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Brother Found Following A Search Of Thirty Years

Brother and Sister Find Ingraham Wilson in Soldier's Home in New York City

Roch Hill, March 22—Thirty-three years after he had been completely from sight, even of relatives here and in other parts of York county, Ingraham Wilson was back today with his own loved ones and friends.

Greatly aged and crippled with rheumatism and somewhat bedridden by the changes which have been wrought, he was resting at the home of his sister, Mrs. Alexander Long, Sr., and was receiving a few of his acquaintances in a more or less permanent way.

During his absence his brother, W. B. Wilson, Sr., present attorney, has died, and a story of death and burial followed by an officer and of other experiences which led finally to a hospital care in a home for the aged in New York City.

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He left Roch Hill in 1894, and enlisted in the United States army at Atlanta, Ga. He was stationed at Fort McPherson for a time. Here he was discharged "without honor," but he explained in a less serious way a "dishonorable discharge." He said that this resulted from an altercation with an officer.

With a desire to protect his family against what he felt a disgrace, he said that he adopted the name of "James Lowry" and went to the city of New York, where he would "lose himself."

In 1896 he accepted a suggestion from a former comrade in the army and re-enlisted in the service in response to the call of President McKinley for volunteers. Here he was sent to the Philippines, where he played an active part in subduing the natives. He recounts experiences in 28 engagements, including the Moro campaign, where he was severely wounded.

When his regiment returned, to the United States, Mr. Wilson, known as "James Lowry" and carefully guarding the secret of his real identity, had contracted rheumatism and was unable to work for soldiers at Dayton, Ohio. Here he determined to spend the remainder of his life.

But it was here that fate stepped in and took a hand. A visitor in Gastonia and York mentioned the name of the "William" who had met and met an old soldier in the Dayton home named "James Lowry," and that this man had been an annual inmate of the South Carolina, and especially in the old town of "Yorkville."

This information came to Mr. Wilson, who, when he heard of it, considered. She communicated with his brother, Dr. DeLoach Wilson, of Spartanburg, stating that he believed that "James Lowry" might be their long-lost brother. They left shortly for Dayton.

Hope, fear, suspense mingled as they went even the best of friends warring upon the occupant of each bed to find the man whose name had been so long forgotten. The questing gaze of the two brothers was fixed upon the face of the man who was a stranger to them. No familiar face met their gaze.

Here again fate stepped in. At the end of the ward, as they were prepared to turn away disappointed, there was a sleeping man. There was no use to say further, for there lay Ingraham Wilson.

The long-lost brother said, that as he opened his eyes, he had a dreamy impression that the face of the sister was that of his mother, dead many years. He did not know of any of his older brothers' death, and learned of that and many other occurrences which had taken place during his absence from York or joy, as the case might be.

PLANT GOOD SEED.

With planting season just ahead the Spartanburg county farmer should give careful heed to the quality of seed he puts in the soil. In recent years it has been given to the farmer to raise crops of better quality of the staple—corn that the best mills can and will convert into a finished product. The same quality of seed should be used to seed corn and seeds for the other field crops. The cheapest isn't necessarily the best. The farmer who takes the time to select the best seed, applying the fertilizer, expending his own sweat and blood, and all the care and skill in his farming operations. They who take a chance with inferior seed, or who get them from some one who knows nothing about them, are in the State and elsewhere established firms and seed breeders.

South Carolina Cotton Crop

South Carolina Shows Increase in Bales of Cotton This Year as Compared With Last Year—Some Counties Gain and Some Lose.

The following is a list of the 1926 cotton crop by counties in South Carolina:

County	1926	1925
The State	1,014,828	920,040
Abbeville	14,641	11,581
Albany	37,150	30,102
Alexander	17,415	14,320
Anderson	34,252	30,379
Bamberg	21,424	19,833
Bartholomew	23,364	20,447
Beaufort	1,828	1,340
Benning	5,524	5,169
Calhoun	21,087	18,448
Charleston	1,574	5,233
Cherokee	15,095	12,005
Chester	20,143	23,271
Cherokee	14,465	35,510
Clarendon	1,071	17,807
Colleton	12,195	10,496
Hartington	38,070	28,051
Edgefield	39,774	30,478
Dorchester	14,442	9,144
Dillon	19,761	16,945
Fairfield	11,721	11,774
Florence	33,152	27,972
Georgetown	19,995	16,006
Greenwood	16,444	12,214
Hampton	7,837	12,113
Horry	7,370	4,868
Jefferson	10,445	10,445
Kershaw	33,584	28,969
Laurens	18,031	19,674
Lexington	19,445	16,588
McCormick	45,219	24,357
Marble	58,834	40,405
Newberry	21,607	19,597
Oconee	9,915	15,499
Pickens	7,640	61,836
Richland	17,915	15,415
Spartanburg	14,370	11,886
Sumter	39,381	36,803
Union	10,438	10,928
Williamsburg	21,375	17,152
York	32,549	27,469
All others	1,277	1,184

RAID EXPRESS CAR.

Quick Wit of Messenger in Carolina Special Fights Gunmen at Asheville.

Asheville, March 22—Although the hold Emmer Messenger in the express car of the Carolina Special, Southern Railway train, he refused to be the prey of the robbers who held him at the point of his pistol while he rifled the safe of the express car of the Carolina Special.

York county Sunday school workers are looking forward to the annual state Sunday school convention which is to be held this year in Spartanburg on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, April 19, 20 and 21.

Mr. W. B. Moore and daughter, Mrs. Jos. E. Hart, of York county, represented Kings Mountain chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star at the annual conference of daughters, Columbia, last week.

Mrs. Sarah Hannah McCarter, who died in the early morning of March 16 at the home of her husband, Geo. A. McCarter, in the Bethany community. She was 64 years of age.

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SAM SNOODGRASS

Items From The Lancaster News of More or Less Interest to Chester County People.

Asper W. Faulkenberg, of the cadet corps of the county has been covered from a recent operation for appendicitis at a Charlotte hospital and was in Lancaster Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Newt Cockey, went to Columbia recently to take their little son, Newt Cockey, Jr., to the Columbia hospital, after an operation, and the little patient is now improving satisfactorily.

W. F. Plyler, of the eastern part of the county was stolen from a side street near the Hotel Royal Friday night about 8:30 or 9 o'clock. Mr. Plyler has an arm in a cast today.

News describing the car. Any information may be phoned or sent to Mr. Plyler on Lancaster, Route 5.

"Well, Mr. Editor," said Sam Snodgrass as he filled his pipe with Brown's, "I guess what the government cotton ginners want is a better made public and while the crop was the largest yet it was some million bales less than the estimated crop some months ago. Cotton crop, in the strength of the report and stand up about fifteen minutes—not long enough for a fellow to get his cotton out the warehouse."

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Seek Missing Husband: Wife Seriously Ill in Hospital

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Col. Leroy Springs of Lancaster is a cotton mill millionaire. He is a beautiful and bright. He is a militant suffragette and politician. As a delegate to the last National Democratic Convention he was elected to the vice-presidency.

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Local and Personal

Cotton 13.50

Mr. D. P. Crosby, of Haines City, Florida, is spending several days in Chester with relatives.

SILK HOSE—You will find the best made for the money; pure silk thread in all the new shades at \$1.00. The E. E. Cloud Co.

Miss Phillips, of Winthrop College, and Messrs. Douglas "Bentley" and Wilbur Howard, of Presbyterian College, Clinton, spent Tuesday with Miss Mary Evelyn Orr, on Pinckney street.

Mrs. Kathleen Abell, who has been in Charlotte for the past week, is expected home today.

FLOW STEEL—3c per pound and up. Look at them. Chester Hardware Company.

Mr. Major Gibson spent a few hours in Chester this morning, en route to his home in Laurens from Lancaster.

ATTRACTIVE LINE of Embroidery pieces at 10, 25, 50, and \$1.00 at Ehrlich's.

Mrs. G. A. Hennies, who became seriously ill last night yesterday, had a comfortable night and is said to be better today.

Mrs. A. B. and Mrs. Morgan, of Columbia, are spending today in Chester.

SILK UNDERWEAR—In both silk and rayon, prices 98c to \$2.98, at Cloud's.

Miss Willie Belle Wright, who is teaching at Epsom, is spending the spring holidays in Chester with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Wright, on West End.

Mrs. and Mrs. R. S. Baker, of Dallas, Texas, spent Wednesday in Chester on route home from New York. Mr. and Mrs. Baker stopped in Chester in the interest of family records regarding the Adie family. Mr. Baker is a lawyer in Dallas.

Miss Mary Evelyn Orr leaves today for Rock Hill to spend the week-end with relatives.

We are asked to state that there will be a box supper at the home of Mr. Will Melton at Wilkingsburg, Saturday night.

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Miss Mary White Bailey, of the Sumter school faculty, is spending several days in Chester with her mother, Mrs. Sallie Bailey.

Mr. A. H. Wherry is still confined to his room at his home, on Wylie street.

STEWART HORSE Clippers and repairs; special prices. Chester Hardware Co.

Mr. William T. Moore, age sixty-four, well known citizen and salesman of hardware at his home there yesterday morning following an illness of some time. He survived by his wife and six children.

THE SOUTH'S Greatest need. More milk, more butter, more eggs. Make them with Happy Feeds. Get it at Wylie's.

Mr. Claude D. Crosby will leave tonight for Mayo's Hospital, Rochester, Minn., for an examination and possibly treatment. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Crosby and Dr. R. E. Abell.

FULL FASHION ROSE—Big range of new colors in pure thread silk for \$1.50 at Cloud's.

Miss Emily Graham, who is very ill at the Pryor Hospital, is reported as being a little better this morning.

Mr. Wylie White who was struck by an automobile, on Columbia street, several days ago and who has been at the Pryor Hospital, was removed to his home on Smith street, yesterday afternoon.

SPECIAL PRICES on baseball gloves. Come and see them. Chester Hardware Co.

Mr. W. G. Gilbert, of Great Falls, who has been very sick at the Pryor Hospital for the past week is reported as being about the same this morning.

SILK DRESSES—Our big assortment of new colors and styles, values in these, can be found equalled anywhere; we have at \$2.95, at Cloud's.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hellman, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Graham, of Gastonia, will leave in the former's automobile Sunday for Atlanta, Georgia, where they will visit relatives for a week.

BOYS, get pick on gloves; every kind to select from. Chester Hardware Co.

Mrs. E. A. Robinson underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Pryor Hospital yesterday morning and is reported as getting along nicely today.

Officers Elected Tuesday.

At a meeting of the Chester Masonic Lodge last Tuesday evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: V. E. Davidson, Worshipful Master; R. E. Hamrick, Senior Warden; D. E. Peterson, Junior Warden; W. A. Lee, Secretary; A. G. Thomson, Treasurer; A. J. Hellman, Senior Deacon; W. G. Anderson, Junior Deacon; T. E. Winkleside and Wade H. Gladden, Stewards; F. E. Hughes, Tiler.

Mr. and Mrs. Bevil Coker and Messrs. Frances Dorothy and Mr. Henry Rippelmeyer, are spending today in Charlotte.

LAWN MOWERS, reels and power quality and price, at Chester Hardware Co.

Mr. Carl Hatchell has gone to Florence where he will be located for a while.

Mrs. W. Sam McAlley, of Abbeville, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. P. Walker, on Wylie street.

Mr. Neal Williams spent yesterday in Greenville.

Mrs. Mason Barber and two children, Mike and Mann, Jr., have come to Chester from Columbia to visit relatives for a while.

The many friends of Representative Arthur G. Westbrook will be pleased to learn that he is getting along nicely after an operation at the Pryor Hospital yesterday morning for appendicitis.

CHILDREN'S OXFORDS—In all the new and wanted styles at Cloud's.

Mr. Billy Pressly, of Eskine Church, DuPont, came to Chester yesterday to spend a few days with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Paul Pressly.

Mrs. J. W. Cowan and Miss Elizabeth Cowan spent yesterday in Rock Hill with relatives.

Mr. Joe Whitehead and Mrs. Joan Henderson spent a few hours yesterday with their sister, Mrs. John Taylor. Mrs. Henderson was en route to her home in Charlotte after visiting Mr. and Mrs. Whitehead for a few days in Richburg.

Mr. Philip Adelheimer, Mrs. Lucius Pressly and Miss Kathrine Robinson, of Mrs. Edith's Department store, spent yesterday in Rock Hill to hold with Dollar Day at Ehrlich's store.

Mrs. S. E. Reeves and two children spent yesterday in Rock Hill.

Dr. L. N. Gaston, surgeon for the Carolina and North-Western Railway Company, located at Gastonia, suffered a stroke of apoplexy yesterday and there is no hope entertained for his recovery.

Mr. R. E. Lynn, who has been out for a few days after being ill from a cold with influenza, has had a relapse.

Miss Margaret Cornwell is indisposed with mumps at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cornwell, on Hemphill Avenue.

Mrs. Edith Dickinson spent yesterday in Columbia. She accompanied two children to the clinic being held in Columbia this week.

Mrs. Dave Robinson, of Blackstock, was a Chester shopper last Wednesday.

Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Kennedy, of Blackstock, spent Wednesday in Chester with Dr. and Mrs. A. M. Wylie.

Misses Isabel White and Claudia Barry, of the Hedgesville school faculty, spent a few hours in Chester with friends Wednesday afternoon en route to the Teachers' Association in Greenville.

Miss Janie Dunbar left Tuesday for Savannah, Ga., to spend a while with her sister, Mrs. Lipsey.

Miss Lucia Beason will spend the week-end in Woodruff with relatives.

Dr. W. L. Davidson, who has been indisposed with influenza for several days, was able to be back at his office Wednesday.

Mr. A. F. Mosley spent Tuesday in Abbeville with relatives.

Miss Margaret Boyd and Mr. Robert Boyd, of Cornwall, and Mrs. Annie Simpson, of Chester, spent last week-end in Timmonsville with Mrs. B. O. Benton.

Judge J. K. Henry is holding court in Newberry this week.

R. Morris McFadden, who shot and killed Dewey Simpson, of Chester, near Rock Hill, and who served a term in the South Carolina Penitentiary, has been indicted for traffic offense at Rock Hill, to succeed W. E. Still, resigned. This position was previously held by McFadden.

Mr. J. C. Jeffries, and son, returned to Gastonia yesterday morning after being here for a few days on business.

Died Suddenly This Morning.

Mrs. C. L. Poho, whose home is in Catawissa, Pennsylvania, died suddenly from heart trouble, this morning about eight o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Poho, and daughter, Mrs. Pauline Hardee, were returning from Florida to their home, in their automobile, when the death of Mrs. Poho occurred on the Columbia road near Morris' store.

Mrs. Poho had been in declining health for some time and had been to Florida in the interest of her health. She is sixty years of age. The body was taken to Barron's Undertaking Parlor and will be shipped to the home this afternoon for interment.

Miss Mildred Smith, teacher in the Chester schools, is sick with influenza.

Mrs. Minnie Adams and Mrs. W. Coleman are spending a few days in Greenville.

Mrs. David Hamilton entertained the Junior Party-two club at her attractive home on West End yesterday morning.

Mrs. and Mrs. J. L. Cathers, Katherine and Josie Lee Cuthbertson spent last week-end in Waxhaw with relatives.

The Agricultural Bureau, scheduled to meet with County Agent Conway, at the office of the Chamber of Commerce, tomorrow afternoon at two-thirty o'clock. The bureau now has about twenty-five members from various sections of the county. The meeting will be a very important one and it is hoped that a representative number will be present.

The ladies of the St. Mark's Episcopal church will continue their Saturday sale of delicacies at the Wise Drug Company opposite the Post Office, tomorrow. A different menu is offered at this sale.

Among the United States Marines with the Fifth Regiment, recently assigned to expeditionary duty in the Republic of Nicaragua, is Charlie M. Helms, of Chester, who was selected for service in the Central American Republic.

Young Helms is a son of Mr. W. B. Helms, of the Springfield Mill village. He joined the marines last September and embarked on the Henderson with the 8th company, at Quantico, Va.

This year's cotton crop in Chester county amounted to 20,143 bales, a decrease of 3,128 bales.

Postal Examination at Chester.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces an open competitive examination for Railway Postal Clerk to be held at Chester 23rd. All applications must be on file with the Civil Service Commission in Washington not later than April 9th. Any parties who might be interested may secure further information by calling on Mr. R. H. Clowney, at the Chester postoffice.

The Wellridge Agricultural Club will meet at the Wellridge school house tonight at seven-thirty o'clock. County Agent Conway and Secretary Cushman are expected to meet with the club.

Many friends will be glad to know that Judge and Mrs. J. H. Marion, who have been ill at their home on York street for some time, are improving and both are now able to sit up a part of the time, however, it will be some time before they are able to be out again.

The high school baseball game scheduled for yesterday at the local Fair Grounds between Chester High and Columbia High, snowed out. Announcement is made that the game will be played here, next Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock.

Mr. C. H. Faucette, well known and highly esteemed citizen of Shelton, died at his home last Tuesday after several years of declining health, at the age of about 73 years.

Services will be held at St. Mary's Episcopal Church next Sunday morning at 11:15 o'clock by Rev. C. K. Lucas.

The following men of Purty Presbyterian church attended the meeting of Presbytery in Richburg yesterday: Rev. J. O. Mann, Messrs. A. M. Aiken, H. R. Woods, R. L. Douglas, H. M. Williams, E. A. Hall, W. C. Stone, Z. V. Davidson, Jas. L. Hardin and Boyce Bankhead.

Mrs. Edith Dickinson, assisted by some of the doctors in Chester, has vaccinated about five hundred people within the last week. Mrs. Dickinson urges that every one who has not been vaccinated do so at once, and not wait until you are exposed to smallpox.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Patton, of Kershaw, passed through Chester Wednesday night on their way to Greenville to attend the state Teachers' Association. They were accompanied by Miss Anne Patton who will spend the week-end at Fountain Inn with her parents.

Sterling-Shirley.

A marriage of much interest was that of Miss Margaret Sterling, of Avon neighborhood, to Mr. John Shirley, of Winston-Salem, N. C., which was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Sterling, Tuesday afternoon in the presence of the immediate families. Rev. W. A. Kennedy officiating.

Mrs. Shirley is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Sterling and is a young woman of many charms. She has had the difficult linotype operator for the Chester Reporter for the past three years. The groom is engaged in business in Winston-Salem, where the young couple will make their home.

Austin-Smith.

A marriage which comes as a surprise to many friends was that of Mr. Roland A. Smith, of Chester, and Miss Annie Austin, of Granite Falls, N. C., which was solemnized last Wednesday night by Rev. J. H. Yarborough, Chester county probate judge. Mr. Smith is proprietor of Smith's great mill on West End. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are at home on College street.

The Choral Club will meet next Tuesday night instead of Monday night, with Mrs. H. S. Adams, on York street.

The South Carolina Graduate Nurses' association will hold its annual meeting April 7 and 8 in Charleston, with headquarters at the Francis Marion hotel.

Remains will be forwarded from the Wells Funeral Home tomorrow (Sunday) morning at 7:30 o'clock via the C. & G. Railway to Ackerman, Miss. Funeral services will be held at the residence Monday noon and interment will be had in the old family burying ground known as the Lebanon cemetery.

Modern girls give little thought of clothes. They've learned "not to worry over trifles."

Mr. Briand, foreign minister of France, who is the fifth man of his country to win the Nobel Peace Prize, must pay about \$5,000 of the \$16,000 award to the French Treasury. The balance, he has announced, he will use to improve his farm at Cocherel.

WE USE Plain Language in describing our IMPLEMENTS. Don't indulge in hifalutin' talk calculated to bewilder or deceive the inexperienced buyer. The result is we very rarely indeed receive any complaints regarding our FARM IMPLEMENTS. People come here and buy with their eyes wide open and get exactly what they think they are getting.

CHESTER HARDWARE CO.

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FINE PUBLICITY.

A matter of much interest to the people of the Piedmont section of the Carolinas is the announcement by the officials of The Southern Power Company that they will, beginning in the first of April, launch an advertising campaign of the advantages to be offered manufacturing plants which locate in this section.

The advertising campaign will be carried in a number of the most widely circulated magazines in the United States and will cost thousands of dollars.

Of course it must be admitted that the prime object of the campaign is to get manufacturing plants to locate in this section and to use electric power. Certainly no one can blame the power company for this attitude but at the same time the campaign will mean much to this section and every plant which the company is able to secure will mean many dollars to the people of the Carolinas.

The location of The Southern Power Company in this section is a wonderful asset to the Carolinas and being big people with big money they will go after things in a big way. This company is going to give the Piedmont section thousands of dollars worth of publicity at no cost to the manufacturing and something that we all should appreciate. The news which the power company much success in its venture and here is also giving that something will come Chester's way.

There is no substitute for common sense. Some of the best read men in this country and some of the most highly educated men of the South are the men of common sense in common sense.

Today there is a tax of two cents a package on cigarettes in the Carolinas and the present legislature is considering making this tax three cents a package instead of two. Without looking into the facts and using common sense this appears to be a good way to raise revenue for the government but when facts are considered and common sense is used it must be admitted that our law-makers are trying to decrease the revenue from this source instead of increasing it.

A three cents tax on cigarettes will bring about an increase in the cigarette mail-order business and it will also bring an increase in bootlegging. When a tax of three cents a package is placed on cigarettes then it will be found that the smoker will revolt and except in cases of emergency they are going to refuse to pay the tax, and they will either buy their smokes from the bootlegger or they will resort to buying from distant states.

The public will stand for a certain amount of "foolishness" but there is a point when reached that brings about opposition.

NOT PRACTICAL.

Proposals for compulsory automobile liability insurance are being met with organized resistance on the basis of common sense and appreciation of practical business methods.

Chairman H. H. Rice of the Legislative Committee of the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce, commenting on the recent rejection of such a proposal in Ohio, said:

"While we believe that many who are fostering compulsory insurance are sincere, when you analyze the problem, its difficulties immediately become apparent. Imposing a direct financial penalty is likely in many cases to increase his carelessness in operating a motor car and accordingly have just the opposite effect from the protection which such measures aim to drive."

"The large amount of publicity which the compulsory idea has attracted this year, is already arousing the public to a recognition of the sentiment against the proposal. Compulsory insurance is typical of that impractical attitude of mind which thinks that anything can be remedied by a law."

Statistics show that each time the London House of Commons takes a vote on a measure it costs the taxpayers \$40, and every question asked during the daily session time costs \$25. By asking 400 questions, one member cost the country \$2,800.50 for six months, besides his salary.

JAPAN TO JOIN IN ARM. MEET.

Washington, March 21—Japan's willingness to engage in a three-power naval limitation conference with the United States and Great Britain at Geneva next June was formally conveyed to the State Department Friday by Ambassador Matsudaira.

In signifying Japan's acceptance of the three-power proposal, the Ambassador emphasized, however, his government's belief that both Italy and France should participate. But if those countries persist in their refusal to attend, Japan is willing to discuss a pact with the American and British governments.

The British government's acceptance having been received at the State Department Thursday, it is now expected a formal invitation will immediately go to both Tokyo and London. Up to now all the discussions have been "informal" between diplomatic representatives.

Success Not Assured. While a conference now seems assured, the success of it is by no means certain. Both Britain and Japan have well understood objections to the laying down of any formula such as Charles F. Hughes laid down at the Washington conference in 1907.

Great Britain is not prepared to move her present naval strength under any circumstances, and Japan is also averse to diminishing her present auxiliary naval strength.

It is generally accepted in Washington there will be no actual naval reduction. Rather, what

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between the three major powers limiting their strength in auxiliary naval strength. It may even be limited to the United States, France and Italy. The failure of France and Italy to come in will necessitate such an agreement being made elastic, that is, any extensive building in either of the absent powers will cause "revision" of the limits agreed upon. Great Britain is considered certain to limit the British ratio over the French be maintained.

Formal Statement. The department Friday issued the following statement:

"The Japanese Ambassador today informed the Acting Secretary of State, Joseph C. Grew, that the Japanese government gladly accepts the invitation of the American government to hold a discussion at Geneva among the United States, the British Empire and Japan on the question of limitation of naval armaments."

"They feel that the definite adjustment of the question could be greatly facilitated, if the willing and active co-operation of France and Italy could be secured. Should it, however, be found impossible to count on such co-operation, the Japanese government will nevertheless be ready to take part in the proposed discussion among the three powers and to assist the endeavors for the furtherance of the desired end."

A soapy dishrag, shipped across the face of an Indianapolis burglar by a housewife, put him to flight last night.

GOOD COTTON GOODS YEAR.

The best season for four years for the cotton goods industry is now in progress, according to George R. Fogarty, president of the Mills & Gibbs Corporation, one of the leading fine goods merchandising and converting houses in the trade. But it could prove much more prosperous if the mills and distributors were able to meet a national demand for wash goods. These cannot be supplied in sufficient volume because hand-to-mouth buying during 1926 had curtailed their production.

Mr. Fogarty stated that business in cotton goods of all descriptions, but especially cotton and silk, rayon and cotton and all rayon wash goods for dress, slip or underwear purposes, has reached such great proportions since the turn of the year that few mills are able to keep up with orders. The hand and most mills are booked months ahead on all they can produce. For the first time in years the industry is able to make a fairly good profit.

He pointed out that the trade is under severe pressure to accomplish in four months what it has usually taken nine months to do in the past—that of maintaining reasonable production and deliveries. While the market is not likely to make up for the time lost during the fourth quarter of last year, owing to hesitant, hand-to-mouth buying, yet prospects are for a very successful season in the four or five active months remaining.

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