Seven Per Cent.

THE NATIONAL GINNERS' REPORT

he Average Condition Up to June

Memphis, Tenn., Special.—The re-port of the National Ginners' Asso-

ciation gives the average condition

of cotton up to June 24, as 75.6.

There has been an abandonment of

grassy in hearly all sections; plant

abandoned 4 per cent; crop very

good in west and north; very grassy

and small elsewhere; boll wgevil in

24 counties werse than last season,

some of the fields being abandoned on

Florida, condition 90; very little

Georgia, condition 79; acreage

abandoned 5 per cent; crop grassy;

most sections not all chopped yet; plant generally small and from one

to three weeks late; some complaints

Louisiana, condition 56; acreage

abandoned 13 per cent; some sections

in very good shape but so many wee-

vils they are destroying all the

squares as fast as they form; much

cotton being abandoned or planted in

sage only on this account; many re-port nothing will be made in their

Mississippi, conditions 61; acreage abandoned 14 per cent; plant genera-

lly small; poor stands and grassy.

Missouri, condition 56; very little

loss in acreage; crops late but good.

age abandoned 4 per cent; crops

grassy in most sections and from 2

Uklahoma, condition 90; acreage

abandoned 1 per cent; reports from

South Carolina, condition 78; acre-

age abandoned 4 per cent; some few

sections report good conditions but

most of them report fields grassy and

condition //; acreag

nearly all sections very good.

North Carolina, condition 77; acre-

loss in acreage; most sections good.

account of them

of lice and black rot.

o 3 weeks late.

and from two to four weeks

9.8 less than lust year.

Detailed report by States:

PALMETTO HAPPENINGS

News Notes From All Parts of the State of Interest to South Carolinians in General

Chester Welcomes U. C. V.

Chester, Special.-Under cloudless skies, with the United States Navy Band leading the van, the veterans of the South Carolina Division, United Confederate Veterans, attended by College, Addresses were made by the division commenced. There is expected. an immense erowd in the city, and Dr. H. N. Snyder, president of crowds are pouring in on every train. Wosford College, and head of the The city is gaudy and gay with re-union decorations, and at night the band concert under the beautiful them a most cordial welcome. He electric display on the square was one said in part: of the most beautiful and enjoyable enjoyed by the big crowd.

den, led in prayer. The address of education all along the line. Schools eral Davis, commanding the division, the South.
responded in behalf of the old sol-Limestone College, Gaffney, followed all that he has." state Superint vilion throughout the exercises.

the court house grounds was an said that he had not realized the nounced, and the veterans swarmed power and influence of the teachers in. It was a fine sight as the old fellows gathered into the yard and sur- a summer school about 10 years ago. rounded the tables, there being any in his opinion the summer school is where from 1,000 to 1,500 to partake destined to fill the most acute need

At the afternoon session at the pa-M. C. Butler and Gen. T. W. Car- it was to the credit of Spartanburg H. Brawley, of Charleston, and the aid was sent in by a school almost latter by Hon. O. L. Schumpert, of within the shadow of Wolford col-Newberry. A resolution was adopted lege. In speaking of the faculty of denouncinng the treatment accorded the summer school, he said that it outrageous hotel bills, etc. After the memorial a reunion of the Hampton Legion was held, which was greatly enjoyed by the few survivors present. In the afternoon the South Carolina

A delightful reception was given at the Commercial Club in the afternoon by Chester Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, and the Chester County Camp Sons of was attended by Mr. Seth M. Milli-Veterans, in honor of the sponsors ken, who is largely interested in and maids of honor. There was music, about 20 cotton mills scattered Veterans, in honor of the sponsors was greatly enjoyed.

Attempt to Break Jail.

Yorkville, Special.—Five prisoners mond, Va., and the local members of in the county jail made an attempt the directorate. The report of the to get out on Tuesday night. They broke off a heavy bar from a cell door and with it pried off some from fairs to be in excellent condition, gratings, getting out in the corridor outside of the cells. They then began digging away the brick wall near Faut, who was its efficient president the entrance door from the stairway. and treasurer until his death in Sep-In a short time their efforts would tember, 1907. The mill has 40,000 have been successful, but Deputy spludles and 1,000 looms, and Mon-Sheriff Fred Quinn heard a noice and arch has the reputation of being one upon investigation discovered what of the best mill communities in South

Big Sale of Cotton.

Chester, Special,-One of the biggest sales of cotton ever made this part of the State was pulled of last week when Mr. S. M. Jones, of this city, sold to George McFadden Bros., the big importers, through their representative, Mr. J. G. Barron, 372 bales of cotton at 11 cents the price for the lot being \$18,500. Mr. Jones has in storage at Rock Ifill 179 bales.

8. J. P. Alston Drowned.

Charleston, Special .- Advices were received here Saturday of the death of S. J. P. Alston and the narrow escape of a lady from drowning in the accident which befell a launch amas at this port Tuesday. The fruit party Friday night, proceeding from Young's Island to Rockville. It appears that the engine of the boat became disabled and in some way filled benett's crew is composed of Norwith water. Alston safely carried one of the ladies ashore, but with much effort, and it is thought that he fourteen knots the hour. The Amerireturned to the assistance of another, Ca, bringing another cargo of bases, returned to the assistance of another, as for the United Fruit Company, is

Pickens County Farmer Struck by

Greenville, Special. Thomas O. Jameson, a Pickens county farmer, 57 years of age, was struck by a miles from the court house on the freight train on the Southern a few Pomaria road, Sunday morning he miles from this city Friday morning.

His skull was fractured and his left arm broken in two places. He was brought here to a hospital for treatment. His condition is critical.

Pomaria road, Sunday morning he tween 8 and 9 o'clock, which resulted in the killing of Mr. T. Orlando Wickes, a young man of about 20 years of ago. The shooting is said to have been accidental.

Spartanburg, Special.-The Wof-

wildly cheering crowds, repaired from the public square to the convention hall and pavillion hall on Water than the convention hall and pavillion hall on Water than the convention hall and pavillion hall on Water than the convention hall and pavillion hall on Water than the convention hall and pavillion hall on Water than the convention hall and pavillion hall on Water than the convention hall and pavillion hall on Water than the convention hall and pavillion hall on Water than the convention hall and pavillion hall on Water than the convention hall and pavillion hall on Water than the convention hall and pavillion hall on Water than the convention hall and pavillion hall on Water than the convention hall and pavillion hall on Water than the convention hall and pavillion hall on Water than the convention hall and pavillion hall on Water than the convention hall and pavillion hall on Water than the convention hall and pavillion hall on Water than the convention hall and pavillion hall on Water than the convention hall on Water than the conventio nut street at 10 o'clock Wednesday ning at 0 a. m., classes were run on morning, and the annual reunion of the bonr. Many more teachers are

"We are genuinely glad to see so features ever seen at a reunion and many at the opening of this summer one that was highly appreciated and school. Some months ago when we The reunion was called to order by Col. J. W. Reed, of this city, chief marshal for the occasion, and Chaplain General G. W. Gordon, of Cambridge and Chaplain General G. W. Gordon, of Cambridge and Chaplain General G. W. Gordon, of Cambridge and Chapter of Cambridge and Cambridge and Chapter of Cambridge and Chapter of Cambridge and Chapter of Cambridge and Camb were discussing the school, we felt'

welcome was then delivered by cx-Mayor R. B. Caldwell, who, in a brief provement is beating its way into respeech, replete with beautiful sug-gestions, referred to the bravery and ress stands for an inner progress. devotion of the boys in gray and bade The people of South Carolina are them a hearty welcome in behalf of really waking up. They are doing the city and county. Mayor Henry the very best they know how. I be-Samuels in a few words delivered the lieve we are doing as much construckeys of the city to the veterans. Gen- tive educational work as any State in

diers, his speech being a resume of a summer school. Its success depends what the Confederate soldier stood more on the pupils than on the for and what he did. Dr. Lee Davis teacher. There can not be the best Lodge, the elequent president of results for all unless each contributes

State Superintendent of Education address was a gem in every particular and was greatly enjoyed by the immense crowd that packed the palicular and was greatly enjoyed by the light commendation of the summer school and the enterprise shown by At 1:30 o'clock the pienic dinner at the Wofford men in getting it up. He of South Carolina until he attended in the educational system of today. In speaking of State aid for rural vilion memorials were read to Gen. schools, Supt. Swearingen said that wife, the former by Judge William county that the first claim for this

not all chopped yet, plant small and the division at Memphis at the gen- was as able a body of teachers as from two to three weeks late, eral reunion, particularly in the mat- could be collected in South Carolina, abandoned 7 per cent; plant small ter of compelling the sponsors to pay or in fact as able as any summer and grassy. school faculty in the land.

textile coropration, which meeting

throughout the South; his son-in-law

Mr. E. M. Hatch, also of New York

city, Mr. John R. Branch of Rich-

treasurer of the mill, Mr. Emslie

Monarch Cotton Mill was organized

Half Holiday For Clerks.

Florence, Special .- The merchants

of Florence have adopted a new plan

for the summer months. Instead of

closing at 6 o'clock, as they have

give the clerks at least one half holl-day out of each week.

12,000 Bunches of Bananas.

Charleston, Special .- The Norweg-

ian steamship Capt. Bennett, Cap.

Olsen in command, discharged a

eargo of about 12,000 bunches of ban-

Caldwell Ruff Kills Neighbor.

affair occurred in the St. Philaps

section of this county, about ten

Newberry, Special. A deplorable

expected in a few days.

Carolina.

Texas, condition 80; acreage abandoned 5 per cent; principally in the Will Pay Large Dividend. dry section where rains came too Union, Special.—Something over late; condition north and east Texas \$22,000 will be paid out in dividends best in years but weevils are reportcamp held a short business meeting. on July 1 by the Monarch Cotton ed more numerous than usual and Mills of this city. this fine prospect may be changed in This was authorized at a meeting a very short time. of the directors of this flourishing

South Texas had plenty of rain. plant generally small and from four to six weeks late. Weevils reported in large numbers doing damage already. West Texas still very dry egcept four counties, some places have had no rain in six months. With plenty of rain this section will produce from 50 to 60 per cent of a

Mr. R. L. Royster Drowned, Nicholson, shows the company's af-Columbia, S. C., Special .- Mr. Arthur L. Royster, chief clerk for Buperintendent H. A. Williams of the in 1900 by the late Maj. John A. Southern, and one of the most capable and promising young railroad men in this section, met a tragic and extremely sad death while out swimming and boating in the Columbia ca-nal about 10 o'clock Monday morning by drowning. His body has not yet been recovered.

Mr. Koyster was a popular clubnan and was very popular throughout the city generally, being of quiet and retiring disposition and of many manly characteristics. His fellowworkmen at the union station, fromdone for the past few years, begin-ning this week, the stores, with one or two exceptions, will colse at 2 o'clock every Wednesday in order to heads of departments on down to the youngest clerks, are grieved and shocked over his death, as if they had lost a brother, for Mr. Royster was most popular with those closest to

Dies Under His Auto. Columbia, S. C., Special.-William G. Rudd, a traveling salesman for the Durst-Andrews Company, was killed Monday in an automobile which was struck by the Seaboard vestibuled train at Salak, four miles west of Greenwood. One of the eyewitnesses, Mrs. Malone, saw Mr. Rudd stop the automobile on the cressing. He jumped out, but on the wreng side and in front of the moving train, which struck the automobile and threw it on him. He was picked up and carried to Abbeville, but died on the way, Mr. Rudd leaved a widow. No children survive him.

Alleged Members Black Hand Band Bound Over.

Toledo, O., Special. At the con-clusion of the preliminary hearing here Monday Salvatore and Sebas-tine Lima and Salvatore Rizzo, three bers of the alleged Black Hand band, recently arrested, were bound over to the Federal grand jury. The bond of Salvatore Lima was increased to \$6,000 and that of the others to \$5,000 each. They will probably have to remain in the county jail.

CONDITION OF COTTON CROP NO HAND IN IT BUT EASTMAN'S MRS. GOULD WINS HER SUIT KILLS FATHER, THEN HIMSELF

Probably a Fiction.

Lame Bob Pawned Mrs. Woodill's Her Demand That Howard Gould Pay Jewelry Two Days After Murder-Schemed to Involve Others,

24 Was 75.6, the Condition in North Carolina Being 77—The Acreage Abandoned in North Carolina is 4 Per Cent. St. Michaels, Md.—Lame Bob Eastningly to throw the crime on Now prosperous days and who he said visited him over Saturday a week ago.
Eastman's intricate scheme to involve others and save his own neck acreage of 7 per cent according to the report, making the total acreagef possible is being exposed hour by

Alabama, condition 70; acreage abandoned 14 per cent; crop very his bungalow on the shore of Broad-Creek, where he hid for five months from the New York police, is believed by the authorities to be a lie. Every scrap of information that the police of three States can gather points to the fact that Eastman was alone with young Mrs. Woodill when she came to her death. The cunning which Arkasas, condition 76; acreage the crooked broker used to cover the girl's death is being analyzed bit by bit. Every lie and trick and strata-

> was guilty. Two days after Mrs. Woodill was killed Eastman went to Baltimore and pawned her jewelry, two diamond rings and a pearl pin. he was back again smiling among his acquaintances at St. Michaels and Mc-Daniel, paying debts and jesting about the gay time his guests had on Sunday. Now that the story is out and Eastman's neighbors know the sort of man he was they are amazed at the cheerful nerve he showed in re-

> turning to the scene of the murder and cracking rustic jokes. There is nothing to show that Eastman's guests, if he had any, were in the bungalow when Mrs. Woodill was struck down. Many things indicate that they had boarded their launch and gone away. The hour of the mur-der has been fixed pretty definitely as 6 o'clock on Sunday evening. One of Eastman's neighbors who went to the shack to ask Eastman to go to church that evening, heard the sound of a woman's voice upbraiding the

> lame, man and hurried away.
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> From a hundred and one trivial incidents and the testimony of persons who at first found it hard to over-come their inclination to keep a closed mouth on unpleasant matters the Maryland authorities have followed Mrs. Woodill's movements from the hours on Saturday afternoon a week ago, when she said good-bye to her friends in Easton until she drove late at night to the bungalow with Lame Bob. There was less difficulty even in tracing Eastman's affairs before and after the murder. mystery that remains in the case is how much did the party of friends from New York know when they hurriedly left the bungalow on Sunday afternoon.

> Roosevelt Kills Three Buffalocs. All the members of the Roosevelt expedition, which is now in the Sotik district, are well, and Theodore Roosevelt has shot three buffaloes. This information was brought into Naivasha, British East Africa, by porters returning from the Roosevelt

Young Rockefeller Succeeds Rogers John D. Rockefeller, Jr., was elected vice-president of the Standard OI Company to succeed the late H. H. Rogers,

GROOM INSANE, WEDDING STOPS.

Lost Consciousness and Wandered Away-Bride-To-Be Waits in Vain. Augusta, Ga.—The temporary in-sanity of the bridegroom prevented the wedding of Allen Lyle and Miss

Emma Reynolds here. All preparations were complete, and the guests were assembled, when it was discovered that Lyle had not arrived. A thorough search failed to came hysterical and the guests dis-persed. An hour after midnight Lyle muddy. He said he had lost consciousness about 5 o'clock in the aflumber yard three miles from the city. His physician pronounces him by Herbert Louis Samuel, Under Sectemporarily insane.

Killed as Trolley Hits Auto. Superintendent James H. Cobb, of the Belton Cotton Mills, and Rev. D. D. Richardson were killed, and Mrs. Richardson and the Rev. E. A. Mc-Dowell were badly injured when a trolley car crashed into the auto in which they were riding at Anderson,

An Acreage Abandonment of "Gay Party" at the Maryland Shack She Gets a Separation, and is Awarded \$100 a Day Allmony.

> Her \$250,000 a Year is Denied-Shearn Gets \$2000 Fee.

New York City. - Mrs. Howard man murdered the protegge of Ly- Gould won her suit for separation man J. Gage, Edith May Thompson against her multimillionaire husband Woodill, with his own hand, robbed and was granted alimony of \$100 per the dead woman of considerable day. Justice Dowling delivered his money and jewelry and planned cun- decision immediately that the case was closed. He took no time what-York friends who knew him in his ever for consideration after the lawyers had finished, evidently having had his mind made up. Clarence J. Shearn, Mrs. Gould's

> That was the maximum amount which the law permitted the court to grant. The plaintiff had sued for alimony of \$250,000, but few of those who heard the case except her personal friends thought that sho would get that amount. All the evidence was in shortly after noon, though it had been expected that the case would go on for the day with the testimony of minor witness.

es. However, when both lawyers and that they had finished they expected that the court would take the case under advisement for a day or more. gem indicates that Eastman alone However, Justice Dowling at once began to give his judgment.

He said that as far as the allega-

tion of continual drunkenness from 1902 to 1907 went the evidence was in favor of the plaintiff and that the defense had failed to make out a case. He said that Mr. Gould had deserted his wife without justification and even without provocation. While and even without provocation. While it was not his duty, he said, to sep-arate Mr. Gould from his wife, it was als duty to see that she was supported in a fair way. Then he announced that she was entitled "to \$3000 per month, \$36,900 per year, or \$100 ;

the unexpected decision of the court came. "I sought vindication more than the money," she said. "I wanted complete vindication and I have won it."

Before the court adjourned Lancey Nicoll, counsel for Mr. Gould. who was apparently taken aback by the decision, asked for an arrest of judgment for thirty days and the court granted his motion.

DROWNED IN A BATHTUB.

Mrs. Anna Clotz, of New York, Found Dead at Asbury Park.

Asbury Park, N. J. - Mrs. Anna Clotz was found dead in a foot of hot water in a bathtub on the second floor of the Ross bathing establishment by Jane Randall, a negro attendant. Mrs Clotz was taken to the baths in

Dr. William A. Robinson believes hat she fell into the water, and, being partly paralyzed, was unable to lift herself out or make a struggle. Dr. Robinson found the lungs filled

Mrs. Clotz had been at the Frank-lin Cottage, 52 Sea View avenue, Ocean Grove, three days. She registered without giving her address. search of her effects showed that she has a brother-in-law, Henry Clotz, at 81 Maiden Lane, New York City.

RESCUER FINDS VICTIM IS WIFE Woman Killed by Train While Hurry.

ing Home to Get Husband's Dinner. Pittsburg.—Seeing a woman run down and killed by a Baltimore and Ohio train Wade Sorza left his work

to pick up the body. He fell in a faint when he recognized the victim as his Mrs. Sorza was hurrying home to

prepare dinner for her husband She appeared to be overcome with fright down on her and could not move. The engineer could not stop. When Sorza recovered consciousness he insisted on carrying his wife home himself Two hours later he was found on the tracks with a gun, looking for some one responsible for her death.

CHANGES IN BRITISH MINISTRY

Lord Fitzmanrice and Thomas R. Buchanan Leave Office.

London.-The resignations of two members of the Government were an nounced on account of ill health. the Duchy of Lancaster, is succeeded retary for Home Affairs, who thus is promoted to Cabinet rank, and Thos. R. Buchanan, Parliamentary Secre tary to the India Office, is succeeded by the Master of Elibank, Alexander William Charles Oliphant Murray.

Decline in Wheat. Improving crop prospects at home and abroad have led to a decline in wheat.

FARMERS' WIVES REVOLT OVER BIG FEEDS FOR MEN AT THRESHING BEES

owners of machines that go from farm to farm threshing wheat will have to provide dinners for their men. The wives of the farmers organized against the big-dinner attachment en

In Jail For Auto Killing.

ran down and killed Patrick Mc-Laughlin on the Old York road and who was convicted of manslaughter, was sentenced by Judge Swarts at

Norristown, Pa., to one year in the county, prison and to pay a fine of \$50.

Killed When Auto Turned Turtle. Charles J. Brittnall, a contractor, of Binghamten N. Y., was killed when his automobile turned turtle

we miles east of Owego.

Charles Scheers, the chauffeur who

Indianapolis, Ind.—Farmers' wives women's edict many of them refused to make contracts, saying they had against the practice of making big dinners for threshing hands, and the men.

men. Farmers in Forme countles have formed threshing comp: ales among themselves, and have agreed that every man must provide himself with against the big dinner attachment en dinner. The organization is spread-threshing days, and when thresher ing to other sections, sad the big din-owners came around to make con-tracts and were informed of the of the past.

> Barah Orne Jewett Dead. Sarah Orne Jewett, the author

died at her residence in South Ber-wick, Me., aged fifty-nine. She had been ill for many months with apo-plexy and paralysis.

Police Captain Punished. Acting Captain Kuhne, of the De-ctive Bureau, Brooklyn, N. Y., be-in his thirty-day sentence for con-

Man Crazed by Wife's Desertion Also Shoots Sister-in-Law.

George A. Gurney, of Quincy, Ill., it a Fit of "the Blues," Shoots With Fatal Effect.

Quincy, Ill.-Crazed by domestic roubles, his wife having gone away from him with his two sons after the death of his daughter, George A. Gurney, connected with the Black & Laird Construction Company, of New Orleans, shot and seriously wounded his sister-in-law, Mrs. Seneca Gurney Jr.: killed his father, Seneca Gurney, and then killed himself.

Gurney came here three months ago on the advice of his doctor, who said old home associations would recounsel, received \$2000 as his fee. store him to cheerfulness. He com plained in the morning of a bad fit of the blues." His brother's wife went to his room to comfort him. What can I do for you?" she

sked as she entered. Without a word Gurney shot he twice. The woman fell to the floor wounded in the check and neck Hearing the shots, the father, seven ty-nine years old, went up stairs Dropping to his knees, his medica training overcoming every other impulse, he grasped the wounded woman's wrist to test her pulse. Again without a word Gurney fired. This time the father fell dead.

on a farm in Oklahoma.

TRAIN NO. 18 WRECKED,

Two Men Killed on the Eric When I Strikes Derailed Freight Car.

Binghamton, N. Y. - Two were the Wells-Fargo express, known on the timecard as No. 13, struck a derailed freight car lying across the west-bound track. The dead are: Henry Dolan, the fireman of the express, of Hornell, and Oliver Turner, of Binghamton. Engineer Philip Young, of Corning, who was badly scalded, was the only other person injured.

A wheel flange of a car in the mid dle of an east-bound freight train broke. Before flagmen could be sent out the west-bound Wells-Fargo express came tearing around the curve and struck the derailed car.

HOLDS TWO-CENT FARE INVALID

Court Enjoins Philadelphia From Enforcing Act Against Reading R. R. Philadelphia, Pa.—The two-centfare law passed by the Pennsylvania Legislature in 1907 received another blow when Judge Willson, in Common Pleas Court here, declared the law unconstitutional. The decision was in the case of the Philadelphia and Reading Hailway Company to restrain the County of Philadelphia

from enforcing the law.

Judge Willson holds that the law is contrary to the Constitution of the United States, and the county is per-petually enjoined from enforcing the act against the Reading Company,

BLIND PREACHER LYNCHED.

Georgia Whites Charged Him With Urging Negroes Not to Work. Talbotton, Ga .- Joe Hardy, a blind

negro preacher, was lynched some time during the night because, it is alleged, he was stirring up strife be ween the races, The lynching of the preacher is

elosely connected with the killing of the negro, Will Caneker, by a mob Wednesday morning. Caneker was a prominent planter, and it is alleged that the blind preacher instigated

BULL KILLS BULLFIGHTER.

Another Gored in Same Fight by Bull That Leaped the Fence. Mexico City .- Alfredo Sanchez, a

bullfighter, was killed in the bull ring by a bull that knocked him down and thrust one horn into his body, penetrating a lung. He was taken to the ringside hospital, where he died with in a few minutes.

"El Titi." another bullfighter in the same fight, was severely lojured by a bull that jumped over the arena fence in pursuit of him and gored him in the head.

Broker and Lawyer Guilty. Arthur P. Heinze was found guilty of impeding justice in sending T. E Buckingham, a clerk of the United Copper Company, to Canada. Sen tence was suspended, but he was told to tell the Grand Jury all he could. Sanford Robinson, lawyer, was sentenced to pay a \$250 fine.

Oil on the Free List. Crude oil was put on the free list of the Tariff bill in the Senate by a combination of nineteen Republicans and twenty-one Democrats. garded as a victory for Standard Oil as well as the tariff revisionists.

Policeman Found Guilty. Policeman Dillon was found guilty of manslaughter in the first degree for killing young Probber in New

Novel Way to End Life. Robert M. Bonney a blacksmith He went to the bank of a pond, tied his feet with a rope, which he also looped several times about his body and then rolled into the water.

Taft's Plan of Taxation. sident Taft's plan to tax the net earnings of corporations was pre-cented in the Senate as an amend-ment to the Tariff bill, and it was ex-pected not to be apposed in either branch of Congress.

LATEST NEWS.

BY WIRE.

To Chisel Lincoln Monument,

Lincoln, Neb. — Daniel Chester French, of New York City, was com-missioned to chisel the memorial statue of Abraham Lincoln, to be erected on the State House grounds here.

Hoke Smith Suspends McLendon.

Atlanta, Ga. — Governor Hoke Smith suspended from office Chair-man D. G. McLendon, of the State Railroad Commission, because of his refusal to order the State railroads to reduce rates between Bayannah and Atlanta. Venezuelan Vessels Leave, Beaufort, N. C.—The steamer Nan-ticoke and tug Dispatch, which were detained on suspicion of connection with Venezuelan filibustering opera-

steamed away for Maracalbo. Girls Taught to Whistle. Bayonne, N. J.—A protest has been filed with the members of the Board of Education by mothers because their daughters have been taught to whistle in school. They learned the art in Miss Timm's class.

Twenty Years For Blackmailing, Chicago.-Joseph Bertucci, d ged blackmailer and slayer, was found guilty by a jury in Judge Winde's court and sentenced to twenty years' imprisonment.

Condemn Benzoate In Foods.

Detroit, Mich .- At the convention of the American Institute of Homeo-pathy resolutions were adopted con-demning the use of benzoate of soda as a preservative in food products and indorsing the efforts of Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, of the Department of Agr:culture, to prevent its use.

Major Found Guilty.

Washington, D. C.—Major Charles J. T. Clark, Twenty-sixth Infantry, has been dismissed from the army, having been found guilty of misconduct in financial affairs. He is returning with his regiment to San Francisco from the Philippines. He is a native of New York.

Standard Cuts Price of Crude Oil, Pittsburg, Pa.—The Standard Oil Company made another cut of five cents in the price of crude petroleum.
The new quotations are: Pennsylvania, \$1.63; Mercer Black, \$1.10; New Castle, \$1.07; Eomerset, 75 cents; Ragland, 55 cents.

William T. Trego Dead.

Philadelphia, Pa.—William T. Tre-go, a noted portrait painter and sculptor, was found dead at his home in North Wales, near here. He was fifty-one years old. One of his most noted pictures is "Rescue of the Colors," purchased by John Wanamaker and presented to the Bucks County (Pa.) Historical Society.

"Suicide Queen" Dies.

St. Louis, Mo. - Mary Kenyon's thirteenth attempt at suicide was successful, and the "Suicide Queen" is dead. The woman met Patrolman Kane and told him she had taken lau-danum. "I guess you are bluffing again," said the officer. "You'll soon

find I'm not," she replied. Wisconsin Bank Closed.

Sheboygan, Wis.—The Dairymen's National Bank, of Sheboygan Falls, was closed by order of the Board of Directors. The bank has a capital stock of \$25,000, surplus \$15,000 and denosits amounting to \$12,000. deposits amounting to \$126,000.

Tuckers Reach Divorce Agreement. Chicago.-Notice was given Judge Barnes, of the Superior Court, that Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Logan Tucker, and her husband, Colonel William F. Tucker, who was recently retired from active service in the United States Army Service in the United States Army, have reached an agree-ment whereby Mrs. Tucker will ask for a decree of divorce on the grounds of desertion,

BY CABLE.

Kidnaped in a Cab.

Baku, Russia .- A brother of the millionaire oil producer, Rylsky, was kidnaped in a cab by three men, whose object it was to hold him for ransom. The police, however, tracked the cab to a mountain defile captured the kidnapers, and rescued M. Rylsky.

Paul Morton in Vienna. Vienna.—Paul Morton arrived in Vienna from Paris. In the course of the afternoon Mr. Morton conferred with the Rothschilds and the direct-ors of the Austrian Credit Bank.

George Meredith's Will.

London.—The will of George Merc-dith, the late novelist, was filed, showing an estate of \$161,795. Everything was bequeathed to his son and daughter, save a few small legacies to the executors and serv-

Eight Wreekers Lose Lives. Victoria, B. C.—Eight lives were lost in an attempt to recover salvage from the wreck of the Great Northern liner Dakota, off Shirahma, at the en-

trance of Tokio Bay. A dynamite cariridge was accidentally exploded by one of the divers as he was about Mrs. Elihu Vedder Dend.

Rome. Mrs. Elihu Vedder, wife

of the American artist, deader, wife of the American artist, did of drop-sy. She was sixty-three years old. Mrs. Vedder was Caroline, daughter of E. H. Rosekranz, of Gleus Falls, N. Y. Rejects Inheritance Bill.