

Holmes. Mr. Olmstead has for some for the purpose of making appoint-If the division of domestic crop re- ing note dated August 20, 1904, showed Carolina as well as to the defendant. The party will remain in Manila about vorts in the bureau of statistics, and the relationship between Holmes and Fe then pronounced a sentence of six ten days, and then make a tour over vas also formerly assistant statistician Van Riper:

of the department of agriculture to nucceed Holmes. Mr. Olmstead has for some time past held the position of "If you have bought any of that torney served notice on the state of an ber 10. thief of the division of domestic crop stuff, sell it out at once, and sell as appeal to the supreme court, which reports in the bureau of statistics, much as you can in addition. We are convenes in Raleigh in September. A ind was also formerly assistant statis- going to show a very slight decline, bond of \$40,000 was required of the deician of the department. He was and as this is totally unexpected, it fendant, which was immediately given, issistant director of the census of will send things down like fury. Other signed by Charles Dewey, E. B. Dewey, Juba and the Philippines.

Secretary Wilson's Report

The report says:

"It has been found that Mr. Holmes This letter was signed with the semmunicated advance information to initial "n." Van Riper testified that L. C. Van Riper, a New York broker, all the letters surrendered were from and H. A. Haas of New York, who Holmes, and that their contents had acted as a go-between in conveying reference to the state of the cotton information from Holmes to other New report.

Fork brokers, including Theodore A large number of letters and tele- Famous Admiral's Remains Transgrams signed with the initial "F." Price.

"Steps have been taken by Secretary were sent from New York to Van Wilson to prevent any further leakage Riper. Nearly all of these contained of the department figures, and an en- information concerning the cotton re- mony of the transfer of the body of ing about the head. tire reorganization of the bureau of port together with instructions to sell Admiral John Paul Jones on board the There was no one present when the statistics and the manner of prepar- or buy on the market, according to the United States flagship Brook'yn took accident occurred and the unfortunat ing monthly crops reports has been information furnished, and all of them place at noon today, and was the oc- engineer was found shortly afterwards closed with the admonition to destroy casion for another impressive function, in an unconscious condition. He was outlined by him. "The papers in connection with the the letter.

investigation were referred to the The secret service agents learend can squadron, large detachments of Mission Hospital, where he died at United States attorney for the District that "P" referred to in Holmes letter French soldiers and sailors and an 1:45 this afternoon. of Columbia, and he has reported that was "F. A. Peckham of New York," enormous crowd of townspeople par- Engineer Chandler was a member of in his opinion a criminal prosecution and that the letter signed with the in- ticipated. The body was first placed Asheville Lodge No. 106, Knights of itial "F" was written by F. A. Peck- on board the torpedo boat Zouave, and Pythias, and the funeral arrangements will not lie against Holmes. "Holmes has been dismissed from ham.

the service of the department."

Mr. Peckham was interviewed in lyn, while the batteries of two squad-According to the report Wilson Judd New York City and stated that the rons fired minute guns. of New York, formerly in the employ of L. C. Van Riper, induced the latter is tell of his segmention with Holmes to tell of his connection with Holmes, trying to make some money in the cot- read a short prayer as the casket was and then communicated the informa- ton market, declining to say anything lowered from the gun deck into an

A Damning Letter

Friday, but probably not."

tion to Mr. Cheatham. Van Riper be- of his relations with Holmes, Haas or improvised chapel. came the principal witness in the in- Van Riper. A short while after he Admiral Sigsbee told the Laffan vestigation conducted by the secret was interviewed it was learned that press correspondent that he was deservice agents, and said he was in- Peckham came to Washington and held lighted with his reception in France. a conversation with Holmes over the It was certainly from the heart. He luced to communicate the fact that telephone, in which he inquired whether wished to correct the report of ill feeladvance information was given out by Holmes because he had heard that Holmes intended to resign his position ing between himself and Loomis. They or whether he expected to be dismissed were the best of friends. The visit was Holmes and his associates had intended to try to maniplate the June cotton from the government service. report. Peckham was seen again by govern-

Using this information as a foundament agents, but would not discuss his tion, the secret service agents interviewed numerous persons who had relation with Holmes. been mentioned by Judd and Van Holmes' Explanation

Riper, as well as gathering a mass of correspondence, including many letters written by Holmes to Van Riper and others.

### How It Was Found Out

The report made to Secretary Wilson gether with the details of the new ally, and that when he had occasion to Alexander Sharp of the Chattanooga, plan of conducting the bureau of statis- visit New York, which was frequently, oCmmander Wm. G. Cutler of the tics, makes more than 4,000 words. It reviews the entire investigation since Riper or Peckham.

the charges were laid before Secretary i Holmes admitted that Peckham, Wilson by Mr. Cheatham several weeks, Haas and himself were at one time acsociated in a business venture in ago.

The charges by Mr. Cheatham were which Holmes was to have an interbut at the same time he pointed out Paul Jones from Paris to Cherbourg. that if the inquiry was extended and peoples." Raleigh. backed up with evidence that certain est equal to the sum of \$6,000, which Lord Lansdowne went on to speak of information had been given to cotton he was to receive as a gift from the positive evidence as to conspiracy obtained, "Holmes and his associates this intimacy. He said: "We have No Knowledge of Van Riper or Haas. Elks off for Buffalo brokers in New York by some person other members of the firm. Subsequent-**ROBBED AND RUN OVER** found it possible to get rid of nearly Durham, N. C., July 8 .- Special might be criminally prosecuted." or persons employed in the bureau of ly Haas transferred his interest in the His Counsel very Indignant It appears as stated above that only all, I had almost said all, of the points half the story was told today. Secre- of difference, and I am satisfied that The Durham Elks in quite a large force statistics, relative to the acreage and firm to L. C. Van Riper, and Van New York, July 8.-Theodore H. tary Wilson's statement was based if hereafter any such points reappear left here this atternoon for Buffalo to condition of the cotton crop of the Riper stated that the company was orcotton broker, de-United States prior to the official pub- ganized, for the purpose of handling upon the report of the secret service we will know how to settle them in a attend Jeation of the information, and that cotton. Holmes testified that this was Merchant of Hampton, Va., Assailed clared today that he had no acquaint-National Order of Elks. In the party agents, but the really interesting fea- reasonable and amicable manner." Referring to President Roosevelt he there were between twenty and twenty. the crop figures had been tampered true, but that he was not aware of five members of the antiered brethren. Near Hotel Imperial, N. Y. Van Riper or M. Haas, from whom he tures of that report were withheld for with in the department in the interest he nature of the organization at the New York, July 8 .- Harvey Booker, a is said in a report of the department of heasons that are not explained by Sec- said: "At this moment he stands first and They went by way of Greensboro, will time he was given an interest in it, of the secretary is understood to have foremost among the public men of the be in Atlantic City tomorrow and will of certain cotton speculators. Secretary Wilson determined at once and that when he learned the object merchant of Hampton, Va., near Old agriculture to have received informabeen a decided disappoint sont to the world. He is the great advocate and take the Lehigh Valley road from apon a thorough investigation, and of the company was to handle cotton Point Comfort, who is now a guest at tion concerning the cotton report. the Hotel Imperial, was dragged from Counsel for Theodore H. Price today. Jurnished to officerhs of the United he withdrew from i. representatives of the Southern Cotton apostle of peace." Ambassador Reid paid a touching to be joined by a large number from States secret service all evidence which. Under further examination, Holmes a cab under the very shadows of the characterized the reference to Mr. tribute to the memory of Mr. Hay. other towns in the western part of the )ad been given to the department. The stated that he had sold to Van Riper hotel by two negroes early today, who Price in the report given out by Secre- Planters' Association. Count Metternich, the German ambas- state. Most of the Durham crowd will agents then were put in touch with about February 19, 1905, a three- later were assisted by the negro cab- tary Wilson as "a gratuitous, abomina-It was the intention of Messrs. statement, tonight, but for some reason sador, and the archdeacon of London, take a short trip into Canada, prob-Mr. Cheatham and directed to use fourths interest in some mining prop- man, beat, run over by the cab wheels ble, outrageous and malicious state- Cheatham and Beach to issue a joint ment," and declared that Mr. Price pvery possible effort to ascertain erty in Idaho for \$73,000 , this amount and then robbed. this plan was abandoned. There is responded on behalf of the visitors. reason to believe that Holmes and The feature of the whole proceeding points, and will be absent from the city whether there had been leak in the having been paid to him by Van Riper Mr. Booker hailed the negro driver, knew nothing about the investigation secretary with the name of every per-son or persons responsible. that a contract had been made be-tween Holmes and himself where the and engaged min to unve to the noter. The lawyer expressed surprise that others may yet be called to stand trial which stood out prominently was the from twelve to income and engaged min to unve to the noter. The lawyer expressed surprise that is seemed to have been held A. Mabry, past exalted ruler of the tween Holmes and himself where the secretary had not seen fit to call in the federal courts, but this will de- fact that it seemed to have been held A. Mabry, past the lodge's representa-Holmes is the only employe of the tween Holmes and himself whereby when the cab was stopped and two on Mr. Price before implicating him in pend, of course, on a reopening of the to honor the memory of the late lodge, went as the lodge's representason or persons responsible. (Continued on page two.) sovernment who has been found to

time past held the position of chief ments with Van Riper, but the follow- duty to perform to the state of North and Manila will then be visited in turn. years in the penitentiary for Thomas the principal islands. The return trip

will commence early in September and At this instant the defendant's at- the party will arrive here about Octo-

**CRUSHED BETWEEN CARS** parties will close out tomorrow, and F. K. Borden and E. B. Borden, Jr., of

sell on Thursday. Where is "P?" Tear Goldsboro. The defendant returned home to this up. It may go up a little before Goldsboro on the evening train.

W. Dewey.



Cherbourg, July 8 .- The final cere- fatally injured, the principal hurt be-

in which the entire force of the Ameri- brought to Asheville and placed in the

thence was transferred to the Brook- will be in charge of this lodge.

## Girl's Family Accepted \$150-Moore Arrested in Washington

Engineer Chandler Fatally Hurt at

Black Mountain

Asheville, N. C., July 8 .- Special.

Greensboro, N. C., July 8 .- Special. Chief of Police Neely this morning received a telegram from Washington stating that W. H. Moore, who is wanted on the charge of seduction under promise of marriage to Lena the American sailors did not show Yow, had been arrested at the nation's capitol and would be held until advised. Chief Neely started Officer Rhea to Washington, but just as the train

was about to pull out the officer was advised by relatives or Moore that the case had been compromised.

It is learned that relatives of Moore offered the family \$100, but they held out for \$150, which was paid.

Moore is well known here, being for Holmes was not possible under the Manufacturing Company's office in this law, there appears to be a difference city. The case has attracted much of opinion between the two officials notice here, owing to the prominence of the parties connected.



played. A marquee was erected on the The cotton association wants Mr. lawn and refreshments were served. Hyde's scalp, as its officers believe that

# Will Go to Oyster Bay

was his duty to see to it that proper Washington, July 8 .- Baron Rosen, precautons were taken to prevent any subordinate from juggling the cotton the New Russian ambassador, will go to Oyster Bay Wednesday, accompanied reports or other reports on the crops. by Third Assistant Secretary Pierce of Things have reached such a pass in this connection that predictions are the state department, to present his freely made that Secretary Wilson may credentials to President Roosevelt. soon retire from the cabinet. It was Baron Rosen gave an informal dinner stated today in a responsible quarter at the New Williard tonight, at which are these: The reporter was told by an that portions of the report of the secret Count Cassini, the retiring ambassador, acquaintance of Bernard that Bernard service agents which were severely and other members of the Russian embassay were present. critical in their tone as to the admin-

istration of the department as a whole were withheld, and that if made public Killed Her Lover

Engineer Chandler of the Southern Mr. Hyde's position would become un-Railway met with a peculiar fatal actenable. cident at Black Mountain about 8 The Southern Cotton Association may o'clock this morning. From informaask in addition to the dismissal of Mr. tion received here it seems that the Hyde-for that is really what the asengineer was at work with an air pipe sociation is working for-a re-opening

as chief of the division of statistics it

on his train when he was caught beof the inquiry, which might possibly tween the bumpers of two cars and result in a thorough investigation of the whole department. Other crcp reports, as well as that on cotton, were manipulated, it is claimed, and fur-

thermore that if the probe is run deeper and more freely other officers may be involved. Toward Secretary Wilson personally no criticism is directed. His implicit confidence in his subordinates.

is believed to have been the cause of another shot into his stomach. the failure to take the Cheatham charges seriously at first, and that he would welcome an investigation of the department, if the president ordered it

is generally believed. After having repeatedly stated that it was impossible under the system in vogue for any officer of the department of agriculture to manipulate or give out in advance any reliable information concerning cotton reports, Secretary Wilson announced today that the charges of Richard Cheatham had

been substantiated and that as a re-

sult Associate Statistician Edward S.

Holmes had been dismissed from the

service. He said further that Holmes

had used as go-between one Moses

Haas, who had sold the advance infor-

mation to New York brokers, who had

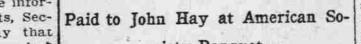
traded it on the market. Documentary

evidence in the shape of letters written

by Holmes to L. C. Van Riper of New

York, are embraced in the Wilson re-

death of Gerdron, and said he had quality of them." made her sis slave. LANDSDOWNE'S TRIBUTE



### ciety Banquet

American Society, which was to have been held on July 4, but which was postponed on account of the death of Secretary Hay, was held tonight. There was a large gathering, including Ambassador Reid, Lord Lansdowne, the Mexican. Chinese and Dutch ministers, the German ambassador and the archdeacon of London. Lord Lansdowne, proposing a toast

port in support of the guilt of Holmes. to President Roosevelt paid a warm Despite the assertion of Secretary tribute to the late John Hay, describ-Wilson in his report that United States ing him as a man "who stood for all Attorney Morgan H. Beach had inthat is noblest and best in our public formed him that a prosecution of life; all that is most sincere and attractive in our social life." He said he would always treasure

as one of his best recollections the public career of John Hay. On Hay's long conference with Mr. Beach tolast visit to London he had called on night. The latter is understood to have stated that the disclosures as the American secretary of state and published did not afford sufficient talked with him" of the great task grounds for a charge of conspiracy, lying before us of the necessity of pre- named Jas. T. Broughton of the Nor-

that some of the statements made by Bernard to the Dispatch reporter last Thursday, and printed that day, are calculated to prejudice the Norfolk public against him. At all events the identity of the evasive gentleman whose name fills the eloquent blank in the happy communication printed above would be interesting to all who have followed the case of Mr. Bernard. "The facts of the Thursday interview talked with him. The reporter himself had known Bernard personally for three years, in Raleigh and elsewhere. This reporter met Bernard about 11

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., July 8 .- Bertha o'clock Thursday morning at the Main Claiche, a French girl, shot and killed street entrance to the Atlantic Hotel. Emil Gerdron, her lover, tonight on Bernard recognized him at once, a Seventh avenue. She had supported the two talked about fifteen minu Gerdron, so she said, and recently he The reporter asked direct questions beat her because she did not bring in concerning the scandal and the suit enough money. At that time she swore in North Carolina. Bernard answered out a warrant for Gerdron's arrest, but them readily enough, and showed no he fled. onight the police saw Gerdron unusual manifestation except a genand arrested him. Two detectives eral restlessness and a desire to be started down the street with him on off. The conversation was conducted the way to the police station. The girl in ordinary English of the sort current store up behind him and fired two here in Norfolk. The reporter quoted shots into his back. Gerdron dropped Bernard's words exactly as he underdead. Before the detectives could stop stood them. He also smoked Bernard's her she knelt on his body and fired cigar, as indicated in the interview. The 'Stuff and the quotations' in the

She was taken to police headquar- interview before, are both Bernard's. ters. She expressed her joy at the The reporter is not responsible for the

### The Repudiation Story

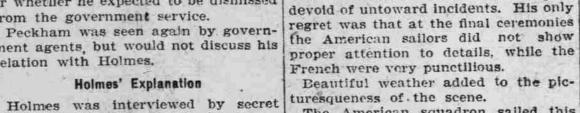
Norfolk, Va., July 8-Special.-Claude M. Bernard, former United States district attorney for the Eastern district of North Carolina, who is stopping at a hotel within the vicinity of Norfolk, has written the following letter to a prominent federal official in Norfolk regarding an alleged interview with him printed in a Norfolk paper, and wired

London, July 8 .- The banquet of the out to North Carolina papers: "Dear Sir:-I am surprised and shocked at the alleged interview in the Norfolk Dispatch, and which was also telegraphed from Norfolk to the Raleigh daily papers. It is without foundation and a gross misrepresentation of me. I did not talk with any one in Norfolk yesterday but yourself. I did not see or talk with a newspaper man or anyone clse on this subject. I am

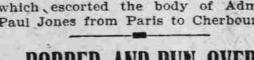
at a loss to know where they got such stuff, and the quotations are false and hurtful. You are authorized to repudiate the entire alleged enterview. It is a libel, and I shall see if I have any remedy in the courts against such

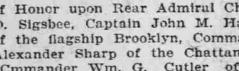
migrepresentation. "Yours very truly, C. M. BERNARD."

Mr. Bernard will not return to North Carolina for the present. The story referred to was written by a reporter serving the close intimacy of the two folk Dispatch staff and formerly of

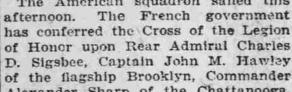


The American squadron sailed this service agents, and considerable space in the report is given to his explanation. The first questions asked were has conferred the Cross of the Legion as to his relations with Peckham and of Honor upon Rear Admiral Charles Van Riper. Holmes said that they all D. Sigsbee, Captain John M. Hawley had been on very intimate terms soci- of the flagship Brooklyn, Commander





acoma, who commanded the detachment of America nsailors and marines which, escorted the body of Admiral



Nicholson of the acoma and Lieuten-

ant Commander Harry George of the

ferred to the Brooklyn