

REPUBLICANS MAKE CLAIMS Expect to Carry Second, Fourth and Ninth Districts.

THE ALEXANDRIA POSTOFFICE Crupper Has Strong Backing, and Will Likely Get Appointment—Richmonders at the National Capital.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) Washington, D. C., March 24.—George E. Bowden, of Norfolk; Park Agnew and S. Brown Allen have conferred with each other daily for the past week on matters pertaining to Virginia politics. Allen's face is wreathed in smiles over his appointment. He left the city for his home to-night. Bowden has also taken his departure. There are no developments in the Alexandria post-offices at present. Crupper's appearance it looks as if Crupper would be reappointed.

Crupper has very strong endorsements from almost every one in Alexandria, Democrats as well as Republicans, and if made a most efficient postmaster, and if he is not reappointed it will be because Roosevelt's sentimental ideas get the better of his politics, and he decides to make a personal appointment.

Captain Patrick McCall, whose long experience in politics and stump speaking has taught him a serene philosophy, is still in Washington, awaiting the arrival of Senator Daniel.

MAKE CLAIMS. There is a good deal of confident talk among the Republicans on the subject of what they intend to do at the national convention. They are already claiming the Second, the Fourth, and the Ninth Districts as theirs.

Slight rumors have reached Washington concerning probable opposition to Judge Thien and Representatives Maynard, from the Democratic nomination from the respective districts. Both the gentlemen in question declare they have heard nothing definite on the subject, and it is the general impression in Washington that they are both the strongest men in their districts.

Judge Phil Strother, and the well-known philosopher and sage, Theodor P. Fisher, met on the street here to-day, and had a short session of story telling, much to their mutual delinquency. Fisher is in the city for a few days.

Other Virginians in Washington hotels are: The Raleigh; Edward S. Spalding and Miss Flossie Barker, Norfolk; C. S. Sisson, Culpeper; W. C. Lawson and wife, Rural Retreat; C. Barker and wife, Norfolk.

St. James, E. L. Smith and wife, Richmond; Jas. E. Jones, Danville; M. G. Field, Orange. Captain Charles Westbury, travelling passenger agent of the Southern Railroad, is in the city on official business.

BLOODY STRIFE.

Tom Elliott Shot by His Father-in-Law in North Danville.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) DANVILLE, VA., March 24.—North Danville was the scene of a bloody strife again to-night. Tom Elliott was shot by Mr. Patterson, his father-in-law, in front of the Patterson home. Elliott's wife, who concluded she could not live with him, is making her home with her father. Elliott has made himself disagreeable about the place before, and has been warned not to repeat his angry demonstrations against the Patterson household. To-night he disregarded the warning and was shot. He is wounded in the arm and has lost much blood, but is not thought to be dangerously injured.

Convicted of Malpractice.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) BLUEFIELD, W. VA., March 24.—The case against Dr. Dickie, charged with malpractice, was given to the jury this afternoon. In twenty-five minutes the jury returned with a verdict of murder in the second degree. A motion to set aside the verdict was made by the attorneys for the defense, and sentence was withheld pending the decision of the court.

STUDENTS IN UPROAR.

Set Fire to School and Tried to Lynch the Professor.

VIENNA, March 24.—The newspapers here report a students outbreak of a revolutionary character at Ploek, Russian Poland. The students there set fire to the Technical school and occupied the building. Mounted troops quelled the disturbance.



Impairment of hearing robs one of many of the joys of life, exposes to danger, interferes with capacity for usefulness, limits ability to transact business and earn a living. Many annually abandon their plans, ambitions and hopes on account of loss of hearing. In nearly every case of partial or complete deafness there is another feature, that to many is more troublesome than the difficulty of hearing—the distracting noises. These are such as an impression on some as to almost drive them insane. The everlasting buzzing, ringing, snapping, rumbling and other noises that they hear and prevent rest at night. Nine cases out of ten of deafness and progressive hardness of hearing are due to catarrh of the middle ear or of the tube leading from it to the throat. It should be understood and constantly borne in mind that to restore the hearing and silence the distracting noises a treatment is required that will allay inflammation in the eustachian tubes, reduce the congestion and swelling and stop the secretion of mucous so that the tubes will be kept open for the free passage of air into the middle ear. No locally applied medicine will affectually do this, only a searching constitutional alternative and resolvent will cure catarrh in the deep recesses of the head. Two acquaintances of the writer were run down and killed by the cars in one year. Both had catarrh of the head, which had extended up the eustachian tubes, leading from the throat to the ears. In both cases the coroner's jury decided that they came to their death because of inability to hear and heed signals that were intended for them. What

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(Continued from First Page.) of the men, was sent here this afternoon and identified as the property of Edward Doherty. While there was nothing to identify the other man, it is believed that he was Sam Doherty. Both young men were seen to climb on the train and conceal themselves in the "blind" door of the car next to the engine.

THREE DEAD.

Body Found Burned to a Crisp—Doherty Boys Identified.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) CHARLOTTEVILLE, VA., March 24.—Another body was found in the wreckage about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, bringing the list of dead up to three. It was discovered by workmen in a ditch alongside the track, and was burned almost beyond recognition. One side of the face and head was nearly burned off, and the body was a mass of charred flesh, held together only by a few shreds of clothing. The body was sent to this city during the night and placed in Pearly's undertaking establishment.

W. W. Doherty, a member of the police force of Lynchburg, fringed Charlottesville early this morning to see if he could identify the body of E. Doherty, a message having been sent to Lynchburg that such a person had been found. He was accompanied by St. E. Doyle, of the Hill City. Mr. Doyle went to the undertaking establishment, and not only identified the body of Doherty, his nephew, but found there also the body of Doherty's son, Thomas M. Doherty. The latter, a young man, was an electrician by trade and had been in the employ of the Lynchburg Traction Company for several years. Daniel Edward Doherty, the nephew, was a son of P. T. Doherty, also of Lynchburg, who was aged twenty-four years and a book-keeper. The two unfortunate men were last seen together in Lynchburg at midnight Saturday.

The bodies were taken to Lynchburg on the train which left here at noon today. The funeral will be held from the depot at 2:30 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Father McGuirk, of the Church of the Holy Cross. This is the fourth member of the Doherty family that has met violent death. A brother was killed on the Norfolk and Western several years ago, and a sister met death in a street car accident in Baltimore three years ago.

GOLD IN THE WRECK.

Many People Flock to the Scene—The Train Cleared.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) CHARLOTTEVILLE, VA., March 24.—People from this city continue to flock to the scene of the Southern Railway wreck near Coveseville. Despite the distance, it is estimated that several hundred persons made the drive of fifteen miles yesterday. The rumor on the street this morning that four other bodies had been discovered by the wrecking force caused a number to go up to Coveseville.



Alexandrians Hurt. (Special Dispatch to The Times.) ALEXANDRIA, VA., March 24.—Among the Alexandrians injured in the wreck on the Southern Railroad yesterday, near Charlottesville, are the following: Herbert C. Linn, engineer; Dennis Sullivan, baggage-master; Julian Simpson, car inspector; and John Turner, fireman, the last named colored. The injured Alexandrians were brought to this city on train No. 28, which arrived here at 10 o'clock this morning. They were conveyed to their homes in a hack, and subsequently attended by Dr. O'Brien and Smith. All of them with the exception of Turner were brought here, and he is in the hospital at Charlottesville. The injuries of all three are principally about the head. Mr. Simpson is about the worst hurt man of the lot, he having his head badly hurt and arm mashed. None of them, however, are seriously injured.

HEAD-ON COLLISION.

Both Engines Wrecked and Freight Cars Piled Up.

(By Associated Press.) YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO, March 24.—In a head-on collision between freight trains at 7:10 o'clock this morning on the Pittsburgh, Youngstown and Ashtabula division of the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago road, four men were killed and three injured. Both freemen were killed. The trains crashed together in a heavy fog, completely wrecking both engines and piling the cars up so that traffic will be suspended for hours. The cause of the wreck is not yet determined, the engineers on both trains claiming they had orders to go ahead. (By Associated Press.) JEDDA, ARABIA, March 24.—There have been 470 deaths from Cholera at Mecca and Medina, during the past ten days. WASHINGTON, D. C., March 24.—After announcing a few opinions the United States Supreme Court to-day took a recess until Monday, April 7th.

MANY LEPEERS IN UNITED STATES

Two Hundred and Seventy-eight Cases Reported.

THEY ARE MOSTLY AT LARGE

Commission recommends Establishment of Retreat for Lepers—Not a Single Case in State of Virginia—Louisiana Leads in Number.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., March 24.—The Secretary of the Treasury sent to the Senate to-day the report of a committee of members of the United States House of Service, appointed to investigate the origin and prevalence of leprosy in the United States. The report shows 278 cases of leprosy in the United States, distributed by States, as follows: Alabama, 1; California, 24; Georgia, 1; Illinois, 6; Iowa, 1; Louisiana, 35; Maryland, 1; Massachusetts, 2; Minnesota, 20; Mississippi, 5; Missouri, 5; Montana, 1; Nevada, 1; New York, 7; North Dakota, 16; Oregon, 1; Pennsylvania, 1; South Dakota, 1; Texas, 3; Wisconsin, 3; Wyo. Ida, 2.

Of the total number, 176 are males and 102 females; 115 are American born, 139 foreign born and the remainder uncertain. It is stated that 186 of the cases were contracted in the United States, but the opinion is expressed by the commission that this number is too large, and that some of these cases were imported from further North, or on an island in the Gulf of Mexico or on the Pacific Coast.

A number of people visited the undertaking establishment of Pearly & Sons early this morning to get glimpse of the bodies of the two Doughertys, of Lynchburg. Before the remains of the two bodies were dressed, the sight was a ghastly one, and many turned away ere they had obtained a good look at the charred bodies. Deep sympathy was felt for Officer Dougherty in his bereavement.

CHOLERA EXISTS.

Situation in Philippines, However, is No Thought Serious.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, March 24.—Surgeon-General Sternberg received advices from Manila, confirming the press reports of the existence of Asiatic cholera and plague in the Philippines, but does not regard the situation as serious, being confident of the ability of the medical authorities to prevent an epidemic of either contagion.

Big Loss of Mail.

Only Two Dozen Pieces Saved from Three Tons of Postal Matter.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., March 24.—Only two dozen pieces of mail were saved from the two or three tons of postal matter of all classes carried on the ill-fated train, No. 3, of the Southern Road, wrecked near Charlottesville, Va., early yesterday morning. This is according to the official report of the wreck made to the postoffice to-day after an investigation of the facts. The matter saved had been thrown out of the reach of the smashed and burning cars and was collected and dispatched to the destination by Postoffice Inspector Dula, who happened to be on the train. The immense mass of mail carried was destined for this city and eastern and southern States mostly. Some registered sacks and mail, despatched from New Orleans at Friday evening, from Mobile, Ala., shortly after midnight Friday and mail despatched Saturday from Birmingham, Ala., Montgomery, Atlanta, Chattanooga, Tenn., Salisbury, Md., Charlotte, N. C., and mail taken on from Lynchburg at 2 o'clock Sunday morning.

Mainly About People.

Mrs. Christina Ruppert, No. 605 East Broad Street, who had a fall some days ago, is greatly improved. South Chapel, No. 8, Order of Eastern Star, will meet at Masonic Temple to-night at 8 o'clock. Refreshments will be served. Candidates will be on hand at 8:15 o'clock. There will be a called meeting of the Masonic Home Auxiliary this morning at 11 o'clock at the Masonic Temple. All members are cordially invited to be present. Magnolia Camp, Woodmen of the World, will meet at Monroe Hall to-night to initiate members. The royal banquet will be held at 8 o'clock. After the business session a smoker will be enjoyed. Acca Temple, Mystic Shrine, will meet on Thursday night for the purpose of putting a number of pilgrims to the torture.

Pleasant Dreams

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URGED DEMOCRATS TO BURY DIFFERENCES A continuation of Congress-as was his duty-expresses an opinion adverse to this bill, it is proposed to retire him from the service. Taken in connection with some other matters more or less sinister, these are menaces of most ominous import. TRAIL OF THE TRADEMARK. "But turn from the White House and turn to the Capitol and look at the Republicans in Congress; the trait of the trademark is over them all. On high tariff dances the can-can in the House, while old ship subsidy does the cakewalk in the Senate. Everything for the syndicates, nothing for the people, and not content with their arbitrary power in the White House and their mercenary power in Congress, the leaders of this party of Federalism and false pretension would rip open Pandora's box to fling thence the black, practical flag of negro domination; the equally disreputable and bloody shirt of sectional agitation; and, in order to make sure of the negro House, they are proposing to bring forward another force bill to smite the South, to blight the North, and to convert a land teeming with love and peace into a land reeking with hate and strife. Such is the banquet to which the exit of McKinley, the death of the Republic, and the advent of Roosevelt, the Rough Rider, has invited us. LOVES THE FLAG. "I am something of a jingo myself. I believe in the expanding greatness and glory of my country; I never see the flag flying above the dome on yonder Capitol that my heart does not throb with proud gladness; that my eyes do not fill with happy, exultant tears; that I am, too, an American citizen. I love the flag and God bless the boys that fight beneath it. I would not see it trampled. I would keep them spotless. And, with this in view, I want to know what is going on away out yonder across the multitudinous, the mysterious waves of the Pacific Ocean. I want other witness than self-righteous politicians and self-exalting soldiers to come here and tell me. I refuse to hold my tongue. I refuse to rest content. And if I am told by a whippersnapper in shoulder straps, that, unless I do, I am a traitor to my country, my reply to him shall be a shot in the face. BURY OLD SCORES. "Friends, brothers, Democrats, let us have done with dissension, let us turn our backs on the past, our eyes to the future, calling the old fight off and the old scores square. He who stands with us against these things is my comrade, even above silver or gold. Let us cross no bridges till we come to them, but already we can see far enough ahead to take our reckoning. There will be but one test of a Democrat in 1904, to toe the line, saying to arbitrary power and absolutism, thou shalt go no further; we, too, are in the expansion business; but our expansion is not less than for the religion of Christ and Him crucified; our expansion means peace, not war; the honor, not the degradation of the flag; and not as surely as Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence, and Jackson fought the battle of New Orleans to resist despotism—shall we make a new Fourth of July and celebrate another eighth of January in resisting this unrighteous scheme to abolish the Constitution and Mexicanize the Government." LEADER OF TAMMANY. Lewis Nixon was next introduced. After a few felicitous remarks regarding Virginia, his native State, he drifted for a moment into National politics. He declared that the Democrats of New York had made up their minds to stop fight-

HEALTH AND ALL ITS BLESSINGS

Health will come with all its blessings to those who know the way, and it is mainly a question of right-living, with all the term implies, but the efforts which strengthen the system, the games which refresh and the foods which nourish are important, each in a way, while it is also advantageous to have knowledge of the best methods of promoting freedom from unsanitary conditions. To assist nature, when nature needs assistance, it is all important that the medicinal agents used should be of the best quality and of known value, and the one remedy which acts most beneficially and pleasantly, as a laxative, is—Syrup of Figs—manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co.

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WANTED FREEDOM. Convicts Set Fire to Prison and Perished in the Flames. (By Associated Press.) KOSCIUSKO, MISS., March 21.—Five county convicts made an attempt Saturday night to burn their way out of prison, but only succeeded in destroying the stockade house in which they were confined, and cremating themselves.

PURE FOOL BILL. House Committee Votes to Report Bill Prepared by Mr. Hepburn. (By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, March 24.—The House Commerce to-day voted to report the bill, so-called, to prevent the adulteration, mis-branding and imitation of foods, beverages, candies, drugs, and condiments, etc., and regulating interstate traffic in such goods. The bill was framed by the National Pure-Food Congress and for some time has been in progress on this and other pure-food measures.

NOT AFRAID. De Windt, Travelling Overland Around the World, Braves Siberian Winds. LONDON, March 24.—Letters received here from Harry De Windt, leader of the expedition which is attempting to make its way overland from Paris to New York and which left the former city December 19, 1902, dated Yakutsk, Siberia, February 16, announce his intention to depart on the following day for Sredne-Kolymak, in East Siberia. The officials strongly urged Mr. De Windt not to continue his journey. They said the conditions were worse this year than ever, that the cold was more intense and that epidemics and famines were raging.

RESTRAINS CHICAGO ROADS. Delegates Grant Veto to the Interstate Commerce Commission. (By Associated Press.) CHICAGO, ILL., March 24.—With the consent of the defendants, Judge Crosscup, in the Federal Court to-day issued the temporary restraining order asked for by the Interstate Commerce Commission against six railroads entering Chicago. The order holds good until June 1st or until further orders from the court.

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