BERLIN'S SENSATION.

STILL ANOTHER BANKING INSTITUTION GOES TO THE WALL.

The Head of the Concern Fixed Under Arrest—The Cash, Oh Where Is That?—European Varieties.

[By Anglo-American cable to the Dispatch.]

BERLIN, GER., November 26.—Berlin was startled to-day by the announcement of the failure of another financial institution. This time it is the Berlin Banking and Exchange Company that has been unable to meet its obligations. The police have taken possession of and closed the head office here. The firm has a number of branch offices, and these, too, will be closed by the police.

THE HEAD OF THE CONCERN ARRESTED.

Herr Loewy, the head of the collapsed concern, has been arrested. An examination will immediately be made into the affairs of the firm. It is stated that when the police took possession of the offices here and the branch offices no cash whatever was found.

ANOTHER ARREST.

Herr Loewy's brother-in-law and partner has also been arrested. The firm's operations on the Bourse were very limited. The Bourse committee some time ago excluded Loewy from the Exchange. The firm has been in difficulties for a long time. Their failure, however, is regarded as of only minor importance.

A STRANGE TALE.

Alleged Discovery of An Alleged Emissary from the Vatican in Hatfield House.

[By Anglo-American cable to the Dispatch.]

LONDON, November 26.—A curious story has just been made public which appears to show that the Vatican has had an emissary in the very household of the Marquis of Salisbury, the Prime Minister, of course, being entirely ignorant of the fact. This interesting and rather startling intelligence comes from a lady, who was recently a guest at Hatfield House, the residence in Hertfordshire of the Prime Minister. In a letter written by the lady she says: "The last time I was staying at Hatfield House I was struck by the face of a man who was employed in the capacity of footman in the establishment. The expression of this man haunted me as those of someone I had seen before. While trying to remember where and when I had seen him I looked at the man more frequently. He noticed me observing him and seemed somewhat disconcerted. Suddenly I remembered where we had met before, and he evidently saw the recognition in my countenance. It was in the Vatican, over a month before, in which place while on a visit he had actually met me, garbed in the robes of an abbe priest. He used fluent English in pointing to me the various things of interest which he pointed out during our visit to the building, and appeared to me to be a most affable man. When I had found the identity of my former guide I at once resolved to tell the Marquis of Salisbury at the first opportunity next morning, but found upon arising the following day that my quondam friend had decamped during the night, taking his belongings with him. The sudden disappearance of the Major Domo caused considerable consternation in the Premier's household. I told Marquis all I knew about the matter, but it appeared to be very much out of keeping with the intelligence which I imparted to him, but had little to say in regard to the strange occurrence. The members of Lord Salisbury's family, however, thoroughly discussed all the facts of the case, and the conclusion arrived at by them, after everything had been considered, was that the so-called Major Domo was a Jesuit agent, and that he had ingratiated himself into the Premier's family for the purpose of obtaining secret matters concerning the Vatican."

UMPIRES AS WELL AS ARBITRATORS.

The French Miners' Strike Extending—Concessions Needed.

[By Anglo-American cable to the Dispatch.]

PARIS, November 26.—A dispatch from Lens, department of Pas de Calais, states that in addition to the six arbitrators appointed by the mine-owners to meet a similar number appointed by the strikers the latter have also appointed umpires. This is regarded as a proof that the miners have no expectation that the arbitrators will be able to arrive at any agreement.

It is believed in Paris that the action of the manufacturers at Roubaix and Tourcoing who have sent abroad and secured supplies of coal will bear fruit. This belief has been greatly strengthened by the receipt of a dispatch from Lourches, a town in the department of the North, announcing that the miners employed in a large colliery there, impregnated with the general discontent prevailing in the coal fields of Northern France, went on a strike today. It is believed that unless the coal-mine owners in general make some concessions to their employees the strike will become enormous proportions.

THE MINE-OWNERS' PROPOSITION REJECTED.

M. Baly, a Socialistic member of the Chamber of Deputies, who is taking a deep interest in the affairs of the strikers, telegraphed from the scene of the strike announcing that the miners of Pas de Calais had resolved to reject the terms of arbitration in the form which the mining companies proposed.

IS CAPRIVI WEARY OF OFFICE?

The Old Story that He Wishes to Resign Again in Circulation.

[By Anglo-American cable to the Dispatch.]

BERLIN, November 26.—The old story that Chancellor von Caprivi had become weary of the cares of office and intended to offer his resignation to Emperor William was again put in circulation to-day and for a time caused no little excitement among the public, although in official circles little attention was paid to the rumor. The Berliner Wochenblatt is responsible for the revival of the rumor, a statement that the Chancellor, finding the cares of State burdensome, would probably soon resign, having appeared in its columns this morning. From no official source can any confirmation of the story be had.

HERR VON LIVERHOFF DEAD.

His Attempt at Suicide Successful—He Was Mentally Unhinged.

[By Anglo-American cable to the Dispatch.]

BERLIN, GER., November 26.—Herr Krapft von Liverhoff, Secretary of the Austrian Legation at Washington, who while absent on his post on leave, shot himself with a revolver Tuesday last, is dead. He arrived in Vienna, accompanied by his wife and child, Tuesday. Shortly afterward he made the attempt upon his life. The doctors pronounced his injuries fatal from the first, and all their efforts were directed to making him as comfortable as possible. Herr Krapft von Liverhoff was suffering from mental depression, and no doubt is entertained that he was not responsible for his act.

DEATHS FROM STARVATION.

Indian-Corn Meal Given by Uncle Sam to the Russian Sufferers.

[By Anglo-American cable to the Dispatch.]

ST. PETERSBURG, November 26.—A number of deaths from starvation have occurred among the famine-stricken people in the province of Samara. Rev. Mr. Frantzen, the pastor of the Anglo-American church in this city, has just received from Consul Charles J. Murphy over three hundred pounds of Indian-corn meal as a contribution for the relief of the famine-sufferers. Colonel Murphy, who is specially commissioned by the Agricultural Department of the United States to call attention in Europe to the value of Indian corn as an article of food, promises more contributions of corn-meal for famine relief if the use of that received is proved.

EMPEROR WILLIAM'S SERMONS.

To Be Published Under the Title of "The Voice of the Lord on the Waters."

[By Anglo-American cable to the Dispatch.]

BERLIN, November 26.—The *Freisinnige Zeitung* states that the sermons preached by Emperor William during his cruise on the Imperial yacht in the North Sea last summer have been edited by Army Chaplain Richter, and will be published under the title: "The Voice of the Lord on the Waters." According to the *Zeitung* the editor's preface to the volume contains the following: "It is the father of a household who speaks in these meditations, using his priestly rights in the absence of a clergyman, and thus exhorting each of us to follow his example in his own circle."

CHILEAN AFFAIRS.

Ex-Officials of the Overthrown Government to Be Tried for Malversation.

[By Anglo-American cable to the Dispatch.]

LONDON, November 26.—A dispatch from the correspondent of the *Times* at Santiago de Chile states that all members of the Cabinet of the late President Balmaceda and a number of other Chileans who held high official positions in the overthrown Government will be tried for infraction of the Constitution and for malversation of funds. If they are found guilty they will be compelled to repay to the extent of their means all the national funds illegally expended. Seventy men will be tried on these charges.

CHILE'S FINANCIAL SITUATION.

In a recent interview Senor Matte, one of the leading men of Chile, who was at one time Minister of Finance, made the following statement in regard to Chile's financial position: The external debt amounts to £9,400,000. The State railways are worth £10,000,000. Balmaceda carried on the civil war with 15,000,000 piastres in the exchequer, 27,000,000 piastres issued by him, and 10,000,000 piastres from the ordinary revenues, making in all 52,000,000 piastres, or about £4,000,000. The Iquique Government, or the Junta, met all its expenses out of the tax on nitrates, which may be reckoned at from 10,000,000 to 12,000,000 piastres.

AFFAIRS IN SAMOA.

Hostilities to Be Expected at Any Time—Mataafa's Claims to Kingship.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

SAN FRANCISCO, November 26.—Among the passengers on the Mariposa from Samoa was the United States Land Commissioner, H. C. Ide, who was sent down to Samoa to straighten out land titles in conjunction with the English and German commissioners. Ide was compelled to resign on account of illness in his family.

Speaking of affairs in Samoa he said: "The native people regard the taxation to which they have been subjected as oppressive. Hostilities may be expected at any time. The natives look to Mataafa to redress their wrongs, real or imaginary, and the latter chief makes no secret of his ambition to succeed Malietoa. He says he is the rightful King of the Samoans. He argues that in the Berlin treaty the Powers laid down that Malietoa should be King until his successor were elected. He demands that an election take place. He has the people with him, he claims, and therefore he holds that he is the rightful King.

"When the news of his warlike attitude reached Apia the council was closed by Malietoa and a proclamation issued ordering the chiefs to disperse. The latter refused to obey and their lands were declared forfeited to the Government and they themselves declared rebels. This was the condition of things when I left Apia, and if the Powers do not interfere it looks as if war could not be averted."

FRANCE'S FLEET.

The Recent Election of Socialist La Fargue Formally Declared Valid.

[By Anglo-American cable to the Dispatch.]

PARIS, November 26.—Copies of the naval report of M. Cochery, of the Budget Committee, were to-day circulated in the Chamber of Deputies. The report sets forth that France now possesses thirty ironclads, twenty-six cruisers, fifteen avisos, and fifty-four torpedo-boats.

The Elections Committee of the Chamber of Deputies has declared valid the recent election to the Chamber of "Citizen" La Fargue, the Socialist leader, in the Department of the North. La Fargue was serving a term of imprisonment when elected.

THANKSGIVING-DAY IN BERLIN.

The Americans "Excurt," Set Off Fireworks, and Dine Elaborately.

[By Anglo-American cable to the Dispatch.]

BERLIN, GER., November 26.—Thanksgiving-day was appropriately observed by the Americans in this city. The members of the congregation of the American church went on excursion to Grunewald, where they were very pleasantly entertained with music and various games. The diversions were followed by a display of fireworks and an elaborate dinner. The American Physicians' Association dined at the Englishe Haus, 200 guests being present. Professor Miller presided. Mark Twain made a humorous speech.

A BRITISH CENTENARIAN.

He Fought in the War of 1812—Octogenarians and Septuagenarians Galore.

[By Anglo-American cable to the Dispatch.]

LONDON, November 26.—The centenary of the birth of Thomas Wiltshire Summersum, who fought in the American war of 1813, was celebrated at Brightling Sea today with a banquet. The veteran sang the national anthem in fine style, and in a hearty speech he said he hoped to carry himself like a man to the last day of his life. After the banquet forty octogenarians and seventy-seven septuagenarians, headed by Summersum, marched in procession through the town.

DEPOSITION THE WORD IN BRAZIL.

State Governors Made to Follow Da Fonseca Into Retirement.

[By Anglo-American cable to the Dispatch.]

LONDON, November 26.—A dispatch from Rio Janeiro says that several States have deposed their Governors since the abdication of Marshal da Fonseca. At Bahia the deposition of the Governor occasioned a slight conflict. Marshal da Fonseca retires to Paiuqueta Island, in the Bay of Rio Janeiro.

THE GEORGETOWN WRECKED.

The Captain's Wife and Six Members of the Crew Drowned.

[By Anglo-American cable to the Dispatch.]

LONDON, November 26.—The British bark Georgetown, Captain Scott, from Philadelphia for Palma Majorca, which arrived at Faro November 5th, has been wrecked. The captain's wife and six members of the crew were drowned.

Rio Grande do Sul Discontented.

[By Anglo-American cable to the Dispatch.]

LONDON, November 27.—The *Times's* correspondent at Santiago, Chile, says: A dispatch from the State of Rio Grande do Sul reports that there is discontent there at the State having only one minister in the new Cabinet. It has also been learned here that the troops at Sao Pedro continue under arms, and that no order for them to disband has been issued.

The Steamer Victoria Badly Damaged.

[By Anglo-American cable to the Dispatch.]

LONDON, November 26.—The British steamer Victoria, Captain Baker, from New Orleans October 28th, has arrived at Hamburg, her port of destination, badly damaged. When off Cuxhaven she was in collision with an unknown vessel. Some of the Victoria's bowplates were stove, and her forward compartment is full of water. The damage sustained by the other vessel, if any, is unknown.

Honduras Suffers a Loss.

[By Anglo-American cable to the Dispatch.]

SAN PEDRO, HONDURAS, November 13.—The republic of Honduras has suffered a severe loss in the death on November 4th of General Edward Kraft, of San Pedro, the commandant of the Atlantic port of Puerto Cortez.

Africans Capture Portuguese Posts.

LONDON, November 26.—A dispatch from Southeast Africa says that the Mafit tribe has captured a number of Portuguese settlements on the northern coast of Mozambiqued, including the island of Abo.

The Guadalquiver Up.

SEVILLE, SPAIN, November 26.—The river Guadalquiver has overflowed its banks, flooding one half of this city. Traffic with Madrid has been completely stopped.

Jews Forbidden to Buy Corn.

ST. PETERSBURG, November 26.—A circular has been issued to the Governors of the various provinces of the empire notifying them to forbid Jews to buy corn.

GOVERNOR HOVEY'S FUNERAL.

The Sermon Preached by the Late Executive's Successor in Office.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

MT. VERNON, IND., November 26.—At 9 o'clock promptly the remains of Governor Hovey were moved to the corridor of the court-house. The bells of the city began to ring as the coffin was carried out of the Hovey homestead, and continued to sound during the entire forenoon. The funeral sermon was preached by Governor Ira J. Chase. The services closed with singing and prayer, and then the procession to the grave was immediately formed. The exercises at the grave were closed with prayer by Governor Chase, and then, while all stood with bowed heads, the militia fired a salute and the Grand Army of the Republic bugle sounded "taps."

A Report of Disaster Exaggerated.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

TACOMA, WASH., November 26.—The report of a number of people killed by a landslide on the Northern Pacific railway, seventy miles from here yesterday, was exaggerated. Two persons were killed and seven injured. The track is ten feet deep in earth for a distance of sixty feet.

Serious Fire in St. Albans, Vt.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

ST. ALBANS, VT., November 26.—A fire that broke out in the American House stable at 12:30 o'clock this morning destroyed eight business blocks and the Congregationalist church. The loss is over $100,000, with a good amount of insurance.

WORLD'S FAIR FOLKS

AN EXCURSION TO THE ROADS AND COLLATION ON BOARD.

Several Accidents to Workmen on the New Cruisers—Sentenced for Highway Robbery—Wedding.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

NORFOLK, November 26.—As many of the members of the World's Fair Convention as remained in the city together with the members of the business exchanges, enjoyed an excursion to Hampton Roads this morning on the new Washington steamer, Norfolk, during which a handsome collation was served by Morrisett, and speeches were made by gentlemen of the party. A number of ladies were also on board, and all returned and were landed at the Boston wharf by 2 o'clock. The lady commissioners from Virginia, Mrs. Paul and Mrs. Wise, were the guests of Mrs. V. D. Groner during their stay in Norfolk.

ACCIDENTS.

Mr. Charles Vellines, of this city, who was so terribly hurt on the monitor Amphitrite yesterday, continues in a critical condition.

Two workmen on the Texas had their thumbs cuts off by falling iron yesterday and two workmen on the Fern in the granite dry-dock were taken so severely ill that they had to be sent to their homes in the yard ambulance. The ambulance seems to be kept very busy of late.

Ensign Hillary P. Jones, secretary of the labor board at the navy-yard, is seriously ill of typhoid-fever, and was sent to the naval hospital to-day.

SEVERE SENTENCE.

In the County Court yesterday George Cooke (white) was tried for the second time for highway robbery of a Roanoke merchant on the Monkey-House road, and sentenced to the penitentiary for four years. Thomas Ferrebee (colored) was tried afterwards for rape and sentenced to the penitentiary for ten years.

COLEMAN—GRIFFIN.

At the Baptist church, in Churchland, Norfolk county, yesterday afternoon Professor C. W. Coleman, of the Churchland Academy (formerly of Hanover county), and Miss Virginia Griffin, daughter of J. T. Griffin, Esq., president of the Farmers and Merchants Bank, of Portsmouth, were united in marriage by Rev. Dr. A. B. Dunaway. On the departure of the Bay Line steamer the bridal couple left for New York.

ELKS CELEBRATE.

The Norfolk Elks and their visitors had a street-parade this morning headed by the Naval Post Band before leaving for Willoughby Spit on their annual celebration. There was a good delegation from Richmond, and the Roanoke and Portsmouth lodges came in a body with about twenty Elks from Washington and Baltimore. The party will return from Willoughby Spit about 5:30, in time for the visitors to leave for home.

Mr. M. J. Nash, of the State Auditor's office, Richmond, has been severely ill at his home in Portsmouth, pronounced by Dr. James Parrish as la grippe.

A RIGHT TO WHIP THE BOYS.

Justice East has decided in the affirmative the question as to whether or not the teachers in the public schools have a right to inflict corporal punishment on the pupils. The Justice held that if in the discretion of the teacher punishment was necessary to enforce discipline they had a right to whip the pupils.

PERSONAL.

Owing to continued ill health, Captain H. H. Coston, United States Marine Corps, will have to give up his residence in Portsmouth and remove with his family to Florida permanently.

Chief-Engineer Kirby has been ordered to duty on the receiving-ship Franklin at this yard, and will report here next Tuesday.

There were four marriages in Norfolk yesterday.

Mr. Allen O. Meyers, managing editor of the Cincinnati *Enquirer*, is visiting Norfolk as grand secretary of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, and is the guest of Postmaster F. L. Slade.

DAMAGES AGAINST THE C. & O. CO.

The Verdict $10,000 in the Heffner Case—Judge Farthing Critically Ill.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

WILLIAMSBURG, VA., November 26.—The case of Heffner's administrator *vs.* the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company, which has occupied the time of the special term of the Circuit Court for nearly six days, was given to the jury at half-past 9 o'clock last night. The Court was asked to give two instructions by the defendant, which he gave in a modified form, and to which the defendant excepted. He gave two of the instructions asked for by the plaintiff, modified a third, and refused the fourth. There were no exceptions taken by the plaintiff. The instructions clearly and fairly expounded the law of the case and gave an opportunity of argument on both sides.

VERDICT FOR THE PLAINTIFF.

About 1 o'clock to-day the jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff for the full amount asked, $10,000. The verdict seems to give general satisfaction. A bill of exceptions was filed and the case will be taken to the Court of Appeals.

JUDGE FARTHING'S CONDITION.

Hon. W. G. W. Farthing, our popular county judge, is extremely ill at his residence in James City county with little or no hopes of recovery. The Judge has been sick now for several weeks and has a complication of diseases.

A number of our society young men left for Old Point last evening to spend Thanksgiving and attend a german at the Hygeia Hotel to-night.

CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Cole returned home yesterday afternoon from their bridal tour. On their return they stopped over at West Point, where they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Lamb, and by whom they were handsomely entertained. They have been recipients of numerous congratulations and wishes for their future happiness.

OTHER NOTES.

Mayor Leonard Henley, who has been ill for some time, continues to improve slowly, but is yet too unwell to leave his room.

Thanksgiving is being generally observed here to-day. Services were held in the Episcopal church.

The special term of Circuit Court, which has been in session for several days, adjourned this evening, his Honor Judge Gunter leaving for home.

WEDDING, SUPPER, AND DANCE.

Thanksgiving—Religious Services Participated In by All Denominations.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., November 26.—Miss Mattie J. Terrell was married yesterday morning at 9:45 to Mr. F. Cary Wills, at the residence of the bride's parents, in this city, in the presence of about sixty friends of the parties. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Wills left on the F. F. V. train for Washington, Baltimore, and other cities. The bride is the beautiful daughter of Mr. N. A. Terrell, and the groom is a young business-man of this place, the son of F. M. Wills, Esq. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. B. A. Abbott, of the Disciples church. A great many handsome presents were sent to the bride.

IN HONOR OF MISS GOLDSMITH.

A most enjoyable supper and dance was tendered to Miss Bertie Goldsmith, of Baltimore, last night at the Opera-House by Mr. Jacob J. Leterman. Dancing was indulged in until about 1 o'clock this morning. Among the young ladies present were: Miss Bertie Goldsmith, Miss Yetta Kaufman, Miss Lenora Leterman, Miss Nettie Eisenman, Miss Lillie Aronheim, Miss Sadie Eisenman, Miss Hattie Leterman, and Miss Ray Oberdorfer. Some of the gentlemen were Mr. Bernard Lowenberg, of Louisville, Ky.; Mr. Arthur Meyer, of Texas; Mr. Samuel Harberger, of Baltimore; Mr. Ernest Oberdorfer, Mr. F. Lentz, and others. Mrs. M. Kaufman and Mrs. M. M. Eisenman were the chaperons.

Religious services to-day, participated in by Methodists, Disciples, Baptists, and Presbyterians, were held at the Disciples church.

The day is gloomy and it rains at intervals, but the hunters have gone to the fields for birds.

Mr. Horace Horton, inspector of engines of the Chesapeake and Ohio railway, is in the city.

FATAL FIGHT BETWEEN NEGROES.

A Stubbornly-Contested Foot-Ball Game—Two Men Badly Injured.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

ROANOKE, VA., November 26.—In a fight here this evening between Effy Crews and Ed. Lewis (both colored) the former shot the latter in the left side, inflicting, it is supposed, a mortal wound. The men owned a small grocery in the northern part of the city and quarrelled over a division of the stock.

THE FIRST FIGHT.

They were fined $5 each by Mayor Evans this morning for fighting yesterday, and when Crews left the court to-day he vowed vengeance against Lewis.

THE SECOND FATAL.

They met about 6 o'clock this evening in the store and after a brief altercation Crews drew a revolver and fired with the above result. He was arrested and locked up. Lewis is not expected to live through the night.

A TIE GAME.

The match-game of foot-ball here this afternoon between the Roanoke and Bluefield teams was stubbornly contested and resulted in a tie. During the progress of the game A. L. Bowman, of the Roanokes, was thrown down, and had one of the bones in his left leg below the knee broken. D. A. Griffith, a Bluefield player, was also severely but not seriously hurt about the head and face.

OPPOSED TO INCORPORATION.

A Meeting of Business-Men and Property-Holders Discuss the Subject.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., November 24.—At a meeting held at the residence of Mr. D. S. Jones, Mr. T. H. Gordon was unanimously elected chairman of the meeting and Mr. W. A. Post, secretary.

Mr. D. S. Jones explained the object of the meeting and stated that it was called to consider the subject of incorporating Newport News as a city, and that he believed it proper that the business-men and property-owners should discuss the subject.

There were present at the meeting: T. H. Gordon, Theodore, Livezey, Dr. Joseph Charles, L. E. White, T. M. Benson, E. W. Johnson, W. S. Boyenton, E. W. and W. W. Harwood, Dr. A. C. Jones, C. H. Binns, J. B. Jennings, W. B. Thomas, E. B. Smith, D. S. Jones, and W. A. Post.

The subject was then generally discussed. It was moved and seconded that a committee of three be appointed to draft resolution expressing the sense of this meeting on the subject of incorporation. The motion was carried. The Chair appointed W. A. Post, chairman, D. S. Jones and C. H. Binns. On motion the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"*Resolved*, That after careful consideration of the subject of incorporating Newport News as a city, this meeting is of the opinion that it would be decidedly against the interest of the tax-payers to make any move in that direction at this time.

"[Signed] C. H. Binns, Theo. Livezey, Dr. Joseph Charles, A. C. Jones, I. Eugene White, E. B. Smith, E. W. Harwood, T. H. Gordon, W. Scott Boyenton, E. W. Johnson, D. S. Jones, W. B. Thomas, W. W. Harwood, T. M. Benson, W. A. Post."

THE TAX-PAYERS.

It was moved and seconded that the gentlemen present sign the resolution just adopted, and that Mr. D. S. Jones and Mr. W. S. Boyenton be appointed a committee of two to present the subject to the tax-payers of Newport News for their consideration, with a view to secure their co-operation. Carried.

On motion the meeting adjourned to meet again on next Tuesday night at 8 o'clock at the residence of Mr. D. S. Jones.

ROANOKE'S READY RESPONSE.

The Debt Plan and Opinion of the Advisory Board Heartily Endorsed.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

ROANOKE, VA., November 25.—At a meeting of the Commercial Association last night the plan of settlement of the State debt was discussed at length and great anxiety was manifested in an early adjustment of the vexed question. The following preamble and resolution, introduced by W. A. Glasgow, Esq., was unanimously adopted:

INJURIOUS EFFECT.

Whereas it has been brought to the attention of the Roanoke Commercial Association that by the efforts of distinguished friends of Virginia a plan of settlement of the much-vexed question of the State debt of Virginia has been suggested and recommended, by which the credit of the State may be to some extent restored and confidence in the integrity of her citizens maintained; and whereas it is the duty of every good citizen to aid with his voice as well as his influence every just effort at a settlement of the debt of Virginia upon such terms as may be within the means of the State and acceptable to the creditors; and whereas, especially we of Southwest Virginia, have felt the injurious effect of allowing the State to assume a position towards its creditors that no honest man would occupy towards his individual creditors.

Now, therefore, feeling the embarrassment of this position and the inevitable bad influence of such a condition upon the material development and upbuilding of our State:

ENDORSE THE PLAN.

Be it resolved, That the Roanoke Commercial Association heartily endorses the liberal plan of settlement suggested by the "Advisory Board for the Creditors" and urges upon our State officials to take immediate steps looking to an acceptance of this final adjustment of our liabilities, so that confidence and credit may be restored and our State may move on in her promising career of development untrammelled by the taint of attempted repudiation or the suspicion of fair-minded financiers.

HOFF SHOT IN SELF-DEFENCE.

Murderous Attack by the Negro—The Latter Will Probably Die.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

ONLEY, VA., November 26.—Last night John Hoff, a night watchman in the railroad freight-house, had a difficulty with George Turner, a desperate, turbulent negro, who was prowling about the freight-house in a suspicious manner. This morning the negro met Hoff on the streets of Cape Charles and made a murderous attack on him, striking him with a club on the head and arms. Hoff drew his pistol and shot the negro in the abdomen, inflicting a wound from which the negro will probably die.

A COLLISION FEARED.

Hoff delivered himself up to the authorities. The affair created great excitement in Cape Charles, and it was feared there might be a collision between the whites and negroes, but everything is quiet there now. Hoff's head and arms were so badly bruised that he fainted in the Mayor's Court to-day, when the case came up for a preliminary hearing. All the evidence went to show that Hoff acted in self-defence.

PLACED A BULL ON THE TRACK.

Serious Charge Against Dr. Richeson and His Barkeeper—A Sensation.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

BUENA VISTA, VA., November 26.—Dr. W. A. Richeson and S. J. Campbell were arrested yesterday by Detective Early, of the Norfolk and Western railroad, charged with placing a bull belonging to Richeson on the railroad to be killed in order to recover damages amounting to $100 from the railroad company. The case was continued until Monday, and both parties were bailed in $1,000 each.

BIG LEGAL FORCE.

The accused have secured the legal services of Mr. Thomas N. Williams, of Lynchburg, and Winborne & Batchelor, and H. T. Houston, of this place. The arrests caused a great sensation. Dr. Richeson keeps a bar and Campbell is one of his barkeepers.

A NEW FLAG AND A BIBLE

Presented to the Newport News School—Civil and Military Parade.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

NEWPORT NEWS, November 26.—This has been another big holiday for Newport News. Companies of military are here from Norfolk, Portsmouth, and Hampton, and joined the Huntington Rifles in parading the principal streets of the city, headed by the Fourth Regiment band from Norfolk. At half-past 2 o'clock Advance Council, No. 38, Junior Order American Mechanics, united with the procession and all marched to the Twenty-eighth-Street school-house, where the military were drawn up in line, while a handsome American flag, the gift of the Mechanics, was hoisted to the end of a tall staff on top of the building. A Bible was also presented to the school by the Mechanics. Lieutenant Hughes delivered an address.

A NOTABLE NELSON WEDDING.

Rev. J. J. Clopton Married to Miss Irene Cabell Horsley at Lovingston.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

LOVINGSTON, VA., November 25.—Rev. J. J. Clopton, rector of Meade-Memorial church, Manchester, Va., was married at Trinity church, of this county, yesterday, to Miss Irene Cabell Horsley. It was a beautiful November day, and this glorious mountainous country never appeared more charming. Quite a large gathering of friends and relatives assembled to witness the ceremony, which was performed by the rector of Nelson parish, Rev. G. S. Somerville. Many were the good wishes for this most worthy young minister and his attractive bride as amid the farewells of warm friends they drove away to the train for their Manchester home. May they live long and prosper.

Death of an Octogenarian.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

MADISON COURTHOUSE, VA., November 24. Dr. Walker Jones, our oldest citizen, died this afternoon of pneumonia; aged eighty years.

One of the largest retail drug-houses in the West—H. C. Arnold, at Kansas City, Mo.—says Bradycrotine is the greatest boon to humanity in the world. It cures every form of headache.

Hickok's No. 1, H. D. C., Fig, and Caroline Sun-Cured are Pure, Clean, and Choice Sun-Cured Tobaccos. Try them.

N. C. CENTENARIAN.

JONATHAN MOORE DIES IN ALAMANCE AT THE AGE OF 103 YEARS.

Julian S. Carr Presented with an Umbrella. Bishop Lyman's Great Services—Green-Goods Business Flourishing.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

RALEIGH, N. C., November 26.—News was received to-day of the death of Jonathan Moore, the oldest man in Alamance county; aged one hundred and three years and eight months. Of his age there is no question. His mind was clear to the last.

The three-year-old son of T. H. Murchison, of Allbright township, Chatham county, was burned to death yesterday.

A CONFEDERATE GIFT.

At the Exposition to-day W. H. Hamilton, of Wake county, in behalf of the State Confederate Veterans' Association, presented Julian S. Carr, its retiring president, with an umbrella as a token of respect and regard. Hamilton is blind and served gallantly as a sergeant in the Forty-seventh regiment. Mr. Carr in receiving the gift made a touching speech. A number of prominent men were present.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL.

Bishop Lyman's semi-centennial celebration of his ordination to the Protestant Episcopal priesthood will occur December 19th at Christ church, this city. He was ordained December 19, 1841, and has served in various parts of the world—at Baltimore, Hagerstown, San Francisco, and Rome, Italy, having for some years been in charge of the American churches in the latter city. The celebration will embrace the 19th and 20th, and addresses will be delivered by several prominent clergymen and laymen. Hon. K. P. Battle, ex-president of the State University, will be one of the speakers. Bishop Lyman was made bishop in Christ church in 1873.

REPUBLICAN ORGAN.

The first issue of the *North State*, the leading Republican paper in North Carolina, appeared here to-day. It declares that no faction shall control it. The Republican party in this State is now divided into several factions and is in bad plight. It is seeking to make what it may out of the third-party matter.

The "green-goods" swindlers are flooding the State with circulars, and have had great luck with the greenhorns. The best game they have found was the "syndicate" of Union county farmers which put up $3,000 and placed this sum in the hands of a man considered very "sharp." Of course the New Yorkers promptly fleeced the latter.

ALLIANCE DISCLOSURES.

The *Rural Home*, the extreme Alliance paper published by W. S. Barnes, secretary of the State Alliance, this week makes its appearance with a Raleigh date.

There will be some bitter publications if the Alliance secretary publishes the list of the public officials who have free passes on the railways. Your correspondent has been shown letters which will make this fact plain. The Alliance seems determined just at a time when it ought to be temperate to go to the other extreme, and will widen the breach. The wild spirits in the order are leading the more sober ones.

TRIPLE RECEPTION.

To-night at Madison there was a triple reception at the home of Mr. George Martin in honor of three married couples—these being Dr. McAnnally and Miss Fitzgerald, of Virginia; Mr. C. Vaughan and Miss Churchill, of Newbern; Mr. Samuel Smith and Miss Seagle, of Virginia. The grooms are all residents of Madison, and all were married last night.

THE NORTH CAROLINA METHODISTS.

Bishop Galloway—An Address on Church Extension—Thanksgiving Services.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

GREENSVILLE, N. C., November 26.—The Conference convened at 9 o'clock A. M., Bishop Galloway in the chair. The proceedings were begun with religious exercises conducted by Rev. Dr. J. A. Cunningim. Bishop Galloway is a man of fine parts, an able preacher, a strong debater, and an admirable presiding officer. The high esteem in which he is held by the whole Church and the excellent opinion they entertain of his splendid abilities and spotless character find full expression in the fact that he was elected bishop when only thirty-seven years of age, and the youngest man ever elected to such a position in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

The Conference had a fine address last night from Dr. J. C. Morris, of Louisville, Ky., one of the secretaries of the Parent Board of Church Extension. The address was very fine and was listened to with pleasure and no doubt great profit. The Doctor asked the Conference for $500 to help along the good cause. The Conference quickly raised $300 and some of the knowing ones say the Doctor could have raised $1,000 if he had asked for it.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES.

To-day being Thanksgiving, services were held in the Methodist and Baptist churches at this place. Dr. B. F. Dixon preached at the Baptist church and Bishop Galloway at the Methodist church to a large congregation. The sermon was of the highest order and had a most happy effect. At its close a collection was taken up for the Oxford Orphan Asylum. One hundred and eighteen dollars was given as a thank-offering. The good people of Greenville are entertaining the Conference royally.

BIGAMIST WYLDE ESCAPES.

While Handcuffed He Jumps from the Window of a Rapidly-Moving Train.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

GREENSBORO', N. C., November 26.—Bigamist Wylde escaped yesterday afternoon between University station and Hillsboro', N. C., on the North Carolina railroad as the chief of police of Kinston was bringing him here. The prisoner was handcuffed and stepped into the water-closet, the policeman staying on the outside on guard.

THE BIRD GONE.

After waiting a considerable time for Wylde the policeman got alarmed, and on opening the door found that the bird had flown, having broken out the window of the closet and escaped into the woods.

A MARVELLOUS ESCAPE.

The policeman got off at Hillsboro' and went back after the escaped prisoner. It was a marvellous escape, taking into consideration the fact that the train was running rapidly and being handcuffed. Mr. W. M. Monroe, father of wife No. 2, and his daughter came on to Greensboro'.

SHE WAS TOLD.

It is now stated that Miss Monroe had been told that Wylde was a married man before she married him, but she unfortunately took his word in the matter.

NEARLY BURNED TO DEATH.

A Russian-Hebrew Attacked by Dogs—Minks and Weasels Plentiful.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

WINDSOR, N. C., November 25.—A little negro child, five years old, the son of Wash. and Laura Lutters, living on the land of Sol. Cherry, Jr., near town, caught on fire while playing yesterday, and was burned so badly that he is expected to die.

A. Rosenberg, a Russian-Hebrew pedler, went in Mr. Tom Ray's yard yesterday and was attacked by the dogs, his clothes torn off, and he was bitten very badly in several places.

S. M. Gregory, the "old rebel" banjo-picker, gave a concert at the court-house last night. A large crowd attended, and the receipts amounted to nearly $18.

HOW DID IT GET THERE.

While York Miers was digging marl on his farm he found in the ground seven feet below the surface an iron staple four inches long.

Mrs. Marcus R. Butler died at the residence of her husband yesterday. She was about fifty-two years of age and leaves nine children and a husband.

Minks and weasels are becoming quite a nuisance in this community. Several henhouses have been visited by them and a great deal of poultry killed.

THANKSGIVING AT WELDON.

Religious Services and Offerings for the Orphans—Cotton Prices Higher.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

WELDON, N. C., November 26.—Thanksgiving services were held here this morning in the Episcopal church and remarks appropriate to the day were made by the rector, Rev. W. L. Mellichampe. The offerings were for the Thompson Orphanage.

Rev. W. B. Morton conducted a thanksgiving service at the Baptist church tonight, and a collection was taken for the orphans. The services, to which all were invited, were quite interesting.

Colonel Paul Faison, of Raleigh, has been in town several days looking after the State's interest in the farms near this place.

The cotton market here is firm to-day, and prices are several points higher than they were yesterday.

A number of convicts came down from Raleigh yesterday and were sent out to the State farms.

THANKSGIVING ON THE TURF.

Winning Horses and the Time Made at Gloucester and Elsewhere.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

GLOUCESTER, N. J., November 26.—The following are the results of to-day's events:

First race—one and one-sixteenth miles—Sam. D. won; Preston B. second, Charles Reed third. Time, 2.

Second race—six furlongs—Ilian won; Ted Gegg second, Miss Aggie third. Time, 1:22.

Third race—one mile—Houri won; Sequel second, Rose Howard third. Time, 1:49¼.

Fourth race—seven furlongs—Manhasset won; Pliny second, Rancocas third. Time, 1:33¾.

Fifth race—five furlongs—Censor and Blarney dead heat; Radiant third. Time, 1:06. Purse divided.

Sixth race—six and one-half furlongs—Carmelite won; Ascot second, Lady M. third. Time 1:27.

GLOUCESTER ENTRIES FOR TO-DAY.

First race—one mile, selling (fourteen)—Mirabeau, 122; Harwood, 112; McKenzie, Franco, 107; Litchfield, Melwood, Wander II., M