DEATH OF GENERAL LONGSTREET.

Succumbs to Acute Pneumonia at the Age of Eighty-Four.

The Noted Leader of the Confederacy Had Been in Fair Health Until Wednesday Last.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 2.-Gea. Longstreet, soldier, statesman and diplomat and the last lieutenant general of the Confederate army with the exception of Gen. Gordon, died in Gainesville, Ga., this afternoon at 6 o'clock from an attack of acute pneumonia. He had been ill two days.

Gen. Longstreet was a sufferer from cancer of the eye, but his general health had been good until Wednesday, when he was siezed with a sudden cold, developing later into pneumonia of violent nature. He was 84 years old. He is survived by his wife, four sons and a daughter. He will be buried in Gainesville, which has been his home since the Civil war.

A NATIVE SOUTH CAROLINIAN. NO FORMAL DECLARATION OF Gen. James Longstreet was born in Edgefield district, S. C., Jan. 8, 1821. He was appointed to the military academy from Alabama, where he graduated in 1842. He won his spurs in the Mexican war, where he participated in eight important battles and was brevetted captain and major for gallant conduct.

When the Civil war began he enlisted on the Confederate side and was immediately made brigadier general. He had an important part in many of the battles of the war and was known as one of the hardest fighters in the service. He was in the surrender at Appemattox.

After the war he took up his residence in New Orleans and established a commercial house of which he was the head. He was appointed surveyor of the port of New Orleans by President Grant, and was afterwards super-visor of internal revinue in New Gricans and postmuser in that city. He was sent as United Staces minister te Turkey by President Hayes, and under President Garfield was United States marshal for the district of Georgia. Some years ago he was appointed United States commissioner of reflected with headqurters at Washington, which position he held till the time of his death.

ANNUAL BALL DYNAMITED.

Synamite Expleded in a Hall Where Five Hundred People Were Dancing.

of Joseph Galaida and more or less that the throne has issued secret orders seriously injured thirty persons at to Chinese troops to assist the Japan-Keasby, four miles from here today, ese. while the St. John's Benevolent Society was celebrating its anniversary by a dance. There were about five BURG. hundred in the ball, and one of the two exits was closed by the wreckage. The people became panic stricken and fought to get out, many being trampled on and seriously injured.

It is believed that some one with a grievance against Galaida or the society, used dynamite. The walls of the building were blown apart and it may collapse at any time.

STABLES BURNED IN MANNING.

Tetal Loss About Ten Thousand **Dollars.**

Manning, Jan. 3.—Manning has again witnessed another disastrous fire, which began today about 11 o'clock in the large livery, sale and feed stables of Thomas & Bradham.

It broke out in the upper part of the stables, which was well filled with hay and grain, and it spread rapidly throughout the building and its annexes. The stables had been locked only a short time before the fire was discovered and it was with difficulty that an entrance could be effected. About seven of the best livery horses About seven of the best livery horses were burned to death, including a fine stallion, valued at several hundred dollars, and about seventeen hogs, several carteads of grain and hay and nearly 150 wagons. The safe proved defective and the contents were badly damaged. The loss will probably foot up \$10,000, with about \$5,000 or \$6,000 increases.

BAILROAD ACCIDENT IN MARYLAND.

Two Dead and Thirty More or Less Seriously Injured.

Baltimore, Md., Jan. 3.—A broken rail caused the derailment of three on the estern Maryland railroad to-day, causing the death of two persons and the serious injury of a number of other passengers and trainmen, the number of injured being placed at 30. The ladies' coach, which was the last of the train, rolled over and down the cars of an eastbound passenger train of the train, rolled over and down the mountain side a distance of 80 feet and landed botton upward. The acci-dent occurred near Blue Mountain House station, 15 miles east of Hagers-

Katherine Sener, 8 years old, daughter of a Baltimore newspaper man, died i mthenof sra the conductor after being taken from the wrecked communication is already complete: car. An unknown woman was so wedged in the wreckage that her dead body is unrecognizable. It is thought that she was Mrs. E. M. Roy or Foy of Philadelphia. Mrs. Sener, mother of the dead child, is seriously, and it is feared fatally injured. Her son, 6 is convinced by the latter's sincere conciliatory attitude that the Ressian years old, was also seriously injured.

None of the other persons are believed to have sustained serious injuries.

Gen. Wood Wins in Committee.

Warren, Foraker, Quarles, Alger, Cockrell and Pettus; the negatives, Scott and Blackburn. Senator Proctor tain peace. Bate were absent.

WAR TALK IN ORIENT.

In Japan it is Believed That War Cannot be Averted.

Russian Officials Claim to Think That a Settlement by Negotiation is Probable.

Tokio, Jan. 3.—War with Russia is regarded as unaviodable and the press

All of the banks are withholding funds and it is believed that this is

the result of official instructions. The government has perfected arrangements for the transportation of troops and supplies and the people calmly await developments. The con-tinued dissemination of optimatic views from Berlin cause general surprise and regret here.

WAR.

London, Jan. 4.—'D'on't look for a declaration of war," says the Daily Telegraph's Tokic correspondent in a dispatch which apparently throws considerable light on the plans of the Japanese government. Continuing, the coorespondent says:

"The Japanese are quite determined and several days ago took steps to secure certain of their Corean interests. Russia will not be allowed to occupy Corean ports 1 dertainly neither Mokpho nor Masampho, both of the ports being proected against

"Japan means business without waiting for the convenience of others. If Russia feels aggrieved a fortnight should show the extent to which she will venture. The interest should begin to centre nearer Seoul than days. Tokic within 10 days but the naval overture may retard the peace.

The foregoing probably refers to the dispatch of the Japanese squadron to

According to The Standard's Toio correspondent Japan at the end of December notified the powers and the United States of the actual position of the negotiations, at the same time intimating that the continued occupation of Manchuria might compel Japan to take decisive steps for the protection of her vital interests in

The Standard's Tien Tsin correspondent says that as a result of Japan's inquiries as to China's atti-Weodbridge, N. J. Jan. 3.—An ex Japan's inquiries as to China's atti-plosion wrecked the hotel and hall tude in the event of war it is stated

St. Petersburg, Jan. 3.—Diplomatic circles confidently expect that the Russian answer to the Japanese proposals will be handed to the Japanese

The characteristic note in the press today is the doubt about the attitude of the United States in the event of

war between Russia and Japan.

Die Birschewja Vedomosti elaborates on American power in the Pacific in the proximity of the Philippines and Formosa and says:

"It is no secret to any one in Europe that the position of the United States in the east Asiatic crisis remains

AS SEEN IN WASHINGTON.

highly problematical."

Washington, Jan. 3.—Cablegrams received here to lay from Tokiko show the situation in the far east to be unchanged and at a late hour tonight it was declared at the Japanese legation that nothing had occurred to dispel the gloomy view taken there of the prospects for peace. The fact that Mr. Takahira, the Japanese minister, regards the situation as extremely critical does not prevent him from hoping that a way may yet be found by which the questions between Russia and Japan may be settled without recourse to arms. The Japanese government, it is expected, is not anxious for changed and at a late hour tonight it was ment, it is expected, is not anxious for war and throughout the negotiations thave endeavored o repress all war talk. Japan, it is added, will await patiently the Russian reply and will not delay after receiving the note in announcing her future course. It is said that substantial concessions must

St. Petersburg, Jan. 4.—The Associated Press has the authority of the foreign office for the statement that the Russian reply will be transmitted to Japan in a day or two. The reply will not be merely "Yes" or "No." but will be made of reasonable propositions. The general basis of this but the details are being elaborated.

The Japanese minister here, M. conciliatory attitude that the Russian Government is disposed to seek a peaceful settlement.

An official note, published today, announces that instructions have been sent to Viceroy Alexieff as to the reply to be given to the last Japanese

French are doing everything to main-

LOCAL NEWS PARAGRAPHED.

The Bank of Sumter was closed on last Thursday from 10.30 to 12.15 on account of the funeral of Dr. J. S. Hughson, who was one of its directors.

The Postoffice was closed last Friday except during Sunday hours, New Year's being a national holiday.

Mr. Furman D. Knight has been appointed Supervisor of Registration for the city of Sumter. The term of office is two years.

Some of the negroes held an Emancipation celebration meeting in the Court House Friday. The crowd was is urging immediate opening of hostili- not large and enthusiasm was lacking.

Those who were caught without fuel Monday were in hard luck for it was a day and night when a good fire was acessity as well as a luxury.

The snow Monday night covered the ground to the depth of about 2½ inches on the level and where it drifted against fences and other obstacles it was much deeper.

The Graded Schools resumed their exercises Monday with all the teachers present and a full attendance of pupils. A number of new pupils applied for admission and the outlook is for a considerable increase in the enroll-

An enterprising thief stole Deputy Sheriff Gaillaird's bicycle from the piazza of Sheriff Scarborough's house on Tuesday night and up to this time has not been apprehended. He was no respector of persons and if he succeeds in escaping capture it would seem that it pays to strike high when a nicycle is to be stolen.

Jim Coot, a negro train hand was before the Mayor Friday morning for cursing on the A. C. L. yard and engaging in a fight with a fireman. The testimony was all against him and it being proven that his attack on the fireman was aggravated and without excuse he was sentenced to pay a fine

Monday was the coldest day of the winter, the temperature having been "It is thought despite her bluster several degrees below the freezing point all day long. Those who negaction to prevent Japan doing what lected to turn off their water and keep she thinks proper to safeguard her it turned off have had their water interests in Corea." will find that they will need the services of the plumber.

Mr. Sam Clark, of Manning, spent Saturday in the city inspecting the street improvements for the purpose of obtaining accurate information relative to cost and methods of work. The town council of Manning has

There was quite a large crowd in the city Monday, the habit of many years standing of coming to town on sale day in January being so firmly fixed that it will probably never be aban doned. There were about as many Lee county people on the streets as Sumter county people, showing that the creation of a new county has not suddenly and entirely weaned the people away

other buildings erected in this city foriegn office by Baron de Rosen, Russian ambassador to Japan, within a very few days and do not expect grave results to follow. In other quarters the conciliatory attitude of both governments inspires belief that the answer will pave the way to further negotiations, if, indeed, it does not directly lead to a pacific settlement f the trouble.

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MAYOR'S COURT.

The Mayor's court held a lengthy session Monday, there being an unusually large number of prisoners for trial. All of the prisoners were found guilty as charged and the net result was 90 days work on the chain gang and \$7 for the city treasury. The docket was as follows:

Frank Jones, vagrancy and carrying concealed weapons; 60 days on the chain gang.
Arthur Fuller, vagrancy; 30 days on

the chain gang.
Frank Ross, disorderly conduct and

cursing, \$1 fine. Marion Durant, drunk and dis-

orderly, \$5.00 fine. William Council, using obscene language on streets, \$2.00 fine.

Lets of Liquor.

The sales of the local dispensary during December were nearly \$15,000, exceeding all previous sales

for the month of December. The sales for the year were \$99,-592.35 against \$79,474.28, an increase

of 20,118.07. It is not known positively, as all the reports are not in and for comparison, but it is believed that the Sumter dispensary sold more liquor during the year 1903 than any other single dispen sary in the State. It is not a record to be proud of, but it shows that the dispensary is increasing steadily in popularity and that our people are drinking more and more liquor each year. The bulk of the sales is made up of the cheaper grades of whiskey, the poor people being the heaviest and steadient patrons of the dispensary.

iest patrons of the dispensary.

Dispenser Windham has one thing to be proud of, however, his accounts have been checked up and not a single error was found, his cash balancing to a cent. It is not often that a business of this magnitude is as well-handled and the cash and merchandise accounts kept as straight, and is particularly rare in the history of the dispensary system.

DesMoines, Ia., Jan. 4.—Fire today gutted the northwest wing of the Iowa capitol, causing a loss of \$500,000. The chamber of the house of representatives is a charred mass of debris and cannot be repaired in time for the approaching session of the legislature. The fire originated near a shaft in a Washington, Jan. 4.—The Senate committee on military affairs has decided to report favorably the nomination of Gen. Leonard Wood to be major general. The vote stood 7 to 2, the affirmative Senators being Proctor, Warren, Forsker, Quarles, Alger, Warren, Forsker, Quarles, Alger, French are doing everything to main.

Fountain Pens-Waterman's, Par-Osteen's Book Store.

HESTER'S COTTON STATEMENT.

Crop Brought Into Sight so Far This Season 137,049 Bales More Than Last Season at the Same Date.

New Orleans, Jan. 4.—Secretary Hester's Cotton Exchange statement,

issued today, shows the total for December to be 1,875,883 bales, against 1,671,125 last year. The movement from the 1st of September to the close of December,

inclusive, shows receipts at all United States delivery points, 5,216,769 bales, against 4,891,39 last year; overland, across the Missisippi, Ohio and Potomac rivers, to Northern mills and Canada, 360,168 bales, against 549,-040 last year; Southern mill takings, exclusive of the quantity consumed at Southern outports, 819,000 bales, against 820,500 last year, and interior stocks in excess of those held at the commencement of the season 471,929 bales, against 469,881 last year.

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These make the total amount of the cotton crop brought into sight during the four months, ending with the close of December, 6,867,866 bales, against 3,730,817 last year.

Foreign exports for the four months of the season have been 3,739,118 bales, showing an increase over last season of 273, 739.

Stocks at the seaboard and the twenty-nine leading Southern interior markets at the close of December were 1,471,927 bales, against 1,616,957 the same date last year.

Including port and interior towns stocks left over from the previous sea-son and the number of bales of the current crop brought into sight during the four months, the supply has been 7,035,665 bales, against 6,945,891

In addition to the monthly figures of \$12 or go to the chain gang for 24 Secretary Hester issued today a state-days. seven days ending January 1, inclusive, showing total brought into sight this year to be 394,229 bales, against 332,853 for the seven days ending Jannary 1 last year.

LIMP MARKET IN NEW ORLEANS. New Orleans, Jan. 4.—The cotton market opened weak and from 39 to 62 points lower than the close of Thursday. During the morning the tone was feverish and prices were held down from any wide reactions by a flood of selling orders. Neill's estimate of 11,-250,000 bales was generally laughed at Brown was the only aggressive supporter of the market. There was The town council of manning and decided to begin street improvements and it is their wish to profit by the experience of Sumter.

Supporter of the market. The inquiry was limited and there were absolutely no offerings from the were absolutely no offerings from the large crowd in the country. Late in the morning March was 26 points lower than the close of Thursday, at 13.18; May was 38 points lower, at 13.47, and July was 38 points lower, at 13.67.

VISIBLE SUPPLY OF COTTON.

New Orleans, Jan. 4.—Secretary Hester's statement of the world's visible supply of cotton, issued today, Today we publish as complete against 3,889,853 last week and 3,882,-a list of all new residences and 582 last year. Of this the total of American cotton is 3,288,719 bales, during 1903 as it has been possible to against 3,285,853 last week and 3,207,-582 last year, and of all other kinds, including Egypt, Brazil, India, etc., 614,000 bales, against 604,000 last week and 675,000 last year.

of the building boom of the past twelve bales, against 225,000 last year, and in the United States 1,480,000 bales, against 1,613,000 last year.

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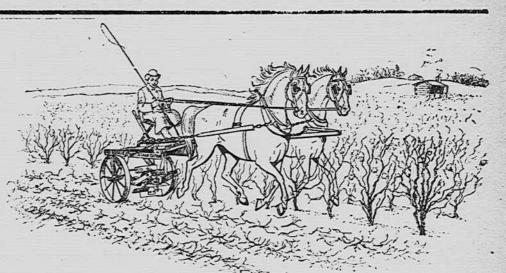
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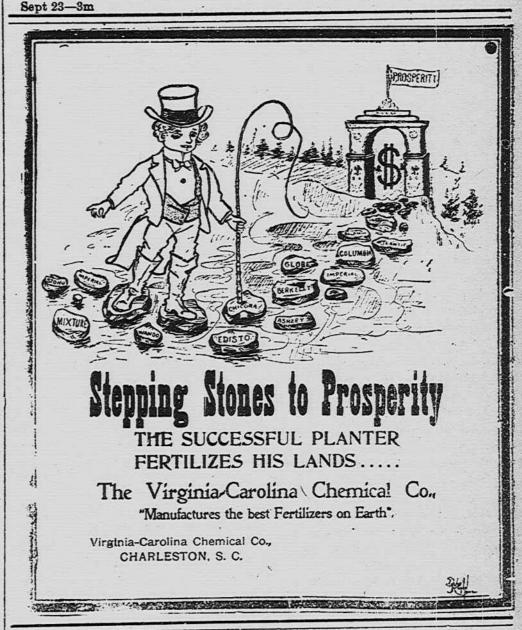
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