RANGE OF THE THERMOMETER.

The range of the thermometer at The Times office yesterday was as follows: 3 A. M., 47; 12 M., 49; 3 P. M., 53; 6 P. M., 51; 9 P. M., 45; 12 midnight, 42; average, 47.5.

The Times.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Forecast for Saturday and Sunday: Virginia—Cloudy Saturday with rain in southern and western portions; warmer in southeast portion. Sunday rain, fresh southeasterly winds.

North Carolina—Rain Saturday, warmer near the coast; fresh easterly winds. Sunday rain.

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SENATOR MARTIN AND MR. SWANSON

They Confer on the Gubernatorial Fight.

MONTAGUE IS AWAY.

Has Gone to Lynchburg to Look After His Fight.

WILL RETURN HERE TUESDAY.

Gossip About the Meeting of the City Committee---Delegate Shelton Here—Rappahannock Delegates Divided—Many Convention Nominations To-Day---Live Political Notes.

Senator Thomas S. Martin and Congressman Claude A. Swanson have both returned to the city and are hard at work laying plans to capture delegates for the latter to the gubernatorial convention.

Mr. Swanson came over from the Fifth District early yesterday morning, having spent the past week mending his fences in his home section, and spent the greater portion of the day conferring with his friends in his room at Murphy's.

Senator Martin arrived from Scottsville in the evening and went to the Westmoreland Club. He was joined there by Congressman Swanson soon after his arrival, and the two, with several local leaders, held a protracted conference. As a result of the absence of the big leaders, matters were rather quiet around Murphy's last night. A few leaders from in and out of the city were there, but there was nothing of special interest going on. Few of the politicians knew of the presence in the city of Senator Martin, as he remained at the club during the entire evening; indeed, it was late when Mr. Swanson left him, and it is conjectured that they discussed matters of sweeping moment concerning the latter's canvass.

Attorney-General Montague left Danville yesterday, where he spent several days organizing his forces in his home city, and went over to Lynchburg, where last night he conferred with his supporters with the view to strengthening his lines and preparing for the great struggle, which will open up for the selection of delegates as soon as the State Committee shall have fixed a time and place for the meeting of the convention.

During Mr. Montague's absence from this city his friends are looking diligently after his interests, and they will not suffer pending his return. From Lynchburg he will go up the Valley and will return here about Tuesday or Wednesday. The good news given out daily from Mr. Montague's headquarters, concerning his fight in the State, has had a stimulating effect upon his local leaders, and they are all smiles over his prospects.

It is altogether probable that the City Democratic Committee will meet some time about the first of May and fix a date for about the middle of May for the selection of delegates to the Gubernatorial Convention. There seems to be no special disposition to have an early primary, but it is evident that the committeemen, as a rule, do not agree with Chairman Doherty that it should be deferred to any unusually late date. They are inclined to treat the chairman's reasons for delay very slightly, and do not believe there is much logic in his position that there is danger of a hot fight here for the Constitutional Convention.

"When did the Democratic ticket for any office in Richmond ever encounter trouble at the polls?" asked a prominent leader of the City Committee yesterday. Continuing, he said, "that if complications were to be avoided, the argument was all in favor of the choosing of delegates in May for the reason that the city would be all agog by the first of June in preparation for the meeting of the Constitutional Convention. Five members under the Constitution of the City Committee may request the chairman to call the committee at any time and if he shall decline they may then call it over his refusal so to do. It is not thought that Chairman Doherty would refuse to assemble the body, however, if requested to do so by the required number."

The committee will meet one night next week to arrange to fight for the State Convention for this city, but the primary matter is not likely to come up until after the meeting of the State Committee.

Almost every day brings out some new feature of interest in connection with the now very spirited contest for the Democratic nomination for Governor of Virginia.

Just how far Senator Martin is interested in the success of Mr. Swanson, and to what extent he proposes to fight for his friend, has been made known recently in letters from the Senator to his lieutenants throughout the State. It is reliably stated that these letters, in the first place, sets forth that the Senator is deeply interested in the success of Mr. Swanson; that he is willing to stake all his political reputation upon the prediction that the Congressman will capture the honor, and, finally, that having thrown himself into the breach and assumed the responsibility for Mr. Swanson's candidacy, he would take his failure to capture the nomination as a personal defeat to himself. These letters are intended to rally the Senator's forces under the banner of Mr. Swanson, and will, no doubt, have the desired effect.

Delegate James L. Shelton, of Louisa, is in the city, having come down to look after some law cases here. He said when seen at the Lexington last night that politics were growing very warm in his county. The Republicans will hold their convention to-day to nominate a candidate for the Constitutional Convention. The Democrats have named Mr. R. Lindsay Gordon, and an independent is out in the person of Mr. Tim Smith. Mr. Shelton says there is no sort of doubt about the election of Mr. Gordon, and that he will make an admirable representative. In discussing the gubernatorial situation in his county, Mr. Shelton said Louisa would undoubtedly send a solid Montague delegation to the convention, as nearly all the Democrats up there warmly favored his nomination. He said his county would go for Col. Joseph E. Willard for Lieutenant-Governor.

Evidently Colonel Joseph E. Willard, of Fairfax, is going to make a big fight for Lieutenant-Governor before the coming Democratic Convention. The Warrenton Virginian thus pleasantly refers to his candidacy:

"He is a young man of great wealth, but Democratic by nature and anxious to take up the serious duties of life and not waste his time in an idle butterfly existence. He loves his native land and has shown it by casting his lot with her and not drifting north as many another young man would have done situated as he has been. Poverty has never been a stumbling block in the way of Virginia politicians, nor should riches be, when acquired honorably. Mr. Willard's wealth is an inheritance from far seeing investments made by his father in Washington real estate. Not one cent of it is cursed with a widow's groan or wet with an orphan's tear. To say to Mr. Willard, 'because of your wealth you cannot hold office in Virginia' is class rule as unjust and intolerable as to draw the line against a poor man when he offers for office."

A prominent gentleman from Rappahannock, who is in the city, says the Democratic leaders of that county in order to avoid a hot fight for delegates to the Gubernatorial Convention have gotten together and agreed to divide the delegation equally between Messrs. Montague and Swanson. He does not pretend to say what would have been the result had a vote been taken, as both candidates have strong friends in the county. In speaking of the resolutions passed the other day when the Democrats named their candidate for the Constitutional Convention, he said they provided that no voter in the State should be disfranchised except for causes now defined in the laws of the State.

Delegate E. C. Jordan, of Frederick, is out in a two column newspaper article on the gubernatorial situation, in which he repudiates the idea that Mr. Echols should be supported by the Valley section because he is a Valley man. He contends that the Valley has already had its share of offices, and that a Governor is not in a position to do any great things for the people.

Mr. Jordan does not say whom he favors for Governor. His card closes as follows:

"I have nothing to say against Mr. Echols. As far as I know he is an honorable gentleman. He has had all the advantages of wealth and luxury to make him a gentleman as far as these things can. He is a lawyer by profession; president of a bank as a side issue, and likes politics to pass away his weary moments. Mr. Echols can do nothing for Frederick county that any one of the other three candidates won't do cheerfully, and I will be your surety that Mr. Montague, Mr. Swanson or Mr. Marshall will do all under any and all circumstances that Mr. Echols will.

"The conventions of this State have not found it proper in their wisdom to select all of the officers from one section of the State, nor is it at all probable the Valley

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IS NOT OPPOSED TO UNION LABOR

Superintendent Gillis Tells of Situation at Locomotive Works.

A matter which has been a subject of friendly discussion and consideration on the part of the sub-contractors of the machine shop of the Richmond Locomotive Works and the superintendent of that establishment has been spoken of in such a manner that it has been made to appear that there has been, or is, a serious difference or misunderstanding between the employes and the management.

Such is not and has not been in any sense true. Furthermore, the campaign document, bearing the signature "Unionist," has had no bearing on or connection with the matter in any way, shape or form. The subject was being discussed and considered by the sub-contractors and the superintendent of the works long before this contribution to contemporary literature was injected into the recent political canvass in the county of Henrico.

When seen last night Superintendent Gillis, of the Richmond Locomotive Works, made the following statement in connection with the matter:

"The work at the Locomotive Works machine shop is divided into contracts, each contractor being primarily a subforeman and having the power to hire and discharge his own men subject to the approval of the general foreman. There has recently developed the fact that the rules of the Machinists' Union were such that they conflicted with the rules of the Locomotive Works, and as it was understood that the contractors' allegiance was first to his union, it was considered wise and best that no contractor should belong to the Machinists' Union as their duties in every sense were those of foreman. Under the constitution of the union a foreman can apply for and receive a withdrawal card, which leaves him in good standing with his union, so that in case he should give up the contract or work simply as a mechanic, he could again return to the union and be in good standing.

"The contractors were informed of the decision of the company and it was suggested that they get their withdrawal cards. Several of the men then applied for withdrawal cards to the local union, but were refused. They were then notified that unless they did withdraw within a reasonable length of time that they would have to give up their contracts, but all who desired would be retained in the employment of the company at their regular daily wages. This, of course, would mean a very material reduction in the pay of the men and a considerable money loss to them, and at the same time of the loss to the company of a very efficient lot of contractors. This afternoon a committee of three of the union men of the shop met with the superintendent and general foreman and the whole matter was decided in a manner satisfactory to both the company and the men. At no time has the management taken any stand against union labor. Quite a large number of the best mechanics in nearly all of the departments are union men and very satisfactory in every way, and no discrimination whatever is made against any man on this account so long as he is simply working as a mechanic, but the principle that a foreman or contracting foreman is a subordinate officer of the company is insisted upon. Referring to the statement in an evening paper, in which it is stated that the men were given until Monday night to make their final decision, I have to say that this not correct and altogether without foundation. At no time was there any idea of discharging any of the men, and they were informed to this effect. As to the Unionist document, it has not been believed by the superintendent that this article was written by a union mechanic, but was simply a political canard. It was not considered worthy of notice by Mr. Bryan at the time, nor has he mentioned the matter in any way to the superintendent since. It had absolutely no bearing on the matter. The relation between the Richmond Locomotive Works and its employes generally is most pleasant and satisfactory."

GREAT CROWD WAS AT THE FUNERAL

Remains of Mr. Slaughter Placed in Vault.

SOLEMN EXERCISES.

Large Crowd Gathered in Hollywood Cemetery Yesterday.

SINGING BY FIRST BAPTIST CHOIR

Rev. Dr. George Cooper and Rev. R. A. Goodwin Were the Officiating Ministers. The Widow, Prostrated by Grief, Unable to Be Present—Strong Men, as Well as Women, Shed Tears.

The remains of Mr. Robert Emmet Slaughter now lie entombed in the Laube vault in Hollywood. The stillness of death now envelopes the corpse round which the flames so recently roared. Later on, after the debris has been searched for more of the remains and more is known, the body will be placed in the ground not again to be disturbed until the Resurrection morn.

A large concourse of the friends and acquaintances of the deceased and sympathizers of the bereaved family proceeded to the cemetery on foot yesterday afternoon and gathered round the vault long before the procession arrived. Congregated in tiers around the tomb they awaited the funeral hour, silent and expectant. Finally the cortege wound its way through the gates and along the avenues. The coffin was deposited on brackets before the open door of the tomb, the family and those who came in carriages alighted, and the obsequies began. Before many moments had fled there were few dry eyes in the silent little throng of mourners, even strong men succumbing to the pathos of the occasion. Maybe a few expected scenes, but there were none. But one scene was there, and that a scene of grief; a scene in which a coffin laden with flowers formed the central figure and the group of mourners, visibly grieved, the adjuncts.

THE SERVICES.

The funeral service began shortly after 4 o'clock, opening with prayer by the Rev. R. A. Goodwin, rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, who assisted the Rev. George Cooper, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist Church, in the service. Messrs. Walter D. Moses & Co. had furnished a small organ, and sweet and appropriate music was well rendered by the choir of the First Baptist Church, composed of Mrs. Maude Porter Gunn, Miss Effie Cofer, Miss Lillian Taylor, Mr. Frank Cunningham and Mr. H. T. Cardoza. Prof. Leslie F. Watson officiated at the organ. The solo, beautiful and touching, was the special effort of Miss Taylor.

The funeral service was read by Dr. Cooper and the benediction was pronounced by Mr. Goodwin. The prayer by Dr. Cooper was beautiful and appropriate in the extreme. More moving it could not have been, the voice of the supplicant himself at times shaking with emotion. Many who had until now withstood the influence of the occasion made no effort to bear up longer, and many eyes were wet before the speaker had proceeded far. When the Doctor referred to the sufferings of the bereaved family, when he prayed that if in the course of a human life the Lord Jesus Christ raises to His breast the widowed mother and takes into His strong and protecting arms her orphaned children, He would have mercy on the suffering ones before him. There was heard more than one sob of grief that could not be buried silent in the breast. After a while the service was ended and the coffin was placed in the vault and the door was closed. A bunch of white roses was hung from the entrance, other floral offerings were laid against the tomb, and the crowd departed.

THE FAMILY.

Mrs. Slaughter, prostrated over the untimely and awful death of her husband and sick with grief, was unable to be present. Leaning on the arm of Mr. John T. Slaughter were the two sisters of the deceased, Miss Linda Slaughter and Mrs. E. B. Wilson, of Charlottesville. Little Allen Slaughter was the only one of the children present. Other relatives followed. Mr. Alex Meyer was present, as were many of the employes of his store. The pall-bearers were Messrs. F. P. Sprick, J. Bamberger, B. J. McGinty, S. S. Levy, M. Meyer, William McConnal, E. McLaughlin and T. Wilson Black.

INQUEST TO-MORROW.

Inquiring Into the Cause of Mr. Slaughter's Death.

As stated exclusively in The Times yesterday, Coroner Taylor will, beginning at 11 o'clock to-morrow, hold an inquiry to ascertain the cause of the death of Mr. R. E. Slaughter, who perished in the fire at Meyer's store. The jury summoned will assemble in the Hustings Court room.

Coroner Taylor said yesterday he had summoned only one witness in addtion to those mentioned in The Times. This gentleman is an electrical expert.

As has been stated, the real object of the inquest is to ascertain, if possible, the cause of this and other recent fires in Richmond.

It is probable various electrical companies will be represented by counsel and by experts, for they are deeply concerned in this investigation.

Mr. W. H. Thompson, the superintendent of the Fire Alarm and Police Telegraph system, one of the witnesses summoned by Dr. Taylor, did not care to express himself in advance of the inquest as to the subject to be dealt with.

THE SLAUGHTER FUND.

Contributions for the Relief of the Family Now Exceed $1,100.

The fund for the relief of the family of Mr. R. Emmet Slaughter, who lost his life in the fire which destroyed the Meyer store Wednesday, has reached large proportions.

A very notable addition to the fund were the receipts from the benefit matinee performance at the Bijou Theatre yesterday, which netted $211.30, including subscriptions handed Mr. McKee, resident manager of the theatre, who is taking a great interest in the work of raising a fund for the relief of the family of the worthy dead. The entire city is becoming deeply interested.

In order to facilitate the collection of funds the Southern Stamp and Stationery Company, of which Mr. Samuel Rosendorf is the head, yesterday gave twenty-five boxes, which were placed around the city in various public establishments. The newspapers of the city will receive subscriptions to the fund. Any amount from a nickel to a check of several figures is acceptable.

Mr. A. H. Meyer, of Meyer Brothers, is also receiving contributions at the temporary offices of the firm, in the Masonic Temple. Following are two letters he received yesterday:

Mr. Meyer:

Dear Sir,—The gross receipts of the special matinee, which was held at the Bijou Theatre this (Friday) afternoon, April 12th, for the benefit of the family of the late R. E. Slaughter, amounts to $182.90. In addition to the amount mentioned, I had handed to me for this special purpose the following amounts:

Cash	$ .90
A Stranger	.60
Mr. Jas. Valentine	88.00
Cash	1.00
Gans-Rady Company	5.00
Cash	.10
William Rueger	10.00
Cash	1.20
Chesapeake and Ohio Employe	1.00
Cash	.60
Making a total of	211.30

Enclose you will please find check for the amount, which please turn over to the family of your late employe.

Very truly yours,
BIJOU COMPANY.
By Charles J. McKee.

Mr. A. H. Meyer, City:

Dear Sir,—Enclosed, we hand you our check for $50, which please accept as a contribution from the firm and its employes to the widow of the late R. E. Slaughter, who lost his life in the fire which destroyed the Meyer store. Please accept same with sympathy and condolence of the firm and employes.

Yours truly,
THALHIMER BROS.

The fund now stands as follows:

Previously acknowledged	$ 132 50
Bijou matinee	182 90
Mrs. E. Raab	100 00
John P. Branch	100 00
Thalheimer Bros.	50 00
William J. Payne	50 00
Employes Miller & Rhoads	50 00
Agents and Employes Life Insurance Company of Virginia	35 00
Cash	35 00
Employes Cordes & Mosby	30 25
Subscribed at the Bijou	27 40
Sympathy	25 00
Cash	25 00
G. W. Anderson & Sons	25 00
Ladies' Hebrew Benefit Ass'n	25 00
Employes Cable Piano Co.	21 00
George W. Poe	10 00
Globe Clothing Co.	10 00
Henry Gunst	10 00
Walter D. Moses	10 00
Mrs. Ida W. Ellerson	10 00
Retail Clerks' Union	10 00
Robert Lee Gill	10 00
Cash	10 00
Cash	6 00
John B. Purcell	5 00
W. W. Hardwicke	5 00
E. L. Ruffin	5 00
E. H. Baltimore, Md.	5 00
John S. Hardwood	5 00
Thomas B. Hicks	5 00
G. W. Parsons	5 00
J. S. Moore, Jr.	5 00
W. H. Schwartzschild	5 00
L. W. Pizzini	5 00
Kellam Cancer Hospital	5 00
Valentine Auction Co.	5 00
Henry S. Hutzler	5 00
W. B. Pizzini	5 00
Samuel Rosendorf	5 00
W. A. K.	5 00
E. C. Pelouze	5 00
W. E. Shelley	5 00
J. H. W.	5 00
R. E. E.	5 00
E. C. Garrison	5 00
Mrs. C. Watkins	4 00
Mrs. Julius Bear	2 50
A. T. Ragland	2 00
M. S. Valentine	2 00
Cash	2 00
Cash K. K.	2 00
Hardwood Brothers	2 00
L. Lovenstein	2 00
Cash	2 00
Mr. Stern	1 00
Daniel Stern	1 00
J. L. Wingo	1 00
M. T. Smith	1 00

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TO-MORROW.
SUNDAY TIMES
April 14th.
Great News Magazine.
A Lucid Interpretation of
The Lord's Prayer.
By Eminent Divines.
Remarkable Escapes of
Bullet-Proof Thos. Wright.
A Walking Arsenal.
Good Stories About
Celebrated People,
Told Tersely.
Interesting Description of
Buffalo Exposition
and Its Novelties.
Home Life of
Israel Zangwill,
Novelist and Poet.
Tales of How
Political Pot Boils,
and Who Is Stirring.
Reflections From
Glass of Fashion,
Showing Spring Novelties.
Some Random Gossip of
Stage and Stage People.
Post-Lenten Features.
Social, Religious, Industrial and Financial News of World for the week.
TO-MORROW.
SUNDAY TIMES.
April 14th.

ROCKINGHAM IS FOR MONTAGUE

People Took Too Much for Granted.

VOTE FOR DILLARD.

A Solid Delegation Chosen for Him in the Primary.

WILLIAMSBURG DEMOCRATS.

Thursday's Meeting Will Probably Express Its Preference for a Candidate—Greene and Madison Divided on the Question of Governor—Winchester Republicans Nominate Council Ticket.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

HARRISONBURG, VA., April 12.—There has been a great deal of misconstruction put upon The Times' special from this place last Wednesday.

It stated that complete returns from the primaries held throughout the county showed that Keesel and Haus would be nominated for the Constitutional Convention, and further showed that Montague would have a majority of the delegation to the State Convention and that Echols would have the rest of the delegation.

The dispatch did not say at all that the primaries had taken any action in the latter matters, but it was the assertion of The Times' correspondent based on the fact that it is a settled fact that the convention which sends delegates to the State Convention will be largely made up of the same men who are to compose this one, and that the majority of the men who will compose the conveniton favor Montague.

Outside of Harrisonburg, Echols seems to have but very little following. It seems to be a foregone conclusion that Montague will get the best end of the delegation from this county.

A few weeks will vindicate every assertion the correspondent has made. The trouble in the dispatch was that lots of people took too much for granted.

WILLIAMSBURG DEMOCRATS.

An Anti-Saloon League to Stop Illegal Sale of Liquor.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

WILLIAMSBURG, VA., April 12.—The City Democratic Committee to-day decided to call a mass-meeting Thursday night to elect two delegates to the convention here April 30th, to choose a delegate to the Constitutional Convention. Thursday's meeting will probably express its preference as to a candidate.

H. N. Phillips, cashier of the Peninsular Bank, has announced himself as a candidate for superintendent of schools for Williamsburg. R. T. Armistead, the incumbent, is the only other candidate.

There is talk of an Anti-Saloon League to stop the sale of liquor here after April 30th, when the court will refuse to reissue the licenses that expire that date.

Madison and Greene.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., April 12.—The counties of Madison and Greene adjoin. They are in the same House district. The political sentiment in the two counties in reference to the gubernatorial contest is widely apart.

It is said that Greene will certainly send a delegation to the State Convention favorable to the nomination of Lieutenant Governor Edward Echols for the Governorship, while Madison, which is the home of Congressman James Hay, will, it is believed, strongly support Congressman Claude A. Swanson for the nomination.

Delegates for Dillard.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

ROCKY MOUNT, VA., April 12.—A Democratic primary to select delegates to the Franklin County Convention to nominate a candidate to represent Franklin in the Constitutional Convention was held here to-day and resulted in the election of a solid delegation for P. H. Dillard, against Judge E. W. Saunders.

Republican Nominations.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

WINCHESTER, VA., April 12.—The City Republican Executive Committee to-day announced candidates for the Common Council. No nomination was made for the Constitutional Convention.

CONFEDERACY'S THANKS.

Search Being Made for an Historic Document.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, April 12.—Stories and memories of the Alabama have been revived by an advertisement offering a reward for the recovery of a document conveying the thanks of the Confederate States to John Lancaster for rescuing Captain Semmes and part of the crew of the Alabama, when the Kearsarge sank her off Cherbourg.

The Confederate steamer Alabama, Captain Raphael Semmes, was attacked and sunk by the United States corvette Kearsarge, Captain Winslow, near Cherbourg, France, June 19th, 1864. The British yacht Deer Hound picked up thirty-nine persons, including Semmes and fourteen of his officers, after which she headed for Southampton.

Capt. Winslow's officers begged him to throw a shell at the Deer Hound, but he refused. John Lancaster was probably the commander of the Deer Hound.

THORNTON BREAKS DOWN.

Forward Boiler Gave Out After Forty-five Minutes' Run.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 12.—Secretary Long received a dispatch this evening from Commander Hemphill stating that the torpedo-boat Thornton had been put on her trial over the Barren Island course, and ran about 45 minutes at a speed of 26.5 knots, when the forward boiler gave out.

He adds that no one was hurt.

The contract requires a continuous run of two hours at a speed of 26-knots per hour, so that the trial to-day, while developing good speed for a short distance, was not sufficient. The Inspection Board will return to Washington, which is taken to indicate that considerable repairs will be necessary before another trial can be had.

LARGE LIABILITIES.

New Yorker Takes Advantage of Bankruptcy Act.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, April 12.—William C. Coffin, of this city, filed a petition in bankruptcy in the United States District Court to-day. He schedules his liabilities at $4,150,000, and assets at $25, which is cash in the bank. The secured claims amount to $2,986,172.

The petition names hundreds of creditors whose claims range in amount from hundreds of thousands to a few dollars. The largest creditors who hold no security are the city of Santa Cruz, $332,000, and the city of Ironwood, Mich., for $115,000, these sums being due the respective municipalities on contracts for bonds purchased.

C. L. Kingsley, an attorney, said today that the liabilities were all from the Coffin and Stanton days and that it was simply an action on the part of Mr. Coffin to take advantage of the new bankruptcy law and thus clear himself from the enormous liabilities of the defunct firm.

Mr. Coffin is now employed by Robert & Company, bankers, of this city.

Coffin and Stanton were bankers and promoters. On October 6, 1893, Walter Stanton, the junior member of the firm, applied to Judge Lacombe, of the United States Circuit Court, to have a receiver appointed with a view to winding up the firm's affairs. The real and immediate cause, however, of the failure of the firm was said to have been the refusal of the bank of the Manhattan Company to extend further credit to the banking house.

Not Settled Yet.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, April 12.—The trouble between the Central Railroad Company of New Jersey and its employes is still far from a settlement. Some minor points were conceded by the representatives on both sides, but on the principal points of difference neither side would make any concessions.

Pleased With Allen.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 12.—The State Department to-day received a dispatch signed by Speaker Rossy, of the Porto Rican Legislature, and other members of that body, expressing their gratification at the news that Governor Allen is to return to the island.

MISS RANDOLPH HAS RESIGNED

She Gives Up the Superintendency of the Virginia Hospital—Resignation Has Gone Into Effect.

Miss Agnes D. Randolph, superintendent of the Virginia Hospital for the past year, has tendered her resignation to the Lady Board of Managers, to go into effect at once.

Miss Randolph left the city Thursday night, and is now in Atlanta, where she will remain several days before returning to the home of her brother, Dr. William Randolph, in Charlottesville.

Miss Randolph's resignation comes as a surprise, and will be heard with the deepest regret, not only amongst the nurses attached to the hospital and the members of the Lady Board of Managers, but throughout the medical profession of the city. During her superintendency the hospital, which has always been one of the foremost institutions of the kind in the city, has grown in every way. Many improvements have been made, and its increased patronage has necessitated almost doubling the number of nurses.

Miss Randolph is undecided as to her plans for the future. The board has taken no action as yet as to the election of her successor, but for the present Miss Johnson is acting superintendent. Miss Randolph is a graduate nurse of the Virginia Hospital, and enjoys a wide acquaintance, professionally and socially, in Richmond.

BALL FAMILY.

There Is to Be a Reunion During the Buffalo Exposition.

(By Associated Press.)

PENN-YAN, N. Y., April 12.—Incidental to the Pan-American Exposition there will be a reunion at Keuka College, N. Y., on Lake Keuka, August 27th to 29th, of the Ball family.

The tribe is numerous, and will come from all over the United States and Canada. It dates back to Rev. John Ball, of Oxfordshire, England, a noted Puritan and author, born in 1585, and who died in 1640. Soon after his demise a general migration occurred of the several families of descendants to America.

It is believed that one of the families went to Virginia about 1660, from which sprang Martha Ball, mother of George Washington.

TEST FAILED.

Electrograph Did Not Work Over Such a Distance.

(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, ILL., April 12.—Failure tonight greeted a test which drew a number of men of science to the Quadrangle Club, University of Chicago. It was an effort to transmit and receive half-tone pictures by telegraph between Columbia University, N. Y., and the University of Chicago. The instrument, or electrograph, had worked successfully over distances of several hundred miles, but to-night, owing to the induction of the wires in New York, would not record the thousands of fine dots of which the pictures are composed.

Rice's Administrator.

(By Associated Press.)

HOUSTON, TEX., April 12.—H. Baldwin Rice, nephew and next of kin of W. M. Rice, was to-day appointed temporary administrator of the estate of W. M. Rice and his bond fixed at $400,000. Application for appointment as permanent administrator cannot at present be acted upon, as probate court is on vacation.

Stock Over-Subscribed.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, April 12.—Announcement is made that the underwriting syndicate of the Associated Merchants' Association has many times oversubscribed the issue of $5,000,000 first preferred stock offered the public. There are unconfirmed reports that the Associated Merchants' Company is negotiating for the control of a number of other stores in Greater New York besides those originally mentioned.

FRANK C. BOSTOCK BADLY INJURED,

Attacked by Rajah, the Bengal Tiger.

MAY LOSE LEFT ARM.

His Right Leg and Face Also Badly Lacerated.

THE ATTACK WAS VERY SUDDEN.

Bostock, Who Wore a Heavy Mask and Carried a Club and Revolver, Was Conducting the Beast to Its Cage When it Leaped on Him and Bore Him to the Ground.

(By Associated Press.)

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., April 12.—Rajah, the Bengal tiger that fatally injured one of the keepers at the "Zoo" in this city several months ago, after a desperate fight in the animal's cage to-day attacked Frank C. Bostock, proprietor of the "Zoo," and dangerously injured him. It is feared by the surgeons that Bostock will lose his left arm. His right leg and his face were badly lacerated.

WORE HEAVY MASK.

Preparations were being made at the "Zoo" to ship Rajah with several other animals to the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo. Mr. Bostock has just arrived from Baltimore to direct the work. He took Rajah into the arena this morning with the intention of putting him through some tricks. Bostock wore a haevy wire mask over his head and neck and carried a revolver and club.

ATTACK SUDDEN.

At the conclusion of the exercise the beast was released and started toward his cage along a winding passage way from the arena to the rear of the cages. In this narrow place the animal suddenly leaped upon Bostock and forced him to the floor. Bostock's left arm was torn by the tiger's fangs. The mask was broken open and the tiger was gnashing at his victim's face when a trainer rushed to the rescue and drove the enraged beast to his cage after firing several shots into his body.

GLOOMY VIEW.

A Berlin Paper Says Nearly a Quarter of the Working People Are Unemployed.

(By Associated Press.)

BERLIN, April 12.—A recent article in the "Berliner Tageblatt" takes a gloomy view of the industrial conditions in Germany, which it says are so bad that the efforts of the charitable are powerless to cope with the situation. Reduced production and the consequent dismissal of working people are so general as to no longer attract notice.

It is safe to say that a quarter of the working people are either idle or insufficiently employed. The situation is made more serious by the uncertainty of Germany's commercial policy. The numberless industries of the country do not know whether the disastrous tariff wars will not destroy the work of years.

Many factories have closed and in others the number of laborers have been reduced, while work folk crowd to the gates of the factories seeking employment.

CHINESE INDEMNITY.

Commissioners Think $300,000,000 in Gold Can Be Raised.

(By Associated Press.)

PEKIN, April 12.—The commission of ministers which is considering China's financial resources has reached the conclusion, based upon what information is obtainable, that three hundred million dollars in gold can be raised without injuring China's resources.

The ministers openly express their desire that the foreign troops leave Pekin.

RECOVERED KINGDOM.

Army of Mabaronk Overwhelmed and Five Thousand Men Killed.

(By Associated Press.)

BOMBAY, April 12.—Ibu Rashid has recovered the kingdom of Nejd, Central Arabia, after defeating Mabaronk, Sheik of Koweyt, who recently seized the city of Nejd and deposed Ibu Rashid after a pitched battle.

The army of Mabaronk was turned into a narrow gorge, where the hordes of Ibu Rashid swooped down from the mountains and overwhelmed their enemies. The fugitives who have reached Gulf ports declare that 5,000 men were killed. The fate of Mabaronk is not khown.

Coming to Hampton Roads.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 12.—The Navy Department announced to-day that the North Atlantic Squadron, now at Culebra Island, is due to arrive at Hampton Roads on the 23d or 24th instant.

SUMMARY OF TO-DAY'S NEWS.

Local.

—Large crowd attends Mr. Slaughter's funeral.
—Senator Martin and Mr. Swanson confer.
—The fund for the Slaughter family steadily growing.
—Rev. Dr. White addresses the A. P. V. A.
—Fire in Chesterfield county.

State.

—Rockingham for Montague.
—Dr. Cave declines call to Petersburg church.
—Electric lines in Norfolk at war.
—Married man in Alexandria arrested on serious charge.

General.

—Frank C. Bostock horribly lacerated by a Bengal tiger.
—Catholic College Association records its disapproval of State control of education.
—Detective in Pittsburg killed in pitched battle with gang of robbers.
—Ripley's lawyers will ask peremptory instructions for acquittal.

Foreign.

—Berlin paper takes very gloomy view of German industrial conditions.
—Commissioners decide that China is able to pay $300,000,000 in gold as indemnity.
—British Government decides to send no more reinforcements to South Africa.