## COTTON MILLS TO SHUT DOWN. FATAL FIRE IN NORTH CAROLINA. GEN. MILES SPEAKS OUT AGAIN.

#### SOUTHERN COTTON SPINNERS' ASSOCIATION RECOMMEND 4 DAYS' RUN A WEEK.

Charlotte, N. C., May 15.—The Southern Cotton Spinners today decided to change the name to the American Manufacturers' association. The following officers were elected:

W. C. Heath, Monroe, N. C., president; Thomas M. Swift, Elberton, Ga., vice president, and Clarence B. Bryant, Charlotte, secretary and treasurer.

The following report of a special continue so long as present artificial was several hours before their parti ly consumed bodies were recovered. the raw material, and these conditions are so serious that action by the Southern Cotton Spinners' association is deemed imperative and your committee, to whom this subject has been referred, would recommend that the whole influence of the association be used to first, bring about the entire cessation of night work; second, operation of mills not over four days per week; third, these recommenda-

let to 15th, 1903. that by a proper effort the cooperation of the majority of the mills in the southern States can be secured, and believe that appeals should be also sent out to banks as well as commission houses to use their influence in the same direction. If favorable action is taken by the convention your committee recommend that the American consul at Manchester be cabled to communicate these actions to Liverpool and Manchester exchanges."

Two notable addresses were delivered today, one by H. J. Webber of the plant breeding laboratory of the United States department of agricul-ture, and one by E. W. Thomas former president of the New England Cotton Manufacturers' association.

hybrids, and as a result of his con-

the near future."

manufacturing centre of the world, there are many things that should secure our attention:

"Our prompt, persistent and enerretic efforts to open up new avenues for foreign trade with other countries. countries where samples of products of this country may be exhibited. "Having our consulate service par-

take more of a commercial nature. "There is also much for us to do in the sanitary, educational and religious work people, and it is a pleasure for me to testify as to the willingness of the northern employer generally to furnish all these advantages."

## The Tragedy of Russia.

Later reports sustain the early accounts of the massacre of Jews at Kishineff, in southern Russia, and the affair will be recorded as one of the blackest incidents in history. blackest chapter in the history of Richmond Times. Christianity is the cruelty of so-called Christians to the race of Jesus Christ. The worst medieval persecutions are equalled or exceeded by this Kishineff massacre. Murder and mutilatin, robbery, outrage, exile; these are the penalties of the crime of being a Jew in southern Russia." The persecution of the race Georgia, and for nearly five years from which the Christ came is one of president of the State Normal School, or present. It has been done in all Sharpes, Fla. He was 63 years of age. subsequent ages and in all countries by the professed followers of Him who taught that vengeance is the Lord's. This latest outburst of cruelty

against the Jews has occurred in the realms of that ruler who has sought to establish a permanent peace among the Christian nations of the world. No other two things could be as wide killed here in his room by a mob apart as the professions upon which Thursday morning. The men to whom the czar called the peace conference at The Hague and the atrocities in his \$1,200 each, are: S. J. Walls, W. P. own country. Personally the emperor Croom, Lawrence Morgan, John Pitt-of Russia, perhaps, should not be held man, T. J. Bass. responsible for the contradiction between the fanatical deeds of his case will be asked for by the bar. ignorant subjects and his own philanthropic desires, yet the divergence does demonstrate how far from being charged Policeman Snakenburg for truly Christianized the world is to-

able to influence nations and to determine national destinies, and yet these investigation. There was no attempt connection with the Democratic nomi- moral instinct of humanity. The barbarous perescutions occur in last night to release the prisoners, nation for president he declared to be Christian nations of the world should "an insult to the party."

Russia's domains and the people of this as the military was on daty. distant republic are being asked to succor the suffering and the helpless in Kisbineff! Would that the czar might convert his own people! Bound down with traditions and customs, guarded and gagged by an unyielding bureaueracy, himself physically and mentally practically helpless.

And so Russia stands out today a tragedy in the book of nations. A ton, in the management of which, it is ruler wise, good and strong at once is understood Mr. Richard B. Smyth, what she needs to lead her on to a late of this city and now of Summer-

A Missouri court has decided that & Courier, 19th. a pastor can not recover arrears of salmust depend on the good consciences per 10c. per roll. H. G. Osteen & tor Tiliman's request under considera- law has now placed them will be a hear from your Uncle Grever for sever- stocks of local dealers? Patroinze home of the members of his flock.

Asheville, N. C., May 15.—In a fire of mysterious origin, which broke out last night in a large house at Waynesvville, N. C., owned by State Attorney General Gillmer and occupied by C. J. Galbeath, who runs a boarding house, F. W. Payne, a telegraph operator, formerly connected with the Postal Company at Richmond, and a negro woman and her daughter, servants of the house, were burned to death. Someone passing the house at midnight discovered the fire and gave the alarm. Galbeath and four others were aroused and struggled through suffocating smoke to a place of safety. Efforts were made to save the three people still in the blazing building, but the heat drove the rescuers back, committee was unanimously adopted: but the heat drove the rescuers back, and the attempts had to be abandoned. using American short staple cotton is It is believed that the three victims of facing conditions that are likely to the fire were overcome by smoke. It was several hours before their partial-

### A Plea for the Children.

During the late session of the National Conference of Charities and Corrections in Atlanta, one of the speakers from Georgia made an address on "Child Labor," in the course of which he said:

"We are suffering in Georgia more from idleness than we are from ignortions to take effect not later than June ance. We want a gospel of work rather Your committee are of opinion than the substitution or promise of mitted by the soldiers unless they were anything else as the means of improvement or advancement. Our children cers, who were responsible. Soldiers should all be educated at public ex- have withheld fire when ordered to pense up to the point contemplated by shoot prisoners, protested against acts our State Constitution. If they need of cruelty and written to relatives at anything beyond this they should be home urging them to take action to encouraged to procure it by their own put a stop to these crimes. It will efforts. In this first struggle they ever be one of the glories of the army on the contrary they are taught reliance | American soldier. The officers who substitution of State guardiansip for Maccabebes, do not by any means that of the family, except in comparatively few cases, they will not only there must be a very unmistakable fail, but if over educated, while the line drawn between the great body of necessary grounding in principle at honorable and faithful officers and the fireside is neglected, as a rule, Mr. Webber spoke at some length on order of things evolved from the world's experience."

clusions said:

"While the experiments thus far have not been altogether satisfactory, zealously guard. The Times-Dispatch yet, in general, the idications are is in favor of the public school system, that we may expect to be able to and it has done what it could to progrow a perfectly satisfactory mote the case of public education, but we have never neglected to point out also expect that the growing of long staple upland cottons will become the children of the Commonwealth at much more extensive and general in system is socialistic, and all forms of Mr. Thomas spoke upon "the ad- socialism in any republican governwantage of diversifying manufactures ment are dangerus. We do not regard in the south." He said he did not the public school system as the system regard it as in any way incredible of general education. It would be far that in the future, with raw material better if the children could be in-at its very dears, the south may be structed in private schools. But as develop an epidem that is impracticable, as many parents are not able to pay tuition, and as public ignorance is public danger, it negroes by any "To make this section the great is necessary for the government to come to the rescue and educate the children of the rising generation at

But care should be taken, as pointed out by this sensible Georgia speaker, "Establishment of centres in foreign to save the children from dependence upon the State government. Self-reliance is the great lesson of life, and it is the lesson of paramount importance to be taught the children of the United States. If our children are taught in the public school to look to measures, which must be given our the government for support, if they are taught to despise parental authority, if they are brought up as mere wards of the nation or of the State, it will not be long before we shall have a nation of serfs with autocrats to rule over them, and the last vestige of American Demcracy will have disappeared.

that can be done.

God save the children of the State from vassalage! Better a nation of ignorant Democrats with the independence and manhood for which we as a people are proverbial, than a nation The New York Sun well says: "The of educated pulings and dependents .-

## Capt. S. D. Bradwell Dead.

Atlanta, Ga, May 15.-Information was received here today of the death of Capt. S. D. Bradwell, who was for four years State school commissioner of the anomalies of history, whether pats at Athens. Capt. Bradwell died at

## White Caps Granted Bail.

today granted to five of the men in-dicted for the murder of T. Percy Work on the Jones, the Arkansas insurance man bail has been granted in the sum of new year. - News and Courier.

A special term of court to try the In connection with the murder the board of aldermen of Wilson today disgross neglect of duty, suspended Frank Felton for ten days and de-

The citizens insist on a thorough

## Summerton's New Bank.

The Hon. J. Adger Smyth, Col. C. S. Gadsden and Mrs. Henry P. Williams, of Charleston, are at Summerweak though of good impulses, he is ton, Clarendon County, S. C., toady for the purpose of assiting in the organization of the Bank of Summer-

Among other items vetoed was one to A commission has been issued for to assign a commandant exclusively them at the late term of the federal Thus it was that the British crown That has preserve the battle ground of San the bank and it is expected it will en- to the Charleston navy yard instead court. These men, it will be recalled, was passed to the House of Brunswick but it also has a lesson. Shoes at least Jacinto, where the Texas army won ter the lists of finance with an of having that officer share his time were convicted upon the charge of by the Act of Settlement in 1701. four years old were sent to fill an order the Republic by capturing Santa Ana. authorized capital of \$25,000 and trans- between there and Port Royal. Char- robbing the posterice at Greers. The Otherwise the Saoys would now be the from the south. The New York es-

## 'Idle to Assume That Campaigning Has Conditions That War-

rant Resort to Mediaeval

Cruelty."

the instructions addressed to him as

and supplies of the army."

In referring to his official report on the Philippines Gen. Miles says that "no one can have a more sacred regard for the honor of the army than

Coming to the subject of cruelties in the Philippines Gen. Miles's letter reads as follows:

"It is idle to assume that campaigning in the Philippines has conditions that warrant resort to mediaeval cruelty and a departure from the honorable method of conducting warfare,

and that such departures as have exist-

ed should be overlooked and condoned. "It is most gratifying that the serious offences have not been comunder the directions of certain offiwill learn self-reliance, the first that such deeds committed by whatprinciple in every successful career. If ever authority are abhorrent to the upon pubile or private charity, and the are responsible, sing chiefly cruel constitute the American army, and brave soldiers, whose records have they will fall out with the established | been commendable, and those, of whatever station, whose acts have recieved and should receive the earnest condemnation of all honorable men."

### THE SMALL POX SITUATION.

Dr. P. B. Bacot has recently returned from the Piedmont section, where he has been in charge of the small pox situation. He says that the plague has been put under control, but that so little attention is being a horror as we are informed took place paid to it by local authorities that it is likely to break out again at any time.

negroes by any means nor to the for two days. The unfortunate victims eral on the farms. In some sections it the officials in charge, the soldiers, the public expense. It is the best has been very serious, notably in the priests and police were in evident consea island country, where the death nivance with the meb. By a police exceeded. reords have been over twenty per edict two days before the outbreak cent in some localities.

Dr. Bacot thinks that the prudent that they are resting quietly in a sense the cutrage went on. Men, women and of their own security and letting the children were handled without the thoroughly reliable character, received less prudent take their chances. It is least token of humanity. Women were now almost impossible to enforce vac-

There are still a number of cases through many sections of the state, but | dead were trampled under the feet of if they were properly cared for by the local authorities the disease might be mutlated with hatchets and sharp stamped out, but there is little hope stones, their heads cut off and carried of their doing their duty fully in the matter.—Florence Times.

Statisfied hope on poles. The police and the soldiery stood by and lifted no finger to save. matter. - Florence Times.

## Double Its Stock.

It will be interesting to the Charleston stockholders in the Hartsville Cotton Mill to learn that the capacity of that factory is to be doubled. The stockholders met at Hartsville, May 14, to consider a proposition to increase their capital stock from \$250, 000 to \$500,000, and acted favorably upon it. The present mill has 12,000 The old and throughly disproved accuspindles and 300 looms, making fine sation that the Jews had killed a print cloth. It has been in operation less than six months and is already earning money. When extended and enlarged the mill will have installed 35,000 spindles and the complement of ly abhorrent to Jewish sentiment and looms and other machinery. Mr. C. C. Twitty is president and treasurer of the company. Mr. John W. Ferguson, Wilson, N. C., May 16.—Bail was John M. Moore, of Spartanburg, is

Work on the extension of the mill will begin at once and will be pushed the Chinese, it pleaded that it was the to completion. It is expected that it necessity of warfare. The plea was

## Senator Tiliman Pitchforks Cleve-

land.

Washington, May 18.—Senator Till- Government can stay these outrages if man paid a flying visit to Washington it wishes to do so. That it does not is today, leaving for the south tonight. evidence that it does not wish to. It He found time to attend to a number stands convicted of a most horrible Russia is rich and powerful, a potent prived of his official functions Peter of departmental matters and to give outrage upon humanity, and it should an interview excoriating ex-President be made to know and feel how it has Grover Cleveland, whose mention in violated every sentiment and every

"What sort of curs do they take us sure, their horror at its conduct. for," he said, "to ask us to vote for They hold the unspeakable Turk in such a man as Cleveland? You can't check. The Turk is an inoffensive change Democrats that way. You might lamb compared to the Russian Bear. as well talk about nominating a Re- Time: Dispatch. publican as the head of the Democratic ticket. There has been some inclination in South Carolina to look upon Judge Parker as an available man, a man who will prove acceptable to different factions in the party."

Speaking of local matters, Senator Greenville, May 16.—United States Tillman declared Gov. Heyward was Marshall J. D. Adams and Deputy making the "blind tigers" squeal by Marshals J. W. Gray and C. A. Car-

## PANAMA AND SUEZ.

### Consideration of the Effect One Canal Will Have on the Other.

Washington, May 13.—The possible effect of the construction of the Panama canal on the business of the New York, May 15.—The Army and Snez canal is referred to in a report Navy Journal will print tomorrow a to the Department of State by Mr. letter from Gen. Nelson A. Miles, in Ravenel, United States consul at which the writer says that he went to Beirut, on the Suez canal. "The the Philippine Islands not as a tourist, traffic passing through the Suez but in an official capacity and that | canal," says Consul Ravenel, "has up to the prescent time been constantly lieutenant general "commanding the increasing. Whether the canal will army," came from the highest however, continue to receive a grow-authority, namely, the President, in ing share of the tonnage of the carrying share of the tonnage of the carrywhich he was directed to give especial ing trade to the Orient is a proposi-attention to the instruction, discipline tion affected no less by the Canadian, American and Panama routes than by the Bagdad, trans-Caucasian and trans-Siberian railway schemes. It is believed that the Suez canal interests, while naturally concerned about the competition which is springing up in all directions, regard the situation without serious misgivings. "Even if the main path to the Orient

shall be found to lie across America, the canal has the Persian gulf, India, West Australia and the east coast of Africa from Beira (the port of Rhodesia) to Saukin, in the Red sea, to guarantee its future trade. To supply the growing needs of these and otner east African prts, including Djibuoti, Mmobasa, Zanzibar, Dares-Salaam, etc., the German and Ausrtian Lloyds are increasing their fleets, and Mr. Chamberlain, in a speech at Mombasa, recently announced the speedy inauguration of another direct line of steamers subsidized by the British government. To facilitate rapid transit, the canal has quite recently been supplied with four new light houses. In considering the chances of the Suez canal route, one must not fail to attach due importance to the work of development now being performed in Africa."

## Sold 1,500 Bales at 12 Gents.

mill man, who was here today attend- | year. ing the meeting of the Cotton Spinners' Association, sold 1,500 bales of cotton to a New Orleans firm. He got 12 cents a pound for the cotton. He furnished the 1,500 bales out of the stock which he holds in his ware house.

#### The Russian Horror.

the Jews were relieved of all weapons. The Governor shut himself up in his people have mostly been vacinated and palace and refusd to see any one while outraged, infants had their heads dashed to pieces on the stones of the pavethe mob into shapeless masses, were At least, such is the report by eyewitnesses. The Russian Government at over, declaring nothing had been done, even misleading the United States ambassador, the Hon. R. S. McCormick, to cabling that no demonstration had taken place. But the facts leaked out, and the Minister of the Interior gives out now the official statement that forty-five persons had been killed, 424 wounded and 1,300 homes and shops looted and wreeked.

And what was the cause of it all? Christian child for the use of its blood in the Passover service. This assertion has never had a scintilla of evidence in its favor. It is a thought thoroughdisposition. It has been disproved every time it has been raised, and none but the ignorant Russian peasantry, under the leadership of their

crafty priesthood, could entertain it. When, during the Chinese War, Russia engaged in a wholesale massacre of will be done by the beginning of the new year.—News and Courie:

arrant hypocrisy. It is proven by the present instance. Russia has no humanity when it seeks to advance its interests. "Scratch a Russian and you have a Cossack," said Napoleon, and he was right. Russian civilization is the thinnest kind of a veneer covering a most brutal savagery. The Russian Government can stay these outrages if

# Atlanta.

great destiny.—State.

Austtin, Texas, May 15.—Governor Lanham today published his veto of various items in the general approment to ask Acting Secretary Darling of five years, imposed upon each of Protestant, and was so debarred. Island lady shopped four years ago. act a general banking business.—News lesterians, it seems, have been much motion for a new trial was made, but royal family. worked up about the talk of Port Roy- refused and the evidence brought out al being retained as a naval station, upon their trial seems to indicate No good fishermen talks while watch- and "hold-over" goods. Wouldn't it

## HESTER'S COTTON STATEMENT.

## The Amount Brought Into Sight Buring the Past Week Has Been 73,728 Bales.

New Orleans, May 15.—Secretary Hester's weekly cotton statement, issued today, shows for the 15 days of May an increase over last year of 36,-000, and an increase over the same period year before last 16,000.

For the 257 days ago the season that have elapsed the aggregate is ahead of the same days last year 294,000, and ahead of the same time year before last

The amount brought into sight during the past week has been 73,728, against 62,128 for the same seven days lasty ear, and 81,263 year before last.

The movement since Sept. 1 shows receipts at all United States ports to be 7,502,371, against 7,327,850 last year; overland across the Mississippi, Ohio and Potomac rivers to northern mills and Canada 1,029,636, against 1,062,221 last year; interior stocks in excess of those held at the close of the commercial; year 43,045, against 72,044 last year, and southern mill takings 1,619,500, against 1,438,859 last year.

The total movement since Sept. 1 is 10,191,552, against 9,900,974 last year, and 9,523,966 year before last. Foreign exports for the week have

been 66,203, against 66,173 last year, making the totals thus far for the season 6,372,189, against 6,070,486 last

The total takings of American mills, north and south and Canada thus far for the season have been 3,636,925, against 3,459,925 last year. Stocks at the seaboard and the 29

leadings southern interior centres have decreased during the week 35,953, against a decrease during the corresponding period last season of 54,209. Including stocks left over at ports and the number of bales brought into Sold 1,000 Bales at 12 Gents.

sight thus far for the new crop the supply to date is 10,409,626, against absent from his post of duty for some time, is now returning to Pekin. His

#### Puerto Ricans Abandoning Tobacco for Sea Island Cotton.

San Juan, P. R., May 18.-The weather bureau's crop bulletins announce that all over the island of Puerto Rico sea island cotton is being It seems almost incredible that at | planted as rapidly; as seed can be obthis period in the world's history tained and that in many instances the there could have been perpetrated such planters are abandoning tobacco for a horror as we are informed took place cotton. The movement is especially recently in Kischineff, the chief city strong in all well known tobacco disof Bessarabia, a governmental province tricts of Cayey and Cazuas. All the He has been in the section around of Russia. Last month the celebration cotton tests have proved promising Clemson College, which threatened to of Easter was made the occasion of a while the low prices for ordinary todevelop an epidemic, but that danger ferocious assault upon the Jews by has been averted.

The disease has not been confined to violence and rioting lasted unchecked servers, including cotton men from the last confined to violence and rioting lasted unchecked servers, including cotton men from the last confined to violence and rioting lasted unchecked servers, including cotton men from the last confined to violence and rioting lasted unchecked servers, including cotton men from the last confined to violence and rioting lasted unchecked servers, including cotton men from the last confined to violence and rioting lasted unchecked servers, including cotton men from the last confined to violence and rioting las southern States of America, are prefactory peple. It has been very gen- we e given no means of defense, and dicting here that in a few years the figures of the former cotton trades of had lived in seclusion. Captured Paerto Rico will be reached, if not correspondence of the Risal Province

## The Civil War in Venezuela.

in Washington under date of May 1, show that the Venezuelan revolutionists are not only holding their own, ments, the bodies of the wounded and but are making considerable head-

> The advices say: "The districts of Coro Barquisemento, Tucacas, on the west side, Ciuda Bolivar, on the Orinoco, and its surrounding country are still in the power of revolutionists.

"Within sixty miles of La Guayra, The Hartsville Cotton Mill to first attempted to smooth the matter in the Rio Chico district, the revolutionists are holding forth and, although the Government a few weeks ago sent an expendition there to drive them out, they succeeded only in making them retreat, and within a few days they were again back there. A battle took place in which the Governmet lost over a thousand me, and about three hundred wounded were brought back to La Guayra after a two days' fight."

> Briefly, the scheme is this; to force Mr. Cleveland' nomination by the arts of the blackmailing Mugwump and the Money of the Syndicate; and, having him nominated, to buy New York, New Jersey and Connecticut, and the one additional vote necessary to elect, relying upon the Solid South, reduced to a choice between Cleveland and Rooseveit That is all. And it is great because it is so simple. If it works, so much gain. If it appears faulty, as the final trial approaches, Mr. Cleveland has only to draw out, as he did from the scouts. Gold Bug Indianapolis Convention, declaring that no one was authorized to put him in nomination. But, in the meantime, though Mr. Bryan speculate and Mr. Vilas deny, Mr. Cleveland cannot be induced to utter the decisive word which would at once stop the chatter.

The milk in the Cleveland cocoanut is Pierpont Morgan and when Pierpont Morgan puts his hand to a job, be it a Railway Merger, a Ship Combine or a Presidential boom, it were well that prudent men take note of it. At least none such will make light of it .-Courier-Journal.

When King Edward went to Italy he met according to "The London institutions. We presume this means Chronicle," a King who is more of a Atlanta, Chattanooga, or Birmingham. Stuart than himself. Both are descended from James I, but the King of Italy is also, through his mother, eleventh in descent from Charles J. Postoffice Robbers Carried to Instrict right, Victoria Emmanuel has more claim to the British crown than other things she purchased shoes, after his royal guest, who wears it. But for trying on several pair. On her return their Catholic religion, the Savoys would have been installed to rule over mile railroad ticket which she had England, and not the Brunswicks, put in her stocking, was made. Last when the Stuarts were evicted. After week she received from Mr. James

Just received a large lot of crepe pa- Acting Secretary Darling has Sena- that the restraint under which the ing the cork. The country will not be better to purchase from fresh

## MANCHURIAN MATTER

IS STILL UNSETTLED.

#### Russia Has Been Trying to Crowd Out American Cotton Trade.

Pekin, May 18.—In reply to further representations of the United States and Japanese ministers, China has again pointed out the impossibility of including in the commercial treaties the opening to trade of Manchurian ports on account of Russian opposi-

The American minister proposes that China open Mukden, Harbin and a small port at the mouth of the Yalu

C. C. Baldwin of New York, a representative of the southern cotton mills, who has investigated the trade conditions in Manchuria, reports that the American cotton trade was increasing enormously until recently, when Russians began to exert pressure upon the Chinese, amounting to coercion, for second orders for Russian firms amounting to 800,000 bales of goods, which otherwise would have gone to America.

Mr. Baldwin says the foriegn firms complain bitterly of the difficulty of ocnducting business under the Russian administration and he believes that unless Russian absorption of Manchuria is checked the United States will be deprived of a most promising market for cottons within a few years.

#### AMERICAS' COURSE.

Washington, May 18.—The state department has been made fully aware of the obstacles which the Shanghai treaty commissioners are meeting with the Chinese in the effort to include in the commercial treaties the opening to trade of Manchurian towns. The Chinese, as stated in the Pekin dispatch, point out the impossibility of this on account of Russian opposition. The accuracy of this statement, howand interior towns from the last crop ever, is denied by the Russians themselves. M. Paul de Lessar, the Rusarrival is awaited with some interest for it is expected that he will be able to speak authoritatively on the subject of Russia's position and thus clarify the situation considerably. Meanwhile the United States, anxious to secure additional port facilities for American trade interests in Manchuria, will continue to exert its efforts to bring about that result.

## MABINI DIES OF CHOLERA.

## A Filipino Patriot Gone to His Rest.

Manila, May 14.-Mabini, the formthe disease on Tuesday night.

Since his return from Guam Mabini insurgents showed he has been in communication with them, but the letters were not of a seditious nature...

The Filipinos and Americans generally regret the death of Mabini, but there will be no demonstration at his buriai, on account of the nature of his

#### A French Senator Proposes Decorations for Mothers of Families.

Paris, May 18.—Senator Piot has written to Premier Combes proposing that the government accord decorations to mothers of families. The senator says the depopulation of France is a serious menace and urges that mothers of large families are entitled to equal consideration with firemen, gymnasts and others who have been decorated. M. Piot expects to propose in parliament the creation of a mother's decoration, consisting of a ribbon and a cross.

## Disaster at a Bull Fight.

London, May 18.—A special dispatch from Madrid announces that during a bull fight yesterday at Algecieres the amphitheatre collapsed and twelve persons were killed and fifty injured. Several women and children were gored by the bulls.

Manilla, May 18 .- A hurricane devastated Santa Maria, Bullican, Luzon, on Saturday. Earth shocks were felt and during the progress of the storm the great stone barracks collapsed, killing one and injuring seven native

Chicago, May 15.-Two lives were lost in a fire that destroyed the Westchester apartment building, at 5,017 Cottage Grove avenue, early today. One man is missing and is supposed to have perished in the flames while two persons were probably fatally and others seriously injured by jumping from the windows.

North Alabama Presbytery overtures the Synod of Alabama, to use its influence, as the only synod which owrs an interest in both the Southwestern Presbyterian University and Columbia Seminary, for a consolidation of the two institutions at a point more central to the synods which control these -Southern Presbyterian.

Just four years ago Mrs. Oscar Balschen of Babylon, Long Island, visited New York to shop. Among "raral" population their shopworn