

THE STOGIE COMBINE.

IT IS CREATING MUCH TALK IN GOVERNMENT CIRCLES.

WHO'LL PAY JUNKET BILL?

The Comptroller of the Treasury Says Secretary Moody's Party Cannot Be Entertained at Government Expense During Maneuvers.

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 8.—(Special.)—The organization of the giant stogie and cheroot trust in Philadelphia yesterday morning has created much talk among the local cigar dealers. This new development in the trust question, added to the alleged assault upon Attorney-General Knox in Atlantic City, owing to his opposition to the trusts, gives that already much talked of and interesting political issue a still higher place in the public mind. At the Department of Justice the officials will not talk upon either subject, but that a watchful eye will be kept upon the stogie trust.

This great organization, to be known as the United States Cigar Company, has headquarters in New York city, will be controlled by its promoters, control from 50 to 75 per cent of the product in this country. The capital of the trust is placed at \$5,000,000. Eleven of the great stogie and cheroot factories throughout the country are represented in the trust, and it is said that five more will soon join. It is stated that the trust will control a yearly output of 200,000,000 stogies.

Your correspondent talked to several of the leading dealers in this city to-day. One of the most prominent, in speaking about the matter, said: "For a while it will hardly be known that the trust is in existence. At first there will be a chance of price to the consumer, as the trust will first have to get control of the retail and wholesale dealer. All anti-trust retail dealers will be driven out of the business."

"For instance, if I should oppose the trust they will come here and sell goods at a price far cheaper than I can afford, and thus drive me out of business. Well, after they have driven out the anti-trust retailer they can place their own price upon the goods and control the market in their respective lines." Most all of the dealers look at the matter in this light. The growth of this baby of the trusts will be watched with interest.

Secretary Moody will not entertain the members of Congress invited by him to witness the joint maneuvers of the army and navy off the New England coast at the expense of the trust. This decision has been reached by the Comptroller of the Treasury. Secretary Moody, it will be remembered, has invited a long list of Senators and Representatives to be his guests at the maneuvers during the coming summer. The Secretary was of the opinion that as most of those invited were members of the Committees on Naval Affairs and Appropriations, and that their witnessing the maneuvers would give them a better understanding of the army and navy, the expense of their entertainment should be paid out of the contingent fund of the navy. But the Comptroller of the Treasury says no. His decision is couched in the strongest and plainest language, and goes straight to the point. He says that expenses of this kind will not come under the laws governing the paying out of the contingent fund. The Secretary, however, will see that his guests are properly entertained.

WHITE'S SUCCESSOR. At the State Department there is much discussion as to who will be the successor to Mr. White, who has already resigned as United States Minister to Germany. That the position made vacant by the resignation of this able officer will be hard to fill there is no doubt. There is some talk of a general shift among the European ministers, but this is not official. The name of Assistant Secretary of State D. J. Hill is much talked of, but as he is a valuable assistant it is not thought that Secretary Hill will consent to his transfer. The President, it is said, will take plenty of time in making his selection.

MAJOR WALLER AS COUNSEL. The many friends of Major Waller in this city, who have watched with interest his career as a soldier in the Philippines and China, are watching with equal interest his career as a court-martial counsel. It is believed here that Major Waller will conduct the case in a manner thoroughly creditable to himself. It is said that Major Waller is a good lawyer, and it is certain that the experience obtained in his court martial will enable him to better handle the case of Assistant Paymaster Pennington.

VIRGINIA NOTES. At the Post-Office Department it is announced that a post-office has been established at Royster, Mecklenburg county, Va., with Miss L. Stemberger, postmistress. The pension claims of George W. Lewis, of Brights, Va., for \$6, for injuries received during the war with Spain; Michael Norton, National Soldiers' Home, Elizabeth City, 85; Sarah A. Randall, Phoenix, \$12, have been granted by the Pension Office.

J. S. Miller, of Portsmouth, B. D. Chalkley, of Richmond, D. S. Pitts, of Scottsville; W. H. Ames, of Danville; J. Norfoll, of Leesville; C. Humphreys, of Lexington; A. M. Wray, of Lynchburg; Rev. D. A. Solly, Mrs. W. C. McConall, and Dr. Frank M. Reade, of Richmond, are among the Virginians registered at the Washington hotels to-day.

EVERYBODY GETS MAD DOWN IN NORFOLK. Mayor Haddock Abusing the Papers and Vice Versa—The Small-Pox Situation.

NORFOLK, VA., August 8.—(Special.)—Mayor Haddock now says that the newspapers which have been publishing the accounts of his vaccination discussion with Health Commissioner Newbill, are responsible for the exaggerated ideas that have gone over the country regarding the small-pox here. The local press has editorially been antagonizing the Mayor for his talk along this line. Portsmouth is enraged at the unfounded assertion, and her health officer to-day notified the naval authorities that there was no fear of a single case of small-pox in the city, and that 18,000 people had been vaccinated within a year. He does not believe there are one hundred people in the city subject to small-pox. In Norfolk conditions are about as good. The Mayor to-day announced that his next move will be a "stunner."

THE TRANSPORT KEARNEY. The United States transport Kearney, Captain Cooper, which has been undergoing extensive repairs here, will be ready for a trial run to-morrow. The vessel, which is to retire from the transport service and become a "training ship" for the young engineers of the War Department, at Washington, has been thoroughly overhauled by the Elizabeth Iron Works, and is now in the best of condition. She will leave in a week or two for Washington, which will be her home port in the future. The Kearney was formerly used in the cotton trade at Galveston, Tex. In coming up from Cuba several weeks ago the vessel became disabled at sea and was towed into Hampton Roads by the collier Leonidas. It was then seen that she

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could be of little use as a transport, and the government at once decided to turn her over to the Engineer Corps of the army for use in the Potomac. COAL FOR THE GOVERNMENT. The naval collier Sterling to-day sailed with four thousand tons of coal for the use of the North Atlantic Squadron. It will be delivered to the ships at sea during the much-heralded sham defense of the coast this month, just as it would have to be in war time. The collier Leonidas sailed for San Juan, Porto Rico, before coal for the naval base there. CHAIRMAN PRO TEM WHITEHEAD. Acting Chairman Whitehead, of the Democratic Congressional Committee, has called the committee to meet at Franklin the Chairman DeWitt's illness. August 12th to select a chairman pro tem during the Chairman DeWitt's illness. The Portsmouth committee last night protested against the "usurpation of authority" on the part of the chairman in appointing Mr. Whitehead acting chairman of a committee of which he is not a member.

THE LEESBURG TEACHERS. The Judge Has Selected the Grand Jury. LEESBURG, VA., August 8.—Twelve men have been selected, two from each of the six election districts in Loudoun county, to compose the grand jury which meets Monday morning. Judge Tebbis selected men upon whom he can rely to make a thorough investigation of the lynching of Charles Craven. The men who will sit as members of this body are among the leading citizens of the county. It is not expected that all the men who were held by the coroner's jury will be indicted, but it is deemed certain that a number of citizens will be indicted. It is possible that indictments will be found against some persons who were not named by the coroner's jury.

Discussing the lynching, a resident of Leesburg said the county was responsible for such mob violence. He cited the case of a man who was tried many years ago on a serious charge. This man was twice condemned to death, and the Court had granted him a new trial, which meant he should be granted in court of the witnesses to perform the unpleasant duty of rehearing the deplorable crime, and before the time set for the third trial, the prisoner was tried by "Judge Lynch."

SCHOONERS IN COLLISION. The Henry P. Havens and the William F. Collins Injured in Clash. NEW YORK, August 8.—The schooner Henry P. Havens, Captain Walton, which sailed from here last Tuesday for Little Egg Harbor, in search of cargo, returned to port this morning for repairs, having been in collision off Squam, N. J., with the schooner William F. Collins. The Havens was beating down the coast and was standing in for the beach about 11 o'clock Wednesday night, August 6th, when she was run into by a reply-laden, three-masted schooner, The foremost fell by the board as the jib-boom snapped off at the bowsprit and carried away the maintopmast and part of the mainmasthead.

The strange schooner was hooked fast and soon fell alongside. Everything was in confusion and required the efforts of both crews all night to clear the wreckage. The stranger was found to be the William F. Collins, Captain Dutton, from Virginia, with pilings. The Collins had the end of her jib-boom carried away and the figurehead and other bow wood work damaged. Inquiry in shipping circles in Richmond developed the fact that the Collins was not loaded at this port. The records show the presence of no such vessel here lately. The William F. Collins was built at Bath, Va., in 1882, tonnage, 203 tons gross; 128 feet long, 30 feet beam, and 9 feet depth of hold.

SHIPPING COMBINE HANGS FIRE. Mr. Balfour Makes a Brief Statement in the Commons. LONDON, Aug. 8.—As intimated in these dispatches yesterday, the announcement in Belfast that an agreement had been reached between the Admiralty and the Morgan shipping combine was premature. Negotiation is still proceeding and, it is believed, will succeed.

In the House of Commons to-day A. J. Balfour, the premier, said the government had been engaged in negotiations in regard to the formation of the shipping combine. "Unfortunately we are not yet in a position to make a statement to the House," said Mr. Balfour, "but I am confident that when the House meets again we shall be in a position to take it into our confidence."

Big Fire at Port Au Prince. PORT AU PRINCE, Aug. 8.—A great fire at midnight here burned down sixty houses, causing damage estimated at \$200,000. The people remained calm.

Conduct of Boer War. LONDON, Aug. 8.—The Premier, A. J. Balfour, announced to-day the following committee to investigate the conduct of the Boer War. The Earl of Elgin, chairman; Sir Henry Norman, Sir John Hopkins, Lord Esher, and Sir John Edge. Foot Mashed. Mr. D. D. Jones, employed at the Trigg shipyards, had his foot badly mashed at the yards yesterday morning. The ambulance was called and he was treated, after which he was moved to his home on Fourth street.

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NEGRO PRISONER GAVE OFFICERS THE SLIP.

Was Not Considered Bright But Took French Leave of Chesterfield Jail—Joe Dance Injured

CHESTER, VA., August 8.—(Special.)—Yesterday afternoon between 1 and 2 o'clock, at Chesterfield Courthouse, while the prisoners were being fed, a negro who was not considered very bright, and who usually assisted the jailor in feeding the prisoners, attended to the other, made good his escape. Mr. Herbert Cogbill, and several citizens have gone in pursuit of the fugitive, and it is thought his capture will soon be accomplished. There were three other prisoners confined in the jail at the time. Joe Dance, a young man, whose home is five miles south of here, and who is employed at the Chester Lumber Company's plant, while engaged in unloading lumber this morning from the car of the Farmville and Potomac railroad, stepped between the car and the house and had a severe fall. He was so badly stunned and bruised up that it was found necessary to remove him to his home in a wagon. The young man is considerably bruised up, his injuries are not thought to be of a serious nature.

WAITING ROOMS. The Richmond and Petersburg Electric Railway Company has begun the erection of a number of waiting rooms along its line at several of its important stopping places, which, no doubt, the travelling public will hail with delight. Chester and Centralia patronize the electric railway much more than they do the steam roads. Every car stops at Chester.

S. A. Ride, of the Farmville and Powhatan Railroad Shops, who has been detained at home several weeks on account of sickness is able to be out. Miss Virgie C. Winfree, after a very pleasant visit of several weeks to relatives at Chesterfield Courthouse, has returned to her home in Richmond. Misses Nona Burton and May Perdue expect to leave in a few days for a short visit to friends in Cumberland county.

ROCKINGHAM TEACHERS. Have Been Examined—Washington and Lee V. M. I. Notes. LEXINGTON, VA., August 8.—(Special.) On Tuesday and Wednesday sixty-eight teachers stood examinations for positions in the white public schools of Rockbridge. The county superintendent of schools was assisted in the examination by Mrs. M. W. Lee, Miss Mary Colley, Miss Warner, Mr. Harrington Waddell (principal of the Lexington High School), and John F. Kirkpatrick. The examination for teachers in the colored schools were held Tuesday afternoon.

The Virginia Military Institute and Washington and Lee University have so far had an unusually great demand for catalogues. General Shipp has already a list of fifty-six names of candidates to enter the Virginia Military Institute. The whole number of new cadets will be about 100. Mr. James R. Crist has sold to John D. Crist his farm on White creek. For 133 acres he received \$1,000. A year ago Mr. James Crist bought this farm from Mr. H. E. Moore.

QUEBEC, QUE., August 8.—Messrs. Gaylor and Green appeared before Judge Caron in the Superior Court to-day and were at once remanded. Judge Caron informed counsel that on Wednesday next at 10 A. M. he would render judgments on the motions of the United States government to dismiss the writs of habeas corpus. Should the writs be dismissed the cases against prisoners for extradition will be heard on their merits.

Schooner Gaze Abandoned. MORRIS, ALA., August 8.—The schooner Gaze, H. Phillips, which sailed from Mobile five days ago for Cienfuegos, Cuba, with a cargo of lumber, went ashore on Diego Island and was abandoned. News of the accident was brought to Mobile by the fruit steamer Dudley. The schooner was loaded with her port guard, and the deck-load of lumber is partly submerged. One person was seen on board.

WOMAN'S SLAYER HANGED. Louis Tombs, a Brutal Murderer, Explains His Crime. CHICAGO, August 8.—Louis J. Tombs was hung at 11:30 for the murder of Carrie Jensen.

Tombs was the cook of the steamer Peerless, and hired a young woman to assist him on the boat, which was lying ice-bound in its winter quarters in the Choptank river. Tombs had tried to force his way into the young lady's room. Falling in this, he ordered her to cook him a meal. As she started to comply Tombs strangled her, mutilated her body horribly, and then composed a romantic story of a woman who was an unwilling witness to help him bury the body under the ice of the river.

Miss Emma Rennie Dead. Miss Emma Rennie died at the residence of her mother, at Granite, Va., yesterday afternoon at 12 o'clock. She was 19 years of age, and leaves a mother, five brothers, and three sisters. The funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon, and the interment will be in Hollywood.

Ralph P. Brown. Ralph P. Brown, son of John P. Brown, died yesterday morning at 10 o'clock. He was 21 years of age. The funeral will take place from the residence, No. 519 north Fifth street, this afternoon at 2 o'clock. The interment will be in River-Vue Cemetery.

Mrs. Bettie P. Tignor. Mrs. Bettie P. Tignor died yesterday morning at her home, on the Nine-Mile road, in Henric, Va., at 12 o'clock. She was 45 years of age, and leaves several relatives in this city, and leaves several children to mourn her death.

Mr. English Laid to Rest. The funeral of Andrew J. English took place at 11:30 yesterday morning at the residence of Mr. E. Cooke conducted the service. Mr. English died from injuries received in a fall from a scaffold at Seventeenth and Main streets. He was a painter.

VA. FIELD TRIAL ASS'N. Constitution and By-Laws Adopted and Members Elected. The number of sportsmen attending the meeting of the Virginia Field Trials Association here at Henric, Va., last night, was most gratifying. The report of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, read and after considerable discussion on several points, was accepted, with a few slight amendments. The secretary, Mr. Cooke, reported very satisfactory progress in the enrollment of members.

The trials will be held some time between November 1st and December 15th, on the Board of Supervisors giving due notice to members of time and place not less than thirty days. The choice of place will fall in one of several places mentioned in Charlotte county, or else in Nottoway county.

THE EARTH TREMBLED. Blast on Belle Isle Started Many People Yesterday Morning. Richmond people were jarred into wakefulness yesterday morning by a blast from Belle Isle that beat all of the many powerful blasts. Gable's Hill and Oregon tonight, having failed to reach an agreement, having failed to reach an agreement, was accepted, with a few slight amendments. The secretary, Mr. Cooke, reported very satisfactory progress in the enrollment of members.

Hotel Arrivals. The Jefferson, E. B. Bestwick, New York; N. F. Williamson, wife, and two children, St. Louis, 1904; F. H. Kastner, New York; Louis Stackhouse, Gradyville, Pa.; Mrs. J. J. Martin, Mrs. George J. Miller, Mrs. J. D. Bowker, W. V. Marmion, Washington, D. C.; A. A. Sargent, New York; Albert E. Little, New York.

Murphy's; Charles E. Suter, Baltimore; W. E. Buskirk, New York; J. W. Graves, New York; H. H. Hinton, Va.; John H. Bader, Staunton, Va.; F. H. Calkins, Philadelphia; C. Ludwig, Washington, D. C.; H. A. Nass, Dillon, S. C.; S. M. Donald, Staunton, Va.; C. E. Golden, Washington, D. C.; J. C. Indianapolis; Lieutenant J. W. Lee, U. S. R. C. S.; J. W. Hagan, New York; C. T. Ripberger, Toledo, O.; M. M. Fair, and vicinity, and secure the signatures of about eighty men, representing

SUNSTROKE! CALLER—Dear old Jack, I just read in the paper about your being sunstruck, and rushed right over. I'm awfully glad you're as well as you are. You're lucky. Now, old man, I don't want to work the old "I told you so" gag on you, but the way to prevent sunstroke is to keep the bowels clean and cool, and the blood from being over-heated, by taking a CASCARET Candy Cathartic at bed-time. They work while you sleep, and keep you safe and comfortable all day.

BACK FROM THE PHILIPPINES. Mr. J. Coleman Motley Will Study Medicine Here. Mr. J. Coleman Motley, a member of Dr. W. E. Heston's family, returned yesterday from a three years' service in the Philippines. He was connected with the hospital corps in the capacity of acting assistant surgeon, and was engaged in active field duty. When the Spanish-American war began Mr. Motley left England, and joined the Blues Battalion. He later enlisted in the United States army. He will attend the medical department of the University of Virginia this fall.

Old Stage Manager Not Recognized by Employees' Union. After generations of service upon the stage of Richmond theatres, Squire Lonnie Graves, the stage manager of the Richmond Academy, which he has managed since 1870, was not recognized by the Employees' Union.

Richmonders on the Stage. Two Richmond boys will be on the road during the coming theatrical season. Charles Frischkorn, who played so well with the Giffen Company last season, will be in a company presenting a melodrama entitled "Old Sleuth," and Herbert Curtis will play with Howard Kyle in "Nathan Hale."

Fractured Child's Skull. Negro Threw Rock at Fruit Dealer and Struck the Child. Little Mary Joseph Charlie, the young girl who was hit with a rock by a negro at the corner of Twenty-fourth and Main streets about noon yesterday, is at the City Hospital. At a late hour last night her condition was said to be very precarious, and the doctor said that there was but one chance in ten of her living. She is suffering from a fractured skull.

The cause of the child's injury was a fight between two negroes. One of them, the corner of Twenty-fourth and Main streets, threw a watermelon, and upon cutting it found that it was so rotten that it could not be used. He then upon taking it back and demanded a new one, which was refused. The Italian, who was standing near the rock and attacked the Italian. His aim was bad, and he hit the girl. The ambulance was called and the surgeon examined her head after she was moved to the hospital.

The police are on the lookout for the negro whom they believe it is thought that he will soon be caught. Local Base-Ball To-Day. The regular game of base-ball will be played at Broad Street park this afternoon at 7 o'clock. The game will be between the Browns, of Filton, and the Manchester boys. A large crowd is expected, and the game promises to be a winner.

DENY MR. HUFF'S REPLY. Northside Citizens' Association Issue Statement on Street-Car Dispute. At a meeting of the committee of the Northside Citizens' Association, held Thursday night, the following reply to the statement made by General-Manager Huff of the Passenger and Power Company, concerning the curtailment of the car service around the Highland Park, was formulated by the following committee: W. J. Todd, chairman, O. W. Wingfield, H. S. Vaughan, L. B. Enslaw, D. A. Kuyk, and C. F. Cross, and approved.

Statement of Manager Huff, of the Passenger and Power Company, as published in the daily papers, is so misleading that we feel a reply is called for on our part. We therefore give the facts in detail, so that the public may judge for themselves as to our action. Two or three months ago there appeared in the daily papers a statement to the effect that the car lines in Barton Heights and Chestnut Hill would be connected, and it became rumored that the line on Chestnut Hill would be cut off at the Methodist church, and that Highland Park would be left without car service.

Owing to this rumor the Northside Citizens' Association appointed a committee, consisting of C. W. Wingfield, H. S. John Coalter, and W. J. Todd, to wait upon the Passenger and Power Company and to protest against the rumored change. This committee called at the company's office on Main street, and was referred to the president, Mr. Sitterding. By appointment the committee met at Mr. Sitterding's house, and were courteously received. Mr. Sitterding said that a change was contemplated, but that the company had not decided what would be done. He said that the board of directors wanted to take off one car as a matter of economy or a curtailment of expenses; said he would consider our protest, but would not promise anything. We then circulated a petition among the patrons of the line in Highland Park and vicinity, and secured the signatures of about eighty men, representing

Heroes and Pensioners. (Pittsburg Post.) Some very instructive figures are presented on pensions in a tabular statement of volunteer losses and casualties in the Santiago campaign, and the losses of the regulars engaged in the same work. There are five regiments from each branch of the service, and the figures are as follows: Regulars Killed, Wounded, Missing, etc. This is all very well, but we find that the volunteer regiments, which had no killed, wounded or missing, have presented 2,977 pension claims, while the regulars, who lost 83 killed, had 471 wounded and 40 missing, presented only 764 pension claims, one-third the number from the volunteer regiments. Undoubtedly the volunteers had a good deal of sickness, much more than the regulars. Unfortunately, they nor their officers knew the game so well as the regulars did. Consequently they were not so well able to take care of themselves. They were unseasoned men. Even this consideration, however, will not account for the difference between the 2,977 claims made by the unseasoned regiments and the 764 made by regiments which really sustained losses.

A Rural Leoncio (Boston Courier.) A gazing bull. A meadow full of buttercups and clover. A city chap. With gory wrap. The fenceway getting over. A stamp! A snort! A yelp! A sort. Of detonating below. An upward flight. A downward light. A carcass sadly mellow. A jury then. Of countrymen. The local death-appraiser. The quiet proceeds. The verdict reads—"He wore a tennis blazer."