#### REYES AT WHITE HOUSE. FLURRY IN COTTON MARTIAL LAW DECLARED WAR MOVE REPORTED. LABOR MAN OUSTED REGULAR SESSION

The Fifty-Eighth Congress is Formally Organized.

THE MESSAGE IS READ

Transition from Special to Regular Session Robbed the Day of Many Interesting Features of Opening Exercises.

A Washington special says: The first regular session of the 58th congress began at noon Monday, but the senate met half an hour previous to that time in accordance with the adjournment of Saturday for the purpose of permitting an orderly termination of the called session.

The senate closed the extraordinary session and entered upon the duties of the regular session, but the transaction was so natural as to be scarcely noticeable. The unusual features were the close of the called session by announcement from the chair and the offerink of two prayers within half an hour of each other. The business transacted consisted of the reading of the president's message and the beginning of the discussion of the Cuban reciprocity bill. On this bill Mr. Collum, who has charge of it, made a speech, advocating its passage in the interest of American trade.

from the committee on contingent expenses in the resolution of Mr. Penrose requiring the transmission to the senate by the postmaster general of all the papers relating to the postoffice investigation.

Mr. Gorman suggested a number of amendments, the effect of which was to make it mandatory for the committee to maintain and to compel the committee to make a report to the senate by May 1 next.

After some informal discussion the resolution was laid over until Tuesday and Mr. Collum began a speech on the Cuban reciprocity bill. He spoke especially of the effect of the bill upon the trade with Cuba, which he contended would be greatly stimulated by its passage. Suituated as we were, within a few miles of the Cuban coast, w? should control the Cuban market, but as a matter of fact this country supplies less than one-half of the Cuban imports.

As bills and petitions were being presented, Mr. Hoar suggested that 't was not customary for the senate to transact business pending modification of the president, and his motion for a recess was taken at 12:10 o'clock for one hour. Upon reconvening the senate, Mr. Hale reported for the committee that the president had been advised and would shortly communicate a message. Mr. Barnes, assistant secretary to

Once More it is Given Out that Colombia is Marching an Army Against Panama.

A rumor is in circulation at Colon to the effect that three thousand soldiers have left Cartegena for the purpose of invading the isthmus. No de tails are known, and the rumor cannot be confirmed.

The only possible means of approaching Panama is by narrow and difficult mountain passes through the Indian country. The United States cruiser Atlanta is now off the Indian coast.

Following the instructions received December 4, from the navy department at Washington, United States gunboats on both sides of the isthmus have started or are starting on reconnoitering expeditions along the coast, principally in the direction of Colombia, for the purpose of ascertaining the condition of the trails and roads between the Panama and Colombian frontiers, the facilities of the country for sustaining expeditions marching on Panama and to generally determine the best course of action in case of Colombian invasion of the isthmus, and also to learn the attitude of the various Indian tribes inhabiting both coasts.

The United States cruiser Atlanta has gone to San Bias for this purpose and probably will continue to the Gulf of Darien. Another vessel will be set to San Miguel, on the Pacific, and a third to David, also on the Pacific, but toward Costa Rica, to look over Mr. Kean made a favorable report the local conditions at Chriqui and make a show of force, if it is thought necessary, and study the possibility of Colombia's landing small schooner expeditions at Chriqui from southern points.

The Panaman authorities are lending aid to these efforts. They have sent out several parties on both sides of the isthmus to seek information and watch possible movements on the part of the Colombians. \*

#### HANSON ELECTED PRESIDENT.

Directors of Central of Georgia Hold Annual Meeting in Savannah.

The election of officers by the board of directors of the Central of Georgia railway company, went through Monday at the meeting held in Savannah, just as was forecasted.

Major J. F. Hanson, of Macon, was elected president; W. A. Winburn, vice president and traffic manager, and Theodore Kline, general manager.

Colonel A. R. Lawton and Major Hanson gave out the following statement:

By Speaker Cannon From Committee Room.

## INSINUATION IS RESENTED

Trouble Resulted Over Request to Appoint California Congressman at Head of Labor Commit. tee in Congress.

A Washington special says: Charges and countercharges of efforts to pack the house labor committee for and against certain interests led to a sensational scene in the speaker's room Friday. Speaker Cannon, as mad as a man well could be, had a caller pushed out of the room, and for a time the lookers-on thought there would be a knock-down-and-drag-out fight.

Two weeks ago. Herman J. Schulteis who is chairman of the legislative committee of the Knights of Labor, called to demand the appointment of Representative Livernash, of California, to the chairmanship of the labor committee. Mr. Livernash is an editorial writer on Mr. Hearst's San Francisco Examiner, and was elected by the union labor and democratic parties over former Representative Julian Kahn.

Kahn is contesting the seat. Upon the occasion of that first visit Speaker Cannon told Schulteis that under the principles of majority rule it was quite impossible that Mr. Livernash should be selected. He explained that the majority in the house is responsible to the voters of the country, and that the chairman of the labor committee would naturally be a member of the majority. The speaker said that even if Mr. Livernash should remain in congress, his seat being contested, he was a minority member, and, therefore, could not be considered.

The caller protested, but retired without much further ado.

Friday morning he made his second visit to the speaker's chamber. Those in the room awaiting their turn to talk to Mr. Cannon were decidedly startled to hear Mr. Schulteis blurt out that he had heard that the committee on labor was "packed" against labor, and he had come to see about it.

Mr. Cannon replied sharply that such a remark was an insulting insinuation. He said the committee would be composed of representative men, honest and fair, and that such Colombia's Representative Has Felicitous Conference With President. Gets Small Encouragement.

General Rafael Reyes, the special minister from Colombia, practically initiated his mission when he called upon President Roosevelt at the white house Saturday and told him why he had come to the United States. General Reyes was accompanied to the white house from the state department by Secretary Hay, who introduced him to the president, and by Dr. Herran, the Colombian charge.

There was no exchange of formal speeches, though the Colombians were prepared to do so in case of need. The president greeted General Reyes informally as a former acquaintance, having met him when the general was visiting the United States some time ago. Instead of standing to receive his callers, as is the custom in ordinary diplomatic presentations, the president himself sat down and invited General Reyes to a seat beside him. The two then entered upon an animated conversation which touched upon some notable exploits in General Reyes' life, with which the president seemed to be more or less familiar, and gradually drifted arround to the subject of General Reyes' mission.

There was no definite proposition advanced by the Colombians, for the president intimated that the Panama problem was a matter with which the state department alone could properly deal. So the conversation on this point closed with an understanding that General Reyes, who now regards his mission as duly launched, should hereafter make any representations respecting Panama that he cared to broach to Secretary Hay. Nevertheless, there was just enough limitation in the president's talk to make the callers aware that he saw little prospect of being able to meet their wishes.

## DOWIE HAS THE MONEY.

Head of Zionists Shows to Satisfaction of Creditors that He is Amply Able to Pay All Debts.

A Chicago dispatch says: By stroke of diplomacy, John Alexander Dowie has established narmony between Zion, its receivers and its creditors in and out of court. He proposes to settle with his immediate creditors and to arrange with others on a reasonable time basis, and to end the re-

## Government Estimate of Crop Sends Prices Skyward.

A GREAT RUSH TO BUY

reliminary Statement Issued from the Census Bureau Places Number of Bales for the Season at 9,962,039.

A Washington special says: Preliminary returns to the bureau of statistics of the department of agriculture indicate that the actual growth of cotton in the United Staes in the year 1903-1904 will amount to 9,962.039 bales, of an average net weight of 490.8 pounds.

A New York special says: An Jnprecedented rush to buy, a sensational soaring of prices upward and the heaviest sales on record, followed the announcement on the New York cotton exchange Thursday of the agricultural department's estimate of the cotton crop of the present season, 9,962,039 bales.

At the sound of the word 'Nine," indicating the number of million bales in the estimate, a scene of frantic bidbind set in, the shorts in their excitement not waiting to learn that the total estimate was but 37,961 bales short of the round ten millions, and instantly prices jumped from 10 to 20 points on the first sales, the rise continuing intil advances of from 30 to 40 points were registered before the close of an hour, and from 60 to 70 points before the upward movement was check-

ed. Then the uncovering of long cotton in tremendous volume met the advance and the realization that the estimate was practically ten million bales caused a temporary reaction, but soon an inpour of buying orders from outside markets and bullish reports sent prices upward again and at the high point reached shortly before the close December sold at 12.32, January at 12.46, March at 12.59, May at 12.57 and July at 12.56, or 79 to 87 points above the low level of the morning. The market closed strong at nearly the top, with prices net 69 to 74 points higher. Sales were estimated at 2,000,-000 bales, exceeding anything before recorded, while prices broke all re-

Governor Peabody Declares Cripple Creek Mining District in State of Rebellion Owing to Strike.

A special from Denver, Colo., says: Governor Peabody has issued a proclamation declaring Cripple Creek under martial law and suspending the writ of habeas corpus. He declares that the gold camp is in a state of insurrection and rebellion and that the civil authorities are powerless.

In support of this action, the governor cites the blowing up of a portion of the Vindicator mine and other acts of lawlessness, and declares that it is impossible to control the turbulence of the camp by ordinary peaceable means.

The proclamation does not state in so many words that martial law has been declared and that the writ of habeas corpus has been suspended, but officials at the state house say that both these things are intended. The military will now deal with all alleged offenders and try to punish them.

Colonel Edward Verdeckburg, commander of the military forces in Cripple Creek, was with the governor in Denver when he dictated the proclamation. He left for Cripple Creek later in the day with a copy of the proclamation. Wholesale arrests of strikers suspected of implication in the Vipdicator explosion and other cases of violence will be made. The "bull pen" will be enlarged so as to accommodate several hundred prison-

C. G. Kennison, Sherman Parker and W. F. Davis, the executive committee of the Western Federation of Miners, of the Cripple Creek district, against whom informations were filed charging murder and conspiracy to murder, are now confined in the county jail. Their bail has been fixed at \$15,000 each. The accused men say the charges against them have been trumped up to get them out of the way.

BRITISHERS ARE HARD HIT.

Cotton Shortage Threatens Dire Ruin to Mills Across the Water.

Advices from London state that the rise in cotton caused intense excitement in Manchester and Liverpool Friday. American cotton advanced 28 to 44 points over Thursday's closing prices.

It is said locally that if the official crop estimate of the United States department of agriculture made public Thursday is correct, i means a terrible calamity for Lancashire.

The cotton trade is divided in opinion, one section contending that the demand for cotton goods, because of the falling off of orders from India

the president, then presented the message, which was read at once.

#### Session of the House.

The house convened in regular session and listened to the reading of the president's annual message to congress. The extra session robbed the first day of many of the features interesting to spectators. The house having organized four weeks ago, the cere.

mony of opening was materially shortened, it only being necessary to call the roll to develop the presence of a quorum and to provide for the customary notifications to the president and to the senate.

No reference was made to the special session or as to its termination. the proceedings being the same as they would have been had the extra session not adjourned.

More than an hour and a half was consumed in the reading of the president's message, at the conclusion of which there was a general applause on the republican side of the chamber. A considerable amount of routine mas ters necessary to facilitate the work of committees was transacted prior to the reception of the message. The house adjourned at 3:30 o'clock, out of respect to Henry Burke, of Pennsylvania, a member who died Saturday.

#### BANDITS SEIZE MERCHANT.

#### Sensational Disappearance of Well-Known Bainbridge, Ga., Citizen.

Quite a sensation was caused in Bainbridge, Ga., over the disappearance of John Sapp, a prominent merchant of the city.

Sunday night he drove out to his father's home, about five miles below the city, for his wife, who had spent the day out there. Before going he put all of the money in the store in his pocket, amounting to \$500.

While returning home with his wife three men stopped his horse and dragged him fro mthe buggy and quickly disappeared in the woods.

#### NEEDS OF GOVERNMENT.

#### Secretary of the Treasury Asks for Sum of \$624,502,146.

Secretary of the Treasury Shaw transmitted to congress Monday the estimates of appropriations required by the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1905. The appropriations asked for aggregate \$624,502,146, as against \$589,189,112 asked for the year 1904.

"The resignation of Mr. John M. Egan as president and also as director of the Central of Georgia Railway Company, was presented to the board and the following resolution was una-

nimously passed: Mr. J. M. Egan as president and also as a director of the Central of Georgia railway company, this day presented to the board, be and it is here-

by accepted. "Resolved further, That this board bor-" tender to Mr. Egan its best wishes for his future happiness and prosperity.

"Mr. J. F. Hanson, now chairman of the board, was unanimously elected the best interest of the country at president of the company, and pre- heart and the majority is responsible liminary steps were taken for so for the committee as a whole, while amending the by-laws at the January the minority places have been left co meeting of the board as to abolish the the minority leader." office of chairman of the board and vest in the president all functions now appointed," replied Schulteis. exercised by him.

The office of general manager was created and Theo. D. Kline, now general unanimously elected to this office.

"The vacancies in the board and in the executive committee created by the resignation of Mr. Egan were not filled."

One of the directors of the Central said that Major Hanson as president of the Ocean Steamship Company and the Central railway will receive \$16,-000 a year, \$10,000 from the Central railway, and \$6,000 from the Ocean Steamship Company.

#### DOWIE NOT A BANKRUPT.

#### A Claim of Solvency is Made by a Number of Creditors.

Stronger proof of the fact that all of John Alexander Dowie's creditors are not a unit in the desire to have his estate administered by the bankruptcy court, was given in Chicago Friday, afternoon and seven prominent creditors filed answer in the United States district court in which they asked Judge Kohlsaat to inquire into the question of Dowie's solvency at once. They denied that the head of Zion City is insolvent or that he was in that condition when the bankruptcy proceedings were begun against him.

#### MARTIAL LAW RUINS TRADE.

#### Citizens of Cripple Creek Fear to Ven. ture Upon the Streets.

The declaration of martial law has paralyzed business in Cripple Creek, Col. Heavily armed pickets of the national guard are stationed on all street corners and many residents of the city do not venture upon the streets. Provost Marshal Thomas E. McClelland is too friendly letter to a white lady occupying the mayor's office.

charges were not to be countenanced. "Oh, I didn't expect any consideration for labor," asserted the caller.

"I want to say to you right now, quickly spoke Mr. Cannon, thoroughly aroused, "that any reputable represen-"Resolved. That the resignation of tative of labor is just as welcome to this room and will always receive the same earnest consideration as that extended to a J. Pierpont Morgan or any one else. We are always ready and willing to do anything we can for la-

"Then appoint Mr. Livernash, our representative-"

Mr. Cannon interrupted: "Committees are appointed in this nouse with

"I demand that Mr. Livernash be

"It is you who would now 'pack' the "There was no change made in the committee, is it, sir?" demanded Mr. office of vice president and traffic | Cannon, rising from his chair. "Commanager now'filled by W. A. Winburn. mittees are not to be packed in this house."

"You were a member of the commitsuperintendent of the company, was tee on rules in the fifty-first congress when you ruled against labor, said Schulteis, in what was apparently intended to be a menacing tone. "I went to your district," he continued, "and you remember what happened."

"Your threats are nothing to me," replied the speaker, excitedly, advancing toward his caller.

"Show this man out of here. You see him." (This to the doorkeeper.) "Well, never let him enter my room again."

#### EWEN DEFIES THE FEUDISTS.

## Witness Against White and Jett Now

Captain B. J. Ewen, principal witness against White and Jett in Breathitt county. Ky., assassination cases, is boldly walking the streets of Jackson unguarded.

His appearance on the stfeets immediately after all the soldiers were recalled has occasioned surprise. He has been closely guarded by a large body of soldiers and on numerable occasions expressed the belief that he would be assassinated if he ever returned to Jackson.

#### WROTE TO WHITE WOMAN.

Colored Employe of Pension Office Gets Himself Into Trouble.

William Ferguson, a negro clerk in the census office at Washington, who is put down as hailing from Alabama, has been suspended by the director of the census pending the investigation of the charge that he wrote an entirely clerk serving in the office with him.

ceivership.

At a conference held Sunday between the attorneys representing the heaviest creditors and Jacob Newman, attorney or he receivers. Dowie showed the lawyers a statement setting forth Zion's assets and liabilities. He declared he valued Zion's estate at \$14,000,000 above all liabilities. He exhibited large orders for lace and candy. He said neither the lace nor the candy factory could supply its orders. He showed an order for sevcaty-five car loads of candy from a Cincinnati firm. He showed a draft for \$50,000 from a wealthy wellwishes. and declared he could draw for \$200,000 more on one of Zion's friends in Wisconsin.

On this showing he offered to settle all urgent claims in cash and to put Zion on a cash basis in all future dealings with the outside world. With his heaviest creditors out of the way, he said, the debts demanding immediate payment would not amount to more than \$150,000. Samuel Stevenson's judgment notes for \$100,000 are not yet due.

Mr. Dowie's presentation of figures and his offers of settlement were satisfactory to the attorneys. His plan will be submitted to a meeting of the receivers, their attorneys and the attorneys for his creditors, and it is believed will be accepted. In that event receivers and all creditors will join hands with the self-styled propnet in a plea to Judge Kohlsaat to dismiss the pending litigation and permit Dowie's freedom to gather funds and settle obligations.

#### CHARTER IS HELD UP.

White Elks Claim that Colored Order is an Infringement.

Delegations from the Elks lodges of Jackson, Vicksburg, Natchez and Mc-Comb City, Miss., called on Governor Longino Saturday and requested him not to approve the charter for the colored lodge of Elks. They hold that the name Elks has been copyrighted by the white lodges, and that the charter of the colored Elks is an infringement. The governor stated that it proof to this effect was produced he would not approve the charter. In the meantime he will hold it up until the proof is

#### EXTRA SESSION WANES.

#### Both Houses of Congress Held Only Brief Sessions Friday.

A Washington dispatch says: The house was in session but five minutes Friday and adjourned until Saturday, after transacting minor business.

The seiate was in session from noon until 12:35 o'clock, and also adjourned until Saturday. The business transacted was purely of a routine character.

cords for the season of the cotton year.

The cotton market opened with prices a little off from those at the closing Wednesday. The market was depressed to 11.60 for January and 11.72 for March, May and July, and there seemed to be a disposition among the bidders on both sides to postpone trading until the government report was received. When the report was read at noon the effect was electrical and the immediate clamor of bidders drowned the reading of all but the first figure of the report. Shorts did not wait to hear whether the estimate might be only one bale less than ten millions or only nine millions, but in a panic rushed to cover, and in fifteen minutes 12 cents or more was being asked for every option on the list. Although the trade had been prepared for a low estimate, an average of private estimates put forward last week by cotton exchange members being 10,353,000 bales, nothing below 10,000,-000 had been anticipated and the wild-

est buying movement in the history of the exchange ensued. So great was the excitement with over 100 brokers seeking to buy, that at times prices were 10 to 15 points apart in different sections of the pit. The volume of business was so great und the excitement so intense that the )rokers were on the verge of collapse, the maximum advance representing an enhancement in value of from \$3 to \$3.50 per bale, and the fluctuations meaning the gain or loss of fortunes. The day was also the wildest one ever seen in the cotton market at New

Orleans. The bureau estimate at 11 o'clock of 9,962,039 bales for this season's crop sent prices up from 90 to 91 points above Wednesday's closing figures. The confusion was so great that trading was difficult, and it was fully two minutes after the estimate was read before quotations were posted.. Within four minutes prices had advanced 40 points. The advance was steady until March stood sixty points higher than the last quotations before the reading of the estimate.

#### Chinese Boxers Again at Work. A dispatch from St. Petersburg says a report is current in Port Arthur, originating in Chinese quarters, of an anti-Christian rising in the province of ze Chuan.



#### Texas Representative Seeks Legisla. tion Against Dreaded Pest.

Representative Burgess, of Texas, introduced a bill in congress Friday to lessen the damage of the cotton boll weevil, directing the secretary of agriculture to appoint a cotton commission in his department, to include residents of the states of Texas and Louisiana, to study the problem. The bill appropriates \$250,000

and China, is not likely to be exceptionally great during the coming year, and that 10,000,000 bales, as estimated by the American agricultural department, will be sufficient to meet all requirements.

One of the largest firms of cotton spinners at Bradford announce that they are preparing to erect mills in the United States, to which they will transfer hundreds of looms, with their complement of machinery, the dismounting of which has already commenced. In making the announcement the firm says:

"The American manufacturers recently have made such vast improvements in the manufacture and dyeing of the finest classes of goods similar to those we produce, on which we are paying 100 per cent and upwards in duty, that we are confident our present American department will never be able to pay its way more than three four years more at the most."

### ARMSTRONG DOOMED TO HANG.

Alabama Youth Who Killed His Young Lady Relative Found Guilty.

"We, the jury, find the defendant guilty of murder in the first degree, and fix the punishment at death." This was the verdict of the jury in. the case at Tuskegee of Ralph Armstrong, charged with the murder of his cousin, Miss Allie Armstrong, at Notasulga, on the night of October 23 The defendant heard his death warrant read. He sat as if dazed and his lips moved, but not a sound escaped. The judge set the date of his hanging at January 8.

#### COTTON MILLS TO CURTAIL.

High Prices May Cause Further Deductions Throughout New England. That a widespread curtailment of production by cotton mills in the United States will be found necessary during the next few months, on account of the great cost of raw material, is the opinion of leading mill men in Boston, from which the policy of many cotton mills in the north is directed.

The mills in New England employ fully 175,000 hands, 655,000 of whom had their wages reduced 10 per cent this fall, and 15,000 additional will be cut within the next two weeks.

#### DRUNKENNESS HIS PLEA.

urderer Armstrong Testifies Regarding the Killing of His Cousin.

Nervous and wringing his hands, Ralph Armstrong, charged with killing his cousin, Miss Allie Armstrong, took the stand in his own behalt in court at Tuskegee, Ala., Thursday and testled that he knew nothing of the killng, admitting that he was drunk and and been in that condition several lavs.

# forthcoming.

## Walks Streets Unguarded.