RANGE OF THERMOMETER.

The thermometer ranged as follows at The Times yesterday: 9 A. M., 89; 12 M., 101; 3 P. M., 98; 6 P. M., 94; 9 P. M., 87; 12 M., 82. Average temperature, 91 5-6.

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CHINESE APPEAL WILL BE IGNORED

Not to Interfere With Landing of Troops.

MESSAGE FROM PEKIN

Conger Says He Will Hold on Indefinitely Whatever Happens.

COMMUNICATION UNDATED.

The Czar Has Authorized M. DeGiers, The Russian Minister, to Leave Pekin Under Chinese Escort, But Cautions the Government Against Allowing Any Harm to Befall Him.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, August 11.—It is stated officially to-night that this Government will pay no atention whatever to the latest appeal from China, transmitted in the form of a memorial from the Southern Viceroys, begging the United States to use its influence against the landing of British troops in the Yang Tse Valley.

This memorial was transmitted to the State Department this morning by the Chinese Minister. It urged upon this Government the serious consequences that would follow the landing of a British force at Shanghai, and represented that the preparations already made had induced a panic among the resident Chinese, and would paralyze commercial activity in that part of the Empire almost as much as a formal declaration of war by Great Britain.

This Government decided, however, that not only would it be entirely out of its province to interfere with the British programme in China, which was being carried forward by Admiral Seymour on the ground with the full knowledge of local conditions, but in view of China's present recalcitrant attitude up to date, the United States was not inclined to shoulder any of China's troubles with Great Britain, or any of the other Powers. Consequently the appeal of the Viceroys will be ignored.

It is possible that the communication from Minister Wu may be turned over to the British Government for its information on the general friendly principle that has been adopted by the Powers.

NO PROTEST FROM JAPAN.

In connection with the proposed landing of Admiral Seymour's force, it may be said that the report of Japan's objection to this move is without official confirmation here. The Japanese Minister, in general conversation, said that he had no information of any protest having been entered by Japan. Japan has up to date displayed no jealousy of Great Britain in the Chinese campaign. Japan herself, it has been announced semi-officially, has no colonial ambitions.

The cordial relations between Japan and the United States, aside from her participation in the American and British advance on Pei Tsang, has been shown in her reply to the State Department's advices concerning our last note to China. This note was transmitted for information to Japan as well as to the other Powers interested, and the Japanese Government promptly acknowledged its reception, and indicated their friendly approval of the stand taken by the United States.

The action of the Russian Government authorizing M. De Giers to start from Pekin to Tien-Tsin under Chinese escort caused no little comment and surprise in diplomatic circles, as it is opposed to the action of the other Powers. The officials say that its only effect is to leave M. De Giers acting independently and upon his own discretion. The position of the United States authorities is unchanged, however, in declining to entertain the idea of allowing Minister Conger to leave under Chinese escort.

WILL HOLD ON INDEFINITELY.

The only information the Secretary of War made public to-day was a dispatch from Consul McWade, at Canton, communicating an additional message from Minister Conger to the State Department and a very brief dispatch from Admiral Remey, repeating some information from General Chaffee on the operations at Yang Tsun.

The value of the Conger message is considerably reduced by the uncertainty as to its date. The date of August 10th at Tsi Nan certainly indicates that the dispatch of the message from Pekin could not have been less than three or four days earlier. Tsi Nan is a large town on the main Shanghai road, about 225 miles south of Pekin. The information it contains is practically identical with the State Department's message of August 6th, and the only cheering feature is his plucky concluding sentence: "Whatever may be the outcome, we will hold on indefinitely."

The chief interest in the Chaffee dispatch as made public by the Navy Department is the indication that the American command was in the thick of the fight at the capture of the important town of Yang Tsun, but the reference to deaths from sunstroke indicates that the international forces are undergoing terrible privations from the tropical weather along the Pei Ho river.

AUTHORIZED TO LEAVE.

The Czar Willing for His Minister to Accept Chinese Escort.

(By Associated Press.)

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 11.—The Official Messenger to-day publishes the following:

"The foreign officers received a telegram to-day direct from M. De Giers, the Russian Minister, at the Chinese capital, from Pekin. The dispatch was evidently taken by special courier to Tsi Nan, the capital of Shang Tung, and was thence telegraphed August 7th, by the local Yamen. M. De Giers announces that the siege of the legations continues the besieged still having some provisions left. The Chinese Government proposes to transmit the ministers' messages and that they leave Pekin. As the ministers had not sufficient guarantee, they replied that they must receive the permission of their Governments before leaving the city."

The Messenger then announces that the Czar's approval has been given for M. De Giers to start for Tien Tsin with his entire staff and the marine guard, on condition that the existing Government at Pekin and the Emperor afford them sure guarantee that the journey can be underaken without danger. At the same time M. De Giers is instructed to call attention to

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COLONEL CHARLES SCOTT VENABLE

Noted Soldier and Educator Passes Away.

FUNERAL ON MONDAY.

Professor Emeritus of Mathematics at the University.

HIS HIGHLY USEFUL CAREER.

From Private to a Staff Position With Robert E. Lee—Achieved Great Good for the University. A Friend and Counsellor for the Students.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, VA., August 11.—Colonel Charles S. Venable died at noon to-day at his home in Charlottesville. He had been in bad health for several years. Indeed, it was on this account that he resigned, in 1896, his professorship in mathematics in the University of Virginia, after which the Board of Visitors made him professor emeritus. Mrs. Venable and five children survive him. The children are Prof. Frank P. Venable, of the University of North Carolina; Mrs. Dr. C. L. C. Minor, of Asheville, N. C.; Mrs. Clarence Dallum, of Louisville, Ky.; Mrs. Raleigh C. Minor, of the University of iVrignia, and Dr. Charles S. Venable, of this city. Colonel Venable was twice married, his first wife being a Miss McDowell, mother of all the children except Charles S., Jr., who is the child of his second wife, Mrs. Mary Brown nee Southall, sister of the Hon. S. V. Southall, of this city.

HIS CAREER.

Charles Scott Venable was born the 19th of April, 1827, at the family residence, Longwood, Prince Edward county, Va. He entered Hampden-Sidney College in 1839, and graduated in 1842. He was tutor in mathematics there from 1843 to 1845, studying law at the same time. He spent the session 1845-'6 at the University of Virginia in the study of "Junior Law, mathematics and ancient languages, receiving at the close of the session diplomas in ancient languages and mathematics, and "distinctions" in Junior Law. From 1846 to 1852 he was professor of mathematics in Hampden-Sidney College, but got a furlough and spent the session 1847-'48 at the University of Virginia. He now attended lectures on modern languages, natural philosophy, chemistry and mixed mathematics, gaining diplomas in all these branches, besides a proficiency in mineralogy and geology. Only a well-trained and mature mind could have undertaken and achieved so colossal a task.

STUDIES IN GERMANY.

In 1852 he obtained a second furlough for the prosecution of studies in Germany. In Berlin he studied astronomy under Encke and in Bonn under Argelander, attending also the lectures of Lejeune. Dielchlet and Dove. In 1853 he returned to Hampden-Sidney, and resumed his mathematical teaching, varying his studies by a delightful geological tour in the summer of 1855 with a party, headed by Col. Jewett, among the Palaeozoic rocks of New York.

In 1856 he was elected to the Chair of Natural History and Chemistry in the University of Georgia, and in 1857 to that

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ALL HOT WEATHER RECORDS BROKEN

The Thermometer Registered Higher Yesterday Than Ever Before in History of the Bureau Here.

The hot weather record was broken yesterday in Richmond. The temperature was never so high before in the history of the Weather Bureau in this city. The mercury rose early, and spent the day between 95 and 102. At 2 o'clock it reached its highest point, and established a record for all future mercury to look up to. In various points in the city the thermometer registered much higher than at the Weather Bureau, some going as high as 106, and in many places reaching 103.

Nowhere in the city was comfort and relief to be found, and as the early hours of the evening came thousands resorted to the parks, or rode in the street cars until late in the night. Such weather having never been experienced in the city, the suffering was intense, particularly in the tenement districts. Some of the manufacturing plants suspended operations for the entire day.

The moulders of the Southern Stove Works, about thirty in number, owing to the hot weather, did not work.

Farmer Evans could make no promise of cooler weather for to-day.

Thousands of Richmonders left last night to seek cooler atmosphere away from the heat of the city, and others will go to-day.

There are many places with the cool-breeze attraction, and it is not hard to find a comfortable place to spend a day.

"It's too hot to rain," said Farmer Evans, as he sat in the coolest spot in his office and manufactured more hot weather.

"You have heard about it being too cold to snow. Well, it's now too hot to rain, and until it gets cooler we can hope for no relief."

"It rained a little out in the Dakotas and in the far southwest, and there were a few little showers about the lakes. But they will hardly reach here.

"The whole country is suffering with the heat. We are more fortunate than other places with the advantages we have of getting cool on the street-cars and in the parks. I am sorry to have to tell it, but there is no relief in sight," said Farmer Evans. And then he turned on his electric fan and the thermometer on his desk went down to 60.

Few people are sick from the heat. They are fitting themselves to circumstances, and following the excellent advice of Dr.

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ODD-FELLOWS WILL TURN OUT IN FORCE

Big Time is Promised at Sessions Next Month.

FROM ALL SECTIONS.

Representatives From the Various Parts of the Country to Attend.

MANY CANTONS AFTER PRIZES.

It is Expected That Over Fifteen Thousand Members of the Three Links Will be in Line When the Grand Parade Takes Place. Some of the Plans for the Week's Work.

During the week beginning September 17th Richmond will entertain thousands of visitors from all parts of the United States and Canada, who will gather at the seventy-sixth annual communication of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Odd-Fellows. That this representative body of the largest fraternal order in the world should have selected Richmond as its place of meeting is due to the untiring work of the representatives of the Virginia Grand Lodge, and when at its last session in Detroit last September Richmond was selected as the next gathering place, those same enthusiastic local members of the order at once went to work to make the meeting a great success. For months they have been "hustling," and the results of their efforts are that indications point to not only a large attendance of visitors from the States near at hand, but also from a distance. Parties of several hundred from Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Illinois and New York have already engaged quarters at the various hotels, while a number of smaller parties from different sections of the country have engaged quarters. A letter received at Chairman Montague's office yesterday announced a large party from Lebanon, Pa.

WILL COME EARLY.

While the session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge does not open until Monday, the 17th of September, a great many of the representatives will arrive here on the evening of the 14th. On Saturday the advance excursion will take place. The attendance on this trip will be confined to officers and representatives of the Sovereign Grand Lodge and their ladies and members of the fraternal press. This excursion is especially designed for the new members to become acquainted with each other and the renewal of old friendships. The party will go down James River to Jamestown, where the day will be spent and a typical old Virginia dinner will be served.

On Sunday Rev. Dr. J. B. Hawthorne will deliver a special discourse to the visitors at the Grove-Avenue Baptist Church, and on Monday the Sovereign Grand Lodge will be formally welcomed to the State and city by Governor Tyler and Mayor Taylor. Addresses will be made by the various heads of Virginia Odd-Fellowship, and Grand Sire Alfred S. Pinkerton, of Massachusetts, will respond. At night from 9 to 11 a reception will be held at the Jefferson Hotel for all Odd-Fellows and their ladies. At 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon the Third Regiment of Patriarchs Militant, of Massachusetts, will have a regulation dress parade in the Capitol Square. At 8:30 P. M. the Past Grand Representatives Union will hold its annual reunion and banquet at the Jefferson. Past Grand Sire Fred Carleton, of Texas, will preside, and addresses will be made by prominent representatives.

WEDNESDAY, THE BIG DAY.

Wednesday will be the "big day" of the week. Thousands of members of every branch of the order will parade the principal streets. Virginia and North Carolina Odd-Fellows will be here in full force, and together with the visitors from more distant States, will join in the largest parade of any fraternal order ever seen on the streets of Richmond. It is expected that there will be over 15,000 people in line. After the parade, the Decoration of Chivalry will be conferred with a beautiful ceremony by Grand Sire Pinkerton, assisted by the Third Regiment P. M., of Massachusetts, and all visiting cantons. Wednesday night an entertainment embracing many attractive features will be given at the Auditorium, and all Odd-Fellows will be privileged to attend.

Thursday and Friday prize drills and prize exemplification of the degree work will take place. The sum of $1,050 has been appropriated by the Executive Committee for prizes for these events, besides which a number of beautiful paraphernalia prizes will be offered. Saturday, the last day of the session, there will be the public installation of officers at the Jefferson.

EXEMPLIFICATION OF DEGREES.

Each night during the week the prize exemplification of degrees will be in progress; every public hall in the city has been engaged for this purpose, and members of encampments, subordinate and Rebekah Lodges will have an opportunity to witness the exemplification of the floor and ritualistic work of the order in a manner far superior to anything yet seen in Virginia.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge will be in session at the Convention Hall of the Jefferson Hotel each day during the week.

AFTER PRIZES.

Entry was made for the prize drill yesterday by Terre Haute, Indiana, Canton Patriarchs Militant, which will bring fifty men to compete for prizes. This canton has a record for prize-winning; have taken first honors at Boston in 1898, and second at Detroit last year. Among the cantons which will be here are two others from Indiana—Hartford City and Lebanon.

The committee have gotten out a very attractive little bulletin calling attention to the numerous historical attractions in and around Richmond, and this is being scattered broadcast all over the country, and will doubtless influence a large number of people to take advantage of the cheap rates and visit the city at this time. All railroads in the country will give reduced rates.

The third week in September is going to be a memorable one for Richmond and the State, not only in Odd-Fellow circles, but for our citizens generally. The arrangements for the entertainment of the host of visitors are being rapidly perfected, and everything possible will be done by the committees to make this one of the most pleasant sessions of the Sovereign Grand Lodge ever held.

NEWPORT NEWS CYCLONE SWEPT

Ships Drag Their Anchors and are in Great Peril.

WIND EIGHTY MILES.

ROOF OF PIER BLOWN AWAY.

Suddenly Veers and Kicks Up a Dangerous Sea.

A Ship's Masts Broken Off and Telephone and Telegraph Poles Laid Prostrate — Much Fine Plate Glass Destroyed and Thousand of Dollars' Worth of Damage Done.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., August 11.—A veritable cyclone swept down upon the harbor here to-day and did considerable damage to shipping as well as destroying several thousand dollars' worth of plate-glass windows in the city.

The storm followed an intensely sultry day, and swept up from the northwest, blowing at the rate of about sixty miles an hour. The brand new steam collier Hyades began to drag her anchors, bearing down on the four-masted schooner J. R. Teal, of Boston. The schooner paid out her anchor cable far enough to escape a collision, but was carried down upon the Old Dominion pier.

WIND.

When within a few feet of that structure, and the spectators held their breath in anticipation of the crash, the wind in an instant veered 180 degrees to the south and commenced blowing at about eighty miles an hour, kicking up a terrible sea, wrenching the roof off of the Old Dominion pier, and causing all the vessels in the harbor to drag their anchors. The Hyades had up steam by this time, and managed to keep off the shore by keeping her propellers in constant motion. The Teal threw out its sheet anchor, which held that schooner fast.

MASTS SNAPPED OFF.

The schooner George C. Wainwright probably fared worse than any other ship. She had just come in disabled from a collision up James River, in which she lost one of the members of her crew. The cyclone snapped off her two masts, probably a foot in diameter, as if they had been pipe-stems.

In the meantime the wind was playing havoc on shore. Flag-shade trees, telephone and telegraph poles were prostrated and several thousand dollars' worth of plate-glass windows were destroyed.

FINE GLASS DESTROYED.

The new Academy of Music had all of its fine windows smashed, and a number of other buildings shared the same fate.

Awning poles of iron were twisted around as if they had been made of rubber.

GENTLEMAN FROM JAPAN.

He Comes as a Representative of That Government to Study Tobacco.

Dr. Hidezo Iheda, of Tokio, Japan, will arrive in the city this morning.

Dr. Iheda is sent to America by the Japanese Government to study the agriculture of this country, and especially the raising of tobacco in Virginia. He brings letters from the Japanese Government of commendation to the Agricultural Department of the United States and to parties in this city. He comes as the official representative of that country. During his stay in Richmond, he will stop at No. 305 West Franklin Street.

After, for a time, giving his attention to tobacco in this State, he will go further South, there studying the growing of cotton and other southern products.

Dr. Iheda, is a man of prominence in his country, cultured and intelligent, speaking well the English language.

Mrs. Palmer's Condition.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

CHRISTIANSBURG, VA., August 11.—The condition of Mrs. W. H. Palmer has not materially changed during the afternoon. She is probably slightly better, but has not yet passed all danger.

THE ALLEGED BAD ANARCHIST

Cut Made From the Latest Photograph of Bracci, Who is in Richmond Jail.

The above portrait is a good likeness of the alleged anarchist, Alexander Bracci, who was arrested on Wednesday by Detectives Gibson and Wren. The picture was taken to use in connection with the Bertillon system of measurements, and has been sent to the various large cities and to Paterson, N. J., the headquarters of anarchists. He is now in the city jail on $1,000 security, serving a term of one year as a suspicious character.

STEADY ADVANCE ON THE CAPITAL

Allies' Vanguard Occupies City of Tsai Tsun.

JAPS FOR COREA.

The Hermit Nation Permits Landing of Troops for Emergencies.

PRINCE TUAN TO LEAVE PEKIN.

One of the Shanhai Rumors Declare the Boxer Chieftain and His Followers are Ready to Flee With the Forward Movement of the International Troops. Russia so Suspected.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, August 12.—4 A. M.—The only news last night relative to the advance on Pekin was found in a belated Tokio dispatch of August 9th, according to which, after the capture of Yang Tsun on August 6th, it was arranged that two battalions of Japanese infantry, a squadron of cavalry, a battery of mounted artillery and a company of engineers should march, on August 7th, in advance of the main body of allies and occupy Tsai Tsun, five miles north of Yang Tsun.

Other dispatches merely repeat the details of the capture of Yang Tsun. One cable message, however, credits the Emperor of Corea with giving permission for the laying of a cable between Taku and Chemulpo.

A Yokohama dispatch of August 11th says that the Corean Government has consented to the dispatch of Japanese troops to Corea for the purpose of providing for the emergencies growing out of the Chinese trouble.

TUAN TO LEAVE (PEKIN?)

Various rumors, having their origin in Chinese sources, are floating around Shanghai. One of these rumors is to the effect that Prince Tuan and his followers are preparing to leave Pekin in case the allies should succeed in getting near the capital.

Reports have been received in London to the effect that the hospital ship Maine has arrived at Colombo.

Speaking at a Primrose League demonstration at Eaglescliffe, Lord Londonderry expressed a hope that when the allies reach Pekin the first step will be the punishment, not as in the past, of a few subordinates, but of the Mandarins and others high in authority. There, he was of opinion, all vengeance ought to end.

RUSSIANS WATCHED.

The Russian Government's permission to M. De Giers and his staff to leave Pekin under Chinese guarantees, while the United States and other governments tell their ministers to hold out till relieved, is the subject of much comment in London, where supposed Russian designs are closely scrutinized.

A special dispatch from St. Petersburg attributes to Russia the intention to fill Manchuria with troops, and not to let go of that territory when the present ebullition is over. The Russian War Office expects to have 142,000 men and 242 guns in Siberia by the end of September.

Shanghai has received no news from Che Foo or Tien-Tsin to-day, but a dispatch boat from Taku is expected at Che Foo to-night.

EVIDENCE IN MONDAY.

Much Contradictory Testimony is Given in the Powers Trial.

(By Associated Press.)

GEORGETOWN, KY., Aug. 11.—A large number of witnesses in rebuttal for the prosecution were heard to-day in the trial of former Secretary of State Caleb Powers. Some of them were strong in their contradictions of witnesses for the defense.

The prosecution laid much store by the testimony of two witnesses, who testified to seeing Caleb Powers with other leaders of the mountain crowd, on the evening of January 25th. The defendant had testified that he was ill in his room all of that afternoon.

F. Grayot, Assistant State Auditor, produced the books of the State Auditor, in response to a subpoena duces tecum to show what portion of the $100,000 reward appropriated by the Legislature had been expended in the search for and prosecution of those accused of the crime. The record showed that in all $5,000 had been drawn.

Mr. Grayot produced the records showing that W. H. Culton was paid his full salary in the Auditor's office as a clerk for December and part of the month of January. This contradicted ex-Auditor Stone, who charged Culton with stealing $1,000 and stated that he dismissed Culton and caused Auditor Sweeney to refuse to give him a clerkship.

Hon. John G. Cantrill contradicted the testimony of Rev. John Stamper, while Isaac Golden, brother of Wharton Golden, denied that Wharton Golden ever said that there was a hundred thousand dollar reward fund afloat, and that he had got a part of it."

Judge Sims, of the defense, asked the witness how many times he had been indicted, who replied he guessed he had been indicted at least a dozen times.

Commonwealth's Attorney Franklin said the evidence for the State would all be in by noon Monday.

ROBBED THE MAIL.

A Decoy Letter Catches a Colored Sport in Tarboro.

TARBORO, N. C., August 11.—The Postoffice detectives arrested Geo. Dancy, colored, assistant superintendent at this place, last night, for stealing a decoy letter containing a five-dollar gold piece, mailed at Weldon to Crisp, a county postoffice near here.

The Crisp mail is distributed here. The money was found on his person and he admitted the theft. Dancy was taken to Halifax this morning for preliminary examination before a United States Commissioner.

Almost every negro in this section that has held a postoffice position has come to grief. Dancy was quite a bicycle, brass band, soda water, and fine-clothes sport.

Old Soldier at Almshouse.

George Wilson, an old Confederate soldier, claiming that he was an adjutant in Colonel Atkinson's command, in the Tenth Virginia Infantry, is now an inmate of the city almshouse. He left Ford's Hotel, where he has been boarding for the past few weeks, of his own accord, and is being cared for at that institution.

NEW MONARCH TAKES THE OATH

Victor Emmanuel III. Proclaimed the King.

ALL IN MOURNING.

Heavy Draperies Covered the Furnishings of the Senate Chamber.

CROWDS GREET THEIR RULER.

The Martyred Humbert's Successor Tendered Marked Ovation by His Subjects—Asks for Harmony in Internal Affairs and Peace With all the World—The Greatness of Italy.

(By Associated Press.)

ROME, August 11.—King Victor Emmanuel III, took the formal constitutional oath to-day before Parliament. The Senate Chamber was draped with mourning, the benches and tribunes being covered with black furnishings, bordered with silver.

The booming of cannon announced the departure of the Royal party from the Quirinal. All along the route large crowds were assembled and gave the new King an ovation. He was received on the steps of the Chamber of Deputies and Senate, in a pavilion specially erected and handsomely decorated. When the cortege entered the Senate Chamber, the King being accompanied by the Duke of Aoasta, the Count of Turin and the Duke of Genoa, the Deputies and Senators arose and then began a long and exciting scene of enthusiasm.

TOOK THE OATH.

His Majesty later took the oath and delivered an address.

The King in his address referred to the evidences of mourning here and abroad and spoke of the friendship uniting Italy with all foreign powers. He said Italy would be a forceful instrument of concord and will assist in maintaining peace, and asked for internal accord, as the Monarchy and Parliament should proceed united.

The King, the address said, knows his rights and duties and feels that he will always have the full confidence of the liberal institutions of Italy and be able by his initiative and energy to vigorously defend these institutions.

His Majesty invoked God to witness his promises and assured his hearers that he would work with all his heart for the grandeur and prosperity of Italy.

During the ceremony of taking the oath, the King stood, as did those who assisted in the function, including the Queens and the Princesses.

GREAT OVATION.

When the oath had been taken all present broke out into loud acclamations, the ovation lasting several minutes, while cries of "Viva il Re" sounded throughout the hall.

The King next signed the parchments containing the oath, and the senators rose in a body and took the oath, crying together "Io giuro," (I swear). The deputies were sworn in the same manner. The whole ceremony, concluding with the oaths of allegiance of the senators and deputies, was touching and imposing.

The King then read his address, and, with the same ceremony with which they were received, the Royal party returned to the Quirinal through the still crowded streets, the people vigorously shouting for and cheering the new King.

GOLD MINE FOUND IN CITY'S STREET

Ore-Bearing Sand is Discovered by Workmen Making Excavations for New Depot.

Gold, pure and unmistakable, in seeming good quantity, has been discovered in one of the ditches in the excavation now being made at Fifteenth and Main Street for the erection of the Seaboard Air Line depot. Its presence was first noted yesterday morning, when about fourteen feet below the surface, pure, clear water, black sand and round gravel were found.

These conditions at once suggested gold to Mr. G. A. Lyell, superintendent of the work, who has spent several years of his life among the gold mines of the Pacific Coast. He made investigation and discovered that the sand was filled with shining gold, and occasionally a flake was found. Mr. Lyell does not claim to be an expert, but says he is quite certain gold has been discovered.

Others who have visited the spot and examined the sand are of the same opinion. The sand will be analyzed, but it is not probable the presence of the gold will interfere with the erection of the depot.

The ore vein runs towards Main Street.

BURIED AFTER TWO YEARS.

Remains of William Stagg Kept in House for That Length of Time.

The body of William Stagg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stagg, of Hanover county, has remained unburied for two years, and was kept in a house at the residence of the deceased's parents since 1898, when the boy died. His death was caused from brain fever.

The body was brought here yesterday and buried in Hollywood Cemetery.

TROLLEY WIRE SHOCKS MANY.

Mr. Robert Browder Hunt—Excitement Over Broken Wire.

The breaking of a trolley wire at Main and Cedar Streets at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon caused a great deal of excitement among the passengers in car No. 1107 of the Richmond Passenger and Power Company's line. Mr. C. M. Selph was the motorman and Mr. B. F. Drancker the conductor of the car.

The "line wire" almost encircled the car and many of the passengers were shocked and Mr. Robert Brander quite painfully hurt by the accident.

WHEELER'S PLEA FOR GREAT ARMY

Gallant Veteran Points Out Nation's Need.

INSURER OF PEACE.

Readiness for War a Guarantee of Humanity's Blessed Boon.

AMERICA AS A WORLD POWER.

Destiny of the Human Race Will Be Guided Largely by the Government of the United States. Patriotism the Real Barrier Against Aggression.

(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, August 11.—General Joseph Wheeler made a strong plea for the standing army in his convocation address at the University of Chicago yesterday. He declared that the only security for peace was to be always prepared for war. At the close of the address General Wheeler was cheered by the students, many of whom are from the Southern States, and when the band struck up "Dixie" the enthusiasm rose to a high pitch.

THE WORLD'S DESTINY.

General Wheeler's topic was "Our Pacific Possessions." He said the destiny of the human race was to be guided in the future largely by the Government of the United States.

"My observations among these people and those of China forcibly impressed upon me the importance of all institutions of learning devoting full measure of effort to instilling a spirit of chivalry and patriotic devotion. It was to keep that spirit fresh and strong that Alabama enacted the law that the national flag should float over every school-house in the State.

READY FOR WAR.

"The enjoyment of peace is a blessed boon to humanity, but the history of the world from its earliest periods teaches that the only security for peace is to be always prepared and ready to engage in war. That nation whose people are ready to respond to a call to arms with men and resources for any emergency is the one that shall most certainly be able to avoid the desolation and horrors of war.

"We are now a great world power, and the destiny of the human race is in the future to be largely guided by the influence exerted by this government. This should be impressed upon the rising generation and the memory of the flag floating over the school-houses and songs breathing patriotic devotion within its walls, should be indelibly connected with the first impressions of the youth of our land."

Bryan and McKinley Write.

Mr. George B. Davis is likely to have an abundant success with his ingenius and pleasing Presidential Game No. 45. Mr. Davis, as soon as the first lot of the games was manufactured, sent one to Williams Jennings Bryan and to President McKinley. Yesterday he received a reply from both these distinguished Americans. Mr. Bryan's secretary thanks Mr. Davis in the name of his chief and prophesies that while Mr. Bryan is busily fighting the campaign for President, his children will be electing him through Mr. Davis' game.

STASBURG SUSPECT.

"Frisco Slim" Entangled in the Meshes of the Police Net in New York.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, August 11.—"Frisco Slim," whose right name is John Butler, suspected of a daring and sensational bank burglary in Strasburg, Va., in which $15,000 was procured from a blasted safe, was arrested in Brooklyn to-day. Butler is suspected of having been an associate at the time of "Topeka Joe," or Joseph Rapley, now in jail at Richmond, charged with the Williamsburg (Va.) bank robbery.

Butler is charged with being a fugitive from justice from Virginia.

New Cable Started.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, August 11.—The laying of the new German cable to the Azores was begun to-day off Coney Island, and a section ten miles long was laid from the beach out to sea.

Shah Quits Gay Paris.

(By Associated Press.)

PARIS, Aug. 11.—The official visit of the Shah of Persia ended this morning. Accompanied by President Loubet and M. Delcasse, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, his Majesty rode to the railroad station, surrounded by an escort of cavalry, and started for Ostend.

SUMMARY OF TO-DAY'S NEWS.

Local.

—Found gold in the streets of Richmond.
—Odd-Fellows' plans for big time next month.
—Negro convict is shot down in his attempt to escape.
—Prizes for the firemen.
—Suit for large amount is brought.
—Hot weather yesterday was a record breaker.
—Prisoner escapes from officer at City Hall.
—Sunday in the churches.

State.

—A spike comes near wrecking the Vestibule Limited near Bristol.
—A cyclone at Newport News plays havoc with shipping and the Old Dominion pier.
—Colonel Charles S. Venable dies at the University of Virginia.
—Isle of Wight elects delegates. They are divided for congressman.
—Virginia oyster police kill a Marylander in Tangier Sound.

General.

—General Wheeler's plea for larger standing army.
—Express messenger found riddled with bullets.
—Bryan's plans for his campaign.
—Terrific heat in American cities.

Foreign.

—America refuses to interfere in landing of troops.
—King Victor Emmanuel III. takes the formal oath.
—British watching Russia's movements.
—Germans scout the idea of a real advance on Pekin.
—Shah of Persia leaves Paris.
—French do not like von Waldersee in command.