

TO ERECT THE PLANT

CONTRACT LET FOR AN ELECTRIC BUILDING IN MANCHESTER.

DEATH OF MRS. IDA BLUNT.

Popular Lady Dies After Brief Illness—Gas Soon to be Furnished—Burglars Still at Work—The Advertisers' Meetings—Other Items.

The contract for the large plant to be erected at Eighth and Semmes streets by the Richmond Electric Company has been awarded to Mr. J. T. Wilson, of Richmond. Messrs. Noland & Baskerville prepared plans for the building, which is to be of brick and steel, and will be 100x108 feet. It will cost about \$10,000. Work is to begin at once, and the building will probably be completed in ninety days.

The gas was turned into the mains of the Manchester Light, Heat, and Power Company late yesterday evening. The plant has been completed in less time than was at first expected, and within the next week gas will be furnished in all parts of the city.

DEATH OF MRS. BLUNT.

Mrs. Ida Blunt, wife of Mr. W. J. Blunt, died yesterday afternoon at her residence, No. 22 West Fifteenth street. She had been sick about four weeks. Mrs. Blunt was from Pittsburgh, Pa., and was 25 years of age. She is survived by her husband and one child. The funeral arrangements have not been made, but will be to-day, upon the arrival of the mother and three brothers of the deceased.

What is believed to have been an attempt to enter the residence of Dr. Arthur, on west Seventh street, Manchester, was made late Monday night. The servant woke up and saw a negro man looking in the window. She screamed, and the man ran off up Bainbridge street. He is described as being tall and black, and wore a large black felt hat. In the Mayor's Court yesterday morning a white man and woman and a negro woman were all charged with keeping a disorderly house at Fourteenth and Perry streets. There had been complaint against the same place before, and the occupants were fined. The man was now let off on the promise to move at once; the white woman was fined \$2.50, and the case against the negro woman was continued for witnesses.

A PLEASANT ENTERTAINMENT.

Miss Rubie Price entertained a number of friends at her home, No. 809 Everett street, Monday night. Professor Walter Holt of Washington, and Mr. Gus Gardner of this city, were several of the guests of the evening's entertainment. The guests were shown into the dining-room hall at 10:30 o'clock, where refreshments were served. Among those present were Misses Viola and Allie Hagar, Ruth and Edna Wilkerson, of Petersburg, and Thelma Fisher, Messrs. W. T. Nouis, W. E. Waymack, D. A. Baltimore, W. Walker, H. Clements, C. Fontaine, H. Mackey. The choruses were sung by Richard Clark, of Richmond, and Mrs. Fisher.

THE ADVENTISTS' MEETING.

The Seventh-Day Adventists are having their annual encampment at Forest Hill Park. They held their meetings in a great tent, which they own along with other necessary articles. They expect to bring their families with them, and they also occupy tents. Forest Hill looks as if it was occupied by a small army. There are several sects of Adventists, and this branch is the "Seventh-Day Adventists," to indicate that in addition to the emphasis they put upon the second coming of Christ, they also stand for the seventh day, as against the first day of the week, as the day that ought to be kept holy. Their meetings are held morning, afternoon, and night, and will continue during the entire week. The Adventists are thoroughly evangelists in the leading articles of their creed and exceedingly devout in their religious habits. They are weak in numbers in Virginia, but they meet together with a remarkable tenacity. There are 100,000 in the United States a following of 6,000. Mrs. Hatcher and Landrum went out a day or two ago and called on some of their ministers, and had an interview quite agreeable to all parties.

PERSONALS AND BRIEFS.

Master John Beverly Hancock, son of Judge B. A. Hancock, who has been on a visit to Washington city and Loudoun county, has returned home. Mrs. Bernard L. Jones and her mother left yesterday for Baltimore, Philadelphia, and other northern cities. They expect to be expected during the month of August. Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hutchinson left Sunday morning for Buckroe Beach, Old Point, and Ocean View for a ten-days' visit. Miss Ada Gallion has returned from a month's vacation, spent at her home, in Chase City. Mr. W. E. Holt left yesterday for a trip South. Mr. D. Clarke and wife, of Ford's Depot, Dinwiddie county, is visiting friends in the city. Miss Belle Jackson continues ill at her home, on Everett street. Miss Irene Jackson has gone to Washington to attend the marriage of her brother.

Mr. Sylvester Wright and wife, of North Carolina, are visiting Mr. Frank T. Dickerson.

Mr. J. C. Sutherland, of Crozet, is visiting in the city.

Miss Pollye Baird, who has been very sick, is improving, though very slowly.

The Chesterfield County Court adjourned for the term. The awards in the condemnation cases of W. O. and Mrs. Virginia Watkins were, by consent of the parties, continued until the September term.

Judge Ingram, Mrs. Ingram, and their little daughter have been on a visit to Mr. J. Thompson Brown, at Pearfield. They are now visiting Mrs. Ingram's sister near Lynchburg.

A suit of clothes was found in one of the box-cars on the Southern railroad a few hundred yards above Hull street, yesterday evening. The clothes were brought to the Police Court and turned over to the officers.

Mrs. Amanda Bowman, wife of Rev. T. J. Bowman, died at her home in Chesterfield county Monday. She was 62 years of age, and leaves a husband and four children. The funeral services will be held at her home to-day at 12 o'clock.

POILED IMAGINARY ENEMIES.

Captain Couch's Disordered Brain Compels Him to Suicidal Act. Preferring to end his own life rather than have it taken by an imaginary band of oyster pirates, Captain Joseph Couch, a private watchman, near West Point, fired a bullet into his body early yesterday morning, using a Winchester rifle. Captain Couch, if not mortally wounded, is now in the hospital, where he is being treated. It is believed that he had been in the hospital when the hallucination comes on him that his enemies are still after him. Eighteen months ago, Couch, whose home is at Crisfield, Md., engaged as

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And light dressings with CUTICURA, purest of emollient skin cures. This treatment at once stops falling hair, removes crusts, scales, and dandruff, soothes irritated, itching surfaces, stimulates the hair follicles, supplies the roots with energy and nourishment, and makes the hair grow upon a sweet, wholesome, healthy scalp when all else fails.

Millions of Women

Use CUTICURA SOAP exclusively for preserving, purifying, and beautifying the skin, for cleansing the scalp of crusts, scales, and dandruff, and the stopping of falling hair, for softening, whitening, and healing red, rough, and sore hands, in the form of baths for annoying irritations, inflammations, and chafings, or too free or offensive perspiration, in the form of washes for ulcerative weaknesses, and for many sanative antiseptic purposes which readily suggest themselves to women, and especially mothers, and for all the purposes of the toilet, bath, and nursery. No amount of persuasion can induce those who have once used it to use any other, especially for preserving and purifying the skin, scalp, and hair of infants and children. CUTICURA SOAP combines delicate emollient properties derived from CUTICURA, the most perfect skin cure, with the purest of cleansing ingredients and the most refreshing of flower colors. No other medicated soap ever compounded is so compared with it for preserving, purifying, and beautifying the skin, scalp, hair, and hands. No other foreign or domestic toilet soap, however expensive, is to be compared with it for all the purposes of the toilet, bath, and nursery. Thus it combines in ONE SOAP at ONE PRICE, viz., TWENTY-FIVE CENTS, the BEST skin and complexion soap the best toilet and best baby soap in the world.

Cuticura Complete External and Internal Treatment for Every Humor, consisting of CUTICURA SOAP (25c.), to cleanse the skin of crusts and scales and soften the thickened cuticle, CUTICURA OINTMENT (50c.), to instantly allay itching, inflammation, and irritation, and soothe and heal, and CUTICURA RESOLVENT (50c.), to cool, soothe, and cleanse the blood. A SINGLE SET is often sufficient to cure the most torturing humors. It humilifies skin, scalp, and blood humors, with loss of hair, when all else fails. POTTER DRUG AND CHEM. CO., Sole Prop., Boston. "How to Save the Hair, Hands, and Skin," free.

private watchman for Dr. George Richardson, who has oyster beds near West Point. He proved a faithful guardian of his employer's interests, and in the discharge of his duty incurred the ill-will of negroes, who made or attempted from time to time to make piratical raids on Dr. Richardson's property. Last year, serious trouble was caused, on a time, and the State's fleet cruised the waters diligently. The intense strain, loss of sleep, knowledge that he had made enemies, combined with the intense heat of the past few days, had their effect on Couch's mind, and at 2 o'clock yesterday morning, while in his boat, his disordered brain conceived that a band of negro pirates pursued him to take his life. Captain Couch steered his boat to West Point, and jumping out, ran as fast as he could to the Terminal Hotel. He paused in the building long enough to create consternation, and then started rapidly up the steps, and gained the roof. Here Couch intended he was making his last stand. He thought the pirates were upon him. He would not be taken alive. Holding his Winchester rifle as far out from him as possible he aimed at his own head and pulled the trigger. The bullet, however, went astray. Captain Couch held the rifle out, this time directly in front of him, with the muzzle near, by touching the left breast. The bullet, intended for the heart struck a rib, and glanced downward into the abdominal cavity. Temporary sutures were given the unfortunate man at West Point, and when the morning train started for Richmond it bore Town-Sergeant H. D. Robinson, in charge of Captain Couch, who was admitted to the Old Dominion Hospital as a patient.

Dr. D. Mead Mann, who is attending Captain Couch, while fully recognizing the dangerous character of the wound, does not despair of saving his life. He was doing fairly well last night. An interesting phase of the case is the fact that Captain Couch is rational on all subjects save that of pursuit by oyster pirates. To his employer, Dr. Richardson, he came up yesterday afternoon and saw the patient at the hospital, the Captain detailed the story of his attempt to end his life, tracing his steps one by one down to the moment of speaking, but clinging tenaciously to the belief that the men were even at that time after him to kill him. No persuasion can change his mind on that point.

OVER THE NEW ROUTE.

Clay-Street Cars Run on 21st and Along Main—Three-Cent Fare. Car No. 131 made the trip over the new link of the Passenger and Power Company's system from Franklin to Main streets at 1:05 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Prominent officials of the company were the passengers on the initial journey. Clay-street cars now run on Main between Twenty-first and Seventh streets, and the Franklin and Bank-street tracks are no longer used.

This morning the 3-cent fare on the Clay-street line goes into effect, to last, the company officially announces, during the period of rehabilitation of the company's property. Three-cent fares will be charged on the passenger transportation on the Clay-street line, but where transfers are wanted the usual fare of 5 cents will be charged.

The all-night car on the Main-street

line will make its first trip to-night—tomorrow morning rather—as the new schedule goes into effect at midnight. As there will be no cars to interfere with the schedule, it will be maintained strictly. In a day or two the company will publish a schedule, showing the time at which the car will pass given points, going and coming.

THE WORKINGMEN.

Barbers to Organize Sunday-Short Labor Notes. A meeting of white and colored barbers is called for Thursday evening at 9:15 o'clock at Central Hall, for the purpose of effecting a permanent organization of a local branch of the Barbers' Union. All members in the city are invited. A temporary organization was effected several weeks ago.

THE STOVE MOUNTERS at their meeting

Monday night decided to take part in the Labor-Day celebration, and a Committee on Arrangements, Uniforms, &c., was appointed, consisting of Messrs. W. J. Osborne, W. J. Strickland, and G. B. Randall. Messrs. John F. Doyle, John Dowdy, and Harvey Kiffin were elected delegates to the Trades and Labor Council. Mr. W. J. Osborne was elected statistician. A special meeting will be held Monday night at Twenty-eighth and Clay at 8 o'clock, to receive the report of the Committee.

ARE ALLIES BEYOND HO SI WU?

LONDON, August 13.—A special dispatch from Yang Tsun, dated August 7th, reports that the allies are about to be declared to last twelve days.

THE ZIONIST CONGRESS.

Opposition in Meeting Again, But Police Prevent Trouble. LONDON, August 14.—Though the Evangelists' Opposition meeting was resumed to-day under the porch of All-Souls' church near Queen's Hall, where the Zionist Congress is in session, the presence of an increased police reserve prevented anything more serious than constant "booming" and shouting.

THE ZIONIST CONGRESS.

San Francisco, August 14.—Public Administrator Boland to-day applied for letters of administration on the estate of Collins P. H. Boland, of this city. Judge Balfors refused to grant the order, characterizing the application as "unduly hasty."

Dysentery, Diarrhoea, Cholera Morbus

is half to teaspoonful of Radway's Ready Relief in a tumbler of water, repeated as often as the discharges continue, and a fannel saturated with Ready Relief placed over the stomach and bowels, will afford immediate relief and soon effect a cure.

DEATHS.

BALL—Died, at her residence, 25th east Grace street, August 14, 1899, at 7:30 o'clock, Mrs. ANN ELIZA BALL, wife of Albert Ball, in the 72d year of her age. She leaves a husband, three daughters, and two sons to mourn their loss. Funeral from the residence at 5 o'clock WEDNESDAY EVENING. Interment in Oakwood.

At the Armory.

There was a regular meeting of Company F last night. The attendance, as usual, was quite good.

Company A has offered its services to Mr. John H. Frischkorn as escort, or otherwise, during the freemen's convention. Other companies are expected to follow the example of the Grays.

PERSONALS.

LADIES—FREE, HARMLESS, MONTLY Regulator. Cannot fail. Mrs. B. ROYAN, R. 25, Milwaukee. Jy 14-am

CABLE FROM CONGER.

IT IS NOT MADE PUBLIC, BUT REPORTS NO CHANGE.

NOT A WORD FROM CHAFFEE.

He Ought to Be Very Near the Imperial City—Capture of the Chinese Capital Not an Easy Thing—The Heaviest Artillery Needed.

WASHINGTON, August 14.—At the close of the official day at the State Department the following official announcement was bulletined: "The Department of State announces that a message from Minister Conger has been received, but of uncertain date, and not in reply to the telegram sent him on August 8th. It will not be made public."

This came at the conclusion of a period of intense expectancy, yet devoid of any development, save the foregoing meagre announcement. Mr. Conger's message was received in Washington shortly before noon, coming first to the Chinese legation by the usual route through Chinese officials. It was in the American cipher, without date, and signed with the Minister's name.

It was transmitted to the State Department, and conferences began between Acting-Secretary Adee and Secretary Root. Throughout the afternoon, however, the State Department maintained reticence concerning this message, declining to admit that the message was in hand. The suspense was cleared up at 4 o'clock by the above announcement.

NO CHANGE IN CONDITIONS.

It was stated authoritatively that while the message was of an official character, and for that reason could not be given out, yet, as a means of allaying possible misinterpretation, it could be said that the dispatch showed neither a better condition nor a worse condition on the part of the legation at Peking. It did not indicate whether Minister Conger has, or has not, received any messages from this government.

NOTHING FROM CHAFFEE.

Throughout the day word was anxiously awaited from General Chaffee as to the development of the military situation near Peking, but not a word came, nor did Assistant Secretary Root, who had heard from General Chaffee as at Ho Si Wu, and according to all calculations, he must now be very near Peking, unless events have occurred to delay the advance.

OFFICIALS ARE TAKING INTO ACCOUNT

that an advance even up to Peking leaves much to be accomplished in a military way. It was stated to-day by an official who has lived at Peking that nothing short of a complete and utter annihilation of the Chinese army would be sufficient to impress upon the walls of the Imperial City. He said light artillery would be of no avail, and for this reason the advance of a flying column, even up to the walls of the city, could be determined only by the state of the wind.

HOPE THAT CHINA WILL YIELD.

Although the situation admits of the prospect of an assault upon Peking, yet government officials were decidedly more hopeful that a solution of the Chinese problem would be found without recourse to extreme measures. "The improved feeling is based largely on the belief that the Chinese are weary of the war, and that the capital is about to be besieged by the armies of the world, will yield everything, and that the legation will be liberated upon the terms of the allies.

GERMAN WAR VESSELS FOR CHINA.

BERLIN, August 14.—The German armoured cruiser Eber, with the torpedo boat Albatross, and the transport, arrived at Tsing Tau yesterday, and proceeded immediately for Taku.

PUBLISHERS AND PRINTERS.

Their Mutual Interests—Appeal for a Joint Arbitration Commission. MILWAUKEE, August 14.—Frederick Driscoll, commissioner of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association, addressed the International Typographical Union convention to-day, as a representative of the publishers.

CHINESE DEMORALIZED.

LONDON, August 14.—A special dispatch from Yang Tsun, dated August 7th, reports that the Chinese are demoralized, and have fled towards Peking.

GLORY BELONGS TO JAPES.

(Copyright by the Associated Press, 1900.) SHANGHAI, August 13.—The following dispatch has been received from the Associated Press correspondent with the allied forces, dated Pelt Sang, August 5th, and forwarded by mail to Che Foo and Shanghai.

GLORY BELONGS TO JAPES.

"The glory of to-day's fighting belongs to the Japanese. They did all the hardest fighting. The Americans were in reserve and men casualties. The Japanese, advancing across the plain, had no

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shelter, and flanked the Chinese from the strong mud walls and trenches extending five miles. The feature of the battle was a magnificent Japanese cavalry charge, which resulted in the capture of ten field-guns.

CHINESE RETREAT ORDERLY.

"The Chinese retreat was orderly, and they left but few dead on the field. The correspondent of the Associated Press counted 200 dead or wounded Japanese. The British lost 100 men, including a few wounded. The British naval brigade guns and two big Russian guns had a duel with the Chinese guns, which resulted in the silencing of the latter.

BATTLE OF YANG TSUNG.

LONDON, August 14.—The British Government to-day received from Che Foo, under date of August 11th, General Gaselee's brief dispatches, describing the capture of Pelt Sang and Yang Tsun. He says the Japanese did not see the enemy from Pelt Sang in gallant style.

CHINESE IN PANIC.

LONDON, August 15.—A St. Petersburg special says: "The latest news from General Linovich, commanding the Russian troops in the Manchurian campaign, is that after the capture of Yang Tsun, took one day's rest, and then, on August 7th, a vanguard was formed, consisting of one Siberian regiment, one regiment of Polish Cossacks, and two battalions of Japanese infantry, one Japanese sapper company, and an American mounted battery.

CHINESE IN PANIC.

"In spite of the condition of the road, this column proceeded by forced marches about 110 versts toward Peking, encountering the spring snows of the mountains from the capital, a Chinese detachment, which fought for an hour and a half. Finally, the Chinese threw down their arms and fled in panic.

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