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went wild last Thursday r spoke for the administration ered, Bulley for the Dem ato and Cuban freedom and wat read; Johnson of Only proke for P. Waking a proverful speech, but biseed and jacerd

day meraing is appeared that e was sectain. The President was ed upon Cuban indep would not indist upon further iner. It was nightly a question of that policy in injunition he would

iday, the news was that Congres would declare Cuts free if nobedy class did and that war would surely follow. The President's message, expected illy, would be ready probably by

Monday brought no news further than the Fresident's message would be rate, specific, and vigorous, one h America would rem her us before the world.

ident's message would be ng the next day. The Senste was impatient and called for reremove of the murdered sailors of the Maine. The exodus of Americans from Havana beyon in full force.

sy the news was that the it's message was against Cuse, but in favor of intervention and American contest of Cuben affairs until a stable mt could be established upon

This morning's news takes all the p off of expectation. The mesuage held up and may never be sent to The statement that it was eral Les that he might have time to get all Americans out of Hayana, is discredited. The oft repeated story he himself had left Havana is a. He says be is going to stay notil the clouds fall or until be is resalled. Another preson assigned for the postpensessut of the message is the postponement of the message in that Spain shows signs of weakening and wishes to re-open diplomatic negotiations. Representatives of the six great European powers held a meeting yesterday at the British embury and discussed the profler of their mediation in totall of the peace of the world. West in going to happen, it is now difficult to forcent.

It would be a mistake for every true Absticus to regret, if the president bould daily in deference to Spain's rities outil her Satilla should reach Sarme. Spain is manifestly playing

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BILLIONS IN WORTHLESS WARSHIPS A STARTLING POSSIBILITY OF SUBMARINE NAVAL WARFARE



BLOWING UP A BATTLESHIP.

gagement for a 14,000 ton warship to be blown to fragments in deep water, purhaps in rough, stormy weather, than was the Maine disaster in a tranquil harbor. The

Maine disaster in a tranquil harbor. The
Holland beat is simply a floating torpede—several floating terpedees as to that
matter—propelled in any direction the
pilot may wish, with a frequent map of
the enemy's ships and their position revealed on a shoot of white paper in the little
eabin between the dynamite guns. In action the boat is a moneter of intelligence,
terror and death. It can man holes through
the bottom of a warship, dive under a fleet,
come to the surface for a moment, with
mothing about the water more comprisence
than an cedinary barret, only to belch forth
charges of dynamite conficient to smash in
the decks of the proudest ironeled—in fact,
to utterly demorables if not distroy a fleet
of warships.

It is declared that the best markamen,
even at close quarters, could not hit the

even at close quarters, could not hit the little turret—not twice in a hundred shots. One might as well try to shoot a tumbling perpotes with a cannon. And before the most expert gunner could train his piece on a turpeds best it would be fathous

on a surpose best it would be fathous deep in the green coass. One of the most vital points in the claims of the Helland best is that she can destroy a fleet on the deep eas. In attacking a battleship the best will move along the surface, propalled by her gastine engine or her electric motor, until she is within proper range of the enemy. All this time only the insignificant barrelities turest has appeared on the weater, but when mitch in

nettenry. All this time only the ineignificant burnelike turnet has appeared on the water, but when within range of a vessel she sinks by taking in water ballast or by using her diving rudders. Even when she is entirely covered with water the lists taken.

when she is entirely covered with water the little takescopic turrets can be projected high enough for the commander to observe what is going on among the enamy's flost. Having taken his bearings, the engineer will apply the electric power to the machinery, and when near the betisebup she will dive still desper until within close striking distance of the big wer vessul. One method of attack will be to sink below the armored cruit and fire a torpedo into her vitale. Another is to rum the beat's how out of water and discharge an 80 pound shell from the Holland's how gun. It is said that this gun one be effectively

80 pound shell from the Holland's bow gun. It is said that thin gun onn be effectively fixed when 10 or 15 feet under water.

Will submarine bests of the Heliand ppe revolutionine naval warfase? Are the dilions of dellars invested in bettleships wile seventuationize nevel warface? Are the billions of dollars invested in battleships by the great nations of the world a useless expenditure? Hush are the questions which are punding nevel experts. John P. Rolland, the inventor of the submarine circle which bears his name, built a best years ago which man with success under the waters of Rew York harbor. The first bout was named the Penian, and Mr. Helland

anywhere with 2s.

"Off Castle Point, in Hobeless," says he, "we wave within three deel of the resky bottom and 47 feet below the surface. Yet at that depth the engine worked perfaulty, giving us a speed of mine miles an hour. With our present heat I expect to go 16 knots an hour before I finish with her. The difference between a best of this type and an ordinary torpode boot, which sells on the surface, is beyond weeds to expects. In rough weather life on a surface sailing lapsels boat is horrible. After a rough tip the erew have to be sent to a hospital for treatment. In a great gale such a best could not live. But with one term of heat or other to the.

ble. After a rough try the crew have to be sent to a heaptied for treatment. In a greet gale each a best could not live. But with our type of bust we not indifferent to storms. We can accompany a fleet of the biggers warshipe in the wildest see.

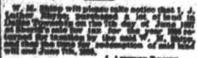
"Besides the quarters for the crew we have a cables 16 by 10 feet for the necessized sides of experts or victors who may accompany us. The temperature in the ongine rooms of rame and torpode boats is almost insuppostable. We shall be perfectly cool, having the temperature of the sen surrounding the boat. While ships are severed with too we, deep in the cap, will be an constortable as when by our freedom at home. The best will not be in danger of clarking, as she is always sunk. She cannot leak, because her detable bettem is always only. If had a contract to actack Havana, I would skim the bestom of Envans buy, rice to the surface and with water for ballast. If I had a contract to actack Havana, I would skim the bestom of Envans buy, rice to the surface and with the camera checuse of the harbor with its shipping. I would stim lades in the ordinary warships and blow up the sermored veces. If I did not wish to sink them, I would use the actal tempels ginns and cave in the desiks, then precise on the foris at my lefeure. The surface one the foris at my lefeure. The surface one the foris at my lefeure out of sight, so that the actual from the gan precise on the forts at my lefeure. The surface one the forts to the water out of sight, so that the actual from the gan precise on the forts book into the water out of sight, so that the actual for the boat always here right side up, the center of the part sight side up, the center of the part sight side up, the center of the best book into the water out of sight, so that the came as a sound of the boat always here right side up, the center of the learning gas of the surface of the law water on the surface of the law water on a store of all thest is going on above the na."

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It is said that this gun ont be effectively fited when 10 or 18 feet under water.

It there was a look of torpede desteopers or other light hestile craft to force her to diva, she would have a very good chance of closing to within 1,800 yards of the ship, in which uses she would test abourd the ship a 100 yound aerial torpede from her how gun. There would he a probability for effective work, because she would have the ship always in sight and the distance measured. She would still be beyond the ship always in sight and the distance measured. She would full be beyond the ship's torpede range, and from the mail target which she would present would have listle to four from gun fire. She might even prestice against emeaning light craft, especially if these last were charging for in a group, has ber legitimate role would be to pay all her attention to the hig ships and avoid the muall once.

When a shot ar two through her stack intimeted that the enemy were getting her range, she would exitinguish fires, deute stacks, see up, head so as to intercept the ship's course, dive and make a run at five fatheaus below the surface of about 500 yards and thus rice till the top of her target or that of her sameirs incide tuto shove water gave a view of the seemy and the consequent direction for the next run. The Morth Carolina lease fight is off. The Governor has arranged the matter with the Bouthern by the latter paying \$14,000 counses fees. You Con't Tell.



J. Lorento Bayes.

MONTH THE PROPERTY OF THE PROP

A County Convention of the Deocracy of Gaston county is hereby called to meet at the court house in Dallas, M. C., at two o'clock I'. M., on SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 1808

for the purpose of electing delegates to !

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 1898 for the purpose of electing delegates to the County Convention called

The precinct convention will follow strictly the directions of the "plan of organization" adopted by the State

committee.

Pursuant to a resolution of the State Committee, "all white electors who intend to vote with us in the bext election and who desire the restablishment of Anglo-Saxon supremental in North carolina are cordially navited to par-ticipate in all our primaries and con-ventions."

By order of the County Democratic

HOST. L. DURHAM,

COTTON PIRE AT CLOVER.

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of Cutton Last. Of the destructive cutton fire which secured at Clover Saturday aight.

The war-house of the Clover Mangfacturing company, located some dis-tuncs from the factors, was destroyed by fire last Saturday night at about 12 o'clock, along with some 400 bales of

The factory had closed down at about 10 o'clock as is mainl on Satur-day nights, and when the fire broke out the pende in the neighburhood generally, except the waterman, were males. When the discovery was made, the discovery was made, the dismes had already made consider able in-riway, and it was only with the greatest difficulty that any parties of the contents of the cont of the contents of the warehou

Altegether there were in the ware. bouse between 800 and 710 bales of cotton, and of these shout 75 were sayed uninjured, some 200 were gotten out in more or less badly damaged shape, and about 400 are a complete

The real origin of the fire is unknown The real origin of the are is unknown but there seems to be some respin for believing that it was the work of an incendiary. However, the heat is fully covered by insurance, and the principal disadvantage to the factory people will be that of trying to get to eather again as desirable a lot of cotgether again as desirable a lot of cotton at the price now prevailing.

NEWS ITEMS.

James Booker who killed his sweet-beart, Mahalley White in Wake coun-ty, August 26th, 1895, was tried in Raleigh last week and convicted of murder in the first degree.

A wind storm on last Thursday, blew down the store of A. Leach & Sons at Star, in this state. It was a large store, 100 feet long and three stores high.—Chathum Record.

for the purpose of electing delegates to the Jadicial, Congressional and State Conventions.

The precinct conventions are hereby called to meet at the several voting places in the county at 3:30 o'clock P.

There are now live negro postmas ters in Halifax county, and there will be smaller as soon as the negro recently appointed can sell out his bar-room and quality. The Scotland Neck Democial says people are having their pahig to receive them through a regr

The Spindle and Loom says: Within the last ten days a plan has been de-veloped with promises to give Sheliy another cotton mill. The ground. lying on both sides of the O. R. & C. R. R. has been secured and put in an stock and a considerable amount of ther stock is already in aight. The parties interested mean business.

Friday, March 18th, while the family were busy about their duties the two children of Mr. Richard Simpson who lives at Oscippes were left in a count together, when suddenly they were heard to servem. The clothing of the younger of of the younger of the two was discovered in flames and the other was quite badly burnt in trying to save the little fellow, who was so badly burned that death relieved him from his terrible agony after about aix hours of suffering.—Burlington Ness.

Cicero Urquiars, coloned, was elec-ted constable of Woodville township at the last election. In the interval time Chero put in his nights stealing cotton from Wm. Hardy, colored. Clears was inducted for largety and wille the jury was out Coord ran away. Mr. Joshus Brown, of K-lford, mally puts in a lick or two of good Celective work, and as a regula of that Corro is now to jull waiting trial at the next term of the court. Mr. Bown dot excellent work to locating his most. Windsor Ledger

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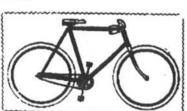
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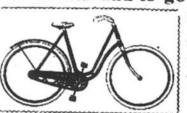


the responsibility BEGINS at that point. There may be other claims, but claims are not facts. Now ours is a

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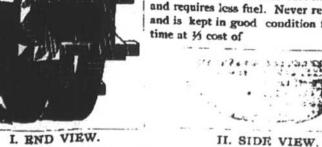
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