CAN PROBE FOR ITSELF

MINOR RESOLUTION NOT AFFECTED BY GRAND JURY REPORT.

CAN MAKE ORIGINAL INQUIRY.

May Summon Witnesses and Send for Persons and Papers Like and Any Other Court—It is Thought Resolution Will Be Adopted.

Mr. John B. Minor was asked last night, in view of the reported authoritative announcement that it would be impossible for an investigating committee of Council to compel the production of the testimony laid before the grand jury concerning the alleged immoral acts of some of the members of the old Council, what effect this would have on his resolution providing for an investigation, if it were true?

WILL NOT AFFECT INVESTIGATION.

Mr. Minor said that it would not affect the matter at all. If a committee of investigation is appointed, under the provisions of the city charter it will have ample power to summon witnesses and send for persons and papers, such as any other court has, and there was nothing to prevent it from conducting an original investigation and probing all the original sources of evidence. The committee, if one is appointed, will be invested with this power, within the scope of its duties, by the provisions of section 17, of chapter 3, of the city charter.

Mr. Minor said in answer to a question as to the prospects of his resolution, that he had no doubt of its being adopted.

KAISER DEFENDS KRUPP FROM VORWAERT'S CHARGES

He Attends Funeral, Following the Hearse to the Grave—Practically All of Essen Out.

ESSEN, PRUSSIA, November 26.—The remains of Herr Krupp were buried to-day. The obsequies were impressive. Emperor William followed the hearse on foot from the old home of the deceased's grandfather, to the cemetery. Practically the entire population of Essen attended the funeral.

The presence of Emperor William at the funeral was designed by his Majesty to show his absolute disbelief of the accusations that caused the gun manufacturer's death. A statement was issued that the Emperor was indignant at the cruelty and malice of the Social-Democratic charges, and he is said to have personally expressed his feeling in the matter to Rev. Mr. Klingeman, who delivered the first of the two funeral orations.

About 24,000 of the Krupp workmen were drawn up on either side of the route. Prince Henry Henry of Prussia was represented by Commander Schmidt von Schwindt. At the cemetery, as the coffin was lowered in to the vault beside that of the deceased's father, Emperor William saluted, and a great chorus of workingmen's singing societies chanted a requiem. Then followed two funeral orations.

THE KAISER'S ADDRESS.

Before departing for Berlin, the Emperor addressed the directors of the Krupp works, and a deputation of the workmen, at the railway station. His Majesty said:

"I feel I must express to you how deeply I am affected by the death of Herr Krupp. In the course of years, our relations became such that I may describe myself as a friend of the deceased, and of his household. I, therefore, felt that I could not but attend his funeral, because I considered it my duty to stand beside the widow and daughters of my friend. Certain special circumstances which attended the sad event also impelled me, as supreme head of the Empire, to be present here, in order to hold the shield of the German Emperor over the house and memory of the dead.

"Those who were intimately acquainted with the departed know with what a delicate and sensitive nature he was endowed, and that offered the only point of attack through which he might be dealt a mortal blow. He has been the victim of his unassailable integrity. A deed has been done in German lands so base and mean that it made all hearts shudder, and must have brought to the cheek of every German patriot a blush of shame at the disgrace cast upon our whole nation.

NOTHING LESS THAN MURDER.

"The man who was German to the core, who lived always only for others, and for the welfare of the Fatherland, and, above all, for his own workmen, had his honor assailed. This deed, with its consequences, is nothing less than murder, for there is no difference between him who mixes and presents a poisonous draught to another, and him who, from the safe shelter of his editorial sanctum, with the poisoned darts of his slanders, robs his fellow-man of his honorable name, and kills him by the mental tortures he inflicts.

"Who were they that committed this shameful act upon our friend? Men who hitherto had passed as Germans, but now are unworthy of this name. Men sprung from that class of labor population which owes so infinitely much to Herr Krupp, and of that class thousands to-day in the streets of Essen bow their last farewell, with weeping eyes, to the coffin of their benefactor."

BOLD ATTEMPT TO ROB A BANK.

Telephone Operators Bound—Wires Cut—Neighboring Physician Gagged.

AKRON, IND., November 26.—A sperate but unsuccessful attempt to rob the Exchange Bank was made early this morning. The robbers captured and bound the two night telephone operators, and cut all telephone wires leading out of the local exchange. They also bound and gagged a physician, whose office is in the same block with the bank.

The first explosion of dynamite at the bank aroused the citizens, who hastened to the scene with fire-arms. Many shots were exchanged, but the robbers escaped without any booty.

THANKFUL PORTO RICANS.

Natives Called Upon to Refrain from Their Labors To-Day.

Among the proclations received at the Governor's office is one from Governor W. H. Hunt, of Porto Rico, calling upon the natives and residents of that island to refrain from their labors and give suitable expressions of their thanks for the blessings that they have received during the past year.

A Father's Sad Errand.

The father of the two girls who were arrested in a house of ill repute in town and held at the Third Police Station, arrived in the city last night and took the young women back to Washington, where they lived.

The arrest was made night before last and the girls spent Tuesday night at the station. They were handsome women, well-dressed, and about eighteen years of age.

Deserted to Marry.

The culmination of a touching romance was the arrest of the husband, Frank Tyson, yesterday morning. The young man was found working in the hold of a ship at the Trigg ship-yards. He is charged with being a deserter.

He was in love with a young woman in North Carolina, and he deserted that he might marry her. She lives with him here. The marriage took place last January. He does not deny the charge of desertion.

ELEVEN TURKEYS.

And Only One Thanksgiving Day to Consume Them.

Mr. John P. McGuire, of McGuire's School, received eleven turkeys, besides trimmings, yesterday from the generous and affectionate but somewhat too unanimous pupils of the school. The turkeys were decorated with blue and black ribbons, the colors of the school.

TENDERED A RECEPTION.

Rev. W. A. Cooper Warmly Welcomed by His Congregation.

Rev. W. A. Cooper, the newly-appointed pastor of St. James' Methodist church, was tendered a public reception at the church last night and was warmly welcomed. Mr. Cooper with his family reached the city Tuesday. They were met at the Southern railway station by a committee from the church and taken to the parsonage, No. 2717 east Marshall street. Here several of the ladies of St. James' were in waiting and served dinner.

A SURPRISE PARTY.

Captain Gwathmey Visited in a Body by Old Comrades.

Tuesday night a surprise party was given Captain Robert W. Gwathmey, of New York, a former member of the famous Otey Battery, who is on a visit to the city, and is staying with Mr. C. C. Baughman. A score or more of his all comrades called on him, a feast was spread, and the evening passed in reviving old memories and the days that are gone.

BIG GUN FOR COAST-DEFENCE.

It Shoots a Projectile Weighing 2,370 Pounds 21 Miles.

ALBANY, N. Y., November 26.—The big 16-inch coast defence gun which was manufactured at the Watervliet arsenal, was shipped to-day on the Merritt--Chapman Company's largest barge to the Sandy Hook proving grounds, and will reach there some time Friday. The largest crane in the world had to be pressed into service to load the gun on the barge, on which it is being transported down the Hudson river.

Under the direction of Colonel Farley, commandant of the arsenal, the gun was loaded on a specially-constructed car, weighing 34,370 pounds and slowly moved to the arsenal dock, where by means of the crane and a mammoth derrick it was swung on to the barge.

The following are the dimensions of the great weapon of coast defence: Length over all, 49 feet, 2.9 inches; diameter at breech, 5 feet; bore, 16 inches. Its construction was begun May 14, 1898, and it was finished June -1, 1902. Some faint idea of its power can be obtained by the statement that it shoots a projectile weighing 2.370 pounds a distance of 21 miles. If smokeless powder is used it will require 576 pounds or about 1,000 pounds of black powder. The crude steel from which the gun was assembled weighed 368,000 pounds. It has cost in material, labor, and machinery, about $150,000.

ERNE KNOCKED OUT.

Jimmy Britt, of San Francisco, Now the Light-Weight Champion of the World.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., November 26. Frank Erne, of Buffalo, lost his hold on the world's light-weight championship in his contest with young Jimmy Britt, of this city, who knocked out Erne in the seventh round at the Mechanics' Pavilion to-night. The contest was the fastest ever witnessed in this city. Britt was not so clever as the Buffalo man, but was the most aggressive, and landed the most telling blows. The men went at it from the sound of the bell in the first round, and it was nip and tuck between them. Britt proved himself the cleverer in a clinch, and never missed a chance to use his right or left in a break. On one or two occasions the San Francisco man was at a disadvantage. Erne was in a bad plight several times, but fought back with superb gameness, and succeeded in keeping the Californian off at most critical periods. In only one round did Erne have a decided advantage—the fifth. In this round, he landed a slight left on Britt's jaw, and followed it up with a terrific right to the heart. He continued to play for the Californian's heart, and at the close, had his adversary in an almost groggy condition.

THREE SOLAR PLEXUS BLOWS.

In the sixth round both men fought furiously, Britt trying to regain the ground he had lost in the last half of the preceding round, and Erne endeavoring to secure a decided lead over Britt. The latter played for the Buffaloan's stomach and heart, and during the last half-minute of the round placed his left on Erne's solar plexus. Britt fought himself to a standstill, and both men went to their corners in a groggy condition, but the terrific punishment administered by Britt was not to be overcome by the minute's rest preceding the seventh round, and when Erne stepped to the center of the ring in what proved to be the final round, it was seen that he was almost gone. Brit was not blind to his advantage and rushed at his man, landing three lefts to the body and lefts to the face and head. A left uppercut caught Erne in the solar plexus, and he went down for a count of seven, but his indomitable energy asserted itself, and he regained his feet, only to go down again a few seconds later by another terrific left to the same place. He rolled over and did the best he could to regain his feet, but could not do so.

Jim Britt's professional career commenced less than a year ago, but during that time he has successfully fought his way to the top.

The Western Union and Pennsy.

PITTSBURG, PA., November 26.—The application of the Western Union Telegraph Company for an injunction to restrain the Pennsylvania Railway Company, came up for argument in the United States Circuit Court, before Judge Buffington, to-day. Judge Buffington decided that the defendant company should not attempt to remove the poles and wires of the Western Union Company until he renders a decision on the application of an injunction. This will avert the trouble that had been expected on December 1st, the date of the expiration of the notice given theWestern Union.

ATTACHMENT FOR $1,000,000 IN J. F. PLUMMER'S FAVOR.

Latter Claims Amount Named for Alleged Financing of the American Locomotive-Works Combine.

NEW YORK, November 26.—Justice Fitzgerald, in the Supreme Court to-day, issued an attachment for $1,000,000, against the property in this city of the International Power Company, a New Jersey corporation. The attachment was in favor of John F. Plummer, in a suit he has brought against the International Power Company and Joseph Hoadley to recover $1,000,000 for breach of contract.

Plummer asserted that through his efforts the American Locomotive Works combination was formed. He said he had engineered the financing of the company, and believed himself entitled to $1,000,000 for his services.

A statement over the signature of J. H. Hoadley was given out to-day, at the office of the International Power Company, in which all the allegations in Mr. Plummer's complaint were denied.

BRITISH A. T. COMPANY.

Organized in London Yesterday to Take Place of Trusts.

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LONDON, Thursday, November 27.—Following the conclusion of peace between the rival tobacco trusts, a new company has been formed under the name of the British-American Tobacco Company, to take the whole export trade of both trusts.

Eighteen directors have been appointed. J. B. Duke, W. R. Harris, W. W. Fuller, J. B. Cobb, C. C. Duland, and P. S. Hill represent American interests, the other places being filled by leading English manufacturers. Duke is chairman, and will have the direction of business. The capital is six millions sterling, and the company will take over all the export factories, those where goods are manufactured for home consumption remaining under control of the trusts in their respective countries. Palatial offices have been taken in Hotel Cecil.

BIG IMPROVEMENT IN "PENNSY."

Plan of Savings Funds and the Wage Advance Approved.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., November 26.—The directors of the Pennsylvania railway, the Pennsylvania Company, and the Pan-Handle road to-day authorized improvements which will cost more than $10,000,000.

The directors of both the Pennsylvania Company and the Pan-Handle approved the plan for establishing savings funds, paying 3½ per cent. interest upon deposits, to go into effect on January 1st, and also the action of President Cassatt, in advancing the wages of the employees 10 per cent., dating from November 1st.

HOW THE MEN WILL LINE UP.

The Names of Referee and Umpire Not Announced.

Here is how the two teams will line up to-day at Broad-street field:

Virginia.	Positions.	Carolina.
Daniel	left end	Endicott
Johnson	left tackle	(capt.) Foust
Houston	left guard	Donnelly
Bachman	center	Stewart
Wall	right guard	Farlow
Council	right tackle	Jones
Bronston	right end	Cox
Pollard	quarter back	Graves
Pritchard	left half back	Mann
Black	right half back	Jacocks
Harris (capt.)	full back	Holt

It is not announced who will referee and umpire, but Mr. Armstrong, of Yale, usually officiates in these contests, and Mr. Thompson, of Georgetown, has officiated in several contests in Virginia this season.

TRAIN OVER AN EMBANKMENT.

Ten Passengers Injured—Two of Them May Die.

ST. LOUIS, MO., November 26.—A special from Greenville, Ill., says a Jacksonville and St. Louis passenger train plunged over an embankment near there, and ten passengers were injured, two of whom may die. Several were badly burned in the debris.

LA SOUFRIERE AGAIN ACTIVE.

Georgetown and Village of Chateau Belair Deserted by People.

KINGSTOWN, ST. VINCENT, November 26.—A violent eruption of La Soufriere, the fifth outburst since the catastrophe of March 7th, took place to-day. Georgetown and the village of Chauteau Belair, situated on the west coast of St. Vincent, were again evacuated by their inhabitants. Telephone communication in these districts is interrupted, owing to fierce lightning. Subterranean rumblings can be heard, and volcanic clouds are seen from this city. The crater had been smoking constantly since the terrific eruption of October 16th.

All Collieries at Work To-Day.

POTTSVILLE, PA., November 26.—The United Mine-Workers have decided to keep all the collieries at work with a full force of men on Thanksgiving-Day. The operators requested the men to remain at work, and this action is in compliance with their request.

Big Fire at U. P. R. R. Shops.

OMAHA, NEB., November 26.—A general alarm of fire was turned in from the Union Pacific shops about 11 o'clock tonight. The fire was under control at 1 o'clock, and was confined to the No. 2 storehouse, where it originated. The building contained about $150,000 worth of stores, which will be an entire loss. Several cars were destroyed, and the building is destroyed, bringing the loss to about $175,000. The company carries its own insurance.

SHE MARRIED HIM IN PRISON.

George Smith Wins the Widow for Whom He Killed a Rival, While Awaiting Trial.

ERIE, PA., Nov. 26.—A romantic wedding, the result of a murder, occurred in the Erie county jail, one of the participants, George Smith, charged with murder, being on trial at this term of court for his life. The bride was Mrs. Carrie Lamb.

Last July George Smith and William Smith had a quarrel at the home of Mrs. Lamb. They were rivals for her favor, and in the mixup which followed George, it is alleged, shot William dead. Mrs. Lamb immediately proclaimed her love for the alleged murderer and has visited him in prison frequently. To-day they were married and their honeymoon will be spent with the husband on trial for his life.

Smith came here from Pittsburg and is a bricklayer on pavements, having established a world's record for a day's work at this occupation at Newcastle.

MASHED HIS FOOT.

C. & O. Employe Injured at Clifton FoForge—Other Happenings.

CLIFTON FORGE, VA., Nov. 26.—Frank Jasper, colored, an employe of the Chesapeake and Ohio shops here, caught his left foot between the turn table and the outside wall and had it badly mashed and bruised. He was taken to the Chesapeake and Ohio Hospital for treatment.

The Haynes-Moore track of land lying adjacent to the northwestern corporate limits of the town, and recently sold to Messrs. A. W. Persinger and A. M. Stull by the Clifton Forge Light and Water Company, is now being developed by these gentlemen. The tract contains 2,200 acres, and contains an abundance of iron ore and valuable timber. A saw-mill has been erected and is daily turning out lumber. The machinery for the removing the fossil ore has been ordered, and will soon be placed in position.

Rev. J. A. Barker, for years the pastor of the Baptist church at this place, has resigned the charge. Last week he received a call from the Baptist church of Lexington, but declined to accept it. His plans for the future are not made public. He was formerly a missionary to Brazil, and a minister well known and beloved by all who know him.

Rev. J. W. Canter, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, at Staunton, arrived yesterday, and is assisting Rev. C. S. Stanton in his protracted meeting. Much interest is manifested in the meeting, and several conversions have taken place.

Preparation of Suitable Luncheons for the School-Children.

In some public schools of the larger cities there is a refreshment table connected with the building, where hot milk and light foods may be obtained at a nominal cost. Nevertheless, many children for various reasons carry their luncheons from home. The great objection to the ordinary school luncheon is that it is put together too hastily, and as a consequence does not contain variety enough. Of sandwiches there are many kinds, and sandwiches should be the principal feature of a school luncheon. Any meat sliced or ground to a paste and seasoned may be used as a filling. Peanuts, hickory nuts, and English walnuts ground and salted are good for the same purpose, and are nourishing and generally acceptable to children.

Sandwiches.—Sandwiches may be prepared the day before if they are wrapped in waxed paper to exclude the air. The crusts should always be trimmed off. This is no extravagance if the crusts are dried, rolled into bread crumbs, sifted and stored away in a box for future use. It should be remembered that rolled sandwiches are more acceptable to juvenile appetites than ordinary ones, and do not get dry so quickly.

Stuffed Eggs.—Stuffed eggs are popular with young folks. They should also be prepared the day before. Boil the eggs for twenty minutes or "coddle" them—that is, leave them in water just below the boiling point for half an hour. Eggs coddled in this way are more tender and digestible than boiled eggs. Drop the eggs into cold water, remove the shells and cut them in half crosswise, removing the yoke. Pound the yolks to a paste with an equal amount of potted ham, chickens or tongue. Add a few drops of good olive oil, a few drops of lemon juice, and a seasoning of mustard, pepper, and salt. Instead of this dressing a tablespoonful of mayonnaise dressing, with a few drops of lemon juice added, may be used. When the yolk and meat paste are thoroughly mixed together fill the whites with the mixture and wrap up each stuffed half of egg in waxed confectioner's paper.

Sweet Cakes.—Sweet cakes and sandwiches of jam or preserves may properly form part of a child's luncheon, especially in cold weather. It is now known that the craving which children have for sweet things is a natural one and should be gratified. Fancy sweet cakes filled with jelly and iced, cream puffs, or charlotte russe may always be advantageously added to a luncheon. Fancy cookies with nuts are both wholesome and attractive. Thin, saltine wafers, spread first with a thin layer of cream cheese and then a layer of currant jelly, are delicious.

Condiments, mustard, salt and peper, in proper amount should be accompaniments of meat sandwiches and of every form of meat. They make the meat more digestible as well as more palatable. Some kind of fruit should always form part of a child's luncheon. An apple, a pear, a banana, or an orange is always acceptable.

HOME OF THE BIG TRUSTS.

Growth of Queer Business Freaks Under Laws of New Jersey.

Under the laws of New Jersey there has grown up one of the queerest freaks in all the business world, known as "corporation agencies," or "trust companies," and which probably have no counterpart elsewhere. The State since 1896 has created 9,500 corporations, with the prospect of increasing the number by thousands yearly, and one of these agencies alone will maintain the "principal office" of hundreds of corporations at once and comply with every requirement of the law. They are in effect enormous book-keeping concerns conducted on the co-operative plan by a host of corporations. Massive libraries, as it were, of stock books may be seen there, in charge of an army of scribes who register and post the transfers of stock daily that a correct record maye be available for the inspection of stockholders.

Outside, at the entrance, is the sterotyped legend, "Principal Office of," etc., with a register of the companies represented. These names are necessarily in small characters, but even then it not infrequently hapens that the list threatens to require more space than there is facade to the company's building. The constant modification of these lists necessitated by the creation of new corporations and the dissolution of old, has led to the invention of an elastic sign, in which separated slabs with the names printed thereon may be inserted and removed at pleasure, so that the catalogue may be kept constantly up-to-date.

At the entrance of the New Jersey Corporation Agency, in Jersey City, are the names of nearly 700 corporations, whose total capital aggregates more than a billion dollars. The Corporation Trust Company, of the same city, boasts of more than 1,200 "principal offices," with a capitalization of between $3,000,000,000 and $4,000,000,000. The New Jersey Guarantee and Trust Company, of Camden, has on its doors 770 names.

A Luckless Lover.

(Frank Roe Batchelder in December Smart Set.)

I broke it off with Ann Long—
She was too short, you see;
With Mabel Wright things all went wrong,
We never could agree;
Then there was awkward Mary Blue,
Who was so very green;
And Bessie Goode would never do,
Because she was so mean.

It couldn't last with Jennie Read,
Because she wouldn't write;
And, after just one day, I freed
Myself from Nellie Knight;
I soon concluded that Miss Crewe
Must seek another mate;
And gave up Edith Early, too,
Because she came down late.

Miss Wood possessed an iron will;
Miss Gay was always sad;
Miss Sharp could see the point, but still
She said my jokes were bad;
Miss Rich was destitute of "tin";
Too melting was Miss Frost;
In earnest, then, I wooed Miss Winn,
And—same old luck—I lost!

SNOW IN MANY STATES.

NEW YORK, Nov. 26.—Snow fell to-day throughout this State; in some places it turned into sleet and rain.

LACROSSE, WIS., Nov. 26.—The first snow of the season is falling generally throughout the State to-day and it looks as if winter has started in earnest.

DES MOINES, IOWA, Nov. 26.—Snow, the first of the season, fell for several hours this afternoon in nearly all parts of the State.

BLOOMINGTON, ILL., Nov. 26.—Thanksgiving Day will be white in Central Illinois. At Pontiac two inches of snow had fallen up to noon and east of Bloomington an equally heavy fall is reported.

TEETH WORTH $500 POPPED LIKE CORN

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 26.—Dr. John Ramsden has lost his best teeth. They were valued at nearly $500. And he will not get them back, because they are gone beyond all recovery.

Ramsden practices denistry at 433 Frankford avenue. He was working in his laboratory yesterday afternoon, building up a set of false teeth. They were for a wealthy customer and he was using the most valuable teeth in his collection.

Beautiful incisors of ivory mounted in plates of gold and platinum lay on a series of parline sheets on his table beside his alcohol lamp, when an inopportune boy with an aching tooth arrived.

The doctor went out to attend him. No sooner had his back turned when a light wind threw a scrap of tissue paper into the flame of the lamp and then dropped it among the gems on the table. Instantly the paraffine sheets blazed up and the precious teeth with them.

Ramsden had just drawn the boy's tooth when he heard a racket in the rear room. It sounded as though somebody were setting off a pack of firecrackers. When he ran back to the laboratory the teeth were popping like so much corn, and his wife and sisters were shying pitchers of water at the conflagration.

It was all out in a few moments, and so was the doctor—between $400 and $500, he says, for nothing was left of his "best selection" but spots.

The Great Cold Cash PROFIT-SHARING CONTEST.

$3,000 IN CASH PRIZES $3,000

First Prize $500; Second Prize, $250; Other Prizes, $2,250.

A plain profit-sharing contest, whereby the readers of the Richmond Dispatch, the Weekly Dispatch, and the Richmond News may receive a portion of the money taken in from subscriptions, which would ordinarily be paid to travelling men and for travelling expenses. By offering prizes based on estimates of the Bank Clearings of Richmond at the close of business December 31, 1902, for the year 1902, we propose to divide the handsome sum of $3,000 in cash among our readers.

Conditions of the Great Contest.

The subscription price will not be changed.

The contest will close at 12 o'clock midnight December 27, 1902.

For every 25 cents received by us for subscription one estimate will be allowed by us. The subscription price of the Daily Dispatch, delivered by carrier in Richmond, is 50 cents a month; out-of-town, by mail, 25 cents a month or $3.00 a year. The price of the News is 25 cents a month or $3.00 a year. The Weekly Dispatch rate is $1.00 a year. A remittance of 50 cents for either paperwill entitle the sender to the paper for the period called for in our rates and two estimates; $1.00 four estimates, and so on.

Present subscribers, who have paid in advance, may, upon further payment, participate in this contest, and have their subscriptions extended according to the amount paid.

No estimate will be entered on our books except when accompanied by cash. Estimate and cash must reach us in the SAME ENVELOPE, or be delivered by the SAME PERSON at the SAME TIME. Upon receipt at our office the estimates will be entered upon books kept for that purpose, and the paper promptly sent to the address given. No change of estimates will be allowed after they are once entered on our books.

No stockholder, officer, or employee of either the Daily Dispatch, Weekly Dispatch, or Richmond News will be permitted to make estimates or in any way share in this contest.

CAUTION!—Send money by check or post-office or express money order. This is the only safe way. Be sure to enclose in same envelope your estimate in dollars and cents as to what will be the total BANK CLEARINGS OF RICHMOND FOR 1902, AS CERTIFIED BY THE CLEARING-HOUSE JANUARY 1, 1903.

Should there be a tie for any prize, the amount will be divided equally between those so tied.

Write your name and address, and particularly the figures of your estimate, very plainly in order that no error may occur.

LIST OF THE PRIZES.

To the nearest correct estimate	$ 500 00
To the second nearest correct estimate	250 00
To the third nearest correct estimate	100 00
To the fourth nearest correct estimate	75 00
To the fifth nearest correct estimate	50 00
To the sixth nearest correct estimate	25 00
To the next 50 nearest correct estimates, $10 each	500 00
To the next 100 nearest correct estimates, $5 each	500 00
To the next 200 nearest correct estimates, $2 each	400 00
To the next 300 nearest correct estimates, $1 each	300 00
	$2,700 00

These Additional Prizes Will Also Be Paid.

For the nearest correct estimate received before September 15, 1902	$ 100 00
For the nearest correct estimate received before October 1, 1902	75 00
For the nearest correct estimate received before October 15, 1902	50 00
For the nearest correct estimate received before November 1, 1902	35 00
For the nearest correct estimate received before November 15, 1902	25 00
For the nearest correct estimate received before December 1, 1902	15 00
Total 662 prizes, amounting to	$3,000 00

HERE IS THE QUESTION:

"What Will Be the Total Bank Clearings in Dollars and Cents of Richmond, Va., for the Year 1902?"

On January 1, 1903, the Richmond Clearing-House will certify the amount. That certificate will decide the question.

The total bank clearings of Richmond for 1892 were	$126,080,177 73
The total bank clearings of Richmond for 1893 were	114,957,211 89
The total bank clearings of Richmond for 1894 were	113,327,889 23
The total bank clearings of Richmond for 1895 were	121,960,869 39
The total bank clearings of Richmond for 1896 were	114,378,841 66
The total bank clearings of Richmond for 1897 were	116,338,731 01
The total bank clearings of Richmond for 1898 were	133,618,376 10
The total bank clearings of Richmond for 1899 were	165,901,087 14
The total bank clearings of Richmond for 1900 were	175,537,475 61
The total bank clearings of Richmond for 1901 were	198,091,536 10
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Cut out one of the following blanks, fill in with the length of time you want the paper, and your estimate or estimates, and send by mail to Post-Office Box 373, or bring to the office, Ninth and Main streets, Richmond, Va.

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THE DISPATCH,—I hand you herewith .....for which deliver your paper to my address.....My estimates on the Bank Clearin gs of Richmond for 1902 are:

1st	7th .....
2d	8th .....
3d	9th .....
4th	10th .....
5th	11th .....
6th	12th .....

Name.....

Number ..... Street.....

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1st	7th .....
2d	8th .....
3d	9th .....
4th	10th .....
5th	11th .....
6th	12th .....

Name .....

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