MUKDEN CAMPAIGN.

The March And In Battle.

The Capture of Two Whole Regiments of Russians, at One Time. Some Russians Badly Frightened when Cornered. One Hundred

Thousand Prisoners. Headquarters of Gen Kuroki's Army, sandy plains northward. It was a bus elaborately with a long chain of iness like army, swathed in dark blue trenches and well constructed gun and khaki with no spectacular show of positions, while they held 24 hours. gold braid, nor brass, and hardly a ets worn over the sholders. Most of ternoon of the 15th another Japanese ing into hardy veterans. They plod- This partly exposed the Russian flank of rejoicing over victory, without con- we e concentrated in a bombardment morning in the town of Brockland, fusion or excited officers. Japanese do minion over Manchuria was spreading te:rupted the work after an hour's bia, charged with fraud against the and through these were swarming men, women and children, reaping and stack- sition as well. Gen. Kuropatkin had ing their crops. The chinaman fritarmies when a few dollars are to be said. When the first Japanese com gathered.

it never settled for a minute, it crock- were valuable stores of munitions un ed the throat and blinded the eyes, damage:. lifted under clothing, made food gritty and turned all water into mud. The flames from burning houses and stacks of grain showed through it in the night curred during this eventful week than

THE RUSSIAN RETREAT.

containing cartridges. Toward evening of that day Gen. both sides into confusion and made ormade the Hunbo the most formidable with their officers siding in Chinese line of defense, perhaps because his carts, and jeering Manchurians runown men were in a panic. Probably ning along the flauks-to join the this was the decisive day of the bat army of Russians in Japan which now tle, for the Japanese forces west of number nearly 100,000. Mukden were being pressed hard and the brigade on the extreme left was almost wiped out. Had Bildering repulsed Kurcki two or three days at J. Gunnels, a white man, drove from the Hunho the Russian reserves might his home at Govan to his farm near have been able to turn the tide at Olar. Here he found Gloster Daniels, Mukden Good general ship and good a negro, who has always borne a good fortune made history otherwise. Ku- reputation. Daniels was plowing and ropatkin bad hurried his reserves from when Gunnels got near to him he shot among dramatic scenes, how he, as Mukden east to Fushun as the Jap the negro in the left side with a anese had planned that he should, and double barreled shotgun. The woundthen hurried them back to Mukden, ed man ran in fright and terror, but only too late. The Japanese cen- about a half mile, and then fell to the tre army from Kurcki's left was pushing past Mukden to the north and another negro carried him to a friend's Kuroki's left division was marching home, where he died Tuesday mornstill further north protecting its right ing about dawn. The slayer has been flank. Having lost the Husho the Russian the asylum once or twice, it is sian central army left Mukden to its said, from the effects of whiskey, but fate and continued its new disorderly when sober is rational. He has a of the ward to make them conform to retreat to Tiehling. That all their large family connection and is a man dead were left where they fell show- of considerable means. The cause of ed what the retreat had become. On the shooting is said to be that Daniels the morning of the 10th, the left di- aid not bring in some oats on Saturvision again encountered the Russian day afternoon, after being told to do rear guard in considerable force north so by Guanels. The white man went dred men. Three torpedo boats sunk ship Oslabya, one of the vessels sunk east of Mukden and as the Russians to the negro's home on Sunday morn- were all the war vessels lost by Japan. So by Guineis. The wines man went to the negro's home on Sunday morn- were all the war vessels lost by Japan. B. Noyes, a trained nurse of Port Day who do not like our way of controlling men and ships, which outside observ-

town of Sana, 10 miles beyond Muk- would carry out his threat.

den, and on the main road from Mukden to Tiehling.

MARCHED DAY AND NIGHT. Until the 10th the army had been pushed forward day and night in the face of every difficulty to draw the attention of the Russians from Mukden, and the men were nearly exhausted by their forced march. The military

to the north of Mukden while Gen. Linevitch took most of his men directly north through the mountains with the Japanese right army pursuing. Several times the Japanese had sharp brushes with the rear guard but no important action until the 14th, when theay approached the rarge of high steep hills seven miles southeast of Tiehling which was strategically the strongest defense of the city. There was a broad level plain in front of the hills and no avenue of approach for an attacking force except to cross Headquarters of Gen Kuroki's Army, for an attacking force except to cross of families have been run out of than the normal, and how many days? been claimed by some of those who near Tiebling, March 25.—The first this plain under such covers as could their homes by the great horde of Expressed in percentage, what is have no storing facilities that the plosion, rule or spreading immediaterealization of the immensity of the Ja | be found in the gullies and behind ocpanese forces was brought home to the casional ridges. Consequently it was observer when the two central armies decided to attempt the night attack put his entire family of twelve at to be the standard of normal or reason- edge upon poles which hold them a when he came to Paris had been suc rolled across the Shaho on the morn- with the bayonet ence more, and thus ing of the 8th of March in the wake of the first line of trenches below the the retreating Russians. Hitherto bills was gained. For the general during the battle parts of two or three advance in the morning of the 14th brigades of infantry, with a few batta two battalions were assigned for the lions of reserves, a dozen or more bat- frontal attack, one for a diversion on teries, with pack trains and field has the right and the largest force of pitals, were all that one person could eight, on the left. A direct charge see in the mountainous country of the upon the main trenches was impossigreat armies engaged. But when the ble because the slope before them was whole array moved northward with its almost too steep to be scaled even impediments following it was an im- with no resistance. A lower hill to pressive host. Looking from the the west and in front was vulnerable heights where the Russian batteries on its west flank and after an artillery had been, one could see many khaki- engagement the main body occupied colored processions for miles on either this. Night stopped the fighting and hand, emerging from the valleys and before morning the Russians had re passes where the Japanese had been tired in haste leaving 200 dead, while concentrating since October, stream- the Japanese had 809 casualties. The ing across the dry bed of the river and last stand of the Russians before Tiehthe narrow channels of ice and wind ling was on a chain of hills 3,000 meing away among the bare hills and tres southeast of the city equipped

While the general of division was re touch of color except the scarlet blank- connoitering the positions on the afthe ranks were boys yet, but they brigade from the south began to enwere toughened by a year of campaign gage one of the Russian batteries. ed on silently, as usual with no show to the enemy and 36 Japanese gurs Mitchell, were arrested Wednesday of that position. Darkness again in- across the Congaree river from Columat the rate of two miles an hour. By bombardment and again the Russians State election laws and with conspir the river banks were fields of kaoliang retreated, abandoning without seriacy on the ground that they made which had stood unharvested since fall our resistance their most valuable de- false returns in the recent election between the lines of hostile cannon, pot between Mukden and Harbin, weld there for the choice of an intenwhich was their strongest military po- dent. been there in his special train until For 10 days from that morning the the moining they captured the sta-

A DRAMATIC ENCOUNTER. No more dramatic encounter oc

like the moon through fog. The sand the capture of the Fifth and Ninestorms, which began on the second teenth regiments of Russian r.flex b, day of the pursuit and continued at Kuroki's left division on the morning intervals for a week, came from the of the 11th. In the panic which pre north directly into the faces of the vailed at Mukden then these two regi-Japanese and made the discomfort and ments left at 3 in the morning with a party of three special deputies. hardship worse. There was a great no general commanding them, and a contrast between the country south of mixed crowd of sidders from other or off suddenly, they showed fight. Me the Shaho and north of it. The vil- garizations and followers attaching Combs reached for his revolver. Fox lages toward Mukden were larger and themselves to the retreat. When the then grabbed Diputy Mayers and as more prosperous, with better buildings, two forces discovered one another the latter was throwing him to the and the picturesque temples and tombs | they quickly formed into fighting line | ground McCombs escaped, just as the surrounded by groves of dark green and the Russians came on with the other deputies came up Before Fox firs made a welcome panorama to the officers in front of the ranks to cut grabbed him Mayers fired twice at eyes of the men from beautiful Japan, their way through. The contact was McCombs without effect. who had spent months among the so sudden that there was no confusion dreary and monotonous hills. Chinese at first, in which the Japanese genefamilies gathered in front of their ral and his staff with two foreign athouses and greeted the Japanese with taches came under the fire of the Jap shouts. Doubtless they were equally anese rifles and guns. The fight was ready to acclaim the Russians, and short and decisive. The Russians denounce the Japanese when it was could not stand in the open fields unpolitic. Outside the large towns Chi- der the shrapnel and soon scattered nese officials wearing their robes of like sheep while many parties waved office and buttons on their caps, with towels and handkerchiefs, to surren banners and soldiers in gaudy uni- der. The Japanese had only 200 casforms, received the Japanese generals, ualties while dead and wounded Rusand Gen. Kuroki and his staff rode sians were all over the field. During into the village where his hear quar- the rest of the day the Japanese were during the month of June, for the ters are now through a double file of occupied hunting for Russians in all above period of years, but must not be dition, as reported by the Governtative of the confliction that prevails throughout the state: villagers kneeling on both sides of the the surrounding country. They had construed as a forecast of the weath- ment between the first of June and broken up into small parties, were er conditions for the coming month. fleeing in every direction, some trying treat from the Shaho was orderly and roads of escape northward, and many month was that of 1890, with an aver- terioration during the summer and portable effects worth taking had been houses. However brave they were in was that of 1903 with an average having been 20 per cent. abandoned, except hundreds of stacks fighting, when cornered some made of 74 degress. The highest temof tin cases in the trenches and huts, spectacles of themselves hardly to be perature was 103 degress on June 10th, Kuroki's troops overtook their rear the strain of long fighting, but the date on which last "killing" frost oc- 10,055,000 bales. guards eight or nine miles north of Siberians captured earlier in the war curred in spring, April 17ch, 1905. the Shaho and from that time the re- bore themselves with the dignity of treat became a scramble for safety. At soldiers. Whether the European the various supply stations huge piles troops who have been sent to the east Average number of days with 01 of Government in 1903. Only 79 per a

of grain were fired and smouldered for are the best quality of the Russian an inch or more, 5. The greatest cent. of the area has been planted the work in the wor days. The pursuit continued all army there is no means of judging, monthly precipi ation was 9 97 inches and the crop is 17 days later than the reason for the afference is that boys through the night of the eighth and but certainly they have not compared in 1903. The least monthly precipita normal, whereas last year's crop was are eager to get into business and to the right division of Kuroki's army favorably in physique or fighting qual- tion was 1.13 inches in 1890. The great came to the branch line of railroad ities with the Siberians, particularly est amount of precipitation recorded earlier than the normal. running from Mukden to the mines the east Siberian sharpsh oters. That in any 24 consecutive hours was 3.60 at Fushun. On the morning of the 950 is the opinion of the Japanese officers. Inches on June 6th, 1903. The greatest season will proably reach, if they do women, and boys do not like to be the sand storm began, which threw The total of prisoners taken that day amount of snowfall recorded in any not exceed, 12,500,000 bales, and the was nearly 4,000. They were a fierce | 24 consecutive hours (record extending | present rate of consumption undobtedderly retreat or pursuit on a large and savage looking crowd, all wearing to winter of 1884 85 only) was none. scale impossible. All the telegraph big black or white sheepskin hats. wires connecting the headquarters and many in dirty fur coats, most of them the different divisions were blown heavily bearded, all unwashed for days, 13; cloudy days, 7. down so that each contingent proceed. days. Among the officers were seveed largely on its own responsibility. ral old men, one of them, a veteran of been from the southwest. The aver- a crop not over 10 500,000 and possib-The left division crossed the Hunno the Russo-Turkish war, with a white age hourly velocity of the wind is 7 ly less than 10,000,000 bales. under cover of the thick dust clouds beard hanging to his waist, who gave miles per hour. The highest velocity without a battle. Apparently the Rus bis age as 72 The next morning of the wind was 42 miles from the west sian commander was afraid to risk they went down the road in a big on June 7th, 1902. a defense on such a day even in the cloud of dust-a long and picturesque elaborate works, which should have procession of dejected looking Moujiks,

> Terrible Tragedy. On Monday morning of last week F. ground, his wife following. She and

A CATERPILLAR PLAGUE.

A Train Stopped by Multitudes of the Creeping Insects.

Sometime ago some sections of Georgia were visited by a plague of caterpillers, which became almost unbearable. For several days reports had been going into Savannah of the along the plains among sharp hills ravages of the insects within a few roads from Fushun to Tiehling wound miles of the city. Finally a represenand the division followed this to get tative of the Augusta Chronicle visittounded at the situation. The caterpillers had become a plague as destructive as any that ever visited the west or committed depredation in

Biblical times. The pests actually overran a church and made it unfit for use. The streams were so badly covered with them that when it was decided to have a baptizing one Sunday; brushbrooms had to be employed to clean off the surface of the water. Two netheir homes by the great horde of his home. These are hard but true son?

stories of the plague. The residents about Pooler sur-County, work was at a standstill. All may be regarded as having been effectinsurance. the turpentine boxes that had the tively covered. least gum in them had to be dipped and thrown away, as the caterpillars May 19th, and the statement of con- are not sustained by results. Ex had crawled into them, stuck there dition does not, therefore, reflect the posure to the sun and winter rain and died. At Willis Station, on the heavy damage caused by the excessive warps and defaces the bagging, rusts Seaboard railway, a freight train was rains in Texas on May 21st. stalled by the caterpillars. The dead insects caused such a stench that the people passing that way were made

ALLEGED VOTE FRAUDS.

Four Men Arrested for Making False Election Returns.

Three managers of election, M. L. Fox, George, Busbee and J. A. Armstrong, and a partisan, named T. D.

Busbee has turned State's evidence but is too sick to be locked up. The ters away no time gaping at victorious the afternoon of the 15th, it was others are behind the bars. Candidate Gunnells, who was counted out by pany entered the settlement at 1 in three votes, alleges that he holds affi davits from 117 out of the 151 voters whole country within the erea of the tion master and two other efficers who who participated in the election defighting was covered with a midst of had ben left with orders to apply the claring that they voted for him. Fox fine dust stirred up by the feet of tor hat the last moment, but only a is a groceryman and alleged blind more than a million men and animals. few buildings were burned and there tiger, Busbee is a cotton mill opera tive. Armstrong is a mill operative and clerk and Mitchell was a witness for the defence in the Jim Tillman

murder trial. Intendant G. B. McCombs, in whose interest the alleged frauds were committed, escaped after an exciting chase at 2 o'clock Wednesday morning, near Cayce. Learning that warrants were out he and Fox skipped together. They were overtaken by When Fox and McCombs were headed

THE WEATHER IN JUNE.

What the Records Show for the Las Eighteen Years.

the conditions that have prevailed, able.

Temperature-Mean or normal tem-

Precipitating (rain or melted snow)

Clouds and weather-Average num-

Made Rim Confess.

At Knoxville, Tenn., influenced by a sermon which he heard from the lips of Rev. Sam Jones, the evangelist, Wm. S. Keller Wednesday decided to confess his part in election rottenness. The Knox county judgeship is now being contested in a local court on a charge of election bribers, etc. Keller has twice been on the stand and has twice refused to answer certain pointed questions. Wednesday he again appeared and voluntarily asked to testify. The privilege was granted him, and be then told, officer of election, had stuffed the bal lot box in the eleventh ward, and had marked from two to three hundred hallot box. In his confession he also implicated several city officials for alleged parts that they played in trying to cover up evidences of the rottenness by adding names to the poll lists the votes polled.

Jap Losses.

COTTON LETTER.

Pointing to a Small Crop.

His Report, Covering the Cotton Belt Shows a Decrease of 29.5 Per Cent. Over Last Year.

The following is Mr. Theodore H. 7,346 replies to a postal card inquiry tions:

What is the precentage of increase section as compared with last year? What percentage of the total conthe date of your reply?

hungry, hairy things, and Richard the present condition of the crop in bales will not suffer much injury in ly that the threats made by the an- the cotton association has no crop tion apostles of the Republican party Dotson, who lived at Pooler, had to your section, assuming 100 per cent. the open if they are kept on their archists to assassinate King Alfonso condition figures of its own from last of appealing to President Bocsevelt work to keep them from overrunning ably perfect development at this sea- few inches clear off the ground; and, cessfully carried out.

that given by my correspondents. by my correspondents on the 20th of crude and unsatisfactory way before each month during the growing sea- it is fit for shipment. We have seen son averaged within 4 points of that in Wilmington recently thousands of reported by the Government, and the damaged bales waiting for the slow has been constantly guarded by secret average of my correspondents' crop and expensive process of picking beestimates published by ma on the 3d fore they can be shipped as merchantof November was 12,177,603, or within able. Many of these bales must prove 14 903 bales of the estimate of the aloss of at least a cent a pound to Agricultural Department published a the farmer.

month later. State, will be found below.

The indicated decrease in acreage, as compared with last year through- South a better method prevails and out the entire belt, is 17.3 per cent. The condition of the crop, assuming 100 per cent. to be the standard It should not be overlooked that mill

correspondents report that there had producer. There is, then, no question King's eyes, crying:

On the average the crop is reported jection of mis-shapen bales. later than the normal by 17 days.

-	SUMMARY.			
9	State. Re	plies.	Decrease	Conditio
е	200000		Acreage	per cen
8	N. Carolina	615	20.6	79.4
3	S. Carolina	735	15.2	76.3
	Georgia 1	,194	14.5	83.5
е	Florida	59	17	80.5
	Alabama	854	12.2	83 8
	Mississippi	976	19.2	66.6
2	Louisiana	324	19.5	62.6
•	Texas 1	.483	18.2	58.8
•	Arkansas	522	21.9	62.8
1	Tennessee	262	18.4	81.4
y	In Territory	160	18.8	74.9
	Oklahoma	133	23.1	83.7
i	Missouri	14	15.9	82.8
	Virginia	15	24.5	89
	-	-		

Total tigures, is of the gravest import to royal gift of God. the trade. The aggregate reduction and acreage as compared with the Government's figures of last year of the same date, indicate an initial contraction in the producing capacity of the cotton area planted, or to be planted, of 29.5 per cent. Admitting period of 18 years, have been compiled and unusually favorable as the grow- ports of school

7.2 per cent., the least on record for

The indicated acreage for the com-

correspondents is 2.3 per cent. lower Somier..........9 generally admitted to be two weeks

Spinners' takings for the current Wind-The prevailing winds have but a possibility on the other hand of -Newberry Observer.

> THEODORE H. PRICE. The Defeat Explained.

The cardinal causes of Rojestvenalvsis: "First, and imperfect reconnois-

leading intelligence. "Second, an imperfect battle formation which indicated that Rojestvensky did not expect to meet Togo off Tsusbima.

"Third, the weather, the direction of the wind and the sunlight were unfavorable to the Russians, Togo having the sun behind him and firing with the wind, while the Russians had the sun light in their eyes and fired against the wind.

ammunition had been exhausted.

the Russian gunnery." Voelkersam Was Killed.

mander of the battleship squadron of court. the Russian first, was killed the first Japanese reports say total losses of day of the battle, May 27, in the con-Japanese number about eight hun- ning tower of his flagship, the battleese torpedo boats.

PROTECT YOUR COTTON.

Of Theodore H. Price, With Figures Good Advice to Those Who Are Hold- Under the Carriage of the President ing the Staple.

The Wilmington Morning Star says it has refrained from the occa- chist threw a bomb at a carriage sional course of its contemporaries of containing Alfonso, King of Spain, giving gratitous advice to its friends and Lambert, President of France, as behind the hoe who are the bone and they were leaving the opera at mid-Price's cotton crop report for the sinew of the country, and who are, in night after a gala performance. The ed the stricken section and was as- month of May, issued from New York: these enlightened days of progressive bomb exploded without injuring either Herewith I submit my monthly re-port on the cotton crop, made up from practical questions than many who take a superficial or sentimental view soldiers belonging to the escort were which comprised the following ques- of the situation. The Star is, how- wounded. ever, in a position to know that many of its friends are suffering serious loss been made, including the person who spirited challenge of the report made or decrease in cotton acreage in your by the unwise exposure on the planta- is believed to have thrown the bomb to the g vernment by its agents retions of thousands of bales of cotton and three persons suspected of comto the continuous Spring rains this plicity in the plot as the latter were ports the reduction in acreage to be high tariffites" of the Republican partemplated area has been planted upon season, which has been estimated, in seen under the archway of the Louvre 18.43 per cent. and the government ty. many instances, as high as 30 per with a destructive engine a few min-Is the crop with you earlier or later cent. of the market value. It has utes before the explosion took place.

> It must be manifest by experience, The average date of my replies is however, that these specious claims the boops, and makes an unsigntly For this reason the Government re- package, while the later warmer rains port, which is made up from replies of the spring heats the cotton, feras of the date of May 25th, may per | mentation follows and in many in haps show a lower condition than stances thirty to sixty pounds of rotting and worthless cotton must be re-Last year the condition as reported moved and the bale repacked in a Moreover, the practice of exposing

> The details of my report, State by cotton at the plantations seems to be largely confined to our own sectionthat is to say, the Carolinas. Farther the warehouse system is used by many farmers who have no storage facilities. temporary and inexpensive shelter Of the total contemplated area, my which is within the means of every been planted up to May 19th 79 per as to actual weights and grades, nor any delay in settlements, nor any re-We are informed that some of the

because of recent heavy reclamations with the police because of his revolu- ear to this cotton speculator. from mills at home and abroad. We tionary opinions. also learn from representatives of Marine Underwriters that insurance against country damage will be difficult to obtain next season, even at advanced premiums. It behooves the cotton planter

with these facts before him to protect his cotton crop from damage by simple and reasonable precautions afsitudes of frost, drought, excessive moisture, rust, insects and other 7,346 17.3 avg 70.8 av patural and unnatural foes between The outlook, as suggested by these the planting and the picking of this

BOYS AND GIRLS

In the Graded Schools of the State Who Graduate.

Three years ago the Observer made that the crop of 1904-5 was 14,000,000 a comparison of the number of boys bales, the present indications point to and girls "graduating" in town and a crop of 29.5 per cent. less, or 9.870,- city graded schools, the number of 000 bales, a suming that the condi- girls then being far in excess of the The following data, covering a tions hereafter are as phenomenally boys. Noticing the newspaper re-"commencements" from the weather bureau records at ing and picking season of last year this spring, we find that the proportion is about the same as it was three tion is about the same as it was three years ago. The following instances The deterioration in the crop con- are representative of the condition BOYS. GIRLS

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Barnwell.....1 Florence..... Lexington.....1 St. Georges0

So it appears that about three times as many girls a onys are completing begin the work of money-making. Another reason is that nearly all the teachers in the graded schools are 'oossed" by women. The proportion of boys and girls who complete the ly calls for another crop of 12,000,000 graded school work is about the probaies or over to adequately supply the portion that go the colleges. The wober of clear days, 10; partly cloudy world's demand. There seems to be men of the rising generation are being no prospect of any such production, much better educated than the men.

Russian torpedo boats from Vladiprize crew on board with orders to ance and incomplete faculty and misrecapturned the vessel and eventually gardens are doing well. took her to Gensan.

Sentenced to Death.

State Senator Robert L. Hipp, re- was a boy of six years of age. The turned a verdict of gulity of murder other children were two girls, aged Nebogatoff was necessary because, his Williams' son, aged 20, begged the ders, the husband, left home in the "Fifth, the marked inferiority of his father's stead. Williams is a far- Returning home for dinner he found mer and shot Hipp while he and a la note on the table from Mrs. Sanders, Rear Admiral Voelkersam, com- appeal will be taken to the supreme creek.

attempted to make a stand they were ing, it is said, and told Daniels' wife The admiral says it will be several squadron, according to a report, which beaten in two engagements, and in the that he would kill her husband, but days before a detailed report of losses fired on the British trawlers in the afternoon the division arrived at the negress did not believe that he as well as of the captured men can be given as the reason.

EXPLODED A BOMB

and the King.

Wednesday night at Paris an anar A large number of arrests have that Mr. Jordan should have made a

cently. The cotton association reence in these estimates, amounting to of the day in political circles. There 840,000 bales in the aggregate. While is much talk among the high protecyear to go by, still it appears that the for a reversal of the decision, but there

if the bales are turned upside down It has been known very generally This is one of the most extensive after every rain in order that the in Paris that King Alfonso was added inquiries ever made by me. Replies moisture absorbed may be quickly to the anarchist's list of victims rounded their homes with ditches to have been received from 3,386 towns evaporated. It is also claimed that marked for slaughter recently, and keep the conquering army back. On in 806 cotton producing counties, the cotton so treated will gain in when the annoucement was made the turpentine farms of Judge F. S | The total number of cotton-producing | weight to the farmers' advantage and | that the young King would visit Paris | ideal weather last year the condition | do not like this blow at their favorite Lathrop, chairman of the board of counties, according to the last Census that the risk of loss by fire is reduced the anarchists declared that they was reported to be 77 and 8 10, just a policy they will have to lump it. No county commissioners of Chatham returns, is 822, so that the entire belt to a minimum without the expense of would make use of the visit to carry little better than this year. Mr. one should understand that the deterout their plot.

the existence of the plot and advised whereas last year the crop work was materials in foreign countries. Probthe police of Madrid to be on the look- kept right up to date. While he was ably the great bulk of all purchases out. At the same time they arrested in Texas a short time ago he saw for will be made in the United States. thirty seven aparchists in Paris and himself how the crop in that State is But the decision of the committee is placed them incommunicado.

fear that her son's life was in danger | Southern Baptist convention at Fort | prices in the United States, it will the Queen Mother of Spain personal. Worth states that the crop is at a purchase here; if foreign manufacturappealed to President Loubet to have standstill-just the same as it was ers and dealers underbid American very protection afforded to the young four weeks ago. If this be true, and sellers the contracts will go abroad." King while he was on French territory. Mr. Smith has every reason to believe It is not surprising that Secretary

French secret police and since then he ed late will be food for the boll weevil. protection. Mr. Wellman says "on police agents as well as by the uniform- directs attention is the fact that last more than good business policy. But ed police and soldiery. cialists, who at a maeting held just be tious. But this year one hand can at heresy. They perceive, as everyone

pressing their disapproval of him. Alfonso had not been in Paris two days they may lose all in trying to save the and who have made exclusion of before an open display of force was whole acreage from grass. made against him. While he and Presof normal or reasonably perfect de- buyers and exporters prefer the lots ident Loubet were driving in the Bois Smith is how Mr. Theodore Price can before the Panama commission and velopment at this season, 70.8 per that have been protected even by a de Boulogne a man broke through the see such a wonderful change in the the country hears the last of the police line and, dodging the mounted crop within ten days. A fortnight ago storm brewed by this important deciescort, brandished a dagger before the Mr. Price published widely a state sion."

ive the workers!"

The man was placed under arrest, and at the police station was found

WEATHER AND CROPS.

Scarcity of Labor Reported.

The following report as to the con-

Section Director Bauer: The first half of the week ending easterly winds prevailed generally. A great number of replies came in ment to set in a protection country! though the winds were light at the after Mr. Weston had forwarded his What are we coming to anyway?" close of the week. Light frost was report to New O leans, but these merereported from Cherokes county on the ly verified what had been sent on.

22nd and 23rd. with rain, and in places the precipita- the New Orleans meeting: tion was excessive, notably in Darlington and Chesterfield counties where lands were badly washed and bottom lands flooded. The weekly amount of rain was largely in excess of the nor- Fiorida .. mal, and at Cheraw over five inches were noted. The rainfall was about normal in the central counties, but North Carolina..21.26 the ground was kept wet so that only from one to three days plowing and cultivation were practicable. Hoeing

made better progress. Farm work was further delayed and is backward, with many fields very foul with grass and weeds, and there is a continued scarcity of farm laborthe grassy fields are becoming a se- weeks late with planting. Alabama it will certainly furnish a theme for rious menace to crops.

While a few reports indicate that Chrolinas are each one week late. cotton is doing well on uplands, more the reports indicate the crop to be in Carolina. 24 07 per cent; South Caroan unpromising condition with the lina, 11.00 per cent. plants small, and red or yellow, and their growth checked by the cool kansas report "very scarce;" no renights. Many fields are grassy and port from Fiorida and North Carolina; And another senator, who, according the probability is that some will be all other States report "scarce." abandoned in all parts of the state, Progress of farm work—Alabama, Republican party," said that Mr. owing to their foul condition and the Arkansas and Louisiana report "very Tail's action was "highly unfortunate impracticability of cleaning them. grassy;" Florida and Mississippi, no Plants continue to die on sandy lands. report; Georgia, North Carolina, Ten-Lice have appeared in a number of resee, Oklahoma and Indian Terricounties. Coopping made fair pro- tory report "fair;" South Carolina. gress, but has not been fir ished in the westeren counties. Sea-island cotton is in a poor condition.

Early corn that has been properly cultivated is promising, but the larger portion of the crop is yellow and sick lana, too much rain, 10 per cent. not Post that the standpatters are going ly. Planting of bottom lands made planted. South Carolina, too much vostok captured the Japanese steamer slow progress during the week, and rain. Daishen off Hckkaico and placed a there is still much to be planted. Wheat is ripe and some has been cut. sky's defeat have been the subject of take the vessel to port. By mistake Oats are generally fine, especially general discussion here. One Japa- the Russian commander of the Dai- spring oats. Fall oats are ripening nese expert gives the following ana- shen headed for Gensan, Korea, and and harvest is under way. It has patch from St. Petersburg, that Ad met a Japanese transport. The latter been too wet for tobacco and some is miral Nebogatoff's sailors mutinied in seeing the Russian flag flying from firing. Some peas have been sown, either threw the admiral and many the Daishen intended to recapture and sweet potatoes transplanted. the vessel when the Japanese captives Truck shipments have about ended. officers overboard, or, according to aboard the steamer on seeing their The wet weather has caused peaches another version, bound them in their says the Atlanta Journal about the compatriots attacked the prize crew, to rot badly. Pastures are fine, and cabins and hoisted the white flag.

Drowned Self and Children, Mrs Tip Sanders drowned herself A special from Cullman, Ala., says and children in a creek near her home that the jury in the case of John two miles South of Sulphur Springs Williams, charged with the murder of Texas, Wednesday. The oldest child

Deserted His Wife. Robert C. Davidson, a former mayor

The Russian army in Manchuria is of Baltimore, has deserted his wife sending some bloodhounds to the Phil- fact that he was doomed to defeat as said to be in a bad state. According to and run off to Europe with Miss Laura lippines to run down the colored men no one better knew the capabilities of

GREATLY REDUCED.

Mr. Smith Challenges the Government Figures on Cotton Acreage.

reports fix the estimated reduction at

11 per cent. There is quite a d!ffer-

The tariff row in the Republican He Gives Much Interesting Data About the Growing Crops as Well as Labor Conditions.

party on the canal is perhaps the most interesting of recent day d evelopments. The Panama canal executive committee decided, with the approal of Secretary Taft, to buy in The Cotton Growers' association Europe not only ships but machinery has won its fight, if all reports be and material for the Panama canal. true. The State says Mr. Smith, Walter Wellman, Washington correswho was in Columbia Saturday thinks pondent for the Chicago Record-Herald, says that this announcement 'came like a Shimose bomb shell into the camp of the 'stand-patters' and

Mr. Wellman goes on to say that

"the decision has been the sensation

A REPUBLICAN ROW.

Tariff Row in Republican Circles the

Center of Attraction.

report of the government agents is is little prospect that this will do subject to criticism from a compari- them any good. The determination son with its own figures of last year of the executive committee is under-The government report indicates stood to have the approval of the that the condition now is 77 and 4-10 president, as well as of the secretary of a perfect crop, whereas with almost of war, and if the big wall builders Smith thinks these figures must be mination of the executive committee The secret police notified Madrid of wrong. Texas is ten weeks late, is to buy all its ships, machinery and in bad condition because of the rains, that it will buy where it can buy Wrought up by these events and the and a Baptist minister just from the cheapest. If it can get the lowest When Alfonso reached the French that it is, the crop will be very, very l'aft's order has created consternaborder, he was taken in charge by the short in Texas, for what will be plant- tion in the ranks of the champions of Another thing to which Mr. Smith the face of it this looks like nothing year one hand could attend to a full it does not please the high tariffites Matters were aggravated by the So- crop because the seasons were propilat all. They look upon it as rank fore the arrival of the King, resolved tend to only half what he could last perceives, that it raises the whole to make his visit as uncomfortable as year, and those who have planted rariff question, and raises it in a manpossible by hissing him every time he largely are complaining of the scarcity ner calculated to give far more comappeared in public and otherwise ex of labor. Their crops are run away fort to Democrats and independents with by the grass and unless the farm- and tariff reformers than to those Despite the police precautions, King ers decide to let part of the crop go, who have helped push up the walls foreign trade in any form an article of Another thing which puzzles Mr. party faith. It will be a long time

ment declaring that the crop would be | Many of the comments on the Taft "Down with the inquisitors! Long short 17 per cent. Within the last few order are decidedly interesting. A days he has published a subsequent member of congress, interviewed by statement in which he thinks the crop Mr. Wellman, says: "For generawill not be so much short after all. Mr tions we have been teaching that it principal buyers are now refusing to to be a jeweller's worker named Gar- Smith discredits Mr. Price and calls is better to buy at home, even if we bid on exposed and damaged cotton nery, who had previously had trouble upon all southern people to turn a deaf have to pay a little higher prices, because that is for the general good. The Southern Cotton association is That is the very essence of the prosending out reports compiled from the tection doctrine. Yet here comes statement from the various States in the government and says it is not the cotton belt. These reports show willing to abide by the practice of the that in Alabama every county has sub- country. It will break down the rule Grassy Fields the Complaint. Great mitted a report; Arkansas, 70 out of to which it is at least morally a party 71 counties: Florida, 22 out of 23: and will buy abroad whatever it can Georgia. 110 out of 127; Louisiana, 50 buy there cheaper than at home. In out of 52; Mississippi, 61 out of 74; other words, you and I can't go into North Carolina 51 out of 68; South the world's markets and buy where ter it has passed the inevitable viccis- dition of the crops has been issued by Carolina, all but one; Tennessee, 25 we can buy cheapest. The tariff out of 42; Texas, 145 out of 184; Okla- prevents us. But the government, homa, 17 out of 22; Indian Territory, having no duty to pay on what it im-Monday, May 29th, was much cooler 24 out of 26 In all 17,754 replies have ports into the isthmus, announces its than usual; the latter half had nearly been received and were tabulated at intention to go into the world's marnormal temperatures. There was a the meeting at New O leans last kets and save all the money it can. harmful deficiency in sunshine. High Thursday, 634 being from this State. A fine example indeed for a govern-

> Representative Grosvenor, of Obio. is reported to be "much disgusted." Following is the acreage report as While declaring that he does not care There were from four to six days tabulated from the statements sent to to pose as a critic of the administration Mr. Grosvenor says: "We have built up the policy of the protective Acreage tariff in this country on the basis of higher prices. Those prices were high-3,932,020 pizant every year of the benefits of

COTTON ACREAGE.

Dec. 12.03

...11.64

...21.11

Alabama.

Georgia.. Louisiana

Texas.....

Indian Ter...

South Carolina_13.06

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Total acreage...

Percentage Acreage

1904 4.013,000

2.210 . 00

4,450,000

1,940,000 3,745.000

1,330 000

8.704,000

936,000

is two weeks late and Georgia and the some very interesting deliberations

over the tariff."

31.730.000

Labor conditions-Alabama and Ar-

The following remarks are publish-

Alabama-Much now planted will

be bandoned Arkansas, bad. Louis-

Eight Sailors Hung.

leave no room for doubt, says a dis-

Eight men in Nebogatoff's squadron

mutiny while they were still in the

Child Drauk Poison.

Red sea.

"grassy;" Texas, "bad."

er because we paid our labor better wages. People have become more cogthan policy, and understand the reason for higher prices. The country would rather pay a little more for something 2,223,072 rather pay a little more for something 729,261 that was made at home, furnished employment for home folk and gave them better pay than their more unforgunate neighbors abroad enjoyed. 25 980,951 If the government is to be the com-This report shows Texas, Arkanplainant against the prices that are sas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma the result of this employment of ers in all parts of the state, so that and Indian Territory to be three American labor at American wages,

The only fertilizer reports -are as A United States Senator evidently especially on red and clay lands that follows: Alabama, reduction of 12 devoted to the R publican party's prohave seen cultivated, the majority of per cent : Jeorgia, 20 per cent : North tection the ry, said that he could hardly credit the statement that a commission, acting under the Repub-I can party proposed to purchase a considerable amount of supplies abroad to Mr Wellman, "stands high in the and certain to bring the Republicans face to face with the tariff issue in its keenest form." This senator added that Taft's order would give the Democratic party "just the weapon it most badly needed in its fight against the protective tariff system."

We agree with the Washington to have some difficulty in convincing the country that it is a crime for the Panama commissioners to buy goods on terms that will save the people Details from a trustworthy source money.

"I have no occupation, I am a gentleman." This was said in a New the battle of the Sa of Japan and York police court by a Eur pean baron who had made a disturbance in a theatre lobby. According to this test, York or any other American city are were, it is again asserted, hanged for the tramps who sit in the parks by day and sleep in them at night.

THE Columbia correspondent to the News and Courier mentions a curious and most interesting fact, if it is one. A most distressing accident occurred in connection with the negro. It is at Chester on Wednesday. A little said that a simon pure negro has

THE Columbia Record says some "tim: since a press dispatch stated that Rojestvensky in a letter to a relthize with them in their fresh grief. arive expressed the hopelessness of his mi-sion and predicted its complete THE Birmingham Ledger says the failure. Whether he wrote that let-United States government is actually ter or not he doubt fully realiz d the

"Fourth, the Russians wasted their in the first degree Wednesday and three years and ten months respectively year old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. never been known to commit suicide ammunition and eventually ran short. fixed punishment at death. Williams tively. The tragedy, it is said, was T. Woods, got access to a phial of and where such cases have been reticket and had stuffed them into the It is believed that the surrender of was sentenced to be hanged June 14. the result of demestic troubles. Sand medicine which was used by the ported it has invariably been found court to permit him to be hanged in morning to work on the public road. an overdose. In spite of prompt at- blood in his veins. tention by a physician the child died in about two hours. The parents lost deputy sheriff were attempting to levy telling him that he would find the last year their first born, a bright litupon some of Williams' property. An bodies of his wife and children in the tle girl. Their many friends sympa-