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MAY-DAY ECHOINGS.

COMMENT ON THE PEACEFUL CHARACTER OF SUNDAY'S EVENTS.

No Serious Disorders Anywhere in France—Some Trouble in Belgium—A Few Bombs Exploded.

[By Anglo-American cable to the Dispatch.]

PARIS, May 2.—In commenting upon the celebration the *Figaro* to-day says that despite the peaceful character of yesterday's events the police did not shut their eyes to the fact that the Workingmen's International Union revived yesterday's demonstrations to show that the workingmen are masters of the situation.

The *Journal des Debats* says: "The negative results of the manifestations ought not to induce us too readily to a confidence which proves false. There is nothing to justify the idea that we have heard the last of anarchism."

The *Republique Française* says: "We must be prepared to face more serious trials and commotions in the future than those that occurred during the past week."

The *Rappel* says: "The government should imitate the calm attitude of the workingmen, treating their demands with a sincere desire for an equitable solution of the question."

Reports received this morning from every important place throughout the provinces confirm the statement that no serious disorders occurred yesterday.

THE FRENCH ELECTIONS.

MARSEILLES, May 2.—The returns thus far received of the municipal elections held in France, this city, yesterday, show that the Republicans are ahead. They have gained in the Department of the North with twenty-seven. Seventeen Revolutionists were elected in St. Ouen. The Republicans have gained in Montpellier. The Conservatists in the Southists are last. The opinion is that of the 204 councils elected the Republicans will have a majority in 191.

BELGIAN'S EXCITEMENT.

BRUSSELS, May 2.—The only important disturbance marred the peaceful character of the Labor Festival occurred at Leeuwarden, in the northeast of Amsterdam. Here a fight took place between the police and a number of strikers, the latter were leaving a factory when the police charged, which caused the greatest excitement in the neighborhood. The rioters threw stones and many of the missiles were broken, with the result that a number of dwelling-houses were smashed. The police seemed to become very serious, and proceeded upon to assist the police in dispersing the rioters. The soldiers found no difficulty in dispersing the rioters.

BRAVE QUEEN CHRISTINA.

MADRID, May 2.—It is the custom of the Queen Regent to nearly every day outside the palace drive through the city park in a carriage and she thinks it her duty to give courage to those who wish to leave the shelter of their homes.

MATERIAL FOR BOMBS?

ROME, May 2.—Reports have reached here of the manufacture of dynamite and gunpowder has been found in the magazines at Corfu, the island in the Mediterranean, where the Empress has her summer residence. Corfu is a great laxity in the regulations of such a quantity of such explosives should appear before the theft was discovered. It is thought that the dynamite and powder were stolen a small quantity at a time and secreted in the magazines.

Sunday's Happenings.

VIENNA, May 2.—A day of quiet following a day that was the situation throughout Austria. The precautions taken by the police authorities awed the turbulent Socialists into a temporary quiescence, and the day, in Belgium, was any report of serious outbreaks.

PARIS, May 2.—In marching out to relieve a crowd near the City Hall, came workingmen and tried to march through the streets of "Down with the Bourbons," "Down with the Bourbons," and "Long Live the Republic." The police charged and dispersed the mobs.

A bomb of an explosion was heard and the house was filled with splintered glass. A bomb was thrown in front of a shop about 10 o'clock. The pavement was shattered and the windows of near-by buildings were broken. Nobody was injured.

BOMB SCARES.

BRUSSELS, May 2.—Two more bombs were exploded in the same district. The damage was not great, but the excitement was intense. Fifty arrests were made.

A bomb bursting held in the circus in Ghent, a fire broke out and the flames reached the adjoining houses. An explosion occurred and the police made numerous arrests. Great apprehension was felt by the authorities, but they took every precaution. An important demonstration of the day was the burning of the Rocino Gardens, which contained a collection of chickens, beasts from other cities of Spain and the proceedings and no trouble.

SHOT BY HIS OWN PETARD.

A bomb exploded early Sunday morning in the barracks in Tours, and when a number of soldiers rushed to the spot they found a man lying wallering in his blood, with his hands blown off and his body torn to pieces. He was unconscious when removed to the hospital.

The police made numerous arrests of suspicious characters, but the town was perfectly quiet. Several explosions are said to have occurred in the country.

A bomb machine was exploded in Antona, doing no damage. The police afterward arrested two Socialists, who were assembling in a smoking-shop, and who, it is stated, had left the machine. A bomb was found before the Communal offices in Lille and did a great deal of damage, but no one was injured. The police arrested several suspicious.

Paris was plunged into the greatest excitement by two explosions, the more serious of which was an attempt to blow up the Mazas prison and was in front of the principal gate of the town, which wrought much havoc. Scores of the windows in the neighboring houses were broken and people rushed to kill any people. The police believed Anarchists, some of whom it is said participated in the outrage.

SALOON ESCAPE OF A CHURCH.

Concerning one of the confessionals in the church of St. Vincente, in Seville, Sunday, there was found a bomb with lighted fuse. He extinguished the fuse and found the infernal machine was composed of a cylinder of white metal, bound with iron. The bomb was provided with a clock, and as much of the fuse remained unburned he thinks the bomb exploded there is no doubt that the havoc would have been great and several lives would have been sacrificed.

There was no trouble, and those disposed to trouble was apprehended were compelled to leave.

Speeches made by workingmen to held in the open or outdoor meetings. They were attended, several monster indoor meetings, the total attendance of 100,000 or more, and in almost equal number were turned away from overcrowded halls. The principal meeting was in the Salle Favie at Belleville. All the socialist orators were present. It was addressed from every part of underclass and in the speeches. The speeches were fiery in character.

PARIS, May 2.—The day was quiet. At the indoor meetings there were speeches against the government, but there was no effort at disorder.

There was the largest demonstration of organized labor, but it was early morning numberless processions of labor unions and socialistic societies in the streets in the vicinity of Hyde Park. Men brought out their wives and children and marched in the streets from wall to wall. Almost every organization had a band with it, and the enthusiasm were terrific.

A DANGEROUS PLOT.

The incident of the day betrayed the underlying current of the demonstration. After noon a sentinel in the Woolwich Arsenal at the entrance of the gunpowder, a big-hearted citizen, containing eight canisters loaded with gun-cotton, and cartridges. He was arrested and the law was removed. Attached to the canisters, but a distance from the bottom of the bag. The assassinally indestroy England's greatest arsenal, thereby 17,000 men would be thrown out of employment. It has been of the War Office that no Anarchists could be found in the arsenal. The dynamite must have been placed by a workman, as the presence of a stranger would have been remarked by the guards.

It is the most of the trouble was caused by the singing of *Ler Carmat*, adapted to the Marseillaise. It was sung everywhere. The police charged and arrested the ringleaders to disturb the public peace, but singing continued. The streets were alive with the excursion trains for the benefit of the Democratic picknickers were poured out, and the suburban meetings were held.

A great meeting of the workingmen's societies in Vincennes was addressed by several agitators, some so violent in their language that they were interfered. There was much disorder at the time a riot was imminent and arrests were made.

ANARCHISTS DENOUNCED.

Herr von Vollmar, Social-Democratic deputy, addressed the principal May-Day meeting in Munich and denounced Anarchists, saying that they were doing more than the capitalists to the cause of socialistic reform.

At Grenoble a Spanish Anarchist was arrested for haranguing a crowd of workingmen in the street.

In Lyons five Anarchists were arrested for attempt to create disorder. They were armed with revolvers and knives.

In the provincial cities of England meetings were held in favor of the eight-hour day agitation, but there was no disorder.

In Vienna there were no processions, and the socialist meetings were small and orderly.

Copenhagen, Christiana, Amsterdam, and the Swedish towns report that while May-Day was generally celebrated and the meetings were largely attended, there was little or no disorder.

SERIOUS EXPLOSION YESTERDAY.

LIEGE, BELGIUM, May 2.—A powerful bomb was exploded today under the grating of Count Mikoline's residence, adjoining the house of General Loudoun, of the civic guard. It is thought probable that the miscreants intended to blow up General Loudoun's residence, but seemed the wrong house. The pavement was deeply excavated; the door was smashed; the door of the corridor fell; the marble steps were torn up, and the contents of the rooms were more or less smashed. A servant in the next house was thrown down by the shock, and all the windows within a radius of 200 yards were damaged. A German who fled from the scene just after the explosion was arrested, but he denied that he was the author. Count Minette was out at the time. The Countess was just about to enter the house when the explosion occurred.

Ah—h!—Baron Fava!

[By Anglo-American cable to the Dispatch.]

ROME, May 2.—Baron Fava, the Italian Minister to the United States, has started on his way to Washington. He will be a passenger on the steamship Normania which leaves Southampton, May 7th.

The Pope and American Schools.

[By Anglo-American cable to the Dispatch.]

LONDON, May 2.—The Rome correspondent of the *Chronicle* says: "The Pope has confirmed the decision of the Propaganda in favor of the plan advocated by Archbishop Ireland, of allowing American Catholic schools to be taught by State teachers, religious instructions being given after school hours, the object being to relieve Catholics of the burden of the expense of separate schools."

THE TERMINAL REORGANIZATION.

President Oakman Protests Against Certain Action of the Committee.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

NEW YORK, May 2.—The publication of the letter of President Oakman, of the Terminal Company, to the Reorganization Committee was a decided surprise to President Oakman. In the letter he requested the committee to hasten its operations in order to protect the system from embarrassment. To-day he said he had no part in allowing the letter to be made public, and sent the following note to J. Kennedy Tod, the acting chairman of the committee:

"*J. Kennedy Tod, Chairman:*

"I beg to express my surprise at, and to protest against, the publication of my letter of April 25th, which letter was intended as a confidential communication to the Committee on Reorganization. It omitted an explanation of facts known to the committee, but which should have accompanied any public statement, and in the absence of these explanations great injury to the companies and to the security-holders of these companies may result.

[Signed] "W. G. OAKMAN, President."

The East Tennessee is paying $319,000 in interest to-day. On June 1st it will have to pay $130,000, and on July 1st $400,000. When Samuel Thomas gave up the chairmanship of the board on March 17th there was about $200,000 in the treasury. The Danville company a month ago borrowed $600,000 from a syndicate with which to pay charges. This loan is due June 1st. These are the principal items referred to by President Oakman in his letter of April 25th.

DEATH WITHOUT WARNING.

Three Men Beneath a Train that Goes Down with a Bridge.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., May 2.—The north-bound train on the Louisville, New Albany and Chicago railroad carried down a bridge near Otis this morning. The engineer, the fireman, and one brakeman, who were on the engine, are buried in the water beneath the wreck. Superintendent Collins, with a wreckage-train and a large force of men, is at work clearing away *debris*. Traffic has been abandoned north of Otis. A heavy downfall of rain, which set in about 6 o'clock last night, washed away the foundations of the bridge, leaving the support of the structure intact. There was no warning, and the train dashed headlong into the water beneath the sinking bridge.

The Opie-Castleman Case.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 2.—In 1856 H. L. Opie sold for $41,000 a large tract of farm-land in Jefferson county, then Virginia, and now West Virginia, to Henry W. Castleman, a part of the payment being in cash and the rest in interest bearing notes. These payments which fell due in 1861 and 1864 Castleman paid in Confederate money and Virginia bank notes, both of which were depreciated currency, going for the purposes of payment from the United States military lines in West Virginia into the Confederate lines, and making the payments to Mrs. Opie, who was some years ago in the Confederate army, and she accepted the money, which was divided between the members of her family, and in 1865, at her request, the trustees executed a deed of release. About fifteen years afterwards a suit was brought against Castleman and the point made that the payments in Confederate money did not constitute a payment in lawful money, as required by the terms of sale. The United States District Court of West Virginia gave judgment against Castleman, but the United States Supreme Court, in an opinion by Justice Harlan, reversed that judgment, holding that the action on the part of the Opies came too late.

Cleveland First, Then Vilas.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

MILWAUKEE, WIS., May 2.—It has been definitely settled that when the Democratic State convention meets next week to elect delegates to the national convention Wisconsin's representatives will be instructed to vote solidly for Cleveland, but if there should come a time when the tide swamps their candidate the delegation is to throw its vote to William F. Vilas, ex-Secretary of the Interior. The latter is in no sense a candidate, but there is a strong feeling that unless Mr. Cleveland is to head the Democratic ticket Wisconsin's favorite son will enter the race.

The Country's Balance-Sheet.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 2.—The public-debt statement issued to-day shows the total interest-bearing debt to be $585,029,030; total debt of all kinds, $1,600,170,724; total cash in Treasury, $797,625,346; net debt, $802,045,378; decrease of debt during April, $778,375; balance in Treasury, including $100,000,000 gold reserve, $131,518,160; gold certificates outstanding, $175,644,879; silver ditto, $330,499,002; currency ditto, $30,550,000; Treasury-notes of 1890 (billion purchase notes), $93,228,690.

Richmond Visitors in New York.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

NEW YORK, May 2.—The following visitors from Richmond were registered here yesterday: J. L. Burston, St. Nicholas; R. L. Traylor and W. E. Eckel, Astor; R. H. McVoy, Gilsey; W. E. Leake, R. L. Taylor, R. S. Archer, and W. W. Henry, Fifth-Avenue.

The following are registered to-day: L. E. Williams, St. Denis; J. W. Allison, Gerlach; C. T. Sauer, Metropolitan; G. Milhiser, Marlborough.

Another Fatal Theatre Fire.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

LEADVILLE, COL., May 2.—Last night a fire started in the rear of the stage at Loeb's Variety Theatre, and in a few moments the entire place was ablaze. The flames spread rapidly, and before they were gotten under control half of the block on State street was gutted. There were a number of narrow escapes. One woman and a little child were burned to death. The damage is estimated at $40,000; insurance about $10,000.

Lower Rates to Mexico.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

CITY OF MEXICO, May 2.—The railroads to the north have cut down their freight rates to meet the competition of the steamship line from Mobile to Tampico. The reduction in rates is equivalent to 33⅓ per cent.

The Players' Fair.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

NEW YORK, May 2.—An enormous crowd witnessed the opening of the Actors' Fund Fair at Madison-Square Garden, in this city, this evening.

SOME MAY-DAY SINNERS.

The Justice Sands Some Old Acquaintances to See Judge Witt.

The glorious sunshine of the first May Sabbath wrought its intoxicating influences around the carcasses of many who bathed in its comforting warmth, and yesterday they were found sweltering like run-down cattle in the pen at the Police Court. For many days the big-hearted Justice has been promising his patrons that they should have a fresh lot of sawdust upon which to rest their languid feet when they visit his court, and on yesterday the need for the fulfilment of this was felt more keenly than ever before.

It was fearfully hot, and before the court opened the rotund Sergeant climbed upon a lot of old books and tables, thereby reaching a large tin box, which was labelled "Cake." It had evidently been captured at a "walk," but had been divested of its toothsome contents. From the box the Sergeant drew a couple of large fans, and, handing one to the Justice, cried, in a sonorous voice, almost as touching as Patti's, "Come to order; court is open."

There were many cases in which the defendants were assessed the regulation $5 and costs for being drunk, and the usual number of assaults and trespassings, which were disposed of in the customary manner.

A negro named Joe Watson was sent on to the Hustings Court, charged with stealing a lot of brass belonging to the Southern Manufacturing Company.

John Landrum and George Burch, a couple of lazy-looking white men, were before his Honor, accused of feloniously and by violence stealing twenty-five cents from the person of W. H. White. They were sent on to the Hustings Court and were sent to jail for twelve months in default of $300 security as suspicious characters.

Lavinia Holmes (colored) was sent on to the grand jury for carrying a razor.

Death of Mr. William H. Turpin.

Mr. William H. Turpin, brother of Auditor Miles Turpin, and father of Mr. William M. Turpin, member of the Board of Aldermen and of the Richmond Bar, died at his residence in this city, yesterday, at 6:10 P. M., in the 79th year of his age. For almost fifty years Mr. Turpin had been engaged in the seed business at No. 1526 east Main street, until within the last twelve months his feeble health compelled him to retire. He was of a quiet, modest disposition and of exceptional gentleness of manner. His sterling qualities and unobtrusive piety made him generally beloved. The funeral takes place this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock from the First Baptist Church, of which he was a member for thirty-six years.

Burned About the Face and Head.

A white man named John Nawell was badly burned about the face and head Sunday morning. The particulars of the accident are not known, as Nawell is a Russian, and neither he nor his friends can speak English well. The ambulance was called to attend the injured man and he was taken to the city hospital for treatment. At a late hour last night he was doing very well, and his condition is not considered critical.

TURF AND DIAMOND.

YESTERDAY'S EVENTS ON THE COUNTRY'S GREAT RACE-TRACKS.

Lexington, Nashville, St. Louis, &c.—Some Brilliant Gatherings—The Trotter Lynx Burned to Death.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 2.—First race—six and a half furlongs—Logan won; Bel Demonio second, Count third. Time, 1:22¾.

Second race—selling, six furlongs—Blackburn won; Hemet second, Nubian third. Time, 1:16.

Third race—handicap, one and one sixteenth miles—Prather won; Roquefort second, Zampost third. Time, 1:51.

Fourth race—four and a half furlongs—Orphan won; Jimmy Lane second, Rearguard third. Time, .57.

Fifth race—one mile—St. Mark won; Poverty second, Thiers third. Time, 1:47.

LEXINGTON'S SECOND DAY.

LEXINGTON, KY., May 2.—The second day's racing at the Kentucky Association track was attended by an immense crowd of people. In the Melbourne stake for two-year-olds, five furlongs, $1,500 added, Joe Murphy won handily, with Lollie second, and Halcyon third. Time, 1:03¼. Betting—Joe Murphy 3 to 1; Lollie 8 to 1; place.

First race—six furlongs—Tenny Jr. won; Hopeful second, Modjeska third. Time 1:17¼.

Second race—seven furlongs—Engarita won; Forward second, Salvation third. Time, 1:30½.

Third race—five furlongs—Joe Murphy won; Lollie second, Halcyon third. Time, 1:03¾.

Fourth race—six furlongs—Penn P. won; Vision second, London Smoke third. Time, 1:17.

Fifth race—one mile—Alura Doxey won; Marie K. second, Orville third. Time, 1:44.

AT GUTTENBURG.

GUTTENBURG, May 2.—The track was in good condition and the attendance was large to-day.

First race—seven furlongs—Sweetbread won; Brussels second, Pelham third. Time, 1:28¾.

Second race—half a mile—Cocoa won; Lorraine (colt) second, Narka (colt) third. Time, 50½.

Third race—one mile—Biltzen won; Mohican second, Rambler third. Time, 1:42¾.

Fourth race—five furlongs—Toano won; Panway second, Firefly third. Time, 1:02.

Fifth race—one and one-eighth mile—Rico won; Lady Pulsifer second, Sandstone third. Time, 1:57½.

Sixth race—six and a half furlongs—Early Dawn won; Gladiator second, Centaur third. Time, 1:25¼.

ON THE DELAWARE.

GLOUCESTER, May 2.—Following are the results of to-day's events:

First race—five furlongs—Joe Lee won; Eros second, Jim Gates third. Time, 1:05.

Second race—five furlongs—Montella won; Rialto second, King Idler third. Time, 1:05¼.

Third race—six and a half furlongs—Wheeler T. won, Contest second, Oberlin third. Time, 1:27.

Fourth race—one and a quarter miles—Elyton won; Ebbis second, Darling third. Time, 2:27¾.

Fifth race—four and a half furlongs—Minnie J. won; Silence second, King Clere third. Time, 57¾.

Sixth race—seven furlongs—Bowery won; Dousman second, Dundee third. Time, 1:36½.

AT NASHVILLE.

NASHVILLE, TENN., May 2.—At West-Side Park to-day the talent picked only two winners, but the place horses were all fairly well backed.

First race—six furlongs—J. T. won; Knott In It second, Abandon third. Time, 1:16.

Second race—one mile and seventy yards—Ed Shelby won; Robin Hood second, Argenta third. Time, 1:52.

Third race—seven furlongs—Dolly McCone won; Springaway second, Lord Willowbrook third. Time, 1:29.

Fourth race—one mile—Goodbye won; Sulross second, Vanzandt third. Time, 1:43¾.

Fifth race—five and a half furlongs—Governor Brown won; Abraham second, Leonos third. Time, 57½.

Sixth race—six furlongs—Borealis won; Sly Lisbon second, One Dime third. Time, 1:17.

AT ST. LOUIS.

ST. LOUIS, MO., May 2.—The second day of the Jockey Club's meeting was favored with a good track, and the bookies kept all the cash. Every choice horse was defeated.

First race—five furlongs—Expense won; Hal Gisher second, Weaverman third. Time, 1:03¼.

Second race—four furlongs—Duke of Kent won; Ernest second, Goodway third. Time, 1:52.

Third race—five furlongs—May won; Trixy Gardner second, Phantom third. Time, 1:03¾.

Fourth race—four furlongs—Charlie Wilson won; Alice D. second, Rabbitt third. Time, .51.

Fifth race—five furlongs—Swagaletter won; Texas Girl second, Sir Launcelot third. Time, 1:03¼.

Sixth race—six furlongs—Barbara won; Venture second. Dan Farrelo third. Time, 1:17.

A Trotter Burned to Death.

BALTIMORE, MD., May 2.—The horse Lynx, a bay gelding, entered under the name of John P. Gibbs, of Fleetwood Park, N. Y., for the 2:27 trotting race trotting race at the Gentlemen's Driving Park, was burned to death in his stable, on the grounds of the Maryland Agricultural Society, at Pimlico, to-day. The trotter burned was only put in the stall ten minutes before the fire was discovered, and while the boy in charge was on his way to get some straw for bedding. John Rudd, the owner of Lynx, recently refused $6,000 for him.

Base-Ball.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—Games postponed on account of rain: At Cincinnati—New York-Cincinnati; at Pittsburg—Brooklyn-Pittsburg.

At Cleveland:		R.	B.H.	E.
Cleveland	2000000000—	2	7	1
Philadelphia	0101000001—	3	6	2

Batteries—Young and Doyle; Esper and Clements.

At St Louis:		R.	B.H.	E.
St. Louis	0111203000—	7	11	7
Washington	3200003200—	10	9	1

Batteries—Gleason and Bird; Killen, Dolan, and Milligan.

At Chicago:		R.	B.H.	E.
Chicago	3000000010—	4	10	1
Boston	0010000000—	1	3	6

Batteries—Gumbert and Schriver; Clarkson and Kelly.

SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION.

At Charleston;		R.	B.H.	E.
Charlestons	17: Charlottes, 3. Base-hits—Charlestons, 17; Charlottes, 3. Errors—Charlestons, 5; Charlottes, 10. Batteries—Schoebel and Sugden; Frank and Ganz.			

At Atlanta:		R.	B.H.	E.
Atlantas	000020000—	2	6	0
Montgomerys	100000101—	3	9	1

Batteries—Campfeild and Schabel; Gillen and Lands.

At Chattanooga:		R.	B.H.	E.
Chattanoogas	000000010—	1	7	4
Memphis	2000000021—	5	7	4

Batteries not given.

At Birmingham: The last game in the Birmingham-New Orleans series was won in eleven innings by the visitors.

		R.	B.H.	E.
Birminghams	10021200001—	7	12	1
New Orleans	00000000002—	8	12	1

Pitchers—Callahan and Petty.

BIG BILLS ORDERED PAID.

An Important Session of the Grounds and Buildings Committee Yesterday.

At a regular session of the Council Committee on Grounds and Buildings yesterday evening the following bills for the new City Hall were ordered to be paid: W. J. Ready, for bricks, $70,000; Broomwell, Schmidt & Co., allowance, $2,500; the regular pay-roll of $1,311.38.

A request from Sergeant Charles H. Epps for certain supplies for the city jail was granted.

The following bids for furnishing window-sash and glass for the City Hall were opened: J. J. Montague, $10,445 with French glass, $9,827 with American plate-glass, W. J. Whitehurst, $9,848 with American plate-glass, $10,806 with French plate-glass; Robert Wendenberg, $9,170 with either French or American plate-glass. A bid made by Thomas E. Stagg, was, on motion of Mr. Houston, returned, not being accompanied with the required certified check.

On motion of Mr. Brander, the contract was awarded to Robert Wendenberg.

A communication from Colonel Woodfin, of the Soldiers' Home at Hampton, asking for a donation of gold-fish, was referred to the City Engineer, who was instructed to comply with the request as far as possible.

Colonel Cutshaw, in answer to queries, stated that the Council chamber in the new City Hall was about 54 feet long by 38 feet wide, or 2 feet longer and 8 inches narrower than the chamber now in use. He said it was possible to construct a gallery in two or three different ways, but did not recommend such a thing, and reported that the pillars in the hall could be removed at a cost of $2,500. The matter was laid over until the next meeting.

CONFEDERATE MASS-MEETING.

Rev. Frank Stringfellow and Dr. Hunter McGuire to Speak.

The Confederate mass-meeting at the Young Men's Christian Association Hall to-night, under the auspices of the ladies of the Hollywood Memorial Association, whose twenty-sixth anniversary it celebrates, promises to be exceedingly interesting. Mayor Ellyson will preside, and Rev. Frank Stringfellow and Dr. Hunter McGuire will deliver addresses. The occasion will mark the twenty-sixth anniversary of the organization of the association, and the ladies propose to hold a similar meeting each year in order to perpetuate with the young the memories of the Confederate dead, and the principles for which they laid down their lives.

The musical programme will be very attractive, embracing an umber of stirring Confederate war songs. This will be under the supervision of Captain Frank Cunningham, while Major C. O'B. Cowardin and Mr. Polk Miller will have charge of the full chorus.

The members of Lee and Pickett Camps, in uniforms if possible, will meet at their respective headquarters at 7:30 o'clock this evening promptly to proceed in a body to the hall. A drum-corps will accompany each command.

The entertainment will be absolutely free, and there will be no reserved seats except for the camps.

The association will hold its annual business meeting to-day at noon.

How We Are Governed.

Hon. H. R. Pollard lectured before the trustees, faculty, and students of the Richmond Female Institute last night, and a large and cultivated audience assembled to hear him. He was introduced by Hon. William Lovenstein and chose a subject with which he is perfectly familiar—"How We Are Governed"—and handled it in a masterly manner.

Mr. Pollard, in clear and concise language, explained the three great branches of government—the national, the State, and the municipal—and described the various departments and rules pertaining to each. In his concluding remarks he said that politicians were frequently spoken of in a derogatory manner, but that their mission was in reality a noble one, and that in his opinion their usefulness was second only to that of the clergy. Some of them are bad, of course, but exceptions should not make the rule. Their object was to secure good government. At the conclusion of his address he was liberally applauded.

Professor Boatwright, of Richmond College, in a graceful speech returned thanks to the speaker for the lecture, after which a few minutes for a social chat was allowed the boys and girls.

THE CHURCH 80 YEARS OLD.

Impressive Exercises at the First Presbyterian—The Bishop Going to Rome.

The eightieth anniversary of the First Presbyterian church of Richmond was appropriately and happily celebrated on Sunday, and the occasion was one of rare interest to multitudes of our people both in and out of the church.

In the morning the Sabbath school omitted the usual lesson service and marched in procession into the church where all participated in exercises of a delightful character, consisting of responsive Scripture-readings, with prayer by Mr. James Lyons, and a number of bright and spirited songs of praise. The historical address was made by the superintendent, Mr. J. D. K. Sleight, who has served in that capacity for some twenty-five years, and was replete with facts of deepest interest, brightened with touching reminiscences of the past and hopeful words for the future. Rev. Dr. Kerr also made a brief and happy talk to the children and teachers to the great delight of all.

THE HISTORY OF THE CHURCH.

At 11 A. M. another crowd filled the church and were first of all delighted with a grand anthem finely rendered by the choir, followed by prayer and Scripture reading. Then came the "Historical Address of the Church," by Hon. B. R. Wellford, Jr., giving in brief a complete history of the church from the time of its organization in 1812 up to the present. It showed great research and thought, and, couched in the chaste yet glowing language so natural to the judge, it was a gem in its way. Following this, Rev. Thomas L. Preston, D. D., a former pastor, preached from Psalms civ., 4, "Our generation shall praise Thy works to another"—a sermon of rare power and beauty—and, with his old-time vigor and eloquence, held his large audience spell-bound to the end.

REV. DRS. HOGE AND KERR.

The church was filled to overflowing at the night service, the vast congregation representing all the churches and denominations of the city.

The platform was occupied by Rev. Drs. Read, Hoge, Richardson, Campbell, and Kerr, and Revs. Messrs. Stewart, Little, and Wolfe. The fervent prayer of invocation was offered by Rev. James Little, M. A., followed with a spirited anthem by the choir, the reading of Scripture by Rev. J. C. Stewart, and prayer by Dr. Richardson.

Dr. Hoge's address on the "Four Deceased Pastors of the Church" was simply superb, and his vivid, life-like sketches of Rev. Drs. Rice, Armstrong, Plumer, and Moore revived many tender memories in the hearts of his hearers, and the hushed audience all that rested upon the vast audience attested their intense interest in the theme presented and the eloquence of the speaker.

The closing address was made by the present pastor, Rev. R. P. Kerr, D. D., upon the "Present and the Future of the Church," and, like those preceding it, sparkled with good things and with facts as to the great "Presbyterian family," which were quite new and gratifying to many of his hearers. Dr. Kerr's ringing and well-timed address finally rounded up a day long to be remembered in the history of the old First Presbyterian church.

A dainty little *brochure* of some sixty-four pages is already issued containing pictures of all the pastors of the church, an outside and inside view of the church itself, and all of the addresses and sermons delivered on this eightieth anniversary.

THE BISHOP GOING TO ROME.

Right Rev. Bishop Van de Vyver, announced at the Cathedral Sunday morning, as it had been anticipated that he would do, that he would start in a day or two for Rome to make his first visit *ad limina* to the Pope. The Bishop will leave for New York to-day and will sail for Rome Saturday. He will be away about two months, and will during his absence meet the Rev. Dr. O'Connell, rector of the American College, at one time connected with the Cathedral.

Friday next being the first Friday in the month there will be benedictions and devotions at the Sacred Heart church.

The Ladies' Aid Benevolent Society held a meeting at the Cathedral yesterday after high mass, and after vespers the Confraternity of the Living Rosary met.

A NEW ASSISTANT RECTOR.

Rev. J. Augustine Smith has accepted a call as assistant rector of Moore-Memorial church and parish. He will take charge the latter part of next month. Mr. Smith is a Virginian by birth and was raised at and near Winchester. He comes to Richmond from Washington. He is 32 years of age and married, but has no children. The assistant rector-elect comes highly recommended as a man of decided talent, as a zealous and an efficient laborer, and as a man of deep piety.

On next Wednesday night the regular annual meeting of St. John's Church Union will be held at the old church. There will be addresses of unusual interest and reports will be read.

Plans are being matured under the auspices of the chancel of the Chapter of St. Paul's church for the arrangement of a baptistry in the church as a memorial to the little children baptized there who have since died.

Wives Asking for Divorces.

Miss Carrie F. May, formerly an actress at Putnam's Theatre Comique under the *nom de plume* of Carrie Abbott, on Saturday instituted suit in the Chancery Court through her attorney, Mr. Samuel M. Page, to have her marriage with William F. Ryer, of Pittsburg, Pa., annulled. Miss Abbot and Mr. Ryer were married March 29th, and the groom only remained in Richmond with his bride about ten days, and then suddenly departed. Soon afterward the police authorities here learned that Ryer had a wife and several children in Pittsburg, and a warrant was issued for his arrest for bigamy, for which he will be tried as soon as he is captured.

Mr. Page on Saturday also instituted suit in behalf of Mrs. Minnie E. Landrum for divorce from the bed and board of Walter R. Landrum. Cruelty and neglect are the grounds upon which action is based. An injunction was secured to restrain the husband from interfering with his 10-months-old child while the suit is pending. Mr. Landrum was engaged in railroading. Mrs. Landrum's maiden name was Atkins. She and the child are living on Oregon Hill.

Nearly Ninety-Nine Years Old.

The Richmond Light Infantry Blues have issued invitations to their ninety-ninth anniversary celebration, which takes place on the 10th of this month. The Committee of Arrangements has secured the privilege of the Old pump-house and grounds for the occasion. The company will assemble at its armory at 9 A. M., march through some of the principal streets of the city, and have its annual shoot for the company medal, reaching the grounds about 11:30. Lunch will be served in the grove at 12 o'clock and dinner at half-past 3. Military guests are requested to appear in uniform. The following are the members of the committee: Lieutenant William B. Pizzini, chairman; Lieutenant Charles H. Epps, Sergeant George F. Guy, Charles F. Bultnuff, Corporal L. L. Chesterfield, Andrew Krouse, Warren Bowers, James R. Medbedt, Leon Ruskell, William F. Reddy, Wythe White, and William H. Snook.

Blessed by the Bishop.

The business meeting of the McGill Union was held last night. As soon as the meeting was called to order all those present adjourned to the episcopal residence to bid good-bye to Bishop Van de Vyver, who leaves for Rome to-day. The Right Rev. Bishop delivered an able and instructive address, at the conclusion of which he imparted his blessing to the members.

On resuming the regular business at the rooms the principal topic discussed was the coming outing or picnic on Whit Monday. The place selected is Tree Hill, where the Union had so delightful a reunion last year. Base-ball, foot-ball, shooting, and various other games will be provided, and a splendid time is anticipated.

The Reading of Mr. Smith and Mr. Page To-Night.

As has been announced, Mr. F. Hopkinson Smith and Mr. Thomas Nelson Page will to-night at 8 o'clock give a joint reading from their works for the benefit of the Rosemary Public Library. It is expected that a large audience will greet these gentlemen, as their joint readings have been a feature of literary entertainment in New York, Boston, and other large northern cities this spring. Their series of readings in Chickering Hall, Boston, and in Daly's Theatre, New York, in January and February, delighted the people of those cities, and the press declared that they marked an epoch in such entertainments.

To Build a New County Jail.

The Henrico Board of Supervisors held a special meeting yesterday, at which they awarded a contract for a new jail building to the Vandorn Iron-Works, of Cleveland, Ohio. The present jails are to be torn down and the new one will be erected on the site thus vacated. It will front on the yard to the rear of the clerk's office and facing Main street. The structure is to be of the most modern design, with ample accommodations and every convenience. It will have separate apartments for male and female prisoners of each race and for lunatics. The cost is not to exceed $12,000.

He Was Not the Right Man.

A negro named David Jones was arrested by the authorities of Henrico county yesterday on the charge of assaulting the little white girl named Gethard a few days ago. The present was taken before Squire B. Frischkorn, but was discharged, as there was no evidence to show that he was the guilty party. Sergeant Tomlinson, of the city police force, and several of the county officials are still looking for the fiend who perpetrated the heinous deed, and they think they have a clue, but so far have been unable to get on the track of the man.

Two Commissioners to Be Elected.

The terms of Messrs. Joseph B. Welsh, of the Board of Police Commissioners, and Joseph L. Levy, of the Board of Fire Commissioners, will expire July 1st, and the new Council will choose their successors. The Board of Public Interests will nominate three gentlemen for each position and the Council will elect one out of each trio. Those who are spoken of for Police Commissioner are Messrs. Joseph B. Welsh (the present incumbent), A. W. Archer, and James R. Lamkin. As yet no one except Mr. Levy has been spoken of for Fire Commissioner.

The Tariff-Reform Club.

There will be a meeting of the Democratic Tariff-Reform Club in the court-room of the City Circuit Court to-morrow afternoon at 5:30 o'clock. All members are requested to attend.

PROBING THE FRAUDS

SUB-COMMITTEE BEGIN THE INVESTIGATION OF JEFFERSON WARD.

Mr. Cohn's Case—A Singular Agreement of Figures—Where Are the Regular Ballots?

The investigation by the sub-Committee of the City Democratic Committee of the irregularities in Jefferson Ward and the conduct of the election officers of the ward in the recent primary was commenced at Democratic headquarters yesterday afternoon. The sub-committee is composed of Messrs. Harrison, Snead, and Ferriter.

Mr. Henry Cohn was called as the first witness and said if they were going into an investigation of what had been said about him he would ask a continuance. He was a judge, he said, at the Second Precinct of Jefferson Ward. He knew of nothing irregular in the election, and could not account for the discrepancies. Messrs. Frischkorn and O'Sullivan were selected by the candidates to overlook the count. Mr. Robertson sat by the witness while he (Cohn) was reading the ballots. He denied that he was guilty of reading out the ballots wrong.

MR. FRISCHKORN TESTIFIES.

Mr. Frischkorn testified that he was a witness to the count at Second Jefferson. When he went into the precinct the officers were short-handed and he and Mr. O'Sullivan helped to tally. He explained the position of those present at the table. He had no knowledge of any discrepancies but these and they were settled at the count. He thought that the count was absolutely fair and was astonished when the evidence of the fraud came out. He and O'Sullivan could not possibly have been in collusion, as they were interested in men diametrically opposed to each other. The tally-sheets were absolutely correct.

Mr. W. W. Robinson, clerk of election at Second Jefferson, said the poll-book and tally compared to one vote. While witness's father was taking the ballots out of the box Mr. Cohn for a while straightened them up. No one handled the ballots except the election officers and Mr. Chasa.

MR. O'SULLIVAN'S TESTIMONY.

Mr. D. O'S