SOUTH CAROLINA STATE NEWS ITEMS. innonnono

County Has Thirty-One Cotton Mills. The developments of the cotton milling industry in Spartanburg county during the past few years has placed the county at the head of the milling interests in South Carolina, with an aggregate of \$7,000,000 invested in cot-

In the years 1881, 1888 and 1889 every new mill which began operation, and there were nine, was located in Spartanburg county.

The growth of this industry during 1888, 1889 and 1902 in this county has been remarkable. During the three years above mentioned eight new mills began operations and four new ones have been inaugurated, while the increase in capital stock of five mills in Spartanburg county during the present year reaches the sum of \$1,131,000. During the present year Spartanburg county has witnessed the organization of four new mills, as follows: Tyger mills, \$96.500; Arcadia mills, \$200,000; Drayton mills, \$250,000 . Apalache

The total invested in new mills and additions in the county during 1902 has been \$2,047,500. Spartanburg county has a total of thirty-one mills, whose capital stock is over \$3,800,000, while the entire capital stock of every mill in the state is only about \$34,000,-000, giving Spartanburg county over 25 per cent of the capital invested in this great industry.

When it is remembered that the annual product of a mill is riughly estimated as being equal to its capital, it will be seen that the yearly output of Spartanburg county's muls is nearly \$9,000,000.

* * Crum and Clayton Safe.

Charleston business men are preparing to submit to the inevitable, inasmuch as doubt no longer exists as cases can be embodied in one documnt to the appointment of Dr. W. D. Crum, should the projected arbitraton take colored, as collector of port.

Strong petitions were sent to Washington urging President Roosevelt not to give the office to Crum, and these requests were based on Crum's color. They have had no effect, however, and friends of the negro are highly elated. It is said in Charleston that a prominent white citizen, who went to Washington in Crum's behalf, will be

The office is of little financial value. The records show that it paid about \$900 last year, and about the same fees will be forthcoming for Crum. Efforts have been made to have the office put on the salary list.

made chief deputy.

District Attorney Capers, who went to Washington to confer with the president, has returned and confirms the published reports that Crum will be appointed collector and that Dr. V. P. Clayton will be made United States marshal.

Problem for New Governor.

From what can be learned in Charleston the county board will have important recommendations for Governor Heyward, who will be inaugurated in January. When he spoke in the city during the campaign, Mr. Heyward declared that, if elected, he would enforce the dispensary law in Charleston to the best of his ability. The law has been flagrantly violated. Men who are opposed to the state's control of the liquor traffic say that the law is unpopular, and that the best means of bringing about its death is by rigid enforcement.

An illustration of the way the law is regarded was given the other day when the proprietor of a music hall admitted that he was running a tiger. He did this under oath and for the purpose of defending a young woman charged with theft. The manager said that a visitor who alleged that he was robbed by an actress, was not robbed, but had squandered \$110 for wine.

Prohibition for Isle of Palms.

Acting, it is claimed, under instructions fro mthe state board of liquor control, the Charleston county board has revoked the beer privilege at the charge, which was the highest crime | ized and desire to go to France and de-Isle of Palms, which did not expire known in law. until April 1 next.

It is charged that the privilege was abused that it was transferred to other persons than those elected by the board, and that a well-regulated saloon was operated under the guise of state concessions. Members of the board say that they were criticised for allowing the conditions to continue, and on this account the license was withdrawn after a consultation with the higher board in Columbia.

Bank at Mullins Robbed.

News comes from Mullins, Marion county, that the bank at that place was burglarized and \$5,000 stolen. All external evidences go to prove that thought, in San Francisco. the work was done by professional cracksmen. After blowing open the vault door it was necessary to demolish a safe on the inside, which was successfully done.

Bloodhounds were secured and taken to the blacksmith shops from whence some of the tools were secured, but the trail was evidently too cold for the dogs to follow. Mullins is the and Allison. The bill makes the gold leading tobacco market in the state, and the bank usually carries a large amount of funds. All efforts to trace the burglars has so far proven una-

Captain Montgomery's Will.

The will of the late Captain J. H. Montgomery was made public at Spartanburg the past week for the first time. Captain Montgomery leaves all of his property, which is said to be valued at about \$350,000, to his wife

and his three sons. The will was made by the deceased in February, 1899. It is said that Cap- Judge Speer's eloquent periods were tain Montgomery carried life insur- frequently applauded. Judge Speer's ance policies aggregating \$61,000.

official notice of blockade. LOOK TO ROOSEVELT

Published to the World by England,

Documents.

blockade of Venezuelan ports was ga-

zetted at London Saturday morning

and became effective during the day.

The text of the proclamation is as

"Foreign Office, December 20, 1902.

-It is hereby notified that as the Uni-

ted States of Venezuela have failed to

comply with the demands of his majes-

ty's government, a blockade by his ma-

jesty's naval forces, Guanta, Cumano

Orinoco is declared, and such blockade

will be effectively maintained from and

after December 20th, subject to

"For vessels sailing before the date

the continent of America-ten days

"For vessels now lying in the ports

now declared to be blockaded-fifteen

"Vessels which attempt to violate

he blockade will render themselves

liable to all measures authorized by

the law of nations and by the respec-

tive treaties between his majesty and

The foreign office says the blockade

of the Venezuelan coast will not be re-

laxed until the powers enforcing their

claims agree on a method for the arbi-

Venezuela shows a disposition to act

sincerely. Stress is laid on the diffi-

culty, in view of the diversity of the

claims in deciding on a method of pre-

sentation, and on the prolixity of the

negotiations which will be involved

before a settlement is in sight. It is

not definitely decided whether separate

The German Decree.

The German government also pub-

lished at Berlin a decree embodying

the conditions of the blockade of Ger-

many's portion of the Venezuelan

"The government of venezuela hav-

ing rejected the demand which the im-

perial government communicated to it,

the ports of Cabello and Maracaioo are

hereby declared under blockade, bc-

ginning December 20. Ships under

other than the Venezuelan flag which

sailed from West Indian or other east

Americans ports before the publication

of this decree will receive a period of

twenty days for sailing vessels and

ten days for steamers to reach their

"Sailing vessels from all other ports

VON BUELOW."

are allowed forty days and steamers

participation in the blockade of the

Venezuelan coast was published at

Rome Sunday. It was in line with

INDICTED FOR TREASON.

Colonel Lynch Must Stand Trial for

Aiding the Boers.

A London dispatch says: The grand

jury summoned to consider the indict-

ment of Colonel Arthur Lynch, mem-

ber of parliament for Galway, who was

arrested June 11th on the charge of

high treason in connection with the

part he took in the South African

war, where he was alleged to have

commanded the Irish brigade, returned

a true bill Friday against the defend-

ant. Lord Chief Justice Baron Alver-

stone, in charging the jury, remarked

that it was sixty-two years since a

grand jury had to deal with such a

BEGGAR OWNED FORTUNE.

Lived and Died Miserably While Pos-

sessed of Hundred Thousand.

Eli Hyman, a Jew, who begged for

admission to the general hospital at

Toronto a few days ago, is dead. An

examination of his clothing resulted in

finding scrip worth \$31,000. Otner pa-

pers 1 howed Hyman to be worth prob-

PHILIPPINES CURRENCY.

Senate Committee Will Report a Gold

Standard Measure.

The senate committee on the Phil-

ippines has agreed on a bill for the

currency of the Philippines, which is

the joint production of Senators Lodge

peso of 12 3-10 grains the unit of value

in the islands and makes the gold

coins of the United States legal tender

JUDGE SPEER THE ORATOR.

Brilliant Jurist Entertains Notable

Audience at Buffalo, N. Y.

United States district court for the

southern district of Georgia, made a

notable address at Buffalo, N. Y., Fri-

day night before the Independent Club.

The gathering was a notable one, and

Hon. Emory Speer, judge of the

for all debts.

of Americanism."

those of England and Germany.

allowed fifteen days to sail.

coast. It was as follows:

destination.

treaties.

the different neutral powers."

days of grace:

Germany and Italy-Text of Powers Now Invite President to Act as Arbitrator. The official proclamation of the

VENEZUELA APPROVES MOVE

Roosevelt Suggested Submission of Trouble to Hague, But Powers Demurred and Made the Counter Proposition.

A Washington special says: Presiand Carupano and the mouths of the dent Roosevelt has proposed to the allied powers that the Venezuelan dis pute be submitted to the arbitration of the allowance of the following The Hague tribunal. The powers have replied with a counter proposal that President Roosevelt himself arbitrate of this notification, from West Indian ports and ports on the east coast of the issues.

These were the developments of Saturday night in the Venezuelan matter for steamers and twenty days for sailand they seem to justify the prediction "From all other ports-twenty days | made in prevous dispatches that the for steamers and forty days for sail- critical point had been passed.

The president was reluctant to accept the proposition, but judging from private American advices which have been received in London, President Roosevelt as arbitrator would be favorably disposed toward the temporary adoption of some such method as was arranged with the Venezuelan secret mission and communicated to the state department by Isaac Ligman. With President Roosevelt acting as arbitrator, the serious objections in the matter of guarantees, which frequently have been mentioned at the foreign office and in press dispatches, would tration of their respective cases and disappear.

Castro is Willing.

A special from Caracas says: In the name of Venezuela President Castro has signified acceptance of the appointment of President Roosevelt to arbitrate the Venezuelan difficulty.

Secrecy is Maintained.

A London dispatch under Sunday's date says: It is believed that President Roosevelt's answer to the proposal made by the allied powers that he arbitrate the Venezuelan issues has been received in London. The strictest secrecy with regard to every phase of the negotiations is preserved, howver, and it is impossible to make a definite statement, but such indications as are obtainable point to President Roosevelt's acceptance of the of

DISCREPANCY IN DATES.

Washington Notified that Blockade is Effective for Christmas Day. The state department has received

notice from Ambassador White at London that the blockade of the Venezuelan ports was to begin December 25. Shortly after the receipt of the notice a message was received from Consul Smith, at Port Spain, Trinidad, as follows: "Venezuela biockaded."

"Ships under other flags than Vene-This was understood to mean that zuelan flags lying in blockaded ports the blockade already had begun and upon the publication of this decree are completely mystified the state department as it showed a conflict in date "Ships which attempt to break the with the blockade notice received from blockade will be subject to the provis-London, namely, December 25. Howions which apply to neutrals under inever, the department has resolved to ternational law in accordance with regard the date given in the London dispatch as official until further ad-The official announcement of Italy's

NOTORIOUS HUMBERTS NABBED.

Perpetrators of Gigantic Frauds in Paris are Captured in Madrid. Madame Humbert and the other members of her family who became notorious in connection with the great safe frauds in Paris, have been arrested in Madrid, Spain. They had been in Madrid since May 9. The police made a clean haul of the whole family -Madame Humbert, her husband, Eva Humbert and the three D'Aurignacs.

Romain, Ele and Marie. The prefect of police subsequently had an audience with King Alfonso and reported the capture. The king congratulated the prefect, saying:

"I rejoice that our police have been able to render service to France." The Humberts maintain they are in nocent, saying they are being victim-

fend themselves against the charges.

BECKHAM ASKS RE-ELECTION.

Governor Issues an Address to Democrats of Kentucky.

Governor J. C. W. Beckham in an address "to the democrats of Kentucky," annnounces himself a candidate for re-election for the full term to the office of chief executive. His present term, that of filling out the unexpired term of the late William Goebel, will expire on December 12. For twenty years he had slept in sheds and stables. He sold papers and | 1903. The election is to be held in begged money and food. His heirs are November next year, and the demohis wife and a daughter, living, it is | datic party is to nominate by the primary election method on May 9, 1903.

COSTLY BLAZE IN KNOXVILLE.

Tennessee City Suffers Loss of Million

Dollars in Conflagration. Fire, which broke out Monday morning at 1:30 o'clock in the four-story factory of the Knoxville knitting mills on Commerce avenue, Knoxville. Tenn., quickly spread to surrounding structures and destroyed property that will bring the total loss up in excess of a million dollars.

TIME LIMIT FOR TREATY.

Reciprocity Arrangement With Cuba Must be Ratified Quickly. recently regotiated between the Uniby members of the senate committee

of January.

The friends of the reciprocity treaty ted States and Cuba have been assured on foreign relations that the treaty will be taken up by that committee as soon as practicable after the Christmas holidays. The terms of the treaty require that address was "A Plea for the Revival | it shall be ratified before the 31st day

MINISTER BOWEN ARBITRATOR.

Castro Puts His Many Troubles Unreservedly Into the Hands of Our Representative at Caracas.

A Washington special says: President Castro has clothed Minister Bowen with full powers to effect a settlement with Great Britain, Germany and

Mr Bowen simply awaits the consent of the state department to assume this task, assuming that the nations named are willing that he shall undertake this work. It is believed that the critical phase of the Venezuelan situation has passed.

Whether the consent of these governments can be obtained, will, it is believed here, depend entirely upon sufficiency of any guarantee that can be given for the faithful discharge by | \$6,000. President Castro of any obligations he may assume as the result of Mr. Bowen's efforts.

The allies feel that they must be assured against the consequences of another revolution and the repudiation by the president who may follow Castro, in his undertakings.

Lopez Barait, minister of foreign affairs at Caracas, transmitted to Minister Bowen Thursday morning a document signed by President Castro as constitutional president of the repubminister of foreign affairs, in which Mr. Bowen is recognized as the only representative of Venezuela in the matter of effecting a settlement of the present difficulty. According to the terms of this document, Mr. Bowen may act without restriction and he is to use all means possible to protect the interests of Venezuela.

United States Won't Gurantee.

The effort to induce the United States government to act as guarantor, it is safe to say, will not succeed, and it is beginning to appear that there is likely to be a mixed commission appointed to receive all Venezuelan customs and setting apart a certain portion for the maintenance of the Venezuelan government, and disbursa the remainder among the powers until heir obligations are met.

The government of France has now entered the field as an active party lotte, N. C., Wednesday. in the trouble. The French government has, through its ambassadors and charges and ministers, served notice upon the governments of Great Britain, Germany and Italy, and by way of information, has also told Secretary Hay, that any provision made for the settlement of claims must recognize the pre-eminence of the French claims. France recived assurances from the other governments named that any arrangements made would provide for the security of the French interests in the Venezuelan customs.

Notice of Blockade.

It has been learned from an official source at Caracas that the allies will notify the Venezuelan authorities at La Guayra of the blockade to become effective Saturday, December 20, at 3 p. m., of the ports of La Guayra, Puerto Cabello, Cora, Maracaibo, Carupano and Barcelona

INSURED FOR A F RTUNE.

Louisville Business Man, Found Dead, Had \$340,000 on His Life.

It developed in Louisville, Ky., Thursday that R. C. Whayne, a business man, who was found dead Tuesday night in the vicinity of Jacob park, with a gunshot wound in the breast, carried insurance on his life for \$340,-000, and had applications pending for \$50,000 more. The policies already secured were distributed as follows: Equitable Life Assurance Society of New York, \$200,000; Provident Savings Life Assurance Society of New York, \$120,000; Union Central Life,

\$10,000; New York Life, \$5,000; Northwestern Mutual Life, \$5,000. It was upon the fact that Mr. Whayne carried such a large life insurance and was said to be suffering from rheumatism that a theory of suicide

Cousin of Kng Alfonso Arrested. General Bourbon y Castellvi, a cousin of King Alfonso, was arrested Thursday evening in a gambling club | jail. at Madrid. He was arraigned before the captain general and subsequently

FIVE YEARS FOR BOODLERS.

Quintet of St. Louis Ex-Delegates Convicted by Jury.

The joint trial of five former members of the house of delegates, which began at St. Louis Tuesday, ended Friday night in a verdict of five years in the penitentiary for each man. The defendants, John A. Sheridan, Charles street. J. Denny, Charles Gutke, Edmund Bersch and T. E. Albright, were convicted on charges of bribery in connection with the passage of the Suburban street car bill, to accomplish which it was charged \$75,000 had been placed on deposit to be used as re-

To Open New Lands.

Representative Stephens, of Texas, has introduced a bill to open for settlement 505,000 acres of land in the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache Indian reservations n Oklahoma.

Northrup Confirmed by Senate. The senate at Saturday's session confirmed the nomination of William H. Northrup, marshal for the northern district of Florida.

SKIPPED WITH THE FUNDS.

Colored Treasurer of Miners' Union in Alabama is Missing.

President Ed Flynn, of the United Mine Workers of America, has asked the Birmingham, Ala., police to keep a lookout for a negro named Burre... Graham, who, it is said, has in his possession about \$800 of the money belonging to the union. The money was deposited with him as treasurer of the local union at Belle Sumpter. A reward of \$50 has been offered for his ar-

Cream of News.

Brief Summary of Most Important Events of Each Day.

-Governor Terrell, of Georgia, vetoes bills creating new city courts for Waynesboro and Jefferson on constitutional grounds.

-R. C. Whayne, of Louisville, dies carrying \$340,000 life insurance. It is believed that he committed suicide. -Hearing a test case the Birming-

ham city court decides that the mayor must report all fines to the board of -At Mullins, S. C., robbers dynamite a bank safe and get away with

-The first formal state dinner since the remodeling of the white house was given Thursday night. -Cornelius Vanderbilt's condition is

a very serious one. Pernonitis nas developed. -Nine thousand Boers are preparing to settle in Colorado, New Mexico and

-At the trial of Laura Biggar, at Freehold, N. J., who is trying to get the fortune of Henry M. Beanett, lic, and countersigned by himself as claiming to be his widow, there were many witnesses who swore she was legally married to Bennett.

> -J. K. Murrell, in the rial of boodlers at St. Louis, tells how the bribes were distributed. -The report that there was yellow

fever at Willemstadt, Curacoa, is de--The losses by the volcane in Gau-

voncano is still in activity and a new | warning of the presence of the Owl. eruption is feared. -The Southern Express Company at Baltimore refuses to haul Atlanta's

Adams Express Company. -Governor Terrell puts his signature to the franchise tax bill and its

operation is no longer hindered. -Manipulators of famous cherry tree swindle were sentenced at Char-

-Dr. Charles M. Beckwith was consecrated as bishop of Alabama at Mont- of fire was not added to the diregomery Wednesday. -Hundreds of cattle are killed in

Florida by government spraying St. Johns river to destroy water hyacinths. -Customs officials have seized diamonds valued at \$24,000 at El Paso, -Convention at Dallas, Texas, dis-

cusses methods to rid the south of the boll weevil which is destroying so -General Peanuts, the midget, who for several years was one of the attrac-

tions in circuses, was found dead in his bed at New York. -The coal barons present their case to the strike commission. Miners' counsel challenge certain wage state-

ments of the operators. -Arbitration has been decided on to settle trouble in Venezuela. Minister Bowen will be one of the arbitra-

-Premier Balfour made a statement in the house of commons that a state of war exists in Venezuela.

-M. Thiesse, former minister of France to Venezuela, says Castro can place an army of 400,000 men in the -Former Governor A. D. Candler

is to be chosen by Governor Terrell to compile colonial, revolutionary and its special correspondent, D. Parkin, confederate records of Georgia. -Suit filed in United States court at Macon, Ga., denying the right of

officers to use force in entering questionable places. -W. J. Potter and Pope Potter, father and son, were placed on trial at Savannah, Ga., Monday, charged

with the murder of Gugie Bourquin and a negro servant. -The time allotted by court in which the Amos cherry tree fraud

men were to return money to victims

has nearly expired, and the managers

will probably land in Charlotte, N. C., -Logan, convicted of forgery, has been sentenced at Knoxville, Tenn.,

on various counts. The total of sentences amounts to 130 years. -South Alabama conference of Methodists adjourned at Montgomery

after the reading of the appointments. Meets next year at Pensacola, Fla. -Five hundred men in New York

volunteer to fight for Venezuela. -Money kings make pool of fifty millions to prevent panic in Wall

-Fourteen roads are arraigned in Chicago for alleged rate cutting. -Secretary Hay receives calls from a number of South American ministers concerning Venezuelan situation. -Four convicts escape from a

stockade in Alabama by sawing through wall. -The situation as to Venezuela has not improved. President Castro has

ing the conduct of Great Britain and Germany. -General assembly of Georgia adjourned last Saturday morning at 2:55

o'clock after a pitched battle between public property fund. After serving thirty years in Mississippi penitentiary for manslaughter

Jake Cooper is pardoned by governor. -General Fitzhugh Lee, in speaking at a banquet in New York Friday night, says that he reported the conditions in Cuba to President Cleveland, during his administration and no attention was paid to him.

-Before the coal strike commission at Scranton Wednesday a witness testified that the barons tried to break the strike by bribery. -President Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers, was a witness before

the strike commission at Scranton,

Pa., Friday, and showed that soft coal

workers got better pay than the an-

thracite men.

EIGHTEEN LOSE LIFE

In Frightful Rear-End Collision of Trains in California.

VICTIMS CRUSHED IN DEBRIS

Twenty-Seven Injured Taken to Hospitai in San Francisco-Cause of Wreck an Unexplained Mystery.

A special from Byron, Cal., says: Eighteen persons were killed and twenty-seven injured in a collision Saturday night between the southbound Los Angeles "Owl" train and the Stockton flyer about 70 miles out from San Francisco. It was a rear-end collision, the engine of the local plowing its way into the last coaches of the Owl, which was filled with Fresno people. The passengers who escaped death were hurled to the fore part of the coach, crushed in between the mass of debris, their sufferings and danger intensified a hundred fold by the clouds of scalding steam that poured out upon the mfrom the shattered boiled of the Stockton engine.

After the Owl left the Oakland mole it was noted that there was a leak in the fiue of the engine. This increased to such an extent that it was deemed advisable to stop at Byron to take up a freight engine for relief. The train officials knew that the Stockton local train was following a half hour behind temala are said to be enormous. The and a flagman was sent back to give

It is said that the Stockton train, in charge of Engineer McGuire and Fireman Joyce, got the warning signal in elephant on the terms agreed to by the | time, and gave the usual response with whistle blasts. Why the incoming train was not checked, however, has not thus far been explained, the men who could give the facts being numbered among the badly injured. On came the train, with apparently no diminution of speed, and the Fresno coach was completely telescoped.

It seems miraculous that the horror were, with seemingly Providential intervention, spared from flame, for the oil burners were extingushed when the

Later advices state that there are fears that the total will reach twenty. Most of the wounded passengers, who were too severely injured to be taken in their homes, were taken to the Southern Pacific hospital at San Franplace five victims died.

WIZARD MARCONI TRIUMPHANT.

Inventor of Wireless Telegraphy Announces His Success to the World. The following dispatch from Marconi, dated Glace Bay, N. S., December 21, has been received by the Associated Press in New York:

"I beg to inform you for circulation that I have established wireless telegraph communication between Cape Breton, Canada and Cornwall, England, with complete success. Inauguratory messages, including one from the governor general of Canada, to name of another article. King Edward VII, have already been transmitted and forwarded to the kings of England and Italy. A message to The London Times has also tain any added or poisonous ingredient been transmitted in the presence of which may render such article inju-G. MARCONI."

CONGRESS TAKES RECESS.

Members Stop Work Until Close of the Holiday Session. Congress Saturday adjourned for the

labors on January 5th. The only Christmas presents the national assembly presents to the nation after three weeks' work is to be enjoyed solely by the coal strike commis-

the house and senate. The chaplains invoked with unusual fervor divine guidance during the short period of separation, while the members are at home for Christmas.

ADJOURNED FOR HOLIDAYS.

Strike Commission Takes Recess. Meets in Philadelphia Jan. 6.

The anthracite coal commission held its last session of the year at Scranton Saturday and adjourned to meet in Philadelphia January 6.

In order to permit the commissioners and others connected with the proceedings to catch trains Saturday's session began at 9 o'clock. The attorneys for the non-union men continued calling witnesses for the purpose of proving that violence, intimidation and boycotts were resorted to in order to prevent the men from continuing work.

GIRLS MAKING CIGARS.

asked for arbitration while denounc-New Factory at Savannah Opens Doors and Work Begins. Twenty-eight girls went to work in

the new factory of the American Cigar Company at Savannah, Ga., 'Inursday the two houses on disposition of the morning. They are under the tutelage of three experts brought down from

The cigars they make at first will not be put on the market as they are more or less faulty.

NEGROES DRILLING REBELS.

Uncle Sam's Black Soldiers Proving Traitors in Philippines.

Advices have reached Washington from Manila to the effect that bands of Ladrones which are harassing the rural population of the islands are in and are employing their military knowledge in drillng the Ladrones and organizng them in a crude military El Paso pending a hearing of the ercised.

A NEW CABINET PLACE.

House Committee, by Decisive Vote, Favors Creating Department of Commerce.

The house committee on interstate commerce Friday ordered a favorable report on the department of commerce bill. The vote on reporting it stood 5 to 3. The provision for including the bureau of labor in the new depart-

ment was retained on a tie vote. The bill as it will come from the house committee will embrace within the proposed department of commerce the light house board, the light house service, national bureau of standards, coast and geodetic survey, bureau of immigration, fish commission, bureau of statistics of the treasury department, bureau of foreign commerce of the state department, for seal and salmon fisheries, bureau of labor and census and three new bureaus-insurance,

manufactures and corporations. The province and duty of the proposed bureau of corporations is, under the direction of the secretary of commerce, to gather, compile publish and supply useful information concerning corporations engaged in interstate or foreign commerce.

A section added to the senate bill gives the president authority to transfer at any time statistical or scientific branch of the government to the department of commerce.

PURE FOOD BILL PASSED.

Measure Adopted in House by Vote of 72 to 21. The house at Friday's session passed the pure food bill by a vote of 72 to 21. There was not a quorum present,

but the point was not raised by the opponents of the measure. The speakers were Messrs. Richardson of Alabama; Hepburn, of Iowa; Gaines, of Tennessee, and Schirm, of Maryland, for the measure, and Mr.

Candler, of Mississippi, against it. The bill inhibits the introduction into any state or territory or the District of Colombuia from any other state, territory or foreign country or to the shipment to any foreign country, of any article or food or drug which is adulterated or misbranded. The above inhibition is made to apply to any one shipping, delivering or reful disaster, but the penned up victims ceiving within the regions named any such goods so adulterated. Adulterations in the bill are defined in part as follows:

In the case of drugs, if sold under a name recognized in the United States pharmacopoeia at the time of investigation, so that its strength or purity falls below the professional standard under which it is sold; if it be an imitation of, or offered for sale under the cisco Sunday, and on the way to that name of another article, and in the case of a confectionery, if it contains terra alba, barytes, talc, chrome yellow or other mineral substances, or poisonous colors or flavors. In the case of foods, when any substance is mixed with it so as to lower or injuriously affect its quality or strength so that such product when ordered for sale shall tend to deceive the purchaser.

If any substance or substances has been substituted so that the product when sold shall tend to deceive the purchaser, if any valuable constituent of an article has been wholly or in part abstracted If it be an imitation offered for sale under the distinctive

If it be mixed, colored, powdered or stained in a manner whereby damage or inferiority is concealed. If it conrious to health.

If it is falsely labeled as a foreign product or imitation of another substance of a previously established name, which has been trade marked or patented. If it consists in whole or in part of a filthy, decomposed or putrid | not be overestimated. animal or vegetable substance or any Christmas holidays and will resume its portion of animal unfit for 100d, or if it is the product of a diseased animal or one that has died otherwise than by

The last section of the bill provides that any article of food or drug that is sion, the bill for paying each member adulterated or misbranded shall be lia-

\$5,000 having been finally passed by ble to confiscation. Italian Claims Against Castro. A semi-official announcement now places the Italian claims against Venezuela at \$2,000,000.

"CHERRY TREE" MEN SENTENCED

Short Terms and Small Fines Imposed

in Charlotte Court. Failing to raise the necessary money or 15 defendants in the famous Amos port in the province of Miranda. The to compromise their cases, some 12 Owen cherry tree cases were given short terms of imprisonment by Judge Boyd in the federal court at Charlotte, N. C., Wednesday. Rev. T. Bright was sentenced to four months' imprisonment and fined \$1,000 · C. D. Wilkie three months, and W. H. Padgett one month. Wilkie will be released providing he raises \$1,500, he having already paid \$500 of that

TOBACCO GROWERS MEET.

Over One Thousand Attend Session at Rocky Mount, N. C.

At the meeting of the North Carolina Tobacco Growers' Association at Rocky Mount Friday over 1,000 growers were present. John S. Cunningham is president. Arrangements were completed to organize dstrict associations throughout the tobacco growing not concern the disposition of the Isle area of the state.

COSTLY JEWELS ARE SEIZED.

Special Agent at El Paso Makes Charge of Alleged Smuggling. Special Agent J. F. Evans, stationed at El Paso, Texas, has reported to the

secretary of the treasury the seizure at El Paso of diamonds said to be worth many instances led by negroes who \$24,000, and which, it is asserted, were have been discharged from the army smuggled from England via New York. The jewels have been placed in the

GUARANTEES ASKED

Powers Are Willing to Trust Matters to United States.

REFUSE TO DEAL WITH CASTRO

Replies to Hay's Notes are Received from Britain and Germany-Kaiser Reluctant and De-

mands Safeguards. Friday Secretary Hay received partial responses from the governments of Great Britain, Germany and Italy

respecting the proposal to arbitrate

the Venezuelan difficulties.

Great Britain is favorable to arbitration with proper safeguards. Germany accepts arbitration in principle, but finds a multitude of small adjustments to be made before entering into the agreement. Italy, as the junior partner of the

allies, declares that she is favorable

to arbtration, but will be bound by the

action of the senior partners. Look Only to Uncle Sam. The note to Reuters Telegraph company, announcing that Great Britain had sent a reply to the United

States, is as follows: "The statements issuing from Caracas to the effect that President Castro has empowered Minister Bowen to act as the representative of Venezuela are regarded in London as open to question. Any such action on the part of President Castro would be considered wholly beside the mark. The powers concerned will deal-solely with the United States in the matter of arbitration. The government of Venezuela will not be consulted in any form, not even as to the terms on which arbitration might be acceptable

to the powers." To secure these American ambassadors at London, Berlin and Rome have been working energetically to carry out the instructions of Secretary Hay to ascertain how the proposal

would be received. As far as England is concerned the safeguards referred to are believed to relate to the questions of guarantee, which is full of difficulties. In this connection, as indicated in previous dispatches some consideration is again given to the feasibility of assumption of responsibility of any award assessed against Venezuela by responsible private agencies, but the United States government is determined not to allow itself to be drawn into the position of a guarantor in this case, for the precedent, once established, might require the United States to become financial backer of all South and Central America. . However, if private concerns can be induced to enter the field, the United States will do what it can to reduce their risks. Secretary Hay, Sir Michael Herbert, the British ambassador, and Senator Depew were in conference Friday, and it is suspected that his phase of the case was touched upon, although no

confirmation can be had at this time. Knotty German Problem. The German position presents the greatest difficulties, for not only does it involve a demand for apoligies, which are extremely repugnant to Venezuela, but also presents so many points requiring adjustment that it is evident that many days, or perhaps weeks, must elapse before the adjustment can be effected and the case prepared for arbitration. And the danger of delay in the face of a blockade, which seriously cripples

collisions with the Venezuelans, can-The efforts of the United States, therefore, must be directed toward hastening Germany's action on the ar-

neutral commerce, and invites hostile

bitration proposal. The Italian position is, of course, of less concern than that of the other allies. The Italian ambassador at Washington in his intercourse with the state department, has been extremely moderate and considerate, giving Secretary Hay the impression that he is well disposed to second any effort of the United States to terminate the

present dangerous situation. First Prize Under Blockade. A special from Caracas says: The British cruiser Indefatigable has made the first prize under the blockade, capturing the Venezuelan schooner Julia, which was going to Higuerote, a sea-Julia's cargo, by the irony of fate, belongs to the German firm of Blohm, which has lodged a protest with the

United States consul. Peruvians Offer Their Services A number of officers at Lima, Peru, propose cabling their names to the president of Venezuela offering their services in the case of the situation becoming more complicated.

CUBAN TREATY IN SENATE.

Document Brought by Bliss from Havana is Referred to Committee. The president sent to the senate Wednesday the reciprocity treaty recently negotiated between the United States and Cuba. The treaty was received by the senate in executive session and was referred tot the committee on foreign relations .without being read. It is stated that the treaty does

SHARKEY FOUND GUILTY.

Jury Declares that Banker Fish Dies from Detective's Assault.

At New York Friday the jury in the

case of Thomas J. Sharkey, accused of the murder of Nicholas Fish, the banker, returned a verdict of manslaughter in the second degree, and recommendcustody of the collector of customs at | ed that the mercy of the court be ex-
