TO ADJOURN FRIDAY.

LAW-MAKERS TO REST FROM THEN TILL JANUARY 1ST.

Both Calendars Cleared—Pilot Bill Presented—Railroad Bills Passed—To Elect Judges To-Day, &c.

The Senate met at 12 M. yesterday and was called to order by Hon. William Lowenstein, who had been requested to perform this duty in the absence of Lieutenant-Governor John E. Massey and President pro tem. John L. Hurt. The attendance was rather slim, many of the members who availed themselves of the recess from Friday to Monday to visit their homes not having returned to the city. There was no prayer. The day's session was rather dull, being devoted entirely to the consideration of the calendar and the introduction of new measures, most of them of a local character. None of the standing committees made reports.

TO ADJOURN FRIDAY.

Mr. Smoot, of Page, introduced a resolution which under a suspension of the rules was adopted, providing that when the Senate adjourn on Friday next it do so to meet on the 1st day of January, 1890, at 12 M.

WANTS THEIR REPORTS.

Mr. Beaton offered the following:

That the Committee on Public Institutions and Education be requested to ascertain from the President of the Board, the Treasurer, or other authorities, the amount of supplies received by them for the last fiscal year, an itemized account of the disbursements for same, giving the names of persons to whom paid each for which services were rendered or articles furnished, as specially as possible.

Senator from Loudoun briefly stated the reasons for offering this proposition at the beginning of the session. He did so to obviate the difficulty heretofore experienced in getting such reports from these institutions as the Legislature should have before it when asked for appropriations. He had reason to believe would be asked at this session. He expressed himself in favor of giving these institutions the support, but wanted to know first what money was spent, what for, what were the results paid, &c. The resolution was adopted.

FARMING INFORMATION.

Mr. Harrison offered the following, which was adopted:

That the Commissioner of Agriculture and Board of Agriculture be requested by the committee to communicate a copy of the rules of the Board of Agriculture, the name of each agent appointed for each county, the number of contracts furnished such agent as contracts for those who register their property, the instructions furnished such agents, and the money paid by such agents, the prices taken for sale in the hands of agents of Agriculture or said Commissioner of agents, the crops secured by them by trying to place their farms in said agents' care, how many have been sold by them.

Mr. Harrison's idea is to ascertain how the money appropriated to the Board of Agriculture has been used, and what the results have been.

BUILDING ASSOCIATIONS.

Mr. Lowenstein introduced a bill which provides that no building or loan association shall be incorporated under the laws of this State shall solicit or take subscriptions to stock, loan money, &c., in general it shall have complied with the provisions of the act. The requirements that such companies shall deposit with the Treasurer of this State or the State of Virginia or the United States, in such amount that the cash capital ten thousand dollars.

WHO MAY BE LAWYERS.

Mr. Sands presented the bill adopted by the Bar Association at their meeting at White Sulphur last summer, "to regulate the licensing of persons to practice in this State."

The bill provides that those persons who have practiced law in Virginia shall make application by petition to the circuit or corporation courts, which petition may be filed either in the clerk's office or presented in open court. At the next term of court the judge is required to appoint a committee of not less than three competent lawyers to make an examination of the applicant in open court, report to the judge as to his qualification, and the court, if of opinion after such examination that such applicant is qualified, shall admit such person to practice law. As the law stands all persons desiring a license are required to make application to the court of any of the courts, with the judge of the county or corporation court of the judges may after examining any one so applying. The bill proposes a more thorough examination exists.

THE FISHY BILL.

Mr. Lowenstein: To amend and reenact 1886 and 1887, chapter 89, relation to pilots and the vessels in the waters of the bill. This bill is substantially the bill introduced at the last session, passed in the Senate after a fight. It in effect abolishes the system of compulsory vessels, which gives the Chamber of Commerce, Richmond, supplemented by pilots of Danville and other cities, memorialized the General Assembly to pass.

BILLS PRESENTED AND REFERRED.

Mr. Stubbs: To provide for the election of Adjutant-General of Virginia by the General Assembly of Virginia.

Mr. Miller: To allow H. W. Bland to establish a ferry from Shepherd's warehouse, in Queen county, across the Mattaponi.

Mr. Miller: To authorize the city of Lynchburg to build and operate a ferry across the Rappahannock river at Lynchburg.

Mr. Authering: A portion of the act to provide a free right of way for a bridge to be built at Fredericksburg.

Mr. Smoot: To authorize the supervisors of Page county to issue bonds for the purpose of retiring outstanding bonds.

Mr. Pleasants: To amend and reenact 2561 of the Code of 1887 relating to landlords and determinous owners.

Mr. Fellows: To incorporate the Southern Orphan Asylum. [The trustees of this institution are Right Rev. F. M. Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia, Rev. A. M. Randolph, assistant Bishop, Fitzhugh Lee, Thomas J. Kirkpatrick, Charles M. Blackford, T. M. Carter, J. Folkes, William M. Lile, F. T. Leonard Schafer, A. H. Burroughs, H. McKim, John S. Lindsay, G. Samuel Tyree, Alexander McDonald, A. Jaegar.]

Mr. Roberts: To appropriate the sum of $250 to the Southwestern Lunatic Asylum for the purpose of erecting additional buildings for the accommodation of the State; for obtaining a front entrance, and for enclosing grounds.

Mr. Farrell: To authorize the trustees of parsonage property of Hickford Methodist Episcopal church, South, to use the sum of $250 on said parsonage property and to secure the same by mortgage, &c.

Mr. Stubbs (by request): To incorporate the Newport News Fishing Club.

PRESENTED AND PASSED.

Mr. Arthur presented a bill, which under a suspension of the rules was advanced to third reading, incorporating the Bedford Land Company.

VACANT JUDGESHIPS.

The Chair laid before the Senate a communication from Governor Lee, in which he says:

I have the honor to report the following vacancies in the judgeships of the Commonwealth, which have occurred since the last session of the General Assembly: George T. Garrison, Judge of the County Court of Accomack, resigned July 1, 1889; H. T. Parrish, Judge of the County Court of Appomattox, resigned January 8, 1889; J. W. Parrish, Judge of the County Court of Louisa, resigned November 26, 1889; W. S. Pendleton, Judge of the County Court of Louisa, resigned November 23, 1889, to take effect January 1, 1890; Charles E. Stuart, Judge of the Corporation Court of Alexandria, died April 16, 1889. In this last case the vacancy was temporarily filled by the appointment of J. K. Norton to the office until his successor is elected.

Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Moore subsequently offered a joint resolution, which under a suspension of the rules was adopted, fixing 1 o'clock to-day as the time for filling these vacancies in the judiciary of the State, as well as that of Roanoke city, not embraced in the Governor's message.

There will be no caucus nominees, the representatives from the several districts having agreed whose names shall be presented. Judge Norton will be continued in Alexandria, Mr. Gillett be elected for Accomack, and Mr. George P. Barham will succeed Judge Yarrell in Greensville.

THE STATE'S INTEREST.

On motion of Mr. Sands it was resolved that the portion of Governor Lee's message relating to the State's interest in the stock and dividend bonds of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad Company be referred to the Committee on Finance with instructions to report by bill or otherwise.

BILLS PASSED.

Senate bill to provide for the working and keeping in order the roads in the county of Stafford.

House bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Norfolk City Railroad Company, approved July 8, 1870.

SPECIAL ORDER.

House bill amending the Code of Virginia in relation to the appointment of Commissioner of Agriculture was taken up and made the special order for to-day at 1 o'clock.

Adjourned at 1:40.

House of Delegates.

The House was called to order at 12 o'clock by Speaker Cardwell. No prayer.

Senate bill repealing the act declaring certain grounds under water known as the Hog-Island flats open and eligible for the planting and sowing of oysters was read for the first time.

Mr. Chambers, of Northumberland, moved to suspend the rules and place the bill on the calendar. In urging prompt action he submitted the following telegram:

SALISBURY, MD., December 14, 1889.

Governor Lee, Richmond:

Many thanks for the Senate's prompt action. I trust the House will act as promptly also.

E. E. JACKSON.

Mr. Curtis, of Richmond, opposed hasty action on so important a measure and asked that the bill be referred to the proper committee.

The motion to suspend the rules was lost.

SENATE BILLS PASSED.

Authorizing the Lynchburg and Durham Railroad Company to modify, alter, or amend the terms of the articles of consolidation under which the said company was formed.

Authorizing the Lynchburg and Durham Railroad Company to lease its railroad property and franchises.

Authorizing the Lynchburg and Durham Railroad Company to consolidate or merge its stock, property, and franchises with those of any railroad company operating or authorized to operate a connecting line of railroad in North Carolina or Virginia.

Increasing the power of the Lynchburg and Durham Railroad Company in the issue, sale, or other disposition of any of the shares of its capital stock.

Concerning judgments in behalf of the Commonwealth and executions thereon under the act for the recovery by motion of taxes and certain debts due the Commonwealth for the payment of which papers purporting to be genuine coupons have been tendered.

HOUSE BILLS PASSED.

To authorize the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company to aid in the development of business along its line by acquiring or guaranteeing the stock and bonds of mining, manufacturing, and other industrial enterprises connected therewith.

To authorize the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company to acquire or guarantee the stock and bonds of any steamship company or companies now or hereafter running to or from any port or ports in Virginia.

To authorize the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company to give deeds of trust or mortgages upon its works and property or any parts or branches thereof.

To authorize the union of the Chesapeake and Ohio and Richmond and Alleghany railroads by purchase, consolidation, or merger, and the issue of additional stock and bonds for that purpose.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED.

The following bills were presented in the House and referred:

By Mr. Ryan: To incorporate the Washington and Western Railroad Company. [The bill provides for a road to commence at a point on the Potomac river near Washington and to pass thence to a point on the Shenandoah Valley railroad to be hereafter determined. The corporators are Henry Fairfax, R. W. Jones, R. W. Moore, Frank P. Clark, Clarence H. Clark, F. I. Kimball, D. W. Flickner, W. C. Bullitt, and Joseph J. Doran.]

By Mr. Fields: To amend the Code in relation to the pay of judges, clerks, and commissioners of election. [The amendment provides for fifty cents additional per day.]

By Mr. Deaning: To amend the acts of Assembly in relation to the killing of partridges in Clarke county.

By same: To incorporate the Metompkin Fish and Game Association.

By same: To amend the Code in relation to the appointment of special police.

By Mr. Mason, of King George: To allow the citizens of a certain portion of King George county to vote for a levy for the use, free of toll, of a bridge to be built over the Rappahannock at Fredericksburg and to empower the Board of Supervisors to levy a tax for this purpose.

By Mr. Arnold: To amend section 1 of an act to give aid to soldiers, sailors, and marines of Virginia maimed or disabled in the war between the States and to widows of the same. [The amendment provides that the same help shall be given a widow whose husband was totally disabled in the war and has since died from the effects of his wounds as is given to a widow whose husband was killed in the war.]

By Mr. Keith: To prevent the collection of county claims after the expiration of two years.

By Mr. Hay: To amend sections 2345 and 2346 of the act to arrange and consolidate into a code the general statutes of Virginia.

REAL ESTATE AGENTS' PETITION.

Mr. Curtis presented a petition from the real estate agents of Richmond asking that the Legislature remove the tax of one fourth of 1 per cent. imposed upon real estate sales made by agents.

Referred.

THE CHRISTMAS RECESS.

Mr. Smoot communicated to the House that the Senate had passed a joint resolution that when they adjourn on next Friday it be to meet on the 1st day of January, 1890.

The House agreed to the resolution.

Adjourned at 1:30 o'clock.

JUDGMENT REVERSED.

Victory for the Western Union Telegraph Company Over State of Alabama.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, December 16.—The Supreme Court of the United States to-day rendered an opinion in the case of the Western Union Telegraph Company against the Secretary of State of Alabama and other State officers, brought here on an appeal from the decision of the Supreme Court of Alabama.

The question involved is the constitutionality of a law of Alabama imposing a tax upon the gross receipts of all telegraph companies for business done within the State. Under this act a telegraph company was taxed not only on the business done entirely within the State, but on messages sent to or received from other States. The court, in the opinion by Justice Miller, says that it is hardly worth while to make any discussion about the matter, as the court has six or eight times within as many years decided that messages sent from one State into another are not subject to taxation, because it would be an interference with inter-state commerce. The judgment is reversed.

A BARN BURNED.

Two Bodies Found Amid the Ruins—A Suicide.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

COXTOOCOOK, N. H., December 16.—The barn of Moses E. Dodge, a well-to-do farmer at Hopkinton, was burned about 2 o'clock this morning. Two bodies have been found in the ruins. They are those of Dodge and Alphonso Page, a neighbor. Page was on a protracted drunk, and it is thought he set the barn on fire and then committed suicide, as his throat was cut. Dodge was suffocated probably in trying to save his cattle.

The Tennessee and Virginia Boundary Line.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, December 16.—Attorney-General Ayers, of Virginia, to-day made a motion in the Supreme Court asking leave on behalf of the State of Virginia to file a bill in equity against the State of Tennessee to settle the boundary dispute between the two States. It is asserted in the motion of Attorney-General Ayers that Tennessee unlawfully claims jurisdiction over a stretch of land from two to eight miles in width, extending from the northern border of North Carolina to the borderline of Kentucky. The town of Bristol is one of the places situated within the disputed territory.

Caucus Abandoned.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, December 16.—The Democratic House caucus, which was called to meet to-night has been abandoned. It was the purpose of the caucus to determine what position, if any, the party should take in regard to the Silcott deficiency, and it was generally understood that a proposition was to be submitted that the Democrats assess themselves individually to make good the Republican losses. Mr. Holman circulated the call and secured the requisite number of signatures, but as it appeared that there was a strong opposition to the purpose for which the caucus was to be held it was abandoned.

Murdered.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

NORFOLK, VA., December 16.—Constable Mike W. Allen, of Norfolk county, was shot and killed in Atlantic City to-night by a man named Forbes, who the Constable was trying to arrest. Allen leaves a large family.

Goldsmith Maid's time—2:14—was beaten. The sale of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, never.

FARM MORTGAGES.

THE QUESTION OF COLLECTING STATISTICS REGARDING THEM.

A Controversy in the House—Why Republicans Object—No More Committees Yet—Personal.

[From Our Regular Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, December 16.—In the House to-day a bill supplying a deficiency of $250,000 for the printing needed at this time by the Census Bureau was taken up, and Mr. Bland, of Missouri, moved to put an amendment on the bill providing for the collection of the statistics of mortgages on the farming lands of the United States. Mr. Henderson, of Iowa, who had the bill in charge, made a point of order against the amendment of Mr. Bland, and the point was sustained, but Mr. Dockery, of Missouri, first made some remarks which brought on a controversy. Mr. Henderson, without being loaded with the actual facts, said in an offhand manner that it was not necessary to offer any such amendment, as it was understood that Mr. Porter, Superintendent of the Census, would collect these statistics anyway. Mr. Dockery then produced a letter from Mr. Porter, in which the latter said that he had no authority under the law to collect the farm-mortgage statistics. Mr. Dockery declined to discuss the point of order, but expressed the hope that in view of the refusal of the Superintendent of the Census to secure this valuable information that the House would at an early date pass such a bill. He has a measure of this kind already prepared, and will at the earliest possible moment introduce it and press it to passage.

MORE THAN THEIR SHARE.

This is a question which the Republicans will reluctantly agree to have taken up. Reliable statistics in regard to farm mortgages will show that the farmers of the West and South are made to bear more than their share of the expenses of the Government and that manufacturing centres in New England and the Middle States are making more money than they would make if there were a more equitable distribution of favors.

NO MORE COMMITTEES.

Speaker Reed did not announce any more of the standing committees of the House to-day, as was expected. It is now said that he will have them ready between now and Thursday. There is such a lively scuffle for the leading committee places that the Speaker is having a deal of trouble in satisfying the members of his own party.

Congressman Browne, of Virginia, to-day had one of his constituents appointed a messenger under the House Doorkeeper—a man named Winder. It is the first place that the member from the First district has secured in the distribution.

A WAR CLAIM.

Senator Barbour introduced a bill to-day directing that the claim of Robert N. Blake, of Virginia, for personal property alleged to have been taken from his farm on the Rappahannock river, adjoining Banks's ford, in Stafford county, in losing a portion of the Army of the Potomac, be referred to the Quartermaster-General for investigation and report the facts to Congress.

JUDGE BREWER.

The Senate Committee on the Judiciary have had little or no attention to the complaints filed against Judge Brewer, recently nominated to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court. The main opposition to his confirmation has come from the advocates of prohibition. The Voice, the organ of their party, has been attacking Judge Brewer because of his decision of two years ago in what were known as the Iowa cases. In that decision he ruled in favor of compensating certain brewers for the property which was practically confiscated by the State laws of Iowa and Kansas. The Prohibitionists have had representatives here doing what they could to bring about Judge Brewer's rejection by the Senate. The members of the Judiciary Committee, regardless of party feeling, are of the opinion that if the Prohibitionists of Iowa and Kansas did not like the decision rendered by the Circuit Judge they had the right to appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States. The senators hold that to reject Judge Brewer on any such account would be unjust and unwise, and would be an outrage upon the entire Federal judiciary.

Strange to relate the Washington Sentinel, the national organ of the breweries of the United States, is opposing the confirmation of Judge Brewer because he was appointed from a State in which the prohibition law is in force.

WELL-KNOWN LADY DEAD.

A telegram received here about 11 o'clock to-day from Danville, Ill., announced the sudden death of Mrs. Mary Cannon, the wife of Hon. Joseph G. Cannon, chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations. Mrs. Cannon was a most estimable lady, and had been spending the winters in Washington for the past sixteen years. She had a wide circle of acquaintances, and was regarded as one of the most intellectual women in the congressional social circle. She was a devout member of the Methodist Church, and at her home, in Danville, was among the most enthusiastic Christian workers. She was charitably inclined and ever interested in this work at home. Mr. Cannon was overwhelmed with grief upon hearing the sad news this morning. Ten minutes before the telegram came he was chatting pleasantly in Willard's Hotel lobby, and had just started to the Capitol when the terrible news was broken to him. He left for Danville this afternoon. His genial nature has won for him the highest esteem of both Republicans and Democrats in Congress, and there is universal sympathy expressed for him in this hour of bereavement.

PERSONAL.

J. W. Womack, of Richmond; W. E. Langford and W. B. Saunders, of Lynchburg, Va.; E. W. Lyon, of Raleigh; and W. A. Campbell, of Asheville, N. C., are registered at the Metropolitan.

N. C. Bispham, of Warrenton, and W. A. Stuart, of Saltville, Va., are at the National.

Hon. Holmes Conrad and Judge R. T. Barton, of Winchester, who have been in Richmond on legal business for several days, spent Sunday in Washington and left for home this morning.

Mr. George Barbour and the Misses Barbour, of Barboursville, Orange county, were among Virginia visitors in the city today.

F. W. Johnson, of Richmond; W. D. Spratley, of Petersburg, and Dr. J. L. Powell, of Virginia, are at the St. James.

SENATE EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Confirmations—Long Lists of Nominations Referred and Reports Read.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 16.—A great part of the Senate executive session of to-day was occupied by reference to appropriate committees of a long list of nominations sent in by the President and the reading of reports on nominations heretofore referred.

The nomination of Judge Brewer to be Associate Justice of the Supreme Court was received and placed on the calendar.

A number of diplomatic and consular nominations were confirmed, including that of Solomon Hirsch, of Oregon, to be Minister to Turkey. All of to-day's nominations, several hundred in number, are of persons appointed to office during the recess of Congress. The principal ones are:

Edward S. Lacey, of Michigan, to be Comptroller of the Currency.

Edward O. Leech, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Mint.

Thomas C. Mendenhall, of Indiana, Superintendent of the Coast and Geodetic Survey.

Jacob N. Patterson, of New Hampshire, Second Auditor of the Treasury.

William H. Hart, of Indiana, Third Auditor of the Treasury.

John R. Lynch, of Mississippi, Fourth Auditor of the Treasury.

Louis W. Habercom, of the District of Columbia, Fifth Auditor of the Treasury.

A DISPATCH TO STANLEY

From the Secretary of State Congratulating Him Upon His Success.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, December 16.—The Secretary of State has sent the following cable message to Explorer Stanley:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON, December 16, 1889.

Stanley, Zanzibar:

I am directed by the President of the United States to tender his congratulations to you upon the success which has attended your long tour of discovery through Africa and upon the advantages which may accrue therefrom to the civilized world.

BLAINE.

SENATE COMMITTEES.

Associate Justice Supreme Court—Changes in the Tariff.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, December 16.—The Senate Committee on Judiciary to-day ordered a favorable report to be made upon the nomination of David J. Brewer, of Kansas, to be Associate Justice of the Supreme Court.

The Ways and Means Committee held a meeting this morning and prepared to enter promptly upon work preliminary to the preparation of the tariff bill by providing for a number of hearings, at which the interests likely to be affected by the proposed changes of the customs laws may give their views. A resolution was adopted fixing the dates of hearing as follows: Metals, ores, and coal, Thursday, December 26th; sugar, Saturday, December 28th; chemicals, Monday, December 30th; earthen and glassware, Tuesday, December 31st; wool, Thursday, January 2d; manufacturers of wool, Friday, January 3d; flax, hemp, jute, and cotton goods, Saturday, January 4th; silks, Monday, January 6th; tobacco, cigars, snuff, and cigarettes, Tuesday, January 7th; provisions and farm products, Wednesday, January 8th; sundries, January 9th; wood, woodenware, books, and paper, January 10th.

RAILROAD ACCIDENTS.

Particulars Meagre, But Several Persons are Reported Killed.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

CHICAGO, December 16.—A report has just reached here to the effect that an accident had happened to a train on the line of the Chicago and Eastern Illinois railroad, near Englewood, in the southern part of the city. The particulars thus far received are very meagre. They are to the effect that four people have been killed and that the wrecked train is on fire.

The city fire department has been notified that the accident is near Oakdale. Four persons were killed and many injured. The train is said to have caught fire and many persons were injured in the flames. One or two persons are also said to have been roasted to death. The fire engines from Englewood and South Englewood have been called for.

An order was sent to Englewood to have every physician in that suburb sent to the scene of the wreck to care for the suffering. Oakdale is a small suburb town about three miles from South Englewood and about nine miles from Chicago. The train wrecked is said to have been the one in the suburban service.

Inquiry at the office of the Chicago and Eastern Illinois railroad elicited the statement that several persons had been injured, but that no one had been killed.

Authentic advices from the scene of the accident show that it is far less serious than was at first reported. There were no fatalities, and the train did not take fire. Engineer Murphy, of the suburban train, had one leg so badly mashed that amputation became necessary. The conductor and one passenger were slightly injured.

Killed in a Wreck.

INDIANAPOLIS, December 16.—The Ohio, Indianapolis and Chicago pay-car was wrecked three miles out of Covington, Ind., this morning by the breaking of an axle. Five persons occupied the coach: General Superintendent L. H. Wilson, Train-Master J. H. Cummins, Auditor W. W. Lyon, Cashier J. H. M. Claggett, and Frank Wilson, clerk to the paymaster. The train was whirling along at a terrific rate when the front axle of the pay-car gave way, precipitating the coach into a ditch by the side of the track. The engine remained on the rails, and its occupants escaped injury. General Superintendent Wilson and Train-Master Cummins were instantly killed. The bodies of both were horribly mutilated.

A Passenger Train Kills Three Men and Wounds One.

WILKESBARRE, PA., December 16.—This evening on the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad at Duryea, a few miles from here, a party of Polanders were walking home from work on the railroad when a passenger train ran directly into them from around a curve. One of the party was thrown aside and escaped with bad bruises. Three men were killed outright and were horribly mangled, and another so badly injured that he cannot recover. It is supposed that the men became confused in the darkness and stepped in front of the train instead of on the other track.

INFLUENZA IN NEW YORK.

Eight Cases in One Family—Contracted from a Family from Europe.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

NEW YORK, December 16.—Influenza has appeared in this city. It is stated that the disease is the same as that which has spread over Europe. Thus far eight cases have been reported to the Health Department and they are all in one family. The first victim, a young lady, was taken down Thursday last. It is supposed that she contracted the disease from a family who returned from Europe about ten days ago. Her first symptom was vertigo, speedily followed by headache and chills. Then she became deathly sick with pains in her limbs and muscles. This was succeeded by bronchial catarrh soreness of the throat and coughing, followed by fever and an exceedingly rapid pulse, which at times reached 120 to the minute. Since then seven other members of the family have been attacked by the disease, in all the cases the symptoms are said to be identical. The health officers say they are not surprised at its appearance here. It is not dangerous, but it tends to become epidemic all cases will be quarantined. The treatment is the spraying of the affected membrane freely and frequently with a solution of quinine and internal administration of quinine, belladonna, and camphor.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Resignation of Editor Stead—The Strikes—Other Items.

[By Anglo-American cable to the Dispatch.]

LONDON, December 16.—Mr. Stead has resigned his position as editor of the *Pall Mall Gazette*. He proposes to start a review.

THE STRIKE PARTIALLY OVER.

BERLIN, December 16.—In consequence of the Government having allowed the miners who were dismissed for disobedience to resume work the strike has ended at Reden, Itzenplatz, Koenig, Heinitz, Drechen, Kohlwald, and Schwalbach. It continues, however, at Dudweiler, Camphausen, Sulzbach, and Ilgersfreude.

THE STRIKE A FAILURE.

LONDON, December 16.—The strike of the employes of the South Metropolitan Gas Company has proved a failure, the company having filled all the strikers' places with non-union men. There have been no disturbances, and work at the gas-houses is proceeding quietly.

WANT TO GO BACK.

LONDON, December 16.—A committee of striking gas men at Manchester and Salford announce that their funds are exhausted and they advise the men to ask the companies to take them back in their employ.

Where He Got the Weapon.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, December 16.—D. N. Wolford, who keeps a cutlery store at No. 477 Pennsylvania avenue, Friday night sold Franklin B. Gowen the pistol with which he killed himself. The box of cartridges found in Gowen's room at Wormley's Hotel was ten short, and Mr. Wolford says the box of cartridges he sold with the pistol was not a full one.

Condensed Telegrams.

The London *Daily News* says of the Cronin trial: "The men sentenced for life are three of the vilest wretches ever left unhung."

The London *Daily Telegraph* characterizes the verdict in the Cronin trial as "surprising," but reflects that it must be thankful for small mercies.

Yesterday afternoon 250 white men employed as longshoremen at the National Line pier, New York, stopped work suddenly because negroes were being employed by the same company.

The preliminary examination of Thrasher, for the killing of Witkowsky, at Gainesville, Fla., last Tuesday, was ended there yesterday. The Court admitted the prisoner to bail in the sum of $10,000.

The Democratic members of the Montana Senate appeared in the Senate chamber yesterday and took the oath of office. The Democratic House has issued an invitation to the Republican House to come and join them.

Two bodies were taken from the Conemaugh river at Cooperdale Sunday and one yesterday morning. One of the bodies found has been identified as that of Walter K. Hopes, late secretary of the Johnson Company.

The Chamber of Commerce of this city has taken a census of opinions concerning the representation of Austria at the World's Fair in the United States, and the general sense of the answer is in favor of participation.

The reception at Minneapolis last night for the benefit of the *Tribune*-building fire sufferers was highly successful from a financial standpoint. The sale of tickets, which was managed by the Press Club, amounted to nearly $5,000.

A colored man with whom the Bucatunna train-robbers of Alabama stopped a few months ago for a few days preceding the robbery was taken by the express company agent to Aberdeen yesterday and identified by Rube Smith as one of them.

The London *Morning Post* commenting on the Cronin verdict says: "If the case shall result in a thorough awakening of public opinion in the United States to the moral character of the Clan-na-Gael this Cronin's life was not sacrificed wholly in vain."

The promoters of the Players' League met in New York yesterday and elected the following officers: President, Colonel E. A. McAlpin, New York; Vice-President, John Addison, Chicago, Ill.; Secretary and Treasurer, F. H. Brunell, Chicago. A committee of five on playing rules was also appointed.

A special from St. Joseph to the Kansas *Journal* says: Julius Hoper was shot to-day by Louisa Epperson at the home of the young lady, about five miles below Bakersville. Hoper had been twitting Miss Epperson about her numerous admirers, and so enraged her that she threatened to kill him if he did not desist. He repeated it yesterday, when she shot and killed him.

Hesitate not, make no delay, but buy and use at once Salvation Oil. It kills all pain.

THE ANCIENT CAPITAL.

Legislative Visitors—The Powder-Horn—Personal.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

WILLIAMSBURG, VA., December 16, 1889.

On Wednesday the ancient capital will be visited by about thirty members of that honorable body the Legislature of Virginia, composing the Senate Committee on Public Institutions and Education and the House committees on Education and on Asylums and Prisons. The object of the visit is to inspect the State institutions located here, Eastern Lunatic Asylum, and College of William and Mary. The committees will be entertained during their visit.

THE POWDER-HORN.

Work on that ancient and dilapidated, octagon-shaped brick building known as the powder-magazine has at last commenced, and the effort so auspiciously begun by the Colonial Capital Branch of the Association for Preservation of Virginia Antiquities to rescue from demolition and to beautify and to preserve it as a permanent memorial of colonial times is to be commended.

Y. M. C. A.

A branch of the Young Men's Christian Association has been organized among the college students and has about forty names on the roll. The association meets Sunday evenings at the college chapel, and will no doubt be productive of much good among the young men. The officers are: President, F. C. Williams; Vice-President, Z. S. Farland; Recording Secretary, A. R. Chinn; Corresponding Secretary, R. A. Lynn; Treasurer, C. Barrett.

PERSONAL.

Dr. E. G. Booth, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Lucy, a very pretty and attractive young lady, take their departure at an early date for an extended southern tour. They expect to be gone several weeks and will visit New Orleans during the Mardi-Gras festival.

Mr. R. C. Steptoe, of Jefferson county, W. Va., is a guest at the Grove on a hunting trip.

Miss Julia Spencer, who has been spending some time in Montgomery county, is here for the winter visiting relatives. Miss Spencer will early in the spring start on an extended European tour.

Mr. John Coupland, of West Point, Va., is visiting his sister, Mrs. H. L. Hundley. John is an old Williamsburg boy, and on his visits to his old home receives a hearty welcome from his old chums.

Miss Jennie Hall, of Richmond, is the guest of Professor and Mrs. Hall, on Nicholson avenue.

Danville Notes.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

DANVILLE, December 16.—Mrs. Elizabeth Covington, widow of Thomas Covington, of Caswell, died at her home in that county yesterday. She was a mother of J. G. and James M. Covington, well-known business men of Danville.

The late Dr. Richard White, of Chatham, was buried at Chatham yesterday afternoon with Masonic honors.

The liver and kidneys must be kept in food condition. Hood's Sarsaparilla is a great remedy for regulating these organs.

DEATHS.

COOK.—Died, at his residence, in New Kent county, December the 15th, at 4 o'clock P. M., in the seventy-sixth year of his age, Colonel R. P. COOK.

FRENCH.—Died, December 15th, at 1:30 A. M., at the residence of his mother, 212 east Marshall street, HENRY R. K. FRENCH, youngest child of Stella C. and the late R. B. French; aged five years and eight months.

Funeral from the residence THIS MORNING (Tuesday) at 11 o'clock.

MOORE.—Died, at 4:20 o'clock A. M. December 16, 1889, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Gibson, 129 south Cherry street, Mrs. MARY A. MOORE.

Funeral services TUESDAY MORNING, December 17, 1889, at 11 o'clock, at the house. Friends and acquaintances respectfully invited to attend. No flowers.

RAMOS.—Died, Monday, December 16, 1889, at 9:30 A. M., JAMES, infant son of James V. and Lottie Page Ramos.

In Memoriam.

Died, in Washington, D. C., December 13, 1889, EDWARD A. DAVIS, aged twenty-seven years, brother of George S. Davis, of this city.

He was a native of Richmond, Va. He leaves a sorrowing widow and one child as well as grief-stricken relatives and scores of friends, who deeply deplore his death. He died a Christian, having connected himself years ago with Mt. Moriah Baptist church, Rev. Dr. W. C. Bultitt, pastor, of which he was an essential great of the land, his congenial smile and sincerity of friendship made him house of friends. He had been sick for the past eighteen months, and had travelled to the far sunny South and other places hoping to improve his health; but the tender nursing and unceasing devotion and constant attention of his loving wife and solicitude of his legions of friends, as well as the fervent prayers of anxious hearts for his recovery, were of no avail, for his noble spirit has been transplanted to another realm, there to bask in the bright beams of God's eternal smiles. He saw death approaching, and although his devotion to his affectionate wife and family was undying, yet he cheerfully submitted to Heaven's decrees and meekly said, "Lord, Thy will be done." His precious soul was borne on angels' wings across Jordan's cold stream into the arms of a loving Saviour.

He left a smile upon his face that all was well. The sweet sounds of his feeble voice during his illness singing "Nearer my God to Thee," "There is a Fountain Filled with Blood," and "Sowing the Seed," still echo in our ears. His funeral took place Sunday morning in Washington, Rev. Frank Gardner and Rev. E. A. Swanson officiating. His remains were then borne by loving hands to the Baltimore and Potomac railroad to Lowden Park cemetery, Baltimore, there to await the final resurrection day, when his noble deeds and Christian character will constitute one of the sparkling gems that will decorate the crown of Jesus at his second coming. Peace to his ashes. We miss thee, husband, father, brother, friend. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

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[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

RAIN

WASHINGTON, December 16.—For Virginia, light rain, warmer, southerly winds, cooler and fair on Wednesday.

THE WEATHER IN RICHMOND YESTERDAY was fair.

Range of Thermometer Yesterday:

6 A. M.	32
9 A. M.	36
Noon.	52
3 P. M.	55
6 P. M.	48
Midnight.	44
Mean temperature.	44½

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

NEW YORK, December 16.—The stock market was again listless and dull, and all interest in speculation was supplied by the operations by the bears, who were more aggressive than for the past week. The great disinclination to trade pending the holidays gave them an opportunity to make a demonstration against the market, but as usual of late the better class of securities was left severely alone, and the efforts at depression were directed against a few stocks in which weakness was most to be expected. The death of Mr. Gowen was made the occasion of a rumor that his holdings of Reading stock and junior securities would come upon the market, and during the forenoon especially considerable pressure was brought upon the stock. In all there was less success than among the incomes, and the attack was ext