"DO THOU, GREAT LIBERTY, INSPIRE OUR SOULS AND MAKE OUR LIVES IN THE POSSESSION HAPPY OR OUR DEATHS GLORIOUS IN THY CAUSE."

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THE SAD END

Of Robert Keith Dargan, of Darlington Who Deliberately

COMMITTED SUICIDE.

His Brother Sald to Have Been Present Left a Written Statement of the Cause of the Act.

And a Letter. A dispatch from Darlington to The State says Mr. Robert Keith Dargan, formerly president of the Independent Oil company and of the Darlington Trust company, committed suicide betweed 8 and 9 o'clock on Tuesday night of last week by taking carbolic acid. Mr. Dargan was on the streets Tues-

day afternoon and appeared in this usual manner. He had been reticent since the recent trouble of the large concerns of which he had been the head, and Tuesday afternoon he made appointments to meet several gentlemen later in the evening, one of these being Mr. W. F. Dargan, who states that Mr. R. K. Dargan told him he would go to Mr. W. F. Dargan's office within an hour from the time they

A dispatch to The State says there were no developments at Darlington Wednesday following the tragic death of Mr. Robert Keith Dargan by his own hand Friday night. The tragedy, and the circumstances leading up to it, were the almost sole topic of conversation on the streets, in stores and offices during the entire day. It has been raining all day long and business almost every protected place can be inquest, which was to have been held Wednesday morning, was postponed until Thursday morning at 9 o'clock in order that Mr. Pegram Dargan, the most important witness, would not be required to leave the house of mourning until after the funeral. The circumstances of the suicide

all indicate that it was most deliberately planned. There has been no testimony and no statement concerning what transpired in the law cilice where Dargan took his life has been given reliable men, are that Mr. Pegram Dargan went into the drug store of L. acid. He was alone and did not go in the direction of the law office when he left. The two brothers, Mr. Pegram Dargan and Mr. Robert Keith Dargan, went to the law office of their father opposite the Darlington Guards armory was to be used to deaden the pain from

contains a small quantity. After a portion had been taken, Mr. Dargan remained in the room with his enabled to open the cell door. brother until life was extinct and then notified their cousin, Mr. W. F. Dargan, who in turn quickly called Dr. Edwards, but their arrival was too door, crawled, likely, to the end of late for human aid. The suicide had left a brief statement which stated that he had ended his own life and that his brother had precured the (here lighted by electricity and a very high, he made a dash) and that he may have smooth brick wall surrounds the mismanaged but he was not a coward He also left a letter which was not addressed but is said to have been for his wife. Robert Keith Dargan was born in 1866. He was a son of Mr. E. Keith Dargan, the dean of the Darlington bar, a successful lawyer and a man of the highest character, a Confederate soldier who served as an officer of artillery in the corps of Stonewall Jackson. The mother of Mr. R. K. Dargan before her marriage was Miss Elizabeth Woods, a sister of Associate Justice C. A. Woods of the supreme scenity. court. The sulject of this sketch graduated from Wofford college and was afterwards admitted to the bar and practiced for a short time with til a few weeks ago, when the report his father. After an interim of retire ment from active business on account a clerical position with the Darlington Phosphate company and exhibited such a remarkable capacity for busi ness that he was made general manager of the company.

A Mountain Horror.

John and Dave Phipps, young white men, residing near Butler, Tenn., are being hunted in the mountains along the border of North Carolina and Ten nessee Monday night by a posse of fifty armed men, who have sworn to take them dead or alive. The Phipps boys are charged with one of the bloodiest murders ever committed in this mountain section, when, according to reports reaching Bristol on Sunday afternoon, they used an axe to chop the body of William Rankins to pieces, and so wounded with the same weapon Filmore Moreland that he will in all probability die. The trouble occurred at a place called Dosville and is said to be largely the result of mean liquor illicitly distilled in that imme diate locality. All the parties are white and well known in the moun-Jains.

He laked It.

About a year ago a Kansas doctor lost a wallet containing a large sum of money. He offered a liberal reward for its return, but the party who fourty four years ago. found it thought the whole thing was better than the reward. other day the d ctor entered his coal house, and the first thing he saw was his empty wallet, and protruding from an end was a card bearing this prescription again."

LOCATED AT LAST.

Murphy, the Murderer of Treasurer Copes, in the Army.

Penitentiary Authorities to Make Inquiries. Brief Resume of the Orime and Escape.

The murder of Treasurer Copes, of Orangeburg, in the year 1896, has passed from the memory of the public now, although it created an immense sensation in the state at the time. It is recalled at this time by the report, which is more or less well authenti-cated, that Murphy, white, who was convicted of the crime is now in the Philippines, a private in the army, though what regiment or company he is a member of is not known.

A former penitentlary guard told a Columbia Record reporter that a relative of Murphy told him that, now that the whole thing was over, he would say that Murphy was in the Philippines, though his exact whereabouts in the islands he did not know. Superintendent Griffith said he had never heard the report until informed of it by a newspaper man, but said he would make some inquiries, though it is hardly probable that anything will come of them, as Murphy most likely is living under an assumed name, and possibly has so changed in personal appearance that it would be difficult to identify him.

Treasurer Copes was killed about 896, having been on a tax collecting tour through the country. He was shot with a shotgun at a lonely place on the public road some miles from Orangeburg, and for sometime there was no clue whatever to the criminal. Finally, Murphy, a somewhat worthless white man, was arrested and ac cused of the crime. A great deal of the evidence against him was circumstantial, but he was convicted. His case went to the supreme court, was

sent back, as the circumstances are recalled, and a second conviction was had. Murphy was sentenced to be hanged. His aged father, however, seems to be almost at a standstill. In succeeded in enlisting the services of Mr. M. P. Carroll, a prominent lawyer seen a group of men, all discussing in in Augusta, who secured a great deal hushed voices the one subject that of circumstantial evidence going to seems to be on all minds. The coroner's prove an alibi. Much of this evidence was considered worthless by those who knew the source of it, but per sonal appeals added to the alleged evidence induced Governor Ellerbe to commute the sentence to life impris-

Murphy was during appeal taken to the penitentiary for safe keeping previous to final action. The governor visited him in his cell once or twice. Newspaper men were frequent callers and penitentiary authorities were constantly on the alert and made fre out, but the facts, as gathered from quent endeavors to get Murphy to deny his guilt he would say nothing, Phillips some time between 4 and and either tried to appear imbecilic Mrs. Rose and her infant. Then he 6 o'clock Tuesday afternoon and or was actually a personage on that began shooting at Miss Morgan and bought the four ounces of carbolic order, though it was evident that he was a man of such mental capacity as to be accountable for any orime he

may have committed. After the commutation he was pu to work about the penitentiary and his life was no different from that of building before 8 o'clock and locked other convicts in the yard. He was themselves in. One of them poured placed in a cell in the old building out most of the four ounces of acid in with a white convict named Cullom, a glass and the rest he poured in a sent down from Oconee for highway small bowl and mixed about a gill of robbery. Their cell was on the secrye whiskey with it. This concection ond floor, facing a long portico running around the building. By some the raw acid but only a part of it, it means they managed to secret files any, was taken, as the bowl, which is and other tools about their persons or in the possession of the coroner, still in their cell, and after what must have been long and tedious and con stantly interrupted work they were

One dark night about four or five years ago, watching when the guard was elsewhere they opened the cell the portico, sliding down one of the supporting columns to the ground. The penitentiary yard is brilliantly building. Notwithstanding this the two men succeeded in escaping the eye of the guards and scaling the walls

and securing their liberty. Before leaving one of them, at least, showed that he possessed the sense of humor to some degree. With charcoal written on the walls were sentences like the following: "Sorry to leave you." 'God be with you till we meet again. 'Good bye, we are bound for South America " There were some others on a similar order mingled with ob

Every effort was made to recapture the men, but they successfully eluded detection and never were heard of un that Murphy was in the Philippines reached Columbia. Penitentiary auof a nervous breakdown, he accepted thorities had forgotten the circumstance along with everybody else. No information has ever been received as to Cullom. He may be in the Pacific perhaps he did not think it necessary to get so far away from home.

The State says all Pennslyvanians are not incurable boodlers, however strongly the Philadelphia Record may uphold the theory. The other day Capt. J. R. Bricker of Warwick, Pa., received an umbrella that was "borthe handle was a note asking that The telepones in the room were disneeded repairs be made as the gentlemen in whose possession it had been for 29 years might need it again. A State where men return umbrellas, ever after the lapse of nearly the third of a century, cannot be wholly

A Confederate Monument.

The survivors of the Jackson Grays, a noted company of Confederate infantry, recruited in the Pleasant Grove district of Norfolk county at the breaking out of the civil war, Tuesday unveiled a handsome granite monument erected near Pleasant Grove Baptist Church on the spot where the company was first lined up

Sails for Philippines, The steamer Manchuria, having aboard Secretary of War Taft, Miss Alice Roosevelt and a large party of United States senators and congress the inscription: "Doctor, please fill men, sailed from San Francisco Friday for the Philippine Islands.

TWELVE KILLED.

Wholesale Murder by a Negro on Schooner Olympia.

ONE WOMAN ESCAPED

Miss Elsie Morgan, After Being Shot and Beaten, Jumps Overboard and Swims

to the Shore. The Murderer Captured and He May Be

Lynched by Crowd.

One of the most shocking stories of was subsequently confirmed by the ployes. officers of the fruit steamer Rosina,

the Honduranean coast, whose popu work securing evidence to present to sun's merciless rays and stilling hulation is an indiscriminate mixture of the department of agriculture. Now white, Caymanites and Caribs, was he has fully convinced the department come, and at midnight new cases were the scene of the tragedy in which 12 officials as well as the whole world lives were sacrificed. The captain of | that the department had been tamperthe little trading schooner Olympia ed with, that the secrets of the de was about to make a trip to Ruatan, partment were sold to Wall street Truxillo and Belize. She had about speciators, who played the tickers on \$1,400 to buy cattle at Truxillo the advance information received, and o sell at Belize. She carried a crew and made thousands of dollars. of four and quite a number of passengers, making the total list of people

than an hour everybody was aroused shooting down the men, one after another. This negro was Robert Mc-Gill and, as it afterwards developed, he had stowed himself away aboard with the intention of robbing the captain and then swimming ashore. After he had killed all tut one of them he ordered the last survivor to go below and scuttle the ship. When the unfortunate reappeared on deck and reported, the negro shot him to

He then put the two women, Miss Elsie Morgan and her sister, Mrs Walter Rose, in the dory with the Mrs. Rose's six week old infant and left the boat, steering for the maintalk about the crime. Further than land. He changed his mind about allowing the women to live and killed wounded her in the arm. She jumpoverboard and started to swim ineffectually, but his ammunition evidently gave out, for he promised her immunity from harm if she would

> he rowed away towards the mainland Miss Morgan swam back to the island, where she was thrown on the beach by the waves in an exhausted condition. She feared that the negro would follow her, so she hid in the bushes and for two days she suffered from the heat and exposure, until found by a woman from her neighborhood and rescued from starvation. In the meantime the dory had been washed ashore and there was excitement on the island, as it was believed the Olympia had gone down with all hands. When Miss Morgan told her story an immediate search was insti-

on the mainland were notified. They caught him at El Partyinir, a ittle town on the road to Ceiba, and there was quite a demonstration, but he was protected. His life was saved through the presence on the coast of President Bonilla, who was on an inspection tour. The Honduranean warship Ta Tumba, which has figured in so many revolutions, was brought into service and the murderer placed aboard and sent back to the island. Jp to last Sunday he was still alive, though it is firmly believed that he will be tortured to death. The laws ment, but the people will take the Morgan, the only survivor of the terthree years ago and is a well educated, refined young woman of 25 years.

in force Tuesday. That report was which is still blind. made public late Tuesday afternoon and the secretary believes that the steps taken are perfect. Early in the day Assitant Secretary Hayes, Chief room under lock and key and they

Under Look and Key.

sibility of a leak through private sig-

Poor Old Call. Former Senator Wilkinson Call, of Florida, has declared himself as Roosevelt man and organized a Roosevelt club at Ortegas, a suburb of Jacksonville, Mr. Call was a Democratic Senator from Florida for three terms, covering a period of eighteen nfluence left, and it does not matter very much whether he is for or against

Costly Blaze in Cotton,

Fire at an early hour Friday morn ing destroyed the building of the Gulf Compress company at Meridian. Miss. Over 14,000 bales of cotton were in storage and about 5 000 bales were destroyed. The total loss is es-

CHEATHAM CHARGES

Marlborn'

Hyde With Being Just as Guilty as Holmes Was.

He Says Secretary Wilson Brought in Price to Turn Attention

Away From Hyde.

The Atlanta Journal says according to Secretary R!chard Cheatham, of the Southern Cotton Association, who made the charge of fraud against the United States department of agriculture, relating to advance information being given out, Statistician Hyde and his private secretary are just as guilty of the offense of giving away department secrets as Holmes, the man who

was discharged. Mr. Cheatham says further that Secretary Wilson brought the name of Theodore Price into the affair to turn the attention from Hyde. Every murder with r bbery as a motive in effort was made, according to Mr. the annals of crime was brought to Cheatham, to bring Theodore Price New Orleans Wednesday by Capt. Into the affair, but these efforts failed, Hans Holm of the Norwegian fruiter Bratten, which plies between New ment of agriculture has rung Price Orleans and Honduranean ports. It into it to shield other favored em-

Secretary Cheatham returned to which came in later in the evening Atlanta Monday afternoon. Since he with additional details.

Atlanta Monday afternoon. Since he with additional details. first got evidence of the leakage in The little island of Utilla, lying off the department he has been hard at them children, were killed by the

Mr. Cheatham was in charge of a number of the government secret ser aboard number 13. Among these vice men, and they went right out af-were two women and two children. ter all the necessary evidence. When ter all the necessary evidence. When The vessel left the harbor of Utilla they got it and turned it over to Secat 11 o'clock Friday night, June 30, retary Wilson Holmes was promptly and after she had been under way less fired out, and, in the opinion of Secretary Cheatham, Hyde and his private by a shot and rushing on deck found secretary should go too, for they were a negro armed with a Winchester rifle just as much in on the deal as Holmes was. And Mr. Cheatham discovered further that this leakage had been going on for some time.

When President Jordan, of the Southern Cotton Association, returns to the city Mr. Cheatham will present the evidence which he has against Hyde and his scoretary, and will request President Harvie Jordan to lay the whole matter in the hands of President Roosevelt. In that event, Mr. Cheatham believes that the in vestigation will result not only in the further dismissal of Hyde and his secretary, but of Secretary Wilson ass. In telling of the status of the case Mr. Cheatham said:

"We found a terrible state of affairs. You known that Holmes has matter, but, in my opinion, Hyde and dence against them is strong, and if back to the island. He fired at her Mr. Jordan will take the matter to President Roosevelt, I believe that even Secretary Wilson will be dropped. This thing has been going on for a come back to the dory. She started number of years. After we showed back and when within oar's length he our hand and told what we know struck her on the head with an oar there was considerable excitement in stunning her. Believing she was dead the department. And when the report of the secret service agents were made you never saw such excitement as there was in Washington.

"Secretary Wilson has brought Theodore Price into this thing for the purpose of shielding Hyde and his sec retary. We did our best to find some evidence against Price, as we wanted to show, if possible, that he had been getting rich out of speculating on ad vance information furnished by officials of the department of agriculture, but we couldn't get enough evidence to connect him with the affair. While we have no love for Price, and while we would have liked the best in the world to have gotten him mixed in tuted for McGill and the authorities this affair, yet we do not think Secretary Wilson has done the fair thing, and believe that he is using it as a blind altogether." A Close Call.

During a severe thunder storm at Kingstree Saturday evening lightning they fled. struck the office of the Beach River Cypress Mills, of which Mr. P. B. was crowded with hands from the mill waiting to be paid off. The fluid struck no shock whatever. A pile of silver rending. on the desk was scattered, the lamp put out and the inkstand upset. The

Fixed the Jury. A dispatch from Raleigh, N. C. says J. Rowan R gers and L. P. Sor Statistician Hyde and several experts rell, who are now in jail serving a of the department were placed in a sentence of 30 days for contempt of rowed," July 4, 1876. Attached to until four o'clock in the afternoon. and B N Duke of the American To connected, and a careful scrutiny was the charge of malicious libel against Hudson Street Hospital. court to embracery. The entire jury in the case against Duke and Kil go has been summoned before the grand jury to see if other parties are

Thirty-Nine Killed.

A fire has broken out in the Borusia coal mine, Prussia, caused by the careless handling of a lamp by boys. The years. He has little, if any, political lamp exploded, igniting the timbers of the shaft which burned rapidly Two hunbred and fifty miners escaped through an air shaft, but 39 were cut off and thier death is regarded as cer-

Fooling With a Pistel.

George and Wesley Price, colored children aged seven and eight, were playing with a pistol at Johnston on Monday when the thing went off, timated at \$175,000, partially insur- the ball entering the abdomen of the older. He died next day.

HEAT VICTIMS.

Two Infants Perish in Their Mothers' Arms in Street.

TWENTY-ONE DEATHS.

The Passengers on a Crowded Elevated Train See a Victim Fall in the Car and Die. Over Fifty Prostra-

tions in One Day.

According to the New York Ameri can Monday of last week in that city was a day of terrible, overpowing heat which rolled up an appalling list of dead and prostrated, was checked and tempered only for a time in the afternoon by a violent storm, which flood-

ed cellars, sewers and Subway, and left a trail of disaster and ruin in its wake. At night it was again intolerably hot. Nineteen persons, most of midity. Scores of others were over still being reported.

emperature which assailed the city has written a letter to the state dialmost at break of day. At 6 a. m. rectors calling their attention to the 76 degrees, and from that time on the facts and requesting that they buy no mercury kept climbing steadily. The more whiskey from the houses that ing the cotton report figures were exceed, But it was the extraordinary time there has been a disposition by degree of humidity which caused many continuous continuous for manipulating that they buy no ing the cotton report figures were exposed to me, I immediately consulted my attorney regarding the matter, degree of humidity which caused most certain retail dispensers to push cerof the distress. At 8 a. m. the densi- tain prands of goods. Orders were ty of the air registered the very high constantly coming in from certain mark of 89. Relief came in the after. dispensers for these goods while at noon when the heavy rainstorm sent other dispensaries there was no sale the mereury tumbling 16 degrees in at all for the same goods. less than an houe. The rainfall in that time was 1.20 inches.

Lightning also came along with the staff in Brooklyn, cutting a spiral surmounting it shocked fifty persons the electric switch board and extinguishing all of the lights.

The jain came so suddenly and in such blinding volumes that the streets tra bottles belonged to himself and he were speedily converted into running For the first time in a good stream man refreshing drenching.

and Centre streets the heavy on rush of waters swept back missioner Tatum found them out. from the clogged sewers and filled the He has written the board and here adjoining cellars. The back waters after all cases will be examined before been dismissed for his duplicity in the swept down the streets and over the they are shipped out. All tags or side walks, and within fifteen minutes cards or extra bottles that might seem there was two feet of water in the to be an inducement t basement of the Criminal Building. For a time it seemed as if The state is in, however, about \$3,000 the engine room would be swamped and the elevators shut down

At the South Ferry terminal of the Subway the water poured over the curbing and down the entrances in Niagara like volumes. The sudden cessation of the rain alone saved serious trouble. As it was, it took the pumps over an hour to clear the tube. But the worst phase of the storm devaloped at Elm and Duane streets where fifteen men were entombed in the collapse of an excavation under-

mined by the heavy rainfall. In New Jersey and various other sections of outlying and adjoining suburbs lightning struck in several places, but no one was killed. At of Hyde Park, N. Y., and the engi-Ellis Island two bolts struck the administration building and the last one tore out ten feet of the roof, besides demolishing the skylights.

Yet, despite this disastrous effect, the storm was welcomed as few storms have been welcomed this summer. The excursionists who had left New York on Saturday and Sunday and picked up by a boat from the Volund. above is a part, but which has been now behind the bars of Union had congratulated themselves on the manner in which they had escaped the heat, came back only to find conditions worse than those from which

The suffering, of course, was the keenest on the crowded East Side. It Phorne is the proprietor. At the time always is. Yesterday the sidewalks a heavy rain was falling and the office were packed with suffering, panting men, women and children, in all states of dress and undress, trying to find the brick flue, tearing it completely relief, that was not to be found. It away, tore off the weather boards on was to these sections that the ambuof Honduras prohibit capital punish. one side, knocked four holes through lances were kept going most frequentthe floor and tumbled the negroes over ly, and it was from the ranks of the case into their own hands. Miss Elsie right and left, burning two them bad suffering East Siders that death and ly, but miraculously all escaping with the hospitals gained their largest list rible experience, visited New Orleans their lives. Mr. Thorne, sitting at of recruits. The deadly rapidity with his desk ten feet away, experienced which babies succumbed was heart

Two infants died in the arms their mothers before the seriousness of A dispatch from Washington says setter dog lying on the floor was their condition was realized. Another islands too, but as his crime was not the new system of preparing the stunned and blinded in one eye. By baby died in the carriage in front of so serious as that of his cell partner, monthly crop report, devised since the Sunday morning none was the worse the door, where it had been tempora cotton investigation began, was put for the experience, except the dog, rily left standing. In almost every instance the end came so swiftly that parents had little or no warning.

Whereas the children predominated in the list of fatal cases, the grownups practically comprise the entire roll of prostrations. Brooklyn suffered equally with Manhattan, and in court in influencing jurors in favor of both boroughs ambulances were kept were not to be permitted to come out President Kilgo of Trinity colledge busy taking the stricken ones to the hospitals. The majority of those bacco company, during their trial on overcome in Manhatten went to the Taere kept of the windows to avoid the pos- T. J. Gattis a Methodist minister almost every cot was filled before Thursday pleaded guilty in open night, and several physicians them selves narrowly escaped falling ex hausted from their exertions. Heat victims fell unconscious on the streets in the Subway and on the elevated

trains. John Falvy, formerly a foreman of cated on East One Hundred and continued "is more harmful by far avenue elevated train. Mr. Falvy, who weighed over two hundred pounds smoke which is the doorstep to sin." had given his seat to an aged woman and a few moments later he fell to the floor. At Thirty fourth street he was carried to the station, where an ambulance was called, but he was dead when the surgeon arrived. He had been in the fire department for

27 years.

His attempt was made only a few blocks above the spot where another nan who had been driven insane by

similar manner on Sunday night. Kaeslek had been wandering along the wharfs for some hours when he suddenly jumped over the bulkhead between Piers 39 and 40. Then fol lowed a dramatic struggle to bring him to shore by a longshoreman who had seen him make the leap and had dived after him. Finally, when it seemed that the heat crazed man must carry his would be rescuer down

shore, and Kaesick was sent to Belleue Hospital. ed atmosphere were the cats and degs. In some sections these animals wer almost entirely exterminated and Mr. Van Riper's entire statement to policemen were frequently called to him. Mr. Van Riper's statement is shoot those which it was feared had as follows: gene mad. One of the districts said to have been almost depopulated in this regard Monday was the vicinity covered by the West Forty seventh street police station.

BRIBING DISPENSERS

To Push Certain Brands of Whiske in This State.

A dispatch from Columbia says special system opening up large possibilities of graft has been discovered by Commissioner Tatum at the whole First it was the extremely high sale dispensary in Columbia and he

About the same time letters began to come in from some of the dispensers stating that these brands of goods rain and struck the City Hall flag contained too many bottles to the case. As a result Commissioner Taribbon from it. The bolt tore the tum had nearly every ease of goods at flag to pieces, flung down the eagle the wholesale dispensary opened and found nearly \$3,000 worth of certain in the building, besides cutting out brands over and above what had been ordered. These extra bottles had been placed in the cases and should the dispenser push this brand the ex-

was that much in on its sale. Some of the dispensers were not avs lower Manhatten received slow to see the scheme and took ad vantage of it. Others eitler did not see it or would not, as a result Com Courts of any certain brand will be removed. as a result of the discovery.

LOST ON A YACHT.

Sunk in the Hudson River by Nor weigian Tramp Steamer.

Three lives were lost by the sinking of the steam yacht Normandie, which was run down Wednesday night in the Hudson river of Dobbs Ferry by the Nerwegian tramp steamer Volund Dodge of New York, a guest aboard the yacht, the captain William Story neer Stewart Gracie of Brooklyn. Tacir bodies were not recovered.

John H. Rudd, who chartered the the yacht, managed to keep affort by to give for publication my entire which had been so long sought for. Owens was at once arrested and is which he said that as the Normaudie was running down stream in the middle of the river, a tramp steamer was seen coming up, head on, about 600 yards away.

whistle but the steamer continued to that the real acreage reduction was detectives have the case in hand and come until within 150 feet of the yacht from 18 to 25 per cent and not 111 as the developments are expected very when she whistled twice and then announced on June 3d. I would sug- shortly. In the meantime Owens reswerved to port striking the Normandie amidships. An explosion followed be made or asked for from the agriculimmediately and the yatch went down tural department as to what they within five seconds.

Coroner Frank Russell of Westchester county visited the wreck of the matter has been made public, why yacht Wednesday and found long not the whole? strands of hair streaming from one of the port holes. Coroner Russell Wednesday night caused the arrest of nothing to do with the plans made by Joseph Hannigan, the deck hand, and these parties to manipulate the govissued an order for the arrest of Mr. ernment figures, but merely on legal Rudd.

kiot in Havana.

conflicts at Havana between Cuban artillerymen and civillans. The first conflict occurred between artillerymen and policemen and the toughs who in fest the locality. Then the company of soldiers who were sent to restore order mutinied and fired on the Police. General Freye Andrade, secretary of the interior, is rigidly inquiring into the identity of the official who ordered the company of artillery. men to that district and is also endeavoring to find out who is responsible for the lack of discipline.

co are an incentive to immoral and pernicious conduct," said Mr. Robert L. Reamy, of Baltimore, in an address to the Epworth Leaguers the Fire Department Truck No. 14, lo- other day. "A smoke laden room" he Twenty Fifth street died in a Third than the smokers imagine, and it inspires a spirit in those who inhale the

Down on Tobacco.

"The very fumes of burning tobac-

Give all horses or the place at least a three weeks' vacation in the

fields. The grass will be good for get all the old grain out of their systo drown himself in the North River. turn work horses into the fields.

HOW IT WAS DONE.

the heat tried to kill himself in a Van Riper Exposes the Cotton Manip ulators' Rascality.

> Makes Sensational Disclosures, and Shows How Holmes Was Un-

A dispatch from New York says L C. Van Riper, whose name was men-tioned in Secretary Wilson's report as with him, Patrolman Hagan, of the having received advance information McDougal street station, reached the on the condition of the cotton crop, almost exhausted longshoreman with made a public statement after the rope. Roth men were brought to publication of Secretary Wilson's report Saturday in which he declared that he had nothing whatever to do Not among the least of these who with plans to manipulate the governuffered intensely from the overcharg ment cotton report. He amplified atmosphere were the cats and dogs. Secretary Wilson's report and called upon the secretary to make public Mr. Van Riper's entire statement to

> "It came to my knowledge early in the year, without solicitation on my part, that plans were being laid to influence or manipulate the figures of the government reports on cotton dur-ing the summer months beginning with June. It was planned by certain interests, including parties in responsible positions in the bureau of statistics, to use influence to have Mr Hyde sent to Europe so that Mr. Homles would be acting head of the bureau of statistics, and in this position would have a free hand to furnish such reports as wanted.

> "I was also cognizent of the fact that said Holmes had previously furn ished advance information to certain brokers from time to time, but when their plans for changing or manipulatposed to me, I immediately consulted and upon his advice, listened to their stories and kept track of their plans n some cases having witnesses unnown to them, until the June re port on acreage and condition on coton came out.

"It was planned, as early as March, to use every effort they could to se cure figures that would be as bearish as possible, so as to break the price of interests could make large profits on the short side, and then load up and make an enormous scoop on the long side. It was understood that, in some cases, government agents reports would be influenced in that direction, or even ficticious reports used.

"On June 1, I was informed that I was impossible to get the condition nigher than 75 per cent. and the acreage reduction to show a decrease of less than 13 per cent., in spite of he request of a certain large market operator, the go between was going back to Washington that night to try and have the figures stretched a little further, and to my knowledge said go-between took the 12.15 train or the Baltimore and Ohio railroad for or rather the morning of June 2.

matter is far from agreeable to me, thundering along and was hurled Those who perished were Miss Gladys and I was personally assured by Secretary Wilson that in bringing this senger train. As a result of the accimatter to his attention I had done the dent five lives were 1 s; and more department a great service and that than 35 were injured. ny name would not be mentioned in any way. Now that he has seen fit due to a tampered track. Ever since to publish or to give out for publica the accident occurred the officers have tion certain letters and documents been working on the case. A week or boat, his guest John E. Greene and that were entrusted to him confiden more ago the wife of George Owens, Joseph Hannigan, the deck hand of bially, I think it only fair to ask him in a fit of jealousy, disclosed the scoret Mr. Rudd made a statement today in omitted in newspaper accounts that county jail. The warrant on have been called to my attention.

> lieve that a thorough investigation of gest, or ask, that a further statement fuses to speak and is resting safe and found by investigating the records of said bureau. As long as part of the

"My attorney and others will back me up in the statement that I had advice and in the hope of doing a great public service, followed the plan as outlined and advised by my attorney, Two deaths have resulted from the and at the proper time took such measures as I deemed right and just to the catton trade and to the agricultural department."

Shot Him Dead.

Major General Count Shouvaloff prefect of police of Moscow, Russia, and formerly attached to the ministry of the interior, was assassinated Wednesday while receiving petitions. One of the petitioners drew a revolver and fired three times at the prefect, who fell dead. The assassin was arrested. The assassin, who was dress ed as a peasant, has not been identifi ed. He was recently arrested as a

political suspect, put escaped from the police station before his examination. The assassin awaited in the ante-The bullets passed through the body of the prefect.

Twenty Killed.

At Warsaw, Poland, three bloody

encounters between troops and striking shoemakers, in which about twen- the lock-up. their feet and as a feed will help to ty persons were killed or wounded, occurred Tusday. The strikers were tem, besides giving them a good rest. marching through the city from house Probably the most dramatic inci. Horses that are worked every day to house demanding the lowering of dent furnished by the terrible heat must be given a diet of grain. On rent by 20 per cent. Many propriewave was when Albert Kaesick tried Sundays and days when not in use tors out of fear complied with the demands of the strikers.

One Hundred and Thirty Men Die in Welsh Disaster.

VERY FEW ESCAPE.

Explosion Caused by Fire Damp. Piti ful Scenes at the Mines. Heroic

> Efforts to Reach the Unfortunate Men Were General-

ly Unsuccessful.

A dispatch from Cardiff Wales, says an explosion of fire damp in No. 2 pit of the United National Colliery company at Wattstown in the Rhondda valley, the centre of the great Welsh coal fields, Wednesday morning, is be-

lieved to have resulted in the loss of at least 130 lives. The explosion was followed immediately by the belching of clouds of smoke and dust from the pit shaft, in which 150 men were working. The force of the explosion wrecked the machinery at the mouth of the pit. All communication with the doomed men in this direction is completely cut off. No. 1 shaft, adjoining, has ordinarily afforded communication with No. 2. The 800 men in No. 1

and the few who escaped from No. 2 were drawn up. A rescue party descended, but its work was seriously impeded by the foul air and the falling masses of earth dislodged by the explosion. Altogether 59 bodies have been recov-

Heroic efforts have been made for hours to reach the entombed men, but the absence of all sound from the interior of the mine told the tale of the worst disaster that has taken place in South Wales since 1894. The news of the explosion spread

rapidly and hundreds of women and children and thousands of men throngotton to a low point where certain ed the head of the pit seeking information. The mountain roadways were crowded all the afternoon, and there were streams of people in the neighborhood of the mine all contributing to the pitiful scenes. Efforts at rescue were still in prog-

ress at midnight and currents of fresh air were being driven through the shaft, but the rescuers are now working without hope of reducing the list

THE CATAWBA WRECK.

Arrest of George Owens Charged With Wrecking the Train.

The arrest of George Owens near Washington on the night of June 1, A. Horn of Union county and Mr. W. R. Newman of Chester, S. C., is ex-On the morning of June 31, said pected to result in the clearing up of go between reported that he had suc the mystery that has surrounded the eeded in arranging to have the con- catastrophe which occurred near Cadition figures given 77 or higher and tawba Junction early on the morning the acreage reduction about 112 per of September 9 h of last year, when cent., which would be construed as passenger train No. 41 of the Seaboard earlsh and enable them to break the Air Line was precipitated from a market. I received this advice before sinking bridge 30 feet to the ground G'clock on June 31 and the public below, falling with a fearful crash. knows what the figure were when an- Only a few minutes later, to add to the terrible confusion that already The notoriety attached to this prevailed, an extra freight came

headlosg upon the debris of the pas-

This double wreck was said to be which he was taken was not "From what I know of their vari- that of train wrecking, but for ous conversations and the plans that the robbery of Mr. B. A. Deaton's were laid months in advance, I be store at Stouts. All the facts have not yet been secured to connect Owens The pilot of the yacht gave one the bureau of statistics would show with the wrecking of No. 41, but the

secure behind the bars. Death Valley Tragedies.

Nine men dead and their bones bleaching on the Nevada desert. two unknown men found wandering naked raving mad from thirst and heat while trying to walk from Los Angeles to Indio, picked up by a passenger train which he stopped by standing on the track; two prospectors, themselves nearly dead from thirst, finding the skeleton of one who died on the desert a year ago. These are some of the horrors reported from the desert during the last three weeks. Will Be Raised.

After having remained buried in he sand beneath ten feet of water for five years an effort is now to be made to rescue the cargo of the schooner Minnie B. Bergen, which was wrecked near Chicomocomico, N. C. The cargo consists of 200 tons of steel rails, a locomotive and other machinery. Capt. John Whealton, of Washington, N. C., will build a wharf

sand pump remove the sand and save the cargo. The German Way.

out to the wreck, and by the use of a

The other day a Berlin miller, his room of the prefecture till the other tongue loosened in convivial company, petitioners had been received and remarked: "All is not Solomonio wist then entered the audience room. He dom that drops from the Emperor'advanced towards Count Shouvaloff lips." And now for three long and fired three shots at close range. months in the seclusion of prison the miller will have opportunity to exalt the blessing of American free speech. For, as the State says, even under the reign of the Great and Good Theodore it is possible to whisper a doubt of his divine inspiration without landing in

Hundreds Drowned.

News has been received from India of the drowning of over five hundred Chinese by the collapse of an overcrowded mat shed on the banks of the West river, near Canton.