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WASHINGTON, March 15.—The very mysterious death of John and Jane Riley, man and wife, discovered early this morning, has caused considerable excitement in the neighborhood where it occurred—K. B. Taylor, of this city, and Fourth street, the known mail contractor, resides at No. 1281 K Street northwest. It seems that his brother, John Muir, went to the stable in the alley, in the rear of Mr. Holladay's residence, this morning to give directions to Mr. Riley, the stableman. Mr. Holladay, who was the owner of the stable, found the bodies of John and Jane Riley, who had been found dead together in a room over the stable. Finding the room locked, Muir rapped, but could get no response. He reported the facts to Mr. Holladay, and they proceeded to the stable from the inside of the yard and forced the door on that side. Proceeding up stairs the body of John Riley was found in a bed, stretched at full length, and the body of his wife, Jane, was found beside the bed, both dead. Riley was clothed only in his drawers and undershirt. His wife had all her clothing on except her shoes and bonnet. There were no signs of a struggle, and no other evidence of a struggle, the bodies were found in a room which had been secured for the purpose of having contained the bodies of the deceased.

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HALIFAX, March 15.—The House Assembly to-day Mr. Campbell, member for Inverness, moved that the local government should send a delegation to Ottawa with a memorial calling for an improvement in our financial affairs with the Dominion and Nova Scotia's portion of the fisheries award. Mr. Campbell gave notice that unless the Dominion gave notice that it would accept a fair proportion of the fishery award he should move a resolution asking that Nova Scotia be separated from the Dominion.

THE HANLAN-COURTNEY BOAT-RACE. LONDON, March 15.—The Hanlan-Courtney boat-race has been arranged for May 19th. The place is not yet decided upon.

THE FERRY EDUCATIONAL BILL. PARIS, March 15.—In the Senate this afternoon the debate took place on the second reading of the Ferry educational bill. M. Pellat moved that clause 7 be re-instated in the bill, but the motion was rejected by a vote of 149 to 132. The entire bill as amended was then adopted—yeas, 187; nays, 103.

RUSSIA. THE NIBBLISTS DISCLAIM THE RECENT ATTEMPT ON MELIKOFF'S LIFE.

LONDON, March 15.—A Berlin dispatch reports that General Melikoff has been informed by the Ministry of War that the attempt on his life was not made by order of the committee. They had not yet decided to kill him, and if the recent attempt had been made by their direction they would have provided better weapons and means of flight for the assault.

THE SITUATION IN ST. PETERSBURG. LONDON, March 15.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg to the *Daily News* says: "Everything tends to show that General Melikoff does not depend entirely upon harsh measures to meet the present emergency. The system of wholesale arrests practiced last year has been discontinued. There are individual arrests under special circumstances, but they include nobody of note. The designs of the times are noticeable in the greater freedom of the press. The streets of St. Petersburg were thronged yesterday (Sunday), the lower classes predominating, and the military and police armaments attracted the usual crowds."

THE LABOR TROUBLES. STRIKE OF IRON-WORKERS IN PENNSYLVANIA.