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TO GET NO PAY.

PUBLIC SCHOOL COMMITTEEMEN MUST WORK FOR NOTHING.

J. B. Fortune to be Federal Court Clerk at Raleigh—This a Condition Precedent to Purnell's Appointment—A Clean Sweep of Democrats at the Blind Asylum—Negroes Tired of Russell Republicanism—Survey of the Durham and Charlotte Railway.

Messenger Bureau, Park Hotel.
Raleigh, N. C., June 15.
Public school committeemen can get no pay. Such is the ruling of the attorney general. The state superintendent of public instruction desired to pay them and asked the opinion of the attorney general. The latter in reply says he can find nothing in the law which justifies their payment.

J. B. Fortune, late of Shelby, now of Raleigh, is to be the clerk of the United States district and circuit courts here, succeeding N. J. Riddick, who has held this position thirty-one years. The appointment of Fortune, a devoted friend of Senator Pritchard, was a "condition precedent to the appointment of Judge Purnell." Fortune expects to get the appointment before the end of June and file his bond, and to go in office about July 1st. He says: "The powers that be say I must have Riddick's trustee."

The trustees of the institution for the blind here were in session until after 10 o'clock this morning. They re-elected John E. Ray principal, dropped W. J. Young as assistant principal and elected J. R. Rogers steward. They made a clean sweep of all democratic employees. C. T. Bailey, who has so actively opposed Governor Russell, was elected chairman of the board, vice B. F. Montague. This was quite a victory for Bailey.

Professor I. C. Blair was not re-elected. William L. Royall, of Wakeforest, was elected instructor and will have most of Mr. Blair's classes. Mary P. Wright succeeds Anna Jones in the kindergarten department. The following teachers were re-elected: W. J. White, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Simpson, Maggie Bromley, Mary Schenck, Fanny Floyd, Laura Cosby, Elizabeth Crow. The new teachers besides those above named, are Evelyn Ellis, Laura Newson and Mary Davis. Dr. Hubert Haywood was re-elected physician and Mrs. C. W. Costner, housekeeper. This board is also the board of the colored institution for deaf mutes and blind and at this it makes the following changes: W. A. Caldwell, colored, succeeds Thomas H. Tillinghast, white, as teacher. A. W. Pequeus is re-elected supervisor.

The revenue collections in this district during May were \$87,773.49, which was over \$2,000 more than in May, 1896. One of the finest residences in Randolph county, that of George S. Bradshaw, was burned Sunday. The loss is said to be over \$15,000 and the insurance \$5,250.

From the Van Lindley peach orchard near Southern Pines, where there is about one-fifth of a crop, some 5,000 crates of peaches are expected to be shipped this season.

The new board of agriculture met at 4 o'clock this afternoon, in semi-annual session. Some of the members are talking about ousting Herbert Brimley, the curator of the museum, a very accomplished man, and putting in a man named Hyams, a brother-in-law of Senator Pritchard. One member of the board said Hyams would very probably be put in and if in a fortnight it was discovered that he could not fill the place he would be dropped. This same member said he favored abolishing any office which no republican or populist could not be found competent to fill.

A negro voter tells me that 20,000 voters of his race in this state are ready to revolt against "Russell republicanism," as he terms it. He says all they ask is that democrats recognize them.

The wheat crop in Guilford county is pronounced to be several years. One man has sold his 1,500 bushel crop in the field for \$1 a bushel.

Surveyors this week begin the survey of a line from Gulf, Chatham county, to Durham, for the line to be known as the Durham and Charlotte railway. Pennsylvania people are interested in this line.

The commissioners of Cabarrus county notify the incorporators of the Moore County and West End railway that they have \$75,000 in bonds ready to turn over to them as soon as that road is put in operation. The purpose is that it shall extend from Aberdeen or thereabouts to Concord.

The car wheel works here, after some months suspension, have resumed work. They are a branch of the Lobdell works, of Wilmington, Del. Wheels are now cast three times a week.

It is said that taking all the trucking and berry interests in this state, the season just ended has been the most profitable on record. The hot weather in May cut the potato crop short, but for all sold good prices were obtained. The truckers have money and that interest is looking up.

The condition of wheat compared with an average in the state is 100 per cent., against 110½ in May; that of oats 94, against 104 in May.

State Superintendent Mebane left today for Morehead City for the teachers' assembly. The orchestra from the blind institution here also went there.

It is intimated that the purchase of The Tribune plant is for The Press Visiter and The Caucasian.

Towns Destroyed by Earthquakes.
Simla, June 15.—Reports that all of the buildings at Simla, India, have been destroyed by an earthquake, are confirmed. Mr. McCabe, the British resident deputy commissioner, was killed by a falling house and the English ladies and children are suffering intensely from exposure. The towns of Sylhet and Cherapunji were levelled to the ground and whole villages ruined. The losses are so great that it is feared that much suffering is inevitable in several populous districts.

THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

Meeting of the New Board—Displaced Members Make Demand for Reinstatement—Man and Woman Sent to Penitentiary for Poisoning Letter's Husband.

(Special to The Messenger.)
Raleigh, N. C., June 15.—The board of agriculture met at 4 o'clock J. D. Maultsby presiding, J. L. Ramsey secretary. R. O. Burton and J. E. Shepherd appeared as attorneys for J. H. Gilmer, of the Fifth district; J. R. McLelland of the Seventh and E. R. Aiken of the Eighth and demanded that they be received as members of the board and be permitted to take seats and serve as such until the expiration of their term. The matter goes over until tomorrow. Their claim is under the supreme court's decision in the asylum cases, which are claimed to cover this case precisely. Under the asylum decision W. R. Capehart is also entitled to retain his seat, but he does not make the claim to it.

The state geologist made a statement regarding cases for the museum extension. The White Rickell Company, of Mebane, and the Globe Furniture Company, of High Point, made bids for cases.

The board ordered the resolution read which was adopted in 1889 and which turned over the experiment station to the Agricultural and Mechanical college. As soon as the regular session ended the board went into caucus.

A white man and a woman are brought to the penitentiary from Caldwell for poisoning the former's husband so they could marry. They got ten years.

The state superintendent of public instruction announces officially that he knows of no provision of law permitting pay of persons who take the school census.

A PERFECT DELUGE

At Florence Two and Three Tenths Inches of Rain Falls in Fifty Minutes—A Negro Woman Killed by a Train.

(Special to The Messenger.)

Florence, S. C., June 15.—One of the heaviest rains for the length of time fell here this afternoon. A heavy cloud from the four points of the compass met almost directly over this place and for fifty minutes the water descended in almost a solid sheet. Many persons thought that it was a cloudburst. At the United States weather station the rainfall for the fifty minutes measured 2.3 inches. Reports from the county are meagre as to streams and bridges. The water was running over the track of the Northeastern railroad one mile below the city and a washout is feared tonight. The wind was severe, as was also the electric display accompanying the rain storm. Nearly every house top in the city leaked in streams. Several of the merchants had their stock of goods damaged. The water was two feet deep in low portions of the city and several small houses in South Florence were flooded.

A negro woman was killed on the Wilmington, Columbia and Augusta railroad at Jeffreys creek trestle, three miles west of here, this morning by the incoming passenger train from Columbia. She was walking the trestle and was caught. Her body was completely torn to pieces by the engine. The engineer used every endeavor to stop, but could not.

The Prohibition Elections of Monday.

(Special to The Messenger.)
Beaufort, N. C., June 15.—The prohibitionists carried the town of Beaufort by 128 majority and the entire township by 82 majority in yesterday's election.

(Special to The Messenger.)
Southport, N. C., June 15.—Southport voted on the question of prohibition or license yesterday. The prohibition ticket was successful by eleven majority. The election was very quiet.

Consul General Lee Criticized.

Havana, June 15.—El Diario de la Marina publishes today a letter from its New York correspondence expressing indignation surprise at the publication in New York of Consul General Lee's report on the Ruiz case before the original had reached the state department and characterizing the occurrence as a "grave breach of diplomatic propriety." The paper commenting editorially upon the report, reiterates its former attacks upon Consul General Lee, alleging that his recent official reports as to the "reconcentration" in Cuban towns have been highly exaggerated and criticizes Mr. Calhoun for tarrying in New York, in open consultation with the known enemies of Spain for twenty-four hours after reaching that city, instead of proceeding directly to Washington to make his report to President McKinley.

The Master Mechanics.

Newport News, Va., June 16.—The second day's session of the Master Mechanics Association was called to order at Old Point Comfort at 9:30 o'clock this morning, the attendance being very small. The day was devoted wholly to technical discussion. E. F. Moore, mechanical engineer of the railroad commission of Michigan, was elected an associate member. The convention adjourned at 2 o'clock p. m., until tomorrow at 9 o'clock a. m. The annual ball is being held in the Chamberlain hotel this evening.

A Rush to Settle With the Strikers.

New York, June 15.—There was a rush of clothing contractors today to settle with the striking tailors. Thirty contractors opened their shops and 200 tailors went to work in them. All but 3,500 of the striking tailors have returned to work and it is expected that all the contractors will yield before next week.

To Start for London

St. Petersburg, June 18.—John W. Foster, the United States seal commissioner, started for London today. It is understood that his mission has been successfully accomplished.

OFF FOR CUBA.

THE DAUNTLESS LOADS A CARGO AT A FLORIDA PORT.

Spanish and American Officials Thrown Off Their Guard by the Rumor That the Dauntless Had Sailed From Key West the Night Before—In Hillsborough Harbor She Takes on a Cargo From an Unknown Schooner and Both Sail Away Before Their Presence is Known.

Jacksonville, Fla., June 15.—A special to The Citizen from Tampa says: The Dauntless, or a boat supposed to be that vessel, came into Hillsborough bay last night and took on a cargo of arms and ammunition from a schooner lying at anchor off the mouth of the Alafia river and sailed speedily away for the Cuban shore.

A report was sent out yesterday that the Dauntless had sailed from Key West with an expedition. This was circulated by those interested. It was a bold and successful bluff that threw the officers entirely off their guard and the Dauntless came in last night and got her cargo. The two boats were tied up until about 11 o'clock and in the moonlight could be plainly seen from the dock along the river front of the city.

J. E. Cartaya and Charles Silva are the only ones who are known to be aboard and they came up from Key West.

The schooner came into the bay late Saturday afternoon and anchored. Her name is not known. She is two masted and of about 130 tons. Her hull is black and she was evidently well loaded. Quite a number of men went from West Tampa, striking across country and proceeding to a point on the bay shore where they took to boats near the place where the men of Colonel Calhoun's expedition were located. The entire work shows master hands behind it, for the expedition was gone fully twelve hours before the authorities or Spanish consul knew that anything was going on, so completely were they thrown off their guard by yesterday's show of force.

The Dauntless had an engagement to go on the ways here yesterday and had a government boat come upon her unexpectedly she would have had a good excuse for being in Hillsborough bay.

The mysterious schooner left about day light this morning. The entire city is strong in the effect that the schooner hails from the neighborhood of Carabelle and received her cargo at a point where the railroad crosses the river. The presence of Captain Parlin, a prominent citizen of Carabelle, in this city for the past few days is strong in the rumor. Since his arrival he has been in conference with parties formerly very active in the filibustering business.

Jacksonville, Fla., June 15.—A special to The Citizen from Key West, says: There is strong evidence of something going on among Cubans here. August 15th, the Dauntless sailed from the harbor this morning about 6 o'clock and went out the northwest channel. Her smokestack was painted red. The tug Clyde went out last night with a load of coal in bags. The tug Clyde left at night. The schooner Adams left yesterday in conference with parties formerly very active in the filibustering business.

Jacksonville, Fla., June 15.—A special to The Citizen from West Palm Beach, says: The cruise vessel anchored at Palm Beach pier again last night. She was en route north, having been to Key West.

A Chorus of Eight Hundred Voices.

Norfolk, Va., June 15.—A chorus of some 800 voices, organized for the Chattanooga by the Sea, by Professor N. DuShane Cloward, of Washington, D. C., sang at armory hall tonight, with an effect that was both grand and unique, so far as Norfolk is concerned. Except Dixie and Swanee River, the numbers were nearly all hymns sung by every congregation in the land. The entertainment also included solos by Professor Cloward and Miss Yewell, of Washington.

Professor Cloward will leave in a day or two for Nashville, Tenn., where he designs organizing a chorus of 5,000 for the Tennessee exposition if he can effect arrangements with the management.

Boston Sailors on Strike.

Boston, June 15.—The sailors of the port of Boston on strike for higher wages now number about 300 men. Their demands were made known today. They are that a minimum scale of wages be fixed at \$22 per month for long southern trips and \$25 per month for short coasting trips such as to Philadelphia, New York, etc. Incidents of the strike today inspired considerable hope. One ship, the Massasoit, bound for a coasting trip, signed a crew for the desired \$25 per month. Two other coasters offered \$20 and \$22, which was refused.

Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias.

Charlotte, N. C., June 15.—The grand lodge, Knights of Pythias of North Carolina, was called to order this forenoon by Grand Chancellor Washington Cattlet. After the grand lodge rank had been conferred on the representatives and past chancellor in waiting, a recess was taken until tomorrow. The doors were thrown open to the public at a speech which came by George A. Page, of Charlotte, N. C. It was responded to by Past Chancellor C. A. Webb, of Asheville.

National Association of Master Mechanics.

Newport News, Va., June 15.—The first day's session of the thirtieth annual convention of the National Association of Master Mechanics was called to order at 10 o'clock this morning in the dancing pavilion of the Hotel Chamberlain, at Old Point Comfort, by President R. H. Soule, of Roanoke, Va., who delivered his annual address. He reviewed the growth of railroads and railroad appliances since the organization of the association twenty-nine years ago. The Master Mechanics, he said, were now on a firm basis, with over 600 members and a good sized bank account.

Secretary John W. Cloud's report showed that during the year he had collected \$4,306.02.

Secretary O. Stewart's report showed the bills all paid and a balance in his hands of \$1,659.01. Mr. Stewart tendered his resignation as secretary, having held the position for eleven years.

The annual dues for the coming year were placed at \$5.00. G. H. Prescott and W. H. Stevens were elected honorary members.

ANNEXATION OF HAWAII.

The Treaty Taken to the White House for Final Revision—To be Signed Today—Important Changes From the One of Harrison's Administration.

Washington, June 15.—It was the expectation that the Hawaiian annexation treaty, this afternoon, would receive the formal signatures of the negotiators, Secretary Sherman, for the United States government, and either Minister Hatch, or Mr. Lorin Thurston, as a special commissioner for the Hawaiian government. The document itself had been prepared and everything was in readiness, when it was taken again to the White house for the president's final inspection and review. Secretary Sherman remained at the department later than his custom, in order to receive the Hawaiians, but finally at 4 o'clock the attempt to secure the signature of the treaty today, was abandoned. This may prevent the submission of the treaty to the senate tomorrow, as was the intention of the cabinet, but the delay in any case will not be material.

At the cabinet meeting today, in the course of discussion of the treaty, it was decided that its pendency in the senate would not necessarily cause any considerable obstruction to the progress of the tariff bill, and while there is every disposition on the part of the president to avoid any interference with the rights of the senate in the matter, it can be stated that the treaty will not go in with any idea that it should be acted on promptly.

While the treaty is in the senate, either in the hands of the committee on foreign relations or on the calendar of executive business, it is the expectation that the people of the United States will have an opportunity through the press and other mediums to declare their sentiments upon the matter and if, as is expected, there is an overwhelming declaration for annexation, it is believed that the senate will be quick to respond to the demand. In this case, the treaty, it is believed, can be taken up and ratified in the course of one or two executive sessions, while the regular tariff debates are in progress.

The one point of importance in which the treaty differs from the convention negotiated by Secretary Foster, in President Harrison's administration is in the omission of any provision for ex-Queen Liliuokalani and the Princess Kaiulani. In the original treaty it was provided that the government of the United States should pay the ex-queen the sum of \$20,000 cash and the same amount of money as a pension each year during the remainder of her natural life, provided she, in good faith, submitted to the government of the United States and the local government of the islands. The Princess Kaiulani, being the next in the line of royal blood, was to receive a cash payment of \$150,000, but no pension, under a similar proviso as in the case of the ex-queen.

It is understood that any objection to the treaty has been expressed only in the Hawaiian islands, based on the large proportion of coolies in the population, has been forestalled by an article, not only prohibiting the further immigration of such laborers to the Hawaiian islands, but also prohibiting the coming of any of the Chinese from the islands to other parts of the United States.

Mr. Bryan at the University of Virginia. Charlottesville, Va., June 15.—The much talked of event of the commencement exercises at the University of Virginia occurred on the lawn today at noon—that is the great speech by Hon. William Jennings Bryan, of Nebraska, before the Washington and Jefferson literary societies of the university. His subject being as has been announced all over the country: "Jefferson Still Lives."

The people had congregated here from all over the country—men, women and children in all the walks of life, business and politics, many of them alumni of this old university, who had not seen their alma mater since leaving its classic shores many years gone by. The extent of the interest which this address has attracted throughout the country has surprised every one. Enthusiasm has been coming over several days past, and this morning there were five special trains which entered Charlottesville and were packed with people long before the hour set for the oration.

Promptly at 12 o'clock noon, Mr. Bryan ascended the stand. He was introduced by Mr. Campbell, and his address was devoted mainly to Jefferson's ideas of government.

While alluding simply to the great issue of the money question, he said since that was so decidedly out of place, he could not touch it on this occasion. But he declared that while he might be wrong—every human being was liable to error—the one need of the people was currency good everywhere. In other words, one which would not fluctuate in value, and which was as good as any other in the world, the gold dollar.

After the conclusion of the address, Mr. Bryan spent two hours on the lawn holding a general reception, and then was entertained by Mr. Barringer at luncheon at his private house, where quite a number of Mr. Bryan's political friends were invited to meet him.

Knights of Pythias, today elected the following officers: Supreme representative for four years, A. E. Ebert, of Winston; supreme representative for two years, C. W. Webb, of Asheville; Grand Chancellor, R. H. Rickert, of Statesville; grand vice chancellor, T. S. Franklin, of Charlotte; grand prelate, D. A. McMillan, of Fayetteville; grand master of exchequer, John Ward, of Raleigh; grand keeper of records and seal, W. T. Hollowell, of Goldsboro; grand master-at-arms, R. L. Cooper, of Murphy; grand inner guard, S. J. Welsh, of Monroe; grand outer guard, J. L. Scott, of Graham.

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The grand lodge adjourned tonight. This afternoon the Knights were tendered a reception at the park, many of the young ladies and matrons of Charlotte society serving refreshments.

THE TARIFF BILL.

UNUSUAL PROGRESS MADE ON IT BY THE SENATE.

The Sugar Schedule Completed, Except the Paragraph as to the Hawaiian Treaty. This Laid Aside for Future Action—All Committee Amendments Adopted—The Pettigrew Trust Amendment Voted Down—The Agricultural Schedule Taken Up.

Washington, June 15.—The senate made a great stride forward today by completing the consideration of the sugar schedule of the tariff bill, which went over. This schedule has been the storm centre of the entire bill and with it disposed of there is better prospect for speed in action on the bill as a whole. The first paragraph of the sugar schedule has served to bring out all the speeches and the test votes and when this was passed early today the other paragraphs of the schedule were agreed to without further opposition. As agreed to, the schedule places on sugar not above No. 16. Dutch standard 1 cent per pound and .03 cent for every degree above 75, and on sugars above No. 16 Dutch standard 1.95 cents per pound. The other provisions of the schedule relate to maple sugar, maple syrup, candy, etc.

Only one ye and nay vote was taken during the day, on the amendment of Senator Lindsay, of Kentucky, to make the rate 1.8 cent per pound on sugar above No. 16 Dutch standard. The amendment was defeated—32 to 35.

The Pettigrew amendment relating to trusts was then taken up and discussed at length. It developed considerable divergence of view on both sides of the chamber, the two Alabama senators, Messrs. Morgan and Pettus, joining Senator Hoar, of Massachusetts, in opposition. Senator Allison finally tested the sense of the senate by moving to table the amendment, which motion prevailed—yeas, 35; nays, 32; two democrats, Senator Morgan and McHenry, voting with the republicans to table and thus turning the scale against the amendment.

During the debate on the sugar schedule, Senator Caffery read a statement showing that the labor cost in the United States was less than in Germany and other countries and that the cost of refining was less than 30 cents per 100 pounds. The senator said this controverted Senator Allison's assertion that the cost in the United States was greater than in foreign countries.

After the proviso relating to the Hawaiian islands had been passed over, and the consideration of paragraph 206 being completed with this exception, Senator Allison moved to insert a new paragraph, to be known as paragraph 206½, of which he had given notice. It is as follows:

"That the duties on molasses, clayed, jagged and other sugars testing not above 87 degrees by the polariscope shall be 1 cent per pound less than those imposed by the preceding paragraph on corresponding tests of sugar."

The paragraph was agreed to without objection.

Paragraph 207, relating to maple sugar and maple syrup, was agreed to as reported; also paragraph 208, relating to saccharine.

The committee amendments to paragraph 209, relating to sugar candy and confectionery, were agreed to as reported.

This brought the senate to the end of the sugar schedule, the Hawaiian provision being the only committee provision to go over.

Senator Pettigrew gave notice of another amendment, that none of the increased duties of the bill shall apply to any article made by trusts.

Senators Pasco and Chilton gave notice of similar amendments.

Consideration of the agricultural schedule was then resumed the butter paragraph being agreed to as reported.

Senator Allison asked that the tobacco schedule go over and that consideration of the agricultural schedule be resumed. This was agreed to and the senate took up the provisions as to dairy products in the agricultural schedule.

On the first of paragraph 66, butter and substitutes thereof, 6 cents per pound, Senator Jones, of Arkansas, moved to reduce the rate to 4 cents per pound; disagreed to—29 to 34.

At 5 o'clock the bill was laid aside and after a short executive session the senate adjourned.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

The Grand Lodge—Election of Officers—Report as to Increase of the Order—Adjournment.

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Royal makes the food pure, wholesome and delicious.



ROYAL BAKING POWDER
Manufactured by G. D. ROYAL, NEW YORK.

FERTILIZER ANALYSES
To be Left With the Agricultural College
Federal Directors to Meet in Wilmington—Alderman and Winston to Deliver Lectures at National Educational Association.

(Special to The Messenger.)
Raleigh, N. C., June 16.—The board of agriculture caucused this afternoon on the question whether it should again take control of fertilizer analyses or should let these be under the control of the agricultural college as now. It decided to let them remain as they are for the present.

The state funeral directors' association adjourned to meet at Wilmington, June 15th, next year. F. H. Vogler, of Salem, was elected president; W. L. Bell, of Concord, secretary.

State Geologist Holmes leaves for Denver tomorrow to represent this state at the international gold mining convention. He will visit several western states during the next thirty days.

Mrs. Stevenson, of Chicago, national secretary of the Women's Christian Temperance Union held a reception at the executive mansion today. Miss Ufford, state secretary of this order, will speak at a meeting of its members at the executive mansion Friday evening.

E. A. Alderman and George T. Winston are among five lecturers at the meeting of the national educational association at Milwaukee, July 6th. Alderman's subject is "The Christian State." Winston's subject "Higher Education in the South."

State Board of Agriculture.
(Special to The Messenger.)
Raleigh, N. C., June 16.—The board of agriculture, on motion of J. C. L. Harris, adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the demand of J. H. Gilmer, J. R. McLelland and E. A. Aiken, that they be admitted to seats in this board as members thereof is respectfully declined because this board is advised that they are not members thereof and have no legal right to make the demand which they have presented.

The board decided to allow its members \$2 per day for their board while here. T. K. Bruner, secretary, was, on motion of John Graham, elected honorary director of the state museum.

On motion of Bailey, of North Carolina, a committee was appointed to confer with the governor's council, which is the public printing board, in order to see if the board cannot have its printing done wherever it chooses.

Such miserable returns as to the school census are coming in from some counties that the state superintendent will be forced to use last year's returns. The ignorance shown by some committeemen is frightful.

BUTLER AND PRITCHARD

Become Friendly and Consulting Over North Carolina Appointments.

(Special to The Messenger.)
Raleigh, N. C., June 16.—Republicans just returned from Washington bring a strange story, which is not believed. It is that Butler and Pritchard have made friends and that Pritchard is consulting with Butler as to how best to distribute patronage in North Carolina.

Charlotte Wins the Naval Academy Cadetship.
(Special to The Messenger.)

Lumberton, N. C., June 16.—At an examination held yesterday by Colonel T. F. Toon here, for the cadetship at the naval academy, eleven applicants were examined. F. L. Oliver, of Charlotte, made the highest average of 96 19-32 and Robert Ruark, of Southport, made the next highest, of 96 9-16. Mr. Oliver having made an average of 1-32 over Mr. Ruark, is recommended for the appointment.

A Bomb in the Streets of Paris.
Paris, June 16.—A bomb was exploded this afternoon in front of the Strasbourg station on the Place d'la Concorde. The explosion did some injury to the balustrade of the station, and the immediate locality was strewn with scrap iron as far as the wall of the Tuileries. The infernal machine appears to have been some sort of iron pot, parts of which were picked up by the police at least 100 yards from the station. The police found blood spots on the ground near the station and have descriptions of two men who were seen fleeing from the vicinity of the station immediately after the explosion. Up to midnight there have been no arrests.