# NATIONAL CAPITAL.

## WHAT IS TRANSPIRING UNDER THE DOME.

**The Staunton Postmastership—The President's Nomination—Minor Mention.**

[From Our Regular Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, April 10.—The House was engaged nearly all day on the regular naval-appropriation bill and did not reach any of the contested-election cases until late in the day.

The President to-day sent to the Senate the nomination of Edward McMahon to be postmaster at Staunton, Va. It was practically agreed as long ago as November by the department officials to appoint Major McMahon, but from some cause or other the nomination has not been forthcoming until now. There were numerous applicants for the position, among the number being several rampant Mahoneites, all of whom were doomed to get left when they first started out in search of the office. Major McMahon is a railroad contractor and has always been a moderate sort of Republican. The department officials here took quite a fancy to Major McMahon, and it was telegraphed the *Dispatch* in November last that his selection had been agreed upon.

Speaker Reed told some Republicans the other day that he was of the opinion that Congress would adjourn by the 1st of July. Other prominent Republicans do not agree with him. They think that it will be impossible to finish the work of the session before the 1st of August.

The river and harbor bill is almost completed. The list of appropriations will probably be given to the public on Saturday or Monday. It is thought the bill will carry aggregate appropriations of nearly $50,000,000.

### A CELEBRATED CASE

**That Has Occupied the Attention of Congress.**

[From Our Regular Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, April 10.—In response to the resolution of Senator Spooner, the Secretary of War has transmitted to the Senate all the papers bearing on the loyalty of Joseph H. Maddux, of Alexandria, Va., during the war. They are voluminous, and the claim of the family against the Government is a large one. Joseph H. Maddux is dead, and his widow, Mrs. Laura E. Maddux, is seeking to have the estate paid what she claims is due to her late husband, whose goods were seized. The Senate report is favorable, but Mr. Spooner seems to think that Maddux was a Confederate sympathizer. The last Congress passed the bill, and Mr. Cleveland vetoed it. The matter has been pending many years before Congress. The goods seized consisted of 6,000 boxes of tobacco, 350 barrels of turpentine, and 700 barrels of rosin. The goods were seized near Richmond. The point at issue is that although Maddux claims to have been loyal the Government is not liable, as the authority given licensed traders during the war did not make the Government liable for the losses. Many persons claim that this was the case, but President Cleveland thought different. A favorable report has been made to the Senate this session on the claim and the bill has passed that body.

### THE INTERNAL-REVENUE LAWS.

**A Favorable Report on Mr. Henderson's Bill to Ameliorate Them.**

[From Our Regular Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 10.—The House Committee on the Judiciary to-day made a favorable report on the bill introduced by Mr. Henderson, of North Carolina, to amend the internal-revenue laws. A majority and a minority report have been written out to accompany the measure. The bill is a highly important one, and the general features of the proposed changes in the laws are discussed at length. The proposed changes are intended for the benefit of people who have been unnecessarily prosecuted if not persecuted and to make the regulations bear as lightly upon the people as possible, while at the same time duly observing the provisions of the statutes. The reports are unusually interesting.

**Postal and Personal.**

[From Our Regular Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, April 10.—Fourth-class postmasters for Virginia have been appointed as follows: Maggie G. Gwin, Cowardin, Bath county, vice C. Richarson, removed; Lee Todd, Speer's Ferry, Scott county, vice G. W. Bell, removed; R. A. Hickman, San Rise, Bath county, vice L. E. Hickman, deceased.

Post-offices have been established as follows:

Virginia—Friar, Amherst county, Minnie M. Fitzpatrick postmaster; Glasgow, Rockbridge county, Charles P. Nair postmaster.

North Carolina—Dorsey, Swain county, William A. Dorsey postmaster.

William J. Wilson, and wife of Richmond, are registered at the National.

J. J. Burgess, of Norfolk, C. W. Gooch, of Lynchburg, and F. C. Cooper, of Eagle Rock, Va., are registered at the Metropolitan.

### THE PAN-AMERICANS.

**Recommendations as to Port Dues and an International American Bank.**

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, April 10.—To-day the Pan-American Conference took up and disposed of the reports of the Committee on Customs Union, adopting the report of the majority with three dissenting votes—those of the Argentine Republic, Chili, and Paraguay. The report adopted recommends that reciprocity treaties be negotiated between the several republics of the American hemisphere, each making tariff concessions so that the peculiar products of them all may be introduced free into the others.

The Committee on Port Dues reported that owing to special conditions prevailing in the ports of several nations in respect to the services for which charges are made, it is impracticable to completely abolish the charges now imposed upon vesssels in the shape of dues.

RECOMMENDATION AS TO PORT DUES.

The committee recommends:

First. That all port dues be merged into a single one to be known as tonnage dues.

Second. That this one charge shall be assessed upon the total carrying capacity of the vessel.

Third. That each Government fix for itself the amount to be charged as tonnage dues, but with due regard to the general policy of the conference upon the subject, which is to facilitate and favor navigation.

Fourth. That there be excepted from the provisions of the article dues charged, or to be charged, under unexpired contracts with private companies.

Fifth. That the following shall be exempt from tonnage dues: 1. Transports and vessels of war. 2. Vessels of less than twenty-five tons. 3. Vessels which shall have been compelled to put into port by reason of damages suffered at sea. 4. Yachts and other pleasure boats. The report was adopted.

The conference at the time of adjournment had under consideration the report of the Committee on Banking. In this the committee says that the future development of the commercial relations between North, South, and Central America will depend as largely upon the complete and prompt development of international banking facilities as upon any other single condition.

AN INTERNATIONAL AMERICAN BANK.

This question is discussed at much length, and in conclusion the committee "recommends to the Governments here represented the granting of concessions for international banking, and especially recommends the establishment of an international American bank, to be organized under a United States national charter, with branches or agencies in the several represented countries," and as incident thereto suggests to the delegates of the United States the desirability of submitting this report to the President of the United States with a view that, should he deem it proper, he may recommend to the Congress of the United States the enactment of a charter for an international American bank for the benefit and enlargement of the commerce of the Americas.

### OUR FARMS.

**Report of the Federal Department of Agriculture on Products and Domestic Animals.**

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, April 10.—The condition of winter wheat on the 1st of April, as reported by the statistician of the Department of Agriculture, averages 81 for the entire breadth. The general average for rye is 92.8. Seeding was late in the States of the Central Valley because of drought, and the soil was therefore not in the best condition; but the mild winter continued the growth until the plants were too luxuriant to withstand the usual vicissitudes of March. Recent frosts have cut down the growing plants quite generally, and in wet or submerged areas the roots have been destroyed. There are reports of recuperation by sprouting and renewed growth in this region. Where the roots are intact great improvement will follow with good weather. The fact that the roots are so well developed is favorable to this improvement.

In the South the soil was generally in better condition, and early-sown developed rapidly and in December and January suffered more or less from attacks of the Hessian fly. March frosts were very general, discoloring and sometimes killing the plants down to the ground, but not injuring the roots except in wet places.

The crop looks brown in New York, but the State agent believes it is better than it looks. The other Middle States return wheat in good condition.

The Pacific coast has had an extraordinary amount of rain and snow, which have delayed seeding and injured early-sown areas. The averages of condition of the principal States are as follows: New York, 88; Pennsylvania, 99; Ohio, 87; Michigan, 67; Indiana, 75; Illinois, 75; Missouri, 83; Kansas, 87, and California, 71.

The report of the condition of farm animals makes averages as follows: Horses, 97.4; cattle, 94.1; sheep, 93.7; swine, 95.6. The percentage of losses of farm animals by disease, winter exposure, or otherwise as estimated, averages 1.64 for horses, 3.04 for cattle, 7.3 for sheep, and 7.6 for swine. The losses from winter exposure of cattle have been very heavy in the Rocky Mountain belt and on the Pacific coast. While it is difficult to get information from the ranches it is certain that Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, and California have lost heavily in both herds and flocks by the severities and deep snows of the winter, which has been one of remarkable mildness east of the mountains. Reports indicate the loss by exposure throughout the country of more than a million cattle and still larger losses of sheep.

### MR. RANDALL.

**He is Kept in a Semi-Conscious Condition by Means of Opiates.**

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, April 10.—Mr. Randall is said to be resting somewhat easier this morning, but his condition is unchanged from that of yesterday. His physician remained at the house during the entire night for the first time in his illness. The patient is kept in a semi-conscious condition by means of opiates.

THE END IN SIGHT.

Representative Randall continues to grow weaker and weaker. The end is in sight; but no one can tell how much longer he may be able to continue his struggle for life. An hour may witness his last moments or he may prolong them for several days yet. He retains strength enough to move about in bed, but life is now hardly more than mere existence. He has not for two weeks been without fever. He takes his nourishment well. There was no change in his condition this afternoon from that indicated in the morning dispatch.

WEAKER THAN IN THE MORNING.

This evening Mr. Randall's strength has suffered another depletion, and he is weaker than in the morning. He had a recurrence of the diarrheal attack during the afternoon, but it was checked—at least temporarily. At 8.30 o'clock he was resting more comfortably. The attack of the afternoon had relieved the septicæmia, which has now become one of the worst features of the case, and his mind was more than usually clear and bright. It has been stated that Mr. Randall was unconscious most of the time, but Dr. Mallan said to-night that this was not so. He recognized all about him and occasionally spoke, but any tendency to conversation on his part was restrained as far as possible. Dr. Mallan and Dr. Lincoln had a consultation this afternoon and they were the only persons outside the family who saw him with the exception of Postmaster-General Wanamaker, who makes daily visits to the sick man.

CONDITION OF THE SICK MAN AT MIDNIGHT.

At midnight Mr. Randall was resting easily and there was no further change in his condition.

### THE OLD DOMINION LEAGUE.

**The Case Against Its President for Violation of the Civil-Service Law.**

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, April 10.—In the case of the Old Dominion Republican League, against the officers of which action has been instituted in the courts of the District for violations of the United States civil-service law, it has been determined to waive all further proceedings and to admit the statement of facts on the part of the defendant, C. A. Newton, president of the league, in order that the same may be passed upon in a higher court and a final decision had in the Supreme Court of the United States. Newton, who is not a Government officer, and who is charged with a violation of the civil-service law by soliciting contributions of Government employes for campaign purposes, will test the right under the civil-service law to solicit such contributions by one not in the employment of the Government, and also the test-question whether the sending of a letter by such a one to a Government employe and the delivery thereof on his desk is a solicitation such as is forbidden by the twelfth section of the civil-service law; and if it is a solicitation, whether that law is consistent with the Constitution of the United States. Newton's case is important, as it involves personal rights as well as grave constitutional questions. Colonel W. E. Sims, of Virginia; A. K. Brown, of Washington, and A. Worth Spates, of Baltimore, have been retained as counsel for Newton. It is expected that W. W. Dudley and Representative Houck, of Tennessee, will be associated with them in the case.

### THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE.

**The Tariff Bill to Be Favorably Reported as It Stands.**

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, April 10.—According to the arrangement made when the tariff bill was laid before the Ways and Means Committee by the Republican members ten days ago, it was called up for final disposition, so far as the committee is concerned this morning. Without reading the long bill, a direct vote was taken upon the question of reporting it to the House with favorable recommendation just as it stands. The result was that the report was ordered by a party vote. Chairman McKinley desired to make the report to the House at once, but as Mr. Carlisle stated that he had not quite completed the report of the minority, and desired a few days' time, the understanding was reached that the bill should be reported to the House Monday next. The committee will have another meeting on that day, and will endeavor to adopt a programme for debate in the House.

A PROVISION COVERING "ART SQUARES."

John Sloan, of New York, made a brief argument to-day before the committee in favor of incorporating in the bill a specific provision covering art squares, a new kind of carpet, to equalize the duty with the increase made in the case of other carpets.

### FOR STRIKING A PRIVATE.

**An Officer of the Army to Be Publicly Reprimanded.**

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, April 10.—The court-martial which tried Lieutenant Steele at Chicago for conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman in striking Private Dell P. Wild found him guilty and sentenced him to be reprimanded and to be confined within the limits of his post for three months. The proceedings and findings of the court have been approved by Major-General Schofield, as commander of the Division of the Missouri, and he will issue an order publicly reprimanding Lieutenant Steele. This will be the final disposition of the case, as it is not one that calls for any action on the part of the President or the Secretary of War.

**It Was Not Reached.**

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 10.—The naval appropriation bill monopolized the whole day in the House, and the Waddill-Wise election case was therefore not reached. It will be called up to-morrow.

**New Postmaster for Staunton.**

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, April 10.—The President to-day nominated Edward McMahon to be postmaster for Staunton Va.

**A Rascal in the Tolls.**

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

WINNIPEG, MAN., April 10.—R. E. H. Smith, who left New York in January last with a woman and afterwards cashed bogus checks on the Bank of Natchez, Miss., for $30,000, was arrested here by a Pinkerton detective yesterday. Smith was an employe of the Corbin Banking Company of New York, and is said to be a defaulter to a considerable extent to that institution. He was caught at Vancouver by the detective after being followed through Mexico and California, and was induced to return to the States without extradition. When they reached here Smith began to waver and was disposed to remain on Canada soil and fight any legal proceedings that might be brought against him, but finally gave in. Smith, his female companion, and the detective left for Natchez this morning *via* St. Paul. Smith has squandered about $20,000.

**A Fatal Accident.**

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

CHARLESTON, W. VA., April 10.—Grant England while unloading ties at the Kanawha and Ohio incline had his hip, shoulders, and back broken by ties falling on him. He died a few minutes afterward.

Despondency caused by a diseased liver can be avoided by taking Simmons Liver Regulator.

# THE OLD DOMINION.

## NEWS GATHERED FROM THE STATE AT LARGE.

**The Recent Suicide in Chesterfield County—Items Caught Up.**

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

PETERSBURG, April 10, 1890.

Mr. J. W. Warren, who committed suicide in Chesterfield county on Tuesday, was well known in this city and was highly esteemed by those who knew him intimately. He was a Mason and had recently obtained a transfer-card with the view of joining one of the lodges here. He had been bright and hopeful up to the past few weeks and his family had no idea that his mind was disordered. Justice Perkins, of Ettrick, who presided at the inquest yesterday, told the *Dispatch* correspondent, however, that from personal observation he had every reason to believe that the unfortunate man had not been entirely sane for some time past. The body of the suicide was interred in Chesterfield county. Mr. Warren is said to have been well connected in the North.

### THE HILL CITY.

**An Option on the Street Railway.**

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

LYNCHBURG, VA., April 10.—A sixty-day option was to-day taken on the street-railway line by the New York Construction Company. The price agreed upon was $25 per share. It is understood to-night that the option money was paid in cash. In addition to the price paid for the road the syndicate will have to take up a mortgage of $11,000 on the property. As soon as the new company get possession they will lay a new track, put on electric cars, and run a belt line extending through the property of West and South Lynchburg. Voluntary subscriptions to the amount of $95,000 have been made for the establishment of a car-plant. A committee of business-men have been appointed to canvass the city, and it is thought the whole amount, $150,000, can be raised in a few hours.

### HILL CITY JOTTINGS.

**Matters Caught Up at Lynchburg.**

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

LYNCHBURG, April 10.—Willie Sherwood, a little school-boy, was terribly bitten by a vicious dog this morning on the street. The dog was with difficulty beaten off.

Three convicts were carried through here this morning by a guard from the West Virginia penitentiary. They escaped several weeksago, and were captured yesterday near Pelham, N. C. Two were under sentence for house-breaking and the third was a life-prisoner for murder.

A colored man and a colored woman, while fishing in the river in a small boat just below Buchanan yesterday were caught in the storm and the boat capsized and both were drowned.

It is reported here that a big fight occurred at Appomattox yesterday among the colored excursionists, and many broken heads and slashed bodies was the result.

A large moccasin-snake was killed in Campbell county yesterday, and after its head had been mashed it was noticed that a large lump about midway of the body seemed to shift its position. After a little while a large toad made its way out and hopped off apparently unhurt.

The storm yesterday was very severe on the line of the Lynchburg and Durham and several dwelling houses are reported blown down, barns demolished, and fencing scattered in every direction.

A large number of capitalists from Roanoke, Buena Vista, Buchanan, Glasgow, and other points came here to-day for the purpose of organizing a central city land and improvement company at Buchanan. A meeting is being held to-night.

The section-master on the Three C's road at Osborne's Ford was instantly killed a few days ago while passing over a grade near large projecting stones. From some cause one became detached and fell on his head, crushing his skull to pulp.

The first locomotive will reach Big-Stone Gap on the 20th instant on the South Atlantic road. The entire grading has been completed and track-laying is being pushed night and day. A big welcome will be given the first train.

### THE RAPPAHANNOCK.

**A Heavy Wind-, Hail-, and Rain-Storm Therealong.**

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., April 10.—The steamer Essex, from Norfolk, which reached here to-night, brought intelligence that a heavy wind-, hail-, and rain-storm prevailed all along the river yesterday, doing considerable damage at Tappahannock, where it was severest, blowing up a large number of trees, unroofing barns, and otherwise causing considerable damage.

A DROWNING AND A NARROW ESCAPE THEREFROM.

At that place also a negro named Holmes was drowned and young McDaniel narrowly escaped from a like fate. They were both in a boat fishing when the squall struck them, which upset the boat, throwing them in the river. McDaniel saved himself by clinging to the oars.

THE BRIDGE QUESTION.

To-night another unsuccessful attempt was made to have a meeting of the City Council on the bridge question, but the holters, as heretofore, prevented it. It is rumored, however, that there will probably be a meeting to-morrow night, as the minority will then have their report ready.

### SCARED BY A TRAIN

**And a Rather Serious Accident to a Lady.**

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

STAUNTON, VA., April 10.—Miss Kate Bushong, whose home was near New Hope, Va., in Augusta county, but for several years attached to the Western Lunatic Asylum as director in the sewing department, received painful injuries yesterday as she was, with an escort, leaving the grounds near the asylum in a buggy, the horse becoming frightened at a passing railroad train. Her scalp was painfully lacerated and her right leg broken at the ankle joint. The young man driving the horse was also hurt. Miss Bushong had proceeded but a short distance when the accident occurred. She was immediately carried to the asylum and her wounds dressed and every attention rendered. She is thought to be doing well to-day in view of the severe shock to her system and the painful injuries received.

### BROWNSBURG TRAGEDY.

**How the Affair Was Ended in Court.**

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

LEXINGTON, April 10.—George and David Miller and John Reese, three of the principals in the Brownsburg homicide, charged with the murder of Dr. and Mrs. Z. J. Walker, November 8, 1889, in the Walker-Miller affair, were brought in the County Court this morning for trial. They had been out on bail, and when the case was called the Attorney for the Commonwealth entered a *nolle prosequi*. The prisoners were discharged and their bondsmen released. This ends the famous case, William and James Miller having been previously acquitted. The action of the court in dismissing these cases gives general satisfaction.

### ON THE DAN.

**Public-School Buildings—The Farmers' Alliance.**

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

DANVILLE, VA., April 10.—The public-school buildings for white scholars are inadequate. The Council has at last decided to erect buildings more suitable. At a meeting of that body held this evening the first step in that direction was taken, and bids for designs, &c., have been asked for. The buildings will doubtless be erected on the grounds now used for public schools.

A largely-attended secret meeting of the Border Farmers' Alliance, composed of nearly 300 delegates from the border counties of Virginia and North Carolina, was held here to-day.

### A PROJECT.

**What ex-Governor Fitz Lee is Negotiating For.**

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

LEXINGTON, VA., April 10.—Ex-Governor Fitzhugh Lee, president of the Rockbridge Company, is in negotiation with the owner of the famous Ponce de Leon Hotel, of Florida, looking to the building at the city of Glasgow of a palace hotel, to cost half a million, on the plan of the Florida house, and to be run as a summer-house in connection with the Florida winter resort. This arrangment, if closed, will not interfere with the big hotel now being built by the company in Glasgow.

**A Fire.**

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

LEXINGTON, April 10.—The residence of Mr. Devier was partially destroyed by fire this evening, owing to a defective flue. Loss, $1,000; no insurance. This is the second fire in three years.

**Petersburg Points.**

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

PETERSBURG, April 10, 1890.

The majority of Democratic voters here are entirely satisfied with the conclusion reached by the City Central Committee. It is quite well understood that, considering the conditions which obtain here in municipal politics, a city convention is in every respect preferable to a primary.

David Tazewell, a negro laborer employed at Oak's warehouse, was this morning sentenced to sixty days' imprisonment in jail for stealing tobacco from the warehouse.

**Sold for a Big Price.**

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

NORFOLK, VA., April 10.—The tract of land belonging to the Eureka Improvement Company, an organization of colored people, of which the famous Dr. Thomas Bayne, of Reconstruction Convention memory, was president, was sold to-day for $58,000. The tract contains thirty-one acres and cost the company $1,500. The property was sold for division.

**Virginia News Notes**

The city of Petersburg was threatened with a heavy storm yesterday afternoon and the thermometer fell fully 15 degrees. Beyond a severe wind-storm, however, no damage was inflicted.

Pursuant to advertisement the old furniture in the custom-house at Petersburg was yesterday sold at public auction. Valuable desks and other office furniture were disposed of at the cheapest figures, and the whole amount realized did not, approximately, represent one fifth of the actual and original cost of the articles disposed of.

## NEWS OF THE OLD NORTH STATE.

**Child Tramps—Death of a Finland Missionary—High Winds, &c.**

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

RALEIGH, N. C., April 10.—Last December a white man named Isaac Cook with his wife and four children left Wayne county for Arkansas. He and his wife died several weeks ago and the four children, two boys and two girls, started on a long tramp back to their old home. Yesterday they arrived in Wayne county and are now with relatives. The age of the oldest is only fourteen years. They walked the entire distance.

Last June Rev. Charles Carlstrum left Wilmington as a missionary to Finland under the auspicies of the Methodists. News was received yesterday of his death last month from dropsy brought on by exposure during his missionary tours, most of which were made on foot. His wife and little child will return to Wilmington. He was a native of Finland, but had lived in North Carolina many years.

News has been received of a desperate attack by convicts in Rockingham county upon a guard named B. H. McKinzie. He was seized suddenly by one convict when three others attacked him. He was knocked down and badly beaten and robbed of $75. His revolver was stolen by the convicts, who then made their escape.

High winds prevailed throughout the State to-day, and are followed by cold weather. There is every prospect of a heavy frost to-morrow morning, which will do further damage to fruits, grasses, and vegetables already so seriously hurt.

### RALEIGH'S REGISTER.

**Scattering Notes Picked Up at the North State Capital.**

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

RALEIGH, N. C., April 10, 1890.

Very earnest efforts will be made to secure an enlargement of the Insane Asylum here. There are hundreds of insane in poorhouses and jails, many of whom are in a deplorable situation. The capacity of the asylum should be doubled, so that it can contain 500 or 550 patients. The authorities of the counties are already moving in the matter, and it will be one of the special matters which will be brought to the attention of the Legislature.

The people of Reidsville vote next Monday on the question of issuing bonds for the construction of water-works.

A young white man named Gowen is in jail at Greensboro' on a charge of stealing $1 in Rockingham county.

Fanny Ellington, a well-known woman of Reidsville, was found dead yesterday.

The pupils of the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville by invitation spent Easter at Trinity College, and were most hospitably entertained.

Prominent negroes tell me that, as matters now look, not over two thirds of their people will vote this year. They feel no interest in politics, they say, and their chief desire is to in some way repay the white Republicans for bad treatment.

Some tobacco-growers are reported to be so much discouraged by the scarcity of plants that they will plant corn on their tobacco lands. The ravages of the insects (the fly) in the plant-beds continue.

The wheat crop is reported to be an entire failure in parts of Granville county.

The losses by forest fires in various parts of the State during the past thirty days are unusually large. Some of the eastern counties have lost a great deal of valuable timber.

Eight schooners from Virginia loaded with oysters were on Monday permitted to pass Coinjock bridge without molestation. Many vessels have been seized there and the oysters confiscated, while the captains were fined.

It is stated that Frank P. Broadaway, the man who murdered Lee Craver in Davidson county, is now in Tennessee—it is believed in the vicinity of Nashville. Every effort is being made to capture him. The State reward is $200.

Track-laying on the Winston-Salem railway will begin next week.

There was a phenomenal hail-storm and rain-storm at Winston last evening. Many people believed that there was a cloud-burst. The hail-stones were as large as partridge-eggs.

Two of the party of five revenue officers who were charged with shooting and killing Henry McManner, the negro school-teacher, in Orange county, have been bound over to the Federal Court. The other three officers have been discharged, there being no evidence that they were concerned in the shooting. The two bound over are Kirkpatrick and Patterson.

It is said that Cadet David Worth Cowles, who committed suicide Tuesday at Oxford, was deeply in love with a young lady there and that out of this grew his melancholy state of mind.

General Robert B. Vance will deliver the annual address before the students of Rutherford College May 21st. There are over 200 students at this college.

### SCOTLAND NECK GATHERINGS.

**Work of an Immigration Agent—Low Water, &c.**

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

SCOTLAND NECK, N. C., April 10, 1890.

An immigration agent who took fifty negroes from this place yesterday morning was knocked down at the depot and "scared out of his boots." He was not hurt, but will not return. The white people do not care how many of the negroes leave, but are determined not to allow labor further disturbed, if possible, until after crops are made and housed, and they may all leave if they wish.

The Pasquotank Rifles have a larger company than they have ever had before, and there are new applications coming for membership. There will probably be another company formed.

The farmers of Camden are reversing the order of most of the eastern counties. The acreage in cotton will be larger than usual, whereas in most of the other counties it will be smaller.

One thousand blue fish were recently caught in Dare county and the net sale was $500.

A new steamboat line is being projected from Montea to Elizabeth City.

Thirty families left Washington county a few days ago for the Southwest. Forest fires have been doing damage in that county.

Mr. Charles Sawyer, of Tyrrell county, fell a few days ago with a fit and was drowned in a ditch.

VERY LOW.

The water in the Upper Cape Fear is reported very low.

A colored man by the name of Peter Williams was found dead in Newberne. He was subject to epileptic fits and it was the verdict of the inquest that he came to his death from falling, caused by fit.

Newberne has new electric lights, and the people are very jubilant over their success.

Mr. F. W. Barnes, near Wilson, lost his saw-mill, cotton-gin, and 3,000 bushels of cotton-seed by fire last Monday.

Preparations are being made to replace the schooner William, which was burned at Shalliote on March 31st.

ESCAPED JAIL.

A man named John Williams escaped jail at Southport this week. He got hold of some tools and hid them until he got a chance to use them. The jail was being repaired.

A LIBERAL PROPOSITION

Mr. S. P. Swain, of Southport, offers to donate to any railroad that will accept in thirty days ample accommodations for depots, wharves, warehouses, &c., that may be needed for the convenience of a railroad terminal or railroad connections.

Every county in North Carolina has alliance organizations except New Hanover.

The Farmers' Alliance of Pitt county have nearly perfected plans to build a warehouse in Greenville.

The bugs are destroying the potato crop in Pitt county. Their first appearance last year was on the 17th of April, while this year they appeared on the 2d.

Why suffer with sick headache and biliousness when Simmons Liver Regulator will cure you?

# BLOODSHED.

## SERIOUS RIOTING IN VALENCIA, SPAIN.

**The City Being Burned by an Anti-Carlist Mob—Many Persons Injured and Some, It is Reported, Killed.**

[By Anglo-American cable to the Dispatch.]

MADRID, April 10.—The arrival of the Carlist leader, the Marquis Corralco, at Valencia to-day was made the occasion of an anti-Carlist demonstration. Thousands of anti-Carlists met and followed the Marquis to his hotel. They smashed many windows of the hotel and tried to set fire to the building, when a detachment of troops charged and dispersed the mob. Many persons were wounded. The excitement continues.

A MOB OF TWO THOUSAND PERSONS.

*Later.*—A mob of 2,000 persons has invaded the Carlist Club and set fire to the furniture. When the firemen came the mob tried to obstruct them. The mob then smashed and burned a carriage in the courtyard. Another mob tried to burn a church, but was prevented by a detachment of troops. The troops have failed, however, to disperse the constantly gathering crowds. The latter have built two barricades in the streets. The military authorities have taken possession of the city and the whole garrison is under arms.

MANY PERSONS INJURED; SOME, IT IS SAID, KILLED.

*Still Later, Midnight.*—The rioting continues. The troops have made several charges. Many persons have been injured, and, it is reported, some have been killed, though orders were given to avoid bloodshed as long as possible.

CARLISTS FIRE INTO THE CROWD.

Several members of the Carlist Club fired their revolvers into the crowd and three were wounded. The mob also attempted to attack the Jesuits' College.

ORDER FINALLY RESTORED.

Order was restored soon after midnight. The troops occupy various points throughout the city.

### COLLISION AT MIDNIGHT.

**Two Steamers Come Together in the English Channel—A Scene of Wild Confusion—No Lives Lost.**

[By Anglo-American cable to the Dispatch.]

LONDON, April 10.—The British steamer North Cambria, Captain Roberts, from Baltimore, March 22d, for Hamburg, arrived at the dock this morning leaking and with her fore-compartment full of water. She was in collision at midnight with the passenger-steamer Avocund, from London for Dublin. The latter was so badly damaged that she sank. No lives were lost.

A SCENE OF WILD CONFUSION.

The North Cambria struck the Avocund amidships with great force and cut half way through her hull. There were twelve passengers on the steamer, including several women and children. A scene of wild confusion followed the collision. The terrified passengers rushed half-clad from their berths to the deck. The five boats belonging to the steamer were cleared away and the passengers and crew, which numbered twenty-five persons, hastily entered them. Rowing a short distance the boats lay by for two hours until the Avocund sank. The North Cambria then picked up the people in the boats and carried them to Dover. Some of the personal effects of the passengers and crew were saved.

### FROM THE OLD WORLD.

**Chamberlain on Gladstone.**

[By Anglo-American cable to the Dispatch.]

LONDON, April 10.—Mr. Chamberlain, in a speech at Birmingham to-night, summed up Mr. Gladstone's home-rule policy as "born of deceit, nurtured by evasion, and enshrined in mystery."

CORRESPONDENTS EXPELLED FROM ITALY.

ROME, April 10.—Lavellette, correspondent of the Paris *Figaro*, and Grunewald, correspondent of the *Frankfurter Zeitung*, have been expelled from Italy on the ground that they have sent to their papers reports calculated to injure the financial credit of the kingdom.

The representative of the Havas News Agency has also been expelled.

A LOSING BUSINESS.

LIVERPOOL, April 10.—The *Mercury* of this city says that the Postmaster-General is being pressed to introduce a bill in the House of Commons to abrogate the arrangement made by the Government with the railways at the time it took contracts for doing the telegraph business of the railways free of charge on account of the right of way on their lines. The Government, it is said, loses £50,000 annually by handling this business, which is the reason urged for seeking abrogation of the arrangement.

IRISH LAND-OWNERS AND THE LAND-PURCHASE BILL.

DUBLIN, April 10.—The committee appointed by the Land-Owners' Convention to consider the land-purchase bill has resolved that the bill in its present form would be most injurious to land-owners and would fail to give the full measure of its advantages to the best class of tenants; and that it therefore requires amendment in many important respects.

GERMANY AND EAST AFRICA.

BERLIN, April 10.—Herr Vohsen says that the Government is undecided whether or not to convert East Africa into a crown colony. In any case he considers the money expended there a good investment, the customs revenue being most promising.

STANLEY ON GERMANY'S PRETENSIONS.

BRUSSELS, April 10.—Henry M. Stanley has arrived here from Cairo *en route* to Brussels. He was interviewed upon his arrival. Speaking of Emin Pasha Stanley said he did not believe he would attempt to reconquer the Equatorial Province. An immense effort, he declared, would be necessary to eject the Mahdists, who have overrun the province. With reference to the claims made by the Germans to territory in Africa, Stanley said he was astonished at their pretensions. They apparently claimed the whole of that country. The Germans, he declared, could secure the services of Tippo Tib if they paid him the price he demanded.

THE RUBBER RESERVOIR OF THE UNIVERSE.

Under much pressure Stanley stated an important fact which he had intended to mention solely in his forthcoming book, and that was that the Aruwhimi forest, which belongs to the Congo Free State, was enormously richer in everything, especialy in rubber trees, than the Amazon forests. This section of Africa, he declared, would be the rubber reservoir of the universe.

STANLEY INTERVIEWED.

LONDON, April 11.—The *Herald* prints an interview with Stanley in which the latter maintains that the Germans influenced Emin while he was sick, and that Emin doubtless revealed the proposals Stanley made to him at Wadelai to escort him to another part of Africa and install him in the government of the region. Stanley thinks the Germans intend to annex and will act on these plans. If Germany secures the lake region he says it will destroy the whole value of the British coast possessions. The conquest of the Soudan would cost £3,000,000, and no Government in Europe has the stamina to undertake it.

EMIN AND THE RESCUE OF DR. PETERS.

BERLIN, April 10.—It is stated that the Emin Relief Committee has subscribed 10,000 marks to Emin's expedition on condition that the expedition rescues Dr. Peters.

The *Volksblatt* publishes the text of a letter which the Executive Committee of the Paris Social Congress, held last June, sent to the Berlin Labor Conference. It shows that the Socialist programme is almost identical with that adopted by the Labor Conference, which has just been published by the *Reichsanzeiger* in French.

WORKMEN DISMISSED.

Seven hundred workmen have been dismissed from the Germania docks at Kiel because they refused to work over-time unless they received 25 per cent. extra, instead of 10 per cent. as at present. The Government has provided men to replace those engaged in building ironclads.

**Under Good Auspices.**

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

PETERSBURG, VA., April 10.—The Gymnasium Club was organized here to-night with a membership in excess of one hundred. The directors were chosen from among our most prominent citizens, and in the list are to be found the names of several distinguished physicians. The new association starts out under the best of auspices.

**The Mississippi Falls One Inch.**

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

NEW ORLEANS, April 10.—Both at Helena, Ark., and at Greenville the river fell one inch to-day.

**The Carpenters' Strike Still On.**

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

CHICAGO, April 10.—The carpenters' strike is still on and the men continue confident of success. The owners of large buildings which are nearing completion are growing restive at the delay, fearing large loss in rentals, which generally begin on the 1st of May. They threaten to put their contracts in other hands unless work is resumed speedily. On the strength of this there is a movement on foot among some of the members of the Master-Carpenters' Association to dissolve that body and allow its individual members to make whatever terms they see fit in regard to recognizing the union. This they claim is the only way out of the dilemma, since, as a body, they decline recognition of the union. Influential members of the association, however, are opposed to taking this action.

CIGAR-ROLLERS STRIKE.

One hundred cigar-rollers employed in the Columbia Cigar-Factory have joined the fifty bunch-makers who struck yesterday. They will all probably join the union. The proprietor has advertised for non-union men to fill the strikers' places.

### THE SILVER QUESTION.

**It Engrosses the Attention of the Republican Caucus Called to Consider Another Matter.**

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, April 10.—The two days' notice secured a full attendance for the caucus of Republican representatives tonight. The object of the call, as announced by Representative Dingley, of Maine, who presided, was the arrangement of an order of business for the remainder of the session, but it soon transpired that the silver problem was of such engrossing interest as to throw other matters into the background. The subject was broached by Chairman Conger, of the Coinage Committee, who recently reported the modified Windom bill.

THE MODIFIED WINDOM BILL.

He explained in detail the provisions of the bill, noted the changes that had been made in Secretary Windom's original plan by the committee, and gave the reasons for making them. He believed that the measure was strong and calculated to meet the public demand for a more liberal supply of money. It was highly expedient that the Republicans should agree upon some measure of this kind so as to present a united front when the subject came up for discussion in the House. A representative from one of the new western States spoke of the necessity for speedy action upon the subject of silver.

FOR FREE COINAGE.

He was for free coinage, and declared that it could be established without danger and with great benefit to this country and the whole world. Representative Walker, of Massachusetts, a member of the Coinage Committee, advised the Republicans to support the committee's bill. It would practically afford all of the advantages of free coinage and would not appear to be so radical a departure from the conservative course as would a declared free-coinage bill.

A WELL-SPRING OF ORATORY.

It had by this time become evident that a well-spring of oratory had opened that threatened to overflow the other objects for which the caucus was called, so a rule was adopted limiting speeches to five minutes each. But this did little good, as the members interested soon adopted the familiar device of getting a friend to secure recognition in order to yield his time.

THE SENATE PROPOSITION.

In the course of the debate the Senate committee proposition to coin four and a quarter millions of silver monthly was discussed, and it was not without adherents, who made a point by declaring that coinage to this amount would consume the entire annual product of the American mines, and must, therefore, satisfy any one who wished free coinage in practice without reference to theory. One of the objections made to the House committee bill was that there was no inducement for any one to sell silver to the Treasury at the market price, as he could more readily sell it at the nearest market to individuals. To this answer was made that the beneficial effect would still obtain; that the price of silver would be steadied and kept at maximum.

THE FEATURE OF THE DEBATE.

The feature of the debate was the remarkable strength of the free-coinage men, and, as an eastern member