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EDGEFIELD, S. C., WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1904.

City Suffers Most Disastrous Blaze in the History of the South

FIRE RAGED ALL DAY SUNDAY Front Street Theatre at least half a

Toward Midnight the Fire Began Eating its Way Into the Financial tinguished by the firemen, assisted by District-Mayor McLean Says the Loss Cannot Be Estimated.

structive conflagration in the history of Baltimore occurred here Sunday in the wholesale dry goods business district, raging practically unchecked during many hours, completely destroying scores of the largest business houses in the wholesale district, involving losses which cannot be estimated, as the fire was still burning flercely when night fell. Owing to the wide extent of the calamity it will be tomorrow before even an approximate was taken to the city hospital. estimate can be made, though it is certain that it has already exceeded \$25,000,000. The fire was still burning No loss of life was reported at this

BROKE OUT ON HOPKIN'S PLACE. The fire broke out shortly before 11 dry goods store of John T. Hurst & of loud explosions, which were heard in remote parts of the city, and spread with fearful rapidity. In half an hour east to Hanover and after that the block on the south side to Charles shot up over the central section of ing; the Welch Brothers Company, of the aid it rendered us by taking street broke cut into flames, the Con- the city, and in a huge brown column jewelers; the Consolidated Gas Com- these men away and showing at the solidated Gas Company's building and moved rapidly toward the northeast. pany; Ochms & Co., clothiers; C. J. same time, that we have Ochm's Acme Hall burning hercely. Borne on the strong southeast wind Delaney & Co.; Huyler's Confection-Meanwhile there were stores north the column of smoke, blazing cinders ery; Willing Knabe Piano Company; of the

the south side eet, the block was nd the big bargain house alo caught. Down in Hopkins' place where the conflagration started, Hurst's building and other wholesale houses on both sides of the street crumbled and fell.

The big dry goods houses of Daniel Miller & Sons aud R. M. Sutton & Co. were soon afiame, and along German street-east and west, from the Hurst building-there were a dozen buildings burning.

Mass & Kemper's big wholesale store, on Baltimore street, quickly succumbed to the flames. On Hopkins' place the Hopkins' Savings Bank and the National Exchange Bank were gutted by the flames. Across Hurst & Co., and next to it Hechl, Jr. & Sons, were in names.

THE BLOCK A CAULDRON. All these briddings were swept away was nothing but a cauldron of fire.

At 1:30 o'clock Mullin's Hotel, a Baltimore streets, was in flames from garret to cellar and its great height and narrowness acted as a torch. All none, consequently, was injured.

FINE RUN FOR THEIR LIVES.

clear the way for the fire fighters. The dynamited in an effort to step the block bounded by Gorman, Liberty, fire. Baltimore and Sharp streets was early found to be doomed, and the firemen turned their attention to saving the buildings on Baltimore street. east of Sharp, but the fire was beyond Red not cinders ignited the roof of make an estimate of loss. The fire cooking, sewing, etc.

Infuriated Negro Kills.

Special.-Because she would not marry him, Randal Pitman, colored, shot and instantly killed Maggie Battle, a widow, here Sunday and probably fatally wounded her sister, Louisa Barret. Pitman had called, renewed his suit and as Maggie was about to consent. Louisa protested. whereupon the man drew his pistol, shot both and then made his escape. He has not yet been apprehended.

Minor Mention.

George Monchines, known as the polyglot guide at the capitol in Washington, died last week. He had served as guide there for nearly twenty years, and was most successful in his employment, He came from Wales, and day afternoon. The Baron drove to could speak and write in French, Itali- Minister Komura's official residence an, Spanish and Portuguese, hesides He speke his native Weish, and of the conference is a secret as are having a familiatity with several diahad a good command of English. He went to California in 1849 court. It is probable that Baron De and made a fortune in sluicing gold, Rosen delivered the belated Russian rison will be starved cut if Japan gets which he invested in valuable real

mile from the main conflagration, which shows to what distance the flery rain fell. The blaze was ex-

For a time considerable alarm was felt at the City Hospital. The Sisters of Mercy in charge of the institution were all at their posts, and an effort few cinders fell on the roof of the hos-

pital, but were extinguished by the physicians of the house staff. Eighteen women, two babies and seven nurses were taken from the Maternity Hospital, on West Lombard street, in police ambulances and given quarters at the city hospital. A woman who was ill in bed with typhoid fever

At 3 o'clock a tremendous explosion of about 150 barrels of whiskey stored Here an engine was buried by a falling goods; Stanley & Brown Drug Comwall, the firemen fleeing for their pany; R. M. Hutton & Co., dry goods; guns. President Palma then addressed

was followed by a peculiar whistling Stewart & Sons, hardware; O'Connell & parture from while no. panics ensued hundreds of building occupied by Thornton, Rogers ony pretext whatever, or an unjust dense columns of cinders and smoke pany; Likes Berwanger & Co., closh-

of cinders fell, compelling pedestrians to doge red hot pieces of wood. PEOPLE DODGING FIRE BRANDS

Two more explosions followed, and thousands of people hurried to the scene of the fire. Of all the spectators, comparatively few saw the fire itself. They could not get within half a block of it. Even the policemen guarding the approaches to the fire had to shift their positions repeatedly and dodge falling cinders. Pieces of tin 6 by 8 feet square were lifted into the air by the terific heat, sailed upward like paper kites, and when they reached a point beyond the scene of the most intense heat, fell clattering to the streets.

9:20 p. m .- The fire is still raging the street were the ruins of John E. with unabated fury. The fire department is helpless with the flames steadily traveling eastward on Baltimore and Fayette streets. The Union Trust building has fallen in. The Carrollton by the flanes, and the whole block Hotel is on fire. The Herald building is apparenty doomed, and the occupants have moved out. The Sun is seven story structure, at Liberty and preparing to move. Clouds of burning cinders cover the whole city.

FIRE NEAR COURT HOUSE. 10:20 p. m .- The fire sweeping east the guests had been ordered out, and on Fayetteville street is within a short distance of the court house, which oc-Though every bit of fire-fighting ap- cupies the block bounded by Fayette; paratus in the city was called into Lexington and Calvert streets. Opporequisition as the flames continued to site is the postoffice adjoining this spread, at 10 o'clock six engines ar- is the temporary custom house and gambling in his principality and that rived from Washington and four from opposite to this is the city hall. The he has twice been freed from marital Philadelphia. It is roughly estimated Calvert office building, at Fayette and that there were 350 hose playing on St. Paul street, is afire, and the Equitdifferent parts of the conflagration at able building, which adjoins it, is now threatened. The main office of the Western Union Telegraph Company is Wall after wall toppled into the located in the Equitable building, and streets, and firemen ran for their lives. the force is leaving for a branch of-All kinds of wires had to be cut to fice. A number of buildings are being

> 11:45-The fire is still eating its way eastward on Baltimore street and on South and German streets, including the financial district. Mayor McLane, who has been on the scene all day and night, says it is utterly impossible to carpentering, mechanics,

Fire Still Raging at 2 O'clock.

received from Baltimore at 2 o'clock

Monday morning says the fire is still

raging fiercely. The postoffice build-

court house. The Holiday Street The-

atre has been blown up with dryna-

mite and the United States Express

offices and central offices of the Bal-

Final Interview.

the final interview between Foreign

Minister Komura and Baron De Rosen,

the Russian minister, took place Sun-

and remained 20 minutes. The nature

all the important acts of the Japanese

Tokio, By Cable.-It is believed that

timore & Ohio Railroad are burned.

ing is burning, also, the \$4,000,000

Washington, Special .- A dispatch

officials say that thus far it will ag-Crash after crash could be heard

within the burning district, but even the firemen could not tell from what buildings they proceeded. In the seethdirection of location of buildings was

Hundreds of merchants and business men with offices on the threatened district were notified by watchmen and police. Many took steps to have their books removed to a place of safety. A. C. Meyer & Co., and the Carrollton Chemical Company removed boxes

containing explosives to a point seve-

ral squares away from the fire.

SOME OF THE BUILDINGS BURNED Among the buildings consumed are

Roxbury Rye Distilling Company; Allen & Sons, leather; Sugar & Shear, clothing; L. Stein & Co., umbrella manufacturers; M. Friedman & Sons; ner. Crockin & Co., dry goods; Schwarz Toy Company; Mullin's Hotel; Burgunder Brothers, clothing; Maas & Kemper, manufacturers of confectioners' tools; Lewis Lowry & Co., dry goods; Dry Goods Exchange: S. Neuburger & ing and sponging establishment; A. C. racks. Meyer & Co., druggists; Carrollton Chemical Company; William T. Dixon & Bro., wholesale paper; Burger & Co., wholesale clothing; Blanke's saloon; Thomas Burne & Co., liquors; James Charles Burger & Co., wholesale cloth-Sanders, local agent of Cluett, Pea-Diggs, Curarn & Co., boots and shoes: The whole city was notified of the Nolan's restaurant; C. Y. Davidson, gas-fitting establishment: F. Schleuns which occurred some minutes after 11 & Co., clothing dealers; Oppenheimer, A sharp, spitting roar went | Koshland & Co., wholesale jewelers; sociation; Hopkins Savings Bank; the dom. & Co., printers; Carr, Owens & Heine-

uamo w Smith Piano Company; F. W. McAl lister & Co., opticians; Bryant Stratten, business college; R. Leitz & liverers, for it means that nobody Co., pianos; Imwold & Co., furniture; doubts our ability to govern ourselves Granger & Co., tobacconists; Ambach, or to maintain peace and order and clothing manufacturers; Brothers. Conrad Zeul's Sons, trunk manufactur- tants of this island. This new considers; the building occupied by Silberman & Todes, dry goods; Thalmier services we have previously received Brothers, dry goods, and the Florence W. McCarthy Company; Fussellbaugh-Blake Company, wall paper; Raschgan & Garner, window shades; R. Jandor? Co., boots and shoes; James Robertson Manufacturing Company, metals: Peter Rose & Sons, harness and saddlery; B. Cohen, notions; N. Pretz- on earth than those of Cuba and exfelder, boots and shoes; John Murphy RAGING WITH UNABATED FURY. Company, publishers.

LATER-At 8 o'clock Monday morning the fire was reported uncontrolable, with loss fully fifty millions of dollars. The fire departments of New York City, Philadelphia, Weshington Barraneas, Fla. and taking the others and Wilmington on hand and almost powerless to stay the flames.

News of the Day.

mond and James Donohue were ar-The presentation by the Prince of Monaco to the Academy of Sciences of Paris of a map of ocean depths, showing the nature and formation of all the bottoms sounded has once more brought the personality of the Prince before the public. Beyond the fact that he is paid \$500,000 a year to permit obligations—once from the daughter of taken. Eleven bags containing \$1,100 the Duke of Hamilton, his first wife, and lately from the Duchess of Riche. lieu, nee Heine, of New Orleans, very the gift of this deep sea chart has Mount and went there from Roanoke little is known of the Prince. With come the revelation that Prince Albert is a scien ist, for most of the soundings recorded on this chart were taken by him or those with him in the cruises of his yachts, the Hirondelle, the Princess Alice I and the Princess Alice

It is announced that Thomas Nelson Page, author, is in the near future to establish a technical school in Hanover, Va., teh county of his birth. The plan is to teach young men and girls the different manual callings, such as

Telegraphic Briefs.

The Russian reply was delivered to Japan at Tokio, and is expected to Mrs. Florence Maybrick is at the country home of the Sisters of the Epiphany, at Truro. Cornwall.

Joseph Chamberlain is exhausted to the Schwab-Sheldon controlling in wrong." by his political labors and will take terests, has been reached, and that in to make a reply to Mr. James, and a long rest. The movement for separating consequence all litigation will come brought a storm of questions from the church and state is gaining a fresh

impetus in France. The Presidential boom of Chief Justice Alton B. Parker was launched at a banquet of the Manhattan Club, in New York.

Important arragnements for the Republican National Convention were completed in Chicago. District Attorney Jerome returned from his tour in Mexico, and declared

Mayer Low's administration. Provisions are short at Port Arthur, and it is feared that the Russian garcontrol of the sea.

that New York was less open than in

DOINGS IN CONGRESS

American Army No Longer Occupies the Country

INDEPENDENT AFTER MANY YEARS

The Last Indication of Foreign Occupation Has Been Removed From

of the American occupation of Cuba the Tristornia pier and boarded the United States army transport Sum-

The Sumner had brought the Seventeenth and Nineteenth company of Brother, dry goods; A. Sauber, cloth- here in the evacuation of Cabana bar-

President Palma and the members of Gary & Sons, cotton mills, office; the centre of the parade ground: After ing; American Cigar Company; Cook American flag was slowly lowered from goods; Hancel Miller & Sons dry the fortress. The Cuban flag was raised

W. C. Katzem & Co., clothing: C. J. the annals of universal history, the dean inde-

guarantee the rights of all the inhabi-

eration shown us, together with the

at their hands, will bind the Cuban

people to the American people forever

Palma and thanked him for his kind-

ness to the American officers and sol-

diers. He said he believed he voiced

the opinions of his comrades in say-

ing that there were no better people

pressed the hope that Senor Palma

would serve many years as President,

adding that the first part of his admin-

istration was a guarantee for success

n the future. After this reply, all

troops marched past in platoon forma-

The Sumper will sail -tomorrow,

leaving the Twenty-first and Twenty-second companies of artilley at Fort

Safe Blowers Arrested.

Roanoke, Va., Special.-Two men

giving their names as William Ray-

rested here last night by W. G. Bald-

win, president of the Railway Special

Agents' Association of America, charg-

ed with cracking the safe in the Na-

tional Bank of Rocky Mount, Va., two

weeks ago, when \$4,000 in silver was

in silver were found on the men.

There is still \$2,900 missing. The

men had the money buried near Rocky

Silk Culture Congress.

the Silk Culture League of America,

on President Roosevelt in the interest

of the movement for the growth of

Plan of Organization.

Raleigh Woman Held in Rome,

Rome, By Cable.-Anna Steven

Jackson, of Raleigh, N. C., who, or

Jan. 15, after escaping from a house o

detention, was found on the railroa

tracks, three miles out of Rome, ha

been placed in an asylum for the in-

sane, pending inquiries which are be

ing made in the United States concern

God's mercy is like the ocean, if i

is chb tide apparently in one place i

cortainly flood tide in another. Liver all was corruption.

ng bor identity.

New York, Special.-It was announ-

re-organization of the United

silk in the United States.

Washington, Special.-Louis

tion and boarded the Sumner.

to Fort Washington, Md.

Major Brown replied to President

in a strong tie of sincere gratitude.'

Discussion in the Senate on th Treaty Question.

Tillman Speaks Plainly. After almost allowing the amend-

ment to the urgent deficiency appropriation bill providing for a loan o \$4,600,000 to the St. Louis Exposition to go through without any discussion whatever, the Senate Wednesday changed its tactics just as the vote was about to be taken and entered upon a debate on the loan provision, which continued for about four hours, and which was still in progress when the Senate adjourned for the day. The debate was precipitated by a point of order made against the amendment by

Mr. Bailey, who supported his poin with a speech based on the theory that the national government was not, as failure of any exposition. He was sup. ported by Mr. Lodge and Mr. Elkins. while speeches were made in support of the amendment by Messrs. Hale Allison, Cockrell, Spooner, McComas

Mr. Tillman said he wanted to say schnething on this "loan or gift," the latter he thought, as it was not likely that the government would ever get anything back. In the course of remarks he said South Carolina had had a share of the steal that had been secured by other cities and he had that this expenditure of money was inlawful and unconstitutional. Mr. Spooner remarked that the Sen. ator from South Carolina had put him-

elf on record as participating in a What I mean," declared Mr. Till-"is that when Congress takes money from the people and gives it away for expositions it amounts to a What I want to know is how far we are to go and how much longer we are to participate in"-

Here Mr. Tillman hesitated. "Steals," interjected Mr. Spooner. "Yes, steal," said Mr. Tillman, de-

Mr. Bacon said that as he intended vote for the amendment he did not vant the impression to go out that he fquestion from Mr. Bailey he said lat abstractly he did not endorse the dinciple, and that if the practice of initiated he would oppose the pracena of an interesting political deate with the provision in the urgent

The controversy was precipitated by Lodge, who quoted many official foures to demonstrate that Republican plicies had not been a failure in the

On the Democratic side Messrs. Gor-man and Bailey were the orators.

Commenting on the present condi-

ing of the navy. On the contrary, he

would have the navy engage ample

forces to guard American interests

everywhere. But he had had no idea of a navy to compete with that of

Creat Britain or Germany, because our

enditions did not require such a navy.

He did not want a navy for display, but

"I want economy in it." he said, and

he called attention to the effectual aid

given to Venezuela during the admin-

istration of Mr. Cleveland. "We did

that," he said, "at the cost of \$16,000,-

000 a year, and now we pay \$\$2,000,-000 for a navy with which to threaten

rmy from 100.000 men as now au-

: He did not, he said, confess that he

would be willing to take money from

the excessive expenditures for the

army and navy, and give it to the St.

Louis fair, the success of which was

Some Spicy Remarks.

a the House Wednesday. The debate,

which involved nearly every member of

both State delgations, was fast and

furious from start to finish. Kentucky

demanded of Indiana the return of W.

S. Taylor, that he might be tried for

the assassination of William Goebel.

The assault was made by Mr. James, of

Kentucky, and the defense was led by

Mr. Crumpacker, of Indiana. Partisan

feeling rose to an extreme tension, and

as either side scored both applause

derision resulted. The denate was

based on the diplomatic and consular

Mr. James fired both sides of the

House to interest and feeling by de-claring at the outset that the "Rough

Rider President" was ridiculous in his

tional extradition treaties, when one

Mr. Crumpacker, of Indiana, arose

The Governor of Indiana needed no

defense, began Mr. Crumpacker, espe-

cially to anyone acquainted with the

Kentucky election of 1899. He declared

Taylor had been elected Governor; that

the Kentucky juries had been "pack-

action of Indiana.

Mr. Williams, of Mississippi, com-

patted the idea that the Kentucky

juries were "corrupt and rotten." In

some respect, he said, the speech of

fr. Crumpacker was a disgrace to

merican civilization. It was ridion

'ous to suppose that all purity reigne

in Indiana, and that just across

" and that history would justify the

Democratic side.

appropriation bill.

Magid, of Georgia, the president of message to Congress favoring interna-

announced that he had called a silk State could not get from another fugi-

culture congress to be held next Oc. tive from justice. He had, he said,

culture congress to be neid next Oc- tire from justice. He had, he said, tober at St. Louis. He announced that

Secretary Wilson has promised to sorver in and extradition comput-

Secretary Wilson has promised to sory in cases where persons had been make an address. Mr. Magid called indicted for crime. For four years, he

pledged by the United States.

for service.

lolombia."

rized, to 50,000.

Harrenerakerakerakeraker

Hunting a Criminal, For two days officers and other indignant citizens of Bennettsville have been scouring that section in search of John Johnson, who is wanted for criminally assaulting the 10-year-old daughter of John Hooks, at McColl. The crime was committed on January a girl associate who was working in the Maric cotton mill with her. The news soon reached Mr. Hooks and he found that she hd been seriously injured. She

sooner because the negro threatened to kill her if she told. As soon as the crime became known Chief of Police Hays and a posse of citizens started to hunt Johnson but he had just left town by some unknown route. Blood hounds were put on his track and followed him for several miles, but finally lost the trail.

Chocked Her Daughter,

on Mr. Josiah Hitt's place about eight miles from Walterboro, went to the bed of her own daughter, Anita Eligan, and clutching her by the throat, were two other negro girls in the room out they seemed to know very little they helped carry the dead body of their sister into the adjoining foom at Eligan was about 17 years of Patsy was committed to jail charged with the murder of her own child. She denics killing her child, but says she has killed the devil and that she did so at the command of Christ. She is no doubt crazy.

Palmetto Briefs.

an of \$4,600,000 for the St. Louis eposition the basis for the discusrious consequences

Brief Form

About 4 o'clock Sunday morning

While young Cecil McGowan and were out in a field Monday hunting, panion and pulled the trigger. A report cutting off a piece of his tongue, knocking out two teeth and came out through the other cheek producing a very painful wound, but the attending surgeon does not apprehend any seAs Chickens Come Home.

owes,
Whoever comes out behind;
And all things bad that a man has done
By whatsoever induced,
Return at last to him, one by one,
As the chickens come home to roost.

Sow as you will, there's a time to reap,
For the good and the bad as well.
And conscience, whether we wake or
sleep,
Is either a heaven or hell.
And every wrong will find its place.
And every passion loosed
Drifts back and meets you face to face—
Like chickens that come home to roost.

The result will be the same.
You cannot escape the hand of God.
You must bear your sin and shame.
No matter what's carved on a marble slab. When the item's are all produced You'll find that St. Peter was keepir

Naval Officer Buys Pew. Commander F. A. Miller, U. S. N., nas purchased pew No. 118 in the historic St. John's church, Washington, from a Philadelphian, paying him \$1.000 for it.

To the Christmas dinner let us bring every good and wholesome thought, kind hearts and the spirit of happiness. Let us call to us at that hallowed hour the memory of loved ones not with us now, whether they be dead or living; let us give a thought to the wayward, to the prisoner, about whose very cell the broad charity of to-day twines a piece of holly; to the sick who lie on hospital beds at this hour; to the men in khaki who bear the flag in our far-off to-night of the snow and home cheer they cannot share; to those on the sea in peril among the winter storms of lake and ocean; to the babes just breathing the first breath of life, Christmas gifts indeed for pale, happy mothers; to the aged who realize that Christmas and death are coming very close together about them; to the men who labor in our great forests where the snow banks up high among God's own Christmas trees; to all, men and women and little children, shut out in any way from the cheerful glow of the home fire, or who, having homes, may have but little fire to burn.

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loke on the day of the tragedy.

Stermer Ethel Sunk,

Accident to the lowa. Norfolk, Va., Special.-The battleship Iowa, while testing her batteries on her way down the coast February 4, blew off the muzzles of both eight-inch guns in her forward starboard turret. Flying fragments smashed one of the ship's whale boats. Both guns are fractured between hoops E and F, and the barrels are badly swollen. None of the erew was injured, and no damage outside that given was sustained by the

Must Be War,

of wood and was not seen again until his body was found near a tree on which he had been chopping. It is heart disease.

machines found in stores about the city, under the ordinance forbidding gambling devices, which the department is now enforcing. The machines have disappeared from the counters and show cases, and the dealers in cigars are especially feeling the loss of the machines at which men would be playing all day long. Randolph Gordon, colored, one of the hands at the paper mili at Hartsville,

fell through a hole in the upper floor of the digester room Friday night and broken his neck. It was clearly an acident and the coroner's jury so found. Capt. Ivy M. Mauldin, of Pickens, who was elected a member of the board of trustees of Clemson College, notified Governor Heyward Tuesday that he could not serve in view of the fact that he was elected under some misapprehension. He is under the impression that owing to a blunder he was put on instead of Mr. J. E. Tindal, of Clarendon, although he is mistaken as Mr. Tindal is a life member of the board, having been appointed by Mr.

Suspict Arrested, Bluefield, W. Va., Special.-Goldstein

said, Governor Durbin, of Indiana, had protected Taylor, who had been regularly indicted in Kentncky for the murder of Goebel, "and yet I notice that when Durbin comes to town," continued Mr. James, "he is wined and dined by this great Don Quixote upon ced Thursday night that a plan for extradition, who absolutely confides to Durbin the right to give the waitthe re-organization of the Onical ing and anxious world the news that States Ship Building Company, sat- Hanna can run for President if he isfactory both to the bondholders, rep wants to. And when we all read that, resented by Samuel Untermeyer, and we again declare 'the king can do no

capitalized at \$15,000. The dead body of Tanday Wilson on of the country's finances, Mr. Gorcolored, was found in a tract of woods man said that it was due to the imabout three miles from Greenville Satmense expenditures made in preparaurday night by W. M. Brockman. The negro had been employed by T. C. tion for war—\$82.000.000 last year for the navy and \$118,000.000 for the Martin and was engaged in hauling. army, in a time of profound peace. He Saturday morning he went for a load denied, as Mr. Lodge had charged, that he had been an enemy of the upbuild-

the Darlington Dry Goods Company,

thought his death was caused from The police department of Charleston has seized and confiscated nine slot

He would reduce the Indiana and Kentucky locked horns

Howard, a negro, is under arrest here suspected of having assaulted Mrs. hields, of Roanoke, on Saturday last The Roanoke authorities were notified of the arrest and after getting a description of Howard wired the authorities here to hold him. On searching the prisoner a silver-handled, brokenpointed pen-knile, filling the descripion of the knife used in cutting Mrs. Shields' throat(was found, as was also a whish broom suposed to be the room missing from the Shields' home. Howard admits having been in Roa-

Savannah, Ga., Special.-The river steamer Ethel, of the Southern Transportation Company's line, is sunk in the Savannah river, near Gray's Point. 36 miles this side of Augusta. The passengers and crew were taken off and the cargo is damaged. The steamer was loaded with fertilizer and corn. The hoat struck a snag in the early morning and had to be beached to prevent total loss.

A cable dispatch from London says hat the Japanese Minister in a published interview declares that unless Russia agrees to sign treaty war will be inevitable,