

PALMETTO GLEANINGS.

Minor Events of the Week in a Brief Form.

The legislative committee spent last week at Clemson College investigating the workings of the college. They went through every department of the college and made a most thorough investigation. The committee is composed of the following: Senator W. N. Graydon, of Abbeville, Senator-elect P. L. Hardin of Chester and Hon. J. H. Rainford, member of the house of representatives from Edgefield. These gentlemen expressed themselves as being delighted with what they had seen and surprised at the scope and equipment of the college.

Wednesday night a cottage on the outskirts of Florence was burned and with it a 6-year-old son of S. Brunson, the colored man who lived in the house. It is said that Brunson was not at home and his wife, who had a child to bed, locked the door and left the house. When the flames were discovered they had made considerable headway and there was no possibility of saving the building. The mother of the boy was frantic when she realized that her child was burned to death and her screams were heartrending.

Tom Pearlstein, a merchant of Bamberg, this State, Saturday night went to the home of W. M. Creech, a factory operative, to collect a debt of 80 cents. Creech declared that he did not have the money, but would give an order on the mill for the amount. Pearlstein then began cursing, and Creech remonstrated, because of the presence of his wife, thereupon, it is said, Pearlstein drew his pistol and fired twice, one shot killing Creech instantly and the other barely missing Mrs. Creech.

A hold and daring robbery occurred in Mullins, S. C., Wednesday night, in which the bank of Mullins was plundered and the bandits secured the fat sum of five thousand dollars. For the past few months the bank carried cash on hand of about \$50,000 in order to meet the demands of various interests, but just now the season for selling the weed is nearly over, and lucky for the bank they were only trying to carry enough cash to transact the normal business.

The authorities of the Olympia mills last year inaugurated a custom of giving to each family of operatives a turkey for their Christmas dinner. This year this will be done again. The company has ordered from the Armour depot there 1,200 turkeys for the purpose and they will be distributed among the operatives in ample time for the preparation of the Christmas dinner.

A \$10,000 savings bank for cotton mill people will be established by W. A. Law, a prominent local banker; A. H. Tweebert, president of the D. E. Converse Company, operating several large cotton mills, together with several other mill men. The bank will be located at Conway, and will be conveniently located for the operatives of the Clifton cotton mills.

Friday night an attempt was made to assassinate Mr. T. F. Davis, of Killian's Richmond county. Mr. Davis is president of the extensive kaolin works at that place and Friday ordered a negro off the premises. Shortly after midnight Mr. Davis was waylaid and his left arm was shot off. He suspected the negro whom he had discharged.

The postoffice at Batesburg, in Lexington county, S. C., was burglarized Friday night. Only a few dollars in change was taken from a drawer. The safe was dynamited, and although badly cracked was not opened. The burglars were frightened away for a number of tools were found on the premises.

Mr. W. Boyd Evans has brought suit for \$90 damages against the street car company for falling to provide vestibules for the fronts of the cars in operation. The complaint charges that the road is liable for the falling of the \$10 daily for the first nine days of December.

Dr. M. M. Kinarad has resigned as pastor of Ebenezer Lutheran Church in Columbia, and will accept the call to Knoxville, Tenn.

Clemson College will have holiday from the 23rd instant to the 31st of January.

Abbeville is talking of another bank and a second furniture factory.

The appointment of Maj. Meah Jenkins as collector of internal revenue for South Carolina has been confirmed by the senate.

Three negroes charged with murdering Samuel Langley in Barnwell county, were carried to the penitentiary on Thursday to get them out of the reach of a lynching party.

Friday morning Robert Phillips, a negro employe at the Lydin cotton mill, was instantly killed by the falling of an archway in the office of the mill.

The A. R. P. Church at Chester on Sunday subscribed \$2,200 to the Twentieth Century fund. It is proposed to raise \$50,000 in the synod—\$25,000 for Evans, \$12,500 for the Duke West Female College, \$12,000 for education in Mexico and \$10,000 for home missions.

According to the annual report of the Spartanburg and Asheville railroad recently completed, the concern has netted the previous year, the fiscal year, the sum of \$1,200,000. Further items in the said report are: Total business, \$527,000. Expenses, including taxes, \$315,000.

John S. Horbeck, of Charleston county, claims the biggest grove of pecan trees. He has 10,000 on 500 acres. He gets from 25 cents to a dollar for his nuts.

News in Brief.

The War Department has decided to divide the transport service on the Pacific between Washington State ports and San Francisco.

Ambassador Tower presented his credentials to Emperor William in Berlin.

NEGRO AND WIFE LYNCHED.

Brutal Murder of a Farmer Avenged in a Summary Fashion.

Charleston, S. C., Special.—A special to The News and Courier from Greenwood, S. C., says: "W. K. Jay, a prominent young farmer of the Troy section of this county, was fouly murdered in his own yard by a negro, Oliver Wideman, or his wife, both of them living on the place. Both of the negroes were lynched by Jay's infuriated neighbors. Mr. Jay, on returning home on Friday afternoon, heard Wideman abusing or fighting his (Wideman's) wife. He went to the cabin and ordered the negroes to be quiet. Immediately afterwards Mrs. Jay heard the report of a gun and saw the two negroes running away. Calling for her husband, she had no answer and on looking over the yard found him dead in a pool of his own blood. Almost his entire head had been blown off.

"The alarm was given and parties were soon scouring the country in pursuit of the negroes. They were captured. Before the coroner both acknowledged the deed, but the man said the woman did it, and the woman accused the man. They never changed from this, but died, accusing each other of the crime. While in the custody of a constable on the way to jail they were stopped at the Waterford bridge by a crowd of infuriated friends and neighbors of Jay and both negroes were lynched. The lynching took place about midday, seven hours after the inquest. W. K. Jay was a good citizen and prominent Mason, having been a high official of the grand lodge of South Carolina."

Method of the Arbitration.

Washington, Special.—There is now in progress an active exchange of notes between the allied powers, Venezuela and the United States, respecting the method of submitting to arbitration the issues which have arisen between Venezuela and the allies. Questions are being put and are being answered, but it is said the negotiations are in such shape that it would be extremely injurious and indiscreet to make each phase public if there really existed a desire to reach a satisfactory settlement. It is explained at the State Department that the part of the United States government just now is that of a "good friend" to all parties; that it is not undertaking to draw up protocols or impose limitations upon the parties, but is confining its offices to getting them together and keeping them so, in his view it will not be necessary for any agreement to prescribe the Monroe doctrine shall or shall not figure in the protocols; it will judge for itself by results how our interests are affected and will not indulge in premature or uncalled-for protests.

As for the terms of the arbitration agreement, it is stated that there are in a fair way to be speedily adjusted, but nothing can be said of the details. It is presumed that the allies will agree to terminate the blockade, though no stipulation has yet been entered into on that point. Nothing has been heard recently of the part to be taken by the United States Minister Bowen in the final settlement and it begins to appear that after all, Venezuela will probably be represented by one of her own people.

28 Killed in a Wreck.

London, Ont., Special.—The most frightful railroad accident in the annals of the past decade happened a short distance from the little station of Wanstead, on the Sarum branch of the Grand Trunk Railroad, Friday night. The trains in collision were the Pacific Express and a freight. The express was running nearly two hours late and was making fast time. The freight was endeavoring to make a siding and got into the express, but falling by a minute or two. There was a dreadful crash, the locomotives reared up and fell over in a ditch, the baggage car of the express telescoped like a smoker and in an instant the shrieks and cries of the wounded and the dying filled the air. The loss of life is 28. The injured will number considerably more, and many of these may die.

Change to Be Made.

Washington, Special.—It is learned at the State Department that leave of absence has been granted to J. B. Crossland, United States minister resident and consul general to Liberia, and that upon his return to this country he will tender his resignation. Minister Crossland was appointed to his post from Missouri in January last and his conduct has been under investigation owing to a personal encounter between himself and one of the officials of the Monrovia legation. There appeared to be a state of affairs in existence at Monrovia that was not acceptable to the State Department and therefore a change in the mission will be made.

\$200,000 Fire.

Bloomington, Ill., Special.—Fire in the business section here caused a loss of about \$200,000. The building occupied by William A. Nicholas & Co., dry goods and ladies' furnishings, was destroyed and the double store of C. W. Klem, wholesale and retail dry goods, was considerably damaged by smoke and water. Charles Abrams, assistant fire chief, fell from a ladder and was seriously injured.

The Cold Wave.

Kansas City, Mo., Special.—Advices received here indicate severe weather throughout Kansas and Missouri. Hutchinson, Kan., reported the coldest weather in years, the thermometer at that point registering 5 below zero. At Atchinson 5 below is recorded. At Mexico, Mo., a cold famine confronts the people. There is no more coal for sale at any yards and the temperature was at zero Friday night.

HE CUT HIS THROAT.

Fearful Ending of a Young Man Out of Employment.

SOUGHT DEATH AT HIS OWN HAND.

Young Bruce Booie, Thoroughly Disappointed in Life, Seeks Solace in Death.

Norfolk, Va., Special.—Penniless, out of employment and without a home for himself and young wife, Bruce Booie, formerly of Wilmington, N. C., at a late hour Saturday night cut his throat with a razor, nearly severing his jugular vein. He may, however, recover. Booie is 20 years of age and, according to a statement from his wife to the police, was married three weeks ago in Newark, N. J. They came to this city some time ago and, being strangers, boarded at a house on Cove street. Being without funds the landlady gave Mrs. Booie a position as housekeeper and she and her husband occupied a room on the second floor. Saturday night Mrs. Booie and the landlady had some words and the latter ordered Mrs. Booie out of the house. Booie, who was ill and worried, when informed of the circumstances by his wife, grabbed a razor and, with the exclamation, "Before I would see you suffer any more hardships, I will kill myself," brought the razor down deep into his throat. His wife snatched the razor and screamed while her husband sank to the floor in a pool of his own blood. He was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital, where it was said there were even chances for life and death. The young wife is being cared for by friends, with temporary quarters at the Union Mission.

Charlotte, N. C., Special.—Booie resided in Charlotte some years ago, and was among the first conductors on the electric cars when the present street railway system was established. He will also be remembered in Charlotte as the man who sent up paper balloons at the park on Saturday afternoon for the entertainment of the children.

A Day of Suicides.

New York, Special.—Eight persons met violent deaths in Greater New York Sunday. Three were clear cases of suicide and resulted from a variety of causes. Mrs. Mary Charles, aged 45, wife of the chief officer of the steamer Beverly, died from the result of gas poisoning, self-administered. George Simon, 46, and Jacob Scheraga, 25 years of age, died after drinking carbolic acid. Mary Stack, aged 23, was found dead in a hotel. Escaping gas was given as the cause. An unidentified man was found in his room unconscious. Mary Seales, aged 28, died from alcoholism and died in a hospital. Henry Tunkley, aged 27, was found on the sidewalk with a fractured skull and died later. Two men are dead as the result of falls, one in the power house of a street railway company and the other in a lodging house. An 18-year-old girl, unsuccessfully attempted suicide by swallowing carbolic acid and a woman 32 years old hanged herself in the police station, but was cut down in time to save her life. Mrs. Hugh Mooney drank carbolic acid and died before a physician could attend her. Her husband said she had tried to commit suicide twelve times before.

Death of Mrs. Fremont.

Los Angeles, Cal., Special.—Mrs. Jessie Benton Fremont, widow of General Fremont, who died Sunday night, was 75 years of age. Mrs. Fremont was taken ill on Christmas morning. She grew rapidly worse and soon lapsed into unconsciousness from which she never rallied. For the past three years the lady was in poor health. She had been extremely feeble and her condition had been such that she had been unable to walk. Mrs. Fremont was the daughter of Thomas H. Benton, for 30 years a United States Senator.

Value of Frost Warnings.

Jacksonville Fla., Special.—The cold wave has done no material damage to any crops in Florida. While a temperature of from 27 to 30 degrees above zero was experienced at some sections just below the freezing line on the west coast last night, frost warnings had been sent out in ample time and practically all the vegetable growers who could be affected had prepared for it. The cold was not severe enough, nor was it of sufficient duration to damage the citrus fruit trees or the fruit.

Hit Peleag in Eruption.

St. Thomas, D. W. I., By Cable.—The cableship Nottingham, which arrived at St. John, B. W. I., reported having passed Mont Pele, Island of Martinique, on Dec. 30 in the morning. The volcano was then in violent eruption. Dense clouds of gray smoke and dust were pouring out of the crater and ascending to an enormous height. Other advices say that the cone was luminous during the night.

Cattle Seed Oil Notes.

The new cotton seed oil mill of the Shubuta Oil Manufacturing Co. at Shubuta, Miss., began operations on the 28th inst. It runs day and night during winter, but the mill has been in operation since the 1st of January. The mill has a capacity of 100 tons a day. The oil is of the highest quality. The mill is owned by J. C. Cohen, vice president of the company, and J. C. Cohen, general manager.

Cattle Starving.

Denver, Special.—Thousands of cattle are reported to be starving on the range in northwestern Colorado. The Humane Society appealed to the owners to rescue their stock and they have replied that they are powerless to do so. The cattle are snowed in on the high range in Routt and Rio Blanco counties, without pasture and without water. It is impossible to get food to them and equally impossible to drive them into suitable winter quarters.

CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCES.

How The Day Was Spent By President Roosevelt and Others.

Washington, Special.—Snow which began falling late Wednesday night gave Washington a genuine Christmas appearance. Public and private business was practically entirely suspended. Interest centered in the happenings at the White House. Early in the morning the President and all the members of his family repaired to the library, where presents were exchanged and the many boxes and packages which had come from out of town opened. There was a large number of cakes and many gifts in the shape of hand-made floral pieces were received. Soon after breakfast the President, Theodore, Jr., and Lieutenant Ferguson, of the Rough Riders, who is a home guest, took a long horseback ride, returning in time to join the rest of the family at luncheon, with Commander and Mrs. Cowles. The President and Mrs. Roosevelt entertained a number of friends at dinner tonight. The table was set in the newly finished State dining room. The guests included Senator and Mrs. Lodge, Mr. John Lodge, Captain and Mrs. Cowles, Mr. John Elliott, Mrs. Chas. Henry Davis, Miss Davis, the Messrs. Davis and Mr. Robert Ferguson.

At the home of the cabinet officers the day was quietly observed, while among the embassies and legations elaborate preparations had been made for celebrating. Official dinner parties were given by the British, Mexican and Russian ambassadors. The Argentine minister and wife gave a children's party at the legation, while the minister from Peru and his wife entertained a number of Peruvian students in the various schools and colleges of the United States.

Asheville, N. C., Special.—At Biltmore House Christmas afternoon. Several hundred employees of Vanderbilt's estate were given a most elaborate Christmas entertainment. Exercises were held in the banquet hall of Biltmore House. In the center of the hall a Christmas tree, 15 feet high, was decorated with lights, and beneath it were evergreen boughs, a number of gifts of every conceivable nature, and a gift for every person who worked or stayed on the estate. Mr. and Mrs. Vanderbilt, with their own hands, distributed gifts to the assembled guests, and wished each a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Music was furnished throughout the afternoon by the First North Carolina Regiment Band.

Four Burned to Death.

Malone, N. Y., Special.—Four persons were burned to death today in the house of Julius King, of Piercedfield, a pulp and paper manufacturing town in the Adirondacks. The fire had gained such headway before it was discovered that Mrs. McGovern, King's eldest daughter, and her two children who were sleeping on the lower floor were not able to get out and all were burned to death. One of the children, a body was found close to a window, evidently had made heroic efforts to escape. King and his wife, with a few boarders on an upper floor escaped by jumping out of the window. One man was burned seriously. It is not known how the fire started.

Jumped From Burning Factory.

St. Joseph, Mo., Special.—Fire broke out Wednesday morning in Chase & Sons' candy manufactory. Sophia Mintz, aged 15, and Mattie Leslie, aged 20, employees, jumped from a third story window and were fatally hurt. There were 50 girls employed in the factory and many others jumped from second and third story windows, some sustaining slight injuries. Lavin Crawford, widow of the fireman, was injured about the head by jumping, but not fatally. The factory had been running night and day to fill holiday orders and the night and day force were changing at the time the fire broke out. The loss is \$100,000.

Big Lumber Fire.

Norfolk, Special.—A fire which started at 8 o'clock Wednesday night in the large lumber mills of the John L. Reper Lumber Company, at Gilmore, six miles from Norfolk, on the Southern branch of the Elizabeth river, had, up to 11:30 o'clock destroyed eight immense dry kilns and over 2,000,000 feet of lumber. At midnight it was burning with renewed fury and had not been in the least gotten under control, as there is no great amount of fire fighting apparatus on the river. One volunteer and bucket brigades. At midnight it was considered that there was little chance of saving any of the kilns and lumber. President John L. Reper stated that he was unable to estimate the loss, but it will be very considerable.

Sultan's Soldiers Defeated.

Tangier, Morocco, By Cable.—The imperial troops have been totally defeated after a sanguinary battle with the rebels headed by the pretender to the throne. The latter decapitated 40 of the Sultan's soldiers. Incensed by the successes of the rebels the Sultan has ordered his soldiers to spare no one at Taza, in spite of the advice of the chiefs who counseled him not to indulge in excesses.

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SOUTHERN INDUSTRIAL.

To Manufacture Sea Island Cotton.

E. S. Matthews of Starke, Fla., writes to the Manufacturers' Record desiring detailed information regarding the best means of utilizing in manufacturing Sea Island Cotton. He says: "The Sea Island cotton growers of this county are seriously discussing the establishment of a mill for the manufacture of the product of their fields, and I have been requested to ascertain as nearly as possible the cost of a factory that would work up the crop of the county. Thirty-six hundred bales is about an average crop for the county, though neighboring counties could be depended upon to materially increase this number if the county was large enough to accommodate them. The factory, of course, of course, have to be for the manufacture of such articles as are produced from long staple Sea Island Cotton, and there is a lack of information as to what particular line of manufacture could be most profitably engaged in."

A \$350,000 Addition.

Several weeks ago announcement was made that the directors of the Gainesville (Ga.) Cotton Mills had called a meeting for January 10 to vote on increasing capital stock from \$500,000 to \$850,000. It is now known that arrangements for the increase of \$350,000 have been definitely decided, and the meeting will be mere routine. The increase is to be expended upon the erection of an additional mill, details as to equipment for which are now under consideration. Plans for the building required have been agreed upon. The company's present equipment is 25,200 spindles and 740 looms.

Adding 3500 Spindles.

Reference was made last week to the Great Falls Manufacturing Co. of Rockingham, N. C., having increased capital from \$100,000 to \$100,000. This increase will be invested in new machinery, to consist mainly of 3500 additional spindles. The present building can accommodate this machinery. It now has 424 spinning spindles and 145 looms in position. About fifteen tenement cottages will be erected to house the additional operatives that will be required. Contract for furnishing the machinery has been awarded to the Howard & Balfour American Machine Co. of Boston, Mass.

A \$100,000 Silk Mill.

The Newport News Chamber of Commerce has closed negotiations concerning the establishment of a silk mill at Newport News, Va. This plant will be erected by the Liberty Silk Co. of 516 West 57th street, New York city, and over \$100,000 will be invested. Local investors have subscribed to this amount of preferred stock. Further details will probably be announced in the near future. (The Liberty corporation is capitalized at \$600,000, and operates several large plants for manufacturing dress goods.)

Textile Notes.

It is rumored that C. B. Somerville of Staunton, Va., proposes forming a company to build cotton factory. It is said it is contemplated to manufacture denim for the overall trade.

Durham Cotton Manufacturing Co., East Durham, N. C., has installed 300 new looms, replacing old looms. Further additions are to be made soon. The company has been operating 23,500 spindles and 692 looms.

It is reported that North and South Carolina and Northern capitalists have purchased Green River Shocks, near Saluda, S. C. Their purpose is said to be the development of the water-power of the property and the erection of a large cotton factory.

Messrs. Thomas G. McAllister of Fitzgerald, N. C.; B. K. Terry of Spray, N. C.; and J. Worth McAllister, of Charlotte, N. C., have incorporated the Imperial Company, with capital stock of \$60,000. Company's purpose are to manufacture textile, deal in merchandise, etc.

The Columbus (Ga.) Manufacturing Co.'s increase of capital from \$400,000 to \$500,000, reported last week, is made to pay for the full equipment of a factory already installed, and is not to make any additions to the plant. Plant as present has 25,000 spindles and 800 looms.

Saxon Mills, Spartanburg, S. C., has declared a semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent. Company is capitalized at \$200,000.

Carle Knitting Mill of Carle, S. C., has been incorporated to establish plant by Messrs. D. Pant Gilliam, John A. Fant, J. S. Welch and W. H. Gist. The capital stock is \$30,000. The company will build the plant recently announced as projected by Fant Gilliam of Union, S. C., who is to be president.

The Proximity Manufacturing Co. of Greensboro, N. C., has announced that after January 1 the hours of labor in its mill will be reduced from eleven to ten hours daily. This action is adopted as preferable to continuing the present time with an increase of 10 per cent in wages. There are 18,000 ring spindles and 1000 looms in the plant.

Two Boys Drowned.

Detroit, Special.—A Tribune special from Grand Rapids, Mich., says: "Albert Hultgreen, aged 16, and Henry Pauleerson, were drowned in Half Moon Lake. Hultgreen broke through the ice while skating and Pauleerson got in while attempting to aid his companion. A third lad, Thomas Davis, also broke in while trying to save the boys, but managed to pull himself out of the water."

LIVE ITEMS OF NEWS.

Many Matters of General Interest in Short Paragraphs.

The Sunny South.

Fire at Louisville, Ky., Monday night destroyed property valued at \$100,000. The Mallory Line steamer, Colorado, Captain Risk, which sailed from Brunswick, Ga., December 26, anchored in Gravesend Bay Monday night, with the steamer Comal, which she has in tow for Charleston. The Canal, as previously reported, put into Charleston, S. C., on December 24, with a broken shaft and sailed from the port on the 6th inst.

Southern Association of Electioneers began in Atlanta Monday, being called to order by Mrs. Wm. Calvin Chilton, of Oxford, Miss., president of the association. An address of welcome was delivered by John Temple Graves, Papers upon electioneering subjects were read by L. P. Hillis and Miss Hortense Lausky, of Tennessee. The meetings of the association during the remaining two days of the convention will be open to the public and will consist largely of reading and recitations.

At The North.

It is reported that the Rev. Dr. Gamsulus, of Chicago, will receive a call to fill the pulpit of the London City Temple, of which the late Rev. Joseph Parker was pastor.

George Gardner, of Lowell, Mass., the light heavyweight champion, won a decision over "Kid" Carter, of Brooklyn, in a six-round contest in Chicago Monday night. The fight was rough and fierce from beginning to end with Gardner having the advantage of each round.

In addition to \$5,000 a year received from the government, Mrs. Grant has a large income from the royalties on her husband's memoirs. This has, it is stated, reached a half-million dollars. Mrs. Grant, before her death, was writing a book of recollections, which was nearly completed, and which will undoubtedly prove interesting.

From Across The Sea.

Great Britain, Germany and Italy agreed to arbitration of the Venezuela dispute under certain conditions.

Joseph Chamberlain arrived at Durban, Natal, and made several speeches exhortatory toward the Boers.

Haddad Mullah, who fought several wars against the British in India, is dead.

The Red Cross is helping the earthquake sufferers at Andijan, Turkistan.

The body of Archbishop Turpin was removed to Canterbury for burial.

A controversy is being urged over the proposed erection of a tablet to Miss Winifred Davis in Grace Baptist Temple, Philadelphia.

Both the Amalgamated Company and the Heinz interests claim victory in a decision by the Montana Supreme Court involving rights of copper companies.

Three firemen were killed by falling walls at a plant of the Arbuckle Company, in Brooklyn, N. Y.

A man who posed as Gov. J. C. W. Beckham, of Kentucky, was arrested at Miami, Florida.

The American Historical Society and American Economic Association began their annual sessions in Philadelphia.

The executor of the estate of the late Henry M. Bennett will renew his fight in the Court of Chancery.

Mary H. Catherwood, the well-known author, is dead in Chicago.

Miscellaneous Matters.

The Interstate Commerce Commission met in New York to investigate railroad rates on import traffic.

Miss Laura Biggar took the stand in her trial at Freehold, N. J.

The condition of Cornelius Vanderbilt, who is sick in New York, continues critical.

Thomas J. Sharkey, on trial in New York charged with killing Nicholas Fish, was found guilty of manslaughter in the second degree and recommended to the Court's mercy.

Thomas G. Williams and an unidentified Italian were killed by the premature explosion of a blast at York, Pa. W. E. Hunter, Jr., in a statement received in New York, claims that the killing of W. A. Fitzgerald in Guatemala was in self-defense.

BOWEN WILL ACT

In the Capacity of Referee of the Government of Venezuela

ORDERED TO TAKE UP THE CASE

He Will Arrange the Details of the Protocol Which Will Go Before the Hague Tribunal.

Washington, Special.—The Venezuelan negotiations now wait upon President Castro. Minister Bowen has been advised by the State department of the result of its exchanges with the Foreign Office at London, Berlin and Rome, and he has been charged to take the case in hand himself and arrange the details of the protocol which will precede the submission of the foreign claims to the arbitration of The Hague Tribunal. In so doing, Mr. Bowen is acting, not as United States minister, but as Venezuela's representative. The officials here wish it to be distinctly understood that their functions ceased, so far as the Venezuelan difficulty was concerned, when they brought the parties to the controversy together. It now seems probable that Minister Bowen will come to Washington as Venezuela's representative on the commission which will draw up the protocol providing for the submission of the claims of the powers to The Hague Tribunal. It has been decided that he may so represent Venezuela, notwithstanding the fact that he is at present engaged with the interests of Great Britain, Germany, Italy and other European powers in Venezuela. As soon as he leaves Venezuela, his charge will pass to Mr. Russell, the secretary, and charge d'affaires of the American legation, whose reputation at the State Department is that of a thoroughly competent and able official. The selection of the assembling of the proposed commission until he can arrive here from Caracas.

Fatal Fight at Phosphate Mine.

Williston, Pa., Special.—Two negroes were dead and two white men wounded as a result of a clash at arms near the Newberry phosphate mines. There has been bad feeling between the whites and desperate negroes employed at the mines for some time. Elmer Flowers, Roy Landrum, N. Landrum, and J. Colley, all negroes, were shot and killed. The whites returned to the mine and the negroes fled. When they started for a gang of negroes, armed with Winchester rifles, met them in the road and opened fire. The whites returned the shots and the battle was continued some time. When the smoke cleared away it was found that two of the black negroes were dead, while Flowers, Landrum and Colley were wounded. A channel was left in the ground where a Winchester bullet had struck the left eye. The live negroes had fled, but the whites followed and succeeded in capturing one, whom they delivered to the sheriff.

Shake-Up in Land Office.

Washington, Special.—Bluger Herrman, Commissioner of the General Land Office, has resigned and will be succeeded by Wm. A. Richards, now the Assistant Commissioner of the General Land Office. The change will take effect February 1. Mr. Herrman's resignation was requested about two weeks ago by the Secretary of the Interior and was immediately presented. The relations between Secretary Hitchcock and Commissioner Herrman have been strained for a long period. Charges have been preferred against two of the subordinate officials of the Land Office, involving alleged irregularities, and they have been given a specific time in which to make answer. These officials are Harry King, chief of the land office, and assistant chief of the draughtsman's division of the General Land office. The former is charged with neglect of duty and the latter with mismanagement and unsatisfactory administration of his duties. They have until tomorrow to submit their answer to the charges.

Battle Ship Maine Commissioned.

Philadelphia, Special.—The new battleship Maine was placed in commission at the League Island and navy yard Monday. She was turned over to Captain Lentz, who will command her. It is thought the new fighter will be named for the late Maine, chief of the West India and sent to the West Indies to take part in the manoeuvres under Admiral Dewey.

Private Car Upset.

Wynne, Ark., Special.—The private car of General Superintendent A. Davidson, of the Fisco road, owned by Mr. Davidson and a party of Louis and New York capitalists, overturned here. The car was able to the rear end of the Memphis-Louis Iron Mountain passenger car, to be passing over a switch. The letter from the rails and the embankment so delightful that I stopped it and sought of leaving it. I got up and experienced so little of the car as to see and know that it was overturned. I lost a volume which I need at the title page. I have these obligations to the secretary should be exempted by law.

The House Committee on Commerce and Currency favorably reported on the so-called Foster Currency bill.

The Committee on Interstate Commerce of the House agreed to the Department of Commerce bill.

Justice Scott in the Sixty-third case in New York has handed down his opinion by mail in regard to the decision in the libels case. Though properly, and include the inserted names of the youth, she is always included the charge name "In