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## WILL ADJOURN NEXT MONDAY

### Elizabeth City Next Place of Meeting.

## CHURCH SERVICES TODAY.

### Fourth Day of Methodist Conference—The Brazilian Mission Reports of Committees—The Temperance Question—Missions Mass Meeting Last Night.

The fourth day's session of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, convened in Edenton Street M. E. Church yesterday morning at 9:30 o'clock with Bishop R. K. Hargrove in the chair.

The opening religious services were conducted by Rev. J. R. Brooks, D. D., of the Western North Carolina Conference.

The minutes of the previous day's session were read and approved.

### Examination of Preachers Continues.

Bishop Hargrove called question 3, viz: "Who have been discontinued?" The Presiding Elders reported none discontinued.

The Bishop then resumed the call of the twentieth question, viz: "What preachers have been blameless in their character and official administration?" Under this call the following elders passed the examination and made their reports.

C. W. Smith, A. R. Raven, J. J. Porter, J. A. Rouse, H. B. Anderson, W. S. Rouse, F. A. Bishop, R. B. John, N. M. Jerney, J. E. Bristowe, M. M. McFarland, G. T. Simmons, L. J. Holden, J. A. Lee, D. C. Geddie, H. E. Tripp, T. Abner, L. S. Massey, D. H. Tuttle, F. D. Swindell, B. R. Hall, J. E. Underwood, J. W. Martin, C. O. Dallan, J. T. Bagwell, J. A. Gattis, N. M. Watson, L. O. Wylie, B. B. Culbreth, R. E. Bumpass, R. J. Mooradian, A. D. Bettes, J. B. Hurley, C. P. Jerome, R. F. Taylor, J. A. Sanford, P. L. Herman, T. J. Daily, A. McCall, E. H. Davis, J. A. Hornaday, J. H. Frizzelle, E. E. Rose, S. T. Moyle, A. J. Parker, J. D. Pegram, A. R. Goodchild, J. R. Sawyer, Philip Greening, M. T. Plyler, J. C. Jones, J. R. Tilley, J. M. Rhodes, W. E. Edmondson, A. P. Tyler, J. H. Hall, N. H. Guyton, J. H. M. Giles, C. W. Robinson, F. B. McCall, Oliver Tyler, J. L. Rumley, J. A. Parker, W. Y. Elverson, G. D. Langston, D. A. Watkins. This completed the call under the 20th question.

Rev. P. D. Swindell, Conference Missionary Secretary, in making his report, gave a brief statement of his work during the year, presenting a very concise summary of the needs of the mission work, its connection to the church and the importance of the church sustaining the work.

### The Brazilian Mission.

Rev. Dr. Bruce, Missionary to Brazil, was introduced to the Conference. Dr. Bruce expressed his joy as glad to be with the Conference, and to greet the brethren in the name of the Brazil Conference. He stated that the work with which he was connected was commenced in Brazil twenty-five years ago. That there were twelve missionaries in the work.

The North Carolina Conference, said Dr. Bruce, founded this mission. There are twenty-two churches in the Brazil Conference, which covers three States. One of these States is as large as all of Texas and the other two States are half as large as Texas. One charge is as large as half of the population of Brazil. There are circuits as large as all of North Carolina.

Conferees were shown a very complete Sunday School paper, and a publishing house. We have a college for the preparation of ministerial students.

The women continued Dr. Bruce, have been busy on work in Brazil since 1882. They have bountifully managed women's colleges, which have 300 native girls as students. The work in Brazil is progressive, said Dr. Bruce. The church has tripled in membership collections during the past two years.

Dr. Bruce said he also sent greetings to the Conference in behalf of Rev. W. B. Lyle, who was sent as a missionary to Brazil to this Conference. Dr. Bruce, in his remarks, referred to the importance of self-support on the part of mission churches, and said that some of the charges in Brazil were self-supporting.

Bishop Hargrove, at the close of Dr. Bruce's remarks, said that he was glad to hear that some of the charges in Brazil were self-supporting. He said that all missions were now self-supporting.

Rev. W. E. Edmondson, who has been assigned to the United States Navy, in making his report, in a vein of humor, said that he thought he could make a collection in his salary, were he all up, pastor's salary and no deficit in any line. He said he was sorry he could not report a woman's Parsonage Aid and Mission Society. He said there was not even one woman on a charge. He said he did not know where to touch, as his charge embraced a large field.

Bishop wanted to know if he had a field of the high sea. All of this pleasantry evoked considerable laughter among the conferees.

### A Memorial.

A memorial petitioning the General Conference to transfer a certain church in the Virginia Conference to a circuit presented and referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

### Elizabeth City Next Year.

Bishop Hargrove called question 40, viz: "Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?" An invitation was presented for the Conference to meet at Elizabeth City next year. The

Conference voted unanimously to accept the invitation, so the next Conference goes to Elizabeth City.

### Committee and Other Reports.

W. L. Cunningham, Conference Secretary, read his report of the expenses of publishing the Journal for last year. The report showed the Conference to be due the Secretary \$25, which amount he had paid for the publication of the Journal, over and above receipts for that purpose. On motion a collection was taken to raise the deficiency, and \$25, the amount due, was collected.

At this point Rev. J. D. Arnold, of the Western North Carolina Conference, was introduced to the Conference. The name of the late Rev. W. S. Black, D. D., was called and referred to the Committee on Memorials.

The report of the Board of Colportage was read and adopted. This report expressed appreciation of the efforts of Colporteur T. J. Gattis to place so many good religious books among the people and recommended that pastors advise their congregations to assist Mr. Gattis in this good work.

Mr. Gattis, in speaking of the report, expressed his appreciation of the confidence reposed in him. The joint Board of Finance presented its report, which was read and adopted. The report showed the finances of the Conference to be in a fair condition.

The report stated the amount assessed last year for the Bishop's salary was \$1,938; of this amount \$1,625.44 had been paid, leaving a deficiency of \$312.56. The Board recommended that the Conference raise \$1,886 for the Bishop's salary during 1898.

The amount assessed last year for General Conference expenses was \$531.39; of this amount \$379.94 has been paid, leaving a deficiency of \$151.55. The report recommended that the presiding elders be required to raise the amount short on General Conference collection in their respective districts by May 1st, 1898.

The amount assessed last year for annual Conference expenses was \$6,000, of this amount \$4,325.63 has been paid, leaving a deficiency of \$1,674.77. The report recommended that Conference raise \$6,000 for Conference claimants for 1898.

The hour for adjournment having nearly arrived, it was, on motion, ordered that the time for adjournment be extended long enough to receive the report of the Committee on Conference Relations, and when Conference closes adjourn, it do so to meet again at 3 o'clock that afternoon.

The Committee on Conference Relations made its report and recommended the following elders for superannuation and superannuated: Rev. Charles R. Taylor, Isaac W. Avant, Richard W. Townsend, James C. Crisp and W. S. C. Moore.

Superannuated—Revs. M. C. Thomas, Nathan A. Hooker, Joseph B. Martin, Thomas B. Reece, T. P. Rickard, John O. McCall, Solomon Pool, Robert B. Troy and W. L. Davis.

The report of the committee was adopted.

### Special Agent Jury.

On motion Rev. N. M. Jury was appointed special agent for the Craven Memorial Hall. Mr. Jury exhibited to the Conference a very beautiful design of the hall. It is expected that this plan will be adopted for the building. If the hall is built according to the plans and specifications of the drawing exhibited by Mr. Jury, it will indeed be a handsome building, and will greatly adorn the campus of Trinity College.

### Memorial Services.

On motion it was ordered that 3:30 o'clock on Sunday afternoon be set apart by the Conference as an hour for special memorial services.

### Other Committee Reports.

The Committee on District Conference Relations presented its reports, which were read and adopted. The report stated that the committee had examined the records of all the districts, except those of Wilmington district, and found them all very well kept. The Wilmington district records were not presented to the committee.

A memorial to the General Conference asking that local preachers be licensed as heretofore, was presented, read and referred to Committee on Memorials.

Bishop Hargrove announced that the Conference would adjourn Monday morning and stated that as he desired to meet the Presiding Elders in the afternoon he would request Rev. F. A. Bishop to preside at the afternoon session of the Conference.

The conference then adjourned until 3 p. m.

### Fourth Day—Afternoon Session.

Conference was called to order according to adjournment at 3 p. m., with Rev. F. A. Bishop in the chair.

After the usual religious exercises the minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

On motion the report of the Board of Education, as read the night before, was adopted.

### Temperance Committee Reports.

The Committee on Temperance presented its report which was read and adopted. The report stated that the salary was the greatest curse to the cause of religion and mankind that the world has ever known and the Committee approved the position taken by the Anti-Saloon League in its effort to suppress the liquor traffic, and urged all Methodists to do all in their power to drive out of existence the saloons, and that they serve notice on all political parties that if they expect the votes of Methodists they must nominate pure men, who are in no way connected with the whiskey traffic. The report also urged that the law requiring the teaching of books on alcoholism and narcotics in the public schools be enforced, and that the members of the Conference use every honorable means to get it enforced. This report called forth a great deal of discussion, but the motion to adopt same finally prevailed.

At this point, Rev. Jas. Atkins, Sun-School Editor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and Rev. P. L.

Groome, D. D., of the Western North Carolina Conference, were introduced to the Conference.

The report of the Epworth League was presented, read and adopted. The report expressed regrets that preachers and people have failed to give recognition to the League as the matter demands. It recommends that the Presiding Elders arrange for holding League Conferences in each and every District, separate from the regular District Conference.

On motion the Conference adjourned: Missionary Mass Meeting Last Night.

Last night at 7:30 o'clock the anniversary missionary mass meeting of the North Carolina Conference was held at Edenton Street M. E. Church and was largely attended.

The opening religious exercises were conducted by Rev. J. E. Underwood.

Rev. N. H. D. Wilson, Secretary of Conference Board of Missions, read his report. The report covered the work of the year and was a very interesting paper.

The report of the Treasurer of the board was also read, showing the financial affairs of the Board as being in a fair condition, considering the hard times.

The report of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society was also presented and read, as was also the report of the Women's Parsonage and Home Mission Society.

These two reports covered the year's work of their respective societies, and were listened to with much interest by the audience.

After the reading of the reports, Rev. Jas. Atkins, D. D., Sunday School Editor of the M. E. Church, South, addressed the meeting on Missions. Dr. Atkins said that he was glad to say a word for missions at any time. He said that if the church would move as a strong body against the powers of darkness, that sin would melt before the great army of the church. The soldier who wins the victory is the man who fully estimates the strength of the enemy. Many an army has lost the battle because of under-estimating the strength of the enemy. The church does not have a missionary spirit, continued Dr. Atkins; they contribute money to missions as a matter of form. They do not feel any special love for the work. There is something more important in God's eye than dollars, and that is the love of the work for which money is raised. We don't preach the gospel in missions, but we mostly preach the gospel of money. He believed that if we would preach more gospel in missions the people would soon love missions, and then there would be no trouble in getting the money. They would pay the money for the love of the work. Dr. Atkins also recommended that we pray for missions, and then the pastor could get the missionary collections much easier.

At the close of Dr. Atkins' talk, a collection for Home and Foreign Missions was taken up.

### Church Services Tonight.

Just before the adjourning of the Missionary Mass Meeting, Rev. W. C. Norman, chairman of the Committee on Church Worship, announced that the following clerical members of the Conference would fill the various pulpits of the city as follows:

Edenton Street M. E. Church—Love Feild, 9:30 a. m., 11 a. m., Bishop R. K. Hargrove, 7:30 p. m., Dr. J. C. Kilgo.

Central M. E. Church—11 a. m., Dr. Jas. Atkins, 7:30 p. m., Bishop R. K. Hargrove.

Epworth Chapel—11 a. m., J. E. Underwood, 7:30 p. m., L. J. Holden.

Brooklyn—11 a. m., E. Pope, 7:30 p. m., W. G. Everton.

First Baptist Church—11 a. m., Dr. W. Byrd, 7:30 p. m., Dr. F. H. Wood.

Baptist Tabernacle—11 a. m., Dr. F. D. Swindell, 7:30 p. m., Dr. J. T. Bagwell.

Fayetteville Street Baptist Church—11 a. m., J. H. Shore, 7:30 p. m., A. J. Parker.

West End Baptist—11 a. m., C. W. Smith, 7:30 p. m., R. H. Brown.

Seaside St. Chapel—3:30 p. m., J. A. Daily.

Presbyterian Church—11 a. m., R. C. Bowman, 7:30 p. m., Dr. Jno. R. Brooks.

Soldiers' Home—3 p. m., Dr. A. D. Betts.

County Jail, 2 p. m., J. H. M. Giles.

Zion M. E. Church, East Raleigh, 11 a. m., E. C. Sell, 7:30 p. m., T. H. Sutton.

Memorial services at Edenton Street M. E. Church, 8:30 p. m.

New deacons will be ordained at morning services at Edenton Street M. E. Church.

New elders will be ordained at evening services at Central M. E. Church.

### NO CURRENCY LEGISLATION.

So Says Senator McMillin, and Other Gold Advocates.

By Telegram to the Morning Post.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Senators and Representatives are arriving in goodly numbers for the opening of Congress on Monday. The preparation of Army and Appropriations bills has advanced far beyond the stage usual at this period. House business will be pushed forward, so that Reed's expectations of a comparatively short session may be realized. The arrivals to-day concur in the opinion that there will be no currency legislation this session.

Senator McMillin, of Michigan, expressed the opinion of the great majority when he said "nothing can be done with the currency until we can control the Senate. When the gold men get on we can agree upon some plan. I believe it very unwise to bring the matter up during the coming session. The business men have had disturbances enough, and they want a little rest."

The Hawaiian annexation treaty excites more interest. It is almost always coupled with the proposed recognition of belligerent rights of Cuba.

The West Virginia Murderer Captured.

By Telegram to the Morning Post.

## THE EVENT THIS WEEK.

### Engagement of DeWolff Hopper Awaited with Interest.

DeWolff Hopper and his admirably assembly of singers and comedians in that dainty and delightful mélange of melody, magnificence and mirth, which for four months drew large and enthusiastic audiences to the Broadway Theatre, New York City, will be a most attractive magnet at the Academy of Music on next Thursday evening.

There are elements of humor and gaiety, with here and there bright touches of travesty in "El Capitan," which congregate together with the delicious fooling of DeWolff Hopper, and the efforts of his able and talented associates, augmented by a superb scenic environment, brilliant costumes, elaborate dresses and rich draperies, to make it in its entirety, one of the most, if not the most, acceptable entertainments of its class that has been seen or heard on the stage in many years.

This fact was duly appreciated by the vast army of theater-goers resident in New York city and vicinity last spring, and since the opening of the regular starting tour in Montreal, the largest theatres in Baltimore, Washington, Philadelphia, Boston and other large Eastern cities, which fully attest the great value of "El Capitan" as a diverting entertainment.

The comedian's support this season, which is larger, stronger and better than ever, includes many well-known and popular stage favorites, and also the same large and efficient chorus, which has always been largely evident in the Hopper Company.

### WHITENASH BRUSH FOR HARKINS?

### THE WESTERN COLLECTOR COMPLAINS OF CORRESPONDENTS

### And the Revenue Bureau States That They Have Done Him an Injustice by Publishing Certain Facts and Rumors in the New York Papers.

Special Despatch to the Morning Post.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—At the Internal Revenue Bureau here, it is asserted that Collector Harkins has given replies to questions propounded to him by the Bureau officials, and several special despatches from Raleigh and Asheville, N. C., to New York papers, concerning his wholesale charges of Democratic employes and the employment of Republican "workers" and heeled.

The Bureau asserts that injustice has been done Collector Harkins, by despatches from his State and neighborhood, representing him turning out Democratic deputies to make room for Republicans. Deputy Commissioner Wilson showed by records that changes of deputies which occurred since Harkins took possession July 1st, have been limited to the following:

Three resignations, taking effect July 31st, three taking effect August 31st, two transfers to other positions in the same service, and four dismissals for cause, after deputies had been suspended on charges pending investigation, from 10 to 17 days.

That of the 12 deputies appointed to all vacancies temporarily under the emergency rule, one has since been certified by the Civil Service Commission for permanent appointment. It appears from the records also that on the 21st of August, in response to a request for certifications, the Commission reported that it had no eligible list for the Fifth district of North Carolina. The list has been established since then, but is entirely exhausted by the drafts made upon it for storekeepers and gaugers, as there are between 300 and 400 distilleries in the district, and each distillery needs one of these functionaries.

A representative of THE MORNING POST questioned a well-known gentleman of Raleigh whom he knew to be the North Carolina correspondent of two of the New York papers alluded to, and he assured THE POST that no misrepresentations had been made through his despatches about Collector Harkins; that he had been repeatedly told by citizens of the Western counties that it was a matter of self-congratulation with them that the iniquitous Civil Service "problem" was being so readily and satisfactorily settled by the Republicans in putting their men in office, because of the especially pleasant and satisfactory relations that existed. Most of the Democrats were "disseminated" also. It seems, however, that an order was issued, within a week after the appearance of this correspondent's despatches in the New York papers, by the Acting Commissioner of the Raleigh district also, commanding them to follow the Civil Service law in making appointments, and consequently the states of Mr. Harkins and Mr. To-be-Duncan have been somewhat cracked or so roughly used, as to erase certain names therefrom.—Ed.

### Official Gazette's Account of the Riots at Prague.

By Cable and Telegram to the Morning Post.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—The Vienna official Gazette says that the rioters at Prague worked together as though agitation and violence were systematically promoted. Tactics of the pillagers were in every instance the same. First a whistle, then a sudden gathering of the mob, who smashed windows and sacked houses, and finally rapid dispersal of the crowds. Ring-leaders furnished with list of German inhabitants knew the addresses of more prominent members of the German community, including the students. Many families whose property was destroyed, who feel their lives not safe, are leaving, as are many German students.

### Weather Today All Over the State.

By Telegram to the Morning Post.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Forecast Sunday: North Carolina and Georgia, fair, colder; South Carolina and Florida, fair, colder; westerly winds becoming northeasterly.

## ATTORNEY-GEN. GRIGGS SURE

### Information Received Yesterday Makes It Certain.

### BOYD WAS A POSSIBILITY

### And Had Gen. Griggs Persisted in Not Accepting the Office, It Might Have Gone to the North Carolinian—He Is in Favor—Sketch of the New Cabinet Officer.

Special Despatch to the Morning Post.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Although there was some doubt expressed in newspaper and cabinet circles here last night when the appointment of Governor Griggs to the Attorney Generalship was announced to the foreign press, as soon as Attorney General McKenna is appointed and confirmed to the Supreme Court justiceship, none prevails tonight, as further advice received from undoubtedly authoritative sources make the coming appointment a certainty.

The office was tendered Gov. Griggs some time ago, and he had it under consideration ever since, and the fact that he was so long in making up his mind caused most people to believe that he would ultimately decline it.

The friends of Assistant Attorney General James E. Boyd, of North Carolina, say that had Gov. Griggs declined the portfolio, Gov. Boyd would probably have received it, as he stands in high favor with the President and has added considerably since his appointment to the office he holds, as a lawyer of unusual ability and a fit man to hold even the high office to which he is aspired.

Gov. Griggs has arrived in Washington and is a guest at the residence of Vice-President Hobart, whom he will succeed as Attorney General. The appointment will be due mainly to the recommendation of the Vice-President.

Ever since the President decided to place Judge McKenna on the Supreme Court bench the President has been engaged in the task of selecting the new member of his Cabinet. He is said to have offered the place to Assistant Secretary Day, who declined it, and then he had Judge Nathan Goff, of West Virginia, under consideration. Judge Goff, however, did not care to give up his life position on the Federal bench, the duties of which are congenial and pleasant to him.

### Once Tendered Supreme Court Judgeship.

It may not be generally known that Gov. Griggs was tendered a place on the United States Supreme Court bench by President Harrison, but declined the honor. He is willing now to enter the Cabinet, as his term as Governor will expire next year, and his duties can be assumed by the Lieutenant Governor without friction. He has been a McKinley man for some time, having commenced to work for a McKinley delegation in New Jersey nearly three years ago.

From a political point of view his appointment will be of considerable importance to the Republican party. Next year New Jersey will elect a Legislature that will name the successor to Senator Smith, who is a Democrat, and by Republican it is expected that this recognition of the State will aid in keeping the State in the Republican column, and thus add to the Republican strength in the Senate.

### The Governor Practically Admits It.

A special received from Patterson says Gov. Jno. W. Griggs was interviewed soon after he reached his residence, but at first declined to talk freely. He would not deny that the portfolio had been tendered to him by friends of the Governor, and Vice-President Hobart, who were seen at the Hamilton Club later, expressed the belief that the Cabinet position had been tendered the Governor, and added that he had probably accepted it.

Gov. John William Griggs was born in Newton, Sussex county, N. J., July 10, 1849. He was graduated from Lafayette College, Philadelphia, Pa., in 1871. He was a student in the office of Hon. Robert Hamilton, at Newton. In 1871 he removed to Patterson, where he entered the office of the late Sen. Tuttle. He was elected to the State Senate in 1885, and was elected to the Assembly in 1875, and was re-elected two years later. In the latter year the House was equally divided on the question of a well-liked member on the Republican side, and this brought him forward. He was renominated for another term, but was defeated. He was elected to the Board of Freeholders of Passaic county and City Council of Patterson, which offices he held until 1882, when he was elected to the State Senate. He was re-elected State Senator, and became president of the State Senate in 1886. He was delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1888. In 1895 Gov. Werts, of New Jersey, offered Mr. Griggs a place on the Supreme Court bench of that State, which Griggs declined. The next year he was elected Governor of New Jersey.

His wife was Miss L. Elizabeth Trice, of Cleveland, Ohio. He has two sons and four daughters.

### National Prison Congress.

AUSTIN, TEX., Dec. 3.—The National Prison Congress of the United States was convened in this city tonight in a four days' session. Gov. Culberson, on the part of the State, and Mayor Hancock, on the part of the city, welcomed the visitors, and President Rocco Brinerhoff, of Mansfield, Ohio, delivered his annual address.

### He Had the Hottest Time of All.

By Telegram to the Morning Post.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., Dec. 4.—E. B. Hinman, a sophomore in the University of California, has had his leg baked in an oven at a temperature of 300 degrees Fahrenheit to cure a sprain. This is 81 degrees higher than the temperature of boiling water, and twice the heat at which meat is ordinarily roasted for the table. A sprain dislocated with wonderful rapidity.

## MOTHER MCKINLEY ALIVE AT 2.

### Affecting Scenes at the Bedside by the President's Devotion.

By Telegram to the Morning Post.

CANTON, O., Dec. 4.—President McKinley left here this afternoon for Washington. He will remain only long enough to attend to the necessary duties incident to the opening of Congress. He will return to Canton Tuesday. The carriage was held at the door of the residence till the last minute, hoping that his mother would recognize him before he left. Just before he left President McKinley dropped on his knees at the bedside of his dear old mother, and said in a choking voice: "Mother, I have got to go now, can't you speak to me? Don't you know me?" But she made no sign, and the President kissed her fondly, remaining on his knees till the last minute. Though his mother was then unconscious, as soon as Major McKinley left, his mother had a sinking spell, which it was feared she would not survive. She did so, however, but remained in a comatose state, the same she has been in for 30 hours. Telegraphic bulletins were wired the President at stations along the road. The President maintained almost constant vigil beside his mother while he was here. He slept only one hour last night; the rest of the time he was by the bedside of his mother. He took two hours' rest today and then resumed his place beside his mother till he departed. All the relatives of the family are now here or on the way. The physicians say Mother McKinley may die before morning, and that there is a possibility of her surviving till the President's return on Tuesday.

### MINIMUTIVE DESPATCHES.

Not "Big-Headed," But Not From the Wires and of Interest to Most People.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Major Handy is much better to-day, though he is unable to leave his bed.

New York, Dec. 4.—The convicted murderer, Thorn, was taken to Sing Sing prison today, where he will be electrocuted during the week beginning Jan. 10, 1898.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—It is said that Oscar Wilde has arranged to publish here and in New York a poem, entitled "The Ballad of Reading Jail, by C. S."

CANTON, O., Dec. 4.—Mrs. McKinley was still living at 1:30 p. m. today. Good weather prevailed here and added to the comfort of the distinguished dying lady.

BARCELONA, Dec. 4.—Great excitement was caused last night in the village monistral, at Catalonia, 27 miles northwest of this place, by an explosion of four bombs. No damage of importance was done, and no casualties.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—Despatches from Rome announce that the pope has not lately been enjoying his usual good health. The attending physicians are, therefore, obliged to adopt special precautions against the weather, and have changed the hot-sand baths.

CHICAGO, Dec. 4.—Chief of Police Kiple issued an order directing each policeman on the force to take a vacation three days this month without pay. The purpose of these proceedings is to make up the shortage in the appropriation for the expenses of the police department.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British Ambassador, is gradually recovering from the attack of rheumatism which kept him confined to room and the greater part of the time in bed, for the last five weeks, is now able to get about on crutches. It will be some time, however, before he can resume active work.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—The floating elevator Columbia, owned by the International Elevating Company, exploded unexpectedly. The flames spread quickly, and almost entirely wrecked her. The crew had a narrow escape from death. An examination of the machinery showed it to be in good condition. It is believed the explosion was due to igniting dry grain dust. The vessel floated into deep water and was allowed to sink.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 4.—The Navy Department has directed that the vessels of the North Atlantic squadron be sent away from the Brooklyn Navy Yard as soon as possible and begin maneuvers mapped out for the winter months. There is no significance in the directions to hurry up work on ships beyond the desire of the department to have winter maneuvers begin. The itinerary of the cruise has been extended to include Key West, which will be the base of exercises in the vicinity of the Tortugas, southernmost point of the voyage. Stops are to be made at Charleston and Brunswick.

### Conference of Cotton Seed Oil Men.

By Telegram to the Morning Post.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 4.—A conference of cotton seed oil manufacturers, representing Vicksburg, Memphis, Greenville, Clarksville, Friars' Point, and other towns, called to consider the rapid fall of prices of cotton seed products, adjourned today. The drop was attributed to probable regulation in France, in the shape of a heavy duty on cotton seed products to keep it out of the country.

A protest against the increased duty by France has been prepared, and will be presented to Secretary Sherman tomorrow by the President of France. Other action looking to the interest of the industry will be taken.

### Slosson Wins Billiard Championship.

By Telegram to the Morning Post.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—Slosson tonight defeated Ives in the closing and closest game of the billiard tournament. Score,