

AGAINST VIRGINIA.

HOPKINS REAPPORTIONMENT BILL ON LINES ADVERSE TO US.

REDUCES OUR REPRESENTATION

Maintains Membership of House at Present Figure—Proposed Bureau to Aid Police—Post-Office Testimony to Richmond's Growth.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 15.—(Special.)—The Virginia members of Congress are very much exercised over the Hopkins reapportionment bill which maintains the present membership of the House at 37, if Virginia retain her present representation of ten, the membership of the House would have to be increased to 38.

Two reapportionment bills were introduced in the House to-day. One of these was by Representative Brosius, of Pennsylvania, and the other by Representative Hopkins, of Illinois, chairman of the Select Committee on Census.

The first-named bill proposes an amendment to the Constitution, establishing a basis of membership of 37 members, and providing that when a new State is admitted to the Union it shall be entitled to but one member.

The Hopkins bill is in conformity with the existing constitutional provision, and also fixes the representation at 37 members. Under this proposed bill the States of Illinois, Louisiana, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, and West Virginia each lose a representative.

AMONG THE FOURTH-CLASS POSTMASTERS

COHEN'S MARVELLOUS SALE. A Revolution in the Canons of Merchandising.

The Cohen Company, whose display of Holiday Goods is the most complete and the most exquisite ever seen in Richmond—probably in the South—has made another startling announcement. Just when crowds are hurrying to the store to buy gifts, and such like things, the announcement is made that instead of waiting until January the annual Price Slaughter will be held on the 15th of December.

The Cohen Company's price list, printed this morning—though it is but a suggestion of the goods to be sold—speaks very emphatically in the firm's behalf. A calm, deliberate comparison of prices will prove a revelation to the intending purchaser.

The company has made tremendous preparations to meet the public demand tomorrow. Over two hundred clerks have been added to the regular selling force, and the facilities for prompt delivery will be found equal to any demand that can be made on this, the largest store south of Philadelphia.

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appointed to-day are the following: C. T. Dickenson, Elk Garden, Russell county, Va.; J. T. Chappell, Bostick's Mills, Richmond county, N. C.; J. H. Hofer, Gatesville, Gates county, N. C.; H. B. Sillings, Pinehurst, Moore county, N. C.; R. A. Price, Plainfield, Alleghany county, N. C.; M. B. Outlaw, Quitsna, Bertie county, N. C.; J. W. Yancey, Yancey, Person county, N. C.

The following order has been issued: "Post-Office Department, "Office of General Sup't R. M. S., "Washington, D. C., December 13, 1900. "Richmond to Petersburg, Va.—The postmaster of Richmond, Va., will dispatch inner registered sack for Petersburg, Va., via the Norfolk, Petersburg and Richmond railroad post-office, at 9 A. M., instead of via the Richmond and Durham railroad post-office, at 7:30 A. M., as at present. JAMES E. WHITE, General Superintendent."

PERSONALS AND BRIEFS. Dr. Frank R. Steel, who has been quite ill, is at the Virginia Hospital, is greatly improved.

Miss Janey Steel, of Washington, is on a visit to her father, Dr. George B. Steel, 400 east Main street.

Miss Nannie Drinkard, of Forest, Va., is visiting her brother, Mr. W. F. Drinkard, No. 410 north Seventh street.

Rev. R. B. Collier will preach at Immanuel Baptist church to-night on "Heaven." Rev. W. Y. Abraham will fill the pulpit this morning.

The music at the Second Baptist church to-night promises to be of rare excellence. Miss Gay Ragland will sing a beautiful sacred aria.

Mr. James T. Montgomery was operated on yesterday at the Virginia Hospital by Dr. Stuart McGuire. The patient is doing well.

The friends of Major Charles E. Snodgrass, who has been quite ill for several months, will regret to learn that he has been growing weaker since Thursday last.

The ladies of the Macabees will hold their semi-monthly meeting Monday night at Lee Camp Hall. A large attendance of the members is earnestly requested.

Mr. L. Harvey Poe, formerly of Richmond, but now one of Cincinnati's most promising young business-men, is on a visit to his old friends here. Mr. Poe is a son of the late Major John Poe, long Richmond's popular Chief of Police.

RICHMONDERS IN NEW YORK. NEW YORK, December 15.—(Special.)—W. S. Rhoads, Fifth Avenue; E. A. Hoeh, Astor; J. R. McIntosh, S. M. Price, C. H. Watkins, Imperial; Miss D. Dickinson, W. Dickinson, L. G. Smith, Fifth Avenue.

If the Baby is Cutting Teeth. Be sure and use that old and well-tried remedy, Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for diarrhoea. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

Purification of Paris. PARIS, December 15.—The purification of Paris by the police continues. During the last two nights 987 arrests have been made. A few of the prisoners were released.

NEW ORLEANS RACES

SUMMARY OF THE SIX EVENTS OF YESTERDAY.

THE PRELIMINARY DERBY.

It is won by A. H. and D. H. Morris, With the Uncas-Necromancy Colt, Fake—Liberal Odds Posted Against Him.

NEW ORLEANS, December 15.—A. H. & D. H. Morris, who won the Crescent City Derby last spring, with Prince of Veronia, landed the Preliminary Derby this afternoon, with the Uncas-Necromancy colt, Fake. The stable was represented by the candidates—Choice and Fake—and though strong reports of the latter colt's good work were abroad, the thing posted liberal odds of 6 to 1 against the entry.

This was reduced to 5 to 1 at post time. Tonicum, backed from 5 to 2 to 1, was a strong favorite. Summary: First race—six furlongs—Charlie O'Brien (6 to 1) won, Moroni (3 to 2 and 4 to 5) second, Acushla (12 to 1) third, Time, 1:23.

Second race—mile and a sixteenth—Sun Locks (20 to 1) won, Indian (10 to 1 and 3 to 1) second, Bright Night (7 to 1) third, Time, 1:56 3/4.

Third race—handicap steeplechase, short course—Terry Ranger (3 to 1) won, Princess Murphy (5 to 1 and 2 to 1) second, High Admiral (10 to 1) third, Time, 3:23 1/4.

Fourth race—Preliminary Derby, six furlongs—Fake (5 to 1) won, Tonicum (8 to 1 and 7 to 1) second, Money Musk (10 to 1) third, Time, 1:19 3/4.

Fifth race—seven furlongs—Locust Blossom (2 to 1) won, Castine (4 to 1 and 3 to 1) second, Tom Gimore (12 to 1) third, Time, 1:35 3/4.

Sixth race—mile—Dick Furber (1 to 5) won, Uhlers (6 to 1 and 2 to 1) second, Miss Loretta (10 to 1) third, Time, 1:49 1/2.

Hall indicted. WYTHEVILLE, VA., December 15.—(Special.)—The grand jury this week indicted Lewis Hall colored as a party to the criminal assault on Mrs. Robert Fisher, which took place in the lower end of this county Thursday of last week. The full particulars of which crime were published in the Dispatch at the time. It was recalled that Mrs. Fisher did not see Hall at all on the day of the assault. Still Daniel Long, who was shot to death by the crime, stated just before he was killed that Hall was guilty, and was watching for him while he (Long) was in the house. It will be recalled, further, that the citizens whipped Hall unmercifully and then released him. Additional evidence has been secured on Hall, hence the indictment.

A 20-pound black bear was recently killed in Bland county.

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Do You Appreciate Buying NEW, STYLISH CLOAKS in the Height of the Season at February Prices?

WE are doing this right here. We emphatically proclaim such a sale for the entire week. Jackets, Capes, Suits, Furs, Skirts, Waists, Children's Cloaks, and Wrappers at 60c., at 45c., at 35c. on the dollar.

Beautiful and Useful Articles for Holiday Presents. Our plans were laid many months ago for this mammoth collection. Every department has made most earnest endeavor to show the GRANDEST ASSORTMENT OF ARTICLES, BEAUTIFUL AND USEFUL FOR HOLIDAY GIFTS, ever placed before this community.

Lace Curtains, Rugs, Portieres, and Table Covers. Our Upholstery Department (fourth floor) is just full of overflowing with things to make the home beautiful, and the prices all at rock bottom.

Big Sale of Xmas Handkerchiefs. Extra salespeople, extra space, and cashier and wrappers at the department, which guarantees quick service. 50 dozen LADIES' FINE FRENCH VALENTIEN LACE HANDKERCHIEFS, regular price 25c.; while they last, 12 1/2c.

Flannel Waist for Present. 50 dozen ALL-WOOL FLANNEL WAISTS, latest style flare cuffs, back and shoulders lined, new stock color, all colors, 95c.

Christmas Stockings. 100 dozen CHILDREN'S STOCKINGS, sizes 5 to 10, each pair 12 1/2c. LADIES' HEAVY WOOL HOSE, 25c. pair.

Holiday Umbrellas. OUR UMBRELLA DEPARTMENT IS COMPLETE. The greatest variety of new styles in LADIES', MEN'S, and CHILDREN'S UMBRELLAS, for holidays, 95c. to \$5. Pocket-books and purses, for holiday gifts. BREAKFAST SHAWLS, for gifts, 25c. to \$1. ACCORDION-PLAIT PETTICOATS, for gifts, \$1 to \$1.50. GENTLEMEN'S FANCY HALF-HOSE, special value for holidays, 25c.

Dress Patterns. BLACK AND COLORED DRESS GOODS for Christmas presents, for pattern, \$2. Special Line of LADIES' NECKWEAR for Xmas, 25c. to \$3.50. Special line of LIBERTY and CHESTNUT BAYES, for holidays, 95c. to \$5. POCKET-BOOKS and PURSES, for holiday gifts. BREAKFAST SHAWLS, for gifts, 25c. to \$1. ACCORDION-PLAIT PETTICOATS, for gifts, \$1 to \$1.50. GENTLEMEN'S FANCY HALF-HOSE, special value for holidays, 25c.

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REICHSTAG ADJOURNS. DANGER OF AMERICAN COMPETITION TO GERMANY NOW MINIMIZED. PRO-KRUGER SENTIMENT STRONG. Government Still Bitterly Attacked for Failure to Receive Boer Leader. Crown Prince of Germany Developing Into an Excellent Shot.

BERLIN, December 15.—The Reichstag, after months of hard work, has adjourned for the holidays. Besides contributing largely to clearing the political atmosphere, it did much preparatory work. The clear showing of the Secretary of the Treasury, Dr. von Thielen, of the empire's financial condition, and the enormous amount of press comment, which is not yet over, is interesting.

It was interesting to note that Count von Posadowsky-Wetzlar, Minister of the Interior, who, under Prince Hohenzollern, magnified the danger of American competition to Germany, especially in the increase of American manufactures and imports, has, since the Reichstag adjourned, maintained this danger, although he reports referred to have since doubled, referring to American coal, he said that, at the most, within a few years America will be able to supply part of the deficiency in manufacturing.

Count von Buelow is still bitterly attacked by a majority of the press on account of the non-reception of Mr. Kruger here. Evidently the anti-British sentiment is much stronger in the nation than the Emperor and Count von Buelow suspected.

STERNEBERG CASE. The presiding judge in the Sternberg case announced in open court to-day that Herr Poppe, Sternberg's business chief, and Miss Souhard, important witnesses, had fled to parts unknown. The testimony in the case concluded to-night, and the trial will end during the coming week.

Referring to the awful conditions which the Sternberg case has shown to exist, the papers comment on the empire's official statistics for 1899-1900, showing an increase of 15 per cent, since 1897-'98 in immoral crimes against children. There were 8,529 sentences for such offences.

LIFE-SAVING MEDAL FOR QUEEN. The Reichsanzeiger announces that Emperor William has awarded the Queen of Portugal a life-saving medal, for recently saving the life of a German marine.

Selma Schnapka, the woman who attempted to kill Emperor William, November 18th, by throwing a hatchet at him, has been definitely installed in an asylum for the insane at Breslau.

STORMY EXPERIENCE. After a most stormy passage, during which several lives were lost, the squadron of German warships, commanded by Prince Henry of Prussia, has arrived at Kiel from Norway.

The Crown Prince of Germany, William, is developing into an excellent shot, like his father. In the spring fields yesterday he hit eight birds.

Good Times in South Africa. A letter from Mr. Maury F. M. Sutton, of East Liverpool, Cape Colony, to his sister, Mrs. C. E. West, reports prosperous times in that portion of South Africa. Mr. Sutton is private secretary to the High Commissioner of East Liverpool, at a handsome salary.

Subscription to a Railroad. NASHVILLE, TENN., December 15.—Nashville to-day, by a vote of 5717 to 951, decided to subscribe \$1,000,000 for stock in the Nashville, Florence and Northern Railroad Company, the road to pass through Nashville, Tenn., Memphis, Tenn., Lettichfield, Ky., and Florence, Ala. The city proposes to raise the money by issuing bonds.

Burk & Company's SPECIAL UNLOADING SALE.

RICHMOND'S best and biggest values in Men's, Boys', and Children's Wearing Apparel are on sale here. Our manufacturing headquarters are making continuous shipments of the choicest and most desirable Suit and Overcoat creations. They are overstocked. The unseasonable weather left us with more stock than we usually carry at this time of the year. We never carry over any surplus stock. We must sell. The choicest wearables to be found in Richmond go at unheard-of slaughter prices. Nothing is reserved. Everything must go. No use waiting till the season is over to make your purchases. Bargain time is now.

Table with 3 columns: UNRESTRICTED CHOICE OF \$8.50 and \$10 Suits and Overcoats, \$6.35; UNRESTRICTED CHOICE OF \$12.50 and \$15 Suits and Overcoats, including the Fashionable RAGLAN \$9.85 OVERCOATS; UNRESTRICTED CHOICE OF \$16.50 and \$18 Suits and Overcoats, \$12.75.

Children's Department.

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