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DIRE DISASTERS.

LOSS OF LIFE BY FLOOD AND FIELD.

Seven Men Drowned in the Hudson River—Two Serious Railroad Accidents—The Missing Steamer—Damages to the Westphalia—Another Collision.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—A disaster in which seven persons lost their lives occurred at 6 o'clock this evening on the East River, opposite South Fifth street, Williamsburg. The barge Signal, loaded with 700 barrels of sugar, had been taken in tow at the foot of North Fourth street, and was proceeding on her way toward the bay when she was run into by the steamer City of Worcester and a large hole stove in her side. The steamer received but slight injuries, and proceeded on her way, while the barge was taken in the direction of the Brooklyn navy-yard, the nearest point. There were on board at the time Captain William Taylor, his mother, wife, and three children; also two deck hands. The barge filled rapidly and sank before the shore was reached. Those in charge of the tug observed the barge going down, and quickly turned the tug around and steamed toward the sinking craft. Owing to the darkness it was difficult to distinguish objects in the water. Hearing cries for help they were followed up, and Captain Taylor was rescued. His mother, wife, three children, and the two deck hands were nowhere to be seen, they having evidently been carried down to the bottom of the river by the sinking barge. The river was searched for them, but to no purpose. The cause of the accident could not be learned this evening, but it is supposed that the force of the tide was miscalculated.

What Steamer is Missing?

LONDON, Nov. 16.—The third officer of the steamer Westphalia, who commanded the boat sent in search of the steamer which collided with the Westphalia, says the boat seen by a Channel pilot on Tuesday morning twenty miles from Beachy Head cannot have been his. It may have been one belonging to the sunken steamer. The examination of the Westphalia, which was continued to-day, shows that the damage she sustained is much more serious than was anticipated. The repairs will probably be completed at Hamburg.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 16.—The agents of the Red Star Steamship Line received the following message from Antwerp this evening: "Steamship Nederland passed Dover 4 a. m. Sunday. Impossible to communicate with Westphalia." The Nederland left Antwerp on Saturday for New York, and there has been some apprehension lest she should prove to be the ill-fated vessel that collided with the Westphalia.

A Fatal Accident.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—A water-tower, designed for use in the fire department of this city, while being tested in the Battery Park this morning was overturned, and killed one man, mortally wounding another. A boy sustained a contusion of the shoulder. The tower was introduced to the notice of the fire commissioners by Abner Greenleaf, of Baltimore, Md. All the fire commissioners and many members of the department were present at the exhibition. In its fall the unfortunate man who was killed was struck by its fifty feet of pipe. His neck was broken, his skull crushed, and his legs fractured. He was about 35 years old, and his name and residence unknown. George H. Sayer had his skull fractured and will probably die.

Railroad Accident.

EAU CLAIRE, WIS., Nov. 16.—A western-bound freight train was brought to a sudden stop forty miles west of here early this morning by one of the cars jumping the track. A passenger train closely following, which the hands on the freight train neglected to stop, came bowling along, and, before those in charge of the freight train realized what they were about, crashed into the caboose with terrible force, upset ing the stove therein and scattering the live coals among the debris of the wreck, causing a fire to break out which was not extinguished until fifteen freight cars, together with their contents, consisting of a number of valuable horses, pianos, organs, &c., were totally destroyed. The loss is estimated at $75,000. No lives were lost.

Fall of an Elevator.

LOUISVILLE, KY., Nov. 16.—At 11:45 to-day the passenger elevator in McKnight's carpet house, on Main street, containing five passengers fell from the second floor to the basement below seriously injuring four of the passengers and painfully wounding a fifth. Their names are Captain W. C. Hite, of Louisville, compound fracture of left leg and simple fracture of right leg; Captain John Howard, of Jeffersonville, small bone of left leg fractured and right ankle; Judge B. F. Beard, of Hardinsburg, Breckinridge County, Ky., painfully bruised, no bones yet found broken; C. F. Turner, a salesman with McKnight, badly bruised, and K. Dye, another salesman, ankle joint fractured and probably rib broken.

A Boiler Explosion.

CINCINNATI, Nov. 16.—A boiler on the premises of Peter Kuhl & Co., picture frame manufacturers, on Sycamore street, near Seventh, burst this afternoon, causing a panic among the occupants of the upper stories of the five-story building. The building was set on fire, and the floor above the engine was blown to pieces and part of the wall blown out. Louis Meyer, the helper of the foreman, was thrown into the street and fatally injured. Frank Bittner, one of the employes, was badly scalded, and Christ Geiz, Albert Post, and Frank Weiss were slightly injured. A fire engine across the street put out the flames and thus averted further calamity.

A Fearful Railroad Ride.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., Nov. 16.—Last night, as an extra north bound freight train on the St. Louis and Iron Mountain Railway was ascending Hogan's Mountain, in Missouri, it broke in two, and the rear portion descended the mountain at the rate of sixty miles an hour. An engine which had been pushing the train, started back, but was soon overtaken and completely wrecked. Seeing the danger, the engineer increased his speed to forty miles an hour. The engineer had his wrist injured and his head badly hurt. The fireman's feet were crushed and his head injured, and a brakeman was also seriously hurt. The names of these men are unknown.

Passed Over the River.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—The body of Thomas Flynn, aged 50 years, a homeless man, was found hanging to-day from a ceiling in the cellar of a house in Mulberry street. The man had been long dead. No cause is known for the suicide.

EASTON, PA., Nov. 16.—Mrs. William Stark, aged 22 years, died at Phillipsburg, N. J., early this morning from an overdose of opium, taken with suicidal intent. She had only been married three weeks.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 16.—Ellen McFetters, aged 33 years, was found dead in bed this morning at her house. She committed suicide by taking laudanum.

A Row in Ohio.

CINCINNATI, Nov. 16.—A dispatch from New Straitsville, Ohio, says: "Much excitement has been caused by a crew of men on the Columbus, Hocking Valley, and Toledo Railroad undertaking to prevent another set of men from taking their places, they having quit work because one of their number was discharged. On the appearance of officers they claimed that they only wanted their pay. When this was given they were arrested for riot, and sent to jail in default of bail. A little effort was made to rescue them from the officers."

Murderer Patrick Casey.

DUBLIN, Nov. 16.—The approver Patrick Casey in his cross-examination to-day stated that two men named Kelly and Nes were the authors of the whole plot for the murder of the Joyce family. At this time the court was crowded, and Casey's evidence caused a sensation. The approvers Phibbin and Thomas Casey swore positively to Patrick Casey's identity. Thomas Casey said he joined the party who visited the Joyce house by the prisoner's command.

A Collision in Hell Gate.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—This evening the steamship Eleanora, of the Malme Steamship line, for Portland, was run into by the steamship Nereus, of the Boston line, while passing through Hell Gate, about 6:30 p. m., and was forced upon the rocks at Ward's Island, where she lay high and dry. No one was injured, and it is expected that the vessel will be floated off at high tide. The Eleanora is a schooner-rigged propeller.

The Garber Poisoning Case.

NORRISTOWN, PA., Nov. 16.—The coroner's jury continued its examination in the Garber poisoning case to-day. Mrs. Garber testified to bad feeling existing between herself and her father, John Boileau, since her mother's death, because of her refusal to consent to the sale of some real-estate contrary to the will of her mother. She has not spoken to her fatherstince. No other facts of importance were elicited.

A Murder in Illinois.

HAVANA, ILL., Nov. 16.—John B. Walters, a farmer residing near this place, while at work in a field to-day, was approached by his nephew, who told him that he had murdered his (Walters's) wife. The nephew then fled, and Walters went to his home and found the statement true. A large posse of citizens is searching for the murderer. No cause is assigned for the deed.

An Awful Wretch.

LOUISVILLE, Nov. 16.—Martha Robinson, colored, to-day heated a stove red hot, stripped the clothing from her child, aged 2½ years, and laid it on its back on top of the stove. After a time she took the child off, and, carrying it to a factory near by, left it in the hallway. The cries of the child were heard by officers, who arrested the woman. The child will die.

Panic and Fire in a Theater.

PESTH, Nov. 16.—The theater at Gross Becskerek was set on fire to-night by the upsetting of a petroleum lamp and partly destroyed. A panic prevailed among the audience, and many persons were injured.

THE COMING FAIR.

Additional Exhibits Received—Progress of the Work of Preparation.

The work at the Capitol in the preparations for the Garfield Fair is progressing briskly. Thursday a number of new pictures were placed in position, and a large lot of pottery, designed for exhibition, was received. A handsome Rhodames satin dolman was received from Messrs. Willett & Ruoff, and several other valuable donations from other cities. It is expected that all the carpenter work will be completed by Saturday next, and workmen are now busily engaged in putting up the hangings and canopies for the various State booths in Statuary Hall. These hangings are most artistic in design and color, and are composed of maroon-colored cloth with Roman borders. It is the intention of those in charge of the operations at the Capitol to have everything in readiness for placing exhibits and completing the decorations by Monday next. The space in the crypt, where will be the exhibits of District merchants, is nearly all taken, and many of the displays will be elaborate and costly.

THE CRYPT WILL BE BRILLIANTLY LIGHTED as has already been stated, beautiful massive crystal chandeliers being placed in the center by Brooke and Caverly, and a chandelier being also placed between each pier. The consent of a majority of the Senators for the committee to use the Senate chamber for promenade purposes has been obtained, and so soon as Colonel Bright returns it is believed that he will turn it over to the committee. Exhibits of every description are being rapidly received, and the officers of the committee are kept constantly busy in arranging and classifying them, so that they can be readily placed in position.

THE BOOTHS OF TENNESSEE COMMISSIONERS for the Garfield Fair met in connection with the Ladies' Aid Society, at the Ebbitt House on last evening. The meeting was largely attended and was marked with interest. All the committees of the society, reported gratifying progress. The booth at the Capitol will be beautifully decorated. Portraits of distinguished Tennesseeans will grace the booth; pictures by Tennessee artists will be displayed. A more handsome company of young ladies will not be found in charge of any booth in the Capitol than those that will preside over the Tennessee booth.

A "Tribune" Editor's Rascality.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—The trial of the suit of W. F. G. Shanks against *Truth* for $100,000 damages for alleged libel was continued in the King's County supreme court to-day. Edward A. Hayes, formerly bookkeeper for Woodruff & Robinson, testified that Shanks was to get $1,000 for his share in keeping Mr. Arthur, who was at that time collector of the port, from investigating the charges against Woodruff & Robinson. Demas Barnes was to pay $1,000, and witness was to pay Barnes. The arrangement was made at the *Argus* office, in Washington street. Shanks was to use the *Tribune* to frighten Mr. Arthur. Shanks was the city editor of the *Tribune*.

Kellogg's Majority.

Special to THE REPUBLICAN.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., Nov. 16—Returns from the entire State show that Governor Kellogg received in the third district as many votes as the total cast in either of the other districts, and double the total vote of the fourth or sixth district. It is apparent that he received a large proportion of white votes. His district is the most populous and richest of Louisiana, embracing almost the entire Teche and sugar-growing portion of the State.

A Republican Victory.

Special to THE REPUBLICAN.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., Nov. 16.—The Republicans gained an overwhelming victory in the city election to-day, electing all the city officers except one alderman. The Democrats endeavored to create race prejudice over the appointment of a colored clerk in the post-office with disastrous effect upon themselves. The city is wild with enthusiasm, and there is no weakness here as to the result of the next national election.

Debate on the Closure.

LONDON, Nov. 16.—In the House to-night debate on the closure question was resumed.

The fourth rule—that when before a division of the decision of the speaker of the chairman of a committee that the "ayes" or "noes" have it is not challenged by more than twenty members the speaker or chairman may forthwith declare the determination of the House or of the committee—was passed.

On the speaker's putting the fifth rule—that the speaker or the chairman of a committee may call attention to continued irrelevance or tedious repetition on the part of a member, and may direct him to discontinue his speech—Lord Randolph Churchill moved an amendment intended to render the rule inapplicable as to chairman of committee.

Mr. Gladstone said he hoped the amendment would not be pressed, but he admitted that the mode in which the chairmen of committees were selected was too off-hand, and said that, considering the dignity of the office, it was desirable that a more suitable process of election should follow.

As a sequel to these procedure rules Lord Randolph Churchill withdrew his amendment and the fifth rule was adopted.

The House then adjourned.

A Sensation in Vienna.

VIENNA, Nov. 16.—A speech made by Herr Plener, a prominent member of the Reichstag, at the sitting of the Austrian delegation at Pesth today, has created a great sensation. His speech was a long exhortation to the government to avoid anything calculated to bring on the war. It is evident that Herr Plener possesses weighty information in regard to the relationship of Austria with Russia.

ARMY AND NAVY NEWS.

The United States ship Quinnebaug has arrived at Malta from Alexandria.

The Navy Department is informed that the ironclad monitor Montauk arrived at Cape May at 1:30 p. m. Thursday.

The extension of leave of absence granted Captain Joseph T. Haskell, Twenty-third Infantry, is further extended two months.

Captain Thomas Ward, First Artillery, will report to the commanding general department of the East for duty as acting assistant inspector-general of that department.

Leave of absence granted First Lieutenant Millard F. Goodwin, regimental quartermaster Ninth Cavalry, is extended two months on surgeon's certificate of disability.

The leave of absence granted Captain James H. Spencer, Fourth Infantry, October 27, 1882, department of the Missouri, is extended five months on surgeon's certificate of disability.

Orders have been issued from the Navy Department for the training-ships Jamestown and Portsmouth to proceed to Norfolk, Va., to complete their preparations for a winter cruise in the West Indies.

Captain Walter Reed, assistant surgeon, U. S. A., is relieved from duty in the Department of the East, and will report in person to the commanding general Department of the Platte for assignment to duty.

First Lieutenant William A. Mann, Seventeenth Infantry, now on leave of absence at Altoona, Pa., is to conduct a detachment of recruits to the department of Dakota. On the completion of this duty he will join his company.

First Lieutenant Robert G. Armstrong, First Infantry, is relieved from duty as a member of the general court-martial appointed to meet at Davids' Island, New York Harbor, October 12, 1882, and Captain Robert Pollock, Twenty-first Infantry, is detailed in his stead.

The Secretary of the Navy on Thursday received the following telegram from Commodore Semmes, at New York: "Steam trial of Juniata developed a leak under counter above water line, just abaft forward stern-post, the water being forced in by the action of the propeller, necessitating docking."

Commodore Balch, commanding the Pacific station, reports to the Navy Department that the high-pressure crank-pin of the Essex is cracked, and that it is unsafe to be used. He reports that she is unable to go to China in her present condition, and asks for instructions. He has been instructed to keep the ship at Lima, Peru, until a new crank, which will be sent, has been received.

Surgeon William A. Corwin has been ordered to the receiving ship Colorado; Surgeon Andrew M. Moore, to the training-ship Portsmouth, on the 21st; Passed Assistant Surgeon Nelson H. Drake, to the Tennessee, December 1; Passed Assistant Surgeon Charles A. Siegfried, to the Colorado, on the 23d instant; Passed Assistant Engineer Stacy Potts, to the Miantonomah; Cadet Engineer W. P. Winchell, to the Miantonomah; Lieutenant-Commander Edward M. Amory has been detached from the Tennessee, December 1, and placed on waiting orders; Lieutenant-Commander Eugene B. Thomas, from the command of the Coast Survey steamer Bache, on the 20th instant, and ordered to the Tennessee December 1; Lieutenant Hugo Osterhaus, from the Coast Survey steamer Endeavor November 20 and ordered to the Enterprise December 1; Surgeon William A. Marmion, from the Portsmouth November 24 and placed on waiting orders; Surgeon H. V. Beaumont, from the Colorado November 18 and ordered to the Enterprise on the 20th instant; Surgeon M. C. Drennan, from the Enterprise and ordered to the Kearsarge; Passed Assistant Surgeon Henry C. Eckstein, from the Alliance and placed on waiting orders. Passed Assistant Surgeons Walter A. Hedburg and James H. Gaines, from the Tennessee December 1 and placed on waiting orders. Passed Assistant Surgeon Paul Fitzsimmons, from the Colorado November 29, and ordered to the Tennessee December 1; Passed Assistant Surgeon George P. Bradley, from the Naval Hospital at Chelsea, Mass., November 20, and ordered to the Alliance; Passed Assistant Surgeon C. U. Gravatt, from the Kearsarge, and ordered to the Naval Hospital at Chelsea, Mass.; Passed Assistant Engineer William Rowbotham, from the Bureau of Steam Engineering, and granted three months' leave of absence; Midshipman William P. C. Miner, from the Colorado, and ordered to the Enterprise.

THE MISSISSIPPI.

A COMMITTEE OF INVESTIGATION.

Congressmen Afloat on the Father of Waters—What They Are Inquiring Into and What They Have Discovered—Shipping Interests Committee's Inquiry.

MEMPHIS, Nov. 16.—The Congressional committee investigating the Mississippi River has received a long communication addressed to Hon. J. C. Burrows, the chairman of the committee, from General Q. A. Gilmore, president of the Mississippi River Commission, in answer to a written request for special information. The communication says: "The present plan of the commission is to control the flow of the river by creating for it within its present bed a narrower conduit, so arranged that the water shall be constrained to flow over the same path at all stages, and by its greater velocity and concentration of effort recover at the bottom the equivalent of the waterway taken from the sides." After describing in detail the arguments in favor of its present plan, the communication goes on to describe the work pending and to

PRESENT A FINANCIAL EXHIBIT.

Four million one hundred and twenty-three thousand dollars were appropriated last year for the continuance of the work of the commission. The work is being conducted at two points on the river—at Plum Point, sixty miles above Memphis, and Lake Providence reach, seventy miles above Vicksburg, where work was begun last year. The following is the apportionment: New Madrid reach, $700,000; Plum Point, $700,000; Memphis reach and harbor, $300,000; Lake Providence reach, $650,000; completing jetties, $200,000; contingent reserve, $473,000. Mainly preliminary work has as yet been undertaken, such as the purchase of plans and the making of surveys. The river below Cairo is divided into four sections, each in charge of an engineer officer. The financial exhibit in this report will be made the special subject of examination, as some of the items of expenditure appear

TO DEMAND EXPLANATION.

At Plum Point Reach last year $6,202 was expended for the equipment of the office, and at Lake Providence $10,284 for a like purpose. Very large sums have been put into what is termed the "plant." The financial exhibits of last year, for which $1,000,000 was appropriated, are the only ones included in this report. The grand total of that year is itemized and is as follows: Office constructions and equipment, $16,486.46; administration, $7,645.67; labor, $108,458.31; subsistence, $42,256.18; materials, $76,035.77; purchase of plant, $494,798.43; towage, charter, and expense of steamers, $64,147.84; fuel, $115,319.29; miscellaneous operating expenses, $23,500.99; surveys, $15,120.40. The last item covers only two places. The committee cannot understand why so much money should have been spent for office equipment, purchase of plant, and for fuel. This will be one of the subjects of inquiry at Memphis, where the engineer in charge of that division will be summoned as a witness.

MORE EXAMINATIONS.

MEMPHIS, Nov. 16.—The congressional committee investigating the government work on the Mississippi River arrived here to-day. The early part of the day was spent in Plum Point Beach, above the city. The committee examined the works at the head of Island No. 30, and at the head of Osceola Bar, and the plant collected at Plum Point Reach. At the head of Island No. 30 was found a line of piling to close the chute behind the island, but there are no mats there yet to protect the work. At the head of Osceola Bar the closure of the chute on the right bank was found to be nearly completed. At the foot of Osceola Bar and at the head of Bullerton Towhead were found levees of piling completed, except as to the mats for about one-third of the distance to which it is now thought safe to carry the structure without obstructing the navigable channel. The head of Bullerton Towhead was being protected by piling and shore mats. At this place a new plan of forming mats with iron wire netting was also examined with an ingenious apparatus for melting the wire.

AT PLUM POINT THE PLANT

collected was examined. It consists of three or four pile-drivers in course of construction and two large hulls, carrying powerful steam pumps and water jets, termed "graders," used for grading the bank by washing it down to a proper shape after the bottom mats are placed to protect the caving banks. The workshops, carpenter and machine, and the store rooms, with the mills, were found to occupy the lower portion of a large double-hull barge. None of these works have yet received the attack of a flood, so that their stability remains to be determined. Captain Knight, of the engineer corps in charge of the first division of the work on the river, was examined this evening. He testified at length, going into minute details of construction. Everything thus far tried upon the Mississippi was experimental.

The Shipping Interests.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—The Senate Congressional committee on American shipping interests continued its session to-day. There were present Senator Conger, of Michigan, chairman; Senator Vest, of Missouri; Congressmen Cox, of New York; Candler, of Massachusetts, and Dingley, of Maine. After the examination of a number of witnesses relative to ship-building, Mr. Joseph E. Potts, of the Philadelphia Maritime Exchange, handed in a report in which the whole of the categorical questions asked in the circular of the committee were answered in rotation. It was generally conceded that American shipping has many difficulties to contend against. The cost of material, labor, manning vessels, and other expenses were considered and radical changes advocated. The report was signed by Henry D. Welsh, Joseph D. Potts, Charles H. Cramp, Clement A. Griscomb, and Philip Fitzpatrick, of the Philadelphia Maritime Exchange. The committee adjourned till to-morrow.

A Den of Robbers in Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 16.—A den of thieves was broken up in this city to-day, and a man named Smith, Jacques, and others captured. Jacques attempted to shoot Detective Kingston by discharging a revolver in his pocket. Smith also attempted to use a revolver, but was frustrated. Among the property recovered were bonds and deeds of property in New York and papers supposed to be the proceeds of a robbery committed at the house of Owen McGorley, on Staten Island. Detective Kingston went to New York this evening in reference to this matter and to prevent the delivery of goods shipped to-day, the fruits of a big robbery committed in Church street in this city. Smith, who is 19 years of age, is thought to be a brother-in-law of Jacques. Numerous other robberies committed in this city, Chicago, and New York, aggregating about $40,000, are attributed to them. Wagon loads of plunder have been found at their residence in West Philadelphia, and it is supposed that much plunder has been sent to a "fence" in New York, as the prisoners have been seen at the depot shipping articles to that city. Jacks or Jacques, as he is also called, and the other prisoners will have a hearing tomorrow.

The McGarley papers recovered consisted of bonds, insurance policies, mortgages, and deeds, amounting to $70,000. They were stolen four years ago.

Taxation of Whisky.

FRANKFORT, KY., Nov. 16.—The court of appeals decided a cause to-day involving the taxation of whisky by State, county, and city authorities. The history of the case is as follows: In January, 1880, W. A. Gaines & Co., distillers, had in their bonded warehouse at Frankfort 9,297 barrels of whisky belonging principally to non-residents of the State. The firm failed to list said whisky with the assessor for taxation for State and county purposes. The sheriff reported the fact to the county court. That body ordered the sheriff to list the same and collect taxes thereon. No appeal was taken from the order, but W. A. Gaines & Co. brought suit for an injunction to restrain the sheriff from collecting the tax. The Franklin circuit court perpetuated the injunction, and the State and county prosecuted the appeal to the higher court. Judge Harges delivered the opinion, reversing the mandate of the lower court perpetuating the injunction, and dissolved the same, directing a dismissal of the petition of W. A. Gaines & Co.

O'Connor Determined to Lecture.

TOLEDO, OHIO, Nov. 16.—It is now stated that the demonstration which prevented the ex-priest, O'Connor, from lecturing here Sunday evening, was an organized movement emanating from the Jesuit Church here. Mayor Romeis has instructed the chief of police that O'Connor, or any one else, must be protected in the rights of free speech, if the whole police force is required, and that if the chief anticipates danger he must call upon the mayor for additional help. The chief says he anticipates no further trouble. O'Conner is still here, and says he will lecture.

The Republican Sheriff Wins.

WILMINGTON, DEL., Nov. 16.—An *Every Evening* special says Governor Hall has decided to issue a commission to Martin, the Republican sheriff elect. Martin's majority was only nine votes and great pressure was brought to bear upon the governor by Democrats of New Castle County, to have him commission Lynch, the Democratic candidate, on technical grounds and because of alleged fraudulent votes cast for Martin.

Caught in the Act.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—John Pettingill, Michael Martin, and Richard Davis, noted thieves, were arrested to-day while in the act of procuring $367.50 from the cashier of the East River Bank, in Broadway, on a forged check purporting to be signed by Dominick & Haff, of No. 8 Bond street.

Stole the Election Returns.

GALVESTON, Nov. 16.—The *News* Navasota special says: "The court-house at Anderson, Grimes County, was entered by unknown burglars recently and all the election returns were taken."

Ex-Governor Morrill Seriously Ill.

AUGUSTA, ME., Nov. 16.—Ex-Governor Lot M. Morrill, the present collector of customs at Portland, is dangerously ill at his home in this city.

WAS IT MURDER?

The Body of a Negro Man Found at Point Lookout—Mysterious Circumstances.

Mr. Charles W. Walcott, of this city, who has just returned from Point Lookout, reports a mysterious circumstance which occurred there on Saturday last, as follows: On Saturday morning last George W. Moyer, while hauling oysters to Cornfield Harbor wharf, discovered the dead body of a colored man lying on the beach, near the mouth of Point Lookout Creek. The body—which was perfectly naked—was that of a colored man, nearly black, about five feet four inches in height, apparently about 25 years of age, with a slight moustache and a goatee, and of very muscular build. There were no marks of violence, except that blood had exuded from the mouth and nose. After reporting the finding of the body Mr. Moyer, accompanied by Mr. Walcott and Mr. Yeatman, the keeper of the lighthouse, made a thorough examination of the ground where the body was discovered. They looked especially for an imprint of bare feet in the sand, but were only able to find a number of tracks made by persons wearing shoes.

ANOTHER STRANGE CIRCUMSTANCE

was that, although the body was found on the bank of a muddy creek in which the tide ebbs and flows, it lay above high-water mark, and there was nothing to indicate that it had ever been in the water. The remains were permitted to lay where they were discovered until Tuesday afternoon, when the inquest was held. The examination at the inquest was regarded by those present as being extremely superficial in its character, and not calculated to throw any light upon the mysterious occurrence. No one at the inquest was able to identify the body, nor could any one be found who had ever seen the deceased in life. The verdict rendered was that deceased came to his death by some means unknown to the jury. Nobody has been missed in the vicinity, nor is there the slightest clue as to how the dead man came to his end. Every circumstance points to foul play, and it is the impression of many that the deceased met his fate on board some vessel passing up or down the Bay, and that the body was brought ashore in a boat, and, after being stripped to prevent identification, was placed on the bank of the creek, where it was found.

The Press Associations Consolidate.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—The negotiations which have been pending for some time between the New York and the Western Associated Press organizations were concluded yesterday, and as a result the two associations have been to-day practically consolidated. Hereafter their business in the collection of news will be managed by an executive committee with full powers, composed of two members from each association, and a chairman in addition from the New York association. The executive committee elected under this new arrangement consists of Mr. T. B. Connery, of the *Herald*, and Mr. Whitelaw Reid, of the *Tribune*. The Western members are Mr. Richard Smith, of the Cincinnati *Gazette*, and Mr. Haldeman, of the Louisville *Courier-Journal*. The chairman is Mr. Charles A. Dana, of the *Sun*. There will be one general office of the new combination in New York, and one in Washington. This will close the office of the Western association recently established here. The previous arrangements for supplying the South and New England with news will continue.

Determined to Hang the Girl.

PETERSBURG, VA., Nov. 16.—Information has been received here that the authorities of Surry County will prosecute Mary Booth, the colored girl, for the murder of Travis Jones, who was killed at the same time Mrs. R. C. Gray was poisoned and by the same means. The accused was tried only for the murder of Mrs. Gray, and being sentenced to be hung, was not arraigned for trial in the case of Jones. Efforts will be made to secure additional testimony against the girl, and possibly have her hung for the last mentioned murder.

A Big Discovery of Silver.

DULUTH, MINN., Nov. 16.—Glowing reports reach here of recent rich discoveries of silver ore at a point twelve miles east of Pigeon River, on the Canadian side of the line. General Wilde, who has been prospecting in that region for three years in company with a Frenchman named Bunuet and Daniel MacLee, with the aid of Indians, has found what is reported to be the silver vein of the continent. It is said that inch pieces of almost pure native silver have been picked lately from the surface of the vein.

General Hancock's Visit.

FORTRESS MONROE, VA., Nov. 16.—General W. S. Hancock, accompanied by his wife and her invalid mother, arrived here this morning from New York. Mrs. Hancock will remain here for some two weeks, while the General and his party of friends will leave in the morning for Currituck Sound on a hunting expedition. A reception was held at the Hygeia Hotel this evening, when General Getty and the officers of the Artillery School, with many officers of the North Atlantic squadron called upon the distinguished visitors.

New Jersey Odd-Fellows.

TRENTON, N. J., Nov. 16.—The annual session of the Grand Lodge of Odd-Fellows of the State of New Jersey closed to-day. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: G. M., Samuel N. Rockhill, of Bordentown; D. G. M., Augustus N. Grassman, of Hoboken; G. W., William I. Brewer, of Camden; G. S., Lewis Parker, jr., of Trenton; G. T., Joseph L. Lamb, of Jlustown; grand representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, William H. Izzard, of Camden.

The Garfield Monument Fund.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—Competitive exhibits will be received for the National Bazaar Industrial and Art Exposition for the benefit of the Garfield Monument Fund up to Thursday, November 23. The fee for competitive exhibits is $2. Many exhibitors have promised to donate their exhibits in full or in part.

Deaths of Prominent People.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Nov. 16.—Christian Jansen, a Danish poet, aged 60 years, was to-day killed at Raudolph crossing by a Pennsylvania Railroad train. Twenty-five letters were found on him from President Arthur; also letters from the Emperor of Russia.

A War Inevitable.

PESTH, Nov. 16.—At the sitting of the delegations to-day the report of the committee on foreign office budget was presented. The committee expressed the conviction that an Austro-Russian war was sooner or later inevitable. The budget was thereupon adopted.

Refuses to Go.

LONDON, Nov. 17.—A dispatch from Cairo to the *Daily News* says: "An unconfirmed report has reached here that an Egyptian regiment at Suez refuses to go to Suakin, and that there will be a collision with the authorities."

CAPITAL JOTTINGS.

HON. C. F. WILLIAMS, of Boston, is a guest at the Ebbitt.

W. G. BOULTON, of New York, is stopping at the Arlington.

REV. A. B. CARPENTER and wife, of Florida, have registered at the Ebbitt.

HENRY W. GARDENER, postmaster at Providence, R. I., is a guest at the Arlington.

HON. GEORGE BLISS has returned to the city and is quartered at the Arlington.

HON. J. W. BOSLER, State senator-elect of Pennsylvania, is a guest at Willard's.

H. VAN BEIL, of Philadelphia, and J. L. Faxon, of Boston, are registered at the Riggs.

CAPTAIN FRANK B. HAMILTON, Second Artillery, is at the Ebbitt House from Fort McHenry.

MAX OBERFELDER, of San Francisco, and J. D. Dwyer, of Boston, are domiciled at Willard's.

O. D. KIMBALL, of Massachusetts, and Jacob Straussel, of Paris, are sojourning at the Riggs.

MR. GEORGE E. HUNT, of Tennessee, and his lovely bride, are located temporarily at 816 Sixth street.

HON. JACOB BESS, of New York, and Hon. Joseph A. Scranton, of Pennsylvania, are located at Willard's.

F. H. HATHORN, proprietor of the celebrated Hathorn Spring, Saratoga, is sojourning at Willard's.

MR. STEPHEN A. DOUGLAS, son of the "Little Giant," has been an invalid in Chicago several months, but is now able to ride out.

J. Q. HOWARD, the biographer of the late lamented Hayes, will not resign either. He ought to have been kicked out long ago.—*Truth.*

HON. G. C. CHANDLER, United States district attorney for the Northern district of Mississippi, is in Washington, a guest at No. 312 Indiana avenue northwest.

MR. CHARLES CALLENDER, manager of the celebrated colored minstrel troupe, was called to New York suddenly on Wednesday evening by the serious illness of his wife.

JOHN MCCULLOUGH, Helena Modjeska, Joseph Jefferson, Lawrence Barrett, Maggie Mitchell, and William Warren contribute articles in "Success on the Stage" to the *North American Review* for December.

GOVERNOR WASHBURN'S daughters say that all the bequests left by their wealthy and liberal father will be paid. There had been talk of breaking down the will because of the enormous sums set aside with which to found public institutions.

LIEUTENANT WILLIAM WELCH and Surgeon Alfred M. Owen, U. S. N., arrived at the Ebbitt Thursday evening from the Pensacola navy-yard, via Mobile, to testify before the court-martial here of Captain Alfred Hopkins, U. S. N. The story of their efforts to reach Mobile would read, if told, like the reminiscence of a blockade runner during the rebellion.

GENERAL R. E. COLSTON, of Virginia, formerly in the Khedive's army, was suddenly called away from his duties in the Surgeon-General's office, in this city, by the death of his wife at Raleigh, N. C., on Monday, 13th instant. Her funeral obsequies took place at Wilmington, N. C., attended by her sorrow-stricken husband, children, sons-in-law, and grandchildren, and many loving friends. She had long been grievously afflicted, but her death was painless and peaceful.

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BY "THE REPUBLICAN'S" REPORTERS

An Interesting Lecture at Carroll Institute—The Jury Bribery Case—Prizes Won by the Columbia Boat Club—The B. and P. Railroad Enjoined.

The second of the Carroll Institute series of lectures was listened to last evening by a large and appreciative audience. The lecturer, Dr. Thomas E. McArdle, secretary of the Medical Society of the District, handled his subject, "The Air We Breathe," with masterly skill. After a few words explanatory of the subject, the talented speaker proceeded to show that to the usual measurement ascribed to the earth's diameter, 7,927.4 miles, should be added at least 90 miles of the surrounding invisible gaseous envelope or shell. The lecturer, in an easy graceful style, proceeded to show how the air, odorless, tasteless, and odorless as it is, is a material substance and can be weighed with accuracy. The temperature at which water boils is 100° Centigrade, or 212° Fahrenheit at the sea-level. By decreasing the pressure of air on the surface of the water, the boiling point is lowered and this the lecturer illustrated very beautifully. He stated that Professor Tyndall had shown that the boiling point of water on the summit of Mount Blanc is 27° below the boiling point at the level of the sea. The difference was shown to be owing to the removal of a layer of air 16,000 feet in height. If not for the weight of the atmosphere, the ocean would evaporate, all living things cease to exist, and all planets cease to move in their orbits, would roll on its course a dull, lifeless sphere, clad with ice and surrounded by aqueous vapor. The enormous pressure of air has its counterpart in the enormous pressure of water at great depths of the ocean. Dredging operations have brought up fishes from the sea, said the lecturer, distended and deformed, with their swimming bladders protruding from their mouths, owing to the relief from the enormous pressure of the water. At its conclusion, Mr. John McEvoy sang a couple of ballads in exquisite style, and Major Edmund Mallet read "The New Rome," from the *Baptist Examiner*—as illustrative of the changed opinion of Protestant writers on the magnificent growth of the Catholic Church in America. The president announced that on next Thursday evening there would be an es ay read before the Institute—subject, "The Old Players." Among those present were noticed Rev. Father Walter, Lieutenant Sturdy, U. S. N., Mr. William Richards, Mr. F. P. May, and a number of prominent business men.

THE JURY-BRIBERY CASE.

Trial of Fred E. Shaw—Mr. Dickson's Case—What Mr. Ker Says.

Shortly after noon Thursday counsel for the government and the defense, in the case against Fred E. Shaw, charged with corruptly approaching Edwin A. Doniphan, a juror in the star-route case, appeared in the police court, and announced their readiness to proceed. Mr. Wells was about to read the affidavit of Juror Doniphan, upon which the charge is based, when Mr. Pelham arose, and stated that inasmuch as the witnesses for the defense were not here, and because he believed that the court would not undertake to go into the question of the guilt or innocence of the defendant, he would waive the examination. An arrangement was then made with Mr. Wall, Foote's counsel, by which the latter is to be consulted touching his intention in regard to that case. If it is decided to proceed with the examination, the hearing will begin on Saturday. Mr. Wells said that

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he was awaiting the arrival of a witness from a long distance. When he heard that he was within five hundred miles he would ask the Court to fix a day for the hearing. He had agreed to give Mr. Smith, Dickson's counsel, two days' notice. The Court expressed itself satisfied with this arrangement, and an adjournment was had. It is understood that the important witness mentioned above is Judge Hoover, who has been directed by the Attorney-General to come to Washington. He left Arizona, it is said, on the 12th instant, and is expected to arrive here early next week.

DISAPPEARANCE OF TAYLOR.

Mr. Edward Taylor, who was connected with Fall in his attempt to influence the star-route jury, it is said has suddenly disappeared. Mr. Ker said Thursday, "The Department of Justice wants to see Taylor. We want to have a little talk with him." This was said in a menacing tone, but up to this time no warrant is known to have been issued for Taylor's arrest. He is supposed to be in Virginia. In speaking of Taylor's case, Mr. Ker called attention to section 431 of the United States Revised Statutes, which makes it a felony, with a heavy penalty, for a detective to give information to persons seeking to escape justice. He said that after Miller's admission before the police court there could be no doubt of the result. In answer to a question from a reporter, he said: "No, we do not intend to interfere in this case. It is wholly in the hands of the police authorities. We will assist them if they will assist us." Both sides are preparing for the preliminary examination in the Dickson case, to which much importance seems to be attached by the government. Judge Cuppy has been retained to assist Mr. C. M. Smith on the defendant's side.

MR. EDWARD TAYLOR APPEARS.

Mr. Edward Taylor appeared at this office last night