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SUMMARY OF DAY'S NEWS

THE WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—Forecast for Thursday and Friday:

Virginia—Fair Thursday and Friday; warmer Friday, light, variable winds.

North Carolina—Fair Thursday and Friday; warmer Friday, light, variable winds.

Yesterday was one of the most delightful days of the season. The mercury was only 58 at the warmest portion of the day and fell thereafter, until at midnight the air was chilly. Continued fair weather is expected to-day and to-morrow.

STATE OF THE THERMOMETER.

9 A. M.	49
12 M.	52
3 P. M.	58
6 P. M.	54
9 P. M.	47
12 midnight	41
Average	50 2-3

Highest temperature yesterday	58
Lowest temperature yesterday	46
Mean temperature yesterday	52
Normal temperature for March	48
Departure from normal temperature	04
Precipitation during past 24 hours	00

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

March 25, 1903.

Sun rises	6:06	HIGH TIDE.	
Sun sets	6:26	Morning	2:53
Moon rises	4:38	Evening	3:13

RICHMOND.

Mann liquor bill to be voted upon to-day; an attempt to amend the measure pending——Tax removed from boarding-house keepers——Bill to prevent enticing servants away passed——Thrilling escape of Dr. R. H. Pitt and Father Donovan——Fine discourse on the kindergarten by Miss Blow——Well known minister weds——Petition to prevent freight trains from running on the Sabbath——Brilliant scene at the Confederate bazaar last night——Clearwater wins the pool tournament——Stuart Association to ask the city to redeem its pledge——Baptist editors visit Mrs. Jefferson Davis——Dr. W. W. Landrum much improved——Big bread plant to be erected here——Freshet in the river almost at an end——Bills of importance to the military offered in the Senate——Opposition to the school superintendent bill——Remains of Mr. William H. Cullingworth interred in Shockoe Cemetery——Howitzers to hold an election——Osteopath bill postponed until to-night——Young girl who shot herself improving——Committee appointed to consider the advisability of reducing the size of the Council——Richmond team defeated by Philadelphias——Vehicle Association to meet in Richmond——Elks elect officers. MANCHESTER——Those injured in yesterday's wreck resting well——Elks' Lodge to be instituted to-day——Illness of Mr. Bowen——Mrs. Bradley to give an entertainment——Fine meeting in progress at the Baptist Church.

VIRGINIA.

C. H. Robinson, negro police justice of Bloodfield, is not allowed to practice in Newport News Police Court——Negro fatally stabbed near Bristol——Local option elections in York county——Senator Opie is out again——King George roads badly washed and county swept by a cyclone——Trial of negro woman at Abingdon for murder of Roanoke drummer——Judge Waddill to give opinion in Schmoele land award case in Norfolk to-day——Blackstone stirred over approaching license or no license election——County bridges washed away in Powhatan and mill-dams broken——Chase City's mineral water and new hotel growing in popularity——Woodberry Forest defeats St. Albans 8 to 2——Henry Plater charged with the murder of his son, is released in Staunton——New national bank at Manassas——Situation in Farmville is unsettled; no dispensary yet and the town dry——Kidnappers lined in Tazewell——Petersburg's Chamber of Commerce and its good work——Conference as to coal-carrying facilities at Roanoke——King William mass-meeting endorses Mann bill and urges county supervisors to appropriate $300 for a Confederate monument. Marriages——Rev. James H. Henderlite and Miss Nellie Crow in Norfolk; William Smith and Miss Tassie McMorrow in Orange; R. A. Stuart and Miss Mary Jones in Stafford; Julius White and Miss Julia Dodson in Northampton; Rev. Ernest Stevens and Miss Elizabeth Nolan Snead in Nelson; E. N. Newman and Miss Mary Augusta Moon in Lynchburg. Deaths——Miss Ruth M. Patton in Stafford; Judge Joseph B. Prince in Southampton; Mrs. Allie Peters Richeson in Amherst; Edward H. Diffenderfer, Wm. Ballinger in Loudoun; Mrs. D. D. Routh in Petersburg.

NORTH CAROLINA.

A number of charters granted at Raleigh yesterday——Governor Aycock, Superintendent Joyner and Dr. McIver plan a campaign of education in North Carolina this summer——Rev. Jasper C. Massie, of Mansfield, O., has been called to the Tabernacle Baptist Church at Raleigh——Trinity College defeats Lafayette at Durham 6 to 3——Federation of Woman's Clubs will give entertainments in several cities to raise funds for the Raleigh monument——General J. S. Carr will be the orator at the Memorial Day exercises at Greensboro May 10th.

GENERAL.

General Sir Hector Macdonald, rather than face a court-martial, shoots himself through the brain in a Paris hotel——Irish land bill introduced in British House of Commons and is favorably received——Burdick's good name is defended by a friend with whom he talked of his troubles shortly before his death——Stock prices broke sharply and closed at the lowest of the day——President of the New York Central refuses to confirm or deny the rumors about combine with the Pennsylvania——Treasury in market for purchase of silver bullion to coin into money for the Filipinos——Two favorites and two heavily backed second choices won at Bennings——New York Stock Exchange soon to move into fine new building——President Castro withdraws his resignation and resents charge that his tendering it was a farce, as such he said would be impossible in one whose heart was warmed by heat of great ideals——Cable may be used to exchange ratification of Cuban treaty if it is approved in time——Further enforcing of the civil service rules embraces most all positions——Dr. Abbitt's color blindness prevented him from becoming an army surgeon——Pennsylvania Railway will spend seventy millions in improvements——River is falling at Memphis and critical situation is passed——Regular army officer to be detailed to make an inspection of Virginia militia before the new rifles are issued to them——Crazy Virginian goes to the White House to see Mr. McKinley, his son, or any of the McKinleys.

SENATOR HANNA HAS NEWS OF ILL DAUGHTER

(By Associated Press.)

CLEVELAND, OHIO, March 25.—Senator Hanna received a telegram from Thomasville, Ga., to-day stating that the condition of his daughter, Ruth, was slightly improved, her temperature being somewhat lower than yesterday. While there was doubt in the minds of her physicians at first as to the exact nature of her illness, they have now positively diagnosed the case as typhoid fever.

STOCK EXCHANGE TO GO INTO NEW QUARTERS

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, March 25.—The members of the Stock Exchange will take possession of their new building April 23d. The day will be given over to formal exercises, consisting chiefly of speech-making, and business will be suspended until the following day. Representatives of the other local exchanges and from out-of-town institutions have been invited to participate.

THEY HUNG JUST OVER PRECIPICE

The Peril of Dr. Pitt and Father Donovan.

THE TRAIN RAN INTO A LANDSLIDE

Accident Occurred While the Passengers Slept.

PULLMAN CAR POISED OVER A DEEP GULF

An Accident That Could Not Have Been Foreseen or Avoided, In Which Two Men Were Killed—Dr. Pitt Gives a Graphic Account of the Occurrence.

Two feet, probably less, was all that on Monday morning last divided a railroad coach, in which, among other passengers, were the Rev. R. H. Pitt, D. D., of this city and the Rev. Father Donovan, formerly of this place, from the brow of a precipice which fell sheer seventy feet to a stream of water below.

It was on the side of a mountain in Georgia that the thing hapened, and the cause for it was a landslide on the Southern road, which wrecked a train and killed two men.

The two ministers, the only passengers for Richmond, were in the sleeper together, and their danger was for the moment appalling. It seemed almost a miracle that the entire string of cars was not flung wildly off the mountain side and the people within carried to a horible death. The escape was narow, but Dr. Pitt is now back in town safe and sound and happy.

WAS COMING HOME.

When he left Atlanta Sunday about midnight, Dr. Pitt was making his way home after a visit to Biloxi, Miss., where he had attended the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Press Association. He and his close friend, Dr. W. W. Landrum, with whom he was staying in Atlanta, went to the station together and took trains in the opposite direction. Dr. Landrum was going further South for his health; Dr. Pitt was coming, or intended to come, straight to Richmond.

Until the train passed Mt. Airy, probably the highest point on the line, all went smoothly and well. But then the trouble came. About 6:25 o'clock in the morning, while those in the Pullman cars were slumbering peacefully, a sudden shock went through the train and awakened the sleepers, startled and wondering. A rapid series of heavy jolts followed, and then the train came to a standstill. It was obvious to all by this time that there was a wreck of some sort, and soon the worst fears of the passengers were confirmed. A porter came running by and gave out the news that the engine had turned over and caught the engineer and fireman under it, and that several cars were smashed or derailed.

OVED A PRECIPICE.

As soon as Dr. Pitt could get an outside view of the situation he saw what made him shudder at the danger in which he and the other passengers were placed. Before him was the wreck. The Pullman was not thrown off the track, as luck would have it, but it stood on the edge of the mountain side, hanging over a precipice which dropped sheer seventy feet, more or less, to a stream of water below. A little heavier shock and over the entire train would have gone.

According to Dr. Pitt, the cause of the accident was a landslide, caused by rains. A track walker had just passed by the point when the slide occurred, but he didn't have time to warn the train, which was even then approaching over the brow of the hill. It seems that the approach of the train of itself gave the last slight jar needed to tumble the dirt down, and but a moment or two after it fell the engine ploughed into it.

The engineer and fireman, who were caught under the engine and scalded by hot setam and water from the broken boiler, were taken back to Toccoa, where they both died. The passengers went back to Mt. Airy, where for fifteen hours they stayed the guests of the road on which the wreck occurred. Then they set out again. After a five-hour delay in Danville, Dr. Pitt reached home at 9 o'clock Tuesday night, much the worse for wear, but with no bones broken.

FATHER DONOVAN THERE.

In the same car with Dr. Pitt was the Rev. Father Donovan, formerly of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, of this city. The two struck up an acquaintance and came to Richmond together. Father Donovan is now stationed at Montgomery, Ala. He is in Richmond on a visit.

BIG SCHOONER SUNK IN COLLISION AT SEA

(By Associated Press.)

VINEYARD HAVEN, MASS., March 25. The loss of the big schooner Mary Morse, bound for New York, with lumber, as a result of a collision with the Philadelphia and Boston steamer Parthian, was signalled to the tug Storm King by the Parthian as it passed the Vineyard to-day. The Parthian had on board the crew of the schooner and the signals indicated that the collision occurred off Egg Harbor, N. J., at 6 o'clock yesterday morning.

The Parthian sustained injuries to her stem and was leaking, but her damage was not serious

PRAISE FOR GEN. WOOD

Complimentary Order Issued by War Department.

GOING TO PHILIPPINES

He Will Assume Command of the Military Department of Mindanao—Will Study Other Colonies On the Way Over.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 25.—Brigadier-General Wood left here to-day for Boston, whence he sails in a day or two for the Philippines, to assume command of the military department of Mindanao. Coincident with this departure from the city, Secretary Root to-day issued the following order:

"By direction of the President, Brigadier-General Leonard Wood, U. S. A., having filed the report which completes his services as military governor of Cuba and as commander of the military forces stationed in that island from December, 1899, to the close of American occupation, is relieved from further duty in connection with the affairs of the former military government of Cuba.

"The administration of General Wood, both as military commander of the division and Department of Cuba, and as military governor, was highly creditable. The civil government was managed with an eye single to the benefit of the Cuban people under the supervision and control of the military governor; the Cuban people themselves had an opportunity to carry on their own government to a constantly increasing degree, so that when Cuba assumed her independence she started with the best possible chance of success.

"Out of an utterly prostrate colony a free republic was built up. The new nation started under more favorable conditions than has ever before been the case in any single instance among her fellow Spanish-American republics. The record stands alone in history and the benefit conferred thereby upon the people of Cuba was no greater than the honor conferred upon the people of the United States.

"The War Department, by direction of the President, thanks General Wood and the officials, civil and military, serving under him, upon the completion of a work so difficult, so important and so well done."

En route to the Far East General Wood will visit Egypt, Singapore, the Straits Settlement, Batavia, Java and possibly other points, under direction from the War Department, where observations will be made as to the methods of other powers in the employment of native forces in their colonial possessions, especially with reference to the manner and extent of the utilization of natives as separate organizations and in conjunction with the regulars.

TO BUILD GREAT BREAD PLANT HERE

Philadelphia Syndicate to Begin Business in This City.

Messrs. Ferdinand Block and George J. Scheifela, of Philadelphia, who claim to represent a $500,000 bakery syndicate of New York and Philadelphia, are in Richmond, having arrived yesterday. It is their avowed purpose of acquiring every bakery in the city of Richmond, or start an opposition business of such mammoth proportions that the smaller fellows will eventually be driven out. In this event bread will sell for four cents a loaf, they say.

The gentlemen informed a representative of The Times-Dispatch last night that, regardless of the outcome of negotiations between them and the local bakers, the syndicate will begin the erection in the near future of an immense five-story plant. The dimensions will be 40 by 210 feet, and it will be located on a railroad.

With the idea in view of locating in Richmond, the gentlemen have engaged the services of two real estate firms, and they are now in search of a site suitable for the plant.

FIRES WILL GO OUT FOR LACK OF CARS

(By Associated Press.)

THURMOND, W. VA., March 25.—Owing to a freight congestion it is reported to-day that fires will be put out in 2,000 or more coke ovens in the New River field, as it is impossible to secure cars for transportation of products.

LIQUOR DEALERS TO MAKE PROTEST

Finance Committee to Hold an Open Meeting Monday Night.

The Finance Committee, of the City Council has arranged to have an open meeting Monday night, when the liquor dealers and any other persons who have fault to find with the license rate, as fixed by them, will be given an opportunity of being heard. An effort will be made to place each saloon in the class in which it belongs, according to the amount of business done.

WILL BE CONSUL-GEN'L AT HAVANA, CUBA.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, March 25.—Frank M. Steinhart is to be appointed Consul-General at Havana, succeeding William A. Rubiee, who will be appointed Consul-General at Vienna. Mr. Steinhart is a resident of Illinois. He is now agent of the War Department in Cuba.

BURDICK IS WARMLY DEFENDED

Friend Who Knew Him Well Tells His Troubles

DEFENDS HIS NAME FROM EVIL REPORTS

Victim Had Long Conversation With Him Before Tragedy.

WANTED TO PROTECT FRIENDS AND CHILDREN

Declared Evidence Against Him Was False and That He Held Up Divorce Proceedings In Order to Spare Friends Whom He Liked from Disagreeable Notoriety.

(By Associated Press.)

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., March 25.—E. T. Burdick, the murdered Buffalo manufacturer, confided his troubles to Herbert H. Rice, a business man in this city, only a few weeks before Mr. Burdick's death. Mr. Burdick and Mr. Rice were personal friends. The former made frequent business trips to Indianapolis. His last visit was on January 27th, when he called on Mr. Rice. He appeared troubled and he took the opportunity to unbosom himself to Mr. Rice.

"He led me to a quiet corner in the factory," said Mr. Rice, "and began telling me his troubles, prefacing his remarks by saying that he did not know why he should tell them to me, but I was so far from Buffalo that it would be all right. He talked of his wife and Pennell's attentions to her. He said Pennell and his wife went to Buffalo and were taken into society and the acquaintance of his wife and himself with the Pennells soon ripened into friendship. The families were together a great deal. They played golf, attended dances and the Pennells had the freedom of the Burdick home."

He said Pennell was a brilliant chap socially, and that he admired him, and knew that his wife admired him also. He said Pennell and Mrs. Burdick seemed to enjoy each other's company particularly, but that he had had no suspicions at first.

"Burdick said that he afterwards learned that Pennell and Mrs. Burdick were having clandestine meetings. He did not state the source of his information, but he said he confronted both with the accusation and both confessed to having improper relations.

"On the promise of Pennell to leave Buffalo and the promise of his wife not to meet Pennell again, Burdick said he agreed not to take any action in the matter. Neither promise was kept, he said, as Pennell remained in Buffalo and Mrs. Burdick soon was meeting him again.

THREATENED TO SUE.

"When Burdick learned of the matter he threatened to bring suit for divorce. Again they pleaded with him, he said, and on the solemn renewal of the promises he let the matter rest once more. Notwithstanding these promises Pennell stayed in Buffalo and continued to meet Mrs. Burdick.

"Mr. Burdick said he found a slip of paper containing a list of meeting places and dates, made out in cipher. On this paper was one address and date Burdick thought he deciphered correctly. He went to this address and found Mrs. Burdick and Pennell together. With this evidence he determined to obtain a divorce, he said.

"Burdick held a conference with Pen-

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NO DECISION ON OSTEOPATH BILL

The Matter Is to Be Taken Up Again at 8 o'Clock To-Night.

The General Laws Committee of the House held a long session yesterday afternoon and considered the bill offered by Senator Harvey, of Patrick, to require osteopaths, Christian scientists and all healers to stand the regular medical examination, and passed it by until to-night at 8 o'clock. The committee attempted to hold another meeting last night, but failed of a quorum, only Messrs. Lassiter, Wallace, Cumming and C. C. Baker being present.

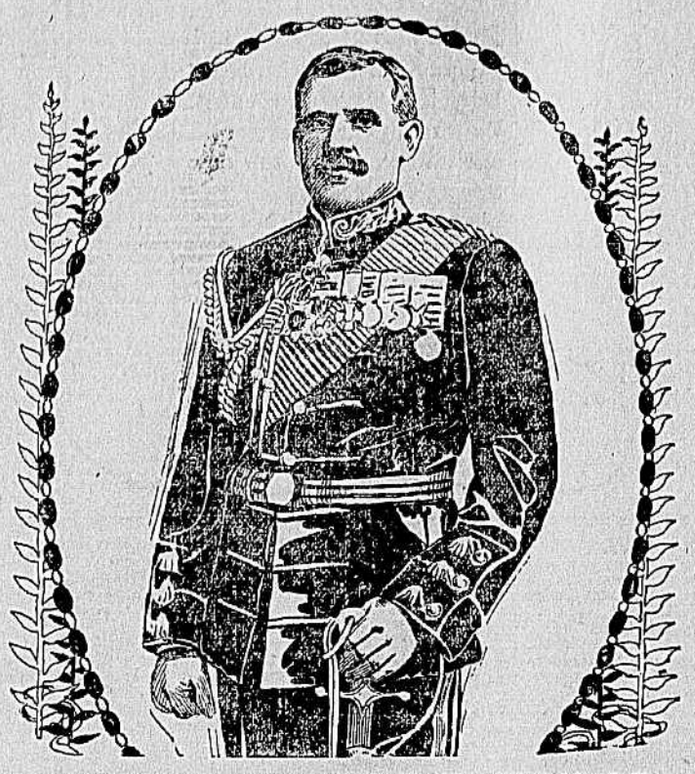
It is but a renewal of the long and weary struggle had over the measure in the Senate, and a large number of the friends and opponents of the measure were on hand to be heard. Messrs. Lawless and Jeffries were present as counsel for the Christian scientists, and they put on several witnesses and read a number of letters against the bill. Drs. George Ben Johnston and William S. Gordon were present to press the measure, and were to have spoken for it last night, except for the failure of the committee to have a quorum. When the matter comes up again to-night a large number of interested parties are expected to be on hand.

TORONTO OPERA HOUSE DESTROYED BY FIRE

(By Associated Press.)

TORONTO, ONT., March 25.—The Toronto Opera House was burned to-day. The estimated loss is $150,000. The fire is supposed to have originated from trio wires in the box office.

MACDONALD CHOSE DEATH



GENERAL SIR HECTOR MACDONALD.

FUNDS FOR THE TROOPS

Bills Offered in Senate by Mr. Anderson Yesterday.

MONEY IS APPROPRIATED

Matter of Courts-Martial—Rifle Ranges for Practice—Pay for Volunteers When They Are Called Out.

Senator Anderson presented two bills in the Senate yesterday relating to the Virginia volunteers. The first amends the court-martial law so as to permit officers to receive such commutation for quarters and rations as may be allowed by the Governor, and makes clear that they are to receive pay while going to and returning from the place where the court is ordered to assemble.

The second appropriates money for the maintenance and instruction of the volunteers, and for their maintenance and pay when called out in aid of the civil authorities.

It will be remembered that the Constitution cuts off all continuing appropriations, and therefore deprives the volunteers of all support. The Anderson bill appropriates $25,000 for the purposes indicated, which is to be known as the military fund.

It authorizes the military board to accept the gift or grant or to contract for the use of suitable camp grounds for the annual encampment of the volunteers or such part thereof as the funds make possible.

The bill requires the Governor to prescribe such rules and regulations to govern the camp as will insure as far as possible instruction in all the duties of a soldier in camp or in the field, and requires the military board to provide suitable rifle ranges for the instruction of the volunteers in the accurate use of their weapons.

The bill appropriates $10,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the pay and maintenance of the troops when called out in times of riot, tumult, breach of the peace and in aid of the civil authorities.

ORCHARD SINKS FIFTEEN FEET

An Acre of Land on the Potomac's Shore Goes Down With Terrific Noise.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

HEATHSVILLE, VA., March 25.—A great deal of alarm was caused by the sinking of the peach orchard of Mr. Garrett Dungan, situated near the shore of the Potomac River, at Lodge, Northumberland county, recently. The orchard covered about an acre of land, and when it sunk a terrific rumbling and roaring noise could be heard for several miles around. Although the orchard is about fifteen feet below the level of the surrounding ground, it is scarcely damaged, as none, or at least very few, of the trees were uprooted. Mr. Dungan expects to gather a crop of fruit from the trees this season. No reasonable cause is advanced for the sudden sinking of the land. Mr. Dungan's dwelling is situated only a few yards from the orchard.

Idol of British Army Shoots Himself Rather Than Face Charges Against Him.

(By Associated Press.)

PARIS, March 25.—Major-General Sir Hector Macdonald, commanding the British forces in Ceylon, and one of the foremost officers in the British army, against whom charges, based on immoral acts, were filed some time ago, committed suicide to-day at the Hotel Regina here. He shot himself in the right temple shortly after noon, and expired a few minutes later.

The General was alone in his small chamber on the mezzanine floor of the hotel at the time of the tragedy. One of the female attendants heard the pistol shot, and opening the door, saw the General's figure stretched out on the floor with the blood gushing from a bullet wound in the head. She ran screaming to the balcony overlooking the lobby of the hotel where many guests, including a number of ladies, were assembled. The proprietor of the hotel was the first to reach the expiring man. The commissary of police was notified, and accompanied by a doctor, proceeded to a preliminary investigation. Two notes, written in English, were found lying on a table in his room, and these were taken possession of by the authorities, but it is said their contents have no bearing on the suicide.

In the General's coat lying on the bed were found some photographs. The British Ambassador and consul were notified and Consul-General Ingalls visited the hotel and took charge of the body.

COULDN'T BEAR DISGRACE.

Sir Hector Macdonald arrived in Paris last Friday evening from London on his way back to Ceylon, where it was understood that an immediate court-martial would be held to clear up the charges made against him. On reaching the hotel at 11 o'clock at night he was told that only a small and indifferent room was available. He replied that that was quite sufficient. He was not accompanied by any aide-de-camp or a valet. He said he only intended to stay a day or two in Paris.

Little was seen of him after his arrival. He was, however, in the lobby this morning about noon, and it is believed that a newspaper printed in English, containing a resume of the grave

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VANDERBILT SAYS WILL BE NO CHANGE

No Truth in Statement That New York Central Passed Into Other Hands.

(By Associated Press.)

PARIS, March 25.—W. K. Vanderbilt, in reply to an inquiry to-night, handed the following statement to the Associated Press representative:

"There is no truth in the statement that the New York Central has passed into other hands. The present directors act in harmony each with the other. No changes are contemplated, and I know of no one of them who wishes to shirk his responsibility.

(Signed). "W. K. VANDERBILT.

INDIGNANTLY DENY THAT THERE IS "FIXING"

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., March 25.—A report having been received from Milwaukee that the Corbett-McGovern fight, which is scheduled to take place in this city next Tuesday evening, had been "fixed" for Corbett to win in the seventh round, both the fighters indignantly deny that there has been any agreement whatever between them, except that they are to fight for the championship and to do their best.

GERMAN NAVAL ATTACHE WILL OVERSEE DOCKING

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 25.—Commander Irwin Scheyer, naval attache of the German embassy here, has been ordered to Newport News, Va., to arrange for the docking of the German warship Gazelle, which will arrive there in a few days from Venezuelan waters.

TO VOTE ON MANN BILL TO-DAY

Brilliant Argument Was Heard Yesterday.

THE PATRON OF THE ACT SPEAKS

Fight for the Other Side Led by Mr. Anderson.

BOARDING HOUSES ARE EXEMPTED

Will Have to Pay No License Tax to the State—Effort to Place Lawyers On An Equal Footing With Doctors Signally Failed.

There was a great fight in the State Senate yesterday for the revenue bill.

In the first place, the Mann act as to taxing liquor dealers and as to the method by which license shall be granted was discussed, but a vote not reached. Judge Mann made a strong speech, it might be said a brilliant argument, for the features of the bill that have been embraced in the tax measure. He met his match in Senator Anderson, of Richmond, who, while agreeing with Judge Mann as to the good that would result from the carrying out of the Judge's ideas, contended that the Nottoway Senator was proceeding along the wrong lines.

Mr. Anderson's contention was that the Mann bill would take away from the people the right to say whether or not liquor should be sold, and to place this power in the hands of a judge. He argued that this was undemocratic and against the popular rights of the people.

Judge Mann sought to convince the minds of the Senators that the people who seek to sell liquor ought to be made to bear the burden of securing the license.

AGAINST ALL SALOONS.

Judge Mann made his position plain. He indicated that he is a prohibitionist outright, and step by step he will, if he can, break up the sale of liquor in Virginia. He did not come outright and say this, but he edged up to it so closely that no one could fail to understand his position.

The Senate gave the entire day to the consideration of the revenue bill. It was about 4 o'clock in the afternoon when the features of the Mann bill, the last in the tax measure, were reached. Nearly all the space reserved for visitors was occupied. There was a perfect jam behind the railings. People in the gallery craned their necks and peeped down as if looking for Fred Opper's Juggernaut to run over Gaston and Alphonse and Leon when Clerk Button read the "sub-head," "Liquor License."

Judge Mann moved over to the side of Senator Wickham, who has been leading the fight for the revenue bill. The Judge evidently felt the responsibility upon him. Strangers asked that Judge Mann be pointed out to them. They saw a gentleman with gray moustache and gray chin beard—a man of most pleasing appearance, a type of the ideal Virginia gentleman, and not such a person as his enemies have pictured.

AMENDMENT OFFERED.

The reading of this feature of the bill had not proceeded far before men began to inquire of each other "is the jig up?"

The long, tall, striking figure of Senator Anderson stood up, and he started a ball to rolling, that kept on rolling and will roll on this morning. He offered this very important amendment:

"But in those counties, cities, towns and magisterial districts of this State, in which an election has been held for such county, city, town or magisterial district, at which a majority of the qualified voters voting shall vote in favor of the Mann liquor license law, which election shall be called and held in accordance with the provisions of chapter twenty of the Code of Virginia, except that the ballots shall be marked 'For the Mann liquor license law,' and, 'Against the Mann liquor license law,' licenses to sample liquor merchants shall be granted as follows:"

To those who have read the bill, and nearly everybody has done so, this clause would come in in line twenty-five of page three. In other words, to reduce it, to plain English, Mr. Anderson wants the people themselves to say whether or not they want the Mann bill.

The Mann bill provides that before granting a license—

"It shall further plainly appear to the satisfaction of a court that a majority of the qualified voters of the district or town in which the privilege is sought to be exercised are in favor of the application."

Mr. Anderson moved to amend after the word court so as to read—

"It shall further plainly appear to the satisfaction of the court by a statement signed by them, which, however, may be controverted by any person opposed to granting the license, that a majority of the qualified voters of the district or town in which the privilege is sought to be exercised are in favor of the application."

Mr. Anderson said his object was to give the judge some test or means of deciding whether or not the majority of the qualified voters did or did not favor the license. He thought if one election could not be gotten for the people the next best thing was to have a petition.

Mr. Anderson also moved to strike out the requirement that it should plainly appear to the satisfaction of the court "that the sale of ardent spirits at that place will not be contrary to sound public policy or injurious to the morals or material interest of the community."

He argued that the town sound public policy was not definite, and that the decision of the judge must turn upon his private personal view of the liquor question.

So also he urged it would be in re-