

LATEST NEWS.

BY WIRE.

Foes in War Meet as Friends.
Richmond, Va.—Captain W. H. Stauch, of Philadelphia, a veteran of 30 years, met by chance in a crowded hotel lobby Captain F. D. Christian of this place, with whom in the battle of Cold Harbor he fought a sword and pistol duel. They heartily greeted each other.

For Department of Labor.
Washington, D. C.—The Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor authorized the preparation of a bill to be introduced in Congress, creating a department of labor, headed by a secretary who will sit in the Cabinet.

Lake Grain Rates Go Up.
Duluth, Minn.—Grain rates have taken another advance and now are 2 1/2 cents from head of the lakes to lower lake ports. There is no indication of an advance of ore rates.

Chase-Labelled Vessel.
Washington, D. C.—United States revenue cutters pursued a vessel in the open sea outside of Chesapeake Bay that had been labelled and had bolted from the harbor of Baltimore, Md.

A Negro Preacher Hanged.
Greenville, Ala.—Louis Balaani, a negro preacher, was hanged here for the murder of a deputy sheriff.

Train Breaks Almost Every Bone.
New Castle, Del.—Nathanial Harris, aged seventy years, colored, was struck by a south-bound express on the Delaware Railroad cut-off and almost instantly killed. Almost every bone was broken.

Landis For China Post.
Washington, D. C.—To the rapidly growing list of possible successors to Charles R. Crane as Minister to China may be added former Representative Charles B. Landis, of Indiana.

Form Anti-Divorce Compact.
Albuquerque, N. M.—James Darden and wife, Mrs. Fannie Van Ripper Darden, of New York City, will not fight in court the settlement of property rights because the divorce was granted to her.

Big Fire in Dayton, Ohio.
Dayton, Ohio.—The Dayton Computing Scales Company, the Cooper Medicine Company and the Pasteur Filter Company were destroyed by fire—the loss aggregating \$750,000.

Bishop Lloyd Consecrated.
Alexandria, Va.—Christ Church, where George Washington worshipped, was the scene of the consecration of the Rev. Arthur Lloyd as Episcopal Bishop Coadjutor of Virginia. Bishop Tuttle, of Missouri, conducted the consecration. Bishop Doane, of Albany, preached the sermon.

Boys Blown to Pieces.
San Jose, Cal.—Three boys were blown to atoms by the explosion of 500 grain powder caps. The boys, whose fathers work for a mining company, were playing mines. They took the caps, and were trying to tamp one of them into a hole with a bowlder.

BY CABLE.

Fairbanks Starts For India.
Manila, P. I.—Former Vice-President Fairbanks left here for Hongkong on his way to India. A large party bade him farewell at the pier.

Danish Cabinet Resigns.
Copenhagen, Denmark.—The cabinet of which Count Holstejn-Ledreborg was premier, resigned following a vote of the Chamber of Deputies of want of confidence because of large budget deficit.

Congressman Rucker Recovered.
Manila, P. I.—Congressman A. W. Rucker, of Colorado, who was recently struck by the boom of a sailboat, has recovered and left here for Japan on his way home.

Porto Rico's New Governor.
San Juan, P. R.—Acting Governor George C. Ward received word that Colonel G. R. Colton, who has been appointed successor to Governor Rogers H. Post, will arrive here for inauguration in November.

Mr. Etna Shaken; 1 Killed.
Catania, Sicily.—Several strong earth shocks were felt in this vicinity. On the slope of Mount Etna ten houses fell and one person was killed.

Russians For Hawaiian Plantations.
Honolulu, Hawaii.—The steamer Sberia brought forty-eight Russian families, composed of 214 members, to work on the sugar plantations. Since the Japanese went on strike several months ago there has been a scarcity of laborers.

Domb Wrecks Munich Street.
Munich, Germany.—A powerful bomb was exploded in the street here. The pavement nearby was torn up and neighboring buildings were considerably damaged. No person was injured. There is no explanation of the incident.

Confusion in Colombia.
Bogota, Colombia.—The political situation continues confused. The House of Representatives has voted down a motion asking for the resignation of the Cabinet.

Postal Banking in Europe.
Berlin, Germany.—The post officials of Germany and Austria-Hungary and Switzerland met here to arrange a system of postal check interchange. Germany is successfully operating a plan of making each postoffice a branch bank.

SHOOTS HIS ACTRESS WIFE

W. H. Short Angry at Her Refusal to Return to Him.

He Then Committed Suicide in Washington (D. C.) Station—She Not Mortally Hurt.

Washington, D. C.—Mrs. William H. Short, a chorus girl, known to the stage as Evelyn Howard, was shot in the back three times by her husband as she was leaving a carriage at the Union Station. Short then turned the revolver on himself and fell at his wife's feet with a bullet in his right temple. He died two hours later at the Casualty Hospital. Mrs. Short was not mortally hurt.

The shooting followed a series of quarrels between the couple. The husband was a paroled convict from Sing Sing, where he served five years. Recently he was employed in New York City as a traveling salesman. When Short was sent to prison, his wife, obliged to support herself, found employment as a chorus girl at the Hippodrome and with a "Forty-five Minutes From Broadway" company. When a parole was granted her husband, Mrs. Short returned to live with him. She left him because of his alleged cruelty and returned to the stage. She joined "The Motor Girl" company a few weeks ago, and came to Washington with that company the week before.

Short came to Washington and registered at a hotel, where his wife was staying, as G. H. Reeves, of Brooklyn, N. Y. He endeavored to persuade his wife to quit the stage and return to New York City with him. Mrs. Short persisted that she had won her right to her own independence, and again refused. Accompanied by Miss Maude Caldwell, another member of the company, she left the hotel for the station. She vainly tried to elude her husband, but the latter followed, and told her he would plead with her again to turn from the stage. When they reached the station Short made his final entreaty, and when he was again rebuffed the tragedy ensued.

Mrs. Short was formerly Evelyn Lewis, of Jacksonville, Fla., and married Short, who is a native of Livingston, Ala., about seven years ago. They lived in New York City, where he was employed as a bookkeeper in a bank, but soon after their marriage the man got into the clutches of the law through alleged misappropriation of funds.

JUSTICE PECKHAM DEAD.

Associate on U. S. Supreme Bench Since 1895, He Was 71 Years Old.

Albany, N. Y.—Rufus W. Peckham, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, died at "Coolmore," his summer residence, in the village of Altamont, N. Y., at 10 o'clock this morning. Rufus William Peckham was born in Albany, November 8, 1838. He came of one of the oldest families in the State.

In 1869 Mr. Peckham was elected District Attorney of Albany, and conducted several notable cases. While on the Appeals bench of New York he was appointed, in 1895, by President Cleveland one of the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States.

WED, DIVORCED, REWED.

Remarkable Record of Three Weeks in Tennessee's Life.

Memphis, Tenn.—Married under the civil laws of Mississippi twenty-one days ago, divorced under the Tennessee code, owing to family objection, but reunited to his bride, according to the rites of the Catholic Church, a dispensation having been granted, in the three weeks' record established by Albert Sturla, the young heir to a vast Memphis estate, who for several years has attempted to marry Miss Minnie Ollenslager, a Mississippi beauty, but who was unsuccessful until he attained his majority.

Sturla is the son of a pioneer citizen of Memphis. At the ceremony here the bridegroom's relatives were absent.

LOANS FOR LABORERS.

Sweden Takes Steps to Stem Tide of Emigration.

Stockholm, Sweden.—With a view to stemming the tide of emigration which threatens to deplete the country of agricultural laborers, a national subscription has been started to obtain funds for loans to laborers left unemployed after the recent big strike.

The loans are intended to enable the purchase of small farms, and will be made repayable within ten years. The fund will be administered by the Anti-Emigration Society of Sweden.

PARI FOR CONSUMPTIVES.

Bishop McFaul Buys Farm For Free Sanitarium For Poor.

Trenton, N. J.—Bishop McFaul has announced that he purchased the Cox farm of 131 acres at Marshall's Corner, and in the spring would open there a sanitarium for the cure of the consumptive poor.

He said everybody and anybody will be welcome so long as they are ill. While the nurses will be nuns, and the administration Catholic, creed need not be a bar to admission to the place.

RAILWAY CRASH KILLS SIX

Southbound Passenger Train Runs Into a Freight on a Siding.

Everett W. Pecker, of Lynn, Mass., Died at Baltimore as the Result of Auto Accident.

Richmond, Ind.—Six persons were killed in a wreck on the Panhandle division of the Pennsylvania Railroad near Collinsville, Ohio, when a south-bound passenger train ran into a freight train on an open siding.

The passenger train, which does not stop at Collinsville, was running fifty miles an hour when the crash came. According to reports, the switch was open and the passenger and freight trains struck head-on.

The dead are E. C. Webb, Richmond, former of passenger train; O. R. Raines, Kokomo, mail clerk; Louis Marshall, Richmond, engineer of freight; E. H. Hatfield, Greensport, Ind., mail clerk; Elmer Brown, Logansport, Ind., engineer of passenger train.

None of the passengers were killed, but several seen in the smoking car were injured.

Auto Kills Manufacturer.

Baltimore, Md.—Everett W. Pecker, of the shoe manufacturing company of E. W. Pecker & Co., Lynn, Mass., died at the University Hospital of injuries received in an automobile accident at Savage, Md.

Mr. Pecker was with a party consisting of Mr. and Mrs. J. Louis Geough, Miss Anna Duker, and Peyton Magruder, a brother of Mrs. Geough. Their auto was speeding along the Washington, D. C., road at a twenty-mile clip about noon, when Mr. Magruder turned the machine to avoid a collision with a mail wagon. The front wheels of the car struck an embankment and the machine turned over.

Mr. and Mrs. Geough and Mr. Magruder jumped in time, but Miss Duker and Mr. Pecker were pinned beneath the car. Miss Duker was taken out unharmed, but Mr. Pecker suffered internal injuries, from which he died.

STATE SENATOR MCCARREN DEAD.

He Was a Leader in Brooklyn Politics Even as a Youth.

Brooklyn, N. Y.—State Senator Patrick Henry McCarran, of St. Catherine's Hospital, Williamsburg, as the result of an operation for appendicitis a week before.

He was born in East Cambridge, Mass., in April, 1849, and had lived in Brooklyn since his eight years. His parents were poor, and he was compelled to help earn the household expenses when he was fourteen years old.

He was apprenticed to the Palmer Cooperage Company, which manufactured sugar barrels, and when he was after years became a subsidiary of the Sugar Trust. McCarran became interested in politics before he attained his majority, and when he came into his right to vote he already had a big following of young Democrats in the old North Side of Williamsburg.

He was appointed to minor positions in several of the Brooklyn departments, and after a few years turned his attention to the Legislature.

ADMITS POISONING OWN CANDY.

Mrs. Nanette L. Lillard Confesses Plot Against Widow.

St. Louis, Mo.—Nanette L. Lillard, who accused Mrs. Maude Ridley, a widow, of giving her poisoned candy, confessed to the police the next day that she bought the candy and put the poison in it. She did so, she says, to turn Mrs. Ridley against her husband, R. W. Lillard, a newspaper reporter.

Mrs. Lillard's confession followed her identification by a clerk who sold her the candy. As she admitted the poisoning plot was her own, Mrs. Lillard fainted.

SENATOR JOHNSON DEAD.

His Death Leaves a Vacancy For Governor Burke, Democrat, to Fill.

Fargo, N. D.—United States Senator Marlin N. Johnson (Republican), of this State, died from an attack of acute nephritis, at his hotel in this city.

His death leaves a vacancy to be filled by appointment by Governor Burke, a Democrat. Senator Johnson was fifty-nine years old. He was born on a farm in Racine County, Wis., and was a son of the Rev. Nelson Johnson, a native of Norway.

MURDERER BECOMES INSANE.

Lester Fellich, arrested in New York City for carrying a pistol, proved to be insane on a charge in killing John J. Chapelle, a farmer living near Albany. He became insane when told of the charge.

Tariff Negotiations With France. M. Jusserand, French Ambassador to the United States, sailed from Havre for New York, prepared to take up tariff negotiations with the authorities at Washington, D. C.

Falls, Kills Mar. W. J. Kennedy, a brick mason, at Des Moines, Iowa, fell, striking on Carl Holmquist, a passer-by, fifty feet below. Holmquist's neck was broken, and he died within a few minutes. Kennedy was seriously injured.

Customs Inspector Confesses. George Brahm, a customs inspector, testified he had accepted a bribe for making false entries of cheese and pig importations in New York City.

LIBERAL MINISTRY

SUCCEEDS IN SPAIN

Majura and Clericals Resign Because of Bitter Attacks.

MOFET PREMIER SECOND TIME

Powerful Opposition Refused to Discuss Even the Most Important Measures—Resignations Caused Uproar in Chamber of Deputies.

Madrid, Spain.—The Spanish Cabinet, which was formed January 25, 1907, under the Premiership of Antonio Maura, resigned as a result of the bitter attacks made against the Government by the former Premier Mofet y Prendergast, representing a powerful opposition.

At a conference with King Alfonso Premier Maura told the King that in the face of Senator Mofet's statement that the opposition would refuse to discuss even the most urgent measures, he had no option but to resign. He asked, however, the members of the majority to support the new Ministry.

Upon the receipt of the resignation of the Premier and his Ministers, Mofet y Prendergast undertook to form a new Ministry, himself assuming the post of Premier and Minister of the Interior.

The new Ministers, who took the oath of office, are as follows: Premier and Minister of the Interior—Mofet y Prendergast; Minister of Foreign Affairs—Perez Caballero; Minister of Finance—Senor Alvarado; Minister of War—Lieutenant-General De Laque; Minister of Marine—Rear-Admiral Concas; Minister of Public Works—Senor Gasset; Minister of Public Instruction—Senor Barroso.

Minister of Justice—Martinez del Campo. When the president of the Chamber of Deputies made the announcement of the Cabinet's resignation it was received with such an ear-splitting uproar that he was forced to adjourn the sitting.

Prior to the formation of Senator Maura's Cabinet in 1907 there had been no less than five Liberal Ministries in eighteen months. The religious and the secular forces on which these Ministries were wrecked, and the accession to power of Senator Maura, who had held the Premiership before, was regarded as a sweeping victory for the Clericals, and one likely to inaugurate a reactionary spirit. This proved to be the case, and the Liberal Ministry was finally nullified against the Government's consent and furtherance of the war in Morocco.

The stern measures taken to put down the recent anti-war demonstration in Spain, the opposition, and the execution of Professor Ferrer at Barcelona, followed by popular demonstrations of disapproval, brought matters to a crisis. When Parliament reopened the Liberal, Republican and Socialist bitterly assailed the Government, but the Cabinet showed a disposition to fight for its life and lost. The Cabinet resignations followed.

TOWN GIVES WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

Ginter, a Suburb of Richmond, First Place in the South to Do It.

Richmond, Va.—The people of Ginter Park, the most fashionable and wealthiest suburb of Richmond, have formally extended the suffrage to women.

At a meeting of the Citizens' Association, the governing body of the suburb, it was decided that laws were adopted, one provision of which is that "all males and females, white and over twenty-one years of age, owning property and living in Ginter Park, and subscribing to the constitution and by-laws, have a right to vote."

The Richmond suburb is the first community in the South to take this step.

MX AWARDED BALLOON CUP.

American Officially Declared Winner in Contest in Switzerland.

Zurich, Switzerland.—The Swiss Aero Club has officially declared Edgar W. Mix, of Columbus, Ohio, the winner of the Gordon Bennett Cup in the international balloon race which took place over two weeks ago. Mr. Mix was the only American entry, and he plotted the balloon across the Atlantic. The official distance recorded was 692 miles.

The French balloon He de France was awarded second place, with 507 miles. The British balloon, the Aero Club, pronounced the reports that Mix landed in Bohemia unfounded.

LONGER LIFE IN BAY STATE.

Three-Fourths of the Deaths by Tuberculosis Could Be Prevented.

Boston, Mass.—In a document issued by the Committee of One Hundred on Health, prepared by Professor Irving Fisher, it is shown that life is lengthening in Massachusetts, now, the gain being fourteen years in a century.

Three-fourths of the tuberculosis could be prevented and fifteen years added to the average human life by preventing disease, it is said.

GENERAL EWELL S. OTIS DEAD.

Commanded the Philippine Forces From 1898 to 1909.

Rochester, N. Y.—Major-General Ewell Stephen Otis, U. S. A., retired, died at his home in this city. His illness was diagnosed as acute debility combined with a severe cold contracted two weeks ago.

General Otis was born in 1828 at Frederick, Md. He served in the Civil War and the Spanish-American War and was retired in March, 1902. He commanded the Philippine forces from August, 1898, to May, 1900.

AUTO KILLS AGED WOMAN

Widow of Gardiner Hubbard, the Famous Geographer.

Automobile in Which She Was Riding Was Struck by a Street Car and Her Skull Fractured.

Washington, D. C.—Mrs. Gertrude M. Hubbard, the venerable widow of Gardiner Hubbard, the distinguished scientist and geographer and founder of the National Geographical Society, was injured fatally when the motor car in which she was riding was struck by an electric street car of the Capital Traction Company. The collision occurred at five minutes past 6 o'clock p. m., and Mrs. Hubbard died at the Garfield Hospital at 8:30 o'clock. At the time of the tragedy Mrs. Hubbard's car was at Newcomb street and Connecticut avenue, extended, near her home, a fine estate known as Twin Oaks, situated in Woodley lane. With her in the motor car was her sister, Mrs. Charles Nash, of Morristown, N. J.

Mrs. Hubbard's car, which was operated by Alexander Nelson, her chauffeur, came out of Newcomb street and turned into Connecticut avenue directly in front of Capital Traction Company's car No. 13, which was on its way to Chevy Chase Lake. The impact threw Mrs. Hubbard out of her vehicle. She struck on her head and sustained a fracture of the skull. Mrs. Nash and the chauffeur were not injured.

Mrs. Hubbard was eighty-four years old. She was the mother of Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell, wife of the noted inventor, and Mrs. Charles J. Bell, wife of his cousin, a prominent Washington banker. Two of her granddaughters are Mrs. P. Stuyvesant Plot of New York, and Mrs. Julian Ripley, of New York. In spite of her advanced years Mrs. Hubbard was a woman of remarkable activity. She took an intense interest in Washington charities, and in addition to being connected with several charitable organizations relieved much distress in a quiet way.

Mrs. Hubbard, who received a comfortable fortune from her husband, erected as a tribute to his memory the "Hubbard" Memorial in the National Memorial Hall at Sixteenth and M streets, which is the official home of the National Geographical Society. Mrs. Hubbard's maiden name was Gertrude M. McCurdy.

She was the daughter of Robert H. McCurdy, of New York, former president of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, is her brother.

MRS. PANKHURST ARRIVES.

The Most Militant Suffragette of England Helps American Cause.

New York City.—Mrs. Emmeline Gould Pankhurst, England's most militant suffragette, who has served several terms in prison for her adherence to "the cause," arrived in this port aboard the Oceanic from Liverpool. She was accompanied by Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, treasurer of the Woman's Social and Political Union, of which Mrs. Pankhurst was the founder. American suffragettes greeted the leader and her disciple on the pier.

Several hundred women, most of whom waved flags emblazoned with the words, "Votes For Women!" waited to extend a welcome to their English sister. They set up a wild cheer that, because of its shrillness, might have been mistaken for a rioting at a football game when the slight form of Mrs. Pankhurst was observed coming down the pier.

BENJAMIN BARNES DROPS DEAD.

Washington Postmaster Stricken With Heart Failure.

Washington, D. C.—While sitting with his father-in-law, Jacob Frech, at the home of the latter, and with the remark that he "was feeling fine," scarcely off his lips, Benjamin F. Barnes, postmaster of this city, and who served first as executive clerk under President McKinley and later as assistant secretary to President Roosevelt, dropped dead of heart failure.

Mr. Frech asked Mr. Barnes a question, but received no response. Looking up, he saw Mr. Barnes with his head bent forward.

Mr. Barnes had been in particularly good humor over the fact that he had been admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia.

BLIND NEGRO SENTENCED.

He Killed Two Men in a Brawl—Got Forty Years.

Paterson, N. J.—Sentence of forty years in prison for the murder of two men, one of them his best friend, was imposed on William Fason, a negro, who is stone blind. The story of the prisoner's misfortunes is one of the most remarkable that has come to the notice of a court in this State. Lacking eyesight, Fason got into a bar-room brawl because he wanted a drink. In the shooting that followed he killed Robert Ferguson, the man who, as his closest friend, had guided his steps into the drinking place. Another man, hit by George Hummel, a white man, whose name Fason did not know, and caused his death.

Premier Maura Reprimanded. King Alfonso reprimanded Premier Maura, at Madrid, Spain, for not giving him an opportunity to extend clemency to Ferrer.

Convicted of Killing Children.

Theodore Rizzo, charged with the murder of Theresa Procopio and Freddie Infusino and wounding Fannie Infusino, all young children, was convicted of murder in the first degree at Utica, N. Y.

Boston Observes "Apple Day."

"Apple Day," recognized as an annual festivity, was observed in Boston by the opening of a New England fruit show, in which the apple was the dominating product displayed.

SUBJECT OF DEEP WATERWAYS

Cabinet Tackles Problem—If It Is Best to Issue Bonds and Do It.

St. Louis, Special.—Water improvement as a part of a national policy of conservation of the streams, the lands adjoining them and the forests at their sources Monday was the theme of two notable gatherings in St. Louis and in East St. Louis, Ill., in which President Taft, Joseph G. Cannon, Speaker of the national House of Representatives, and Governor Deussen of Illinois and Hadley of Missouri took leading parts.

Cabinet members, United States Senators and Representatives and ministers from foreign governments listened to the speeches at one or both of the meetings. Added to these were State and municipal officers of all degrees, and close to 100,000 citizens who had flocked to the two cities to see and hear their superior officers.

While the President's utterance on waterway improvement was not so far reaching regarding the creation of the 14-foot channel as those of President Roosevelt on a similar occasion and therefore not entirely cheering to the advocates of an immediate commencement of the work; yet the fact that Speaker Cannon unqualifiedly endorsed the Chief Executive's stand regarding bond issues for such projects, gave these same advocates encouragement. The general good was the test which the President prescribed for the undertaking of ambitious works.

"Let us take up each project on its merits," he said, "and determine by all means at our command whether the country in which that project is to be carried out is so far developed as to justify the expenditure of such a large sum of money and whether the project will be useful when done."

"When you have determined that, on the general principle of good to the entire country, then I am in favor of doing that work as rapidly as it can be done, and I am in favor of issuing bonds to do it."

Mrs. Hayes' Ashes to Their Final Resting Place.

Colorado Springs, Colo., Special.—Extreme simplicity marked the departure of the ashes of Mrs. Margaret Howell Jefferson Davis Hayes, the daughter of the Confederacy, for their final resting place at Richmond, Va. The ashes were removed Monday evening from Evergreen cemetery where they have been resting since the funeral services here and were taken to Richmond, leaving over the Rock Island at 9:40 o'clock. The party went by way of Chicago, reaching Richmond Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The party consists of Mr. J. Addison Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald B. Webb and Miss Lucy Hayes, and they will be joined at Richmond by Jefferson Hayes Davis, who is in New York.

Mrs. Hayes died Sunday, July 18. Brief funeral services were held here the following Wednesday, leaving the exercises to take place at Richmond.

Confesses He Killed the Woman Whose Bleached Bones Are Found.

New York, Special.—A year and a half ago a friendless girl was murdered in a forsaken patch of woodland near Islip, Long Island; a week ago her bleached and charred skeleton was found, with nothing to indicate its identity but her jewelry and a bill of sale from a German shop; three days later through the police of Hamburg, Germany, her identity was established as Anna Luther, though the cables first carried the name as Lett, Sunday night her husband, Frederick Gubhardt, who had married her under the name of Otto Mueller, was caught in Astoria, L. I., by a photographer's flashlight, and he confessed over his signature that he is her slayer.

Ice Trust Being Prosecuted.

New York, Special.—The thoroughness with which the American Ice Company on trial for attempted restraint of trade is alleged to have gobbled up independent competitors, was shown Monday by Deputy State Attorney General Osborne, who read a list of the business purchases by I. O. Blake, at one time a branch manager of the company.

Liberals Opposed to the War.

Madrid, By Cable.—Lieutenant General de Leque, minister of war in the new Liberal Cabinet, in an interview confirmed the report that the government had decided not to push further the Moroccan campaign. He said that if the Liberals had been in power before they would have avoided the bloody and costly war, and that henceforth the object of the government would be to guarantee the safety of Melilla by the system of fortified positions which were already occupied.

Female College Closes.

Athens, Ala., Special.—The Athens Female College, a Methodist institution, was closed Monday, following the affliction of a large per cent of the student body with a malady which has baffled the physicians. Although no fatalities have occurred, many of the girls have left for their homes, and it is said that forty or more are too ill to present to travel.

COTTON HAS ANOTHER ENEMY

Anthraxose a Fungus in Seed That Is Destroying Millions of Value in the Crop.

Columbia, Special.—Startling in its nature and of vital importance is the announcement that comes from Clemson College to the effect that the cotton anthraxose is causing a loss to the State of nearly \$5,000,000 annually. More startling still is the statement that the disease is spreading rapidly and that many of the farmers of the State, in all sections, are losing from one-fourth to one-half of their crops.

The announcement came in the nature of a letter from H. W. Barre, the botanist at Clemson, to Commissioner Watson, who made a request for a report on the investigation of the cotton anthraxose written on a recent visit to the institution.

During the past year the experiment station at Clemson has made a thorough and exhaustive study of the ravages of the anthraxose and have collected data of a conclusive and convincing nature which shows that something must be done to check it and must be done at once.

"In the majority of cases," says the letter, "the original infection can be traced to seed of some so-called improved variety purchased from seed houses or individual cotton breeders. In a number of cases anthraxose has appeared this year where cotton has not been planted before. The seed which were used in planting the fields, when they could be obtained, were found to contain the anthraxose fungus. We have in this way traced a large number of cases of anthraxose to various seed houses."

The estimated annual loss in Georgia from anthraxose is estimated at \$14,500,000.

"The remedy," states the report, "of course must be in the form of a preventive. The seed are acting as a distributing agent. This we are preparing to do and by co-operating with the various other agricultural interests of the State, we hope that some plan can be perfected which will accomplish this. First then we must induce the farmer to secure clean or disease free seed."

Fine Yield of Corn.

Aiken, Special.—Recently J. A. Shuler, one of Aiken county's foremost farmers, harvested three acres of the finest corn ever grown hereabouts, and perhaps the equal of any grown in the State. The three acres netted 348 1/2 bushels, an average of 116 1/8 bushels to the acre. In addition to the corn harvested, 1,800 bundles of fodder were stripped from the field, averaging 2 1/2 pounds each. The land upon which this remarkable yield was gathered is not extraordinary land but average rich upland, and Mr. Shuler ascribes the magnificent yield to the mode of cultivation and fertilization, exclusively. Similar land last year made a yield of about 25 bushels per acre. Mr. Shuler is so enthusiastic over the field this year that he intends to carry out the principle on a