HOUSE AT WORK.

COUNTRY FREE DELIVERY BILL PASSED.

Mot Debate on Postal Bill. Afraid of Loss in Country Delivery Labor Bills Introduced. Other

Bills. WASHINGTON, D. C. December 9 -The House has passed the pension appropriation bill as reported from committee, carrying \$141,268,580, a reduction of \$63,150 from the estimate submitted, which was the same as the present appropriation; also the bill directing ers at places where there is no free mail delivery, upon petition of twenty persons receiving mail at one today. office, to appoint carriers, who shall be paid for their services by those whom

Mr. Sperry made a speech in favor of the change. He said he remembered when the first letter box was put up at the lamppost in his town in 1860. It was said the expense was too great. It was predicted that the plan could not work. Six months had not passed before it was found that the revenues were so increased by the use of the boxes that they more than paid for themselves.

A similar result would be reached in this case. There was certainly no good ground for refusing to permit the rural population to have free delivery if they were willing to pay for it as proposed per cent, is sowed and its condition is 96. by this measure.

Speeches in favor of the measure were made by Mr. Pickler and others. Mr. Loud, chairman of the Postoffice

Committee, opposed the bill. He said it would do nothing or it would create a most dangerous precedent. He wished it were possible to approach this and similar questions without demagogy, but the speech of the South Dakota mber made him despair. As a matter of fact everything that was given by the law in terms was already free to the

The thing to be leared was that the carriers who might be employed under it would not be paid, and they would come to Congress asking an appropriation for their relief. The great majority of men would not pay a debt of one to three cents. It could not be collected. Say twenty persons agreed to pay a carrier. The probability was that he would not get his pay. Soon there would be such an amount of these arrears that the matter could be brought to Congress and a bill forced through,

The letter carriers had at one time forced Congress to pay them \$4,000,000 for extra services.

Upon a standing vote the bill was presed by 101 to 15. Mr. Stone called up the pension ap-

propriations bill and explained the reduction in administrative expenses. This was due largely to the change to the method of paying pensioners at large offices by means of checks sent to their noted above taken. The action of the

Mr. Grow, in speaking upon the bill answered the the assertion in the President's message that the Wilson tariff produced more revenue this year than last and will eventually supply all that is needed. Mr. Bine thought there ought to be a reduction in rent as a resalt of the change of method of payment. Also public buildings were com ing into use, especially that in Detroit, and this should reduce the rent.

The bill passed without division. The contested election case of Thoma E. Watson against J. C. C. Black, from the Tenth Georgia district, was reported

Mesors. Wilbur were granted ten days and Mr. Hainer a week leave.

A bill was introduced in the House Mr. Lorimer making it unlawful to blacklist any person because of participation in strike or connection with a labor organization. It was referred to the Committee

The bill makes it a conspiracy against he United States for any person or corcretions to cuter into any agreement by thich any paraon is excluded from em-loyment with the parties to the agreent by reason of participation in a strike similar labor movement or for memhip in a labor society.

Also it especially provides for sait for amages by the person injured, and if islice can be shown, directs that exemplary damages shall be awarded.

Recruits Fer Cuba.

eros, N. J.—There are evidence the Cuban Junta is making an to secure the services of some of silicers of the New Jersey National of to lead the Cuban insurgents.

Some of these officers, whose records poser to be satisfactory, have received flors to go to Cuba. General Stryker dmits the correctness of this, but de-

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STATE CROP REPORT.

ton Crop. Other Products Show High Average. Special.

RALEIGH, N. C., December 9 -The State crop report for December was issued

Inquiries were made as to what crops actually were. The answers, taking all crops together, show a high average. The report which will cause the most

surprise is that on cotton. The September and October reports on its condition indicated, respectively, 63 and 65 per cent. of an average, while the yield is now shown to have been 76 per

The exceptionally long warm season and dryness caused phenomenal matur-Corn was 80 per cent.; peanuts 78; sweet

potatoes 92. The amount of wheat sowed is 98 per cent, and its condition over 100, of rye 86 Of fattening hogs the percentage is 99, and of cattle 95.

Dispute Over Wages.

PITTSBURG, Pa. - The coal operators and miners of the Pittsburg district met in joint convention here for the purpose of arranging a wage scale to go into effect January 1.

The operators demanded the abolition of the Ohio differential on thin vein coal. A committee of three operators and three miners was appointed to submit a report providing for the settlement of the matter, and calling a joint interstate convention.

The sentiment of the miners is that they should have 80 cents a ton for pick mining. It is the common opinion that no agreement will be arrived at by the con vention.

Mormon Elders Ejected.

LIVE OAK, Fla .- A mob of 200 men seized four Mormon elders, and, bringing them to this place, forced them to take the train for the West. The elders were rather roughly handled by the mob. The names of the Mormons are W. G. Fisher, J. A. West, J. W. Musser and T. F. Warsden.

These men have been preaching their doctrines in Susanne county for two months. They have been very success ful among the women and have broken

up several families. Finally indignation became so intense that a mob was formed and the steps mob is generally indorsed. Considering

Will Sail Under Water.

BALTIMORE, Md. - A most remarkabl ressel will be launched at the Columbia an Iron Works in the near future. I is the Holland submarine torpedo boa which has been under construction for several months for the United State gövernment.

It was current in marine circles tha the vessel would be launched some dathis week, but the Columbian Iron Works officials said that the event woul not take place for at least ten days. Th

disculte marine warrare The national government appropria ed \$150,000 for the construction of the oat, which is the life time work i plans of John G. Holland, the inventor. She is intended to dive under water and fire a torpedo into a ship's hull. She will be propelled by electricity and lighted by the same medium. In fact, the torpedo guns will be exploded by the same agency. By the use of air she can be raised and lowered at will, and through a unique device her crew can release themselves, providing the ressel becomes unmanageable.

The boat is built of steel, is of cigar shape, similiar to the Winan's model first laid down in this port, which by a coincidence, first saw the construction of a submarine vessel. She has been huilt under the supervision of government constructors and engineers.

Escaping Prisoners Shot.

MADRID-A dispatch from Manilla states that a number of political prisoners at Cavite, while attempting to escape recentis to lead the Cuban insurgence.

It is an old trick of the Spaniards to so arrange matters that prisoners will think they have an opportunity to escape, their seconds in his and then when advantage is taken of it to

Strikers Seturn to Work.

its the correctness of this, but deto give the names of any of the
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BOYEIN HAS RESIGNED.

December Report a Surprise on Cot- Judge Boykin of Superior Court Betires From Bench to Practice

> Special. RALEIGH, N. C. December 9.-Judge Edwin T. Boykin of the Superior Court. today tendered to Governor Carr in person his resignation, to take effect December 31.

tires to resume the active practice of

THE COTTON MARKETS.

December 9.

Corron today was 3.61 lower for future. and 1-32 for spots in Liverpool. This did not fully meet the slump of yester day in New York. As a result the New York market opened at an advance of 7-100 and the market there has been steady all day, finally closing at 7.28 for January, a net gain of 14-000 since yesterday. This reaction in futures is only natural after so steady and s sharp a decline.

Ir may or it may not be the beginning of a better feeling in the fleecy staple. THE trade demand is still inadequate to fully sustain the market unless it car be augmented by speculation.

BELIEVE present discount a pret ty liberal crop, but with the holidays almost upon us, it is not likely any low as the lowest. material or lasting advance will be seen till after the 1st. of January.

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