

Fair Today  
and much colder; Fri-  
day fair, brisk west to  
northwest winds.

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## MERIWETHER GIVES HIS SIDE OF CASE

Branch, Dead, Is to Be Envid.  
Declares Midshipman On  
Trial for Manslaughter.

### TELLS OF EVENTS LEADING UP TO THE FATAL BOUT

Declares That he Had to Fight to Keep  
His Position Before His Classmates—  
Hazing Consists of Physical Exercises  
He Testifies.

Annapolis, Md., Nov. 29.—Midshipman  
Minor Meriwether today told his story  
of the first fight between him and Mid-  
shipman James R. Branch, Jr., which  
was followed by the death of Branch.

He closed it with these words:

"I have never seen him since. We  
parted as friends."

He was testifying in his own behalf  
before the court-martial which is trying  
him on charges that embrace one of  
manslaughter in connection with the  
death of Branch.

Meriwether was on the witness stand  
an hour and a half, testifying in detail  
as to the fight and the incidents that  
led to it. His evidence excited greater  
interest than has any previous portion  
of the trial and while speaking the ac-  
cused was at times visibly affected.

When he left the witness stand the de-  
fense rested.

The prosecution called in rebuttal sev-  
eral midshipmen. Dr. Thomas, neuro-  
logist of the Johns-Hopkins Hospital,  
Surgeon Byrnes, of the Naval Academy,  
and Captain George P. Colvocoresses,  
commandant of midshipman. It is ex-  
pected that argument of counsel will  
be concluded and the case given to the  
court on Friday.

Meriwether told of Branch's animosity  
toward him, saying Branch was particu-  
larly disagreeable and frequently said  
he was "going to bilge" the witness.  
Branch "ran" him and reported him sev-  
eral times. While on the Hartford at  
Newport News some fruit was being  
brought on ship. Witness, Branch and  
many others were helping themselves to  
fruit. Branch told him to turn in. Wit-  
ness said "go to hell." Branch made  
report of insubordination, disrespect and  
not turning in promptly.

"I told these facts to the executive  
officer," said Meriwether, "and took off  
all but the last charge. I heard that  
Mr. Branch wanted to fight, but I paid  
no attention to it."

Branch made an extra inspection of  
his room and had tried to get a report  
against him. Meriwether continued:

**The Encounter in Branch's Room.**  
"That night after consulting my  
friends I went to Branch's room with  
Jaeger. I asked Pritchard if I could see  
Branch and was told that I could. I  
went in Branch's room and the light  
was turned on. I said that I had come  
to see him about what occurred. Branch  
said 'You are a damn fool to come to  
see me, you know that my class hates  
you.' I said, 'That is not so, you are  
the only one who does.'"

"Branch then asked, 'What if I do?'  
I said 'Then you are a damn sneaking  
coward and I will fight you though I am  
not in fighting condition.' I added, 'If  
you get up I will bilge you.' He said,  
'You mean you will try.' 'That's what  
I will,' I said, 'and if you get up I will  
show you.' He did not get up and after  
a little further conversation Jaeger left  
the room."

"I called Branch what I did because  
I was told the custom was that a fight  
would end feeling and Branch had told  
me he was going to 'bilge' me, that is,  
make me fail, and I wanted to fight and  
end the matter. I did not intend to  
fight when I went to the room, but he  
again told me that he intended to bilge  
me."

**Explains Failure to Hit Branch.**  
Meriwether's counsel then asked him  
about his refraining from hitting Branch  
during the fight, although allowed to do  
so, under the rules. The witness told  
of two instances of this, explaining that

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## E. H. COAPMAN WINS MERITED PROMOTION

Superintendent Danville Division of Southern Railway  
to Become Assistant General Superintendent of Eastern  
Department, Succeeding Horace Baker.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)  
Washington, Nov. 29.—The expected  
appointment of E. H. Coapman to the  
position of assistant general superin-  
tendent of the Eastern system of the  
Southern railway was confirmed today.  
Mr. Coapman assumes the place made  
vacant by the resignation of Horace  
Baker, who becomes general superin-  
tendent of the Iron Mountain.

The official circular issued today also  
announces that W. S. Andrews, now  
superintendent of the Washington divi-  
sion, will succeed Mr. Coapman as su-  
perintendent of the Danville division and  
that C. S. Lake, now trainmaster of the  
Danville division, takes the Washington  
division in place of Mr. Andrews. It  
will be a great satisfaction to many peo-  
ple in Greensboro to know that neither  
Mr. Coapman nor Mr. Lake are to leave  
the city.

The appointment of Eugene H. Coap-  
man to the position he will occupy on  
December 1st settles a matter which  
has been earnestly discussed for several  
weeks past. All sorts of conjectures have  
been made and the names of various  
people have been advanced as the prob-  
able successor to Mr. Baker. But many  
staunch friends have held steadfast to  
Mr. Coapman and now rejoice with him  
in his good fortune.

His new position is a high and respon-  
sible one and one that requires a  
thoroughly equipped railway man to  
fill, but Mr. Coapman is, in the opinion  
of all, without the shadow of a doubt  
the man for the place. It gives him  
control of the entire department from  
Washington to Jacksonville and west to  
New Orleans and Atlanta.

The territory is a large one, but Mr.  
Coapman's experience as a railroad man

fully fits him for the control of large  
railway systems. He is a born railway  
man, and has spent all his life conduct-  
ing railway affairs. He comes of a fam-  
ily of railway people. He has never  
made a backward step. His career has  
ever been onward and upward, each  
change of position having in the line  
of promotion.

He has never been asked for his re-  
signation, though he has held respon-  
sible positions on some of the greatest  
systems in the West and Northwest.  
Mr. Coapman early began to realize  
the necessity of becoming a master of  
whatever he intended to undertake. He  
knew the necessity of having a firm  
foundation on which to build, and as he  
had chosen the career of a railway man,  
he determined to learn the business  
from the ground up. All through his  
life, and he is now only forty years of  
age, he has seen the benefit of his  
thorough early training. He can en-  
counter no obstacle which his perfect  
knowledge of railroading does not en-  
able him to easily surmount and it all  
qualifies him most eminently for the  
high and responsible position to which  
a great railway system had seen fit to  
tender him.

It was in June, 1902, that Mr. Coap-  
man came to Greensboro as superin-  
tendent of the Danville division of the  
Southern Railway and he has held that  
position ever since. His management  
has been such as win the highest confi-  
dence of the Southern officials and has  
led to the promotion which now awaits  
him. That he will continue to deserve  
their commendation goes without saying,  
that the great interests of a great  
railway will never suffer under his man-  
agement is a fixed certainty.

## ENGINEERS YIELD; BLOODY BATTLES ON LAND AND SEA

Fleet of Ten Ships Surrenders.  
Their Barracks Carried by  
Storm.

AT LEAST ONE, POSSIBLY  
THREE VESSELS WERE SUNK

Desperate Fight Which Lasted Three  
Hours and a Half Resulted in Their  
Capitulating—Sebastopol Riddled by  
Shot and Shell.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 29.—Sebastopol  
was today the scene of a desperate bat-  
tle between the mutinous sailors and  
the troops in the forts on shore.

During the battle the town and the  
forts were bombarded by the guns of  
the cruiser Otechakoff which now lies a  
burning wreck off Admiralty Point, its  
hull riddled with shells and its flouting  
red ensign of revolution hauled down.

Many of the crew of Otechakoff were  
killed or wounded. According to one re-  
port the barracks of the mutineers was  
carried by storm after the mutinous  
fleet, which is said to have numbered  
ten vessels, surrendered, and the whole  
position is now in the hands of the  
troops under the command of General  
Nepueff. The correctness of the report,  
however, cannot be guaranteed.

Unable to Get Details.

Owing to the interruption of the tele-  
graph, details of the battle are difficult  
to obtain, but the naval general staff  
tonight says the battle was begun by  
the troops on shore, who opened fire on  
the Otechakoff which was defiantly dis-  
playing the red flag.

The commander of Otechakoff, Lieuten-  
ant Schmidt, immediately accepted the  
challenge, replying with both bat-  
teries, one trained on the town and the  
other on the Fort Alexander batteries,  
on the north shore.

Captain Zilotti, aide-de-camp to Ad-  
miral Vitkevich, chief of the naval gen-  
eral staff, says that the latest dispatches  
received from Sebastopol reported that  
the Otechakoff was on fire and badly  
riddled, with its revolutionary colors haul-  
ed down, but he was unable to give  
more definite information.

According to a more detailed report  
from another source, purporting to come  
from the Admiralty, the battle began at  
3 o'clock this afternoon, when Lieut.  
Schmidt, not receiving a reply to the de-  
mands of the mutineers, opened fire from  
a fleet of ten ships, to which the north-  
ern batteries at Fort Alexander, artiller-  
y posted on the shore and several ves-  
sels which remained loyal, replied.

Engagement Lasted Two Hours and a Half  
During the naval battle the sailors on  
the shore entrenched in the barracks,  
defended their position with machine  
guns and rifles against the attacking in-  
fantry.

After an engagement lasting two and  
a half hours, with the Otechakoff ridd-  
led and on fire and the cruiser Dnieper  
and another vessel sunk, Lieut. Schmidt,  
who had been badly wounded, surren-  
dered the entire squadron. The mutinous  
sailors were recondered to the Brest  
and Bielostok regions.

According to this report the Panthe-  
leimon, formerly the Kniaz Potenkin, was  
injured below the water line and a tor-  
pedo boat is ashore on the rocks.

The demands of the mutineers are  
said to have included, besides the fifty-  
seven proposals dealing with service con-  
ditions, the convocation of a constituent  
assembly and the complete realization of  
the liberties promised by the Imperial  
manifesto.

## RUSSIA ON VERGE OF UNIVERSAL STRIKE

St. Petersburg, Nov. 29.—(12:40 p. m.)  
The situation here again suddenly grew  
exceedingly grave. The Russian capital  
is shut off from telegraphic communica-  
tion with the interior. The pan-Russian  
strike of the telegraph operators de-  
clared yesterday has gone into operation  
and the workmen's council is deliberat-  
ing whether to declare a general politi-  
cal strike throughout Russia tomor-  
row.

The telegraph strike draws an impen-  
etrable curtain between the capital and  
the provinces which in such a crisis  
renders the position of the government  
almost deplorable as being in instant  
and constant touch with military and  
local authorities in the interior is im-  
perative. Telephonic messages from  
Moscow are momentarily expected to  
stop.

## VIRGINIA-CAROLINA FOOTBALL BULLETINS

The Virginia-Carolina football  
game at Norfolk this afternoon will  
be covered in detail for readers of the  
Daily Industrial News by a staff  
correspondent. Bulletins of the  
game will be posted on our board on  
the Glenn building, on South Elm  
street, as they are received at this  
office and each play throughout the  
game will be recorded.

## OUR PRAYER

FOR bed and board, for drink and meat,  
For love so dear and life so sweet—  
For every blessing we have known,  
To Thee, O Lord, our debt we own.  
That we have lived, while others died—  
And still in health and strength abide;  
That we from pain and want are free  
We give, O Lord, our thanks to Thee  
That we the light of freedom know  
And as a nation onward go  
To greater wealth and lordlier fame  
We bow our heads and bless Thy name.  
That we have known another year  
Of peace and plenty, thrift and cheer  
We claim no credit or reward  
But humbly give Thee thanks, O Lord.  
And since the past to Thee we owe  
And Thou the future may bestow  
Take us and keep us and defend—  
As Thine own children, Lord. Amen.  
R. D. D.

## BURTON GETS 6 MONTHS AND A FINE OF \$2,500

Kansas Senator Is Also Debarred from Holding Federal  
Office—He Is Released on Bond Pending Appeal  
to the Supreme Court.

St. Louis, Nov. 29.—United States  
Senator Joseph P. Burton, of Kan-  
sas, was today sentenced in the United  
States Circuit Court to serve six months  
in the iron county jail, fronton, Mo.,  
and to pay a fine of \$2,500 as the pen-  
alty for conviction on the indictment  
charging that he had acted in behalf  
of the Rio Grande and Securities Com-  
pany, of St. Louis, before the Postoffice  
Department to prevent the issuance of a  
fraud order.

He was released on bond in the sum  
of \$5,000 with R. C. Kersens as surety,  
pending an appeal to the Supreme  
Court. Execution of sentence was stay-  
ed pending appeal.

Judge Van Diver imposed the ad-  
ditional penalty debarbing Senator Bur-  
ton forever from holding any office of  
honor, trust or profit under the United  
States Government.

The sentence imposed in the previous  
trial and conviction of Senator Burton,  
before Adams, was six months in the  
iron county jail and to pay a fine of  
\$5,000. On appeal, the verdict was re-  
versed by the United States Supreme  
Court.

## PLANS TO REVOLUTIONIZE MANUFACTURE OF STEEL

German Scientist in Chicago Do Away  
With the Bessemer  
Process.

Chicago, Nov. 29.—Confidence is ex-  
pressed by employees of the Illinois Steel  
Company at South Chicago that the ex-  
periments of a recently imported Ger-  
man scientist will result in a success  
that will revolutionize the process of  
making steel, perhaps doing away with  
the Bessemer process.

Edwin von Mollitz, said to be a count  
by birth, was professor of chemistry in  
Berlin University until the steel com-  
pany brought him to this country. The  
sum of \$30,000 was appropriated for his  
experiments.

He is attempting also to improve the  
method of handling the "steel vessels,"  
and is working upon a plan of elimi-  
nating the refuse by revolutions of the  
vessel while it contains a fragment of a  
special kind of rock.

**Stole From Express Company.**  
Special to Daily Industrial News.  
Asheville, N. C., Nov. 29.—Sheriff  
Reed this morning placed under arrest  
Jim McGowan, a negro driver for the  
Southern Express Company in this city,  
charged with larceny. It is alleged that  
the negro had been stealing from the  
company for some time. McGowan ad-  
mits taking the goods, saying that the  
bundle fell from the trucks of the Ex-  
press Company, and that he picked it  
up and carried it home. The goods were  
recovered today.

## STATEHOOD ADVOCATES WILL PRESS THE FIGHT

No Stone Will Be Left Unturned to In-  
sure Passage of Law During  
Coming Congress.

Washington, Nov. 29.—The strongest  
effort yet made in the direction of se-  
curing the admission of New Mexico  
and Arizona as a State is under way and  
the statehood advocates propose that  
nothing will be left undone that will  
induce favorable action by Congress.  
Enormous petitions will be presented  
in both houses with all the signatures  
that could be obtained.

In New Mexico the movement is under  
the direction of the New Mexico  
Non-Partisan Joint Statehood League,  
an organization of which former dele-  
gate Bernard S. Rodey is secretary.  
This league extends to Arizona and peti-  
tions from that territory also will be  
presented to Congress. Mr. Rodey and  
other men who are not in official life,  
will be in Washington a portion of the  
winter in the interest of the statehood  
bill.

Senator Beveridge, chairman of the  
Senate Committee on Territories, will  
introduce and press the joint statehood  
bill as early as possible in order to get  
it out of the way of other important  
legislative business.

Friends of the movement express the  
belief that the bill which came so near  
being passed at the last session, provid-  
ing for admission of Oklahoma and  
Indiana Territory as one State and New  
Mexico and Arizona as another, is very  
likely to receive favorable consideration  
early in the session.

## M'CURDY QUILTS MUTUAL LIFE

He Resigns Presidency Upon the  
Advice of His Physi-  
cians.

### WOULD HAVE ACTED SOONER BUT FOR "DISTURBANCES"

Treasurer of the Company Temporarily  
in Charge—James H. Eckles Named  
As Probable Permanent Successor—  
Peckham Relinquishes Trusteeship.

New York, Nov. 29.—Richard A. Mc-  
Curdy today resigned as president of the  
Mutual Life Insurance Company. His  
resignation was accepted by the board  
of trustees, and Frederic Crom-  
well, treasurer of the Mutual, was  
named as his temporary successor.

While no definite announcement was  
made regarding the selection of a per-  
manent successor for Mr. McCurdy, it  
was persistently reported that the presi-  
dency of the company had been offered  
to James H. Eckles, who was Comptroller  
of the Currency during the administra-  
tion of President Cleveland. Mr. Eckles  
is now president of the Commercial  
National Bank of Chicago.

Mr. McCurdy's resignation was sub-  
mitted to the board of trustees in a let-  
ter in which he declared that his condi-  
tion of health imperatively demanded  
his immediate retirement from active  
business.

He had been dissuaded from severing  
his connection with the company last  
June, when he reached the age of sev-  
enty years, "only by the serious dis-  
turbance which previously had arisen in  
insurance affairs." In view of these con-  
ditions he believed it his duty to remain  
at his post. He found, however, that he  
overestimated his physical strength and  
it was upon advice of his physicians  
that he tendered his resignation.

The resignation was accepted unani-  
mously and the trustees passed a reso-  
lution in which they express hope that  
"much needed rest may afford the relief  
required for such recovery as may be  
hoped for his time of life and assure  
him of their best wishes for his future  
comfort and happiness."

The resignation of Justice Rufus W.  
Peckham, of the United States Supreme  
Court, as trustee of the Mutual, also  
was presented to the board of trustees  
at today's meeting. The resignation  
was accepted.

Justice Peckham had been a trustee  
of the Mutual for more than twenty  
years.

## MET, LOVED AND ELOPED WITHIN VERY FEW DAYS

Special to Daily Industrial News.  
Richmond, Va., Nov. 29.—Miss Lil-  
lian Stephenson, wealthy and pretty,  
whose home is in Pittsburgh, Pa., who  
has been spending the last few weeks in  
Richmond while touring the South,  
eloped from this city tonight with T. L.  
Vaughn, Jr., son of a retired tobacco-  
entire of Winston, N. C., for Weldon, where  
they were met by a minister and were  
married.

The girl, who is quite young, arrived  
in Richmond alone and put up at one  
of the most exclusive boarding houses  
here. During the course of her visit,  
she met Mr. Vaughn and the attrac-  
tion between the young people was in-  
stantaneous. The young man, who was  
impetuous in his wooing, persuaded the  
girl to consent to an immediate mar-  
riage, and without allowing her time in  
which to change her mind wired a min-  
ister at Weldon to meet them at the  
train and perform the ceremony.

The couple chose the Old North State  
as their objective point because the  
bridegroom has relatives in that State  
whom he desires to visit with his  
wife. They will go to Winston, where  
the bridegroom's parents live, tomor-  
row.

There was no special reason for the  
elopement, so far as known, the girl  
having no relatives in this city.

## REAL THANKSGIVING DAY FOR THESE TWO PRISONERS

Governor Glenn Will Signalize Day By  
Pardoning Two Negro  
Convicts.

Special to Daily Industrial News.

Raleigh, Nov. 29.—Governor Glenn will  
observe Thanksgiving Day by pardoning  
two convicts. Superintendent Mann  
was asked to recommend two prisoners  
with the best records, and he named two  
negroes, John Hopkins, sentenced in 1893  
for 20 years for manslaughter, and  
Wesley McKay, sentenced in 1887 from  
Roberson for 30 years for burning an  
out house.

Both have been model prisoners and  
the Governor will give them liberty to-  
morrow, though neither had applied for  
a pardon.

**Engagement Announced.**  
Mount Holly, Nov. 29.—Mr. and Mrs.  
A. P. Rhyme, of this place, announce the  
engagement of their daughter, Miss  
Lily Catherine Rhyme, to Mr. Miles P.  
Hartman, of Philadelphia, the marriage  
to take place in the early spring.

## ALABAMA GROWERS PROMISE TO HOLD OUT FOR 15 CENTS

Pledges to Hold 25,000 Bales and  
Campaign to Remove Staple  
Now on Market.

Montgomery, Ala., Nov. 29.—A con-  
vention of the Alabama Division of the  
Southern Cotton Association was held  
at Montgomery today. Harvie Jordan,  
of Georgia, president of the association,  
was present and delivered an address.

Pledges were received for holding 25,  
000 bales of cotton for fifteen cents a  
pound and a campaign to remove from  
the market all cotton yet in the hands  
of the growers was started.

Congressman Henry D. Clayton, of the  
Third Alabama district, addressed the  
planters. About 200 representative cot-  
ton growers from all parts of the State  
were present.

**Thanksgiving at the A. and M. College.**  
The usual Thanksgiving exercises will  
be held at the A. and M. College this  
year under the direction of the Rev. J.  
E. Moorland, one of the general secre-  
taries of the Young Men's Christian As-  
sociation, at 11 o'clock. The public is  
invited.

## THREE RUSSIAN CRUISERS ARRIVE AT NAGASAKI

Much Speculation As To Why the Fleet  
Left Vladivostok In Midst of  
Disturbance.

Tokyo, Nov. 29.—The Russian cruis-  
ers Russia, Gromobol and Bogatyri  
arrived at Nagasaki today from Vladi-  
vostok. Rear Admiral Jessen, who is  
on board the Russia, in an interview,  
said that they left Vladivostok in the  
midst of a disturbance. They called at  
Deastries Bay and will stop at Na-  
gasaki a few days to await orders from  
the Russian government.

## ROOSEVELT DECLARES AGAINST "BOSSISM"

Washington, D. C., Nov. 29.—President  
Roosevelt has declared himself against  
"Bossism" in New York city politics.  
This declaration he has made in letters  
to personal and political friends regard-  
ing the selection of a president of the  
Republican committee of New York city.

He has expressed an opinion, as a citi-  
zen, that whoever is chosen chairman  
should be a man of the highest charac-  
ter and should possess the necessary in-  
dependence to make it certain that he  
would conduct the affairs of the Republi-  
can organization in New York city  
without regard to any boss or machine.

Rev. Father Cerruti, pastor of the  
Church of the Sacred Heart, organized  
St. Joseph's Society specially to drive  
out the Mafia, which has branch soci-  
eties through the Laekawanna Valley,  
and his life was threatened. Philip Pen-  
zeria, arrested in connection therewith,  
was simply convicted of carrying con-  
cealed weapons and given six months  
sentence.

## \$1,000,000 BODY WRIT SERVED ON BROKER

South Norwalk, Conn., Nov. 29.—A  
body writ for one million dollars has  
been served upon C. Munson Raymond,  
a former New York broker, in a suit  
brought to recover securities and bonds  
to the amount of over one million dol-  
lars which it is said were entrusted to  
Mr. Raymond's care more than two  
years ago. The name of the plaintiff  
is not made public.

It is said that Mr. Raymond has evad-  
ed service in the suit for two years. He  
was found last night at the home of his  
nephew, Seymour Curtis, here.

In preference to going to jail in de-  
fault of a million-dollar bond, Mr. Ray-  
mond agreed to be constantly under  
guard of two deputy sheriffs.

## TRIED TO ASSASSINATE DUCHESS OF AOSTA

Naples, Nov. 29.—Great excitement  
was caused here today by an attempt  
against the life of the Duchess of Aosta,  
who is very popular.

While the Duchess was entering the  
royal palace at Capodimonte in an au-  
tomobile, a man about 40 years old  
picked up a stone, intending apparently  
to throw it at the Duchess, but was pre-  
vented from so doing by a policeman,  
who arrested him.

The man asserts that he did not in-  
tend to throw the stone, but picked it  
up to clear a way for the passage of the  
automobile.

**LOCKJAW FROM THE VIRUS.**  
Washington, Pa., Nov. 29.—Amwell  
township citizens are stirred up against  
vaccination owing to the death of Dale  
lams, aged 10 years, daughter of Mr.  
and Mrs. Zebulon lams.

The child was vaccinated last week  
and Friday, at school, children broke  
the scab. She became ill and on Sun-  
day lockjaw developed, and she has died  
with all her muscles rigidly set.

## FIRE DAMAGES THE GRAND OPERA HOUSE IN NEW YORK

Historic Structure Was Built in 1867—  
Loss is Estimated at  
\$5,000.

New York, Nov. 29.—Fire today dam-  
aged the Grand Opera House, one of New  
York's historic theatres. The loss is  
about \$5,000, confined mostly to scenery  
and stage fixtures. The fire started in a  
pile of rubbish soon after daylight.

The old Grand Opera House is at the  
corner of Twenty-third street and  
Eighth avenue. It was built nearly a  
half century ago as the headquarters of  
the Erie Railroad. In 1867 the building  
was remodelled into a theatre. Hall  
Caine's drama, "The Prodigal Son," is at  
present being presented there.

**Chinese Fear God; Break Boycott.**  
Shanghai, Nov. 29.—Fearing that the  
wrath of the "god of water" would be  
visited on them, the Chinese have given  
up the boycotting of American goods.