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CLOUDS ARE PASSING

The Prospect for an Agreement on Tariff Improved.

PARTIAL AGREEMENT HAS DEVELOPED.

The Conference at Last Make Progress—The Differences in a State of Adjustment Amicable to Both Branches of Congress.

WASHINGTON, August 1.—The prospects for an agreement on the tariff are much improved. For the first time in many days the house conferees came from the meeting with the statement that previous irreconcilable differences were in process of amicable adjustment. With much satisfaction the house members stated to their associates that the senators had shown a disposition for the first time to meet the house half way. As to when a full agreement would be perfected there was some difference of opinion. One house conferee said it would probably be this week. Another thought it would be "soon." Chairman Wilson would not even admit that the understanding had gone far enough to warrant the prediction of a speedy report. He said, however, that the conferees had at least done some business and made progress, which was more than could have been said of past meetings. The senate conferees came from the meeting without showing the hopefulness of the house members. They said the conference was as far from an agreement as it had been. While there was this conflict among those thoroughly informed of the inside workings of the conference, the general belief prevailed that the hopefulness of the house conferees had some substantial foundation. One of the conferees said that while no final agreement had been made on iron, coal and sugar, yet, that sufficient had been developed in conference to show that an agreement could be reached on these three most important items, which would be acceptable to the senate and house conferees and to the house of representatives. Whether it would be acceptable to the full senate this conferee expressed some doubt. In this connection it developed yesterday that Senator Caffery, of Louisiana, who has been most active in the sugar question, had long and it is said satisfactory conferences with Speaker Crisp and Chairman Wilson. The day developed a partial agreement.

FOR ATLANTA'S EXPOSITION.

The Senate Passes the Bill Appropriating the \$300,000.

WASHINGTON, August 1.—The senate yesterday afternoon passed the sundry civil bill by paragraphs one of which carries an appropriation of \$300,000 for the International and cotton states exposition to be held at Atlanta.

The conferee report on the Indian appropriation bill was presented and adopted and a further conference ordered on the amendments that had not been agreed to by the conferees. At 1 p. m. the senate proceeded to the consideration of the sundry civil appropriation bill.

The house was two hours in a deadlock over the river and harbor bill, and it was estimated yesterday that it may either fall altogether, or its further consideration be postponed till next winter. Mr. Hatch presented the conference report on the agricultural appropriation bill, showing an agreement on all items except the senate amendment, appropriating \$1,000,000 for the extinction of the Russian thistle.

A TEST OF STRENGTH.

Proposition for Either Owens or Settle to Go Against Breckinridge Singly.

LEXINGTON, Ky., August 1.—Calls are being made here for a test of strength of both the Breckinridge opponents in the congressional race for the weaker to withdraw. A gentleman speaking on this subject says: "If Mr. Owens is as anxious to have Colonel Breckinridge defeated for congress as he acknowledged in his speech at Murr, and against the most available man to go against Colonel Breckinridge, why does he not make Mr. Settle this sort of proposition: Both candidates to appoint committees to poll the district, and when the result is ascertained the weaker is to pull off in favor of the stronger. I am anxious to see Colonel Breckinridge defeated, simply for the respect I have for the people of my district, and I would like to see the strongest man run against Colonel Breckinridge."

FORMAL TRANSFER MADE.

The East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia Passes Into the Hands of the Southern.

CHATTANOOGA, August 1.—At 13 o'clock, midnight, the East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia railway formally passes into the hands of the Southern railway. The agents of the company here and elsewhere have been busy for several days past getting affairs in shape to turn over to the purchasers. The transfer of the big property will not be noticeable here, at least for some time. The old East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia signs, the tickets and some of the stationery of the company, will be seen for many a day, while the old bettering on freight and passenger cars will for months or even years be reminders of the old company.

FRAY DAY and the Treasury Empty.

FRANKFORT, Ky., August 1.—This would be "pay day" on the state house square if it were not for the fact that the state has an empty treasury. As it is the banks will probably come to the rescue of the hard worked and poorly paid state officials by advancing money on their warrants.

They Endorse Bacon.

BARTMAN, Ga., August 1.—At the democratic convention held here yesterday, Mr. Baldy Ryals was nominated for senator for this, the fourteenth district, and A. O. Bacon was endorsed for the United States senate.

GEORGIA BAR ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Convention of the Legal Lights in Atlanta.

ATLANTA, July 31.—The Georgia state bar association meets in Atlanta tomorrow, Judge Logan E. Bleckley president.

The insolvent traders receivership act will be discussed in a symposium of half dozen papers. Honorable Francis D. Peabody, of Columbus; Hon. A. R. Lawton, Jr., of Savannah, are among the contributors to this topic. It has excited a good deal of interest, and is practically a large question in Georgia jurisprudence at this time.

All the judges in the state have been invited to contribute papers of four typewritten pages each on the judicial system, and several have accepted the secretary of their acceptance.

On legal education or the requirements for admission to the bar, Messrs. A. J. Crovatt, of Brunswick; Simon W. Hiteh, of Blackshear; John L. Hopkins and Reuben R. Arnold, of Atlanta, have agreed to contribute short papers.

One of the most interesting features of the meeting will be a series of short papers on "Woman at the Georgia Bar." There is one female lawyer in Atlanta. Every indication points to a largely attended and interesting session.

MR. WRENN'S SUCCESSOR.

Mr. Bencosoter to be Appointed as Assistant General Passenger Agent.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., July 28.—The fact that B. W. Wrenn will not be with the Southern railway as general passenger agent does not excite surprise here. He has been for years acting in that capacity for the Memphis and Charleston road, which has been a part of the East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia system, but operated as a separate property. That road is in the hands of receivers and will be sold in a few weeks. Until the sale Colonel Wrenn will be in charge of the passenger business of the western system. It was reported last night that he left for the east yesterday morning and it is taken to mean that he has been summoned to New York or Washington, and that this is preliminary to his appointment to be assistant general passenger agent. It is believed here that before long the western system will be increased in mileage by the addition of the Georgia Pacific. It is also reported that that part of the Western North Carolina road between Paint Rock and Asheville will be added to the western system.

FELL FROM THE CAR ASLEEP.

Express Messenger Tumbled Out of His Door and is Found Asleep and Unhurt.

JACKSON, Miss., July 28.—Last night three miles below here, while dozing in his chair, express messenger Edward Stevens, of Water Valley, fell from the car door. He was not missed until Canton, 25 miles above here, was reached. A message was sent here that he was missing and must have fallen from his car. A hand car was rigged up and several gentlemen started down the track hunting for him. Three miles below they found him lying within two feet of the track soundly sleeping. He awoke as soon as they touched him, and asked what was wanted. He says he has no recollection of falling and imagined himself asleep in his bed at New Orleans when the rescuing party found him. The train was running 40 miles an hour when he fell out, and that he was not killed is a miracle. Aside from a few minor bruises, he is not hurt.

WITHDRAW FROM THE UNION.

Railway Union Men Requested to Withdraw or Walk Out.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., July 28.—A sensation was sprung at noon in the Cincinnati Southern shops here. Just as the men employed in the shops were getting ready to leave for dinner they were assembled in the yards. The manager, Schrieber, in a short speech told the men that he had the names of fifteen of them who were members of the American railway union, and that he had orders from headquarters to discharge every one of them that did not at once renounce allegiance to the American railway union and give up his membership cards. He then read the names of the fifteen men, who all stepped forward and renounced the American railway union and gave up their membership cards. They were not discharged. The railway union has a small lodge here. Labor circles are very much agitated over the matter.

Roan Mountain for a National Park.

RALIGH, N. C., August 1.—The members of the North Carolina florists' association will attend a meeting of the society of American florists to present the Roan mountain park proposition. This is that the government shall purchase that mountain for a national park. There are more varieties of trees within its boundaries than there are in any equal area in the United States.

More Spanish Vessels Seized.

TAMPA, Fla., July 28.—United States revenue cutter McLane seized six more Spanish vessels off Anclote yesterday. They were engaged in smuggling. A few weeks ago the McLane seized six vessels at the same place charged with the same offenses.

Three Killed in an Explosion.

SHEENANDAH, Pa., July 31.—By the explosion of a boiler in a nest of six at Packers number 4, colliery of the Lehigh Valley coal company, last night, a man was instantly killed, and two so badly hurt that they have since died, and one seriously burned.

The Last of the Military Recalled.

CHICAGO, August 1.—Mayor Hopkins wired Governor Alged at noon yesterday asking him to recall the eight companies of the First regiment Illinois national guard. This order removes three of the six companies now at Pullman and leaves but one company on the Illinois Central tracks and that one is at East Hammond.

NO UNEASINESS FELT.

Gold Running Low and Foreign Demand Active.

WASHINGTON, July 31.—Nearly \$6,000,000 in gold left the port of New York Saturday to meet foreign demand, most of which was drawn from the government's stock of the precious metal. The gold balance has fallen to \$55,500,000, over \$10,000,000 less than it was at the time of the bond issue in February last. Treasury officials profess to feel no special uneasiness over the rapid dwindling of their stock of the yellow metal, and Secretary Carlisle is reported to have telegraphed to a New York firm of bankers who had made inquiries on the subject that there was nothing in the situation to call for a further issue of bonds to recruit the gold reserve. The fact that the available cash balance remains practically unimpaired, and the expectation that a tariff bill will soon pass both houses of congress and become a law, are sources of comfort at this time to the treasury folks. With the passage of a tariff bill, the officials confidently expect a prompt revival of trade and a corresponding increase in the customs and internal revenue receipts. With renewed commercial activity, return shipments of gold, it is thought, would promptly set in and continue until normal conditions are reached.

HOMELESS IN THE WOODS.

Five Hundred Women and Children from Phillips, Wis., Without Food and Shelter.

WEST SUPERIOR, Wis., July 31.—On the Wisconsin Central it is impossible to move trains on account of the prevalent forest fires. Phillips, the headquarters of John R. Davis lumber company, a manufacturing town of 2,000 population, is totally destroyed and only a few buildings remain standing. A dispatch received from Fifeled says that 500 women and children from Phillips are in the woods there without shelter. They sent requests for food, but the train from here was obliged to return. Communication with Fifeled is now shut off, and it is feared that the town is also on fire. Along the Omaha line fires raged with terrible fierceness. Shore's Crossing, a little village eight miles west of Ashland, was destroyed yesterday afternoon. Not a building remains standing, and the homeless families were taken to Ashland. Trains under command of Governor Peck with food and money have since gone through.

BOYS IN THE PRINTING OFFICE.

The Public Printer to Employ Apprentices in the Government Office.

WASHINGTON, August 1.—The only committee amendment to the bill providing for public printing, which met with any opposition yesterday, was the inserting of a new section authorizing the public printer to employ apprentices, not exceeding twenty-five at any time. This was opposed by Peffer in the interest of the typographical unions and was advocated by Manderson, republican of Nebraska, who characterized the rule of labor societies forbidding the employment of apprentices as a species of tyranny of the most objectionable character. Palmer, democrat of Illinois, expressed his astonishment at Peffer's standing up in the senate and opposing the provision to give twenty-five boys a chance of learning a good trade. The amendment was agreed to, the bill was passed, and a conference asked. Gorman, Ransom and Manderson being appointed conferees on the part of the senate.

KNOWN WELL IN BIRMINGHAM.

Arrest in Chicago of a Willy Crook Who Married an Alabama Society Lady.

BIRMINGHAM, July 31.—News has been received here of the arrest in Chicago of Samuel Irvin Wheatcroft, a general confidence man and crook of the blackest record. His last scheme was the formation of the Victoria Co-operative Association in which thousands of dollars were robbed from the working and poorer class of people. He is now under arrest and may be in for a long term. Wheatcroft at one time flourished in Birmingham, where he gained entrance to a highly respectable and well-to-do family, which acquaintance resulted in the wily crook winning the heart and hand of a daughter of the family who was one of the fairest of Alabama's fair ones.

ALLEN'S RELIEF MEASURE.

Bill Providing for the Distribution of Treasury Notes for the Poor in Each State.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—Mr. Allen, the populist senator from Nebraska, introduced and had referred to the committee on finance yesterday a bill having for title "for the relief of the several states of the union" and for the purpose of distribution among the states, according to population, of fifty million dollars in treasury notes to be issued for the purpose and to be used "for the relief of the worthy poor." Repayment to the government is to be secured by state bonds bearing 3 per cent. interest payable not less than 3 nor more than ten years after date.

Atlanta's Fair Swells the Amount.

WASHINGTON, August 1.—The sundry civil appropriation bill for the fiscal year 1895, aggregates \$55,061,685, being an increase of \$2,538,301 over the bill as it passed the house and \$95,583 over the estimates on which it was based. One of the principal items of this increase is \$200,000 for the government exhibit at the cotton states and International exposition at Atlanta, Georgia.

Ga. Win at Ledowicki Alive and Well.

BOSTON, August 1.—The announcement of the death of Cardinal Ledowicki was an error. The Cardinal is in Lucerne alive and well, and busy in telegraphing to his friends that he is still in the land of the living. He does not know how the report that he is dead originated.

Forty-five members of the Michigan press association left Boston yesterday for New York on their tour of the east.

WORK FINDS THE MEN

Gigantic Corporation in Direct Opposition to Pullman.

THE STRIKERS WILL BE EMPLOYED.

The Inhabitants of the "Model Town" to Vacate Their Homes and Leave the City in a Body—The Sensation Just Sprung.

CHICAGO, August 1.—If negotiations now pending are carried to a successful termination, the striking car builders at Pullman will quit the "model town" in a body and become the employees of a powerful new corporation organized for the manufacture of palace and freight cars and day coaches. For more than a week secret communications have been passing between the agent of the corporation in Chicago and the strikers' central committee. All of the offers to the men are in writing, signed by a man of wealth and prominence in the business circles of the city. The names of a number of capitalists who are connected with the enterprise are also mentioned to give the communications greater weight.

Thus far the deliberations of the central committee and their replies to the advances made by the corporation have been kept a wholly secret, but it is known that every member is heartily in favor of the change if reasonable terms can be agreed upon. As soon as the negotiations have reached a more definite basis the matter will be laid before the body of the strikers for their sanction and approval. The corporation which is making these offers means business, said a man who has had a part in the negotiations, and if a definite arrangement can be made, all of the skilled mechanics at Pullman will be hired in a body. They are thoroughly familiar with the somewhat difficult task of making cars, and they could go right at it without a moment's delay, thus saving a company thousands of dollars, which it would cost to get new men started.

The names of those back of the offers to the strikers will be made public in a week or two, but at present the members of the central committee at Pullman are silent. The agent is identical with one who filed articles with the Illinois secretary of state early last week. It has a large capitalization, and its works will be located near St. Louis. Much of the money back of the enterprise has been subscribed by English and eastern people.

GOV. RICH RE-NOMINATED.

Result of the Michigan Republican State Convention.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., August 1.—The republican state convention met here yesterday with 929 delegates in attendance and 5,000 people in the audience. Governor Rich was re-nominated on the first ballot. Wayne county gave Governor Rich four and the other 106 voted blank. This is the Detroit delegation. The vote was Governor Rich 710; Bliss 98, blank 121. Alfred Miller was nominated for Lieutenant-Governor; James M. Wilkinson for Marquette for state treasurer and Rev. Washington Gardner of Albion, for secretary of state. The blank votes of the Detroit delegation is held to mean that Mayor Pingree of Detroit will run on a ballot ticket against Governor Rich. Mayor Pingree's friends say this bolt has been determined upon.

ONE KEG OF GOLD SHORT.

Fifty Thousand of the Recent Shipment to Europe Lost or Stolen.

NEW YORK, August 1.—A dispatch received in Wall street from Paris reported the loss of a keg containing \$50,000 in gold, which was part of an amount of \$2,500,000 shipped from this city on La Touraine, July 21st. The firm shipping the gold that day were Lazard Freres, \$2,000,000 and Hiedelbach Ackerhimer and company \$500,000. According to the dispatch the gold was taken from the \$5,000,000 lot as only thirty nine kegs, each containing \$50,000, reached Paris on that consignment. The gold is suspected to have been lost or stolen between Harve and Paris. Lazard Freres discredited the story. They have no advice concerning the alleged robbery.

TO SUPPORT THE UNION.

One Hundred and Fifty-Six Candidates in the English Elections Pledged to it.

LONDON, August 1.—Lord Winchelsea presiding at a meeting of the agricultural union yesterday said that 156 parliamentary candidates in the coming general election were pledged to support the union and that 36 others partly supported the organization. This, he said, promised a strong party in the house of commons independent of ordinary party lines and caring solely for the farming interests.

MISSISSIPPI A DRY STATE.

Six Counties Left Only in Which the Sale of Whiskey is Legalized.

JACKSON, Miss., August 1.—At the local option election in this county yesterday, Jackson gave 138 majority wet. Unofficial advises from the county indicate that the dry ticket has won. The vote was light. There was a complete absence of bitterness of former local option elections. If the county has gone dry, it only leaves six counties in Mississippi where the sale of liquor is legalized.

Heavy Fire in Tampa.

TAMPA, Fla., July 28.—Fire yesterday afternoon broke out in J. H. Dorsey's woodworking establishment and destroyed thousands of feet of lumber and valuable machinery. Loss is estimated at \$100,000, insurance not known.

Execution of Dick Green.

CHARLESTON, S. C., July 28.—Dick Green was hanged at Mount Pleasant, Berkeley county yesterday for the murder of Nancy Dayton in April last, both negroes.

HORSE-WHIPPED THE MANAGER.

J. E. T. Bowden, of Mitchell-Corbett Fame, Roughly Assaulted.

JACKSONVILLE, July 28.—J. E. T. Bowden, who achieved notoriety as the manager of the Duval Athletic club which organization pulled off the Corbett-Mitchell fight here last January, was horse-whipped in an inch of his life yesterday. Bowden's assailant was one Brunson, a pullman car conductor, and the cause was an alleged insult to Mrs. Brunson. Mr. Brunson met Bowden in a saloon, covered him with a pistol and then proceeded to wear out a buggy whip on him. Bowden begged for mercy but Brunson was implacable and when he finished, Bowden was in a pitiable condition. His face was a mass of bruised and quivering flesh and his clothing was cut to shreds. Brunson is a six footer and weighs over 200 pounds. Bowden is about five feet high and weighs about 95 pounds. It is feared that further trouble will follow. Bowden denies that he insulted Mrs. Brunson.

Heavy Rains in Southwest Texas.

HOUSTON, August 1.—Dispatches from Southwest Texas report heavy rains.

WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED.

The Turners' convention is in session at Denver, Colorado.

The big Santa Fe depot at La Junta, Col., was burned last night.

Hawaii bonds sell at par now that the republic is established.

James Mulligan, of "Mulligan Letters" fame, died near Boston.

Waterman's opera house, at Waterloo, Ind., was destroyed by fire yesterday.

A gold strike at Pinos Altos promises to be the richest yet made in New Mexico.

Alcoholic drunkard Otto, fought six New York policemen before he was subdued.

F. M. Kinter has received the democratic nomination for governor of North Dakota.

A sharper has swindled United States express company offices in Wisconsin out of \$3,000.

Gov. Altgeld here issued orders withdrawing the seventh regiment, I. N. G., from Chicago.

New York defeated the Philadelphia in the second game of the ball series on the latter's grounds.

The steamer Purissima Conception, built for a Cuban firm, was launched at Philadelphia, Saturday.

Lightning instantly killed Dexter M. Willis during a severe thunder storm at Natick, Mass., last evening.

A Wisconsin central freight train bound south was wrecked yesterday near Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

Commonwealers from Seattle captured an Ohio train and held it until threatened at Alliance with a bath by hose.

The woman in jail at Marietta, Ga., charged with forgery, denies that she is the person known as Mrs. Woodward in New York.

Mayor Caldwell, George E. Cox and several other notables of Cincinnati were rescued from a sinking skiff in the Ohio river.

Thousands of very small frogs are reported to have fallen in a heavy shower of rain in Cambridgeport, Mass., yesterday afternoon.

The New York naval reserves gave a variety show for Admiral Stanton on the San Francisco during their last evening on the Sound.

The United States Consul in Bavaria reports the existence of a new compound, formalin, effective in preserving meats and fruits.

The house committee on naval affairs yesterday ordered a favorable report on the senate bill to promote the efficiency of the naval reserves.

Sig. Tanlongo, ex-governor of the Banca Romazana, and his associates, charged with extensive bank frauds in Italy, have been acquitted.

The stock yards company at Chicago increased its number of engines to twenty-eight yesterday, the greatest number since the strike began.

Merchant E. Perry, an anarchist boy 16 years old, was arrested at Fort Wayne, Ind., for threatening to blow up the biggest buildings in town.

The city of Perry, Iowa, was left in darkness last night by the explosion of the largest boiler at the electric light plant. One man was fatally injured.

John Craig shot and killed his wife, his mother-in-law, his father-in-law, his brother-in-law, and then tried to kill himself, at Los Angeles, Cal., last night.

Thieves disguised as plumbers stole all the silverware in the homes of Charles Wilkinson and W. W. Niles, lawyers, who live in Bedford Park, New York.

The insurance companies will refuse to pay the losses by the Knox fire in Washington, on the ground that the fire originated in the explosion of a gasoline motor.

Wallace Burt, the half-breed Indian, was hanged in the county jail at Doylestown, Pa., yesterday morning, for the murder of the aged Rightley Couple last September.

Gov. Flower has been asked to remove sheriff Duffy, of Westchester county, New York, for not closing "Little Monte Carlo." Free rides are now given to the place, but not from it.

A gentleman at Washington, familiar with the inside history of democratic politics, explains the reason of Mr. Gorman's attack upon and Mr. Hill's defense of Mr. Cleveland as personal antipathy and the desire of favor.

Judge McAttee, of Kingfisher, O. T., before whom the preliminary hearing of the charges of train wrecking and bridge burning against citizens of Round Pond and Enid was held yesterday, decided that he had no jurisdiction, and that the charges must be heard in the counties in which the alleged offenses occurred.

A NEW IDEA.

The Patented Arrangement of Twin Screws on an Irish Vessel.

In the steamer Torr Head, just built by Messrs. Harland & Wolff, of Belfast, Ireland, for the Ulster Steamship company, a new idea in twin-screw vessels has been incorporated. The vessel is 452 feet long, 50 feet beam and 35 feet 4 inches deep and with a gross tonnage of 6,000 has a carrying capacity of 8,500 tons. She will thus be seen to compare favorably with any save the largest of the new Atlantic freight-carriers. The boilers are four in number, two of them being double-ended, and there are two complete sets of triple-expansion engines, indicating about 2,700 horse power at 180 pounds working pressure. The screws are of manganese bronze, but their shafts are placed close together and the screws overlap, the starboard screw working in the water which has been passed by the port propeller. The stern framing is of very peculiar and original form. Instead of the customary continuation of the line of the keel to the sternpost inclosing the opening in which the propellers work the after body is fined down, the framing brought above the line of the shafts, leaving the propeller clear water in which to work. Aft of the screws an overhanging stern frame carries the rudder post, which is hung in the usual manner. This arrangement is patented, and the Torr Head is the first vessel to which it has been applied. The steamer has four steel pole masts stayed on a novel plan. Masts in cargo steamers are used for little else than to support derrick booms to operate at the cargo hatches and in the Torr Head there is no effort at disguising the fact that this is the only service that will be expected of them. They are all stopped without any rake aft and have no stays to interfere with the swing of the booms when loading or unloading.

WRECK OF THE SUSAN E. PECK.

All Caused by the Artificial Limb of the Pilot.

Have you a wooden leg? Have you a make-believe arm? Have you nerves of steel? Do you take iron tonics? These are some of the personal interrogatories that will confront the future applicant for a license to act as a pilot of steam vessels. When the government inspectors sit to receive applicants for licenses they will fire these questions off. If the surprised applicant pleads guilty to any of the counts he must subject his artificiality to the scrutiny of the members of the board. This all comes through the discovery that a ship's compass needle takes queer turns and cuts up unaccountable shins sometimes. The Philadelphia board of underwriters had the danger called forcibly to them by the loss of the schooner Susan E. Peck, which went ashore at Bar Point, Lake Erie, in September last, entailing a loss of twenty thousand dollars, which the insurance companies had to pay. This disaster, it is claimed, was directly traced to the slight deviations of the compass due to the steel in her pilot's artificial leg. The matter was called to the attention of the treasury department, which will shortly issue a circular to the inspectors of hulls and boilers, who constitute the local board of examiners, as to the course to pursue when limberless applicants for pilots' certificates come forward. The proper protection of the ship's compass must be perfected at all hazards.

Count Tolstoi.

Count Tolstoi is thus described by his latest visitor, who found him at his home: "After passing down long corridors, which are like so many encroachments around Tolstoi's study, I at last stood before this remarkable man. I saw him just as the celebrated picture shows him—in his full peasant's smock, a belt round his waist, with the white board, the melancholy, deep-set eyes, the coarse gray hair, the thoughtful, wrinkled brows, the strong hands accustomed to work, which during his conversation he keeps passing through his belt, and the whole touching earnestness which surrounds the man. Count Leo Tolstoi makes the impression of a figure out of the Bible."

The Republicans of Virginia.

PETERSBURG, Va., August 1.—The republicans of the fourth district held a convention at Burkeville yesterday and nominated R. T. Thorpe, of Mecklenburg county for congressman. This is contrary to the plan of Mahone who opposed making a nomination. The fourth is the district in which he lives.

Southern Show to Liverpool.

ESTILL SPRINGS, Tenn., June 26.—The Noel Mill Company of this place, has just closed contracts for 17,000 bags (equal to 2,000 barrels) of flour, to go Liverpool, England, via Port Royal, S. C., on a steamer sailing during the first half of July.

BANK OF ENGLAND ODDITIES.

Curiosities Which Include a Note for \$5,000,000.

Among the curiosities which are occasionally shown to favored visitors are some specimens of ancient notes, a number of them of denominations no longer in vogue, such as £1, £15 and £25. There is also carefully preserved the oldest surviving note, one of the year 1639, the amount being written with ink, says the Pall Mall Budget. Another curiosity is a note for £1,000,000, which was required for some transaction between the bank and the government, but in this case, too, the amount is written with the pen. The longest time during which a note has remained outside the bank is 111 years. It was for £25; and it is computed that the compound interest during that long period amounted to no less than £6,000.

There is quite a labyrinth of vaults where the disused notes are stored until they have reached the necessary maturity of five years. They are estimated to weigh 91 tons, and number about 77,745,000, filling 13,400 boxes, and were of the original value of £1,750,626,600. The Bank of England note is a legal tender for any amount in excess of its face value, but not for less. Thus, a person might refuse to take a £5 note in payment of a debt of £4 19s. 6d., though, as a matter of fact, nobody would be so foolish as to do so. It must be remembered that bank notes are only legal tender as between members of the public, so long as the bank pays in gold on demand. If such an unlikely thing were to happen as the bank being unable to redeem its promises to pay, then its notes would cease to be legal tender. Even as it is, their legal tender quality does not extend to Ireland or Scotland.

WASHINGTON ETIQUETTE.

The Interchange of Courtesies Between Ministers and Senators.

The wife of a new senator once told me, says a writer in Kate Field's Washington, that she was determined to make no social mistakes, so—wise woman that she was—she asked Senator Edmunds, whom she knew was thoroughly conversant with every detail of official etiquette, by reason of his long career in the senate, if it was not incumbent upon her to make her first visit to the wives of foreign ministers. He replied: "Certainly not, madam; a senator never makes the first visit upon a foreign minister."

So, thanks to her good sense in consulting an old senator, this lady did not make the mistake that a few less wise senators' wives have done of making first visits when etiquette required that they should receive them. Of course, as the senate has increased in size the last few years, it can hardly be expected that foreign ministers should call upon all new senators, but they ought to upon the old ones, and to know their charming wife of one of the diplomats has adopted a very wise rule, as she remarked to a senator's wife to whom she had just been presented: "I know it is my place to call upon senators' wives, but I