SWUNG TO A LIMB.

A NEGRO FIEND LYNCHED.

Bud Mebane, the Murderer of Mrs. Walker, Quickly Disposed Of—His Crime Confessed.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

MILTON, N. C., October 3.—Bud Mebane, the negro that murdered Mrs. W. H. Walker on the night of the 28th of September, was captured last night about 8 o'clock about three miles south of Leasburg, N. C., in the house of Beverly Randolis, a negro. Mebane was sitting at the supper-table. The arrest was made by a *posse* of four negroes and one white man. William Holdman (colored) was the first to lay hands upon him, and, with the assistance of others, brought him to this place, arriving here at 11 o'clock this morning. The news of Mebane's arrest spread rapidly, and by 12:30 P. M. a large body of armed men had gathered in the town. At 12:30 about one hundred and fifty men took charge of Mebane and carried him to Mitchell's shop, about four miles from Milton, on the Milton and Yanceyville road, where he was tried before a magistrate's court and committed to jail. Mebane, after the trial, was placed in the hands of the officers to be carried to Yanceyville and lodged in jail. At Parks Hill, about two miles from the place of the trial, the officers were overtaken by over one hundred and fifty men and forced to give up their prisoner. Mebane was taken charge of by them and swung to the limb of a tree from the seat of a buggy. Over one hundred shots were fired at his body while it was dangling in the air. Mebane acknowledged that he took part in the murder, but claimed that others were equally guilty. This, however, is not generally believed to be true. It is thought he did this with the view of getting more time. The zeal manifested by many of the colored people in hunting Mebane down was very commendable.

MEBANE'S BRUTALITY.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

DANVILLE, October 3.—Citizens of this place who are just from the scene of Mebane's crime say that the behavior of the negro was of the most monstrous character, and give as some evidence the statement of those who prepared the body of Mrs. Walker for burial. They add that he struck Mrs. Walker on the head with a shoe-last, and then dragged her out doors and struck her with a fence rail with such violence that the rail broke, and then with a part of it beat her about the head and face so that they could not have been recognized. The piece of rail was left on the ground with clots of blood and flesh on it. So great was the indignation of the people of the community that when it was reported yesterday that he had been seen there was a general turnout in search of him.

PETERSBURG.

Dinwiddie Circuit Court Postponed—Reunion of Soldiers in Petersburg—Cotton-Factories Resuming Work.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

OCTOBER 3, 1885.

The illness of Judge S. S. Weisiger, announced in my last letter, is of such a character as to prevent his holding the term of his court in Dinwiddie county next week. An effort was made to get Judge Welliford to hold court for him, but the Judge's engagements are such that he cannot come. There are a number of important cases on the docket, and Judge Weisiger has consented, should his health be restored, to have a special term of his court in November. The prisoner Holmes E. Puryear, charged with wife-murder, who is confined in our city jail for safety, has been notified by his counsel that his trial will be postponed by reason of Judge Weisiger's illness.

Petersburg and its adjacent battlefields will be visited on the 14th instant by the survivors of the One-hundred-and-Fourth New York and Fifty-first Pennsylvania regiments, who propose to have a reunion here, and to view once more the fields and forts over which they fought during the late war. Though we have no organization of Confederate veterans, the visitors will doubtless be shown every courtesy and hospitality by our citizens. The visitors will find a wonderful change in the condition of things since 1865. The old forts and batteries are standing, but in large measure the entrenched lines which stretched around the city from river to river have been levelled.

Copious showers fell here last night, and when the sun rose amidst clearing weather a magnificent rainbow spanned the western heavens, which remained visible for many minutes.

It is understood that Ettrick and Battersea cotton-factories, which have been idle for many months, will resume operations with a full force on Monday. Swift Creek factory started work some time ago. These three factories employ a large number of operatives, to whom the resumption of work will be specially gratifying.

The meeting of colored Independent Republicans held last night was unexpectedly large, and the best order and spirit prevailed. Mr. R. M. Dobie, the Democratic candidate for the Senate, Mr. D. M. Bernard, and other gentlemen delivered addresses by invitation. The Independents will, almost to a man, support the Democratic nominees.

Dr. W. S. Overton, a distinguished citizen of Sussex county, is reported as seriously ill at his home, near Stony Creek. ROBIN ADAIR.

THE SHOOTING OF WARD.

Another Version of the Affair—What is Claimed for the Assailants.

To the Editor of the Dispatch:

Your readers have already heard of the unfortunate affair which occurred on the streets of Abingdon on last Sunday evening, resulting in the serious, though not necessarily fatal, wounding of Judge George W. Ward. Judge Ward is the editor of the *Southwest Examiner*, and the last issue of that paper contained (as mentioned in the *Dispatch*) several paragraphs which, so it is claimed, criticise very severely Dr. William White, of this place, who is an Independent candidate for the State Senate in opposition to the regular Democratic nominee. Dr. White has always been regarded as a gentleman of high character and of undoubted courage, and of quick, if, indeed, not ungovernable temper. It is said when the *Examiner* was issued last Saturday that he became exceedingly exasperated at what he regarded the severe strictures upon him, and that he at once visited the office of the *Examiner*, and also the hotel where Judge Ward was boarding, that he might repair the wrong. The Judge was absent from town, and returned on the train at about 1 o'clock on Sunday, in company with an employe of his, who, it is supposed, bore him the information that Dr. White had been making inquiry for him. White's exasperation seems to have been well known in the community, and the wonder now is that the officers of the law had not interfered in the matter. The main entrance to the hotel is diagonally across the street from the shoe-store of Bowling & McLaughlin. Judge Ward, it seems, had gone from the hotel to the drugstore of W. W. Gold, just four doors east and on the same side of the street. He was returning to the hotel about 4 o'clock, and was near the steps to the main entrance when Dr. White made his appearance on the opposite side of the street directly in front of Bowling & McLaughlin's store, from which it is claimed he came armed with a double-barrelled shot-gun charged with buckshot. The evidence seems to be conflicting as to whether he hailed or accosted Ward before shooting, and also as to whether Ward saw him before the gun was fired. Upon the firing of the gun Judge Ward, with an exclamation of pain, sank to the pavement near the corner of the steps. Before the gun could be fired again Dr. White was seized by D. T. Campbell and Graham White (the former a nephew, the latter a cousin of Dr. White). These gentlemen endeavored, it is said, to prevent a second shot, and their efforts caused the second load to miss its object. In the mean time Judge Ward had pulled himself back from the steps and to near the corner of the porch, which would prevent him from seeing Dr. White from the position when the second shot was fired. Dr. White rushed into the store presumably for the purpose of procuring additional shells for the gun, when, most fortunately, the door, which had a spring latch which he did not understand, closed upon him and prevented him from getting back until the affair was ended. Following the second discharge, D. T. Campbell and Graham White started up the street and drew their pistols, it is claimed, to repel what they presumed to be an attack upon them by a friend of Judge Ward's. When they reached a point nearly opposite Judge Ward, who had gotten in a half-sitting position, Judge Ward, it is claimed, saw Graham White, and, presuming he had fired upon him, delivered a shot at him. White, seeing his danger, stepped to a tree, not large enough, however, to conceal his entire person; after which several shots were fired. It is claimed that Campbell fired one and that Graham White fired several, and that Judge Ward fired several. It is claimed that one of Judge Ward's balls passed near White's head and another just between Campbell's legs. At this juncture friends of both parties had reached the scene and prevailed upon them to desist. Upon examination it was found that Judge Ward's wounds were four or five in number, and all from the shot-gun; and whilst one of the wounds is regarded as serious, I am happy to report that his physicians—Drs. Wiley and Cummings—do not regard it as fatal, and that they report him as doing as well as could be expected. F. P.

ABINGDON.

EDWIN M. MANN.

Death of the City Judge of Petersburg.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

PETERSBURG, VA., October 3.—Judge Edwin M. Mann died at 10 o'clock to-night. Judge Mann was in the prime of life, being under forty-five years of age. He was the first and only city judge Petersburg has had. His second term would have ended in 1887. As a judge he was strictly fair and impartial, and on the bench was always courteous and dignified. He was a thorough student and a good lawyer. Probably as few of his decisions have been reversed by the Supreme Court as any judge in the State. He was, moreover, a Christian gentleman, and as such esteemed by the whole community. He married a daughter of the late Rev. H. B. Cowles, of the Virginia Conference, who survives him, with nine children. Judge Mann's disease was diphtheria.

LYNCHBURG.

Altars Consecrated—Death—Personal Notes.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

LYNCHBURG, VA., October 3.—Bishop Keane consecrated two magnificent side-altars at the Church of the Holy Cross, this city, to-day.

John Osborne Taylor, an old citizen and Mason, died to-day; aged seventy-six years. He was for years inspector at Liberty warehouse.

Miss Lelia Mosby, sister of Colonel John Singleton Mosby, was married by Father McGark to-day to Charles W. Russell.

Assistant-Inspector Jo. Lane Stern inspected the Virginia Guard and the Hill-City Guard, two colored companies of this city, to-night.

Washington Notes.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, October 3.—The Postmaster-General has decided that special deliveries of letters shall not be made on Sundays.

Senators Breckenridge and Jones, of Arkansas, called on the President yesterday to urge him to incorporate in his annual message to Congress a recommendation for liberal appropriations to improve the navigation of the Mississippi river and its tributaries. They report that the President showed marked interest in the subject, and they considered the interview very satisfactory.

The President this afternoon appointed John Cardwell, of Texas, agent and Consul-General of the United States at Cairo; Owen McGarr, of Colorado, Consul-General in Ecuador, and Thomas R. Jernigan, of North Carolina, United States Consul at Montevideo.

Owen McGarr, of Colorado, appointed Consul-General at Ecuador, is a native of Mississippi. He was strongly recommended by judges and members of the bar of Colorado and Mississippi. John Cardwell, of Texas, appointed Consul-General at Cairo, is editor of the Austin *Statesman*. He is a man of wealth, a good linguist, and has travelled much abroad. Thomas R. Jernigan, of North Carolina, appointed Consul at Montevideo, is a lawyer, and was highly recommended for the place by the Governor and chief functionaries of his State and by the State delegation in Congress.

Fourth class postmaster appointed to-day: North Carolina—Fair Bluff, John B. Waddell.

After the Gamblers.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

ST. PAUL, MINN., October 3.—Chinn & Morgan's gambling-house was closed last night on account of indictments by the grand jury now in session. Other houses are open, but will be closed by grand-jury indictments. The municipal authorities tacitly authorized gambling, but the grand jury have determined to adjourn from day to day until the business is closed out.

Fatal Explosion of a Boiler.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

MOORESTOWN, N. J., October 3.—The boiler of a locomotive drawing the Long Branch express train, which left Camden at 4 o'clock this afternoon, exploded near Brown's Mills, fatally scalding the engineer, John Curtis, of Point Pleasant, and injuring the fireman. Other persons are reported injured, but no further particulars can be obtained here at present.

They Ate Canned Lobster.

ALBANY, N. Y., October 3.—James Palmer and nine other persons were taken violently ill last night after eating canned lobster. They are still in a critical condition.

THE GIANTS WIN.

NEW YORKS CAPTURE A GAME

The League Champions Defeated in a Poor Game—Cold Weather Interferes with the Playing—Score, 10 to 8.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

CHICAGO, October 3.—The final meeting between the New York and the Chicago Clubs was not deserving of either playing organization as a contest of skill, but fine and clean-cut playing was made impossible owing to the very cold weather. A cold rain fell at one time, threatening to stop the game, and the Chicagos, who had obtained a good lead, played to hurry the game, and were met by cries of "Play ball!" from the crowd. New York obtained its five runs through a series of errors in the sixth inning after the third man should have been out, and was supposed to be out by the play at the second base; but the umpire did not see it, and declared the runner, who was forced to run to second base, not out. The game was called at the end of the seventh inning, owing to darkness. The visiting team did a very graceful thing before the opening of the game in presenting the home nine with a handsome silk banner, inscribed "To Chicago from New York." In presenting the banner Captain Ward declared that while New York had striven hard for it Chicago had won the championship fairly. The attendance was ten thousand.

Dalrymple opened for Chicago with a hit to Gerhardt, and went out at first base. Gore was given his base on balls, and went to third on Connor's failure to hold the ball thrown by Ewing. Kelly made a base-hit, and stole second. Anson went out to Gillespie. Pfeffer struck to Gerhardt, who failed to hold it, and Kelly came home. Williamson went out at first. For New York, O'Rourke made a clean base-hit, and reached second on a passed ball, and third on Burns's failure to handle Connor's hit. Connor was thrown out in trying to steal second. Ewing went out to Gore, and O'Rourke ran home. Gillespie made a three-base hit, and came home on an overthrow. Dorgan flew out to Dalrymple.

In the second inning Burns and Clarkson flew out. Sunday reached first on balls, stole second, and came home on Dalrymple's hit to Ward, who threw to Connor too late. Connor in turn throwing wild to the home-plate, Gore took his base on balls, and Kelly cleared the bases with a home-run. Anson flew out to Gerhardt. For New York, Richardson opened with a base-hit. Keefe struck out. Gerhardt got his base on balls. Ward flew out to Gore, and Richardson and Gerhardt were advanced one base on the play. O'Rourke went out on a long fly to Gore. Pfeffer flew out.

In the third Williamson reached first on Connor's error and came home on Burns's hit, who also came home on a wild throw. Clarkson made a base-hit, but was forced out at second on Sunday's hit. Sunday stole second, but Dalrymple ended it by going out to Gillespie. For New York, Connor struck out. Ewing went out at first, and Gillespie likewise.

Gore began the fourth inning with a base-hit. Kelly went out on a foul fly. Anson flew to Richardson. Gore stole second; but Pfeffer struck out. For New York, Dorgan took first base on balls; went to second on a passed ball, and reached third on Richardson's hit, which Burns failed to handle. Keefe struck to Pfeffer, who touched Richardson and threw Keefe out at first base, and Dorgan ran home. Gerhardt was given his base on balls, but Ward went out at first.

In the fifth inning Williamson flew out to Gerhardt. Burns made a base-hit, but was caught at second, and Clarkson struck out. For New York, O'Rourke made a base-hit. Connor followed with another, and both came home on wild throws. Ewing and Gillespie struck out, and Dorgan went out to Anson.

In the sixth inning Sunday flew out to Dorgan; Dalrymple took his base on balls. Gore flew out to Gillespie, and Dalrymple went out trying to steal second. For New York, Richardson took first on Williamson's error and stole second. Keefe struck to Williamson, and Richardson was caught trying to make third base. Gerhardt made a base-hit. Ward went out to Gore. O'Rourke made a base-hit, filling bases. Connor followed with another base-hit, allowing Keefe to score. Ewing made a two-base hit, bringing in two men, and a passed ball brought in the two remaining men. Gillespie took first base on Kelly's error, but Dorgan ended it by going out at first.

The seventh inning was begun by Kelly striking out. Anson and Pfeffer went out at first base. For New York Richardson, flew out to second, Keefe and Gerhard struck out.

In the eighth Burns and Williamson went out at first base, and Clarkson struck out. For New York Ward took first on Burns's error, and O'Rourke followed with a home-run. Connor took first base on balls. Ewing struck out, and at this point the game was called on account of darkness. The following is the score:

INNINGS.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Chicago	2	4	2	0	0	0	0	8
New York	2	0	0	1	2	5	0	10

Earned runs—Chicago, 4. New York, 4. Home-runs—Kelly. Two-base hits—Burns, Ewing. Three-base hits—Gillespie. Passed balls—Kelly, 4; Ewing, 1. Wild pitches—None. First base on balls—Chicago, 4; New York, 3. First base on errors—Chicago, 2; New York, 4. Struck out—By Clarkson, 4; by Keefe, 5. Double-plays—Pfeffer and Anson. Umpire, Curry. Time of game, 2 hours and 5 minutes.

OTHER GAMES.

Pittsburgh: Pittsburghs, 4; Louisvilles, 2.

Newark, N. J.: Newarks, 4; Baltimores, 0.

Buffalo: Buffalos, 0; Bostons, 18. Six innings—darkness.

New York: Metropolitans, 8; Brooklyns, 0.

Washington: Nationals, 4; Athletics, 1.

St. Louis: St. Louis, 4; Philadelphia, 10.

Death of an Editor.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

CINCINNATI, October 3.—A cable dispatch received by Colonel L. Marlbrett, Assistant United States Treasurer here, announces that Fred. Hassanerek died in Paris this morning. Mr. Hassanerek has been for a long time the principal owner and editor of the Cincinnati *Volksblatt*. He served as United States Minister in South America by appointment of President Lincoln. Upon his return to this country he published a novel entitled "The Heart of the Andes," which had a wide circulation. Mr. Hassanerek has been in Europe for the past two or three years in the hope of restoring his declining health.

The Indian Postmasters.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., October 3.—Complaints are being received at the Post-Office Department from the Indian Territory of the workings of the recent decision of Attorney-General Garland to the effect that the Indians are not eligible to appointment as postmasters. Postmasters at seventy-five post-offices in the Territory, who are reputed to be intelligent, educated men, have sent in their resignations in compliance with that ruling. In some places it is found to be impossible to secure white men who are eligible and at the same time competent to fill these offices, and it is feared that the service may be disastrously affected through the enforced discontinuance of some important post-offices.

A BIG RENT IN THE EARTH.

A Phenomenon that is Exciting Many Good People—A Lady and a Snake, &c.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

RALEIGH, N. C., October 3.—There is great excitement in Long-Aire township, Beaufort county, in regard to an alarming natural phenomenon which is rapidly developing itself. On the night of September 18th shocks of great violence were felt in that vicinity. The scene of disturbance is in the vicinity of Shiloh church, the central point of the shock. A reliable colored man who lives near by, and who was awake the night above mentioned, says he felt the trembling of the earth very perceptibly, and on the following morning it was discovered that a mysterious chasm had made its appearance directly across the public road near the church, measuring a foot in width and a hundred yards in length. From every indication, the surroundings seemed to be in an unsettled condition. The news soon spread in the community, and a number of excited persons were present in a short time. It was observed that the chasm was gradually widening and extending, showing that some unusual convulsion of nature was in progress. As there was no further violent agitation at that time the affair has remained comparatively quiet, and the public at large have just become fully aware of its magnitude. The so-called rent, or chasm, is now assuming very serious proportions. It is continually widening and lengthening, and actually threatening disaster to the surrounding section. It has now deviated from its former course, which was easterly, to a northerly direction, crossing a small embankment and running in a zig-zag line about fifty yards from the church. Several attempts have been made to obtain an idea of its depth, but have been unsuccessful, owing to the shape in which it runs. There are various conjectures as to the origin of such an unusual state of things.

Governor Scales to-day offered a reward of $200 for the negro Bud Mebane, who killed Mrs. Walker, near Milton, Caswell county, last Monday night.

Miss Mary Whitehurst, of Pamlico county, while making her toilet last Wednesday morning, discovered a chicken-snake four feet in length coiled on top of the bureau. She had sufficient presence of mind to shoot and kill it with a revolver.

The Randolph Manufacturing Company's mill near Ashboro', which has been closed for a few weeks, has commenced work again.

Near Hill's Store, Randolph county, Thursday, a negro boy sixteen years of age stole $400 in money from J. D. Ingold and escaped.

Losses of tobacco-barns by fire are now reported as unusually large in many sections of the State.

Excitement in regard to mad-dogs again prevails in the northern portion of Iredell county. Hogs bitten by dogs have died in numbers.

Jerome-Park Races.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

NEW YORK, October 3.—First race—free handicap sweepstakes, one and one eighth of a mile—Strathspey won; Parole second, Lizzie Mack third. Time, 2:00¼.

Second race—sweepstakes, for two-year-olds, three quarters of a mile—Inspector B. won; Bon Soir second, Revolt (filly) third. This order was set aside owing to the jockey of Bon Soir forgetting to salute the judges before dismounting, and the second place was given to the Revolt filly. Time, 1:19¼.

Third race—sweepstakes, for three-year-olds, not winning allowances, one and an eighth miles—Maumee won; Three Cheers second, Greenfield third. Time, 1:59½.

Fourth race—free handicap sweepstakes, one and three eighth miles—Haledon won; Sam Brown second, Saltpetre third. Time, 2:30.

Fifth race—purse of $500, for three-year-olds and upward, selling race, one and an eighth miles—Tabitha won; Mary Hamilton second, Tony Foster third. Time, 2:02.

Sixth race—handicap steeple-chase, purse $600, full steeple-chase course—Abraham won; Repeater second, Jack third. Time, 4:19.

Captured on His Way to Canada.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

SPRINGFIELD, MASS., October 3.—Clawson Graham, a member of the New York Stock and Petroleum Exchanges, doing business at 80 Broadway, in that city, was captured here this morning by H. G. Julian, of the Pinkerton agency, with $25,000 in gold certificates belonging to Spencer, Trask & Co. in his possession, and in company with Mrs. Alice Bramwell, just as he was about to board a Montreal train. Graham and Mrs. Bramwell arrived from New York at 8 o'clock the night before, and were registered by Graham as C. C. Goodwin and wife, of Pittsfield.

Dissolution.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

NEW YORK, October 3.—Notice has been given to the Stock Exchange of the dissolution of the firm of C. J. Hudson & Co., of which Henry N. Smith, who failed yesterday, was a special partner. A new firm has been formed, composed of C. J. Hudson and A. H. Deforrest, the old general partners, under the firm-name of C. J. Hudson & Co., as before. The new firm assumes all the contracts of the old firm.

Deliberate Murder.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

CIRCLEVILLE, OHIO, October 3.—William Bookwalter, while drunk yesterday, took a position on the turnpike near the city and announced that he would kill the first "nigger" who passed. When Samuel Tibbs, aged twenty years, an inoffensive colored boy, rode by, Bookwalter deliberately shot him in the back, inflicting a fatal wound. Bookwalter was arrested.

Fifty Thousand in Lime.

[By cable to the Dispatch.]

MANCHESTER, October 3.—To-day was observed as a holiday in celebration of the passage of the Manchester ship-canal bill by the last Parliament. The streets were gaily decorated. Fifty thousand members of the various trade societies marched in procession. There were fifty bands of music in line.

Fraudulent Register Convicted.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

CINCINNATI, O., October 3.—John P. O'Brien was to-day found guilty in the Police Court of fraudulent registering. It is the first case under the new law. He is the man who offered to sell to Mayor Smith and others registration certificates at one dollar each.

Riel's Appeal.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

MONTREAL, October 3.—A cable dispatch received here to-day states that the Lords Privy Council will hear arguments on the appeal of Riel on October 19th.

ENGLISH POLITICS.

THE COMING ELECTIONS.

A Fierce and Thoroughly-Contested Campaign Expected—The New Voters—Party Discipline.

[By cable to the Dispatch.]

LONDON, October 3.—The Tories are not yet ready to begin the campaign for supremacy in the next Parliament. Their Government have, therefore, decided to postpone dissolution until the 7th of December. The reason given to the public for this action is that the difficulties growing out of the enormous registration under the enlargement of franchise require an extended time for adjudication and adjustment. The campaign when it does open will be the fiercest and most thoroughly-contested ever fought in Great Britain. Every voter in the country will probably be reached and interested. Those now possessing franchise are badly enough muddled, for Churchill Tories are courting the Irish Home-Rule vote, while the Radicals are clamoring for the maintenance of the empire's integrity. Two millions of men, enfranchised by Gladstone, as a rule belong to a class much inferior in intelligence to any that ever heretofore had a voice in British affairs. They have never, as a rule, had any interest in public questions, and never had occasion to learn anything at all about politics.

The election may decide whether the English trade policy shall be free or protective; whether the Church and State shall be divorced or remain united; whether the unification or disintegration of the empire shall ensue; whether Great Britain shall continue to interfere in foreign affairs and remain among the first Powers or hold aloof and fall back into the second rank. It may decide even whether the aristocracy in England shall continue and whether the throne shall remain. All these are now live questions, and it does appear to be an extraordinary thing that Parliament, which may be called upon to settle some, if not all, of these momentous issues, will take its temper from the chance way in which the majority of two millions of new and uneducated voters may cast their first ballots. For it is fair to assume that before the close of the campaign the parties will have arrayed the old voters pretty well on the old lines, and that issue will be decided by the new ballots. Even now, two months before dissolution, there are 1,126 candidates already in the field contesting for the 500 seats belonging to England in the House of Commons. Nearly every seat is being contested, and there are many instances in which several candidates are contesting the same constituency. In this latter respect, however, the Liberals are at present worse divided than the Tories. The latter are under much better party discipline, and their party agents are bending their energies to prevent party splits. The Parnellites remain united and independent of the alliance. It is admitted, however, even by the Liberal newspapers, that if Parnell succeeds in making a bargain with the Tories to stand with them upon a common platform, the Liberal majority will stand in danger of disappearing altogether.

It has become known that the eastern policy of Premier Salisbury is conducted in perfect concert with that of Prince Bismarck. The Servian Minister to England has had an official interview with Lord Salisbury and obtained from him the assurance of the British Government's sympathy with Servian aspirations. King Milan's Government has been urged by England to refrain from aggressive action and rely upon the decision of the Powers. The King has telegraphed in reply that he trusts in the assurances given him by England, and that the Servians will wait for the decision of the Powers, unless events precipitate a necessity for active measures.

Cable Pool Rates.

[By cable to the Dispatch.]

LONDON, October 3.—The London managers of the Atlantic cable companies in a present pool will meet in this city next week. It is positively stated that the object of the meeting is to arrange for a reduction of the present cable tariffs between England and the United States from 24 cents to 12 cents on ordinary or commercial messages, and from 12 cents to 6 cents on press messages. The directors of the different English companies in the pool are said to be all in favor of making the proposed reduction. They take the ground that the opposition of the Mackay-Bennett cables must be ended by their annihilation. This opposition, it is argued, has already made the pool dividends so small that the shareholders will consent to sacrifice them entirely for the time in a war of rates that will either break down the opposition or compel it to join the pool, and result eventually in raising the tariffs all around and in an eventual increase of pool dividends. The American pool directors, on the other hand, are said to be less willing to consent to the proposed reductions, and to be quite timid about entering into a war of rates. They profess to be uncertain about the outcome of such a war, and up to date have not been induced to consent to it.

A Movement for Purity.

[By cable to the Dispatch.]

LONDON, October 3.—The social-purity movement founded on the revelations made by the *Pall-Mall Gazette* is steadily gaining strength in England. The prosecution of Mr. Stead has greatly strengthened the movement, and it is now headed by the Methodist Church as an organization. The cause is warmly advocated by all the organs and preachers of the denomination. Meetings are being organized to make the public acquainted with the new developments of the scandal in high places, and to inaugurate a general system of boycotting those tradesmen and commercial houses managed by men of reputed sexual immorality.

Fighting Reported.

[By cable to the Dispatch.]

VIENNA, October 3.—Dispatches received here this afternoon report fighting on the western frontier of Bulgaria between Servian and Bulgarian troops, and that seven men were killed and nineteen wounded. The report has not been confirmed. Both Bulgaria and Servia have since the Roumelian difficulty largely increased their forces on the frontier.

Arrest of Nihilists.

[By cable to the Dispatch.]

ST. PETERSBURG, October 3.—Forty Nihilists, including a number of professors and others well known, have been arrested at Warsaw on the charge of conspiring to murder the Czar. The arrests have caused a great sensation.

A Proper Sequel.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

WINNIPEG, MAN., October 3.—William Smith yesterday set fire to his residence, attempting to burn his wife and children therein. Failing in this he cut his throat, and died shortly after.

The Parnell Campaign Fund.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

CHICAGO, October 3.—A mass-meeting held at Battery D armory to-night for the purpose of raising funds for the Parnell campaign was well attended—probably 5,000 men being present—among whom was quite a sprinkling of ladies. When the object of the meeting was stated by the chairman the enthusiasm of the crowd found vent in prolonged applause and cheering. A prominent feature of the occasion was the speech of Alexander Sullivan, ex-president of the Irish National League of America. Mr. Sullivan's appearance was greeted with cheers, and his speech received like recognition.

DR. ARMSTRONG'S CASE.

Bishop Beckwith Suspends Him—Feeling in Atlanta.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

ATLANTA, GA., October 3.—The Armstrong matter is getting badly mixed up, and is likely to cause a rupture in the fashionable St. Philip's church. The report of the Standing Committee recommending that the Doctor be tried and suspended pending trial caused the vestry to meet to-day and adopt resolutions. In the report of the wardens and vestrymen to the Bishop they ask that he do not suspend Dr. Armstrong upon the recommendation of the Standing Committee. The vestry received the evidence of the committee appointed to visit Cincinnati, found that the charges of visiting bawdy houses in Cincinnati seems to be founded upon facts which are not discreditable to Dr. Armstrong, and that while his manner of performing a Christian duty was injudicious, his motives were entirely honorable. These facts seem to be that at the solicitation of friends and relatives in Canada the Doctor stopped in Cincinnati to find, and, if possible, reclaim a Canadian girl who was reported to be in some disreputable house in that city. In open daylight the Doctor took a public conveyance and visited many of those places to find the person he sought. It further seems to be a fact that subsequent to visiting the places mentioned the Doctor partook at his hotel of stimulants, which may have gone to the extent of intoxication. There is no evidence that his conduct during this time, as the result of such stimulants, was such as to bring public discredit upon the clergy. The Standing Committee paid no attention to the resolutions adopted by the vestry, but went ahead and recommended his suspension.

The entire city feel deeply interested in the matter, and the congregation is widely stirred up. The vestry, in closing their document to the Bishop, said: "As you, sir, well know our parish is now united in its confidence in the moral and Christian character of its rector, we desire to say further, and in conclusion, that this communication is agreed upon without the request, recommendation, or presence of Dr. Armstrong. The procurement by the Standing Committee of the publication of their action has the effect of prejudicing his case in the public mind. Without regard, however, to the personal interests of Dr. Armstrong, we, representing, as we do, the much higher interest of our parish, make this last appeal to our Bishop for fairness and justice."

At 10 o'clock to-night the Bishop ordered the Doctor to step down and out.

Incendiary Fire.

Between 1 and 2 o'clock yesterday morning a fire was noticed in the rear part of Messrs. Thomas Brothers' cigar-factory, No. 903 Byrd street, by a person passing. The people living in the adjoining house were aroused, and by applying the contents of a barrel of water, which was in the back yard, the flames were soon extinguished. The hook-and-ladder from the Tenth-Street engine-house turned out, but its services were not needed.

It is supposed that it was the work of an incendiary, as no fire had been in the building for some time, and rain was falling at the time, putting the weather-boarding in such a condition that it would not have taken fire unless kerosene or something of the kind had been used.

A reward has been offered for the arrest and conviction of the guilty party.

Richmond Art Association.

The art school under the auspices of the Richmond Art Association has thrown open its doors for another term. The Association has done good work in cultivating an art spirit in the community, and the school is now an important factor in directing art taste in a practical channel. The Association has been incorporated, and makes an appeal for additional membership in order that it may enlarge its sphere of usefulness, especially in the direction of affording increased facilities for instruction in its school.

Dropped Dead.

A colored woman named —— Franklin dropped dead last night on Twenty-sixth street between Main and Cary. The body was turned over to the Coroner.

Gaiety on Church Hill.

[For the Dispatch.]

Church Hill was the scene of considerable gaiety Friday night on the occasion of a party given by the Libby-Hill Social Club at the residence of Mr. Hudson, who kindly threw open his house to their service. The names of the party are as follows: Messrs. Archie Cohen, T. Curtis, P. Higgins, T. Collins, J. Furguson, P. Lark, J. Latouche, T. Evins, J. King, T. Williams, C. G. Donnelley, C. Lester, R. Leber, R. Adams, E. Baker, A. Scott, Joseph Faherty (all of whom were in full dress), and Miss Lottie Hudson, blue albatross, with oriental lace, turquoise, and pearls; Miss Laura Curtis, blue satin, with Spanish lace and pearls; Miss Lizzie Tennant, cream ryber cloth, with oriental lace; Miss Grace Baker, white satin, with Spanish lace and diamonds; Miss Lena Hancock, pink satin with garnet velvet, rubies and pearls; Miss Eva Sedgwick, garnet silk with embossed velvet, and rubies; Miss Hylah Curtis, cream albatross with oriental lace, and pearls; Miss Lillie McLaughlin, blue albatross with oriental lace, turquoise and pearls; Miss Minnie Baggerty, lilac silk with Spanish lace, and pearls; Miss Margie Powers, pink and Nile-green satin, with pearls; Miss Ida Allen, dark-blue silk and diamonds; Miss Maggie Allen, red albatross with oriental lace, and rubies; Miss Lillie Powers, pink albatross with oriental lace, and pearls; Miss Kate Ettenger, blue albatross with oriental lace and turquoise; Miss Lola Mitchell, red albatross with oriental lace, and rubies.

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ALL FOR LOVE.

A CENTRAL-PARK TRAGEDY.

Deliberation Death—"Shall We Live?" or "Shall We Die?"

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

NEW YORK, October 3.—At half-past 8 o'clock this evening Policeman Dougan, of the Central-Park police, on duty near Seventy-second street, heard a pistol-shot. A second and third, in quick succession, gave him the direction, and, hurrying through the shrubbery in the darkness, he found himself close by the statue of the "Pilgrim," on the East drive. Here he heard another shot, then several deep groans, and all was still. A light was struck and this was what the officer saw: A man and woman, both robed deeply in black as though prepared for a funeral, lying upon a horse-blanket. The woman was dead, and a smile was upon her face, which in life had been pretty. The man was dying, and soon, too, was still. On the woman's breast, which she had bared for the bullet, lay a lock of her lover's hair, and upon his breast a dead leaf and rose. Each wore on their left hand a black glove, and between them was a "bull-dog" pistol.

A drop of oil on the woman's hand and the grime of smoke on her fingers showed there was no murder, but suicide, and the man having died last indicated that he had waited for the woman's death before taking his own life. Two bullet-holes were in her breast at the heart, and her companion's aim had been as true. Between them was a box full of love-letters. The two bodies were placed upon a stretcher by Dougan, the officer, and others who had arrived, and carried to the street, where a wagon was procured, in which they were taken to the morgue. The box of love letters was opened. There was a mass of them. Part were written by George Bassendorf, of 19 Liberty street, Union, Hudson county, N. J., to Maria. Who "Maria" was or is was not disclosed by any evidences found. Among the papers were ballots of destiny that had been taken by two. They had clearly sat with each other and deliberated death, and left it to chance, each at the same time writing a fatal word upon paper. Slips were there, and on them the words: "Shall we die?" and "Shall we live?" Die had finally been cast fatally, and the two, it is reasoned, had repaired to the park to die together.

The man is a compositor working on the *Free Press*, on Pavonia avenue, in Jersey City. Each was about thirty years old. The woman's letters told of wedded life that was hell and of a husband who was to her the demon.

The letters give the impression that their lives had been without sin and only hopeless. They loved each other so much and could be so little to each other that they concluded to die.

The woman left letters to her children and others, all in German.

The man Bassendorf had boarded in her family, and thus she came to love him more and her husband less.

Mails for Cuba.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

NEW YORK, October 3.—The following petition was to-day forwarded to the President:

To His Excellency Grover Cleveland, President of the United States, Washington:

Sir,—The undersigned merchants and others interested in Cuba and the West Indies trade respectfully call your attention to the inadequate system in use for the conveyance of mails thereto. The breaking down of the tug used for carrying the mail from Key West to Havana has brought into use schooners and fishing-boats, making us entirely dependent on private facilities as offered us by the steamship companies.

Moses Taylor & Co., Maitland Phelps, F. O. Matthiessen & Wiechers, Eugene Kelly & Co., D. Decastro & Co., Jose Menendez & Brother, and fifty others interested in the Cuban trade.

New York Prohibitionists.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

NEW YORK, October 3.—The Prohibitionists held a mass-meeting in Chickering Hall to-night, and were addressed by Rev. Dr. Deems and N. Jennings, Democrat-Prohibition candidate for Lieutenant-Governor. The latter referred to Ira Davenport, the Republican candidate for Governor, as "one of the largest wholesale liquor-dealers in the country," and also as interested in three liquor saloons in this city.

The Small-Pox in Canada.

MONTREAL, October 3.—Official returns at the health office show 45 deaths from small-pox in the city yesterday, 7 in St. Jean Baptiste village, 2 in Cote St. Louis, 3 in St. Henri. This makes for the week ending last night 221 deaths in the city, 30 in St. Jean Baptiste village, 15 in Cote St. Louis, 16 in St. Henri, 18 in St. Geoude, and 1 in St. Gabriel.

LATE WEATHER REPORT.

WASHINGTON, October 4—1 *A. M.—For the Middle Atlantic States, fair weather, decidedly cooler winds shifting to westerly, higher barometer, and frosts Monday night in northern and central portions.*

For the South Atlantic States, cooler, fair weather, southwest to northwest winds, higher barometer.

*For Richmond and v