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FAILURE IN DARLINGTON.
The Oldest Firm Carried Down by
Cotton Oil Smash.

Darlington, July 20.—As a result
of the failure of the Independent
Cotton Oil Company and the Darlington
Trust Company Messrs. J. G.
McCall & Son, of this place, have
gone into bankruptcy. This firm
had \$7,000 in the Independent Oil
Company and \$1,000 in the Darlington
Trust Company. Mr. J. G. Mc-
Call is the oldest merchant in Dar-
lington and has always done a suc-
cessful business. It is hoped that
they will soon get all right and con-
tinue business.

Dr. G. B. Edwards, the physician
who examined Robert Keith Dar-
gan shortly after he committed sui-
cide, signed proof of his death
this morning for insurance com-
pany.

DISPENSER CHOOSES BANK.
Interesting Ruling by the Attorney
General.

Columbia, July 21.—A rather curi-
ous question has come up before
the Attorney General from the dis-
pensary. A dispenser at Florence, it
appears, wishes to put his money in a
certain bank, and the county board
of control wishes him to place it in
another bank. At all events the coun-
ty board and the dispenser have a
different choice as to the bank.
The question was asked whether the
county board could regulate the
bank of deposit for the dispenser's
funds or not.

The Attorney General decided that
the dispenser is the man who gives
the bond and who is responsible for
the money, and he and he alone has
control of the money until it is sent
to the State treasurer. He can keep
it in his pocket or deposit it in any
bank he wishes until he remits to
Columbia and, if the money is lost it
is his business. If the county board
undertakes to indicate a bank for de-
posit and anything should happen the
dispenser's bond may not be respon-
sive, and the county board is under
no bond for such funds.

It is suggested that in Charleston
and elsewhere the county board of
control directs the deposit of the
dispenser's funds. If such is really
the case the Attorney General holds
that the dispenser is the sole judge of
such things.

The trouble, however, is that if the
county dispensers do not make it a
point to fall into line with the wishes
of the members of the county board
of control, when another election rolls
around they may find themselves
without their jobs.

Commander Young's Report.

Washington, July 22.—The follow-
ing was received this morning at the
Navy Department from Commander
Young of the Bennington, sent late
last night:

"San Diego, July 21.—Arrangements
are being made to bury the dead at
Fort Rosencrans Sunday afternoon at
2 o'clock. Several bodies are pinned
in under the boiler and covered by
water. Have engaged a fire engine
to pump out the hold so as to assist
in their recovery, and also cutting
away the steel bulkheads in order to
get at them. Expect several men to
die during the night. Will wire de-
partment in the morning. Everything
that is possible to be done is being
done for living and dead. Are only
able to identify one man on board so
far. He is R. B. Carr, apprenticed
seaman.

Otto Summey was acquitted in
Greenville of the murder of Oscar
Curetton. The jury was out 12 hours,
one man held for manslaughter.

Anderson County shows a gain in
taxable property of a million and a
half dollars over last year.

Chester citizens held a mass meet-
ing Thursday to consider measures to
secure the location of the Presby-
terian College in that town.

ACROSS THE BLUE RIDGE.

Railroad to Be Extended From Wal-
halla to Marysville, Tenn. Other
States News.

Columbia, July 22.—Col. A. B. An-
drews, vice president of the Southern
Railway and recently of the Blue
Ridge Railway, has delighted the
hearts of Anderson people by assur-
ing them that the Blue Ridge, which
now has its terminus at Walhalla,
will be extended across the mountains
to Marysville, Tenn., where it will
connect with the Southern to Knox-
ville. Thus Anderson is likely to
realize a cherished dream from an
altogether unexpected source.

Lightning yesterday killed two white
persons, a negro and three mules.
Gillum Norton, a prominent Kershaw
farmer, was killed under a tree along
with a negro and a mule, where the
three had taken refuge from the
storm, and at Lake City the four-year-
old daughter of W. R. Jordan was
killed by a bolt that struck the dwell-
ing.

In addition to these deaths, Ed-
ward Cauley, a Southern railway
freight brakeman, formerly of Augus-
ta, fell between cars at Chester and
was crushed to death, and Charlie
Gillum, a negro of the Silver Street
section of Newberry county, was
found dead in front of W. W. Spear-
man's gate at Newberry with two
loads of bird shot through his abdo-
men. He had been assassinated from
ambush in the country and his team
had carried him into Newberry. There
is no clue.

Lieut. Newman K. Perry, who was
killed yesterday in the explosion on
board the gunboat Bennington, in
San Diego harbor, which resulted in
the death of 31 and the wounding of
over 100, was a native of Columbia,
but his widow is a Massachusetts
woman. Lieut. Victor Blue, who es-
caped injury by reason of the fact
that he had been carried ashore to be
operated upon for appendicitis, is also
a South Carolinian.

The Spartanburg coroner's jury has
held Adolphus Mull for the murder
of his father Aaron Mull.

Deaths from natural causes in-
cluded those of Mr. John J. Shealy at
Leesville, Mrs. Ann Geiger in Lexing-
ton county, Dr. E. K. Hardin, at
Clover, in New county, and Mr. C. D.
Bushardt in Newberry.

BRITT WINS AGAIN.

Light Weight Champion Defeats Kid
Sullivan in Twenty Rounds.

San Francisco, July 22.—Jimmie
Britt, the light weight champion of
the world, defeated "Kid" Sullivan,
of Baltimore in a slam bang battle of
twenty rounds last night. The deci-
sion went to Britt, who outbattled
and outfought his rival at his own
game whenever it was necessary be-
fore. The first eight rounds was over
even, but after that Britt took a de-
cided lead, though he was not able to
knock out his opponent. Sullivan
at the conclusion of the fight was
badly used up. He said he broke his
hand in the tenth round and if it
hadn't been for this he would have
defeated his man.

RUSSIAN MARINES PLOT.

Cossacks Replace Marines Who Were
to Mutiny.

St. Petersburg, July 22.—Orders
have been issued to Cossacks to re-
place the marines who have been
guarding the Kolpne works outside
of St. Petersburg. This change has
been made owing to the discovery of
a plot of a part of the marines to
mutiny.

THE CHINESE BOYCOT.

American Goods Excluded From
Southern Provinces—Movement
Spreading.

Shanghai, July 22.—The boycott
of American goods which has been de-
clared by Chinese merchants as a
protest against the rigorous exclu-
sion of Chinese from the United
States has now spread throughout the
Southern provinces. American enter-
prises are being barred absolutely
from a large area that have a popu-
lation of one hundred and fifty mil-
lion.

The Woodruff Oil Company lost
about \$10,000 by the failure of the
Independent Oil Company. The
Woodruff Company had sent oil to the
Independent Company to be refined
and no returns were made.

Harry Mobry, of Union, was drown-
ed in the Etowah river, near Rome,
Ga., Thursday while at work on a
railroad bridge.

THE SCUPPERNONG INDUSTRY.

Commissioner Watson Has Found
a Market for Scuppernongs and a
Large Business May be De-
veloped.

Columbia, July 24.—Commissioner
Watson's efforts to find a market for
South Carolina grown scuppernongs
as an initial step toward developing
the scuppernong industry on a large
scale, this State growing the finest
type of these grapes in the world
from the mountains to the seaboard,
has just resulted in an order for the
first car load from a big champagne
and wine making concern at Her-
mann, Mo.

"Of course on the success of the
marketing of this first car load," said
Commissioner Watson to The Daily
Item's correspondent, "largely de-
pends the future of the industry, and
it is of the highest importance to get
the fruit to its destination in good
shape. But I have no fear of the re-
sults. The finest scuppernong grapes
in the world are grown right here in
South Carolina, and the crop can be
produced in great abundance any-
where in either the coast, middle or
Piedmont sections. If the fruit can
be gotten to market in good condition
splendid prices can be obtained, I
have every reason to believe."

This first car is to be made up from
two well known South Carolina vin-
yards, and if the experiment proves
successful Commissioner Watson ex-
pects to see a general revival and ex-
tension of the industry. Scuppernong
growing has never been exten-
sive in this State, though the fruit
grows luxuriantly almost anywhere
in the State, but since the dispensary
law went into effect forbidding the
manufacture and sale of wine the few
paying vineyards that existed then have
been allowed to "run down" to a
great extent. The Missouri people in-
tend to use the South Carolina scup-
pernong as a basis grape in the manu-
facture of champagne, and if the hopes of
the manufacturers are realized to even
any reasonable extent a market will
be promptly opened for all that South
Carolina can grow, and it is expected
that the success of the experiment in
this State will promptly result in an
extension of the industry in North
Carolina and Georgia, particularly
fine scuppernongs being grown in
North Carolina where it is said there
is one vine whose ramifications cover
nearly ten acres.

One of the largest and most proli-
fic scuppernong vineyards in this State
is near Columbia now the property of
Lieut. Gov. John T. Sloan. Up to 1891
this was operated with great success
by Mr. E. M. Stovber, but with the
coming of the dispensary he had to
abandon the business. The Seaboard
now splits the plantation in twain.

In Darlington county there are
a number of large and productive vine-
yards as there are elsewhere throughout
the State, but there are few vineyards
now.

The scuppernong grape was intro-
duced into Aiken county over 50
years ago by Dr. J. C. W. McDonald,
who planted several large vineyards,
but his business was practically wiped
out by the civil war. There are
many handsome single vines at dwell-
ings in that county, however, the
largest in the State being that at Mr.
A. J. Seigler's place, eight miles from
Aiken county court house near Crofts
station.

Commissioner Watson has a grati-
fying report from his Belgium and
Holland special representative, Mr.
C. J. C. Van Wyngarton, who went
over the first of the summer with
stereopticon and literature to give
lectures. He writes from The Hague
that he has succeeded in arousing a
lively interest and is coming to
America in a few weeks to prepare
for the coming of the immigrants.
Commissioner Watson has appointed
a special representative at The Hague
in the person of Oscar P. Schuler, and
Mr. F. W. Grauert will sail in a few
days in the Hamburg American line
for extensive work in Germany.

Many Unidentified.

San Diego, Cal., July 22.—The
blackened, torn and almost dismantled
gunboat Bennington which was ripped
apart yesterday by the explosion of
her boilers lies this morning on the
harbor beach while eighty-five of cre-
wle swathed and bandage in the hospi-
tals and homes of San Diego. All
night divers worked for the recovery
of the bodies missing. There are
eighteen identified dead and twelve
yet to be identified. The revised list
shows twenty-two seriously injured.

T. Elius Orr, a native of Spartan-
burg and in the navy service on the
Brooklyn, was a guard of honor for
John Paul Jones' body.

DISASTROUS ACCIDENT.

Boiler of United States Gunboat Ben-
nington Explodes Killing Many
of Crew.

Washington, July 21.—The navy
department tonight received the fol-
lowing telegram from Commander
Young of the Bennington stationed
at San Diego, Cal.

"At 10.15 this morning while mak-
ing preparations for getting under
way with all hands at their stations,
the top of the lower furnace of boiler
B exploded, forcing the boiler astern
in contact with boiler A, which was
also forced astern and exploded.

Here he gives a list of the known
casualties.

Several supposed to be blown over-
board and drowned. Vessel listed
considerably to starboard, commenced
to settle immediately. Flooded maga-
zines and with the assistance of tug
I beached her on east bank between
two wharves at high tide. Every as-
sistance has been given by the people
here and all doctors in the city volun-
teered services. The wounded are in
the different hospitals and have every
attention. Capt. Scott kindly offered
San Diego barracks and will quarter
men there. Seven bodies pinned be-
hind boilers unable to identify. Cut-
ting away bulkhead to recover them.
Vessel almost a total wreck and will
need assistance. Soon as further
particulars can be obtained will wire.
Request department notify nearest
relatives.

"Young."

Washington, July 21.—Later—The
navy department has received a dis-
patch from Commander Young say-
ing that Lieut. Perry and 33 men are
dead; 76 wounded and 21 missing and
that many are expected to die before
morning. He adds that there were
131 casualties altogether.

Following is the text of the tele-
gram:

Secretary of the Navy,
Washington:
Since last message Lieut. Perry, C.
E. Rushing, coal passer, J. Hillscher
identified to be R. B. Carr, apprentice
seaman. Expect many more deaths
one officer, 33 men, 76 wounded, 21
missing.
(Signed) Young.

Washington, July 21.—The navy
department has received a report to
the effect that Lieut. Victor Blue,
one of the officers of the Bennington,
was taken to a hospital yesterday
suffering from an acute attack of
appendicitis.

WHOLESALE MURDERER.

Bluebeard Carlton, of Brooklyn, is
Charged With Another Crime by
Former Comrade.

New York, July 24.—Another mur-
der is today charged against Freder-
ick E. Carlton, of Brooklyn, the al-
leged bluebeard, whose real name is
J. E. Candlass. The charge is made
by a St. Louis man, whose name the
police refuse to divulge. He says
Carlton was known as a scoundrel in
the army and in the letter he writes
he asks the authorities to question
Charles Rush of Company C, 6th in-
fantry, who was last seen in his com-
pany. Accompanying the letter are
two photographs of Carlton in uni-
form.

FIRE IN SUMMERTON.

Mr. A. P. Burgess Suffered a Serious
Loss Today.

Summertown, July 24.—The resi-
dence and barn of Mr. A. Plummer
Burgess are burning at 1 o'clock and
the indications are that both will be a
total loss. It has not been learned
how the fire originated. Mr. Bur-
gess is presumed to have insurance,
but this is not known.

London, July 21.—Dispatches to
the Exchange Telegraph Company
from St. Petersburg announce that
the landing of Japanese troops in
Siberia is imminent. It is expected
that military operation will be trans-
ferred to the coast in the very near
future as that is where the Russians
are weakest.

Georgia's First Bale.

Savannah, Ga., July 20.—The first
bale of Georgia cotton of the present
season's growth was sold at Albany
today for 23 cents per pound. The
bale will be shipped to this city and
auctioned tomorrow at the cotton ex-
change.

Ernest Benson and Kay Robinson
were sentenced by Judge Prince in
Greenville Friday to serve five years
each on the chain gang for killing
Waverley Burns.

COTTON REPORT SCANDAL.

Committee of American Cotton Man-
ufacturers Association to Call on
Secretary Wilson.

Washington, July 24.—Members of
the committee from the American Cot-
ton Manufacturers Association who
will confer with Secretary Wilson of
the Agricultural Department about
the new cotton acreage report later
in the day arrived this morning they
are S. D. Tanner, Henrietta, N. C.; R.
M. Miller, Jr., and C. B. Bryant,
Charlotte, N. C.; J. M. Cannon, Con-
cord, N. C.; Geo. B. Hiss, Rhodes, N. C.
President Miller stated this morn-
ing that the committee would not
decide whether it desired a new report
or not until it had obtained from
Secretary Wilson his ideas as to
acreage and conditions. The commit-
tee will insist upon safe guards against
leaks and fluctuations in the market.

THE GADSDEN, ALA., CRIME.

Negro Woman Turns State's Evidence
and Testifies Against Three Ne-
gro Men.

Gadsden, Ala., July 18.—Lucy
Mayo, a negro woman, arrested with
the negro men in connection with
the criminal assault and murder of
Mrs. S. J. Smith, last Saturday night,
today turned state's evidence before
the coroner's jury. Her evidence im-
plicates Jack Hunter, who is still at
large, and Vance Garner and Will
Johnson, who are now confined in the
Birmingham jail.

She says Garner described the
whole crime to her on the morning it
happened. She claims Garner told
her that he and Will Johnson were on
the mountain and heard the woman's
screams; that they ran to her and
found Jack Hunter dragging her
across the road by the hair. The two
men then helped Hunter to drag her
off the road and each assisted in
holding her while the crime was com-
mitted.

RICHLAND'S FINANCES.

Member of Sinking Fund Commission
Says They are Away.

The sinking fund commission met
yesterday in the office of Gov. Hey-
ward, all of the members being pres-
ent, including Senator R. I. Manning
and Representative Moses of Sumter.
The principal matter discussed by the
commission was the status of a loan
made to Richland county last year.
The matter was adjusted after some
discussion.

A member of the commission said
yesterday that the financial affairs
of Richland county are certainly in a
tangle, and in saying so he did not
reflect upon the existing administra-
tion. As it is well known, there is a
commission at work on the books in
the court house. The members of
this commission are: D. W. Robinson,
T. F. Davis and G. A. Kaminer. They
were appointed under an act similar
to that creating the commission to in-
vestigate the books and financial af-
fairs of Greenville county.—The
State.

CONFERENCE WITH ROOT.

President and Secretary of State Dis-
cusses Important Questions.

Oyster Bay, July 21.—President
Roosevelt will have a conference with
Secretary of State Root this after-
noon. Among the important ques-
tions to be discussed will be the pro-
posed transfer of the Panama Canal
from the jurisdiction of the War
Department to that of the State De-
partment. They will also confer over
the details of the peace conference
and a number of department prob-
lems that have arisen during the last
few weeks.

ROOT SWORN IN.

The New Secretary of State Took the
Oath of Office Today

Washington, July 19.—Elihu Root,
former secretary of war, was sworn
in this morning as secretary of state.
The oath of office was administered
by William McNair, assistant librar-
ian of the department of justice in
the office of Assistant Secretary of
State Loomis. The room of the secre-
tary of state is closed, the furnishing
being draped in mourning in honor
of the late Secretary Hay. There was
little formality connected with the
oath and the new secretary of state
made no speech.

William Elliott, Jr., has been elect-
ed manager of the Columbia street
railway to succeed P. I. Welles, who
becomes manager of the Union and
Glenn Springs Ry.

TERRIBLE CRUELTY.

Penitentiary Officials Makes Damag-
ing Charge Against The County
Chain Gangs.

Columbia, July 25.—The burden of
the new law giving county supervisors
the use of convicts sentenced to term
of ten years or less with the option of
turning them over to the penitentiary
authorities whenever they wear out or
brake down from ill health, is falling
with increasing weight on the peni-
tentiary authorities, who complain
that practically all of the prisoners
they get now except those sent in
for long terms, are either diseased
or are otherwise incapacitated for
work; that short term prisoners kept
on the average chaingang in this State
are soon broken in health from lack
of care and by reason of improper
treatment are sent into the peniten-
tiary physical wrecks.

"The new law is working a terrible
cruelty," said Superintendent Griffin
to the Daily Item's correspondent to-
day. "I do not believe there is a
man in this State physically strong
enough to stand ten years' service on
a chaingang in this State. The chain-
gang authorities are not equipped to
care for the prisoners as they should
be cared for. When the average
chaingang prisoner gets wet working
in the rain he is allowed to sleep
through the night in his wet clothes,
which is barbarous. We never allow
a prisoner to sleep in wet clothes
down here."

A majority of the deaths that occur
at the penitentiary result from tuber-
culosis, and many of these cases are
contracted after the prisoner reaches
Columbia, though some are sent in
each year from the chaingangs dying
from consumption.

A victim of this disease yesterday
was A. S. Simpson, a lifetimer sent
here four years ago from Abbeville
for murder. Simpson was only 31
years old and contracted the disease
18 months ago. He was a bridge
builder and killed his man in a dis-
pute over the construction of a bridge.
He was a well-behaved prisoner and
was apparently a man of some cul-
ture. His remains were shipped to
his widow and two children at Cal-
houn; two of his brothers were fre-
quent visitors to the penitentiary.
Simpson was at first worked in the
hosiery mill, where practically all of
the tuberculosis cases originate, but
recently he has been working in the
carpenter shop.

Two negro convicts who died with-
in the past 30 days were brought in
from the county gangs; each died
within two days after his admission
to the penitentiary.

In this connection a paragraph
from Dr. S. E. Harmon's last annual
report will be of interest: "There
were 292 patients in the hospital. Ten
times that number were treated for
minor troubles that did not require
being admitted to the hospital. I re-
port 31 deaths this year, all being of a
chronic nature, with the exception of
two or three, including one suicide.
Nineteen died of tuberculosis. The
death rate from this disease can be
reduced slightly by isolation, but
when we consider that a large per-
cent of those that die from tubercu-
losis are admitted to the institution
already infected you can readily see
that the death rate from this disease
will always be large. You will see
that seven of the number that died
were received from the various chain-
gangs in a helpless condition; one of
whom died two days after being ad-
mitted.

BALFOUR WILL NOT RESIGN.

Says That a Defeat of the Government
Does Not Render Dissolution
Obligatory.

London, July 24.—Premier Balfour
announced in the House of Commons
this afternoon that the cabinet would
not resign following the unfavorable
vote in the house on Thursday night.

London, July 24.—Premier Balfour
explained that the belief that if the
government is defeated on any sub-
ject it should resign immediately or
dissolve Parliament is fallacious, as
the practice has been quite the op-
posite of this. The premier cited
instances of defeats suffered by pre-
vious ministries, similar to that of
Thursday night, which had not been
followed by resignation of the govern-
ment.

J. A. Pride, commercial agent of
the Seaboard Air Line at Columbia, is
said to be going to be appointed as-
sistant general passenger agent of the
Seaboard Air Line with headquarters
at Atlanta. Mr. Pride was formerly
stationed at Spartanburg.