

BACKING THEIR JUDGMENT.

Betting Men Staking Round Sums on the Result of the Virginia Election.

The Readjusters Very Confident of Defeating Renegade Wickham.

An Army of Drummers Convulsing the Southwestern Councils.

Gen. Blair Answers O'Ferrall's Campaign at Harrisonburg.

Special Dispatch. RICHMOND, Oct. 21.—The political eye of Virginia just now is turned toward the Hanover district, where Gen. Wickham, the leader of the straight republicans, a faction living only in memory, and Col. Jones, the liberal readjuster candidate, are running for the senate. The excitement in the district is intense, and each side claims that it will be victorious. Col. Jones was in the city yesterday, and seemed confident of being elected. He is working hard and is dealing terrible blows to straightism and boresim, running under the garb of democracy. One of his leading supporters was seen yesterday for the first time since he had bet \$1,000 on Wickham's election. Some of the leading republican papers and correspondents writing from Hanover have several times stated that Jones's friends were afraid to back their judgment to the tune of \$1,000. This is altogether a mistake, as the Jones men are anxious for the fight, and have expressed a desire to put up the \$1,000. Indeed quite a number of bets have been made upon the result of the election. A well known member of Richmond, who is not an officeholder, but who does considerable scheming for the party, was foolish enough yesterday to bet \$500 that the readjusters will not get a majority on joint ballot. There are many such bets being made, and it is surprising to see the number of persons who are looking for chances to back their judgments, people too who know nothing about the vote in the different counties and who are only feelings over their judgment in this sort of speculation. Much money will change hands, and the indications are that there will be many long-face bourgeois after the eighth of November who will deeply regret having to pony up their betting tickets. The bourgeois are spending much money in the southwest. In the Lee county senatorial district the funder candidate is reported as having said that he will represent that district in the senate if it costs him \$10,000. He is reputed to be wealthy, and it will take every cent of his \$10,000 to put him in a senatorial chair. Col. Slomp, the readjuster nominee in this district, is working hard. This district covers an immense area, and he has to have no time to go to grass under their feet. Lee county itself is sixty-eight miles long, and there is not a railroad in it. It was at Lee county the other day that Attorney General Blair got in good work on Blair's case. He made a splendid speech there last month, on which occasion he drew the color line, and endeavored to make capital for his party by charging that Gen. Mabone was leading the readjusters into the radical camp. He called the conditions of the readjusters, and appealed to the people, as white men, not to vote with the readjusters, which he declared, they would be doing if they voted the coalition ticket. Blair came back at him by making a speech on a regular republican ticket voted in Fluvanna county, upon which the name of Charles T. O'Ferrall appeared in bold letters right under an American eagle, gotten up as nicely as printer's ink could make it. Blair's ticket was the name of Rose Hamilton, was a stalwart readjuster, who does not hesitate to assert that he ran on that ticket, as much as O'Ferrall hates to let the fact be known that he ran on it. The exhibition of this ticket with O'Ferrall's name upon it elicited a lead and long applause. It had a powerful effect upon the crowd, and was a complete exposure of the inconsistency of this funder orator and chronic candidate for office. Passing through the same district, your correspondent met a leading readjuster from Tazewell.

"How is the outlook in your county?" was asked. In reply to the question he said: "Tazewell will give a good republican majority. Let me tell you a new thing we have to contend with. Our county is frequently visited by at least fifty Baltimore drummers. In addition to their regular business they are making a regular canvass for the funder. I do not know how much these people are paid, or who pays them for unloading their gas in our county, but I do know that they are doing some tall talking for boresim. Of course all of these drummers do not display statesmanship in connection with their regular business, but a majority of them do. At Tazewell court," he continued, "a smooth-faced drummer from Baltimore walked bravely into a large store. It was his first visit, and he evidently thought that he was trading on the funder's soil. With a commanding air the gentleman from Baltimore, accosting the storekeeper's son, said: 'I hope you people in Virginia will cast a decent vote in the next election, and burn Mabone so deep that he will never be resurrected.' He was surprised to find that the young man was very positively of a different opinion. At the end of the discussion the score stood 1 to 0 in favor of the Tazewell man."

To the Editor. HARRISONBURG, Oct. 18.—Thinking that a word from our old county upon the prospects of the people's party in this part of the Virginia might be of interest to your readers, I drop you a few lines. Never since the fight between liberalism and boresim began in this state have the bourgeois bragged more loudly than they are now doing, and never before have they had so little grounds upon which to rest their confidence. Despondent, it is true, has been often in the interest of the straight republicans, so called, but really in the interest of the bourgeois. The composition of his audience showed this conclusively. It was made up almost exclusively of bourgeois democrats and a few score headed ex-officio holders, together with about twenty-five or thirty colored men, of whom only five or six were in sympathy with him. Our people see clearly that the bourgeois funder party has sold itself body and soul (if it ever had any soul) to the railways, who in return are pouring money into those counties which have hitherto been considered doubtful. From this fact arises the confidence of the bourgeois leaders. Having no idea of devotion to true principle themselves, they consider the readjusters as purchasable as they themselves are, and hence expect to carry enough of them, through the aid of the railway money, to elect enough candidates to give them control of the legislature. As far as old Rockingham is concerned, there is only one danger, and that lies in over confidence on the part of the liberal readjusters, who are so sure of victory that they sometimes think it possible they may be "caught napping."

Our friends are delighted to hear that the Hon. John F. Lewis is to take the stump in this county in May or two, and keep it to the day of election. There has been a general desire in all parts of our county to hear from him upon the issues of this campaign. We have other speakers in the county who are more eloquent, but as much as Rockingham county has more, if as much, influence with our people. They have implicit faith in his honesty and great respect for his judgment. Since 1860, when he warned them in almost

THE MONTE MEN.

Discussing the Profits and Perils of the Game Behind the Bars.

White Smoking Elegant Cigars Supplied by Friends Still Outside.

"I don't deny that I have played monte, and I'll play it again, but not in Washington." The speaker was a tall man, with a fringe of gray, curly hair around his head, which is bald on top, forid complexion, and features which were strongly marked, but very flexible. A cold gray eye, straight nose, mouth with thin lips and deep lines radiating from his eyes, corners and a chin from which a thin tuft of whisker or imperial grew, all indicated great shrewdness and cunning, and at the same time the play of feature showed that he could readily assume an innocent and benevolent look, calculated to easily deceive an unsuspecting stranger. Clothed in good garments, the man might readily have passed for a well to do farmer, a merchant in comfortable circumstances, or a cool and calculating gambler. Such is Bob Murphy, the monte man, who was convicted on Friday in the criminal court. As he stood in the great rotunda in the jail with his pants and a white undershirt on, and limping as he walked, one leg being slightly shorter than the other, he is a far cry from the man who is reported to have succeeded in almost any honest pursuit should have chosen to prey upon his fellow men for so many years. Continuing, he said: "Washington is the only place where they make monte larceny. Why, do you know how they do in New York?" The reporter admitted he did not. "Why, if a man loses his money in a monte or 'bunko' joint, and makes a kick, they fire him out on the street, and then if he makes a row they turn him over to the police for creating a disturbance. Here, in Washington, they are afraid of the protection of the detectives and police," interjected the reporter. "Oh, yes; they do business with them, and they come round every week and get their whack."

"Suppose the man who is flected complains to the police after being arrested that he has been swindled out of his money, what then?" "I don't get any sympathy for being a sucker. Why look here, do you see that nice man who plays against monte? He thinks when he bets that he has a dead sure thing to win the player's money, don't he?" "I suppose he does."

"All, if he is an honorable man, he will tell me he has been swindled out of his money. Look here, old man, I don't want to win your money. I have marked the card and I know what it is, so I've got a sure thing on you. Now, a man like that is honorable. I don't think there is any swindling in monte, for the sucker, when he bets, thinks he has a sure thing, and it's only because of the player's superior skill that he is beaten."

"What class of monte try to play against monte?" "I don't know. I have played every kind—farmers, merchants, lawyers, and even judges. Now, there's Judge Wylie! He's mighty sharp in his line, but I'd play him if I got a chance, and I'd best him, too. Any man who is avaricious for money will make a good sucker. When I used to play over in Virginia I would always have the money cut up into the proper shares, take mine, and let the others do as they pleased with theirs."

At Murphy's turn to back into his cell, one of the jail attendants handed him a package of cigars to take to Tom Dunn, who was convicted with him, and who occupied the same quarters at the jail. "Who shall I tell him sent them?" Murphy asked. "George Miller," was the reply of the officer. Upon further inquiry the reporter learned that there were many different ways of playing monte. First, there is what is called the "crimp" or "turning up the corners of a card, then the "dirty corner," or where the corner of the card is smothered by the finger nail, soiled by blacking from the shoe. Then the corner of the card is sometimes torn off and against the "double set" is used, where the player uses one set when the right card is marked with a small dot until the capper and the victim too has won once or twice, and then declines to play any more; puts the cards in his pocket, but finally agrees to back into his cell one more chance, and takes out another set, marked the same, only the mark is on the wrong card. Sometimes the player has a double pocket, and then it is called the "double pocket" set. Of course, after the "money" is won from the victim the "score" appears and the rascal decamp.

It is said that Bob Murphy, who is one of the oldest monte players in the country, has played with the following steers: Bill Farnsworth, Johnny Kennedy, alias "Micky the Pig," Charles Kennedy, a pupil of the late Bill Barry, alias "Madam," Krister Bob, Billy Barrick alias "Big Jaw Miller," a pupil of Murphy; Charles Brown, arrested for hotel working; Joe Orth, now dealing far bank in Philadelphia; Cap. Taylor, Con Lynch, Jack White, Hardack, a pickpocket from Baltimore; Big Jaw Miller, whose photograph adorned the gallery of the secret service; Frank Mosher, Charles Henderson, Charles Adams, Billy Train, Dan Scribner, Ed McGinnis, Harry Whitney, and others.

When Murphy played about this city he wore his beard longer and fuller, which gave him a patriarchal sort of a look, but he has now cut it short, as is described above.

Bladenburg, Md., Oct. 19.—A rousing meeting was held here this evening. The laurel band was present, accompanied by a large delegation. The meeting numbered about 300, and organized by the election of Capt. R. S. Widdicombe as chairman and F. G. Hall as secretary. The candidates upon the county ticket were all present, and stated their positions in brief remarks. The speeches by Col. F. M. Clarke, of Iowa; H. V. Plummer, of S. E. Atkinson, Dr. W. G. Green, and others, were forcible and convincing, and held the unbroken attention of the assemblage until nearly midnight. Mary Ann Bruce, beginning to show their deep disgust of the "ring" rule of the democratic bosses, which has disgraced their state during the past sixteen years, and many who in 1876 voted the democratic ticket are to-day its outspoken opponents, and are laboring for the success of a healthy republican state administration.

Bladenburg, N. J., Oct. 21.—The drying room of the American Powder company at Seacrest was destroyed by the explosion of 1,500 pounds of powder last night, and Martin E. Butts, the foreman, the only person in the building at the time, was severely injured that he died. The building destroyed was a frame structure about thirty feet square and one story in height. The company estimates its loss at \$2,500. The cause of the explosion is a mystery.

A New Catholic Church. ALLENTOWN, Pa., Oct. 21.—The new Roman Catholic church of the Immaculate Conception was dedicated with imposing ceremonies to-day. A number of excursion trains were run over the different railways, and thousands of people were present. The dedication services were performed by the Right Rev. Bishop Shanahan, of Harrisburg diocese, and solemn high mass was celebrated by the Very Rev. M. A. Walsh, assisted by Rev. Mullen and Rev. Jas. Fitzmaurice. The edifice cost \$45,000 and was dedicated free of debt.

Drowned in the Niagara. BUFFALO, N. Y., Oct. 21.—The body of a well dressed young lady was found in the Niagara river to-day. The body has not been identified. A mystery surrounds the case.

AN IMPOSING CEREMONY.

Consecration of an Assistant Bishop for the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia.

BALTIMORE, Oct. 21.—The consecration of the Rev. Alfred M. Randolph, of this city, as assistant bishop of Virginia took place at Emmanuel E. church to-day in the presence of a large concourse of prelates, clergy, and laity. The services were very solemn and impressive. The consecration was conducted by the Rt. Rev. Alfred Lee, bishop of Delaware, as the representative of the senior bishop. At 11 o'clock the services began with a procession formed by the vestry of the church, the newly elected bishop, the attending prelates, and the clergymen present at the consecration. The prelates were Right Rev. A. L. Doane, Delaware; Right Rev. W. B. Howe, of South Carolina; Right Rev. W. S. Perry, of Iowa; Right Rev. George W. Peterkin, of West Virginia; Right Rev. Dr. Burgess, of Iowa, and Right Rev. T. W. Dudley, of Kentucky. The clergymen present were Revs. J. G. Armstrong and Giles Minnerode, of Richmond; Rev. Frank P. Q. Hallen, of Staunton, Va.; Rev. Frank W. Rev. Beverly Estelle, Rev. O. S. Barton, and Rev. B. M. Randolph, a brother of the newly consecrated bishop of Virginia; Rev. G. H. Kinsolving, Philadelphia; Rev. Randolph McKim, New York; Rev. Meyer Lewin, Washington; Rev. Dr. C. Walker, of the theological seminary of Virginia; Rev. John H. Elliott, Washington; Revs. W. Williams and J. Y. Ghobson, Baltimore, and Rev. John S. Lindsey, Georgetown. Previous to the consecration the usual Sunday service was conducted by Rev. W. W. Williams, and the lessons from Holy Scripture were recited by Revs. Randolph, McKim, and J. G. Armstrong, of New York. An able and eloquent discourse, appropriate to the occasion, was delivered by Bishop Perry, at the conclusion of which Rev. Dr. Randolph stood up in front of the congregation and listened to the words of advice and encouragement that were directed particularly to him. He then advanced to the sanctuary, where Bishop Lee was seated, and was presented for consecration by Bishops Lee and Dudley. The customary formulae were pronounced, and the robes of the Episcopacy were placed on Dr. Randolph by Rev. Wm M. Dame, of Baltimore. The master of ceremonies was Rev. John Elliott, of Georgetown, D. C. The music was simple, and was sung by the regular choir with the assistance of several members of the Baltimore Oratorio society.

DESTRUCTIVE FLOOD IN ARKANSAS. LITTLE ROCK, Oct. 21.—A dispatch from Batesville, Ark., to the Gazette says: The White river has been rising four inches an hour for the last forty-eight hours, inundating about 12,000 acres of corn and cotton in the White River valley, this (Independence) county. The damage to the small farms on the river is almost irreparable, and will leave a great number of persons in a starving condition, some of whom will not be able to survive the winter without assistance. This is an unprecedented rise for the season, the water being higher than for the last ten years, except the ninth of May, 1882.

CHICAGO, Oct. 21.—A match game of tennis between picked teams from St. Louis and Chicago bowling clubs was played here to-day. Five games were bowled, resulting in a victory for the St. Louis team, with a total of 5,431 points, to Chicago's 4,719. The return game will be played at St. Louis on Thanksgiving day.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 21.—Information has been received by the owners of the new steamship Ethel, built for the Haytian government as a war vessel, that she still lies in the harbor of Port-au-Prince, Hayti, awaiting the completion of the arrangements between the Haytian government and the owners of the vessel.

Jay Gould's Yacht. PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 21.—Jay Gould's steam yacht, Atlanta, arrived at Cramp's shipyard to-night, to have some improvements made in her afterdeck house and in the interior portion of the vessel. After the completion of the slight repairs she will sail with Mr. Gould and family for the St. John's river, Florida.

Eight Seamen Lost in a Squall. PROVINCETOWN, Mass., Oct. 21.—A heavy northeast squall struck the fishing fleet off this port at 10 o'clock last night. The schooner Helen M. Crosby lost eight men, a seine boat, and other slight losses of equipment are reported.

Base Ball Yesterday. At St. Louis..... 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 2 St. Louis..... 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 2 Cleveland..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1

Presentation to Mr. Habersham. The Germanic Manufacturer and some of its friends, desiring to recognize the good services of Mr. Habersham, the late president of the National Bicentennial celebration, in a substantial manner, invited a number of guests to a pleasant gathering last evening at Comopolitan hall, where a handsome gold watch and chain were presented to Mr. Habersham on behalf of the society by its president, Mr. J. Colburn, who delivered a hearty address upon the occasion. The agreeably surprised recipient also responded in a few appropriate words. Several songs were then rendered by the society, and the company parted at a late hour of the evening.

PERSONAL. Hon. Thomas L. Young, of Cincinnati, is at the Ebbitt. Gov. J. Proctor Knott, of Kentucky, is at the Metropolitan. Hon. A. G. Thurman and wife, Columbus, Ohio, are at the Ebbitt. A. F. Gilmore, U. S. N., and Samuel J. Pope, of Chicago, are at the Ebbitt. Hon. Samuel M. Brannard, member of congress elected from Erie, Pa., is at the Ebbitt. Sam Reed and wife and Miss Reynolds, of Ford's Opera company, are at the National. W. L. and W. S. Galloway and Mr. and Mrs. W. Hives, England, and the Texas, and L. C. Foote, Little States army, are at the Ebbitt. Hon. Benjamin Brewster, the newly appointed commissioner of patents, is at the Ebbitt. Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Smith, of Frederick, Md., are spending a portion of their wedding tour in this city. Abbott Kinney, California; C. E. Sampson, Boston; Norman Williams, Chicago; S. V. White and E. B. Watt, New York, are at Wormley's. Hubert Pope and wife, Boston; R. W. Stone, New York; G. F. Cutler, C. W. Foster, W. A. Bots, and F. W. Hazwood, Boston, are at the Ebbitt. George A. Everett, England; D. B. Loverman, Tennessee, and W. R. Ogden, J. P. Howe, and Sol Smith, of the Burgess troupe, are at the Metropolitan. Mrs. E. W. Hewitt, Kentucky; W. P. Burch, South Carolina; John J. Goldner, Chicago; Nell Burgess and wife and Miss Clara Stowell, New York, are at the National. G. W. F. Ward, Philadelphia; B. Brown, Amherst, Va.; J. A. Yausey, Virginia; R. J. Burgess, Georgia; J. W. Jones, Baltimore; and J. M. D. Carrington are at the St. James.

Mrs. William G. Henderson, formerly Miss Kate Nichols, daughter of Hon. John Nichols, of Georgia, has entirely recovered from her recent illness, and has returned to this city. Epps Hutton, Virginia; R. L. Milligan, Philadelphia; J. W. Jones, Baltimore; and H. T. Earnest, Atlanta, Ga., arrived at the St. Marc.

THE LYNCHBURG BUDGET.

Reward for the Detection of Incendiarists.—The Roanoke Fair—Notes.

LYNCHBURG, Va., Oct. 21.—The frequent fires which have occurred in this city recently, and the numerous attempts repeatedly made by daring incendiarists to burn various portions of the city, have created so much feeling of alarm that the city council held a special session last evening, and adopted a resolution offering a reward of \$5,000 for the detection and conviction of any person who has been or may be within the next sixty days engaged in such fiendish crimes. Several of our tobaccoists have also offered rewards out of their private purses for the detection and punishment of these public enemies of mankind, who, for months and for some unexplained reason, have kept our people in a constant state of alarm. The Roanoke fair closed yesterday and was quite a success. The exhibition of stock was very large and fine, the races about as important through connection with the premiums larger than any fair yet held. The receipts amounted to more than \$6,000, which was more than enough to pay all expenses. It is currently reported in railway circles here that the Richmond and Allegheny railway is soon to be purchased by a new syndicate, and that the road will be extended from its present western terminus at Clifton Forge to some point in Kentucky, thus making an important through connection with the leading roads of the west. This is the road of which the Hon. James G. Blaine and other leading northern gentlemen were original stockholders, and the proposed extension will be a most important and most valuable railway in the state. The tobacco factory partially destroyed by the fire of an incendiary Friday night was sufficiently insured to cover all the losses of the owner, Mrs. W. D. Miller.

A New Yacht. A party of young sporting men of South Washington, consisting of Messrs. Wallace Parker, William Volney, Robert and Maudon Woods, Charles and Harry Langley, and Wm. Childs, have constructed in their spare time a handsome steam pleasure yacht, which will be launched in a few days. The pretty craft is now on exhibition at Wood's planing mills, where it was built. It will be used for hunting, fishing, and making excursions down the Potomac. The yacht is thirty-three feet long, eight feet wide, with a hull 31 feet deep. The depth of both cabin and hull will be eight feet. Its brass propeller was made at a local yard, and will be driven by a six-horse power engine. The hull is finished in white cedar with copper fastenings, and the cabins in black walnut. The sides are lined with colored windows, and the sleeping accommodations are provided for ten persons. The model of symmetry and finish, and is viewed by hundreds of persons every day.

Change of Superintendents. It was reported yesterday that the retirement of General Superintendent L. M. Hudgins, of the Potomac Steamboat company, was due to scandalous charges preferred against him by officers of the company, in which a well-known female figure, it was also rumored that Hudgins was implicated in certain illegal sales of property belonging to the steamer Lenox. The subject of the charges is a most gossip among steamboatmen last night. Mr. T. H. Welch, who has been the local agent of the company, succeeded Mr. Hudgins as general superintendent.

LATE LOCAL ITEMS. Charles L. Stevens is locked up at the fifth precinct station, charged with grand larceny by J. L. Farden. About 400 people are confined in the workhouse, an unusually large number for this season of the year. Ignatius Mitte, who has figured so conspicuously in police annals for many years, dropped dead on G street, near Fourth street, on Saturday, from heart disease. A colored male infant was found on a lot between M and N and half and half streets, southwest on Saturday night, and turned over to a colored woman for safe keeping. George Adams, who was indicted for the larceny of a watch, clothes, and money from a canal boatman, has been captured in Boston, and an officer will be sent to bring him back. A fire was discovered in the house of Mr. Cohen, at 927 D street northwest, about 11 o'clock yesterday morning. The fire extinguished by Sargent, Heffner and Olicker Byrnes. Damage slight.

The sixth annual meeting of the Association of American Railway Superintendents will be held at 10 a. m. to-day at the Arlington hotel. The members of the association will arrive early this morning. Clarence E. Anderson, who was arrested for assaulting Mary L. Glass on Saturday night, was called in the police court he did not appear. It was ascertained that he had left the city. Rev. George R. Kramer, of Brooklyn, N. Y., will lecture at Congregational church this evening on "Education and Eloquence." The speaker will be accompanied by the Rev. Bethel retreat, near the navy yard. The lecturer, who is a son of Chaplain Samuel Kramer, of this city, is an eloquent and forcible speaker. Samuel Crawford, one of South Washington's best known and most prominent colored men, died yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. He was a prominent member of the Odd Fellows, and was buried by that order at Harmonical cemetery. An immense number of persons, headed by a band of music following, proceeded to the cemetery, in spite of the drizzling rain. At a special meeting of the Senegambian last night a programme for the winter season was adopted, beginning with a ball on Thanksgiving night. The music committee was instructed to invite the ladies to participate in the choral singing during the season, and the first rehearsal with ladies was appointed on Tuesday, Oct. 30. Mr. Endolf Heinrich was "excused" from his duties as financial and corresponding secretary, and Mr. A. Behrens was elected to that office.

ALEXANDRIA AFFAIRS. The pulpit of the Baptist church was occupied by the Rev. Samuel Saunders last night. The liquor and gambling cases will be tried before the county court, which convenes to-day. The bark Hattie N. Bangs will clear to-day for the Island of Nevasa, whither she goes for a cargo of guano. Capt. Crawford, superintendent of Agnew & Co.'s ship yard, is confined to his residence by a sprained ankle. Miss E. D. Leonard, of this city, has been elected as one of the vice presidents of the Woman's Christian Temperance union in Virginia.

The four-masted schooner William T. Hart left for Providence Saturday with a cargo of 1,450 tons of coal, loaded by the American coal company. At a church meeting of the First Presbyterian church yesterday it was decided to extend a call to the Rev. J. H. McKowan, of Upper Lohigh, Pa. Notwithstanding the cold weather yesterday a large number of people assembled at Battery Rogers to witness the baptizing of four members of the colored Baptist church.

The Weather To-day. Partly clear, some local rain; winds mostly northwesterly, falling barometer, stationary or rising temperature. Yesterday's thermometer: 7 a. m., 42.8°; 11 a. m., 49.9°; 5 p. m., 47.9°; 7 p. m., 45.4°; 11 p. m., 45.9°; maximum, 58.2°; minimum, 43.9°.

THE YANTIC AND PROTEUS.

Why the Former Did Not Keep Close Company With the Latter, as Ordered.

Delayed at Godhavn Repairing Boilers and Taking on Coal.

Commander Wildes Says He Never Saw nor Heard of the Supplementary Instructions Till His Return.

Schedule of Provisions on Hand Aug. 3.—The Perils of the Ice Pack.

The following correspondence between the secretary of the navy and Commander Wildes, of the Yantic, in reference to the recent trip of that vessel to the Arctic sea, in company with the ill-fated Proteus, is self explanatory: THE SECRETARY'S LETTER. NAVY DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, Oct. 10, 1883.—TO COMMANDER WILDES, Commanding United States steamship Yantic, New York.—Sir: Your report from St. John's, N. F., dated Sept. 7, 1883, of your cruise in the Yantic to the northward, in company with a reserve ship for the Greely relief expedition was duly received, and has been carefully considered. The zeal, energy, and general good conduct of yourself and the crew of the Yantic, and of all the naval officers connected with the relief expedition are not doubtful, and call for the sincere commendation of the department; but the failure of the expedition to accomplish anything for the relief of Lieut. Greely and his party, who are now in the hands of the ice, is a matter of deep regret, and you are to be commended for your efforts to reach the relief party, and to succor and rescue the unfortunate explorers for whom he went in search? It is probable that the Greely party will be saved in spite of the failure you have recorded. It is possible that they have been lost, notwithstanding the wisdom and most energetically conducted efforts for their relief. But those to whom was committed the recent expedition must to-day be judged upon the hypothesis that their success would have resulted from the ice-bound band, and that the failure will lead to their destruction. Nothing which good judgment, fidelity, persistency, and courage on the part of any naval officer might have accomplished, can have been omitted without the commendation of the navy department and of the whole anxious American people. Your instructions, under date of June 9, were to "proceed to the northward, through Davis' straits in company with the steamer Proteus, if practicable," but not to go beyond Littleton island. It appears that the Yantic and Proteus were together at Disco island on July 15, when the Proteus sailed northward; but that the Yantic did not finally reach that island until July 28; the Proteus reached Carey island July 20, the Yantic not until Aug. 2; the Proteus passed Littleton island July 22, and was crushed in the ice July 23. The Yantic did not reach Littleton island until Aug. 3. Between Aug. 23 and Aug. 3, namely, on July 20 and 22, Lieut. Garlington and the whole party of the Proteus had come to Littleton island and Pandora harbor, and, not finding the Yantic, had continued to the south in open boats, in search of her, notwithstanding the orders of the war department, given for such a contingency, to land with their stores at or near Littleton cove in Littleton island, and to prepare for remaining until next year.

Had the Yantic, however, been at Littleton island July 25, instead of being twelve days behind the Proteus, Lieut. Garlington's relief party would have remained at that point with ample supplies, keeping their telescopes on Cape Sabine until Aug. 3. Between Aug. 3 and Aug. 23, the Yantic and Proteus were together at Disco island on July 15, when the Proteus sailed northward; but that the Yantic did not finally reach that island until July 28; the Proteus reached Carey island July 20, the Yantic not until Aug. 2; the Proteus passed Littleton island July 22, and was crushed in the ice July 23. The Yantic did not reach Littleton island until Aug. 3. Between Aug. 23 and Aug. 3, namely, on July 20 and 22, Lieut. Garlington and the whole party of the Proteus had come to Littleton island and Pandora harbor, and, not finding the Yantic, had continued to the south in open boats, in search of her, notwithstanding the orders of the war department, given for such a contingency, to land with their stores at or near Littleton cove in Littleton island, and to prepare for remaining until next year.

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Your attention is also called to another point. You had been furnished with copies of the instructions of Lieut. Garlington, and were aware that he was ordered, in the event of a failure of the Proteus to reach Lady Franklin bay, to establish the depot, and to keep the Yantic and Proteus together until the relief party had been rescued, and to prepare for remaining until next year. In the instructions of the war department to reach Littleton island, to establish the depot, and to keep the Yantic and Proteus together until the relief party had been rescued, and to prepare for remaining until next year.

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The following correspondence between the secretary of the navy and Commander Wildes, of the Yantic, in reference to the recent trip of that vessel to the Arctic sea, in company with the ill-fated Proteus, is self explanatory: THE SECRETARY'S LETTER. NAVY DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, Oct. 10, 1883.—TO COMMANDER WILDES, Commanding United States steamship Yantic, New York.—Sir: Your report from St. John's, N. F., dated Sept. 7, 1883, of your cruise in the Yantic to the northward, in company with a reserve ship for the Greely relief expedition was duly received, and has been carefully considered. The zeal, energy, and general good conduct of yourself and the crew of the Yantic, and of all the naval officers connected with the relief expedition are not doubtful, and call for the sincere commendation of the department; but the failure of the expedition to accomplish anything for the relief of Lieut. Greely and his party, who are now in the hands of the ice, is a matter of deep regret, and you are to be commended for your efforts to reach the relief party, and to succor and rescue the unfortunate explorers for whom he went in search? It is probable that the Greely party will be saved in spite of the failure you have recorded. It is possible that they have been lost, notwithstanding the wisdom and most energetically conducted efforts for their relief. But those to whom was committed the recent expedition must to-day be judged upon the hypothesis that their success would have resulted from the ice-bound band, and that the failure will lead to their destruction. Nothing which good judgment, fidelity, persistency, and courage on the part of any naval officer might have accomplished, can have been omitted without the commendation of the navy department and of the whole anxious American people. Your instructions, under date of June 9, were to "proceed to the northward, through Davis' straits in company with the steamer Proteus, if practicable," but not to go beyond Littleton island. It appears that the Yantic and Proteus were together at Disco island on July 15, when the Proteus sailed northward; but that the Yantic did not finally reach that island until July 28; the Proteus reached Carey island July 20, the Yantic not until Aug. 2; the Proteus passed Littleton island July 22, and was crushed in the ice July 23. The Yantic did not reach Littleton island until Aug. 3. Between Aug. 23 and Aug. 3, namely, on July 20 and 22, Lieut. Garlington and the whole party of the Proteus had come to Littleton island and Pandora harbor, and, not finding the Yantic, had continued to the south in open boats, in search of her, notwithstanding the orders of the war department, given for such a contingency, to land with their stores at or near Littleton cove in Littleton island, and to prepare for remaining until next year.

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