VIRGINIA BANKERS ARE ENTERTAINED

They Are Given a Fish Dinner at Thunderbolt by Captain and Mrs. Lowry, of Atlanta.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

SAVANNAH, GA., June 16.—The Interstate Convention of Bankers, in which the associations of Virginia, Georgia and North Carolina will participate, will begin to-morrow morning and continue throughout Wednesday. To-day the advance guard of the bankers from the three States arrived to the number of one hundred, and it is expected that there will be quite as many more arrive by early trains in the morning. The early comers enjoyed the day by visits to the neighboring resorts and by meeting and talking with Savannah bankers and business men. In the early evening a party of gentlemen, principally Virginians, were entertained with a fish supper at Thunderbolt, one of the resorts. "It was a noved entertainment," ex-Governor Charles T. O'Ferrall, one of the guests, "and I am sure everybody enjoyed it. We Virginians had never had so distinctively a fish supper."

The hosts were Captain and Mrs. Robert J. Lowry, of Atlanta, and the guests were ex-overnor O'Ferrall, Oliver J. Sands, W. M. Habliston, John M. Mills, Jr., W. M. Hill, of Richmond; H. E. Jones, of Bristol; George J. Seay, of Petersburg; J. D. Horsley, of Lynchburg, and E. J. Stalkner, of New York.

To-night there was a vaudeville entertainment at the Hotel De Soto. One of the music halls had a demand made upon it for some of its song and dance artists and men and women did "turns."

The entertainment was arranged by President Mills B. Lane, of the Citizens' Bank, who had expected to make Congressman Fowler and Hill the attraction. They did not show up, however, so he had to make appeal to goddesses of the music hall to entertain the said bankers. The applause of the financiers testified to their approval of the turns.

MISS MOELLER FAINTED

The Lady Overcome by Heat While Coming From Church.

Miss Moeller, a sister of Mr. Otto Moeller, was overcome by heat Sunday morning about 10:45 o'clock at Seventh and Marshall Streets, and fainted. She recovered after a few moments and was taken to her home, No. 625 North Fourth Street.

So far as could be learned Miss Moeller had just left the German Evangelical Lutheran Church at Eighth and Marshall Streets and was on her way to take the car at Seventh Street. She felt suddenly sick and leaned against a paling fence for support. In attempting to move forward she fell heavily to the ground in a dead faint. Several young men ran to her assistance and with the help of ice water and fans Miss Moeller was revived. Shortly afterwards, in company with her mother, who happened to come along just at that time, she went on to her home.

In falling Miss Moeller struck her head a severe blow against the curbing and suffered a painful wound near the left temple. The injury was slight, and, though blood flowed freely for a while, will probably have no ill effects.

FIGHTING IN VENEZUEZA

Revolutionists Make Attack—Government Forces Answer.

(By Associated Press.)

WILLEMSTAD, ISLAND OF CURACOA Monday, June 9.—Advices received here to-day announce that the Venezuelan revolutionists attacked LaGuaira, the port of Caracas, Saturday, June 7.—The government forces answered by shelling Maiquetia, a suburb of LaGuaira, from the forts ashore and from the Venezuelan worship Miranda. Only peaceful women were killed.

All the commission houses at La Guaira were closed the day of the bombardment and the inhabitants were panic-stricken. Eventually the revolutionists, who numbered about 400 men, were repulsed. They destroyed the bridge at Bouquoron, on the Caracas (English railroad), and stopped all traffic for twelve hours. They also cut the French cable and the telegraph wires.

The people of Caracas were thrown into a state of alarm and every one began buying provisions, apprehending a siege.

HEWN LIMB FROM LIMB

Bodies of Members of Fifth Cavalry Captured by Ladrones, are Recovered.

(By Associated Press.)

MANILA, June 16.—The bodies of the sergeant, two corporals and four privates of the Fifth Calvary, who were captured May 30th by Ladrones, at Binangonan, Rizal Province, this island, have been recovered. Most of the bodies had been hewn limb from limb, and it was found impossible to recognize four of the dead men.

A number of arrests in the matter have been made ,and nine men have been absolutely identified as belonging to the band of Ladrones which captured the Americans. The identified mep include two members of the police force of Teresa, Morong Province.

The American soldiers were buried today together. It was impossible to make separate interments.

WAVERLY TELEPHONE SYSTEM

A New Canning Factory—The Singing Skewl by Distinguished Actors.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

WAVERLY, VA., June 16.—Smith-Courtney Company, of Richmond, have nearly completed the installation of the Waverly telephone system, and our people are expected to say "hello" over the local 'phone next week.

The factory of the Waverly Canning Company, which is row being erected on Hunter Street, is nearing completion. This company has already ordered two carloads of empty tomato cans, and many acres of tomatoes have been planted by the farmers near Waverly.

The "Singing Skewl of Ye Olden Tyme," under the management of Mrs. John F. May, which was presented at the Masons' and Odd-Fellows' Hall on Friday night for the benefit of the piano fund, was a most decided success in every way. Those who took part were the following: Mesdames J. W. West, J. T. West and Virgie Robinson, Misses Sallie Burt, Cora Christensen, Mary May, Mae Wrenn, Blanche Fleetwood, of Waverly, and Miss Eleanor Beasley, of Petersburg. Judge J. F. West, J. J. Faison, Lacelle L. owers, Charles Jarker, J. Dempsy Faison, Willie Norris, of Waverly, and Prof. Watson, of Petersburg. Mrs. J. W. West, as Dame Plunkett, in her quaint droll rendition of the character and of the song "Cousinn Jedediah," was inimitable. The features of the evening were the solos of Miss Beasley, of Petersburg, whose exquisite soprano voice charmed every one, and she had to respond to repeated enchores, and Prof. Joseph Watson, of the same city, who rendered the song "Annie Laurie" and Ben Bolt" with great delicacy of expression and feeling. The choruses showed careful training and were all well sung. Mr. J. J. Faison as "Squire Bellingham" was admirable. The costumes were old and handsome, relics of by-gone days, and with the quaint old bonnets were exceedingly becoming to the fair ladies who wore them. Quite a nice sum was realized.

ARMED COAL MINERS GO ON LONG MARCH

men and make them quit work. At a few of the operations these methods were in a measure effective and a few men quit work.

From Simmons Creek to Mill Creek the march had been led by Green Price, a colored miner. A short time after leaving Mill Creek, Agitator Davis took charge of the party and from this time neither firearms or intimidation methods were employed. A policy of persuasion was followed by Mr. Davis, but it availed little.

However, M. Davis' course is endorsed by the people generally who express the belief that if the methods adopted by Green Price had been continued throughout the march, the result would have been the appearance of the State militia upon the scene.

JOINED THE MARCHERS.

At most of the operations some miners joined the marchers and when the body reached North Folk they numbered about 225 men. They were joined there by about 200 men from other points in the field, and upon reaching Keystone, their ranks had been swelled until the marchers numbered about 500.

At Keystone a rest of two hours was ordered and when the strikers' army was ready to leave town it was found that about 250 had deserted from the rank. The march continued, and upon reaching Kyle, the number had again been swelled to about a half thousand. The march was continued until Norwood, at the extreme western end of the field was reached, when it was estimated that more than 600 men were in line.

GO INTO CAMP.

A rest was taken there for the night, but from the fact that lodging could not be had it is not believed that a majority of the men will rest very comfortable; some will be compelled to sleep in the open air or else return to their homes. From Norwood the small army of strikers and strike sympathizers will to-morrow morning start on a return march to Pocahontas, and every effort will be put forth to induce the miners now at work to lay down their picks.

The regretable feature of to-day's demonstration was the carrying of firearms and the threats made against miners who refused to quit work.

Such methods as these on the part of the strikers forfeit the public sympathy and will only serve to bring State or Federal troops here to perfect life and property. The arrival of troops will mean the doom of the strikers' cause.

ARMED MEN PARADE

They Make Few Recruits and Later Give Up Arms and Disband.

ROANOKE, VA., June 16.—According to advices received by the Norfolk and Western Railway Company to-day the only deviation from the usual quiet that has prevailed in the Pocahontas coal region was inaugurated by the parade of several parties of strikers through the fields. Most of them were accompanied by bands, and some of the men were armed. These demonstrations later in the day were checked by the counseling of wiser heads.

No serious trouble is anticipated.

The numerous meetings of the miners on Sunday and the marching squads have had the effect of somewhat lessening the number of men who have been returning to work. It is not thought here that the strikers have gained many recruits and it is known that some of the men who were on strike last week have returned to work to-day. In the neighborhood of 350 cars of coal were loaded on Saturday, which was a half-holiday. This was a gain of about seventy-five cars over the previous day.

Telegrams from the coal fields this evening show that the armed strikers have disbanded and laid down their guns. The Norfolk and Western Company has not yet resorted to the law in order to avert deeds of violence and state that they will not do so until every other means has been exhausted.

The Antricite Region.

WILLESBARRE, PA., June 16.—The sixth week of the anthracite coal miners strike began to-day without a ripple to disturb the calmness of the situation. Rain fell nearly all day, which helped to keep the more than 150,000 idle men and boys indoors. Several reports of assault on workingmen and coal and iron police, were received from different sections of the region, but no one was seriously injurd.

Nothing was givn out at State headquarters to-day. President Mitchell merely said there was no change in either the anthracite or th Wst Virginia strike. The mining superintendnts of the big coal companies and individual operators had nothing new to report.

Coal Advances.

NEW YORK, June 16.—A circular was issued to-day by retail dealers advancing the price of soft coal in this city fifty cents a ton, making the present price $5 for steam users, and $5.50 for other users. The advance, the circular, said, was due to a gradual advance by wholesalers. There has been no further increas in the pric of anthracite.

THE FALCON LEAKING BADLY

She Reaches Norfolk, but in Rather Bad Condition.

(By Associated Press.)

NORFOLK, VA., June 16.—The British steamer Falcon, which grounded off False Cape, reached here this afternoon leaking at the rate of five inches an hour.

The Merritt Wrecking Company's tug Rescue succeeded in getting her off the shoal after the deck cargo had been jettisoned. The extent of the injuries to the Falcon's hull is not ket known, but a diver will examine her bottom to-morrow at her berth off Lambert's Point. The leakage seems to be in her false bottom only, and the pumps are keeping her clear.

HANNA SAYS HE WON'T

Declares He Must Not be Considered a Candidate for President.

(By Associated Press.)

FLORENCE, ALA., June 16.—Senator M. A. Hanna, of Ohio, in reply to a suggestion from Colonel Cutter Smith, of this city, that he become a candidate for President in 1904 has written Colonel Smith as follows:

"I appreciate sincerely the friendship which prompts the high compliment paid me in your suggestion. I am grateful for such confidence, but must insist that I am not to be considered in any sense a candidate for the nomination for President in 1904."

Meeting Was Postponed.

The stockholders of the Smith-Courtney Company were to have met yesterday, but it was decided to postpone the meeting until June 30th.

RECALCITRANT SUPERVISORS

Mandamus Awarded to Cause Them to Make a Subscription.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

FLOYD, VA., June 16.—On the 31st of May a meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Floyd county was called for the purpose of subscribing $150,000 to the preferred capital stock of the Mt. Rogers and Eastern Railroad. They refused to make the subscription and were immediately served with a rule, caused to be issued by citizens of the county, and advised that a mandamus would be asked for to compel their subscribing the above amount. Friday the court awarded a writ of mandamus and they were ordered to meet on the 21st of June to make the subscription as required by the order of court.

LEMLY ON RETIRED LIST

He is Condemned Physically, but Wil Remain in Office.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, June 16.—The report of the naval retiring board which examined Captain Lemly, the Judge Advocate General, was to-day placed in the hands of the President by Seretary Moody.

The board condemns Captain Lemly physically, and he will go on the retired list soon. He is at present in Salem, N. C., where his sister died half an hour after his arrival from Washington last Saturday. He is to be continued in the office of Judge Advocate General, notwithstanding his retirement, by designation of the Secretary, under what is known as the Chandler law, until some permanent policy has been defined as to his office.

REX'S SUBJECTS TO WED.

Pretty Romance That Had Its Beginning During Carnival.

Miss Fannie Sonnenberg of this city, and Mr. Samuel Mandel, of Sparta, Ga., will be married to-night at the Masonic Temple, by Rabbi Phillips, of Sir Moses Montifiore congregation. The wedding is the result of a carnival romance, which had its beginning when the young couple became acquainted during the reign of Rex over the festivities of the last carnival.

After the marriage the young couple will go to Sparta, Ga., where the groom is a young business man

WOMAN'S HORRIBLE DEED

She Shoots Five of Her Children and Burns House on Them.

(By Associated Press.)

ATLANTA, GA., June 16.—A Journal special from Jackson, Miss., says: "Mrs. Leous Westrop, a white woman living near Martin, a small station several miles from here, yesterday killed five of her children by shooting them to death in an outhouse and afterward burning the structure over their bodies. The woman escaped."

Protect Sailors.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

NORFOLK, VIRGINIA, June 16.—Judge Waddill, in the United States Court, to-day, refused to grant a new trial to the cases of J. H. Furlong, of Norfolk, and Vance McCarthy, of Newport News, sailors' boarding-housekeepers, who were convicted of receiving advance money on seaman's wages, which is prohibited by the Federal laws. The fine for the offense is $50.

This means the death of the sailors' boarding-house in Norfolk. The keeper claims that they paid a city and State license to carry on their business. The authorities at Washington say that the merchant sailor must be protected and has issued orders that all cases be vigorously prosecuted.

Virginians Here.

New Ford's—J. B. Wolf, Jr., Cochran; Charles S. Butts, Dayton, E. E. Cross, Va.; Thomas Watkins Randolph; Sam Webb, Elko; W. S. White and E. M. McMurran and daughter, Va., and A. J. Burkholder, Staunton.

Murphy's—J. M. Graham, Floyd; William Evans, Norfolk; N. E. McDonald, Vernon Hill; H. O. Easley, South Boston; H. W. Hillary, Staunton; Dr. R. A. Gamble, Petersburg; W. C. Haskins, Lynchburg; James B. Blanks, Petersburg.

Presidential Appointments.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, June 16.—The President to-day sent the following nominations to the Senate:

Captain Charles E. Clarke, to be advanced seven numbers in rank and to be a rear-admiral in the navy.

Also Joseph Moffit, of West Virginia, consul at Pretoria, South Africa.

E. M. Burch was to-day appointed fourth-class postmaster at Beverly, Va.

Claims Self-Defense.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

SUFFOLK, VA., June 16.—Walter Jones, charged with burying a butcher knife near the heart of Arthur Miller, both colored, not far from Pig Point, was brought to the Suffolk county jail Sunday. The opening was large enough for the insertion of two fingers, and the doctor who examined Miller thought he was bound to die. Jones claims self-defense, saying Millr was after him with a store weight, when the knife was used.

City Teachers Attend.

The following among other Richmond teachers will attend the School of Methods which opens at Charlottesville June 22:

Miss Helen Dickinson, of No. 512 North Eleventh Street; Miss Loula Kelley, of No. 513 West Marshall Street; Miss Lottie Evans, Miss Bessie Tribbett, of North Sixth Street; Miss Alma Louise Lipscombe of South Pine Street; Miss Lillian Brown of Church Hill; Miss Rebena Whitlock, No. 302 West Marshall Street, and Miss Nellie D. Spence, the Madison.

Railroad Men Meet.

(By Associated Press.)

ASHEVILLE, N. VA., June 16.—A metting of the Classification Committee of the Southern Trunk Lines began in this city to-night. It is understood several important cnanges in the classification of rates will be made. A number of reports of commercial and manufacturing interests will appear before the committee in regard to the several proposed changes.

Boy Surrenders.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

IVOR, VA., June 16.—James Munford, who has ben wanted by the authorities charged with being implicated in the express package robbery at this place, has surrendered himself and been taken to the county jail to await his trial. He said he was tired of being at large and that he felt as if everybody was after him, so thought it best to give up and stand trial. This being the regular County Court day it is expected that both he and the woman will be indicted to-day.

Ziegler—Hars.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

NEW YORK, June 16.—Dr. Arthur Ziegler, of Brooklyn and Miss Mary Z. Hars, of Richmond, Va., were married in the Hanson Place Baptist Church by the Rev. Dr. Hanson. The happy couple are now on a honeymoon trip to the Thousand Islands, Montreal, Lake George and Lake Champlain. Among the guests at the ceremony was the Baroness Von Osten Sarken.

Cutting Scrape on Train.

A Dr. Chilton and a Mr. Garrigan had a dispute and a fight on a Chesapeake and Ohio train coming from Cincinnati yesterday. Particulars could not be learned, but it is said they were both slightly cut

CLOSING EXERCISES OF HIGH SCHOOL

Ebba chool, whose essay was on "Nathan Hale." Major A. . Lanier made the speech of presentation.

CERTIFICATES AWARDED.

The certificates and diplomas were then awarded by Major J. H. Capers and Mr. Joseph C. Dickerson, of the School Board. The lists are given in the order of standing:

February Graduates—Clara Coleman Morton, Susie Randolph McCarthy, Elva Stevens, Alma Louise Morrow, Lucie Apperson McCarthy, C. Browne Fleet, Louise Allen Catlin, Annie Mason, William G. Puller, Charles C. Russell, Yetta Goldenberg, William H. Brown, Miriam S. Word, Rena Strauss, J. Temple Waddill, Maurica Cohen, Arthur B. Gathright, Alice Whiting Taylor, Ethel Seabrooke Bland, Helen Louise Gary, Corrie L. Cosby, George W. Epps, Ritta Brink Stovall, Mittie Miller Points, Grace R. King, Hazel K. Myer, Elizabeth L. Hall, Elsie Morton Young, Mary Lee, Sadie E. Lumpkin, Annie E. Dorset, Lizette Winston, Inez A. Robinson and Lillian Walsh.

February Business Graduates—Sadie M. Wilkinson, Charles B. Selden, Lillie F. McCarthy, Lucie A. C. Hughes, Lena Gregory, Glenna M. Pinchbeck, Edward G. Michaels, E. Guy Hobson, Bessie D. Otey and Tena J. Comoli.

February Post Graduates—Mary L. Mondy, Mary F. Pemberton, Sallie Lee Russell, Alma Percy Clash, Etta Van Vort Samuels, Celestine Moon, Essie P. Archer, Georgie Gibson Cardozo, Lizzie Christian Watt and Ida C. Tyrer.

February Graduates in Phonography and Typewriting—Alice E. Bowman, Mary B. McCarthy, Maria Gwathmey, Ida M. Christian, Ina S. Glendon, Ida G. McCarthy, Esther Thalhimer and Alberta Gwathmey.

June Graduates—Laura J. McCabe, Lulie H. Collins, Maud Taylor, Mamie A. Garthright, Robert Archer Goodwin, Jr., James Butler Fleet, Samuel Winston Lacy, Mary Urner, Emma R. Nash, Eleanor May Gathright, Henry G. Proctor, Julia Gay Barnes, Edith Rosalie Hewitt, Gerald A. Ezekiel, Lillie A. Parker, Ruth E. Garthright, Mary Louise Harwood, Rachel Lena Lovenstein, Marie F. Prosser, Elva Irene Mallonee, Ora S. Reynolds, Maud Mercer Davis, Sidney E. Oberdorfer, Virginia Franklin Baker, George A. Lutto, M. Addie Harris, Mabel Claire Bowles, G. Coleman French, Laura Eugenia Dunn, M. Monica Farrow, Helen Beattie, Lillie H. Block, Langhorne Nowlin Cosby, Evelyn W. Glenn, May Belle Harvey, Mary Hester O'Brien, Thomas B. McDowell, Bessie L. Haynes, Mary Lucile Brauer, Edith Beaufort Morehouse, Edwina R. Newman, Rosalie Heller, Lila B. Gary, Alfred Randolph Wilson, Hugh Kidd, Sallie O. Fitz and Liesa B. Archer.

June Business Graduates—Frank Levy, Edith R. Melton, Arthur Weil, Janie A. Hix, W. Henry Kelley, Fannie Davidson, J. Dan Hix, Otis W. Gilman, Ophella D. Garthright, Eva Saunders, Julia S. Kelley and John Angle.

June Post Graduates—Cora W. Briggs, Louise Barber, Marie A. Taylor, Sarah Forbes, Laura B. Royall, Alice W. Ratcliffe, Marie Hartung, Cornelia Storrs Adair, Evie Penick, Kate B. Stitch, Bena L. Phillips, Estelle R. Eubank and Myrtle Eubank.

June Graduates in Phonography and Typewriting—Mary E. Gold, M. Elizabeth Morton, Corrie L. Cosby, Allene P. Steinlein, Bessie B. Williams, Laura E. Carney, Estelle Walford, E. Bruce Ferneyhough, Lillie W. Shelton and Essie D. Caron.

ADDRESS OF THE OCCASION.

A part of Dr. Evans' address was as follows:

Some years ago it was my happy privilege to travel through the northern part of the sunny land of Italy, that section of the kingdom known as "the land of the Lombards." Into this part of the world nature has brought a vast wealth of indescribable beauty and matchless sublimity. Here, also, has history recorded thrilling deeds of heroism and left its chronicles of a people and an age long since passed away from the changing scenes of earthly happenings.

About twenty-five or thirty miles distant from the splendid city of Milan, the greatest city of Lombardy, on the mountainous road to the Lake of Como, there nestles among the eternal hills the little city of Monza. This ancient town has about fifteen thousand inhabitants. It is a very old city, being able to trace its history as far back into the distant years as the sixth century.

The ages have packed Monza with historic events from an early day, and even modern times have not overlooked it, for with the death of the late King Humbert the city of Monza will ever be associated, for it was there that the anarchist assassin brought the kingly Humbert to his pathetic end.

THE IRON CROWN.

The principal attraction of Monza lies within the city's old cathedral, a building erected in the fourteenth century, and is enclosed within a carefully protected casket. I speak of the most famous coronet in all the world, the Iron Crown. Through the mists of history this revered crown gleams. It figured in the coronation of the ancient Lombard kings and in at least one Norman king's coronation. On the last Christmas Day of the eighth century the towering figure of Charlemagne, in his glistening royal robes, knelt in prayer before the high altar of St. Peter's, in Rome, and as he prayed the Pope approached the kneeling monarch and placed the "Iron Crown" upon his bared head and hailed him as the Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire.

The ages pass. Europe is engaged in a universal war. There has risen that strange man of destiny, Napoleon. Over the beetling Alps his army has poured like a resistless avalanche. The plains of Lombardy are invaded. The city of Milan is invaded. Within the snowy, marble cathedral of Milan 15,000 French troopers gather. Before them all Napoleon signals the proudest hour of his life. It is the 26th of May, 1805. Napoleon takes the "Iron Crown" within his hands, elevates it before the gaze of his soldiery, places it upon his brow, then, clutching his swordbelt, exclaims. "God has given it to me; let him touch it who dares."

ANOTHER INVASION.

The years roll on. Another army of aliens invade Lombardy. A strange people is seen and a strange, harsh, gutteral tongue is heard, instead of the musical language of the Italians. The Austrians are in Lombardy. When they stir, the "Iron Crown" is gone. They have carried it away with them as a priceless treasure. From 1859 to 1836 the "Iron Crown" is lost. But it is finally restored, and to-day has its sacred place in the shadowy cathedral of the hill town of Monza.

What is the crown like? It is a simple hoop or circlet of gold plates, forming a band like a ribbon, adorned with blue enamel, embossed with exquisite flowers and set with such precious stones as sapphires, rubies and emeralds. It is not the handsomest nor, indeed, the costliest crown in the world. I, myself, have seen more magnificent crowns. I have seen crowns worn by early English monarchs that seemed richer of treasures. I have also seen the crown of Queen Victoria, with its 3,000 glittering diamonds, emeralds and rubies, casting forth their waves of sparkling splendor. In this respect the "Iron Crown" is not the first and most revered crown in the world. But it is revered as no other symbol of royalty on earth is because of an iron band which, though within the crown, is rivited to the gold plates and is an essential part of the sacred coronet. This is the glory of the crown. This iron band is three-eighths of an inch thick and tenth of an inch thick, and, whether, a fact of history or not, through all the ages, by countless millions, the iron band has been believed to be one of the iron spikes that crashed through the quivering flesh of the Son of God in that terrible hour of crucifixion on Calvary!

As to the historic identity of this band of iron with one of the cruel spikes of Calvary, I neither affirm nor deny. It is not necessary that generations of men in all walks of life have so considered it is enough for my purpose at this time.

ITS SMYBOLISM.

And now, having given you a history of the "Iron Crown," it is my purpose to employ it symbolically. For the sign of royalty and the beaten spike, the crown of gold and its band of iron are suggestive of the thought that the worthiest crowns gained on earth or in heaven have not alone their glittering gold, but somewhere, riveted to them, there is the iron spike. And while the gold and splendor may symbolize success of achievement and purpose, the iron is a reminder of how that success is attained, for the iron stands for self-denial, suffering and self-crucifixion. There is no crown to us without its iron band; no lofty achievement without its painful spike. And if in future years any of you shall be crowned as worthy a place among earth's immortals, the crown wherewith men shall crown you will not be without its spike of iron as a reminder of the days of hardship, toil and self-sacrifice through which you passed to an exalted worthiness. Christ himself won His crown, but suffered the iron as well.

Look abroad over the pages of history. Study the lives of men who have won their crowns in any sphere of royal achievement. Look upon the kingly men of any age who have been crowned with glory and honor. Have they gained their distinction without toil, without hardship and suffering? Has not the iron gone along with the gold, and have not the two perfected the crowns wherewith they were crowned?

LABOR THE PRICE.

Look for a few moments at several spheres of achievement for illustrations of what I say. In the world of literature we have abundant examples of the truth, and here the facts are all the more iteresting, for the reason that when we read the works of the world's literary kings we are prone to forget their labors in the exquisite pleasure we find in their productions. The mystic measures of the poet's lines entrance us and bear us away into highest realms of fancy where we move with soundless tread; the pages of the romancer, or of the essayist, or of the historian engage us to an unconsciousness of the material and present world in which we live, and it is all so fascinating that we think not of the months and years of toil that made possible our enjoyment. Do the kingly writers wear crowns of gold only, or is there iron in the coronet as well? Gibbon spent twenty years of painful toil upon his "Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire." Through twenty years of ill health Buckle labored in writing his "History of Civilization." The "History of Federick the Great" cost Carlyle fifteen years of incessant toil. "Bulwer Lytton wrote and rewrote some of his works as often as eight or nine times before sending them to his publisher. Sir Walter Scott wrote "Ivaanhoe" and "The Bride of Lammermoor" while suffering excruciating agony through the weary night hours. Prescott, whose histories have all the charm of the most charming romance, spent eleven years in gathering material for his great work on "Ferdinand and Isabella." His Conquest of Mexico stands as a monument to persistence and pain, for in his blindness he wrote that most marvelous history. I might name others, for they are legion, whom the world has crowned with glory, and the almost unspoken rule is that toil, subjugation of self and self-crucifixion are the price paid for the crown.

TRUE OF ART.

The same truth applies to the kingliest men in the world of art. We hear of artists dreaming dreams and seeing visions, and we are likely to think of their achievements as the products of dreams and visions. In one sense they are, for unless the artist dreams dreams and fosters the shapely ideals that have their being in his dreams, his work will never arise above the commonplace. But his work demands more than dreaming, and his loftiest visions will never result in actual memorials of his genius. If he wear a crown from which sparkles the light of the star of genius, that crown has somewhere its band of iron, a reminder of toil, of suffering and of crucifixion.

Beautiful are the works of Raphael, sublime the great frescoes of Angelo, tender the touches of Correggio, brilliant the canvas of West and mysteriously shadowy the paintings of Rembrant and Murillo. Worthy of crowns the kingly souls that have enriched the world with such works of art as have come from them. But the crown of each of these art kings and of all others was wrought of iron as well as gold. The last judgment cost Angelo eight years of weary toil, and so steadily did he toil that his mind was unhinged at the last. Raphael's adversity is well known. Correggio's recognition was slow. West's poverty was almost overwhelming in its oppression. But through adversity they toiled; upward they climbed with weary tread, a great purpose filling their souls, and when the crown was won they forgot the iron as they beheld the splendor of the gold.

IN THE WORLD OF MUSIC.

It is true of the great master composers in the world. Mozart was poor even to the extent of positive want. Beethoven was so deaf that he could not hear his own music which thrilled his nation. Schurbert and Schurmann left scarcely enough money to pay their simple burial expenses. Their life was a hand to hand struggle with poverty, disease and, apparently, cruel adversity. But they won their crowns in the splendid world of music.

In addition to the names that I have cited, you yourselves can recall others in other realms of achievement. In our own land among men who have been crowned for their splendid achievements, stands the name of Morse, a name that stands for indomitable perseverance in the midst of perplexities that would have confounded an ordinary man.

Cyrus W. Field, who laid the first Atlantic cable, met with difficulties that few men have to encounter. But they, Morse and Field, have won their crown, yet is the iron bond present.

No sphere of life is an exception. In the business world, the world of finance, in the sphere of statesmanship and in the highest sphere of morals, the old truth prevails—no crown of gold without its band of iron.

This being true, it becomes us all to confront the inevitable fact. If you young people would succeed, and if you hope some future day to wear the crown of success, it is the part of wisdom to understand now that end desired comes not in answer to your idly dreaming or sentimentally wishing! The crown will not be thrust into your hands nor forcibly be placed upon your brow. It is to be won, and won through difficulties. Make up your mind that this is a very practical age in which you live, and that practical men are all around you, and that the dreamer is to be left behind. Let nothing short of the highest success in your chosen sphere engage your mind. And to that end bend all your abilities of whatsoever sort they may be. Work. Work with a purpose, and brave difficulties with inflexible determination. Depend not upon what is popularly called a "pull." Make your own "pull." Trust not in family name nor in ancient ancestry. The world is too busy to study family trees. Be self-reliant. Trust in God and in your own strong arm. Be honest and true. Be persistent, yet patient. Overcome adversity. Strike down obstructions. There's a crown to win! "Seest thou a man diligent in his business? He shall stand among kings."

AGENTS FOR KNOX HATS.

A representative of the leading and largest "Pajama" firm in the United States told us several days ago that we had sold more pajamas since our advent in business than had been sold in Richmond altogether in the previous ten years. This simply proves that we have had the right stock—plenty of it—and at the right prices. No particular man ever thinks of purchasing these modern night garments without consulting our stock.

Gans-Rady Company

MAJORITY FOR TA LANFPT

Four Out of the Five Cardinals Favo His Proposals.

(By Associated Press.)

ROME, June 16.—The complete success of the negotiations between Judge Taft, Governor of the Philippines, and the Vatican, on the subject of the friars' lands in those islands, appears assured four out of the five cardinals composing the Sub-committee of Cardinals favoring the Governor's proposals. Cardinal Steinhuber, a Jesuit, opposes them.

After the completion of the negotiations an acute conflict is expected between the Vatican officials and the Filipino religious orders regarding the disposition of the money which the United States will pay for the lands. The Vatican considers that the money ought to be given to the propaganda, or Society of Cardinals, having the care and oversight of foreign missions.

A BIG POTASH DEAL

Mr. Royster, Representing Independen Company, Back From Germany.

(By Associated Press.)

NORFOLK, VA., June 16.—F. S. Royster resident manager of the F. S. Royster Guano Company, the largest independent concern manufacturing fertilizer in this country, has returned from Germany, where he was during the negotiations between the German potash magnates and the officers of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company. It is reported that the latter concern formed a community of interest with the Germans. It is known that the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company has secured an option on a valuable independent potash mine, which option was relinquished for a bonus. The company has no holdings in the German trust.

Mr. Royster succeeded in making a heavy contract for a number of years with some of the independent potash mines in Germany, and will fight the Virginia-Carolina Company. He has incorporated a $100,000 cotton oil mill at Tarboro, N. C., for the purpose of getting cottonseed meal to make ammoniates for use in his fertilizer plants, the Virginia-Carolina Company having bought up all the mills supplying him.

WITH THE SICK

Captain Croxton's Condition Favorable Mr. A. W. Traylor Nearing His End.

Captain Richard C. Croxton, who shot himself last Tuesday and has since been at the Virginia Hospital, continues to improve. The ball has been located, but not extracted.

At a late hour last night there had been no change in the condition of Mr. Lewis C. Adair. He remains unconscious.

Engineer Pumphrey, now at the Retreat for the Sick, was reported last night as about the same as during the past few days.

Mr. Frank Finnegan, the young man who turned a pistol on himself some two weeks ago, sending a bullet through his lungs, is convalescent and has left the City Hospital.

Mr. Martin M. Hazlewood is quite ill at his home on Church Hill.

Mr. Albert W. Traylor, now in his eighty-first year, who was partially paralyzed in the summer of 1891, experienced on Sunday morning a second apoplectic stroke, and now lies in extremis at the residence of his son, Mr. Robert Lee Traylor, No. 806 East Marshall Street. His death is almost hourly expected.

STEEL TRUST RESTRAINED

An Injunction Granted by Vice-Chancellor Emory Made Permanent.

(By Associated Press.)

NEWARK, N. J., June 16.—Vice-Chancellor Emory to-day gave an oral opinion making a temporary injunction secured a week ago by Miriam Berger, of Sullivan county, New York, permanent. The injunction restrains the United States Steel Corporation from retiring $250,000,000 preferred stock and issuing $250,000,000 in bonds instead. R. V. Lindabury, counsel for the United States Steel Corporation, gave notice of an appeal.

It was agreed by counsel for both sides that the form of order for the appeal would be submitted to the court late this evening.

In his opinion the vice-chancellor held that the retirement of preferred stock constituted a preferential reduction of the corporation's capital among those assenting to the plan and a corresponding impairment of the right of those not assenting. According to the vice-chalcellor's decision preferred stockholders have vested property right, which cannot be impaired by a board of directors without the consent of the holders of the preferred shares.

Did Not Fight.

(By Associated Press.)

MEMPHIS, TENN., June 16.—The lightweight fight between Morris Raunch and George Monroe, which was to have come off to-night has been abandoned. The promoters of the affair were warned that they would be prosecuted under the State law.

WEEK-END TICKETS

Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Railway.

Commencing Saturday, June 7th, the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad will sell round trip tickets on Saturdays only from Richmond to Fredericksburg, Va., and intermediate points at the one-fare rate, good returning until the following Monday, inclusive. These tickets will be sold only at ticket offices, Byrd-Street, Elba and Main-Street Stations.

N. P. TAYLOR,
Traffic Manager.

At the Theatres.

The presentation of "Under Two Flags" by the Giffen Company at the Academy of Music last night fulfilled all expectations.

The play is long—too long to be agreeable—but to-night, after a little more rehearsing, the long waits between acts will be narrowed down.

As a first night performance it was remarkably smooth.

The only unfortunate incident was the loss of a heel from the right boot of a pair worn by Miss Illington in the second act. It prevented much of the action necessary to the character of "Cigarette," and gave the vivandiere a walk that might have been after a long march across country. Miss Illington disdained to mar her work by recovering the heel, and went through the act with a decided limp.

It was a pity, as she was decidedly the one person in the sight of the audience. Her past performances have made her a reputation to be proud of and in "Cigarette," she was given the chance to bound pre-eminently to the fore as unquestionably the most capable leading lady ever seen here.

She did, and her "Cigarette" was capital. Miss Illington physically is not the ideal "Cigarette," theone drawn by Ouida', but otherwise she is the vivandiere, the daughter of the regiment, full of passions, afraid of no being, desperate in her willingness to defend and die for the man she loved. She was at all times superb, rising to the situations that have made "Cigarette" famous with artistic control, ever possessed with the idea that beneath the Amazonian life of the vivandiere there lay a woman's heart ever ready to warm the love of those she loved. She lost many traits of the charming personality in the character, and gave to the stage a new conception of Ouida's heroine, one that bears an excels in comparison with those of the well known actresses who have played the role.

Mr. Bennett, Miss Brown, Mrs. Dennett, Mr. Jennings, Mr. King and Mr. Chagnon are given the prominent roles, which they accept and carefully interpret.

It is unnecessary to describe the scenic evironments of the drama. They were sumptuous and the pictures were the prettiest seen in many a day. The sand storm on the desert was realistic, as was the mad canter across the stage of Miss Illington on a fiery steed. Another thrill was in the climax of the third act, the great fight when "Cigarette" saves the man she loves from death at the hands of his arch-enemy.

If the public wants drama, produced infinitely as well as in New York, "Under Two Flags" fills the bill.

AT THE CASINO.

Stormy weather last evening gave the opening of the second and final week of the engagemenf of the Wells Dramatic Company at the Casino the appearance of a dress rehearsal. The audience was lacking, but the enthusiasm and art of the people upon the stage was not. They gave a performance of the great Drew success, "The Butterflies," with as much tact and vim as any auditor could expect. In comedy the Wells company is perfectly at home, and the stiffness so noticeable last week never once cropped out. They gave a fine evenly-balanced performance, one that should draw large audiences, as it is an ideal summer resort attraction. The actors are all clever in the play, and Miss Converse, Mr. Heath and Mr. Blakemore made friends with every one that composed the small audience.

The scenery and embellishments were beautiful and quite elaborate. They compare with nany seen at the Casino.

MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE.

Mr. Edwin Owen Lewis, of this city, is a member of this year's graduating class of the University of Pennsylvania, the commencement of which occurs tomorrow night.

Dr. Ramon D. Garcia, who has been attending the meeting of the American Medical Association at Saratoga, will remain away ten days longer, traveling in the North. He will go up into Canada and visit the White Mountains, Colon Springs, Boston, and other places.

Rabbi E. N. Calisch will leave to-day at noon for Fredericksburg, where he will deliver a lecture at the Opera House. The proceeds will go for the benefit of the Christian Church of that city.

The annual art display of St. Joseph's Academy, at Fourth and Marshall Streets, will take place to-day and tomorrow. The art