WARSHIP AT BLUEFIELDS.

State Department in Hourly Expectation of Important Advices.

Washington, May 3.—Advices received here from Bluefields, Nicaragua, indicate that the situation there, so far as American interests are concerned, is extremely unsatisfactory and discouraging. It is being impressed upon the officials here that persons high in Nicaraguan government are pursuing a policy calculated very deliberately to crush the American business interests, now of considerable magnitude, in the Mosquito country.

The reports are to the effect that ever since the Clarence rebellion some years ago, the Nicaraguan government has been jealous of the growing importance of the American settlements, and the Reyes rebellion seems to have confirmed it in the determination to destroy the American influence in that section. The Nicaraguans hold the American merchants responsible for the Reyes rebellion. They have consequently determined, according to the reports received here, to impose upon these American merchants the entire expense to which the government was put in repressing the rebellion, amounting to about $600,000

This could not be done directly without a breach of international law, hence the attempt was made to collect a large part of it through a demand upon the merchants for a second payment upon imports paid to the defacto government of Bluefields while Reyes was in possession of the place.

The reports show that this government of Reyes was actually de facto in the sense of the term In proof of this it is shown that Estrada, the Nicaraguan governor of the place, sought and was given refuge in the United States consular agency Also the dues collected on imports were collected for Reyes by the same treasurer who had held the place for the past three years.

The American interests in Bluefields alone now aggregate fully $2-000,000 in gold, and the state department is determined that they shall be protected against the proposed extortion, so that interesting news is expected at any moment, in view of the presence of a United States man of-war there, the Detroit, to execute the orders of the department.

Speedy Trial and Swift Justice.

Mr. Morris, a member of the Georgia Legislature, it is reported, will introduce a bill relative to lynchings at the next session of that body. The bill as very briefly outlined "will provide for the trial of the accused within five days after his arrest and, upon conviction, for his hanging in public five days later."

"A unique provision of the bill," it is added, "is that the testimony of the assailant's victim may be taken in private by a special commission, in the presence of the accused, while the trial is in progress"

The measure, as appears from the unique provision, relates only to persons accused of rape, and the most that need be said about it, perhaps, is that it is plain that some such mode of dealing with them by the Courts must be adopted, if they are to be tried by Courts and hanged by an officer of the law. The limit of five days between "arrest" and trial, and between conviction and hanging, is short enough in reason—it may be doubted whether it will be found to be short enough in practice. "The mob" demands the instant trial of men who are charged with the crime in question, and short shrift in disposing of them when they are convicted, and that the mob is to be considered in framing the proposed law is sufficiently proved by the fact that it is proposed.

The provision for taking the testimony of the victim by special commission, in private and in the presence of the accused, while his trial is in progress is a good one in itself and will remove one of the main excuses offered in defence of trial by the mob; whether it will pass the test of constitutional requirements is a question which we are not prepared to answer, but which of course, will receive due attention from lawyers in and out of the Legislature.

We have only to suggest, finally, that if Mr. Morris's proposed law is adopted in substance and shall prove acceptable and well adapted for its purposes, after a fair trial, its scope might well be extended so as to include cases of brutal homicide with those of rape under its special provisions; and that, if it is still found to work well, the general criminal laws of Georgia and of other States might be so amended and changed as to provide for the more speedy trial and punishment of criminals of every class and degree.—News and Courier

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COUNTERFEIT CIGAR STAMPS.

Method by Which Innocent Holders May Not Suffer.

Washington, May 3.—A large holder of cigars purchased from Jacobs & Kendig, and bearing counterfeit stamps, made personal application to commissioners of internal revenue today to modify conditions contained in his recent circular letter requiring innocent holders of these cigars to pay the tax before releasing the same from seizure and this was urged upon the ground that the government was for quite a period of time aware of the existence of these counterfeit stamps and their use before the guilty parties were arrested and their factories seized.

The commissioner said that the relief thus claimed was based upon strong equitable grounds, and said that he would grant it if it was in his power to do so, but that the law providing for the forfeiture of these cigars left him no course open but that of accepting a compromise which should at least include the payment of the tax by the holders of the cigars. He suggested that these claims appeared to be so strongly grounded in equity, however, that it would seem but just and proper that the holders of these cigars should be allowed to file claims for the refund of the tax they were required to pay, with the view that these claims should be called to the attention of congress, through the secretary of the treasury, with a full statement of all the facts, and that such legislation should be recommended as would authorize the commissioner to refund and pay back the taxes which should be exacted from these innocent holders of the Jacobs-Kendig cigars.

ABUSE GOMEZ AND AMERICANS.

Habana, May 5 —The banquet given last evening by members of the recently dissolved military assembly in honor of the aged Salvador Cisneros, Marquis de Santa Lucia, the first president of the second republic of Cuba, and of Gen. Mayia Rodriguez, was the occasion for an anti-American and anti-Gomez demonstration. Gen. Manuel Sanguilly, Col. Juan Gualberto Gomez, a member of the assembly's executive committee, and other speakers denounced Gomez as being a traitor to Cuba in having given aid to the intervening power—"los Yankees," who were referred to in terms of dislike and suspicion. The only voice raised in protest against such assertions among the hundred well known Cubans who were present, including the editors of most of of the local papers printed in Spanish, was that of Senor Fidel Piena, editor of El Independente, who said that the Cubans would most speedily gain their independence by cooperating with the Americans, adding that "the purpose of the United States military authorities is to aid Cuba to prepare for self government and to leave as soon after as possible."

According to a dispatch from Cienfuegos, Senor Jicotef Perez, a Spaniard of high character and standing, disappeared on Sunday and today his corpse was found near the city, terribly macheted. The crime is attributed by the authorities to the same band of outlaws that burned the cane on the Constancia plantation. Bandits in the same district attacked the plantation Unidad, owned by Mr. Culleraob, and the plantation Angeles, owned by Senor Francisco Garcia; but they were finally repulsed by the rual, guards, who killed two members of the band that have not been identified and a third who was recognized as Alfreda Rodriguez a well known brigand largely responsible for disturbance in Santa Clara

White Woman Pardoned.

Yesterday Governor Ellerbe granted a pardon to Mrs. Cornelia S Bryant, a white woman, who was convicted in Clarendon County on March 1 last, and sentenced by Judge Aldrich to six months in the county jail Numerously signed petitions were presented by Senator Appelt, together with a certificate from the jail physician that the woman was in a weak and delicate condition, and could not be given the attention necessary in the jail. A very earnest and vigorous letter was written the governor by the Rev P. B Wells, pastor of the Methodist church at Manning, setting forth that the woman was confined in a cell shut off from air and light, and adjoining that in which a condemned murderer was kept. All agreed that the ends of justice had been fully met —The State, May 6

HANGED IN MANNING

Manning May 5.—Scrip Rhame, colored, was hanged here today for the murder of Ellerson Butler, also colored, on October 29, 1898, at a sell supper near Summerton. Bob Pearson, colored, was also convicted of the same crime but was recommended to mercy and sentenced to life imprisonment.

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Bradstreet's Weekly Report

Both Wholesale and Retail Business Above the Average.

New York, May 5 —Bradstreet's tomorrow will say: That this is, in deed an era of trade and industrial combinations seems evident from the long list of announcements of new consolidations, rumored or actually floated, coming to public view this week. Whether this tendency has as yet reached its culmination cannot, of course, be easily predicted, but in some lines of industry the announcements of projected consolidations would seem to have left little room for further operations of this kind. Easily first in this direction is the gigantic iron and steel combination, announced with seeming confidence as in process of formation Second only to this, however, is the actual floating of the great copper combination. Outgrowths of these great combinations are of immense industrial changes in many lines; they possess a special interest in the world of trade and finance because of the immense aggregations of capital or industry involved in their projection or their carrying out to a successful finish

While wholesale trade continues of a between-seasons volume, very general evidence is forthcoming that the aggregate is in excess of last year's undeniably good proportions, and retail demand is of an encouraging character That the volume of fall business booked is in excess of the average, is very generally conceded. Advances in prices and reported great activity abroad point to the widespread demand for iron and steel and render less doubtful the hold of American products on foreign markets The tone of general values is notably strong for the season of the year, a prominent exception being pork and hog products generally which have been the subject of bearish manipulation Cereals are generally firm, cash wheat being fractionally higher at the seaboard on interruption to movement by the water route, cause by the grain handlers' strike at Buffalo, while option business is in a waiting stage, pending the government report on wheat condition and acreage next weeek. Crop advices are contradictory, but good weather seemed for successful planting and growth of spring wheat, while foreign crop advices continue good, and export demand is of only moderate proportions, This, coupled with smaller than expected decreases in world's supplies reported to Bradstreet's this week, acts as a check to values which might otherwise record the admitted damage to the winter wheat crop

Copper among the metals, retains all its strength, speculative interest in copper consolidation being a sustaining feature, offsetting depressing effects on consumptive demand of the recent advance. A special feature this week is the activity in building and in real estate reported from a number of widely separated points, material generally are consequently firm or tending upward. In textiles, raw cotton is rather weaker on improving weather and the crop conditions, but manufactured goods are very firm, and some brown and bleached export grades have been advanced Wool markets note a change in the buying of some large lots of domestic wools for speculation, and prices are firm in sympathy with the advanced quotations paid for some large lots of Australian bonded wool brought for re export.

The strength of sugar shows no diminution, despite recent advances and further gains to be noted, chiefly owing to good domestic demand and advance in European markets Leather and hides are firm, and boots and shoe manufacturers are realizing advanced quotations.

Business failures are down to their lowest level, numbering only 164 this week against 184 in this week a year ago.

The British Government Has Sent an Ultimatum.

Cape Town, May 5.—The reply of President Kruger to the British demand for the cancellation of the dynamite concession contends that that the concession is bona fide and constitutes no breach of the London convention. He says that the amendment to the concession asked by the Brisish government will be a breach of faith in regard to other parties

London, May 5 —The Outlook publishes a special from its Cape Town correspondent which states that the British secretary of state for the colonies, Chamberlain, has dispatched a firmly worded demand to the Transvaal government that it must observe its obligations to the queen as the paramount power by secureing peace and order within there public. This demand supplementary to demand for the cancellation of the dynamite concession and is taken to mean that the British government deems that the time has come to invite President Kruger to observe the letter as well as the spirit of the London convention It is not stated how far the demand takes the form of an ultimatum or if a period is fixed within which the redress of the grievances of the Outlanders shall be made.

THE CUBAN SUPREME COURT.

Havana, May 4 —Governor General Brooke has signed the commissions of the President and Associate Justices of the recently constituted Supreme Court of Cuba The tribunal, as now made up, consists of Senor Antonio Gonzales de Mendoza President, and Senores Pedro Genzales Llorente, Jose Garcia Montos, Luis Esteves Romero, Udaldo Tamayo, Angel Betancour and Rafael Cruz Porez, Associates.

Senor Federco Mora, who has held the post of Civil governor of Habana, is appointed Attorney General with Senors Octavio Giberga and Carlos Revila as his assistants. All the Justices are well known jurists, men of untarnished reputation, and possessed of wealth enough to place them beyond temptation to abuse their trust. More than this, the selections satisfy legitimate political considerations, the four principal provinces being represented in the tribunal—Havana by Senor Llorente, Santiago by Senor Tamayo, who was formerly an associate Justice of the Provincial Supreme Court, a post he resigned to become Gen. Wood's chief Cuban adviser, Puerto Principe by Senor Betancourt, and Matanzas by Senor Porez The other members of the tribunal are Havana men.

The Court, at 5 p. m, proceeded to the examination of the applicants for admission to the Bar who presented themselves and were examined on witten questions.

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SUMMONS FOR RELIEF.

(Complaint Served)

Burgess Gaither Pierson, plaintiff, against Isaac Ballard individually, and as trustee, Solomon Ballard, Isaac Ballard, Jr., Burgess Ballard, Nancy Ballard, Julia Ballard, Evelice Ballard, Joshua Ballard, Katie White and Marcus G Ryttenberg, Harry Ryttenberg and Abe Ryttenberg as copartners as J. Ryttenberg & Sons, defendants.

To the Defendants above named

You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action, of which a copy is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscribers at their office in the city of Sumter, Sumter county, South Carolina, within twenty days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in this complaint, and the defendant Joshua Ballard who is a non-resident of this State will take notice that the complaint in this action has this twenty-fifth day of April A. D. 1899, been filed in the office of the Clerk of Court of Common Pleas for Sumter County, State of South Carolina

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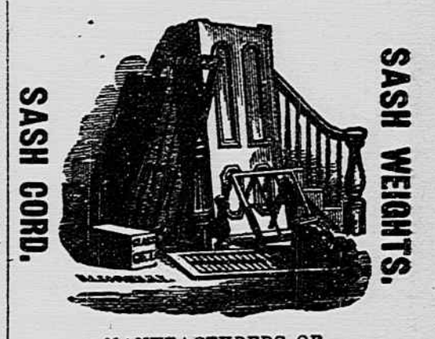

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