

COURSE OF RACE

Vardaman Talks of Education and Negro.

CRIME ON THE INCREASE

Governor of Mississippi Holds Illiterate Less Vicious.

THE STATE IS URGED TO ACT

Tendency of the Colored Man to Assault Women is Ascribed to the Racial Desire for Social Equality.

JACKSON, Miss., Jan. 19.—In his inaugural address today before a joint session of the Mississippi Legislature, Governor James K. Vardaman declared that the growing tendency of the negro to commit criminal assaults on white women is nothing more or less than the manifestations of the racial desire for social equality.

"As a race he is deteriorating morally. Time has demonstrated that he is more criminal as a freeman than as a slave; that he is increasing in criminality with frightful rapidity, being one-third more criminal in 1890 than he was in 1870."

"The startling facts revealed by the census show that those who can read and write are more criminal than the illiterates, which is true of no other element of our population. I am advised that the minimum illiteracy among the negroes is found in New England, where it is 24 per cent."

"In the South, Mississippi particularly, I know he is growing worse every year. You can scarcely pick up a newspaper whose pages are not blackened with the account of an unmentionable crime committed by a negro brute, and this crime, I want to impress upon you, is but the manifestation of the negro's aspiration for social equality, encouraged largely by the character of free education in vogue, which the state is levying tribute upon the white people to maintain."

"The better class of negroes is not responsible for this terrible condition, nor for the criminal tendency of their race. Nor do I wish to be understood as censuring them for it. I am simply calling attention to a most unfortunate and undesirable condition of affairs. What shall be done about it?"

"My own idea is that the character of the education for the negro ought to be changed. If, after years of earnest effort and the expenditure of fabulous sums of money to educate his head, we have only succeeded in making a criminal out of him, wisdom would suggest that we make another experiment and see if we cannot improve him by educating his hand and his heart. There must be a moral substratum upon which to build, or you cannot make him a desirable citizen."

The Governor also declared that the people of the Nation should rise up and demand the repeal of the 15th amendment.

POSTAL INSPECTOR REBUKED.

Attorney for Machen Contends He is Coaching Witnesses.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—The trial of August W. Machen and others indicted with him for conspiracy to defraud the Government proceeded rapidly today. The Government put in evidence a number of documents having a direct bearing on the dealings of Groff Bros. with Machen's division in the Postoffice Inspector Walter S. Mayer had been talking to witnesses before they came on the stand. Mayer denied the charge. "When subsequently the matter cropped up again, and Attorney Machen said he had positive information that Mayer had committed the offense, Justice Pritchard rebuked the inspector and warned him against its repetition. District Attorney Beach demanded an affidavit to prove the assertion, which Mr. Kumler said he would furnish later in the day, but the matter apparently was allowed to drop, as the affidavit was not presented."

John A. Clark, a letter-carrier, today testified in the postal trial. In 1896, he was directed to report to Mr. Machen, Superintendent of Free Delivery, who ordered him to go to Baltimore to explain the workings of the Groff fastener. Later, he said, he had been ordered to perform similar work in New York, St. Louis and other cities.

On cross-examination by Mr. Douglas, witness declared that he regarded his trips to the various cities as perfectly necessary for the proper installation of the boxes with the Groff fastener. There was nothing unusual, suspicious or irregular, he said, about his work. Machen, he said, simply discharged the duties of his office as Superintendent, and he saw no other Superintendent would have done. Out of the pay for his work, he said, he paid his own living expenses. The Groff fastener, he said, was a perfectly satisfactory arrangement.

Walter A. Smith, Superintendent of City Delivery of the Brooklyn postoffice, was next called. While in Machen's office, in 1896, he said, he had been shown a Groff fastener, and he had pronounced it a good thing. Later he said a number of the fasteners were shipped to his office.

Before the next witness was called, Mr. Kumler, for the defense, made the charge that Postoffice Inspector Mayer was in the habit of leaving the courtroom and talking with the witnesses. He said a complaint had been made to him about the matter, and he wanted it stopped. Justice Pritchard said that was something he

IN GREAT STATE

Czar Attends Ceremony of Blessing the Waters.

TROOPS MAKE FINE DISPLAY

Thermometer is Below Zero, but Officers Leave Off Coats to Show Uniforms—Foreign Diplomats Join in the Solemn Service.

"PURE FOOD" CATASTROPHE.

Olive Oil on Floor of House Causes Several Members to Fall.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—There was a "pure-food" catastrophe in the members' lobby of the House today. Representative Mason, of Illinois, who had charges at the Hepburn pure-food bill on the floor of the House today fortified himself with numerous samples of pure and adulterated concoctions, bottled and canned, which he arranged on his desk as ocular evidence to the members for the necessity for pure-food legislation. In bringing these samples into the House, he dropped a bottle of olive oil on the marble floor of the lobby. Immediately General Bingham, of Pennsylvania, the "Father of the House," came along the corridor and slipped on the spot where the oil had spread over the floor. His feet went out from under him and he fell heavily. The General was helped to his committee-room, where it was found he was not injured.

TO INVESTIGATE SHIP SUBSIDY

House Committee Decides to Report Favorably the Bill.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—The House committee on merchant marine and fisheries today, by a strict party vote, ordered a favorable report to be made to the House on the Gardner bill providing for a commission to investigate the whole question of ship subsidy. The commission consists of five members each of the Senate and House, and its report must be made on the first day of the next session of Congress.

No Lack of Naval Officers Soon.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—According to the testimony of Captain Brownson, superintendent of the Naval Academy, before the House committee on naval affairs today, the United States will have naval officers in the main all naval vessels. There will be an increase in the classes graduating each year from the academy. Captain Brownson declared the practice of holding in the academy was being eliminated. He spoke strongly against the passage of the Lacey bill to restore the three cadets recently dismissed from the academy for hazing. This action must not be taken if discipline is to be maintained. However, he did not want to be personal against the three cadets, whom he characterized as in all other respects desirable students.

Red Cross Inquiry is Ordered.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—On motion of Senator Daniel, the Senate today adopted a resolution calling on the Secretary of State for detailed information concerning the Red Cross Society. It asks whether the State Department has made inquiry of foreign governments concerning the society, and whether this government appointed officials or directors, and what financial support it gives to the society. Inquiry is made also respecting the equipment of the society for field work, how its accounts are kept and audited, and whether the society has the confidence of the leading people of the country.

OPEN FIGHT ON JAPANESE.

Western Miners Want Them Under Same Exclusion Law as Chinese.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 19.—At the opening of the convention of the United Mineworkers of America today, President Mitchell announced the standing committee. It was announced that the credentials committee will be able to report probably tomorrow afternoon. The time limit for resolutions and proposed amendments to the constitution was fixed for tomorrow night. The committees retired for work.

The delinquency of locals in the three anthracite districts is the cause of much criticism among the bituminous miners. Some were reported as in arrears for two or more months, and not entitled to a vote in the convention. Some of these have settled with the credentials committee, and will be represented in the convention, but there still remains a large number of anthracite miners in bad standing, and these locals will not have the voting powers that they had three years ago.

The convention was addressed in behalf of the union label by C. F. Smith, general organizer of the American Federation of Labor, John Witzel, of Louisville, Ky., on behalf of the tobacco workers, and John Guild, of the Bakers' and Confectioners' International Union.

It was learned late tonight that a resolution will be submitted by a Wyoming delegate asking Congress to enact a law placing Japanese miners employed in Wyoming, Colorado, Montana and other fields under the same exclusion act governing the Chinese.

UNION WORKERS ARE THE BEST

New York Typothetae, However, Opposes the Eight-Hour Day.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Jan. 19.—Edwin Progaard, of New York, secretary of the Typothetae Union, in an address here before the State Typothetae, said: "The length of the workday is not of so much importance as the return received therefor. It is endeavoring to suppress all agitation started by the International Typographical Union. If the hours are reduced the expenses of the business are added to by 15 per cent. There is a movement in Congress to frame an eight-hour day, which is a dangerous one. We are opposing it, because it is unwise and we are petitioning our members to have their Senators oppose the bill. We do not want antagonizing the anti-injunction bill. We stand for the open office, although we agree the union men are the best workmen we can secure."

"What happens to a young engaged couple to be so happy?" "Why, each thinks he or she's getting more than he or she's giving." —Detroit Free Press.

WE'VE QUINNED 'EM

Greatest Knockout in Prices Ever Witnessed.

Nobody is Hurt—Piano Buying Has Been Greatly Simplified and Exorbitant Profits Cut Out.

It is the simplest and most feasible method of piano buying that has ever been hit upon. The profits of the retail dealer have been entirely done away with and individual buyers are given the same advantages as the dealer who buys at wholesale. Members of every co-operative piano organ club have their choice of the finest instruments made. Delivery made immediately upon first payment and every instrument fully guaranteed.

Our Methods

It is remarkable how frequently callers at our store ask our salesmen: "Now, is that really a good piano?" The price is so very much lower than that we have been asked for the same thing elsewhere that it is apt to make one stop to consider. We, of course, explain to them why we are in position to offer good pianos for at least 20 per cent or 25 per cent less than what is asked by others for the same grade and quality, namely, for the simple reason that we possess many advantages which others do not enjoy. For instance, we deal with the manufacturers direct, while other houses have to pay royalties to San Francisco dealers or get their pianos at wholesale from San Francisco houses, thereby being compelled to pay an additional middleman's profit. We do not have to divide our profits with bankers or "backers," as some dealers do, for we are conducted on a retail economy plan. Our store is two times larger than any store on the Pacific Coast, but our rents are lower—and a retail buyer who purchases, possessed only by Eilers Piano House.

Clubs Still Better

Members of our co-operative clubs get the benefit of all the savings we have enumerated, without the added profit of a retailer. They are able to purchase in quantities and we can afford to treat each club differently, just as we do with the individual. We save by supplying pianos in our patented harness system, without boxes, in cartons and a retail buyer who purchases, possessed only by Eilers Piano House. No matter how liberal offers made elsewhere may seem, you will find that you can secure the same grade of piano at Eilers Piano House for from \$6 to over \$100 less, and if easy terms of payment are desired this can be arranged by Eilers Piano House more satisfactory than by any one else.

Canadians Are Ruffled.

LYTTLETON UPHOLDS ALVERSTONE ON THE ALASKAN CASE. LONDON, Jan. 19.—At the annual dinner tonight of the Canada Club, at which Lord Strathcona presided, and where the guests included Sir James Thomas Ritchie, Lord Mayor of London, Lord Duncannon, Hillingdon and Lichfield, Sir Rivers Wigram and others, Colonial Secretary Lyttleton ruffled the feelings of the Canadians present by upholding in a speech Lord Chief Justice Alverstone's recent ruling in the Alaska boundary case. The Duke of Marlborough, Under Secretary of State for the Colonies, spoke a little later, and succeeded in smoothing matters in a speech in which he recalled his visit to Canada, paid a high tribute to the Canadians for the love of the late Queen Victoria, and mentioned his personal experiences in South Africa, where he said he witnessed the bravery and resourcefulness of the Canadian troops. The Duke concluded his remarks amid great applause with a eulogistic toast to the maple leaf, and all it implies to Canadians.

PRUSSIA WILL HAVE SURPLUS.

BERLIN, Jan. 19.—The lower house of the Prussian Diet today re-elected by acclamation Herr Koerber to be president and Herren Forch and Krause to be vice-presidents of the house. When Finance Minister Rheinbaben introduced the budget, he said he was able to make the gratifying announcement that, owing to the revival of trade, a surplus of \$5,000,000 was expected for the year 1903, instead of the anticipated deficit of \$17,700,000. The government also hoped to be able to dispense with a loan in 1904. The estimates for 1904 place the revenue at \$70,301,322, ordinary expenses, \$66,565,167, and extraordinary expenditures at \$15,620,000. The budget contains an item of \$75,300 above the ordinary provision for combating the pan-Polish agitation in Upper Silesia.

60 Lives Lost by Rush of Water.

BLOEMFONTEIN, Orange River Colony, Jan. 18.—It is now estimated that 60 persons were drowned as a result of the bursting of a reservoir here Sunday, which also destroyed 176 houses and three hotels.

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The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*.

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HARPER'S BAZAR FOR FEBRUARY now on sale. Lipman, Wolfe & Co. LEWIS AND CLARK AND PACIFIC MONTHLIES on sale here.

Comforter Specials

Two splendid comforters are offered under price today—just when you want them—since the thermometer is crowding down toward the zero mark.

\$1.87 INSTEAD OF \$2.50. Filled with one sheet of pure white laminated cotton, figured silkoline top and lining, weight full 4 pounds.

\$1.38 INSTEAD OF \$1.75. We've an even 500 Comforters—figured silkoline top, plain lining, filling of clean, white cotton, which are the best possible value procurable at \$1.38. Hotel and rooming-house proprietors ought to make a note of this bargain on their today's shopping list.

Draperies at Half

Visitors to our Drapery Section today will find a big table piled high with a large line of Drapery and Upholstery materials at half price. There is wide choosing—some hints:

AT 50¢ INSTEAD OF \$1.00. Scotch Drapery Madras, in a half dozen various very pretty colorings—regularly \$1, now on sale at 50¢.

AT \$1.25 INSTEAD OF \$2.50. Very rich Damasse Tapestry, very firmly woven, rich Oriental, wreath and verdure designs, 30 inches wide, great value.

Up to \$20.00 Suits at \$8.85

There were busy times in the Suit Section yesterday in spite of the unpleasant weather. The suits at \$8.85 found ready takers. Enough left for today's selling, however, and the assortment is still unbroken.

Suits of black all-wool chevot serge, satin lined, Louis XIV coat, velvet collar and silk girdle—Suits of navy blue zibeline in fitted Norfolk style, satin lined, velvet collar—Suits of novelty homespuns in Louis XIV style, satin lined, all Skirts in the latest style of flare.

These Suits are all this season's production, and are only sold at such a low price because one of the fundamental rules of this store forbids the carrying of one season's goods over into another.

Wool Batting

"Woolen Batts" in full quilt size, 2-3 yards long, 2 yards wide—made from best quality wool and so treated chemically as to be perfectly odorless—\$2.50 each. Then we have wool in 1-lb. sheets at 63¢ lb.

Velvet Skins

Just received a large shipment—500—of "select quality" velvet finish skins. Come in all colors and shades—75¢ ea.

Two Great Dress Goods Specials

If you are in need of a new dress now or even at some future time, it will pay you to see these two special offerings:

83¢ INSTEAD OF \$1.25. Two thousand yards all-wool 44 to 50-Armures, Granites, Whipcords, Sanghes, Mistrals, Burlaps, etc., regularly sold at \$1.25—on sale today at 83¢.

98¢ INSTEAD OF \$1.50 AND \$1.75. Fifteen hundred yards of all-wool 50 to 54 in. Colored Dress Goods—Zibelines, Tweeds, Hopsackings, Homespuns, Coverts, Meltons, etc., regularly \$1.50 to \$1.75—today at 98¢.

Leggings

Our entire stock of Women's and Children's Leggings on sale at very much reduced prices. Women's \$1.25 Jersey Leggings, full length, for only 98¢. Women's \$1.00 Jersey Leggings, three-quarter length, for 79¢. Misses' \$1.00 Jersey Leggings, full length, for only 79¢. Child's 79¢ Jersey Leggings. 63¢. Child's \$1.00 Jersey Leggings. 79¢. Child's \$1.25 Leather Leggings. 98¢.

New Neckwear

Several very pretty, new ideas in Women's Neckwear grace our counters by their presence. AT 50¢—Women's Hand Hemstitched White Laundered Linen Collars, in standing and turn over styles. AT 35¢—Women's Hemstitched Stock Collars, in white—also Stole End Lace Collars, in white and champagne colors.

Outings and Flannelettes

Two special values from our premier Cotton Goods Section which challenge any and all competition and comparison.

AT 8¢ YD.—A very large line of the real Persian Flannelettes which sell regularly at 10 and 12½¢, rich Oriental and also the more conventional patterns, fast in color.

AT 7¢ YD.—150 pieces of superior quality of Outing Flannel, stripes, checks and plaids, in dark and light effects, soft, thick and fleecy, fast in color, as good a grade as any one sells at 10¢.

There was a public funeral and interment today of 23 of the bodies already recovered. The ceremonies were attended by all the local officials and 2000 inhabitants. The shops were closed and the town is in mourning.

Officers of Missing Collier Promoted. PARIS, Jan. 19.—M. Pellatun, Minister of Marine, has promoted the officers of the missing naval collier *Vienne* to higher rank with the object of increasing the

20 Per Cent Reduction Sale

Every Article Reduced. Never were you offered better, truer bargains than these. All our choice

Scarfs, Stoles and Broadtail Persian Jackets, From our \$2.50 Scarf to our \$350 Sealskin Jacket all included in this sale

Mounted Rugs Offered at the same reduction.

H. Liebes & Co. The World's Greatest Furriers. J. P. Plagemann, Mgr. 283 Morrison St., Portland, Or.

Silverfield's GREAT ANNUAL CLEARANCE SALE NEARING THE END. No time to lose. The Spring garments will soon demand space. Prices have been cut to an extremely low point to effect a most decisive clearance of every garment made for this season's wear. We doubt if garments of such distinct merit were ever quoted so low. Regular \$50.00 Tailor Suits now \$35.00. Regular \$35.00 Tailor Suits now \$20.00. Regular \$25.00 Tailor Suits now \$15.00. Regular \$25.00 Stylish Coats now \$14.85. Regular \$20.00 Well-Made Cravenettes. \$12.35. FURS ARE RADICALLY REDUCED. \$55 Stylish Near Seal Blouses now \$39.00. \$30 Rich Fox Long Boa now \$18.00. \$20 Handsome Fox Boa now \$12.50. \$15 Long Isabella Opossum Boa now \$8.85. \$15 Long Squirrel Belly Boa now \$8.85. \$12.50 Stylish Sable Opossum Boa now \$7.00. \$8.00 Serviceable Imperial Boa now \$4.50. SEND FOR CATALOGUE