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SPENSARY FUNDS FOR SCHOOLS. BRUTAL MURDER AT FORT MILL.

This Week

Columbia, May 7.-The amounts that are to be sent to the various counties on account of the distribution of the \$65,000 of dispensary profits have all been figured out. The money will be sent out on Thursday next, if the remaining \$5,000 is paid in on Wednesday as is now expected. The distribution is to be made at that time, so that the money will be avail-able for the present year's school ex-penses. The distributions figured out

today is as follows: COUNTY. \$ 2,044 35 Abbeville, 1,894 95 Aiken, 2,875 66 Anderson, 960 61 Bamberg, 1,495 59 Barnwell, 942 08 Beaufort, 1,206 64 Berkeley, 3,080 87 Charleston, 1,099 33 Cherokee, 1,318 69 Chester, 957-90 Chesterfield, Clarendon, 1,441 14 1,240 52 Colleton, 1,449 50 Darlington, Dorchester, Edgefield, 784 16 1,424 65 1,652 83 Fairfield, 1,440 92 Florence, 910 00 Georgetown, 2,977 85 Greenville, 1,621 65 Greenwood, 1,024 32 Hampton, 1,286 16 Horry, 1,021 16 1,218 83 Kershaw, Lancaster, 1,773 69 Laurens, 977 10 Lee, 1,441 14 Lexington, 1,622 78 Marion, 1,239 84 Marlboro, 1,580 95 Newberry, 1,229 90 Oconee, 3,302 27 Orangeburg, 1,044 65 Pickens, 1,879 43 Richland, 1,190 15 Saluda; 3,676 62 -Spartanburg, Sumter, 1,483 84 1,349 87 Union, 1,528 35 Willimsburg, 2,314 46 York, \$65,000 00

ORDER FOR FORTY MILLIONS.

Largest Warrant Ever Drawn on the U. S. Treasury.

Washington, May 7.—This afternoon Secretary Shaw signed a treasury warrant for \$40,000,000, which will be delivered next Monday to J. P. Mor-gan & Co., of New York, as disbursing gents of this Government, on account of the Panama Canal purchase. The warrant is many times larger than any warrant ever before issued by this Government. The largest sum previously covered by a single Government warrant was for \$7,500,000, paid Russia in 1868 on account of the Alaskan purchase. The next sum was \$5,-500,000, paid in 1876 to the British Government on account of the Halifax award, under the treaty of Washington, for infringement of fisheries' rights in Nova Scotian waters. In 1899 this Government paid Spain, through the French ambassador, \$20,-000,000 for the Philippine Islands, bat this sum was represented by four warrants of \$5,000,000 each. The \$15,000,000 agreed upon as the purchase price for the Louisiana Territory, was paid in 1803 by the assumption by the United States of the claim of citizens of this country againts France, amounting to \$3,750,000, and the issue to France of certificates of stock in the sum of \$11,250,000.

What Each County Will Receive Laurie Patterson Ambushed and Killed as He Entered His Yard.

Special to the State. Fort Mill, May 8.-J. Lurie Patterson, a well know young man, was shot last night about 11.30 o'clock just as he was entering his yard and died about an hour later. A post mortem examination showed that he had been shot in the left hip near the backbone with six buckshot, which perforated the intestines and lodged just under the skin on the right side.

The verdict of the coroner's jury, which held an inquest over the re-mains today, was "That J. L. Patterson came to his death as the result of a gunshot wound inflicted by W. E. Deaton, upon the ante mortem statement of Mr. Patterson that the shooting was done by Deaton and strong circusmtantial evidence." Deaton was arrested early this morning and was taken to jail by Sheriff Logan this afternoon.

Testimony was introduced at the in-quest showing that bad blood had existed between the two men for some time, and that Deaton had frequently made threats against Patterson.



Great Institution Will Probably he Established.

New York, May 8 .- Plans for the establishment of a great Jewish university in this country were discussed at a meeting held here tonight under the anspices of the New York branch of the Jewish Theological seminary. It is also the purpose of those in charge of the movement to open high schools in this city and in other cities. Among those who spoke were Dr. Cyrus Adler and Prof. Solomon Schechter.

"We wish to train rabbis and teachers" Dr. Adler said, "and to create a spirit for the promotion of Jewish literature throughout the land. We want to take our stand with the great institutions of learning, and establish a university that will compare with Harvard, Yale or Johns Hopkins universities. This seems to us the right way of promoting Jewish learn-ing and the spread of the Jewish religion in the United States."

Hester's Cotton Statement.

New Orleans, May 6. - Secretary Hes-ter's weekly cotton statement, issued today, shows for the six days of May a decrease under last year of 41,000, a decrease under the same period year before last of 11,000.

ADMIRAL TOGO'S REPORT.

Official Account of Last Attack on Port Arthur.

Five Ships Jammed Into the Inner Channel and Sunk---Harbor Entrance Finally Blocked --- Only Half the Officers and Crews Escape.

Tokio, May 7.-4 p. m.-Vice Ad-miral Togo's official recital of the trance to the harbor.

On Tuesday morning after the blockading flotilla had been scattered by a gale and the commander of the flotilla had signalled in vain that the attempt be abandored pending the the separate ships, in no wise daunted turn out to be correct. The effect of a march along the road to Hai Cheng moderation of the storm, the crews of from their companions, proceeded to the work on their own desperate initiative. They forced their way in the face of the Russian fire, which was more deadly than ever before as a result of the improved Russian defences, over the field of mines. Many of these exploded, yet five of the Japanese blockading ships, were jammed into the inner channel, and now pre-vent egress from the harbor to all craft excepting small boats. This attack exceeded all its predecessors in desperation, and the courage displayed by the volunteer crews is equal to that shown in any event in the war history of the world.

Although Vice Admiral Togo again avoided damage to a single one of his vessels, the attack proved to be expensive in lives.

Commander Hayashi, who was in command of the expedition, observed the impossibility of keeping the flotilla intact owing to the heavy seas, and signalled it to abandon the attack.

These signals were repeated until 2 o'clock in the morning, but they failed to reach the vessels of the expedition, which were swept apart by the tem-pestuous seas and proceeded separately to the month of the harbor.

Lient. Sosa, who was in command of the Mikiawa Marn, in the face of an incessant fire, unhesitatingly forced his ship into the channel, rammed his way through booms and reached the centre of the inner entrance. Here he anchored his vessel and then blew her up. She sank immediately. Another steamer, supposed to be the Sakura Maru, then came to anchorn near projecting rock at the month of the harbor and sank. Following the Sakura Maru came the Tomi Maru, Tchido Maru, Otarn Maru, Sagami Maru, Aioku Maru and the Asagawo Maru. These six steam-ers advanced to the mouth of the backer. The Detine

barbor. The Russian fire now became highly effective, while a number of sunken mines, which were struck by For the eight months and six days of the season that that have elapsed the steamers, began to explode.

that the entire Japanese plan of oper- ated Press that at Port Arthur there ation had been thoughtfully prepared is only coal sufficient to last the war and that every division commander ships for six weeks, and that the food knew exactly what he should do.

Now that Gen. Kuroki is established | men for three months only. at Feng Wang Cheng the Russians are puzzled as to what move he will

make next. The fact that he sent two companies to Daliandiaphu Tse, ten miles northeast of Feng Wang Cheng, might indicate his purpose to proceed along this road to Ting Chan Gien, 90 miles north, from where he could march due west to Liao Yang. which was received today, shows that the Japanese have blocked the en-This would permit an effective flankwill move along the road by which the Russians retreated toward Liao Yrang.

There is no confirmation up to the are preparing to evacuate New Chwang, but few would be surprised if it should would be to place absolutely in the control of the Japanese all Manchuria between the Yalu and the Liao Tung peninsula with the exception of Port EASTOVER OVERSEER KILLED NEGRO. Arthur. The Russins admit that at this stage of the war the Japanese control the territory mentioned, The Russky Invalid, the army organ, making this concession.

Where Gen. Karopatkin's force is now stationed has not been announced, though Gen. Zassalitch states that the cavalry left for Schlindjane. There continues to be the greatest ignorance regarding the plans of the commander in chief.

It is believed that Gen. Kuroki will move northward along the road to Liao Yang. He will find the Russians entrenched at Tien Chori Chan pass west of Mao Tien Ling pass. It is pointed out that the abandon-

ment of southern Manchuria will be beneficial to the Russians as it will enable the complete concentration of the forces which have hereoforre been scattered in consequence of ignorance as to what the enemy proposed to do. The gruesome figures in the Russian losses on the Yalu are higher than had been reported by Maj. Gen. Kashtalinsky, who himself appears to have been wounded by a flying stone. The list enables an exact statement of the forces under Gen. Zassalitch.

DALNY CAPTURED.

ports that Dalny was captured Friday, while the Tokio correspondent of The Daily Telegraph, cabling under date of Sunday, says: "Dalny was were in the arm. The encounter was garding the entry of und date of Sunday, says: "Dalny was

says:

"Yesterday most of the Russian troops retired to Tashihchao and during the night most of the guns were after he fell. removed from the fort and sent 'to Liao Yang where all the Russian Eastover, where he has worked a the work of opening the canal; and

to command the town. This proced- have trustworthy information, has in-ure on the part of Gen. Kuroki shows formed a correspondent of the Associsupply there will feed eight thousand

> EVACUATION OF NEW CHWANG. Shan Hai Kwan, May 9-6.30 p. m.-The evacuation of New Chwang continues. The Russian authorities have promised to retain a sufficent rear guard to prevent pillaging by the Chinese bandits who are in the vicinity and awaiting an opportunity to Kai Chau.

> The Russians are commandering catprocedure. Eight hundred head of cattle have been seen in Rin Kow.

> The dynamo connected with the mines at New Chwang has not been removed.

Mr. Frank James Shot Paul Williams Four Times.

Mr. Frank James, an overseer on Col. Richard Singleton's place near Eastover, where his father, Mr. J. man on the place. Mr. James imme-diately came to Columbia and surdays, being confident that the State's evidence alone clearly shows a case of probable self-defense.

The shooting occurred at 5 o'clock in the farm lot where a number of farm hands had gathered preparatory to beginning the day's work. On Saturday Mr. James had a difficulty The negro was then armed with a stick and Mr. James did not resent his at his overall coat as if to draw a

forces are concentrating. A confer-ence of the civil and military author-and industrious man, with a quiet all such newly arrived persons or those and peaceful disposition. This is said alien to the zone to be expelled and was decided to prepare to leave at a to be his first difficulty. Neither was drinking at the time of the killing. Little is known of Williams, who has not long lived at Eastover. He was legislation not inconsistent with the in a cutting scrape there last Decem- laws and treaties of the United States ber and is said to have been of a con- as far as they apply to said zone and tentious disposition. He was about other places. 28 years old. There were a number of eye-witnesses, who all agreed that Williams was advancing on Mr. James the commission are to be submitted at the time all of the shots were fired. | to the Secretary of War for approval. Col. Singleton said last night that there was not the slightest foundation | Governor of the canal zone, is directed for the rumor current in the city to to see that the laws are faithfully exethe effect that the killing threatened cuted and is vested with the power race troubles at Eastover. There was to grant reprieves and pardons. the usual excitement which any sort of killing creates in a rural commu-nity, but there were no threats on the naval force of the United States for part of the negroes and there was assistance. never the slightest fear of any clash between the races .- The State, May

GOVERNMENT OF CANAL ZONE.

Roosevelt Issues Instructions to Canal Commission.

Present Laws Familiar to People Living in the Zone to Continue in Force. Subject to Such Limitations as are Rendered Necessary by Spirit of Our Institutions.

Washington, May 9.-The President's formal instructions to the canal commission were issued late this afternoon. They are embodied in a letter to the Secretary of War. Among other things the commissioners are tle on the west side of the Liao River authorized to make all needful rules present of the report that the Russians and the Chinese are indignant at this and regulations for the government of the zone until the close of the 58th Congress; to establish a civil service for the government of the strip; to make and cause to be executed, after due advertisement, all necessary contracts for any and all kinds of engineering and construction works; to make rules and regulations regarding disbursements of funds, and also to establish a proper and comprehensive system of bookkeeping, showing the state of the work and expenditures by classes and the amounts still available.

The inhabitants of the Isthmian Canal zone are to be guaranteed security in their persons, property and religion and in all their private rights B. James, is foreman, yesterday and relations, while the municipal morning shot and almost instantly laws of the canal zone are to be ad-killed Paul Williams, a nergo plow-ministered by the ordinary tribunals substantially as they were before the change. The commission was aurendered to the sheriff. He was thorized to appoint temporarily a blaced in jail. His attorneys, Messrs. Judge for the canal zone, who shall Weston & Aycock, will apply to Judge Gary for bail for him in a few usually exercised in Latin countries by a Judge of a Court of first in-stance, and also to appoint additional or Appellate Judges, should the public interest require.

The laws of the land, with which the inhabitants are familiar and which were in force on February 26, 1904, will continue in the canal zone with Williams, who resented Mr. and in other places on the Isthmus James' reporting for dereliction. over which the United States has jurisdiction until altered or annulled by the commission, although certain cursing him. Yesterday morning the principles of government are laid negro renewed the quarrel. He was down as being essential to law and advancing on Mr. James clutching order, respecting life, liberty and property, the granting of speedy trials, London, May 9.—The Morning weapon when the latter fired. Mr. the prohibition of slavery, freedom Post's Shanghai corresponpent re-James continued the firing until the of speech and of the press, the right negro fell, when it was learned that peaceably to assemble and petition

The laws of the United States regarding the entry of undesirable perat such close range that the negro's sons are applied to the canal zone, to invested today." The Daily Mail's correspondent at clothing was afire when he fell. As those not actually domiciled within the advanced he clutched at Mr. James' the zone on the 26th day of February. New Chwang in a dispatch dated May he advanced he clutched at Mr. James' the zone on the 26th day of February. weapon. No weapon was discovered 1904. Others are to be excluded whose on the body of Williams, who was presence the commission believe carried off by his friends immediately would tend to create public disorder, Mr. James has the reputation at manuer indeed the prosecution of

WANTS NEERO TO GO HOME.

Bishop Turner Preaches an Exodus to Africa.

sing 'America' until this country Tis the week 29,302 bales, against a dewhat it claims to be, 'sweet laud of liberty,' " declared Bishop H. M. Turner, of Atlanta, Ga, at tonight's session of the African Methodist Epis-copal Conference. "The Negro in Sci-suce" was the subject of the address delivered by Bishop Turner, which caused him to take up every phase of the negro question in this country, und led him to say that this was not the negro's home, but on the contrary that God had allowed the negro to come to this country to be enslaved. in order that he could be trained, and go back to his native land and make it what it should be. In concluding his address Bishop Turner said :

"The Supreme Court of the United States is against us. We have good friends in this country, yet they are comparatively few, and the only thing left for us to do is to leave. Let us be meu: let us go where we can be that he is here to stay, but I doubt that very much paless he is to stay under the ground."

British Camp, Kairo Pass., Thi-bet, Friday, May 6-A stiff fight today to drive the Thibetans from their position two miles below the pass lasted for six hours. The Thibetans numbering 1,500, held the positions with great tenacity and lost nearly 200 before they were expelled. The British losses were Capt. Bethune and three men killed and 21 men wounded. A snow storm prevailed throughout the night.

> Letter to Wm. M. Graham. Sumter, S. C.

dren need food and that conditions cupation of the town. received here from New Chwang says No. 18 W. Liberty St., Geer Sir: A man said: Send me 25 The information caused no sraprise at the colony are pitiable. An appeal to the officials who had already been the Russians are maintaining only a cilons. Generally I use 24; don't (Over Osteen's Book Store) is made for aid and the writer says advised of the decision that no at- small force at that place. Chinese bink it'll be enough. the Italian consul at New Orleans Ordered 9 more for another job; 16 has been advised of the situatior. tempt would be made to hold Feng carts are not allowed to leave New SUMTER, S. C. ern Railway. The colony is made up of Italians re-cently brought from New York city. Wang Cheng, the superiority of the Japanese in all fighting arms ensuring in the removal of Russian effects. Office hours, 9 to 1.30; 230 for the job. lowing very low excursion rates to the fol-lowing points: Sunter to ballas. Texas, and return ac-count General Assembly Cumberland Presbyterian Church May 19, to 27, 1904, tickets of sale May 15 to 18, with final limit returning May 31st, 1904, at the very low rate of 533.95. disaster similar to that at Kin Lien The exportation from New Chwang Bad 6 left. to 6 Cheng. Therefore, Gen. Zassalitch of bean cakes and other produce is This comes from Messrs W A & F was given strict orders that there not restricted and a number of steam Bower, Methuen, Mass. They add : Reunion South Carolina Veterans at Charleston, C. P. Osteen, M. D. should be no fight of the rear guard. ships are going there for cargoes. This has been our experience all S. C., May 17 to 19, 1904. The Atlantic Coast Line will sell round this year. The Russians left while Gen. Kurorate of \$33.95. New agents always have to go through it. After a little, they learn 23, 1904. at \$215 from Sumter. S. C. No. 18 W. Liberty St., "The Southern Railway offers most con-FOOD AND COAL AT PORT ki was making his dispositions for a venient schedules with Pullman Sleepers and Southern Railway Dining Cars on all through trains. For full information apply to any Agent Southern Railway, or R. W. Hunt, Division Passenger Agent. big battle. ARTHUR. (Over Osteen's Book Store) te guess better. Low rates from all stations. H. M. Emerson, Traffic Manager, Wilming-The Japanese approached from two directions along the main road and Shan Hai Kwar, May 9.-A mer-up the valley placing batteries so as chant here, who is in a position to Yours truly 29 F W Devoe & Co P. S.-L. B. Durant sells our paint. Wilmington, N. C. SUMTER, S. C.

the aggregate is behind the same days of last year 566,000, and behind the alties among the Japanese on board same days year before last 279,000 bales.

The amount brought into sight during the past week has been 47,180 bales, against 95,767 for the same seven days last year, and 56,708 year before last. The movement since September 1 shows receipts at all U. S. ports to be 6,915,050, against 7,427,883 last year. Overland, across the Mississippi, Ohio and Potomac rivers to northern mills and Canada, 883,840, against 1,021,421 last year. Interior stocks, in excess of those held at the close of the commercial year, 163,977, against 69,009 last year; Southern mill takings, 1.564,000, against 1,574,215 last year. The total movement since September 1 is 9,526,867, against 10,092,-528 last year.

Foreign exports for the week have been 43,261, against 112,987 last year, making the total thus far for the season 5,564,946, against 6,278,405 last

year. The total takings of American mills, North, South and Canada, thus far for the season have been 3,587,450, against 3,576,344 last year

Stocks at the seabcard and the twenty-nine leading Southern in-Chicago May 6 .- "I am unwilling to terior centres have decreased during crease during the corresponding period last year of 82,245.

Including stocks left over at ports and interior towns from the last crop and the number of bales brought into sight thus far from the new crop, the supply to date is 9,694,666, against 10,307,602 for the same period of last year.

VISIBLE COTTON SUPPLY.

New Orleans, May 6.-Secretary Hester's statement of the world's visible supply of cotton, issued today, shows: the total visible to be 2 823,927. against 2,874,311 last week, 2,975,725 last year. Of this the total of American cotton is 1.713,927 against 1,790,-311 last week, and 1,842,725, last year, and of all other kinds, including men." Egypt, Brazil. India, etc., 1,110,00, against 1,084,000 last week, and 1,133, 000 last year.

Of the world's visible supply of cotton there is now afloat and held in Great Britain and Continental Europe 1,622,000, against 1,750,000 last year: in Egypt 182,000, against 79,000 last year; in India 465.000, against 696.-000 last year, and in the United States view of the progress of the campaign 555,000, against 451,000 last year.

New York, May 9.-A rear-end collision between two trains on the Third Avenue Elevated Railroad, between 26th and 57th streets, this afternoon, killed Motorman Cornell of the rear train and seriously injured five passeagers.

Mobile, Ala., May 9 .- A local paper has received from a member of the the colonists are in want, that chil-

These explosions caused neavy casuthe blockading vessels. The Totmaia collided with a boom. This turned her stem to the eastward and she sank athwart the passage, blocking nearly one-half of the entrance to the har-

bor. When the Yedo Marn reached the mouth of the passage and was lowering her anchor, her captain, Commander Takayangi, was shot through the stomach and killed. Sub-Lieut. Nagata succeeded to the command. He anchored the Yedo Maru and sank

Two other stone laden steamers believed to be the Otaru Maru and the Sagami Maru, then entered the mouth of the harbor and sank.

The Aikoku Maru then struck a mine five cable lengths from the mouth of the passage, which exploded and caused her to sink. The lieutenant of this vessel, Uchida, Chief Engineer Aoki and eight men are missing.

A steamer, thought to be the Asagawo Maru, which appeared to have had her rudder broken, blew herself up at the foot of Golden Hill and sauk there.

Vice Admiral Togo, in his report,

says: "This undertaking, compared with the last two, resulted in greater casualties to our side. Owing to the inclemency of the weather and the increased preparations for defence completed by the enemy, we could save none of the officers or the crews of the Chotaru Maru, the Sagami Maru, the Sakura Maru or the Asagawo Marn. It is to be regretted that nothing particular could be learned concerning their brave discharge of their duties, but the memory of their exemplary conduct will remain long in the imperial navy.

"The destroyer and the tornedo boat flotillas, besides resisting the enemy bravely, fought against wind and waves. The torpedo boat flotilla approached close to the mouth of the harbor and rescued more than half the

JAPS CONTROL SOUTHERN MAN-CHURIA.

St. Petersburg, May 9, 3.30 a. m.-Two official dispatches calculated to increase the depression existing among all circles ir. Russia were given out last night. From the point of the most important is that regarding the capture by the Japanese without opposition of Feng Wang Cheng on May 6. The second gives details concerning the killed, wounded and missing among the troops under the command of Lieut. Gen. Zassalitch as the result of the fighting on the Yalo, the number of which totals 2,539 officers and men.

Gen. Kuropatkin forwarded a message from Lieut. Gen. Zassalitch who had been left in command of the colnew Italian colony at Palermo, forty umn retiring from Feng Wang Cheng miles north of Mobile, stating that which described the movements of the enemy in connection with the oc-

ities was held this afternoon and it moment's notice."

With the exception of vague rumors of further fighting in the vicinity of Feng Wang Cheng the foregoing are the only items of actual news regarding the far east appearing in the London papers this morning.

Dalny and New Chwang Will Soon be in

Hands of Japanese.

St. Petersburg, May 9-7.44 p. m.-The reinforcements prepared for Gen. Kuropatkin are being hurried. The last stage of the mobilization of the 19th the 17th army corps has been signalized by the calling out of the reserves in the Moscow and Kharkoff provinces. They will go to the front, thus placing another 100,000 men at Kuropatkin's disposal. The annonncement of the mobilization of four army corps along the Volga, which will follow in July or August, is expected next mouth.

The Russian authorities are completely in the dark as to what is happening in the territory occupied by the enemy, except such news as comes from the newspapers abroad and originating from Japanese sources. The reports of a Japanese landing at Takushan and the investment of Port Dalny, etc., while not confirmable here officially, are not denied. The Novoe Vremya, of this morning, is greatly excited over the action of the Swedish authorities in mining the entrance of the harbor of Slite, on the island of Gothland, in the Baltic Sea, demanding that the foreign office ascertain the cause, seemingly forgetting that Slite was occupied as a base by the British fleet operating against St. Petersburg at the time of the Crimean

Viceroy Alexieff refuses to receive any more foreign war correspondents.

SILENCE IN ST. PETERSBURG.

St. Petersburg May 10-3.40 a. m.-The war commission adjourned at a lete hour this morning, but did not make public any dispatches from the far East. This is accepted as an indication that no fresh collisions have occurred. The Cossacks in touch with the Japanese are simply small detachments, which are observing the movements of the enemy in order to keep Gen. Kuropatkin informed.

The strict censorship prevented the St. Petersburg newspapers from receiving dispatches today, and the lack of information gave rise to a fresh crop of rumors, including one that the armored cruiser Rurik has been destroyed. The officials deny that any information of this character has been received, saying that the latest reports showed that the Rurik was under command, and was in the harbor of Vladivostok.

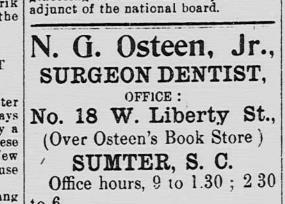
NEW CHWANG HARBOR NOT

CLOSED.

Chefoo, May 9-11 p. m.-A letter

Fire Underwriters to Investigate and Porto Rico. Risks.

The National Board of Fire Underwriters, being aroused by the continued great and apparently unneccessary fire waste of this country and especially the frequency of sweeping conflagrations in recent years has undertaken to carefully investigate condiaccurately than heretofore where conthe origin or spread of fire and to cooperate with the government-federal state and manicipal--by suggestions for the eliminaton of such conditons in order to check the present destructon of property so impoverishing to the nation and its citizens. To carry out this object a committee has been appointed known as the committee of twenty of the National Board of Fire Underwriters with instructions cities and determine their conflagration hazard, and for that purpose this committee is now organizing a staff of fire protection engineers who will after careful inspection make reports electric hazard and other local conditions of cities so that recommendations may be made for the adortion of better building laws, the improvement of water supplies and fire departments and the general safeguarding of hazards including electricity, handling of explosives, etc. For this work the committee will employ a number of men having had a technical education or training in the different branches of engineering which may fit them for work in such a cause. It is believed that the importance of this work will rapidly increase and that this engineering bureau will be a permanent



deported.

The commission is given power to legislate on all rightful subjects of

All laws, rules and regulations of a governmental character enacted by Major Gen. Davis, who is to be the

In any sudden exigencies he may

The President urges the adoption of approved and effective methods for the improvement of health conditions on the istbmus, as was done in Cuba

The letter to the Secretary coucludes with the statement that, as the United States owns about sixty nine-seventieths of the shares of the Panama Railroad, its general policy and management will be controlled by the United States and the President directs that all the members of the commission as soon as practicable be elected to the directorate of the road, tions existing throughout the country which is to be an adjunct to the con in order to determine if possible more struction of the canal, at the same time fulfilling the purpose for which ditions exist which are conducive to it was constructed as a route of commercial movement across the Isthmus of Panama. It also specifically directs the annulment of any lottery or gambling franchise, and provides for panishment and imprisonment for any fur-

ther exercise of such franchises. Secretary Taft explained that it would be manifestly impossible for the President to give personal attention to the canal work which is absolutely necessary, and as the war department to define the congested districts of bitherto has exercised supervision in control over public, civil and military works and governmental control over the territory dependent upon the country, it was deemed advisable that the isthmian commission should opeon the construction, fire protection, rate under the direction of the war department.

What particular bureau of the way department the commission will be under has not been determined by Secretary Taft, but he indicated that it might not be the bureau of insular affairs, which, he intimated, already had enough work on its hands.

Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville,

Tenn.

For the above occasion the Atlantic Coast Line has arranged the following schedule from Sumter 5.15 a. m., arrive Atlanta, 8.15 p. m., Leave Atlanta, 8 30 p. m., arrive Nashville, 6.35 a. m. Return schedule will leave Nashville, 9.50 p. m., arrive Atlanta 7.30 a. m. Leave Atlanta 7.55 a. m., arrive Sumter 6 30 p. m. J. T. China, Ticket Agent. May 9-3t Cheap Excursion Rat:s Via South-

The Southern Railway announces the following very low excursion rates to the fol-