY AT

The death certificate accompanying the body that was shipped from Jeffersonville was signed by Deputy Coroner Coots and Health Officer Sheats gave regurgitation as the cause of death.

Brief History of Rathbone.

(By the Associated Press.) Plattsburg, N. Y., Nov. 12.-Newell C.

Rathbun, who is in custody at Louisville, Ky., in connection with alleged insurance frauds enlisted in the United States Army at Detroit, Mich., February 1, 1901, and joined Company K, Twenty-seventh infantry here September 17th, 1901, and deserted October 7. He was born at Oswego, N. Y., is 28 years old and by occupation a printer. Frederick B. Blanchard enlisted at Fort McPherson, Ga., May 9 1901, and joined his regiment here in September. He deserted September 24. He was born at Dover, N. J., is 25 years old, and by occupation a book-keeper. His comrades here say he has a wife at Trenton, N. J. He gave the name of Joel Nearly All the Improvements on it Have Been Caluman, of Trenton, N. J., as that of his nearest relative.

The only Ten Eyck in Twenty-seventh infantry was Jesse V. Ten Eyck, who was born at Glen, N. Y., 27 years ago. He enlisted at Johnstown, N. Y., May 15, 1901 deserted July 17, 1901, was recaptured July 31, 1901, and sentenced September 26 last to one year's imprisonment at Fort Columbus, N. Y. city, where he is now There are three named Ellis in the regiment: David R., aged 19, and Thomas A., aged 23, brothers, both from Carter county, Tenn., and John G., aged 23, born at Greenville, S. C., and enlisted at Fort McPherson Ga. These three men are now here, but say they know nothing of Rathbun or Blanchard.

CONFEDERACY

The Annual Convention Opens This Morning in Wilmington.

(Special to News and Observer.) Wilmington, N. C., Nov. 12 .- About 150 delegates arrived today for the Eighth annual convention of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, which will be convened in this city tomorrow morning. Those who are already here include practically all the officers and prominent members of the committees. The sessions will be held in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium, which is handsomely and appropriately decorated for the occasion. Among the prominent arrivals today was Mrs. Stonewall Jackson, of Charlotte, who has been asked to formally open the

convention tomorrow. Governor Aycock also arrived this evening and will make a short address to the daughters tomorrow. Many of the visitors were guests tonight of various informal receptions given by local mem-

AT NEW OBLEANS AND MOBILE.

Great Ship Building Plant on the Gulf and Dry Dock at the Crescent

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Nov. 12.-The Times wil say tomorrow that the New York and Southern capitalists who incorporated the Gulf Coast Shipbuilding and Dry-dock Company in the State of Alabama, have formulated plans for the establishment of a large shipbuilding rlant on the shore of Mobile Bay, Ala., and a dry-dock and ship repairing plant at New Orleans.

In addition to the construction and maintenance of the Mobile and New Orleans plants, the Gulf Coast Company has the power, under its charter, to establish and operate wharves for commercial purposes to construct and operate furnaces, mills, and manufactories, to charter, buy and sell and operate ships, to establish, equip, and operate coal depots and coal- courtesy and humanity, will comply with ing stations, and to buy and sell coal and ether minerals. The securing of a large portion of the shipbuilding and docking business at New Orleans is aimed at and it is pointed out that the construction of an isthmian canal is reckoned upon as a probability. At the present time the nearest ship-

building or docking plant to the gulf is at Newport News.

To Bore For Oil in Georgia.

(By the Associated Press.) Rome, Ga., Nov. 12.-The Rome Petroleum and Iron Company began opinsured for \$4,000, also all other parties | erations here today. The company was whose testimony may be important in incorporated in South Dakota, having a paid in capital stock of \$1,000,000 and One of the attorneys representing the main office is in Chicago. It is the purpose of the company to bore for oil in this county and to mine ore in Ala-

bama and Georgia. The company has

an option on 2,000 acres near Rome and

it is reported will sink oil wells. B. F. Saylor is president and manager. Excursions by the Delegates. (By the Associated Press.)

Mexico City, Nov. 11 .- The several committees of the Pan-American Congress are settling down to work.

On Friday the delegates to the congress and their families will start on their first excursion, going first to Puebla. They will be banqueted there by the Governor of the State. From Puebla they will make side trips to the Pyramids of Cholula, to the cotton mills of Atlixco, and the sugar mills of Matamoras Izu-

Rebuild it, Says the Board of Visitors.

THE CADEIS' QUARTERS

The Parracks Poorly Equipped, the Ventilation Execrable.

THE ACADEMY BUILT A CENTURY AGO

on the Patch Wo k Plan and Such Work as This Now is Work

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Nov. 12.-The most important feature of the report of the board of Visitors to the West Point Military Academy is a recommendation that the academy be rebuilt. The report says:

Thrown Awy.

"It has been nearly one hundred years since West Point was founded, and from the birth of the institution nearly all the improvements have been on the patchwork plan. There is but one building constructd by the Government at the post that is in harmony with this day and generation. It can be truthfully said that and a pitched battle ensued. Mrs. C. E. there is a pressing necessity for a complete tearing down and a new building up. The policy pursued in this regard at Annapolis should be speedily adopted at West Point. Nothing can be gained by postponement. Indeed it seems to the board that almost every dollar spent in the future for altering and patching is so much money thrown away.

"The West Point Military Academy should be a model, perfect in the minutest detail, possessing every advantage and improvement which the new century affords and in entire harmony with the grandeur and dignity of the mission which our army is to fulfill.

"Putting the matter in a few words, it can be truthfully said that the barracks in which the cadets sleep and study and dividual prize in a similar contest after live when not in recitation room or on the drill ground are little better equipped | Last year the Georgian had Chas. Miller than the barracks at the average county for a partner, but the latter was not in poor house. In many of the rooms three good physical condition and had to recadets are crowded. The ventilation of tire. these rooms is in accordance with hygenic notions of a century ago and is simply

discipline and states that the board is teams who will take part in the contest. satisfied that the hazing has been eradicated, Full credit is given to Col. Mills for this disciplinary measure, and the breaking up of hazing organizations.

A REQUEST TO STAND ASIDE.

Dickinson Demands That Bulgaria Keep Out of the Regotiations.

(By the Associated Press.)

Sofia, Nov. 12.--Consul General Dickinson, of Constantinople, has suptoday in which he recapitulates the Miss Stone and her companion and the means taken to obtain her release and reminds the foreign minister of his promise to give every assistance. He cites instances where the attitude of subordinate officials has not conformed with this assurance. Finally, Mr. Dickinson repeats his demand for the non-interference of the government in

the negotiations. The Government's reply, according to the opinion expressed in official circles will set forth that while hesitating to establish the precedent that the Government gives protection to brigands, in 1753. The coins found are valued at treating for the ransom of captives in the present case, involving the safety of two ladies, the Government, as an act of Mr. Dickinson's request.

BRAXTON'S SUFFRAGE PLAN.

Differs From Others Before Virginia Conven-

(By the Associated Press.) Richmond, Va., Nov. 12.-The Constitutional Convention was in session three hours today, considering the report of the Committee on County Government, which was nearly completed. An order was made that hereafter the body shall meet daily at 10 a. m. and adjourn at 2 p. m. Mr. Braxton presented a new suffrage plan, which was referred. The Committee on the Executive Department submitted its report to the convention. A conmittee was appointed to confer with a native of Columbus, Ga.

similar body from the House of Delegates to see if both bodies may not transact business in the same hall. The convention adjourned at 1 p. m., until 10

o'clock tomorrow. The main difference between Mr. Braxton's plan and those heretofore offered is that the former embodies a "grandfather" clause among the qualifications of a voter as follows:

"A-He shall heretofore serve in time of war, in the army or navy of the United States or of the Confederate States. or of some State of the United States and have been honorably discharged from such service; or

"B-He shall have been entitled on the first day of January, 1850, or at any time prior thereto to vote, or own property under the laws of the State of the United States wherein he then resided; or

"C-He shall have heretofore, and since the first day of January, 1885, been regularly enrolled and enlisted in the active militia of this State; or

"D-He shall have, prior to the first day of January, 1902, become a naturalized citizen of the United States; or

"E-He shall be a legitimate lineal descendant of a person coming within the description specified in one or more of the previous sub-divisions of this clause.'

A BATILE WITH BANDITS

They Rob the Bristol Postoffice and Escape With Their Booty. .

(By the Associated Press.)

Bristol, Ind., Nov. 12 .- The postoffice was entered by burglars early today and \$1,200 in cash and \$500 in stamps stolen. A fight with the citizens followed, in which two persons were shot," but not seriously hurt.

The robbers first broke into a blacksmith shop and secured heavy tools. They then effected an entrance to the postoffice and four stood guard outside. while two drilled the safe and blew it open. The explosion aroused the citizens Bicket was shot in the arm and Ray Shanter received a bullet in the nose. The robbers escaped with their booty.

Training For the Six Days' Race.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Nov. 12.- The first pair of bicycle riders who have teamed up and entered for the international six day race, which will begin at Madison Square Garden, December 9, are Archie Mc-Eachern, the Canadian champion, and Bobby Walthour, of Atlanta, Ga. They will be known as the Pan-American team and have already begun training. Two years ago Walthour won the in-

Walthour is very confident that his Canadian mate and himself will be able to make it more than interesting for the The report takes up the subject of others, Americans as well as European

his mate, Jay Eaton, let up and quit.

Mormons Warned to Leave.

(By the Associated Press.) Charleston, S. C., Nov. 12 .- A. committee of leading citizens of Higgins Ferry, Saluda county, last Friday visited two Mormon elders, who have been preaching thereabout and warned them to leave within a limited time. Four of their converts were told that the community would hold them personally responsible for the presence of the elders there in plemented his verbal representations the future, and that summary proceedto the Bulgarian government by a note | ings would be taken if these notices were disregarded. Citizens of adjoining townhistory of the abduction by brigands of ships make common cause with the auti-Mormon agitators and promise in the county papers to assist in any measures necessary to expel the elders or werse.

Old Spanish Coins Found.

(By the Associated Press.) Mobile, Ala., Nov. 12.-The British schooner Union, which arrived here Monday, brought twenty-two pounds of Spanish gold in coin and bars, found in Central American waters near Cayman-Brac by Captain Magnus and his associates. The coins bear the date of between \$6,000 and \$7,000.

PEABODY GIVES \$21,000

Generous Donation of a Vative of Georgia to Montgomery's Y M C A.

(By the Associated Pross.) Montgomery, Ala., Nov. 11 .- Geo. Poster Peabody, of New York city, has practically donated \$21,000 to the Montgomery Young Men's Christian Association. Transfer of title to a handsome residence in the heart of the residence section was made to Mr. Peabody, today. The purchase price was \$14,000. He will give it to the local association at a nominal year rent and spend \$2,000 in furnishing the building. In addition to these subscriptions it is announced that Mr. Peabody subscribed \$5,000 toward a fund by the local association. Mr. Peabody is a member of the New York banking house of Spencer Trask and Company. He is a

A West Virginia Mining Town Is Almost Wiped Out by Fire

(By the Associated Press.)

town of Thomas, West Virginia, on the pany were destroyed. West Virginia Central and Pittsburg Railroad, was almost wiped out by fire, which started at 2 o'clock this morning under Gersburger's Hotel. The town was without fire protection and the frame houses fell casy prey to the flames. Twenty business houses and seventy dwellings were conthe water station and several houses be- | clothes.

Cumberland, Md., Nov. 12 .- The mining | longing to the Davis Coal and Coke Com-

The town was promoted practically by the Davis Coal and Coke Company and the West Virginia and Central Railway. The latter has given the residents all the box cars at Thomas to shelter the homeless. The east end of the town was destroyed, including the four principal business blocks. Many travelling men car. After visiting Puebla they will go sumed. The Catholic church, opera house, lost their samples and money and scores Gersberger and Reynolds' hotels, the jail, of people were driven from home in night