# WASHINGTON CITY.

VIRGINIA AND NORTH CAROLINA GOSSIP AT THE CAPITOL.

Shall Senators or Representatives Control Federal Patronage?—Immigration Questions of Importance.

[From Our Regular Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 17.—While there have been reports to the effect that Colonel Goode, who ran against Representative Epes in the Petersburg district, would file a contest for the seat in Congress, he appears to have made no positive move in the matter. Some of the Petersburg Democrats who have been here this week seem to think, however, that a contest will be one of the things to enliven politics in the old Fourth during the next session.

The talk around the Capitol to-day was that the Governor of North Carolina has signed a certificate of election in the Congressional District of North Carolina. Mr. Williams, the present member, is on the face of the returns, seems to have obtained an undisputed plurality, but he is in a position to determine who will do, especially as there is a chance of having the case reopened by the Canvassing Board at Raleigh. It was reported here this morning that the board had done, and it is supposed probably to be the reason for the withholding of the certificate from Mr. Settle. The news here the other day, seemed to be all right, but, of course, if a contest is granted he cannot hope to feel sure on the points at issue are settled.

A BREEZE.

A kind of a breeze—gentle at present—has been stirred up among North Carolinians over the question of Federal patronage in their State, and a question to be settled is whether the postmasterships are to be left entirely with the representatives, or whether the Senators shall have a finger or two in that pie. The representatives, while not disposed to grow angry, actually think that patronage is to be left to deal with post-offices in their respective districts, but many Senators are already banking heavily on the influence of both Senators Ransom and Jones, as if they expected those generals right in and endorse them as worthy of having a proportionate share of the "spoils." During the administration Mr. Cleveland all North Carolina representatives have had their post-office appointments in their hands fully.

THE HANDS FULL.

The House Committee on Immigration and Naturalization, of which Mr. Epes, of Virginia, is a member, has its hands full of work that will soon have to be met. One is whether or not the immigration shall be restricted so as to shut the stream of paupers coming in, and another is that the committee may do something to check this immigration in the interest of the health of the American citizens. Danger of cholera coming over is a matter that has to be met. Mr. Epes says that the hearings given by the committee have been of much valuable information.

MR. CLEVELAND'S HISTORIAN.

North Carolina visitors at the Capitol to-day was Mr. Pendleton King, of Northampton. He was during the Cleveland Administration secretary of the United States legation at Constantinople, and when the late Mr. Cox, of North Carolina, resigned as Minister to Turkey to take charge of affairs at the Sublime Porte, Mr. King is the author, of a forthcoming history of the life and times of the Hon. Grover Cleveland. This work were placed before all the delegates at the Chicago convention last summer, together with reasons why Mr. Cleveland should be nominated. Mr. King also wrote a tariff plank for the last campaign. As he is a French, German, and Italian linguist, has had experience in diplomacy, is a staunch friend of the President, the friends of Mr. King are strong enough to believe that he will get something good in the way of an appointment by the incoming administration.

Work is being taken here and in New York to start as early day the necessary steps which to resume work on the Chamberlain Hotel at Old Point Comfort. The work has already been expended on the building, now under roof, and the people have that much money tied up in what is not yet completed realize that it must be done.

THE SHELBY CLAIM.

The House had met yesterday the Shelby claim would have been the first bill up, of course, Mr. Jones, of Virginia, would have insisted on going ahead at the latter, as Fredericksburg contrabands are interested in the measure.

The claim has already occupied time during the present Congress sufficiently to rank among the celebrated cases before Congress. It will no doubt be fought hard, as so many northern members are opposed to its passage. If there will be little chance to pass private bills during the present session.

Virginia World's-Fair Commissioners met yesterday to Mt. Vernon, as they had in correspondence last night, and left for their homes to-day. They had a satisfactory visit, and will be enabled to make an interesting report in referring to the proposed Mt. Vernon building at the Chicago World's Fair.

POSTAL AFFAIRS.

North Carolina postmasters of the fourth class have been appointed as follows: Caldwell county, A. C. Griffin, vice G. W. Bernhardt, resigned; Pocomoke, Franklin county, C. F. Haswell, vice Emma Jones, resigned; Roxborough, Person county, J. W. A. Carver, resigned; Trap Hill, Surry county, J. C. Lowe, vice A. C. Gilley, resigned.

Superintendent of Railway Mail-Service Bell issued the following notice: Beginning the 15th instant a daily express for registered sacks will be established between Greensboro' and Salisbury, N. C., leaving Greensboro' at 5:30 P. M. and Durham at 5:37 P. M. for Salisbury and Greensboro' R. P. O." Mr. Bland has been commissioned postmaster at Highland Springs, Va., and Fr. Fordew at Pleasant Garden, N. C.

THE FEDERAL HOUSE.

Discussion—The Special Order Goes to the Calendar—No Senate Session.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 17.—Mr. Breckinridge, of Kentucky, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported the fortification appropriation bill in the House. It was placed on the calendar. Notice that he would ask for its consideration January 5th.

Mr. Ryan, of Kansas, asked consent for the adoption of a resolution instructing the Committee on Ways and Means to report at an early date the bill imposing an income tax. Mr. Springer, of Illinois, objected.

On motion of Mr. Alderson, of West Virginia, a resolution was adopted calling on the Secretary of the Interior for a statement showing the names of persons who have resigned or been discharged from the Indian Bureau before and since November 8, 1892.

The special order was then called up, being a bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to settle the account started against the government and the State of Michigan. This measure being in Committee of the Whole, Mr. Bullock, of Florida, moved that the House resolve itself into Committee of the Whole for its consideration, but the chairman, Mr. Springer, ruled against the motion. He demanded a division, and the House which ought to have been composed of 356 members, there was a vote of 178 in the affirmative and 2 in the negative. Mr. Burrows, suggesting that it was a bill that involved the appropriation of $200,000, raised the point of no quorum, and no quorum appeared, but Mr. Bullock resented and withdrew his point, with the understanding that no vote would be taken to-day.

The effect of this agreement is that the bill will lose its privileged character, and will be relegated to the calendar.

No action was taken on the measure, and then Mr. Meyer, of Louisiana, announced the death of Senator Gibson, of Louisiana, as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased the House adjourned.

The Senate was not in session to-day.

WADE HAMPTON'S RETIREMENT.

The Veteran Says He Has Settled Accounts with South Carolina.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 17.—George C. Tanner, a Confederate soldier and political follower of General Wade Hampton, wrote to him and urged him to reconsider his resolution refusing to again enter South Carolina politics. He also outlined certain plans by which he believed the General could triumph over his enemies. To this letter Mr. Tanner has received the following reply:

"COLUMBIA, S. C., December 13, 1892.

"Dear Tanner,—I am obliged to you for your kind letter, which reached me a few days ago. Under no possible circumstances or persuasion would I take any place offered me by South Carolina. I was urged to become a candidate for Governor at the last election, but I refused. Nor would I accept the position if every man in the State desired me to do so. I have settled my accounts between the State and myself and I am perfectly satisfied with the result.

"I am rejoiced only to know that the affection of my old soldiers for me remains unshaken in storm as in calm.

"Thanking you for your kind interest,

"Yours truly, WADE HAMPTON."

## MR. BLAINE'S MALADY.

Statement from His Physician—Nothing Positive to Be Said.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 17.—The following statement is given to the United Press by Dr. W. W. Johnston, the physician of Mr. Blaine, with the approval of his family:

"Mr. Blaine has been suffering for some time past with symptoms of impaired general health, but which did not clearly indicate disease of any particular organ. Evidences of local organic disease have been manifested recently, and it is believed that his present condition is due to this cause.

"While there is nothing in the nature of this disease to warrant the fear of any very rapid progress, he has shown within a month past more signs of serious illness than before. It is hoped that this aggravation may pass off, but no positive statement can now be made as to the changes which may take place from day to day. At the present moment he is better than for a week past."

MR. BLAINE'S CONDITION.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 17.—At 11 P. M. Mr. Blaine's condition was reported as "about the same."

## ONLY A PANSY

Blossom to Represent Uncle Sam—Change in Old Glory.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 17.—Mr. Butler, of Iowa, introduced a bill to-day to establish the pansy as the national floral emblem. He also introduced a bill changing the formation of the United States flag so as to have a pansy in the union, surrounded by the stars representing the States, the staff of the flag to represent a sleeping rattlesnake.

## FOLLOWING CLEVELAND'S EXAMPLE.

President Harrison to Take a Trip Down the Potomac.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 17.—It is stated at the Executive Mansion that the President will probably take a few days' trip down the Potomac river during the Christmas holidays.

Washington News Notes.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, December 17.—A letter was laid before the House to-day from Secretary Foster, of the Treasury, enclosing a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, recommending an additional appropriation of $2,500 for the construction of offices at the naval station at Port Royal, S. C.

Mr. Oates (Democrat), of Alabama, circulated a petition this afternoon asking the Committee on Rules to fix a date early in 1893 for consideration of the Torrey bankruptcy bill. Owing to the small attendance in the House not more than seventy-five signatures were secured. A large number of those, however, who desire to have definite action upon the bill will not vote for its passage. In order to obtain favorable action from the Committee on Rules it will be necessary to secure 116 signatures exclusive of those of the committee itself.

The Mexican government through Don Cayetano Romero, *Charge d'Affaires* of the Mexican legation, has officially called the attention of the United States Government to the recent raid into Mexico, at San Ignacio, by citizens of Mexico, who formed on the American side of the line. Secretary-of-State Foster has, in turn, communicated with the War Department, and asked that additional United States troops be stationed on the Mexican border to prevent the incursions complained of. In pursuance of this request the Seventh Cavalry, now at Fort Riley, has been ordered to the Rio Grande to assist the Third Cavalry, now there.

By the resolution adopted by the House a few days ago Chairman Springer, of the Ways and Means Committee, was authorized to appoint a sub-committee, of which he should be chairman, to investigate the condition of the Treasury Department. He to-day appointed as his colleagues Messrs. Wilson of West Virginia, Turner of Georgia, Reed of Maine, and Burrows of Michigan. Mr. Springer called a meeting of the sub-committee for 11 o'clock Monday. The meeting will be for the purpose of organization and the formulation of a request to the Secretary of the Treasury for the information desired.

## SAN DOMINGO BOUGHT.

An American Syndicate Now Practical Ruler of the Island.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

NEW YORK, December 17.—A syndicate of American capitalists has acquired control of the Island of San Domingo by the purchase of the right to collect the customs revenue of the country, which are principally derived from the tobacco monopoly. The precise terms are withheld, but it is understood that $3,450,000 is the amount agreed upon. The members of the purchasing syndicate are as far as known Charles W. Wells and Willard Brown, of New York, and John W. Taylor, of Newark. The concessions were heretofore controlled by the Messrs. Westerndorf, bankers, of Amsterdam. The scheme makes the holders practical rulers of the republic because they pay the officials. The concession will also give the United States a harbor and coaling station.

## A SOUTHERNER MISSING.

He is Trustee of Large Estates and Has Been Speculating.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

NEW YORK, December 17.—The newspapers claim that Edward P. Chamberlain is missing. He is a southerner, about 40 years of age, and is trustee of the estates of John M. George, who left several million dollars, and George Harvey, who left a fortune of $500,000. Mr. Chamberlain is known to have speculated in grain and is said to have lost considerable money. His friends fear dependency over his losses affected his mind and are making diligent search for him.

## ARNOTT'S STORES ARE NOT.

Part of Them, at Least, Destroyed by Fire—Loss, $350,000.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

BROOKLYN, N. Y., December 17.—A portion of Arnott's stores, at the foot of Twenty-seventh street, was destroyed by fire this morning. A dozen firemen had a narrow escape from being crushed under a falling wall. Several of them, however, were injured; though only one, as far as known, was seriously hurt.

At least 8,000 bales of cotton and an immense quantity of bagging and jute were stored in the building. The loss is about $350,000; the insurance unknown.

The American Turf.

GLOUCESTER, N. J., December 17.—First race—one mile—Rose Howard won; Birthday second, Fox Grape third. Time, 1:53¾.

Second race—seven furlongs—Plevmar won; Orphan second, Silvana third. Time, 1:36¾.

Third race—four and one-half furlongs—Morning Glory won; Little B. second, Hawkeye third. Time, 59¾.

Fourth race—seven furlongs—Belisarius won; Logan second, Schoolboy third. Time, 1:35¾.

Fifth race—five furlongs—Censor won; Grand Prix second, Lucre third. Time, 1:07¾.

Sixth race—seven furlongs—Queen d'Or won; Judge Nelson second, Burnside third. Time, 1:30¾.

GUTTENBURG, N. J., December 17.—First race—three quarters of a mile—Ocean Queen won; Bolivar second, Turk II. third. Time, 1:19.

Second race—five furlongs—Maria Stools won; Helen second, Mohammed third. Time, 1:05½.

Third race—five furlongs—Bel Demonce won; Mabel Glen second, Strathmaid third. Time, 1:04.

Fourth race—six furlongs—Wood Chopper won; Brown Charlie second, Mayor B. third. Time, 1:18¾.

Fifth race—one and one-quarter miles—Manrico won; St. John second, Ecarte third. Time, 2:21½.

Sixth race—seven furlongs—West Chester won; Black Lock second, Hesperus third. Time, 1:33½.

Indiana's Apportionment Law.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., December 17.—The Supreme Court to-day decided that the apportionment law is constitutional, reversing the decision of the lower court, which held the law unconstitutional.

Chairman Harrity Honored.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

PHILADELPHIA, PA., December 17.—William F. Harrity was dined at the Art Club to-night by representative Philadelphians who wished to honor a most distinguished fellow-citizen.

# WILL IT BE OPENED?

THIS IS THE QUESTION NOW ABOUT CHAMBERLAIN'S HOTEL.

John Says "In About Sixty Days"—Others Don't Think So—Authoress of "I Married a Soldier."

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

OLD POINT COMFORT, VA., December 17.—The statement made by Mr. Chamberlain in the Washington *Post* a few days since that he would open his new hotel here in "about sixty days" would be good news to the residents of this section if there was any prospect of the promise being carried out. If it were made in good faith and a force of workmen put on to-morrow—every man who could be worked to advantage—the house could not set a table inside of three or four months, when the most lucrative portion of the season would be over. Most of the leading businessmen of Hampton and vicinity have money locked up in the building and would heartily assist in any effort that may be made to complete it, but they do not think it will be opened in "about sixty days."

A SEVERE LOSS.

The Hampton Normal School has sustained a severe loss in the death of its treasurer, Mr. F. N. Gilman, who died recently at Aiken, S. C., where he had gone in search of health. He was a young man of fine executive ability, and an earnest worker in the cause of education.

Colonel William B. Lane (retired) and wife arrived here yesterday from Fort Robinson, Neb., and will spend the winter at the Hygeia. He is a veteran of the Mexican war and spent most of his life on the plains fighting Indians until his retirement, in 1870. Since that time Mrs. Lane has devoted her leisure time to writing up a sketch of their campaigns, which, under the title of "I Married a Soldier," has just been issued by the Lippincotts. It is a bright and interesting story, interspersed with anecdotes of old army friends, many of whom afterwards became prominent in history, both North and South. After crossing the plains eight times in an ambulance she naturally found the caboose of a freight-car from Julesburg to Fort Leavenworth a positive luxury.

DE GRIMM'S FIEND.

Mr. Th. Nast, the veteran caricaturist, spent a few days here during the week. He is on his way South in search of warmer weather and fresh material for his sketch-book.

Mrs. Lieutenant Irwin, who has been visiting friends in New York for the past two weeks, has returned to the post.

Captain Adrian S. Polhemus, assistant-surgeon, and wife, left for Washington last week, where they will spend the holidays with Mrs. Polhemus's parents, Colonel and Mrs. Weeks.

Judge S. Newton Pettis, of Washington spent Sunday at the post visiting his daughter, Mrs. Captain Pullman.

Lieutenant C. H. Ruggles, Third Artillery, son of General George D. Ruggles, assistant-adjutant general, Department of the East, has been ordered to New York for examination to fill a vacancy in the ordnance corps. This is a staff appointment and very much sought after by the young officers of the line.

OTHER PERSONALS.

Lieutenant Charles Hine, Sixth Infantry, now stationed at Newport Barracks, Ky., arrived here on a visit to his old classmates yesterday.

The usual ten-days' leave for the Christmas holidays will be granted to all the officers who can be spared from the post.

Arrangements are being made at both the Episcopal and Catholic churches to have handsome trees for the Sunday-school children on Saturday evening next.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Phœbus, of Baltimore, spent a couple of days with Mr. Phœbus's mother during the week.

Mr. Seymour Pike, stenographer at the Hygeia, has returned with his family from a month's visit to Vermont.

Mr. W. J. Watkins, representing the Progressive Endowment Guild, of Richmond, was here on a business trip yesterday and added a number of names to his list.

## CAPTAIN CRITTENDEN'S REMAINS.

His Widow Will Not Consent to Their Removal—Large Tobacco Sales.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

DANVILLE, VA., December 17.—November the 11th Captain James Crittenden died in this city and was buried in the city cemetery. To-day Mr. P. Q. Gilliam, of Nansemond county, came here to get possession of the remains and move them to Nansemond. Mr. Gilliam is husband of one of Captain Crittenden's daughters by a former marriage, and says that his wife knew nothing of her father's death until a few days ago. He applied to the authorities for the remains, but was advised that he would first have to obtain the consent the present Mrs. Crittenden, the second wife, who now lives just outside the city. He then applied to the widow, but she declined to give her consent to the removal of the remains, and so the matter stands. Mr. Gilliam will remain in the city to-morrow and make another effort to obtain Mrs. Crittenden's consent.

TOBACCO SALES.

Sales of tobacco during the past week amounted to about 1,500,000 pounds, the largest sales of any one week since the new tobacco year opened. In spite of that fact, however, the market was strong, with a decided upward tendency of prices on all grades, particularly fine wrappers.

## BEARS IN THE DISMAL SWAMP.

Unusually Voracious and Give Farmers Trouble—A Big Christmas Hunt.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

NORFOLK, VA., December 17.—The black bears of the Dismal Swamp section of Norfolk county and North Carolina continue giving the farmers considerable trouble and seem more voracious than at other seasons. The wild animals think nothing of carrying off a hog and now and then a head of cattle. The bears caught in the traps set for them are very large, some of them weighing 300 pounds.

The gunners around the Deep-Creek section are organizing a big bear-hunt for the Christmas week.

An Alleged Murderer Lynched.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

BRISTOL, TENN., December 17.—While Irvin Roberts, the alleged murder of Landon Crosswhite, was being conducted by officers through Shady Valley yesterday *en route* to the Johnson county jail his captors were overpowered by a mob and the prisoner was hanged to a limb of a tree. Roberts begged piteously for his life, and declared he was innocent of the crime, but the mob would not listen to him. Crosswhite was an aged and highly respected citizen, who was shot from ambush while riding along the public road. Circumstances pointed strongly to Roberts as the assassin.

Killed by a Freight Train.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

LYNCHBURG, VA., December 17.—Nathaniel Campbell, of the neighborhood of Piney river, in Amherst county, was struck yesterday afternoon by a freight train this side of Amherst Courthouse and was so badly injured that he died this morning. It seems that Campbell sat on the ties outside of the track, and it is thought that he dropped to sleep and did not hear the train approaching. He was struck on the left side and was completely paralyzed when found. He was about 50 years of age and leaves a wife and ten children.

A License Test Case.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

NORFOLK, VA., December 17.—The Portner Brewing Company appeared in court to-day through their local agent and John M. Johnson, attorney, of Alexandria, to test the constitutionality of the license of $200 imposed for selling goods manufactured in the State. Judge Hill reserved his decision. The agent resisted payment and was fined, and the case went to Judge Hill on a writ of habeas corpus.

Half-Equipped Fire Department.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

NORFOLK, VA., December 17.—The City Council's committee of investigation have ascertained that the Fire Department of Norfolk is about half equipped as compared with other cities in Virginia, and steps will be taken at once to place the department on a good footing.

Editor Wilcox Dead.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

NORFOLK, VA., December 17.—Julius H. Wilcox, editor of the Portsmouth *Progress*, died at his home, in Portsmouth, at 11 o'clock to-night.

Mexican Revolutionists Surrounded.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

NEW YORK, December 17.—A special to the *World* from Laredo, Texas, says that news has been received that 150 revolutionists are surrounded in a dense *chaparral* near Carrizo by United States troops and that a battle is expected shortly.

Reported Railway Fatality.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

CINCINNATI, O., December 17.—A telegram from Danville, Ky., states that there was a wreck on the Cincinnati, New Orleans and Texas-Pacific (Cincinnati Southern) railroad to-night four miles from that place and that several persons were killed. No particulars are given. The railroad officials here say there was a wreck, but that no lives were lost. They refuse to give any further information.

## AFTER THE BRIBERS.

France Determined to Clear Up the Panama-Canal Mystery.

[By Anglo-American cable to the Dispatch.]

PARIS, December 17.—The determination of the government to clear away all the mystery surrounding the affairs of the Panama Canal Company is undoubtedly founded on the belief that in this course alone lies safety for it and for the country. Any display of hesitancy now would result in ruin, and as their official lives depend on probing the affair to the bottom there can be no doubt that in time the whole mass of corruption will be cleared away.

To-day, acting under orders from the government, the police searched the house of M. Lauer, a Boulangist member of the Chamber of Deputies, and seized a number of documents pertaining to the Panama affair.

The Ministry will ask the Chamber of Deputies to authorize the arrest of any of its members found to have been implicated in the scandal.

*La Libre Parole*, M. Drumont's paper, which appears to be exceptionally well informed on Panama matters, states to-day that the amount of the bribes distributed by agents of the company reaches the enormous total of 20,000,000 francs.

The *Figaro* says that the trial of the directors of the company before the Correctional Tribunal will proceed conjointly with their prosecution on charges of corruption before the Assize Court.

The *Eclaire* says that among the papers seized belonging to Charles de Lesseps were minutes signed by three directors giving full revelations of the affairs of the company. The minutes, it adds, cover the transactions for several years.

The journals are unanimous in their approval of the course of the government in causing the arrest of Charles de Lesseps, Fontane, and San LeRoy. They hold that there must be no turning back in the prosecutions.

M. Charles de Lesseps and his fellow-prisoners, arrested for connection with the Panama canal frauds, protested today against the rigid seclusion to which they are subjected in the Mazaz prison. They say they are confined like common criminals and are subjected to the same treatment as robbers and other offenders of the vilest type, and they demand the privilege of being allowed to see visitors. The examining magistrate promised to consider the request after he had examined the documents relating to their case.

It is rumored that several of the parliamentary reporters will be arrested as agents in the corruption of legislators, and several of these reporters are already under surveillance by the authorities.

M. Lauer, whose residence was searched by the police to-day, is at present in America.

## TO MOVE ON.

Russia's Order to the Hebrew Part of Her Population.

[By Anglo-American cable to the Dispatch.]

ST. PETERSBURG, December 17.—The Russian Senate has promulgated a law requiring that Jewish artisans shall reside only in places where official Boards of Trade exist, the pretence being that they can thus be kept more effectively under official regulation and supervision. Official Boards of Trade exist only in about 10 per cent. of the towns in Russia, and the decree therefore means a vast addition to the misery and oppression under which the Hebrews already labor. Many thousands of Jewish artisans will be compelled to remove from the towns in which they are located to enter the competition for existence in the populous centres of the Jewish pale.

The object of the new law is believed to be to start the Hebrews to stirring again and drive them over the frontiers, whether other countries are willing to receive them or not. The partial embargo on emigration to America had caused a cessation of the rush of Russian Hebrews to the frontier, and the Russian authorities, who are anxious to get rid of the Hebrews without absolutely bayoneting them across the border, have been much irritated by the change in affairs. The new law, it is expected, will start them to moving again, and by being driven from one town to another they will be carried into exile. What becomes of them after they cross the border the Russian authorities do not concern themselves about.

## ROMANCE OF THE HAREM.

Beauties Murdered in Their Beds—The Sultan's Ire—Torture.

[By Anglo-American cable to the Dispatch.]

CONSTANTINOPLE, December 17.—Four beautiful odalisques, or female slaves, were recently presented by the Khedive of Egypt to the Sultan of Turkey and placed in the imperial harem. The odalisques appear to have had a captivating influence over the Sultan, who paid them so much attention as to excite the jealousy of the others. The beautiful slaves were found murdered in their beds a few days ago, having fallen victims to poison. The Sultan is said to have been deeply moved. He ordered a rigid investigation and severe punishment to the guilty. Three eunuchs who had access to the apartments of the victims have been arrested on suspicion of being the persons who actually administered the poison, and at the latest accounts they were being subjected to torture in order to compel them to make a full confession. Suspicion of having instigated the crime rests chiefly on one of the concubines, who until the odalisques arrived almost monopolized the Sultan's affections. In the present temper of his Majesty it is doubtful whether even she would escape the bowstring or the Bosphorus should sufficient proof of her guilt be adduced.

Schurz in Berlin.

[By Anglo-American cable to the Dispatch.]

LONDON, December 17.—The Berlin dailies are already discussing the probability that Carl Schurz will be the next United States Minister to the imperial court. Among the Radical editors Mr. Schurz stands in high favor. The High Conservatives and semi-official editors, however, regard the possible selection of Mr. Schurz as an unpleasant prospect.

CARL ENTERS A DENIAL.

NEW YORK, December 17.—Mr. Carl Schurz, in a letter to Dr. Emil Dorn, denies the statement that he is to be appointed Minister to Germany and that he had written letters to friends in Berlin that he would be with them soon.

French Parliamentary Duel.

[By Anglo-American cable to the Dispatch]

PARIS, December 17.—A duel growing out of Thursday's heated debate in the Chamber of Deputies was fought to-day. Deputy Areney (Republican) having challenged Deputy Gabriel, a Boulangist. Two shots were exchanged, but nobody was hurt.

## THE CITY MISSION.

Important Action of the Meeting Held Saturday Last.

A meeting of the City Mission was held on the 10th inst. at the Young Men's Christian Association. The president, Mrs. Stokes, was in the chair and thirty other ladies present. Some important questions were discussed and settled. The separation between the white and colored city missions is final, and the colored people must no longer apply to any lady of the White City Mission for help or frequent the mission-houses, as they have one of their own organization, and must apply to Adeline Hill, 109 west Leigh, the president of the Colored City Mission. She will attend to their wants. The white people in the various districts are requested not to apply to any lady visitor for help outside of their own district. The ladies will visit the districts once a week and distribute coal and ration-tickets, clothing, &c. Should the poor need other help in cases of sickness, &c., they must apply to Mrs. Craddock, matron, at the mission-house, who will immediately inform their visitor, and they will receive prompt attention. This arrangement is found necessary to avoid the constant ringing of door-bells, which causes annoyance to housekeepers and discontent to the servants in their employ. With a well-filled treasury the City Mission could supply all that is needed in Richmond to aid and sustain the poor of the city and any deserving poor who may come from other places, but the limited support the mission receives limits the aid given. The ladies ask the business and professional men not to dispense charity at their doors, as it only tends to encourage beggary, idleness, and drunkenness, but to send their contributions to the ladies of the City Mission, who will carefully guard and judiciously distribute them. When a person presents herself or himself for charity ask the name and residence. Send this on a postal-card to any lady of the mission, who will investigate the case and ascertain the worthiness of the party. This action will tend to keep beggars from the streets and be a benefit to the poor generally. This publication is made at the request of the board.

Alike in the End.

[Exchange.]

They say the baby looks like me,
A circumstance I dreaded;
But the only likeness I can see
Is that we're both bald-headed.


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Weekly Sailings to and from England—Contracts Awarded for the New Vessels—Their Size.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 17.—Advices from London state that all the papers for the organization of the Chesapeake and Ohio Steamship Company (Limited) have been signed and the capital has all been subscribed. The line is in the interest of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company, which owns a majority of the stock. Contracts have been awarded to builders on the Clyde for the construction of six steamers. Three of them are of about the size of the new White Star steamer Cufic; the other three are about one fifth smaller. These steamers will make regular weekly sailings from Newport News to England, and additional steamers will be built (probably in America) as the line requires them.

IMPORTANCE OF THE LINE.

Mr. Ingalls, president of the Chesapeake and Ohio railway, says that the advantages to the railway company of this line can hardly be overestimated. The export business from Newport News is even now more than enough for these steamers, as well as all the tramp steamers that can be secured. Last year over 120 steamers were loaded by the Chesapeake and Ohio from that port for Europe.

Ingalls Hits It.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

PHILADELPHIA, PA., December 17.—Ex-Senator John J. Ingalls, of Kansas, was in the city to-night. In an interview he said: "The Republican party is now at that stage of its history where it is without leaders and without hope and must start anew and build itself up."

Telegraphic Brevities.

John Field, postmaster of Philadelphia, has resigned.

J. N. Du Barry, vice-president of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, died suddenly at his home, in Philadelphia, early yesterday morning.

The British Cabinet is discussing Mr. Gladstone's bill for Irish home rule. Much interest exists in the discussion, but absolute secrecy is kept.

About twenty-five prominent colored men of Kansas were in Topeka yesterday to organize what they call the colored men's brotherhood of the People's party.

Owing to the large demand and the scarcity of supply, the large cotton-mills in Augusta, Ga., have advanced the price of their product one quarter of a cent per yard.

The National-League franchise of the Chicago Base-Ball Club has been transferred and the new management has applied for incorporation with a capital stock of $100,000.

President Thomas Barrett, Jr., of the Langley Cotton-Mills, Augusta, Ga., announces that the capacity of those mills will be doubled, the extension to be completed by next summer. The present capacity of the mills is 15,000 spindles and the number of employees is 400.

The general passenger agent of the Central railroad of Georgia sent out a circular yesterday to connecting lines, announcing that all trains on his line are running regularly. The telegraph strike, he says, has at no time seriously interfered with operating the road, and he says further that the strike is over so far as the road is concerned.

In the hearing of the case of Robert Beatty, charged with being a party to a plot to poison non-union men in the Carnegie Works at Homestead, Pa., testimony was yesterday heard strongly implicating Beatty. One of his fellow-cooks at Homestead testified that Hugh Dempsey, master-workman of the Knights of Labor, arranged a plot, in which Beatty, the witness, and another cook entered. Beatty was held for trial.

The Supreme Court of Wyoming yesterday overruled the motion made by counsel for the State Canvassing Board to quash the writ of mandamus in the Carbon county contested-election cases. Counsel for the board then moved to quash the writ, and Monday next was set for hearing argument on the motion. The evident intention of the Republicans is to get a decision of the court as to whether Osborne or Barber is the legal Governor of the State.

District-Attorney Nicoll, of New York, received a call Friday from Patrick Egan, Minister to Chile; Commander W. S. Schley, United States navy; Captain Robert Evans, United States navy, and John R. Dos Passos. The visitors were subsequently joined by Herman Oelrichs, foreman of the present New York grand jury. Something of a criminal nature, the character of which is unknown, mysteriously, says a New York telegram, was referred to Mr. Nicoll for investigation.

Probably Not.

[Truth.]

Tom: When you promised to be a "sister" to me, did you mean it in a Scriptural sense?

Ethel. How would that be?

Tom: To love your brother as yourself.

It was only recently that we were told of a number of persons from Newark, N. J., and Danville, Va., who had come to the Pasteur laboratory in New York for treatment for bites received from a dog supposedly affected with rabies. Now comes the announcement of the discharge of all of these persons upon the assumption by the head of the institute that they are cured. While it would be too much to assert positively the correctness of this opinion, the fact that the patients developed no signs of rabies within the period of their injury and their discharge certainly is an element in favor of the treatment, and will weigh in public opinion as such.—*Philadelphia Bulletin.*

Why Mother Is Proud.

[Phrenological Journal.]

Look in his face, look in his eyes,
Roguish and blue and terribly wise—
Roguish and blue and quickest to see
When mother comes in as tired as can be;
Quickest to find her nicest old chair,
Quickest to get to the top of the stair,
Quickest to see that a kiss is on the cheek
Would help her far more than to chatter, to speak;
Look in his face and guess if you can
Why mother is proud of her little man.

The mother is proud—I will tell you this;
You can see it yourself in her tender kiss.
But why? Well, of all her dears
There is scarcely one who ever hears
The moment she speaks and jumps to see
What her want or wish might be—
Scarcely one. They all forget,
Or are not in the notion to go quite yet,
But this she knows, if her boy is near,
There is somebody certain to want to hear.

Mother is proud, and she holds him fast,
And kisses him first and kisses him last;
And he holds her hands and looks in her face,
And hunts for her spool which is out of its place,
And proves that he loves her whenever he can—
That is why she is proud of her little man.

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A MEETING WILL BE HELD at FULTON METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH at 11 o'clock SUNDAY MORNING, December 18th. Subject: "The Red Men." 24

UNITARIAN SERVICES.—Rev. GEORGE LEONARD CHANEY will preach in Belvidere Hall, 457 west Main street, at 4 P. M. Subject: "The New Protestantism." 24

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

MINIATURE ALMANAC, DECEMBER 18, 1892.

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| Sun rises | 7.21 | HIGH TIDE. | |
| Sun sets | 4.53 | Morning | 3.59 |
| Moon rises | 7.01 | Evening | 4.08 |

MINIATURE ALMANAC, DECEMBER 19, 1892.

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| Sun rises | 7.22 | HIGH TIDE. | |
| Sun sets | 4.54 | Morning | 4.32 |
| Moon sets | 4.48 | Evening | 4.47 |

PORT OF RICHMOND, DECEMBER 17, 1892.

ARRIVED.

Steamer Ariel, Dayo, Norfolk, merchandise and passengers; Irvin Weisiger, agent.

PORT OF NEWPORT NEWS, DEC. 17, 1892.

[By telegraph.]

SAILED.

Schooner Viking, Providence.
Schooner L. L. Sprague, Vera Cruz.
Schooner H. R. Tilton, New Haven.
Schooner Z. L. Wallingsford, Camden.

PORT OF WEST POINT, DECEMBER 17, 1892.

[By telegraph.]

ARRIVED.

Steamship City of Columbia, Jenney, New York, passengers and general cargo.
Steamship William Crane, Foster, Providence via Norfolk and Newport News, passengers and general cargo.
Steamship Charlotte, Geoghan, Baltimore, passengers and general cargo.

SAILED.

Steamship William Crane, Foster, Providence via Norfolk, passengers and general cargo.
Steamship City of Columbia, Jenney, New York, passengers and general cargo.
Steamship Charlotte, Geoghan, Baltimore, passengers and general cargo.

A Meteor Bright.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

ALBANY, ORE., December 17.—Frederick Reis saw a bright meteor approaching from the southeast yesterday. It was travelling very rapidly, and with a running sound fell into the street, followed by bright sparks. Reis hastened to the spot where it struck the earth and found a rock about fourteen inches in circumference. It was still very hot and charred the board upon which it was placed. The rock had the appearance of a volcanic production.

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