75,000 Men Have Quit Work in

Philadelphia. SERIOUS TROUBLE FEARED

Much Suffering Will Be Caused By Determination of Union members to Aid Striking Employees of the Transit Company.

Philadelphia, Pa.-Between 50,000 and 75,000 union workers on strike, 100 different branches of industry affected and a renewal of rioting, in which two men were shot, is the situation which confronts Philadelphia. The sympathetic strike which was called by the Central Labor Union and the Allied Building Trades Council in an effort to force the Philadel phia Rapid Transit Company to arbi trate the differences with its striking employees, is in full swing.

The police are apprehensive as to the outcome. With thousands of men idle, forced to quit their usual voca-tions, it will be an easy matter to fan the sparks of discontent into a flame of lawlessness.

Director Clay, however, has no hesitancy in declaring he has enough men at his command to crush any rioting

The Rapid Transit Company stated that every effort will be made to maintain trolley service. Cars will be dispatched from all barns, they state, at as near regular intervals as possible, and will be increased if popretection is given.

received that practically all drivers of bakery wagons, milk wagons and teamsters for fruit and produce deal-

Other reports state that 10,000 tail ors and cloakmakers, 6,000 bricklayers, who are unaffillated with the Central Labor Union; 40,000 members of the building trades, which, it to said is said, comprises 75 per cent of this class of men in the city; members of the International Gold general strike. Word was also received that 800

waiters had quit. Union cab drivers and chauffeurs also abandoned their posts and the hotel and raffrond cab and automobile service was badly crippled. The drivers of both taxical services in the city are mankers of services in the city are mankers. e city are members of a union and after the strike had gone into effect. Many associations of employers have sent letters and telegrams to the officials of the Philadelphia Raps. Transit Company and the city officials commending the stand taken and urging them to remain firm in their determination not to submit to the strikers' demand for union recogni-

All policemen, firemen and specials who have been on duty since the strike began, received orders to remain at their posts. The emergency automobiles in the city hall court yard were increased in number an measures taken to send a force men to any section of the city at a moment's notice.

Many of these machines are driven by their owners, wealthy men, who have volunteered for police duty and have ben sworn in by Director Clay.

TO FIGHT LABOR UNION.

Organization to Combat Political Activities of Federation of Labor.

Washington, D. C .- Leaders among se in the American Federation of emplified in the last congressional degrees of culture.

This was the opinion expressed by strenuous efforts to defeat certain strenuous efforts to defeat certain with schools of Louisiana, before the

The alliance plans to send speak that are now eagerly sought in the ers and money into any congression cities. al district wherever the American Federation of Labor is making a fight Mr. against the re-election of representatives to the next congress.

\$10 Hog in Chicago. go, III. Hogs sold at \$10 on the Chicago market, a record price. One load averaging 264 pounds, was the first sale at the new price.

Count Von Seckendorff Dead. Berlin, German.-Count Goetz Von Seckendorff, former court marsial, died, aged 68 years. He officiated as grand master of the court to the late Dowager Empress Frederick, and to

State-Wide Bill Rejected, Annapolis, Md.—The state wide lo-cal option bill prepared by the Anti-Saloon League, was rejected by the Maryland house of delegates by six

King Receives Fairbanks. London, England.—Charles W. Fair banks, accompanied by American Ambassador Reid, visited King Ed ward at Buckingham Palace. His maiesty, on learning that the former vice president of the United States was In London, expressed a wish to see

Great Bunch of Corpses. Peoria, III.—Fifty or sixty bodies were found huddled together in the north entrance of the St. Paul mine at Cherry, III., by Mine Inspector Richard Newsam of this city. On the

Mr. Newsam discovered the bodies. No Promotion for Carriers, Washington, D. C.—By the narrow margin of 63 to 64, the house voted down an amendment to the postoffic appropriation bill offered by Repre-

Cost of England's Army.
London, England.—The army estimates for 1910-1911, show a total for
maintenance of \$138,800,000. This an increase over the estimates of the preceding years of \$1,625,000.

SYMPATHETIC STRIKE CAROLINA POLITICIANS SHOT.
State Legislators and Deputy Sheriff Attacked WANT PEARY'S PROOFS ROOSEVELT'S TROPHIES.
Five Hundred Animals Killed By Ex-President By Wealthy Man.

Scotland Neck, N. C.—State Senator E. L. Travis and Representative A. P. Kitchin, brother of Governor W. W. Kitchin and Congressman Claud Kitchin of the second North Carolina district, and Deputy Sheriff C. W. Dunn, all of Halifax county, were shot down on the main street of the town by E. E. Powell, a wealthy and prominent citizen.

Travis and Kitchin are seriously

and Duna fatally wounded.

Details of the shooting are meager. According to the best information ob-ainable, Powell met his three victainable. tims walking along the street togeth-er. He approached Senator Travis, and asked him his reason for not re plying to a letter he had written to him. Representative Kitchin, think-ing that Powell was out of humor, placed his hand gently on his shoulder and uttered words intended to placate him. Without further words, Powell drew a pistol and shot Kitchin down, and in quick succession fired on Travis and Dunn, both victims falling to the ground. Powell then walked to his store, and, securing a shotgun, barricaded himself, resisting ar-No effort was made to arrest him, and later he surrendered to an officer and was taken to the county

ail at Halifax. The nature of the letter over which the tragedy centers cannot be learned, as Powell refuses to talk. Both Travis and Kitchin are among the most prominent citizens of the state, Washington, D. C.—Representative Kitchin, when informed of the tragedy in which his brother was shot, declared that he knew of no cause for the shooting. He said that he There is no question that the sympathetic strike will cause much suffering and inconvenience. Word was had been of the opinion that Powell recently as attorneys for a son of Powell—Aquilla by name—and had succeeded in getting him off with a He said he ers will stand by the strike order to knew nothing of any correspondence the letter.

the AVALANCHE VICTIMS SAVED.

Buried 80 Hours, Ten Persons Taken

Alive From Snow Slide. Spokane, Wash...It is reported at this place that ten persons have been Beaters' Union, and between 400 and rescued alive from the trains buried 500 cabinetmakers are among those by the Wellington avalancae, after who have obeyed the order for a having been entombed 80 hours. The passengers were nearly crazy from their sufferings in the dark under the

those believed to be in the piled-up gorge sepalcher. With the masses of and ice rising mountain-high and interwoven with tons of debe there is a probability that many of the bodies may remain in the ice until

Great fears are entertained for the safety of the 100 rescuers who are tunneling through the ice. Warmer weather has started the snow melting and there is fear of another ava-Thirty laborers in the ploy of the Great Northern Railroad Wellington are missing, and it is clieved all are dead.

Since the blockade occurred the force of workingmen has been daily augmented. Not including those killed, there are from 250 to 300 men engaged in Vlockade removal and the etuilding of the wrecked road. The lives of these are menaced all the time by threatened slides.

WHY CHILDREN DESERT FARM

Greater Chances Are Offered for All Degrees of Culture.

Indianapolis, Ind .- The reason that young men and women in the south are flocking from the farms to the cities is not that they dislike field Labor opposed to the federation's par-ticipation in political affairs, as ex-emplified in the last congressional degrees of culture,

congressmen, among them Speaker high schools of Louisiana, before the Cainon, organized here the National department of superintendency of the Labor Alliance. The alliance is to National Educational association. The have the backing of the Knights of Labor in the labor world of the American Federation of Labor, and others hostile to the political policies of the American Federation.

The National Labor Alliance plans to the American Federation.

The National Labor Alliance plans to the plans are supported by the political policies of the American Federation.

The National Labor Alliance plans to the National Labor Alliance plans to evaluate in its membership all in dependent labor organizations in the United States not affiliated with the or agricultural courses in the local American Federation of Labor. Its principal object is to actively fight the federation wherever the interior ganization attempts to interiore in political affairs, especially in congress. political affairs, especially in congress gain acquaintance with those arts of

> Improvement of the rural schools, Weber also believed, would solve the problems of the idle negro in the south

YOUR SHARE OF MONEY.

\$34.87 Sum is the Per Capita in Circulation in the United States. Washington, D. C.—Have you \$34. you have not, then you are shy on re per capita circulation of money in the United States, as shown by the books of the treasury department. The department, in reaching this calculation, estimates the population of the United States at 89,882, 000, and announces the amount of money in circulation on March 1, as \$3,1344,093,250, which if equally divided would give every man, woman and child in the country \$31.87. There is in circulation today \$19. 315.24 more than a year ago.

American Women Arrested.

Managua, Nicaragua. - With two American women, young and prett arrested on the charge of being spic according to reports here, the Madr government announced that Geo. 1 annon has confessed a plot to assa sinate President Madriz. Cannon w crested at Corinto at the same time he women were taken into custod He is under heavy guard. cousin of Leroy Cannon, whose exfirst trip through the north entrance drove Zelaya from the presidency into

Ship's Crew Rescued.

New York City.-From a toousand niles out at sea was flashed from the liner Caledonia a wireless message, sentative Goebel of Ohio providing for the promotion of all letter car telling of the loss of the big Russian riers in large cities to the \$1,200 freight steamship Korea and of the rescue of her men. The message gave the agents of the Russian ship in this city assurance that every ficer and every member of the cre-

was safe aboard the Caledonia. The Korea carried a cargo of ironware and was bound from Norway, to New York and Baltimore living.

Explorer Must Show Doubting Legislators at Washingto 1.

Discovery of North Pole Causes Row in a House Committee---Committee Would Not Receive Proofs in Confidence.

Washington, D. C .- Proofs of Commander Peary's discovery of the North Pole caused a row in the subcommittee of the house committee on

naval affairs. Two members of the National Geographical Society appeared before the committee with copies of Mr. Peary's proofs to urge the granting of a suitable reward by congress to the noted explorer, but the committee declined to receive them in confidence, with tee has made it known that unless the Peary proofs are forthcoming to the full satisfaction of the committee that every bill introduced for the purpose of rewarding the North Pole discoverer will be pigeon-holed.

Three members of the committee were in favor of receiving the Peary proofs without making them public Representative Macon hotly objected. and after declaring his position stalked angrily from the room. "I am against any legislation in the dark, Mr. Macon sharply told the commit-. "Furthermore, if this commit decides in favor of Peary without inspecting the full records and man-ing them public, I will expose the whole business on the floor of the house or in a statement to the press. If we reward Mr. Peary the American people have a right to know what we

re rewarding him for."
Professor Gannett of the coast and geodetic survey and one of the mem-bers of the National Geographic Society, which accepted Peary's proofs, told the committee that Mr. Peary would not let the committee have the proofs for public purposes, because he wanted them for use in newspaper and magazine articles.

MARKING VETERANS' GRAVES.

Good Progress Is Being Made in This Direction, Says General Oates. Washington, D. G.—Good progress being made in the work of marking the graves of the soldiers and sailors of the confederate army and navy who died in northern prisons were buried in their vicinity. Provision for the work was made by congress in March, 1906, and \$200, 000 was appropriated to carry it out. General William C. Oates, commander-in-chief of the work, has made a report on the subject to the ecretary of war. From this it ap pears that 8,895 graves of confeder ate dead in six burial grounds in northern territory have been prop-erly marked to date. Confederate

with headstones in thirteen other cemeteries. Commissioner Oates said it was impossible to identify the graves of confederates at still nine other points and it has been decided to mark the graves there with a separate large monument suitably inscribed, instead of providing individual headstones as contemplated by the law. monuments authorized will be completed this spring.

graves have been marked previously

General Rather Dead.

Tuscumbia, Ala.—General John D. Rather, one of the leading men of the state, died at his home here. General Rather served as president of the Alabama senate and speaker of plete the work. house of representatives, as a member of the constitutional convention of 1875, and was a factor in polities many years ago. He was sometime president of the old Memphis ther was 87 years old.

Cattleman Kills Three Farmers. Ala.-Joseph Stokes. Charles Goldman and David man, farmers, were shot and killed by Laurence Odom, a cattleman, at the latter's home, four miles from Citronelle. Odom says the

Want Henson Made Admiral. Washington, D. C .- in a communi cation received by Representative Loud of Michigan, Harry C. Smith, Afro-American president of the League, suggests that Matt Hensen, the colored man who accompanied ommander Pary to the north pole as and the cause of science,"

For Monument to Jefferson Davis Frankfort, Ky.-The house of representatives by a vote of 65 to passed a bill appropriating \$5,000 to-

Offer Reward for Wreckers. Montgomery, Ala. A reward of \$1,000 is offered by the Louisville and Nashville railroad for the arrest and conviction of the wreckers of Louisville and Nashville passenger train at Goree, near here, on the night of February 23.

Mrs. Cleveland in Paris. and Mrs. Mark Baldwin.

Alabama Aviation Field. Montgomery, Ala. It was announced that six officers of the army will

Explosion Killed 23 Miners. hese may die.

Insurgents Want Help. Washington, D. C .- The Nicaraguan nsurgents, realizing that their cause s about lost, appealed to the United States government through Consul Moffltt at Bluefields to mediate. The request has been taken under advise Suicide's Singular Request.

Owensboro, Ky.—That he be bur-led with his head six inches lowe than his feet was the single request left in a note by Richard Howard a prominent farmer living near this city, when he ended his life with strychnine. He said he was tired o

in the Interest of Science.

Gondokoro, Sudan, on the Upper Nile.—Colonel Roosevelt and the others of his immediate party sailed on the steamer Dal for Khartoum, where they expect to arrive on Marca 15 Colonel Roosevelt and Kermit kill NO PROOFS; NO REWARD ed some 500 specimens of large animals. The bag includes the following: 17 lions, 11 elephants, 10 buffadoes, 10 black rhinoceroses, 9 white rhinoceroses, 9 hippopotami, 9 giraffes, 3 leopards, 7 cletahs, 3 giant elands, 3 sables, 1 sitatunga and 2

> All these were killed in the interest of science. From the point of importance the nost highly-prized game may be rat-

ed as follows: First, the giant elands, the first complete specimens of which family are now being taken from the country; second, the white rhinoceroses; third, the bongos, the first to be stalk-

ed and killed by a white man, and

fourth, the sitatunga, a species of an-

Science will be enriched by several new species and an enormous series of the smaller mammals of Africa. The game taken and the collections made constitute a world's record for a similar period of hunting and setentific research in Africa.

REPUDIATE COOK'S HONORS.

To Name Harlem Street for Roose velt Instead of Cook. New York City. — Resolutions to make a street in Harlem "T. Roosevelt," and to repudiate the aldermanic favors bestowed some time back on Dr. Frederick A. Cook, were up consideration before the board of al-The Roosevelt proposal was dermen. referred to the committee on streets and highways; the Cook matter was tabled.

Alderman Drescher thinks the way he board has treated Commander Peary is a shame. His was the resolution tabled. It recited that "the city, through its accredited representatives, stands on record as recognizing the discredited and ignoring real discoverer of the North Pole. and urged that the board place itself on record as recognizing "Peary as the only man who ever carried the flag to the North Pole."

GOVERNMENT PLANS FOUND.

Missing Blue Prints in Montgomery, Alabama.

Montgomery, Ala.—Plans and spec-fications for gulf coast fortifications t Fort Morgan and Fort Barraneas and other points, missing from the office of the engineering corps Montgomery, were found in a table

drawer at a boarding house.

The blue prints were sent by regstered mail from Washington to Captain H. F. Ferguson, engineer

charge of the district.

Mrs. John Ham, who conducts the boarding house, is positive the prints were placed in the drawer recently. clerk for Captain Ferguson.

RECOVERING NAIL CARGO.

Electro Magnet Lifts Nail Keys from Mississippi River. New Orleans, La.—An ingenuous method has been adopted for the recovery of a cargo of nails which

went down on a sinking steamboat here a few weeks ago. A huge electro magnet, attached to hoisting gear, is lowered in the water.

The electric current is turned on

and the kegs of nails are hoisted out one by one clinging to the magnet. Fifteen thousand kegs of nails went down in the river. Sixteen hundred kegs have been recovered by the magnetic process. Two months more, it stated, will be required to com-

STRICT SALOON RULES.

Cars to Be Announced to Patrons of Saloons. Boston, Mass. Every saloon in

Chelsea must employ a car announce er to remind its patrons of the running time of cars which pass the door, when liquor licenses become operative in that city on May 1. The ew regulations issued by the Chelsea licensing commission are believed to be the strictest in New Engthis place. After the shooting, Odom and. Besides the announcer feature, surrendered to a deputy sheriff at they provide that only one line of to be allowed to stand at a was the result of an old feud. He bar and no drinks are to be passed to any back of the line,

Newsy Paragraphs.

Convinced that much of the decay f school children's teeth could prevented by the regular use of the oothbrush, the headmaster in a Chicago school has raised a fund for tootnbrushes. Each pupil is supplied with one and required to use it valet, be made a rear admiral of the erly each day. So successful has United States havy "because of his been the experiment that it is hoped distinguished services to his country to make it a universal custom throughout the schools of the city. Andrew Carnegle has cultivated the giving habit and has now got to

give, even if he should not care to, is the opinion of Professor A. M. Honline, educational superintendent ward a fund to erect a monument to of the Sunday school association.

Jefferson Davis at his birthplace.

"There is nothing like habit." he said. There is nothing like habit," he said, "Carnegie has got the habit of giv-ing libraries and he couldn't do otherwise if he desired."

Bathers in New England during he summer season of 1909 paid an xceptionally heavy toll to the According to figures compiled the United States volunteer lifesaving corps, six hundred and four persons were drowned in the New Paris, France.—Mrs. Grover Cleve England states last summer from land is spending a few days in Paris Mayto September inclusive. Of this number two hundred and seventy-two were children.

"Children with bad teeth require half a year longer to complete eight grades in primary schools than do to join Wilbur and Or-children with sound teeth," said Leonville Wright for instruction in the ard P. Ayres, of New York secretary use of aeroplanes. They will remain of the Russell Sage foundation, in here sixty days at the aviation field discussing Why Children Differ in Mental Aletrness," before the convention of the department of super-Juneau, Alaska.—Twenty-three min-ers were killed by an explosion of a association in indianapolis. Physical powder magazine in the Mexican defects also are an important cause, mine on Douglas Island, Eight men were seriously injured and four of scheme of education in the public schools is far too rapid.

The five plants of the Chadwick Hoskins Manufacturing company, the largest cotton mill corporation Charlotte, N. C., will be operated only four days of each week until further notice. The condition of the yarn market was responsible for the action of the company in curtailing and is understood that other Charlotte cotton mills may follow its example.

The first and partial account of Roger O'Mara, trustee in bankruptcy for Henry K. Thaw, was filed in Pittsburg, Pa., and shows, after all items of expense are deducted, that \$30,000 remain for distribution to Thaw's creditors.

TO GIVE AWAY MILLIONS

John D. Rockefeller Will Use His Wealth to Benefit Mankind.

ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION

Great Rivalry Between Rockefeller and Carnegie in Giving---Rockefeller Has Given \$131,-000,000 and Carnegie \$162,000,000.

Washington, D. C .- Steps were taken to incorporate the Rockefeller foundation in the District of Columbia. The bill for this purpose was introduced by Senator Gallingher, and was referred to the committee on ju-diciary. The purpose of the founda-tion is to provide for a general or-ganization to conduct philanthropic work along all lines. It is understood that the foundation will be endowed largely by John D. Rockefeller and that he takes this means to dispose of a large part of his enormous wealth. The incorporators named in the

bill are John D. Rockefeller, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Fred T. Gates, Starr J. Murphy and Charles O. Heydt. These incorporators are authorized select associates, not to exceed a total of twenty-five

It was stated by Senator Galling-ner that Mr. Rockefeller already had given \$52,000,000, and that he was seeking a method of disposing of his fortune that would benefit mankind.
The Rockefeller foundation will be

authorized to receive and dispense gifts of money other than those obtained from the original endowments. the amount of which has not been fixed.

The scope of the foundation is very broad, although embraced in a very short fraction of the bill. This section reads

"That the object of the said corporation shall be to promote the well-being and to advance the civilization of the people of the United States and its territories and possessions and or foreign lands in the acquisition and dissemination of knowledge; in the prevention and relief of suffering and in the promotion of any and all of the elements of human progress.'

While drawn generally along th lines of the act incorporating the Carnegie foundation it goes much further, since the Carnegie foundation is designed chiefly to provide for a scientific retirement and pensioning of superannuated teachers.

New York City.-Estiamtes of Mr Rockefeller's past benefactions and present fortune vary largely. It is conceded that in charity he has but one leader-Andrew Carnegie-and the best opinion is that Mr. Rocke feller has given away something ap proaching \$131,000,000, as a \$162,000,000 for Mr. Carnegie.

leading Rockefeller gifts have been General education board, \$53,000, University of Chicago, \$25,000 Rush Medical College \$6,000. Institute for Medical Researc \$4,300,000; churches (known), \$3, 100,000.

rivalry between Rockefeller and Carnegie in getting rid of their riches has been of the friendliest na-

How much Mr. Rockefeller has left is even harder to guess than how much he has given away. In 15 Frederick T. Gates, one of Rockefel ler's agents in charity, said:

"Mr. Rockefeller himself has au-thorized the statement that his fortune cannot exceed \$200,000,000, and that in his most prosperous year his income was not above \$20,000,000. His holdings of Standard Oil stock are not above 20 per cent of the total issue outstanding."

On the other hand the late H. H. Rogers is quoted as having said in 'I know for a fact that Mr. Rocke-

chusetts estimated that Rockefeller's fortune totaled one billion dollars. Will Buy No Diplomatic Homes. Washington, D. C .- Following animated debate on a bill giving les islative authority for future appropriations to purchase sites for the

struction of buildings as residences

of diplomatic officials abroad

tion.

placed its seal of disapproval upon all such projects. \$10,000,000 for Building Sites. Washington, D. C. — The senate passed a bill authorizing the expenditure of \$10,000,000 for the purchase of land south of Pennsylvania avenue, in Washington as sites for pubbuildings. There was no oppost-

Empress of Russia III. St. Petersburg, Russia.-The Empress has suffered a severe nervous attack, and her condition is considered very unsatisfactory.

MARK TWAIN WELL.

Humorist Says He Is "Not III Enough to Excite Undertaker."

Hamilton, Bermuda.—Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain), whose health has been the cause of much alarm to his friends, made this characteristic statement:

"I am able to say that while I am not ruggedly well, I am not ill enough to excite an undertaker." Since coming to Bermuda several weeks ago to recuperate the veteran

humorist has been the lion of the col ony of tourists. He is a familiar figure to the na tives, and in the life and entertainments of the inhabitants of the island takes an active part.

Servant of Jeff Davis Dead. San Antonio, Texas.-Gordon Davis, who was born a servant to Jefferson Davis, died at his home in South Borne, aged 60 years. During the civil war he was taken by union sol diers and made a corporal in union army, and was after union army, and was a known as "Corporal Davis." was afterward

2,400 Bales of Cotton Burned. Hobart, Okla.-Fire here destroyed he entire plant of the Traders' Compress, together with 2,400 bales of otton, wharves and two freignt cars. The loss is estimated at \$300,000.

Bryan in Buenos Ayres.
Buenos Ayres, Argentine Republic.
William J. Bryan has arrived here.
will be received by President Atorta. The minister of foreign af airs will give a banquet in Mr. Bry an's honor.

Maneuver Ground at Ft. Oglethorpe. Chattanooga, Tenn.-The United tates government will clear 400 to 0 acres of woodland in Chickamau Park near Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., to provide a new army maneuver round. About fifty army prisoners will do the work. It is planned to w moneuvers in July.

LATE NEWS NOTES.

A combination of twelve of the largest baking companies of New York is announced, with a capital of \$6,000,000 and a capacity of twelve thousand barrels of flour a day.

Wright & Company of Dayton, thio, have formally stated that the Wright brothers have decided to go to Montgomery, Ala., at once to take advantage of the offers made by that city for the entertainment and accommodation of the famous aeroplanists. They will give exhibition flights about every two weeks.

Missouri teachers, through their reading circle will this year study farming instead ow pedagogy. Agri-culture has been made one of the requirements of teachers' certificates and more stress will be placed upon the subject in public school and in higher educational institutions of the state.

Plants may be made to order, ac who for two years has been experi-cording to Professor C. Stuart Gager, menting with radium at the Univer sity of Missouri. An entirely new species of primrose has been origi nated by the use of the radium, and it has held true to the new form through three generations of the plant. The color of the flower was changed, and the leaves changed from broad to narrow.

The cost of living problem does not seem to worry people in the mountains of Tennessee. A report from there declares that "robbins are selling at 10 cents a dozen." Thousands of the robbins "gather in the cedars to roost, and hunting parties go in the night and capture and kill them in large numbers. One party caught two thousand six hundred birds in one night. One hunter caught three hundred and seventy-seven birds in one tree. It is esti-mated that one hundred and fifty thousand have been killed within the last three weeks. That is the way in which wild bird life is being protected in some parts of this great country.'

Washington.

The bureau of statistics of the United States department of agriculture has been gathering information from the potato growers and dealers in the principal potato growing sections of the United States with regard to the supply on hand January 1, 1910. The result of these investi gations indicate that about 41.2 per cent of the crop raised for market in 1909 remained in the hands of the growers, and 9.6 per cent in the hands of interior dealers. A similar investigation last year showed that 32.5 per cent of the crop raised for market in 1908 was in the hands of growers, and 11.3 per cent in the hands of interior dealers on January

"I shall believe that Dr. Cook, the explorer, is an honest man until there is definite proof to the contrary," declared Maurice F. minister to Denmark, in an address in Washington to members of the University club. Dr. Eagan said the University of Copenhagen board had simply declared that the records furnished them by Dr. Cook on his trip to the extreme north were not suffi eient to enable them to determine that he had been to the north pole.

The army has just adopted a new of machine gun that has some remarkable points of advantage over the existing guns. The new weapon is so small that it can be carried by man or two, and with full equipment of stands and ammunition can be packed upon a mule. Moreover, it has the important advantage that it can be fired from the shoulder, and consequently is much less sub-ject to attack and capture by the enemy. The ammunition is carried on steel strips, and the new gun is said to be free from danger of choking while the barrels are carried in feller's income will not exceed \$60, duplicate and can be almost instantly changed when they become heated changed when they become heated from rapid firing

Senator Benjamin R. Tillman, who is slowly recovering from the attack of paralysis which recently threatened his life, is to be removed to his home or to Atlanta, Ga., as soon as his condition will permit, probably within three weeks. His wife and two daughters will accompany As soon thereafter as possible Senator Tillman will go to some health resort in Europe and seek complete

recovery. A great democratic celebration in honor of Jefferson's birthday is being planned by the National Democracy, the democratic organization of the District of Columbia, and the democratic congressional campaign mittee, to be held in Washington on April 2, and invitations to a select number of big men in the party have been sent out. Among those invited to attend are Governors Harmon of Ohio; Brown, of Georgia; Marshall, of Indiana, and Shallenberger, of Ne-

braska.

Denial is made by the interstate commerce commission that the freight rates, both in class and comthe modity, to and from Montgomery, are unjustly discriminatory and unduly preferential to Pensacola, Fla., and Mobile and Birmingham. case in which the decision was rendered was instituted by the Montgomery freight bureau against the Louisville and Nashville railroad and other railroads. The complaint alleges that the classes and commodilies rates to Montgomery from various points and from Ohio and Mississippi river crossings were unjust and unreasonable in their relation to rates from the same points to Mobile and Birmingham, Ala., and Pensacola, Fla., and to the disadvantage of Montgomery.'

The Argentine government has ordered the construction of twelve torpedo boat destroyers of nine hundred tons displacement, with turbine engines. Four will be built in French, four in British and four in German yards.

by himself on more than twenty pages, has been brought to Wishington for renovation. For more than a century it has been on view in Fair fax, Va. The paper has darkened to a rich shade of brown and the ink faded to a sickly olive tint. The house committee on naval af-

George Washington's will, written

fairs agreed to recommend to the house two battleships to cost \$6,000, 00 each, exclusive of armor and armament; one repair ship; two fleet colliers and four submarines, instead of five of the latter, as recommended by the secretary of the navy.

With a view to extending a helping hand to the Indian in his advance oward civic usefulness and to assist nim in meeting the competition of the white man, the bureau of Indian affairs has issued instructions for the establishment of demonstration farms n the agencies situated in agricultural sections, to serve as models in improved methods of tiling the soil.

PALMETTO STATE NEWS

Columbia, .S. .C .- "Believing that human efficiency, health, and happiness are natural resources quite as important as forests, waters, lands, and minerals," the first state conference on the conservation of public health, that which has just finished its session in this city, was character-

terized in the advance announce-ments as follows:

"The Object—To learn how South Carolina needlessly wastes human life and physical efficiency through controllable diseases and preventable death. "The Plan-To confer as to how

South Carolina may conserve richest natural resources—the health and lives of her citizens. "The Hope—To hasten the time when the average man and the aver-

age woman in this splendid common-wealth may reasonably claim a full measure of health, happiness physical efficiency." Greenwood, S. C .- The South Car-

olina Oratorical contest will be held as usual, in Greenwood, Friday, April 28, in the Walker hall at Lander college. At a meeting of the executive com-

mittee, which was held in Greenville last week, the following judges on oratory were appointed: Rev. P. L. Duffy, of Charleston; Rev. H. L. Jones, Charleston, and B. F. Townsend, of Union. The following is the order of the speakers: Furman University, Pres-

byterian college, Citidel, University of South Carolina, Clemson college, Wofford college, College of Charleston, Newberry college and Erskine college. Aiken, S. C .- The largest deal in

real estate made in Aiken county in some time was affected when Mr. A. Reynolds bought of Mrs. Stigler and Mr. John A. Seigler, the Seigler home place, containing about one thousand two hundred acres of This deal calls for the sum of \$50,000, and has been hanging fire or some time.

Washington, D. C .- April 12 will be a red-letter day in the history of Charleston and of South Carolina, On that day the entire membership of the house and senate committees on naval affairs, the secretary of the navy and all of the bureau chiefs who can leave Washington, will ness the presentation of South Caroina's silver service gift to the magnificent new battleship bearing that name. This announcement was made here after Mayor Rhett, E. W. Durant, R. S. Whaley, Norwood Hastie, Daniel Sinker and A. W. Anderson of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad reached Washington and held a conference with the naval officers.

Columbia, S. C.—While Mr. A. S. Saleey, Jr., the secretary of the mistorical commission, was filing some claims against the state of South Carolina for services rendered or sup-plies furnished by individual citizens of South Carolina during the revolution, he found a very interesting ap praisement of a horse furnished for public use by William Crawford of Camden district. The appraisers, who estimated the value of the horse The appraisers, to have been one hundred and fifty pounds currency, were Robert Craw-ford and Andrew Jackson. Their appraisement was sworn to before Rob ert Montgomery, J. P., and was dat-ed December 12, 1783. At that time Andrew Jackson was nearly seven-teen years old. The signature is in nearly the identical hand writing of 'Old Hickory" in his mature years Robert Crawford, his affiant, was his foster father and kinsman, upon whose plantation, in what was then Camden district, but which later became Lancaster district, Jackson was born as repeatedly asserted by himself and others. This is possibly the first official paper that Jackson put his hand to in this state.

STATE CAPITAL NOTES.

.The legislature was in session for forty days and part of forty nights. The total of two hundred and ighty-two laws were passed and the state paid the handsome sum of \$45 000 for them. Opinions as to the class of work accomplished by body differ. However, they, it might be said, did about as well as the usual legislatures do. This legisla-ture was a master at dodging legislation as is always the case on elec

tion years. When the legislature adjourns things are usually dull about the capital city and this year is no excep-tion. However, it does not take very long for matters to get back to taen

normal condition. At last Sounth Carolina has an educational commission. Governor Ansel has signed the act and it means that the commission is going to straighten out the school laws of the state. The commission was desired by Staff Superintendent of Education Swearingen for he, above all others, realized the chaotic condition of the school laws of the state.

.W. B. Avant gave bond for \$2,000 and left the state penitentiary where he has been confined for the past several months. He was convicted last summer on the charge of killing Mrs. Ruth Crisp Bigham in George town county. At the same trial Bigham, the husband of the woman, was also convicted and both were given three years in the penitentiary Dr. Bigham left the country before he could be arrested.

... Comptroller General Jounes will shortly issue a pamphlet on taxation. Although the legislature did not aid him in his fight for equalization he is going to see that the tax laws of the state are carried out to the limit ... The time for making tax returns

was extended until March 10 by Comptroller General Jones, with the approval of Governor Ansel. ally of 50 per cent is provided. The former date was February 20. .. The Richmond county corn club will be organized in the near future. Ira W. Williams, the state agent of

the United States farm demonstrathousand boys and girls of the state would participate in the corn contest this year and that prizes aggregating \$1,000 would be given. ... South Carolina now has a law against pellegra. This fact is not generally known yet it is so. s embraced in a section of the measare calling for the inspection of all

commercial food stuffs. The commer-

cial food stuffs will be inspected un-

der the direction of Commissioner Watson and about \$28,000 will be derived from this source. ... Arrangements are being made for the final winding up of the affairs of all of the dispensaries in the counties voting out the system. Only two of the newly asquired prohibition counties have wound-up all of the affairs. These countles are Abbe

ville and Lexington.