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Express Messenger C'Hell Was Lille in Cold Mood.

GOT THE CONTENTS OF EXPRESS DOX.

Shot Bown By Highwayman as He Was Opening the Boor of Express Car-Unable to Open the Lock, the Highwaymen Then Blow Up Sale With Dynamite, Destroyleg a

Sacremento, Cal., (Special).-Three masked men held up the Oregon Express, Southbound on the Southern Pacific railroad, at Copley, near Keswick, killed W. J. O'Neil the express messenger, and carried off the contents of the express box. The train is known as No. 15, and stopped at is known as No. 15, and stopped at in Pittsburg and held, pending an in-Copley, a small station, for water. As vestigation of his mental condition. the train came to a standstill, three men jumped on and cut the train in two, taking the engine and express car down the track a short distance. They stopped the engine and demanded that Messenger O'Neil open the express car. He refused, whereupon they blew open the car with dynamite and deliberately killed \$50,000 to Mr. Bryan.

O'Neil by shooting him throught the Rear Admiral Sigsbee, and Captain Wainwright and other officers of the head. The bandits then robbed the car of its contents, but it is not known how much they obtained.

After robbing the express car the men cut the car loose, and, getting on the engine compelled Engineer Joesink to go ahead. When near Keswick the men dropped off the engine and disappeared with their plunder. Engineer B. F. Joesink then ran

his engine to Redding to take back Sheriff Richardson and a posse of eight men. Joesink says that after stopping at Copley the noise of draw-ing water drowned the noise of shots that must have been fired in the express car, as W. J. O'Neil, the mes-senger, was killed by bullets. Pre-sumably the three masked men attem ed to rob the express car and the ressenger made a fight. The first that Joesink knew of of the holdfirst that Joesink knew of of the hold-up was after O'Neil was killed. He and his fireman, J. F. Stury, were com-pelled to dismount. They, with E. A. Bissell, engineer of the second en-gine; A. A. Raymond, a fireman; John Depanger, conductor of the train and a brakeman, were compelled to march back to the express carto march back to the express car, where they saw O'Neil dead.

The robbers tried to force O'Neill's helper, who was in the baggage car when O'Neill was killed, to open the safe, but the helper showed that he could not do so. The robbers com-pelled the party of seven to place six sticks of giant powder on top of the safe. Then they had a heavy box set on the dynamite, to which a fuse was ordered attached. All but one of the robbers then left the car. He lighted the fuse. The party had just reached the locomotive when the explosion oc curred. It wrecked the entire car.

Engineer Joesink is not certain that the robbers got any plunder. He was made to get upon his engine and stay there until further orders came for him to carry the highwaymen south. The robbers stood at his back on the trip down, their rifles pressing against him. and he dared not look around. If they had any plunder he did not see it. They told him they wanted to be carried to Keswick Station, five miles south, but as they neared that station they told the engineer to run right on by that station to a point 200 yards south of there, where a bridge spans the river. When he stopped they alighted on the river side. The officers believe they made straight for Kes-

COINED HO TONS OF GOLD.

Mint Breaks All Records Since the Use of Money Began.

San Francisco, (Special). The coinage of gold that has taken place at the mint in this city since last February is finished. Superintendent Leach said regarding the coinage:

"The mint has undoubtedly broken all records for gold coinage since the use of money began in civilization. The amount coined this month has reached the enormous sum of \$33,113,-500, an average of more than \$1,000,000 a day; in fact the deliveries to the superintendent from the coining department during the last four days averaged \$1,550,000 a day. This, with the sum of \$21,580,000 coined in February. makes a total of \$54,693,500. In weight this amount would make more than

110 tons, or a little more than four big corloads of 25 tons each. "A research of books and records pertaining to coinage matter fails to show any account of a coinage exe-cuted in the same length of time equal

to this in any of the other nations of the world." Woodchucks Destroy Graves.

Middletown, N. Y., (Special).-Thrown out of their graves by ground of 1812 are often exposed to sight and plowed under by farmers in the town of Wawayanda, Orange county. In this town there are 25 burying places, many of them dating back years before the Revolutionary War. Only eight of the graveyards are cared for, the rest being mainly the homes of woodchucks. There have been no burials in these cemetories for over 50 years. Apparently there is no one who cares what becomes of the bones of those who fought for the independence of their country.

Consocks Killed 28 Bandits.

Liao Yang, (By Cable) .- There is an enormous movement of troops in progress and trains are arriving

several times daily. In the rear of Bidzevo 50 Cossacks bapdits and charged upon them, killing of and capturing 6. Three Cossacks of the killed and six were wounded. The form General Kuropathin extends a satisfaction that so well-stated a soldier is with the army.

NEWS IN SHORT ORDER.

Nearly five and one-half million dol-lars was set apart by the board of estimates in New York to be expended in installing an auxiliary system of salt-water mains to be used in connection with fire-fighting in the Boroughs of Manhattan and Brooklyn.

The United States Steel Corporation of the states and the states are corporation. N. I., to

filed a demurrer in Trenton, N. J., to the suit of Alfred Stevens, who asked that the corporation be required to pay a dividend.

The Iowa coal miners and operators have been unable to adjust their differences and a shutdown is likely to follow, throwing 13,500 miners out of employment.

Edward Reglar, who is something of a White House crank, was arrested The appointment of Col. Edmund Rice, U. S. A., retired, as military sec retary of the ceremonies committee of the World's Fair is announced. The cruiser Denver was given a Cape Ann course and again failed to

meet contract speed requirements. Judge Gagor, in New Haven, ex-cluded the sealed letter in the Bennet will case, which made a bequest of

North Atlantic Squadron paid an official visit to President Amador, at the palace, in Panama.
"Dr." Dewing ws arrested in Chicago for buying railroad tickets at cler-

gymen's rates and selling them to ticket brokers. A Sabine Pass and Northwestern passenegr train was wrecked in Texas and several passengers were injured.

Further sensational incidents mark ed the second day's hearnig in the Bennett will case a New Haven.
A petition in bankruptcy was filed against the Pettingill Advertising

Agency, of Boston. Mrs. Cauncey Marlan, known as the fattest woman in the world, died in New York.
The Great Belgrade levee broke at

Vincennes, Ind., causing much damage.
Fire in the Quincy Mine, near
Houghton, Mich., did considerable

damage. The schooner Joseph W. Hawthorne arrived at Vineyard Haven, Mass., after a voyage from Jacksonville lasting

nearly four months. A succession of storms was encountered and the ves-sel was badly damaged. Flood conditions in Michigan are very grave. The inhabitants of flooded houses are suffering greatly from cold and lack of food. The property loss at Grand Rapids will exceed \$2,-

000,000. Mr. John D. Rockfellow has placed Starr J. Murphy, a young New York lawyer, at the head of his bureau for the distribution of money for philanthropic purpose.

Foreign.

The First Civil Tribunal of the Seine has decided that the Republic of Columbia, having lost its sovereignty over Panama, has no standing in court to prevent the sale of the canal property.

oot-washing ceremonial in the Crystal Hall of the Hofburg, in Vienna.

At a meeting of Americans and Japanese held in Tokio on the fiftieth anniversary of the signing of the Perry Treaty between Japan and the United States an American war charity called the Perry Memorial Relief Fund was orgainzed, and \$37,500 was immediately subscribed

Takahira, the Japanese minister, and Secretary Hay had a conference upon the war. The conviction is general among State Department officials that for the present intervention by the powers is out of the question.

For sinking Japanese merchant vessels in Sungari Straits at the beginning of the war \$75,000 has been distributed in prize money to the crews of the four cruisers of the Russian Vladi vostok Squadron.

Detailed reports received at Seoul of the engagement between Japanese and Russians at Chengju state that the fighting lasted two hours and the Japanese forced the Russians to

The British military authorities have arranged for the distribution of 10 regiments of troops in Canada, so as to be available for speedy dispatch in case of complications in the East. In Japanese official circles in Tokio the action of Russian warships in sinking the Japanese coasting steamer is deeply resented.

The Alien Immigration Bill requiring that the immigration of certain classes of aliens into the United Kingdom be subjected to state control passed its first reading in the British House of Commons.

The French Chamber of Deputies began a debate upon Marine Minister Pelletan's administration of the navy which promises to be a test of the strength of the entire French ministry. The Dowager Queen Margherita, of hogs the bones of many heroes of Italy, on a battleship, and Emperor the Revolutionary War and the War William, on his yacht, met at sea and exchanged visits, the Queen lunching with the German ruler.
For the week just ended there were

40,527 deaths from the bubonic plague in India, an increase of 7,000 over the number of the preceding week. Strikers against the new Socialist law in France have had several clashes with the military at Roubaix and other

manufacturing towns.
It is officially announced that Baron Curzon of Kedleston, viceroy of India has been appointed lord warden of the Cinque Ports in succession to the late Marquis of Salisbury.

Admiral Wise has informed the Navy Department that the Morales government in Santo Domingo is making considerable headway against the revolutionists.
Rev. John Potts, of Toronto, Ont.

preached on the Hill of Mars at Athens to the delegates to the World's School Conventions. United States Ambassador Meyer

dined with Emperor William on board the German imperial yacht Hohenzol lern, at Naples. Father Boniface Krug, formerly of the Benedictine Abbey, at Beatty, Pa., and now abbot at Monte Cassino. was also a quest.

CHINAMAN SMUGGLED

Prozen While Secreted in a Refrieerator Car.

\$300 PAID TO MAN WHO PERISHED.

Organized Gang For the Systematic Smuggling of Chinese Into the United States by Way of the Canadian Border—An American the Ringlender of the Bend.

Chicago, (Special).-An organized gang for the systematic smuggling of Chinese into the United States by Way of the Canadian border is bearrest here of three Chinamen, who, lieved to have been disrupted by the it is said, were active agents of the organization. The arrest of an American, the ringleader of the gang, is all that is lacking to make the breaking up of the smugglers complete, according to agents of the Department of Commerce and Labor, of Washington, who have been working secretly in Chicago for several weeks.

Those already arrested are Lam Chee, a prominent Chinese merchant of Chicago; Leong Man, of Joliet, Ill., who admits paying Lam Chee \$150 to arrange for the smuggling of a countryman into the United States, and Leong Dock, of St. Louis, cousin of Leong Man and a patron of Lam

For several months the United States authorities have been aware of the existence of an organized gang which has been smuggling Chinese across the Canadian border line, principally between Windsor, Canada and Detroit, Mich.

Every effort was made to discover the ringleaders of the band until last January, when the dead body of Leong Dick was found in a refrigerator car at St. Louis, and Chinese In-spector C. O. Cowley, who had charge the investigation, found a cluwhich led to important discoveries Cowley tracked the car in which the hinaman had met death to Windsor, Canada. There Cowley learned that Leonk Man and Leong Dick, cousins of the victim, had paid Lam Chee \$300 to smuggle Leong Dick across the Ca-

Leong Dick was secreted in the refrigerator compartment of a freight car in Canada and a week later his was found frozen stiff at St. body Louis. The white agent of Lam Chee who is believed to have started Leong Dick to his fate, is now being sought

CARTRIDGE FACTORY BLOWN UP.

Four Japanese Workmen Were Killed a

Paris, (By Cable).-The Matin's correspondent says that a cartridge factory at Sasebo, Japan, was blown up Sunday last and four workmen were killed.

A Harbin correspondent of the Matin says that General Volkaff has issued ukase informing the inhabitants of Manchuria and trans-Baikalia that all Emperor Francis Joseph performed news will be punished with the utmost ukase, the correspondent says, is espe-cially directed against handbills promulgating false news issued by the

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Echo de Paris says: "I learn that the Czar intends to send Vice-Armiral Chouknin, director of the Naval School, to Port Arthur as assistant to Vice-Admiral Maka-

TORNADO IN MISSOURI.

A Number of Lives Were Lost and Great Damage Was Done

Carruthersville, Mo., (Special) .- A tornado swept the country 20 miles North of here Saturday night, caus-ing a great loss of life and destroying thousands of dollars' worth of

property.

It is known that six lives have been lost and thousands of dollars' worth of Property destroyed.

The lives of the Shuemaker family.

living near Portageville, four in num-ber, were blotted out and their home demolished.

Wesley Miller and wife, living two miles north of Mount Pleasant, were killed and their home demolished. bodies were found 200 yards away, badly mutilated. Mr. Miller was a wealthy mill owner and planter. Fifteen hundred dollars in money longing to him was found scattered over the ground. Much stock was killed and wounded. It is feared a full report will reveal greater loss of

BLOWN UP BY BYNAMITE.

Careless Workman Strikes Cartridge With Pick, Killing Three.

Brownville, Pa., (Special) .-- Cedar Hill tunne!, from the Connellsville Certral railroad, two miles Southeast of this place, was the scene of an explosion, in which four workmen were killed outright and six were seriously injured. Three of the injured, it is feared, will die. The workmen were all foreigners, and went by numbers instead of names.

Kellar & Crossan, contractors. The explosion was caused by one of the workmen striking a charge of dynamite with his pick. The dead workmen were terribly

The tunnel is being constructed by

mangled. The injured were taken across the country to the Uniontown Hospital.

Operators' Offer Rejected.

Altoona, Pa. (Special).-The miners delegates unanimously voted to reject the operators' offer of 58.82 cents for a pick-mined ton, but agreed to accept 62 1-3 cents a ton, with a 5.55 pe cent, reduction on other classes of labor inside the mines. This action was reported to the joint scale committee. The operators were given half an hour over the situation, and they asked the miners to consent to let the scale go to a board of arbitration, which proposition the miners are dis-

LIVE VASIMITES AFFAIRS.

The Senate Committee on Interoceanic Canals heard Senator Morgan explain the merits of his bill providing for the government of the canal zone. His bill would make a military reservation of the canal strip. The Kittredge bill was before the committee also and it is believed it will be reported to the Senate with

a few changes.

The provision for the government of the canal by two commissions, one of which was to make the laws, will be eliminated and the control of the zone left to the existing commission. It is believed that for the present only one judge will be provided for, but with a provision that others may be named if found to be necessary.

The committee has agreed to insert in the bill a provision authorizing the President to designate an officer.

the President to designate an officer of the army or navy or any other of-ficer, who shall have charge of all sanitary matters, the official to be under the Canal Commission.

Wests House Sequiry.

Representative DeArmond, of Missouri, introduced a resolution providing "that the Speaker appoint five members of the House to fully investigate the Postoffice Department and report to the House at as early a date as may be practicable; that said committee shall be authorized to sit during the sessions of the House, and, if necessary, during the vacation, when Congress is not in session; that the committee shall have full power to send for persons and papers, and the investigation hereby provided for shall be directed especially to clearing the innocent from a shadow of unmerited suspicion, to uncovering the inefficient, careless and offending and to the recommendations for the correction of abuses, to the end that justice may be done to individuals and that the service may be improved for the benefit of the public."

Americans in Trouble in Africa.

The Consul-General at Cape Town in a report to the State Department says that business in the Cape of Good Hope is in very depressed condition and that there are thousands of Americans in the country who are in unfortunate circumstances.

Flags to Go Mp Agaia,

It now seems probable that the Niuchwang incident will be settled to the satisfaction of the United States and Great Britain without any protest on the part of either Government. Count Cassini, the Russian Ambassador called upon Secretary of State Hay and, it is understood, informed him that the American flag would be raised over the American Consulate in

Niuchwang with full military honors. The greatest reticence was shown at the State Department in discussing the action taken by the Russian Authorities in Niuchwang in directing United States Consul Henry B, Miller and "On March 28 2 portion of our other foreign consuls to lower their respective flags during the continuance of martial law. Count Cassini was an early caller and spent some the matter. It is generally understood | Wiju. action of the Russian commander Niuchwang had been repudiated in St. Petersburg, and that every amend possible would be made. Further, this country, it is believed, has been assured that its Consul in Niuchwang will be allowed to proceed in the ex-

ercise of his official functions. Knowing the character of United States Consul Henry B. Miller in that he made an energetic protest and blood-stained bandages were against the order of the Russians, and order was accomplished. Mr. Miller has always been particularly active since he has been stationed in Niuchwang, and through his policy of never recognizing the sovereignty or control of the Russians in Manchuria he has managed to make himself both feared and disliked by the Russian Government, as represented there. His official actions have, however, nearly uniformly been in accordance with the policy of the State Department.

The Navy Department has received from one of its agents in Tokio official confirmation of the attempt made by the Japanese on March 27 to obstruct the Port Arthur channel. The infor mation is as follows:

The Japanese fleet has been successful in an attempt partially to close channel of Port Arthur. Four Japanesc merchant vessels, escorted by 12 destroyers and 6 first-class torpedo boats, arrived at 3 A. M. March 27. The Japanese fieet was later sighted at the range of 4,000 yards. The Japan-ese merchant vessels successfully entered the channel inside of lighthouse Two were sunk by the Russian de-stroyers and two by their own explosives. Japanese loss in killed, two officers and two men; loss in wounded one officer and eight men. No casual ties to Japanese torpedo vessels. small gap in channel. It appears that it will be difficult for the Russian battleships to leave Port Arthur.' It is stated on good authority that

battleships will find it difficult, if not impossible, to leave the harbor.

Congressional and Departments. The conferees of the two Houses agreed on the Agricultural Appropria-tion Bill, which now carries \$5,902,040 and provides for investigation of imported foods suspected of being adulterated or falsely labeled. Both representatives of capital and

labor opposed the arbitration bill before the House Committee. An additional minority report op posing the impeachment of Judge Swayne, of the Florida district, was

filed in the House by Representative Parker, of New Jersey. During the debate in the House on the Sundry Civil Bill attacks were made on the Coast and Geodetic Survey and State Homes for Volunteer Soldiers.

A Chicago lawyer filed a bill in the District Supreme Court for an injunction to prevent the payment of any money for the construction of the Panama Canal.

SIX KILLED BY EXPLOSION

Squib Factory Near Scranton, Pa., Wrecked and Burned.

FIVE GIRLS ARE FATALLY INJURED.

With One Exception All of the Bodies Have Been Taken from the Debris-The Bedler of the Dead Employees Were So Badly Burned That it Was With Great Difficulty That They Could Be Recognized.

Scranton, Pa., (Special).-Six persons are known to have been killed and five fatally injured by an explosion in the factory of the Dickson Squib Company at Priceburg, near iere.

The dead are: Lizzie Bray, Priceburg. Beckie Lewis, North Scranton. Lizzie Matthews, Olyphant. George Callahan, Priceburg. Teresa Callahan, Priceburg. Lillian Mahon, Priceburg. Those fatally injured are: Mamie Gilgallon. Martha Haybrown, Cassie Foultz. Mettie Heyron

Oscar Ayser. Twenty girls were employed in the factory. What caused the explosion is not known, but it is said that one of the girls threw a squib in the stove and that the force of the explosion was so great that it wrecked the building and set it on fire. The squibs are used in coal mining.

The Dickson Squib Company oc cupied only the first floor of the structure, the Callahan family having rooms on the second flood

It was here that the two Callahar children lost their lives. Thomas Callahan, the father, was at work, and Mrs. Callahan had just left the room when the explosion occurred. The children, aged 3 years and 6 months. respectively, were playing on the floor. Both were instantly killed. The building caught fire, and the flames communicated to two adjoining buildings one occupied as a hotel and the other as a butcher shop. Both were de stroyed.

The bodies of the dead employees were so badly burned that it was with great difficulty that they could be recognized.

JAPS REPORT FIVE KILLED. Official Statement From Tokio of the Chong

Ju Fight. . London, (By Cable) .- The Japanese Legation here has received the following official report from Tokio of the fighting between Japanese and

"On March 28, a portion of our cavalry and infantry forces occupied Chong-Ju, after defeating the enemy. The enemy, who numbered about 600 retreated in the direction of Our casualties were Lieutenthat he told Secretary Hay that the ant Kano and four others killed, Captani Kurokawa and 12 others wounded, of the cavalry force. There were no

"Two dead bodies were jeft by the enemy on the field, but it is reported that some seven or eight were killed inside the town. These were promptly carried off by the enemy on horse back or by ambulance. The Russians were seen conveying in an ambulance Niuchwang, there is a general belief two dead men, apparently officers found scattered around. The enemy that in this way the reversing of the must have sustained losses at least equal to our own."

CYCLONE SENT HIM TO JAIL. Wife Saw Her Deserting Husband's Name In List of Injured.

Chicago, (Special).-The same cy clone that made James McInery homeless in Indiana Harbor last week found him a new home in the Indiana Penitentiary. Justice, moving almost as fast as the cyclone itself, has decreed that he serve five years at hard

labor for bigamy. Had it not been for the storm which destroyed McInery's house and left im with slight injuries his whereabouts might have never been known o the wife who has just brought about nis conviction.

Mrs. Olvine Anglais McInery, Chicago, who claims that McInery deserted her in Hamilton, Ontario, 15 years ago chanced to see his name published in the list of injured by the storm. The result was the indentificayears ago was married to a girl in the

Jailer's Daughter Gave Keys.

Mauch Chunk, Pa., (Special) .-- Martin Lavitski a convicted murderer, escaped from the Garbon county prison In the absence of Sheriff Rothermel his daughter Stella was in charge of the prison. Since his conviction Lavitski has been given the freedom of a corridor, and learning that the Sheriff was away he called Miss Rothermel to bring him some oil. As she handed him the oil Lavitski seized the prison keys from her and made his escape from the place. Lavitski was convicted of killing the woman who kept his boarding house at Lansford last July.

Stabbed With Hatpin. New York, (Special) .- Detective

McNally, who has been a member of the Jersey City police force for 22 years, is dying at his home of bloodpoisoning. He was arresting a woman shoplifter a week ago, when she stabbed him in the right leg with a hatpin. McNal'y treated the wound with home remedies, but three days ago blood-poisoning set in. Four doctors—one from the Pasteur Institute—are laboring to save his life.

News of Interest

AFRO-AMERICANS

Maryland Delegate Roycotted Delegate William G. Kerbin, of Worcester county. Maryland, who champloned the Jim Crow bill in the state legislature, has been boycotted by Negroes. Kerbin boards at a hotel in Soow Hill. When he returned from Annapolis and entered the dining room he was isformed that the colored cook had refused to prepare another meal for him. Hungry and angry, he traveled to Baltimore before obtaining food. His colored laundress also

joined the movement.

Ruining German South Africa. A dispatch from Berlin says: The fact that the Germans do not know how to colonize is daily more apparent in the news from the German possessions in Africa. By brutal methods and no end of red tape the kaiser's officers succeeded in embroiling themselves with every tribe formerly under German rule, and now a campaign of extermination against the natives is talked of. Particularly it is argued that the natives must be deprived of their land and cattle, these to be used to pay damages to the German settlers.

Maryland's "Jim Crow" Law." Governor Warfield has approved the two so-called "Jim Crow" bills relating to railroad and steamboat travel in the state of Maryland, and they will go into effect. The railroad bill requires companies to provide separate coaches for Negro passengers except on special trains with Pullman coaches attached. It excludes from its operations employees of railroads, nurses and officers in charge of prisoners. The provisions do not include electric or street cars. The other measure provides for separate compartments for white and Negro passengers, but there must be no discrimination in the equality of accommodation.

Donaes Land for Probation Farm. Sam Daily, a Tuscaloosa, Ala., Negro, has made a gift to Judge Feagin, of the police court of Birmingham, of a tract of land near Tuscaloosa, to be used for a farm for the probation Negro boys, for whose care Judge Feagin has exercised himself. Judge Feagin, instead of fining and incarcerating little Negroes who are guilty of petty crimes, etc., has farmed them out to planters and private homes, where they are kept under the eye of the probation officer, a Negro preacher. If the boys behave right a certain length of time, they are manumitted back to their parents, or they remain with ther employers and providers.

It is the purpose of Judge Fe interest others in his plan, so as to secure funds with which to inaugurate a had been allowed to vote under the probation farm on this tract of land, provisons of the act of 1868, he would the institution probably eventuating have been elected.

into a state affair.

Whitecappers Go to Pen. At Helena, Ark., Federal Judge Jacob Thiester passed sentence upon the three Poinsette county whitecappers, convicted in the federal court of conspiracy to intimidate Negro workmen at the sawmill of Davis & Hodges, at Whitehall, in Poinsette county. Reuben Hodges and William Clampit were given a year and a day in the Atlanta. Ga., penitentiary and a fine of \$100 each, and Wash McKinney was sen tenced to sixty days in the Lee county

jail and a fine of \$100. Attorney L. C. Going, of Harrisburg, who represented the defendants, has taken an appeal to the supreme court of the United States, which has been granted by Judge Trietser.

He proposes to test the constitutionality of the federal statute enacting into law th efourteenth amendment to the constitution of the United States, claiming that under this statute the Negro citizen is granted a protection in the federal courts that is and useful lives, and at the same time not given to white men.

Old Soldiers After Lynchers. An anti-lynching crusade has been inaugurated by the W. R. Barksdale camp, United Confederate Veterans, of Grenada, Miss. The following significant resolutions were unanimously adopted at a largely attended meeting of the camp:

"1. That we are unalterably opposed to the lynching of a human being, save perhaps for the one unmentionable

"2. That as confederate veterans and law-abiding citizens of Mississippi Bragg Smith, the Negro who lost his and of the United States, we are violently, vehemently and eternally opposed to the practice of burning a hu-

man being for any crime whatsoever. "3. That we appeal, in thundering tones, to all confederate veterans, their wives and daughters, and to that great and glorious organization, the Daughters of the Confederacy, one and all, to arise in their might, and by precept and example, voice and pen, moral force and influence, help put a stop to this diabolical, barbaric, unlawful, inhuman and ungodly crime of burn-

ing human beings. "4. That we heartily approve of and applaud the action of Governor Vardaman in his recent successful efforts to save a criminal from a mob bent on burning."

A Convert to Bishop Turner's Hobby. Bishop William Benjamin Derrick, who for the past four years has been the presiding bishop of the New York

liocese of the African Methodist Epte topal church, and for the past twenty-lve years one of the most aggressive and active men of the colored race, ass declared that he is tired of Ameria and yearns for the land of his foreathers in Africa. This announcement se made in addressing the members of the New York conference.

Mob attacks, lynchings and the ourning of Negroes are too much for aim, he said, and continued:

"Forty-two years ago I stood ankleleep in blood in the fight between the Merrimac and Monitor and the blood of my comrades flew upon me as they were slaughtered in the defense of this nation, and yet the nation, alhough we fought to save the Amerian flag, declares that we are not :itizens, and affords us no protection... We cannot but help feeling badly over the situation. This is no country or us.

"I do not advocate retaliation, but we should stand up manfully and protest, and appeal to the few friends that we have left to see to it that we get justice, since we are here. They, sell me this is a land of Christianity and of civilization, when those who are supposed to be the leaders of retigion and civilization will take a weman and burn her at the stake and then murder her husband. We can act win by preaching too much of this spirit, the white man says he is a coward. The manly man strikes back. We demand manhood rights. not black manhood rights nor white manhood rights. I do not ask for social equality or amalgamation, but for our own choice of selection as to taste and fitness. I want everything that any other man may have. But the white man cannot be just to us because he has in him none of t' spirit of Christ"

Decides Against Dantzler.

A Washington dispatch says: In making its report in favor of Lever, in the Dantzler-Lever contest from the Seventh South Carolina district. bouse committee on elections No. 1 takes the ground that the investigation shows that Dantzler, a colored

man, was not elected. At the same time the committee reluses to say that Lever was elected. and the report leaves him in the position as if no contest had been made. The committee draws the conclusion that if it advanced a ruling on the disfranchisement of the colored vote and declared Lever not elected on that ground, the decision would be a precedent for unseating nearly every member in the house from several southern state which it names.

The basis of Dantsler's claim was that the constitution of South Carolina adopted in 1895 was contrary to the reconstruction act of June 25, 1868, readmitting South Carolina and other states to representation in congress, which contained no provision as to educational and property qualifications as fixed in present state constitution that if certain citizens of his district

Columbus Mayor is Thanked.

Mayor L. H. Chappell, of Columbus, Ga., received the following letter from Booker T. Washington, president of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial school, for Negroes, referring to the act of the city of Columbus in erecting a monument to Bragg Smith, colored, who, on September 30, last, lost his life in a heroic though fruitless effort to save City Engineeer Johnson from a caving excavation:

"Tuskegee, Ala., March 12, 1904.-To the Mayor of Columbus, Ga.-Dear Sir: As a member of the Negro race, I want to use this portunity for thanking you and pers of your city government for citing a monument over the grave of Bragg Smith. who lost his life in a heroic effort to save that of an official of your city. Such recognition of the merits of worthy colored people goes further than you can realize in the encouragement of my race to put forth worthy efforts in the direction of living strong such action convinces the world that here in the south there are white men who recognize merit and will see that justice is meted out to any man who deserves encouragement and reward.

"Your truly, "BOOKER T. WASHINGTON." Mayor Chappell replied as follows

to Booker Washington's letter: "President Booker T. Washington, Fuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, Tuskegee, Ala.-Your favor of the 12th inst., is at hand and duly noted. In erecting a simple but appropriate monument over the grave of life in the effort to rescue our city ingineer from a caving excavation the city of Columbus only showed officially what our citizens are in the nabit of doing personally, a due appreslation of heroic self-sacrifice, regardess of the color or condition of the in-

"It is very gratifying to our people o see that this simple act meets with ery general approval, and it is hoped hat the tendency will be to demonstrate to those who do not understand hat cordial good feelings exists in he south between good white people and good Negroes.

> "Yours truly, "L. P. CHAPPELL, Mayor."

Good Way to Fatten Steers. A Kansas man bought a carload e steers last spring, turned them out to graze all summer, and then fed them on corn for a month or so before selling them. And he made 25 cents. the transaction.