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CABLED FROM OLD COUNTRIES.

Negotiations Between France and China on the Tonquin Question Broken Off.

The Particulars of a Three Days' Battle Recently Fought in Annam.

A Scheme for the Wholesale Shipment of Irish Emigrants to Canada.

Atrocities of the French—Disorders in Ireland—Foreign Notes.

LONDON, Oct 29.—The Chinese legation has urnished the newspapers with copies of the entire correspondence that passed between the Marquis Tseng, the Chinese ambassador, and M. Challamel Lacour, the French minister of foreign affairs, upon the Tonquin question. The correspondence embraces twenty-seven communications.

The Paris correspondent of the *Standard* says it is clear that the negotiations between France and China upon the Tonquin question have been broken off for the present. The relations now existing between the two countries can only be described as at a deadlock.

The Franco-Chinese correspondence furnished by the Chinese legation adds little to that already published, except that it offers arguments in favor of China's position. It denies that the Marquis Tseng ever assured M. Challamel-Lacour that China would not oppose France's enterprise in Tonquin, and says that before July last M. Tricou, the then French ambassador to China, informed Li Hung Chang that either open or occult assistance of Annam would involve a causus belli.

DUBLIN, Oct. 29.—There were no public meetings of members of the national league in Ireland yesterday, those appointed for the day having been abandoned in consequence of the proclamation of the government forbidding them. Some disorders occurred at Castle Lyon, County Cork, where the police in dispersing a procession charged upon it with fixed bayonets, scattering it in all directions and capturing the banners and musical instruments. It is stated, however, that after the military and police withdrew a meeting was held and the object of the leaguers was effected.

The *Freeman's Journal* declares that a government circular just issued contains suggestions to the Irish emigration committee proposing a wholesale shipment of Irish people to Canada. Every facility is to be offered to the boards of guardians and to the clerks of unions to promote emigration. No workhouse paupers are to be sent. Large contracts have been made with shipping companies for the conveyance of emigrants. The Canadian government is a party to a scheme against which the *Freeman's Journal* warns all Irishmen.

BERLIN, Oct. 29.—It is stated in semi-official circles here that the government is greatly incensed at the action of the Russian authorities in massing such large numbers of Cossacks on the frontier, and that the cabinet is seriously considering the advisability of at once preparing and forwarding a note to the Russian government demanding an explanation of this sudden movement of troops.

PARIS, Oct. 29.—Mail advices from Saigon show that the French forces in their encounters in the vicinity of Hanoi, in the early part of September, met Chinese regulars, who were well armed and officered. After a contest of three days, during which the French took some of the enemy's works they withdrew, leaving Hai-Thong still in the hands of the enemy. Some of the troops of the King of Annam were with the enemy.

PARIS, Oct. 29.—A majority of the newspapers here maintain that the Marquis Tseng's published dispatches contain no new facts of importance, and that the yellow book recently issued covered the essential points.

A letter from Saijon to the *France* states that unheard of cruelties were committed near Huron on the occasion of its capture by the French sailors. Admiral Courdet directed in an official order that there should be no quarter given to men, women or children. Three hundred Annamites who had taken refuge in the bay of Thuan were killed, all of them being shot. One hundred and fifty more who were drifting in a junk, without arms or oars, were also massacred.

A BOTHERSOME BROTHER.

Arrest of a Young Rough for Drawing a Pistol on His Sisters and Robbing Them.

NEW YORK, Oct. 29.—Frank Finnegan, a young man, is a prisoner at police headquarters, and Inspector Byrnes is helping his two sisters, respectable young women, in trying to devise a charge against him, in order that he may be put out of the way for every day that the law allows. Finnegan is a thoroughly bad young man; in fact he said to the police that it was his only ambition to deserve that name, and that he would as lief kill his sisters to earn it as anybody else. Finnegan, two years and a half ago, at a walking match at No. 39 Bowery, stabbed an inoffensive spectator. He was arrested, but through the pleadings of his sisters, who keep a millinery store at No. 704 Broadway, sentence in that instance was suspended.

When, however, soon after, he was arrested on suspicion of committing a burglary, he was sent to the Elmira reformatory for a year on the stabbing charge. After his return he served a term of a year at Sing Sing for highway robbery. Finnegan three weeks ago returned from Sing Sing. The next day he marched into his sister's store, and, with loaded revolver in his hand, demanded $25 or their lives. The customers in the store vacated the place, and the sisters were frightened out of their wits, but not having $25 at hand succeeded in persuading him to return next day. The following morning he crowded into the room they occupied together, and brandishing his pistol, swore he would kill them unless he got the money. He took their watches and jewelry. The sisters ran out screaming with terror, "and," says Inspector Byrnes, "they never stopped running till they reached headquarters." They told their story to the inspector, who had them escorted to their homes and put detectives on the track of their ruffianly brother. Last Saturday he was arrested. It is intended to press the charge of highway robbery and attempted felonious assault against him, his sisters being anxious that he shall be made harmless for as long as possible.

Rockville News.

ROCKVILLE, MD., Oct. 29.—One of the largest and most enthusiastic meetings ever held in the tenth district, this county, was held at Potomac by the republicans on Saturday. James Dawson, candidate for states attorney; Samuel R. Priest, candidate for house of delegates; Benjamin H. Miller, and N. J. Wagner addressed the meeting. The republicans are making an active canvass, while the democrats are very quiet. Meetings will be held this week at Barnesville, Poolesville, Clarksburg, and Bethesda.

The sixth annual meeting of the Christian Missionary society of Maryland and the District of Columbia will be held in the Disciples' church, at Rockville, on Oct. 30 and 31. Addresses will be delivered by H. Clay Stin, Frank Stultzman, and Miss Belle Fitzgerald, of Vermont Avenue (Washington city) Sunday school.

Rockville is to have a national bank. Fifty thousand dollars have been subscribed, and application for a charter will be made at once. This will fill a long felt want in the county. Our people are now put to great inconvenience for banking facilities.

THE WOMEN AFTER HIM.

A New York Candidate Denounced by the Female Suffrage Party.

NEW YORK, Oct. 29.—The woman's suffrage party has prepared the following address to the women of the state:

"The undersigned urge you to exert yourselves to turn every vote possible against Leslie W. Russell's re-election as attorney general. His official acts prove him to be an unscrupulous foe of your liberties.

"By informing the legislature that you have no right to vote at common law, he has denied your sacred rights and misrepresented the law to your hurt.

By stating that you have no natural right to vote, he has denied your title to freedom, and sought to keep your rights at the mercy of those in power.

By informing the legislature that the bill to repeal the statutes which keep you from voting was unconstitutional, he misled the legislature and kept you disfranchised.

By thus continuing your disfranchisement he has subjected you to many misfortunes and wrongs which the repeal of your disfranchisement would cure, and is personally responsible for these sufferings. He has also sought to rob the mothers of this state of their votes at school elections, and thus to deprive them of the power to control their children's education.

Gen. Sheridan En Route to Washington.

CHICAGO, Oct. 29.—Gen. Sheridan leaves here this evening for Washington to assume command of the army. Gen. Schofield is expected to arrive here to-morrow to assume the duties of his new position.

Gen. Sheridan left here to-night for Washington to take command of the army of the United States. He was accompanied by Col. M. V. Sheridan, Col. Volkmar, and Col. Gregory, who will continue on his personal staff in the positions which they occupied here while Gen. Sheridan was in command of the department of the Missouri. The other members of his military staff will remain in Chicago. During the years of his residence here Gen. Sheridan made very many friends, both as a soldier and a citizen, and many of these accompanied him to the depot to bid him Godspeed on his journey. Gen. Schofield, who succeeds Gen. Sheridan in command of the department of the Missouri, is expected here to-morrow. He will bring, as his personal staff, Col. Wherry and Lieut. Schofield, his brother.

Clara Morris in Baltimore.

Special Dispatch.

BALTIMORE, MD., Oct. 29.—Clara Morris began an extended tour of the country to-night with a performance at the Academy of Music, and notwithstanding the heavy rain that fell incessantly a large and brilliant audience welcomed the great actress. A jam of carriages filled the street in front of the academy, and elegant toilettes were the rule. Miss Morris was given such an ovation as is seldom accorded even to the greatest of public favorites. The applause which greeted her first appearance was repeated again and again, and it was several moments before she was allowed to speak her lines.

The play was "The New Magdalene," and the character of *Mercy Merrick* was invested with such pathos, force and pervasive vitality as were never before seen in this city. Miss Morris responded to repeated calls before the curtain, and the leading members of her very excellent company were honored in a similar way.

The Striking Printers in New York.

NEW YORK, Oct. 29.—The striking compositors who are members of Typographical Union No. 6 thronged Botanic hall, on East Broadway, this morning. Five young women who worked until Friday last in Tibbitt's shop, in Dey street, were cheered on their arrival in the hall. Good humor seemed to prevail and all were exultant at the near prospect of victory. The executive committee stated that the majority of the shops have acceded to the demands of the union, which are that the compositors be paid $18 a week for time work and for book and job work, 37 cents a thousand for leaded matter, and 40 cents for solid matter. The number of shops which have granted the demands of the union is 130. Only about 150 compositors are now unemployed. The superintendent of the shop of Mr. Martin Brown, the city printer, was in conference to-day with the president of the typographical union, seeking to make an arrangement to employ union men.

Serious Trouble Resulting from a Railway Quarrel.

LEBANON, PA., Oct. 29.—A serious railway war is in progress near here. Robert H. Coleman, manager of the new Cornwall and Lebanon railway, put fifty men at work laying tracks from Cornwall to Ore Hills, passing over the property of William C. Freeman, manager of the old Cornwall railway. While the men were at work Freeman with 250 men charged upon them and tore up the new track for 400 yards, scattering the material in every direction. The Freeman party then laid a track and ran upon it a train of loaded coal cars. This morning's rain prevented the parties from resuming hostilities. Trouble is feared and the courts will probably be appealed to.

His Removal Demanded.

NEW YORK, Oct. 29.—A delegation from the Tammany hall committee on organization called upon Mayor Edson this afternoon and made an informal complaint against Police Commissioner Matthews, charging him with having in a speech at a political convention, last Wednesday, stated that himself and two others of the commissioners favored the election of Timothy J. Campbell as state senator, and would use their influence in that regard. The mayor said he would investigate the matter.

Tracked and Arrested.

NEW YORK, Oct. 29.—James H. Delevan, who represented himself as an insurance agent, on the second of last August obtained a check for $900 from Johnson & Hammond, lighterage men of Water street, for insuring a number of their barges in the Orient insurance company. Delevan kept the money he obtained and fled to Chicago. He was tracked there and arrested, and to-day brought to the city, where an indictment has been found against him.

A Watch Thief Captured.

NEW YORK, Oct. 29.—Adam Goldsmith, a manufacturing jeweler at No. 38 Maiden Lane, had in his employ a workman named Robert Schmidt. One night Schmidt stole ten gold watches and left the city. The police traced him to Cedar Keys, Fla., and arrested him. Five of the watches were recovered. He was brought on here by a detective to-day.

Burned and Sunk.

ROCKLAND, ME., Oct. 29.—A dispatch was received to-day by the owners of the schooner America, of this port, lime laden, for New York, which states that she was burned and sunk off Cape Cod on the night of the twenty-fourth instant. The crew took to the boats and was picked up by the schooner Addie M. Bird, and landed at Newport News, Va.

The Wool Tariff.

POMEROY, W. T., Oct. 29.—The Washington Territory Wool Growers' association has been formed and has passed resolutions calling on Delegates Brents and Oregons, representatives in congress, to use their efforts to fix the tariff on wool as it was before the last congress met.

THE LOST FOUND.

Mary Churchill, the Missing St. Louis Girl, Discovered at Last.

She Writes that She is Not on the Stage, Nor Has She Eloped.

Special Dispatch.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 29.—A decided sensation was created here to-day when it became known that the missing girl, Mary Churchill, had been found, and that the mystery surrounding one of the most singular cases on record had been solved. Mary Churchill is the seventeen-year-old daughter of Col. James C. Churchill, a prominent citizen of this city, with a charming wife and family well known and loved in the best society here. On the 25th of July Mary disappeared from home. As she had always been a quiet, modest girl, showing no fondness for the society of gentlemen, it was at once feared that she had been foully dealt with. The announcement of her disappearance caused the greatest excitement. The entire community was aroused, and there was a common opinion that the girl had been abducted. She was a beautiful, well developed girl, modest yet trusting, and for awhile there was no doubt that designing persons had taken her away for improper purposes. It was suggested that perhaps Mary had run away with a lover, or had gone on the stage, or was off on a romantic trip of some sort, but all such intimations were quietly silenced by the reply that she was too practical to be led away in such a manner.

While her poor mother was almost frantic about her, Col. Churchill directed his efforts to finding his missing daughter. The papers all over the country teemed with accounts of the missing girl. Detectives were sent in every direction, and "clews" were reported without number. At one time she was reported to be in El Paso, Texas, and detectives pursued her into Mexico, only to find out their mistake. During the last three months Col. Churchill has spent thousands of dollars in the vain search for his daughter. At one time she was reported to be in Chicago, then in New York, then in Montreal, but every clew led to nothing. Finally the search was given up, and everybody settled down to the conclusion that Mary Churchill had wandered down to the river and fallen in.

To-day, however, the despairing father received a letter from Mary. He refuses to make all its contents public, but furnishes the following card:

TO THE PUBLIC: After a suspense of three months I am to-day in receipt of a letter from my daughter mailed from a distant city. As the papers all over the country have accorded me every facility within their power, and in many cases at great expense, in my search, notwithstanding the injunction imposed by my daughter to withhold from publication the contents of this letter, the duty which I owe my friends impels me to give its purport, which I herewith attach as follows:

"Oct. 25, 1883.—*My father:* I write to let you know that I am alive and well. I am not on the stage, as you suppose, nor have I eloped. Oh, how could you think so, when I cared so little for gentlemen's society? I am earning my own living honestly. Teach my little sisters and darling little brother to think kindly of their sister.

"MARY."

Col. Churchill expresses the utmost confidence in the authenticity of the letter, and both he and his wife identify the handwriting. They have no information of their daughter's whereabouts, but both feel confident they will soon hear from her again, and that she will return home shortly.

THE AUGUSTA COUNTY FAIR.

A Success in Spite of Bad Weather—Its Principal Features—Politics in the Pulpit.

Special Letter.

STAUNTON, VA., Oct. 28.—Notwithstanding the terribly bad weather of last week the Baldwin (Augusta county) fair was held as per programme, the whole list of exercises being posponed just twenty-four hours. The exhibition had been worked up with great skill and energy by G. Julian Watt, the secretary, and was pronounced by everyone to be the finest ever made at a county fair, and quite as good as many of the state fairs. The list of entries exceeded 3,000. A splendid exhibit was made in the sheep and cattle department, and while other counties were represented, Augusta was not excelled by any, either in quality or quantity of the articles on exhibition. Two large steers from Poughkeepsie, N. Y., weighing 3,500 and 4,000 pounds, attracted a great deal of attention. A Maryland horse won the trotting race, taking a purse of $600 as the prize, the balance of $1,000 being divided between the second and third horses. The list of races and horsemanship was a long one, and included trotting and running and a hurdle race by Englishmen. The last race was probably the most exciting of the fair, and was enjoyed greatly by the visitors. The track was heavy, owing to the continued rains, but the time made was good. The prize for the finest baby was awarded to an English baby, named Shace—fairly won over all American competitors.

The exhibit in the machinery department was immense, every kind of labor saving machine ever invented seeming to be brought out.

The exhibit of farm products was exclusively from Augusta county. The fat of the land was there, and thus it seemed that abundant proof was offered that it was a goodly land, flowing with milk and honey.

The display in the ladies' department elicited the admiration and praise of everyone. Such a collection of exquisite work of all kinds has never before been seen here. It was said by some present who had visited the Louisville exposition to be far superior to the display there. The large number of special premiums offered by the merchants of the town, including many handsome and useful articles, brought out the handiwork of the ladies, excited a generous rivalry and general interest, and this thing in a very great measure contributed to whatever success attended this year's management. Thursday was the big day as to attendance, there being present between 4,000 and 5,000 people.

It is said by the management that notwithstanding the great difficulties they had to contend with they will be able to pay all expenses. Had they had good weather there would have been a large balance in the treasury.

Another week will usher in a day of great consequence to all the interests of Virginia. You can judge of the extent of the intensity of feeling when a minister of a church, which has heretofore been entirely free from politics, took occasion to-day to preach a political sermon from the text, "Render unto Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's," and closed by an earnest appeal, "God save the state."

The Baltimore Races Postponed.

BALTIMORE, Oct. 29.—The weather continues wet, but if it clears during the night the races appointed for to-day will come off to-morrow. There was no pool selling to-night. Instead of four there will be only three days' racing after the close of the regular meeting, as most of the horses will leave on Friday night to be at Jerome Park on election day. During the three days there will be five races each day.

Trial of "Banjo Pete."

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Oct. 29.—Peter Emerson, alias "Banjo Pete," was put on trial this morning in the county court of sessions for assaulting and attempting to rob Cashier Smith, of the Orange National bank, of $10,000 in a railway car in Hoboken on July 28, a crime for which ex-Police Officer Nugent and N. W. Farrell are now serving a ten years' term in state prison. The court room was thronged, and the prisoner, who looked more like a clergyman than a thief, was apparently the least interested person present. He is represented by ex-Judge Hoffman, who made a motion to quash the indictment as being faulty, the word "then" having been omitted in one of the counts. Judge McGill denied the motion and authorized the prosecutor to amend the count. There was some delay in selecting a jury, owing to the large number of challenges.

THE CASE AGAINST AUDITOR JACKSON.

Investigating the Charge of Grave Neglect of Official Duties Preferred by Comptroller Grant.

NEW YORK, Oct. 29.—The examination into the charges made by Comptroller Grant against Auditor of Accounts Daniel Jackson for grave neglect in his official duty took place this morning in the comptroller's room. John H. Strahan and Thomas Allison appeared as counsel for the auditor. Mr. Strahan read Mr. Jackson's answer, which began by stating that on Oct. 12 the comptroller had stated that he had determined to remove the auditor before he (the comptroller) had obtained any full knowledge of the duties of the office which he then held, showing that the notice for the examination and removal on Oct. 24 was merely a cover for the exercise of a predetermination. Mr. Jackson claimed that while holding a subordinate position to the comptroller his office was not at the option of the comptroller, either to remove the occupant or to appoint a successor without certain forms of law set forth by the charter having been complied with. The auditor claimed that the charges did not properly set forth the duties of the auditor. He then asserted that the method of the payment of the coupons was prescribed by the predecessor of the present comptroller, Mr. Andrew H. Green, and was confined to the stock and bond bureau, the auditor having no specific control over the payment of coupons or the clerks having charge of the same.

At the close of the explanation of Auditor Jackson the comptroller served him with notice of removal.

High Water in the West.

CINCINNATI, Oct. 29.—It rained heavily here last night, and this afternoon the Ohio river is rising rapidly. Special dispatches to the *Times-Star* state that there are big rises in the Licking, Kanawha, and Big Sandy rivers.

A storm in Bourbon county, Ky., yesterday, blew down Beford's tobacco barn and warehouse, and James E. Clay's farmhouse, killing a family of four negroes.

Five Men Killed by a Dynamite Explosion.

PITTSBURG, Oct. 29.—A frightful explosion occurred eighty-five miles from this city yesterday morning at Brooks tunnel, on the Baltimore and Ohio railway. Twelve hundred pounds of dynamite exploded, killing five men, the crew of a freight train side tracked a short distance from the scene. The men were walking along the track near where the dynamite was stored.

Iron and Steel Imports.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 29.—The American Iron and Steel association has received statistics showing considerable falling off in imports of iron and steel from Great Britain. The imports of these products last month footed up 55,144 tons against 66,633 tons for the previous month. The total imports for the nine months of this year were 540,079 tons, while for the corresponding period last year they were 950,905 tons.

The Death of Maggie Conway.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 29.—The coroner today began an inquiry in regard to the death of Maggie Conway, aged 31, who died Friday in the house of Mrs. Ann McIlhenny on Ringgold street. Evidence was offered to the effect that death was due to malpractice, and, as other testimony is to be produced, the inquest was adjourned until Friday. Mrs. McIlhenny was committed.

John Goode and a Brass Band at Norfolk.

Special Dispatch.

NORFOLK, VA., Oct. 29.—John Goode addressed a bourbon meeting in Market square to-night. The crowd was neither as large nor as enthusiastic as that which greeted Gen. Mahone in the same place last week. A brass band did much to keep up the enthusiasm by occasional efforts at "Dixie Land."

The Fasting Horse Thief.

BELVIDERE, N. J., Oct. 29.—Peter Smull, the horse thief, began his twenty-first day of fasting to-day. He says he has no desire for food whatever; that his stomach feels solid, and that he could keep anything on it if he tried. He has lost considerable flesh, but seems healthy enough. His cell is filled with tempting articles of diet, but he will not eat.

The Murder of Zora Burns.

CHICAGO, Oct. 29.—A special from Lincoln, Ill., says that a man has been arrested at Hampton, Iowa, who has confessed that he was hired to murder Zora Burns. The prisoner is expected to arrive at Lincoln to-day.

A later special to the *Daily News* declares that the story is a pure fabrication.

The Man with a Coffin.

MONTGOMERY, N. Y., Oct. 29.—John Sammons, an inoffensive old man, who has attained notoriety as the purchaser of his own coffin and as predicting his own death, had his barn and stock destroyed by an incendiary fire last night. An attempt had been made to burn the dwelling of Sammons.

A Chicago Failure.

CHICAGO, Oct. 29.—The stationery and printing house of Culver, Page, Hoyne & Co., one of the oldest in this city, closed its doors this morning. In answer to inquiries it was stated that the business had been closed out to John Morrics.

The Bicycle Races.

CHICAGO, Oct. 29.—At the close here last night of the bicycle race of seventy-two hours, or twelve hours per day, the score stood as follows: Prince, 889 miles; Morgan, 883 miles; Woodside, 865 miles, Shock, 855 miles, and Dawse, 750 miles.

Suicide of a Printer.

NEW YORK, Oct. 29.—Frank McGloin, aged 32, a compositor on the *Mail and Express* newspaper, committed suicide this morning by hanging himself with a towel in his room. He had been drinking heavily of late.

Accepted the Nomination.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Oct. 29.—Josiah Jewett has accepted the republican nomination for mayor in place of Morris Morey, resigned. Mr. Jewett is largely interested in the manufacture of stoves.

Meeting of the Lighthouse Board.

The lighthouse board held a meeting of six hours' duration yesterday, during which the annual report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1883, was read and adopted. The remainder of the session was devoted to the consideration of routine business. The annual report of the board will be forthwith transmitted to Secretary Folger.

The First Direct Importation.

A Washington firm, Strang & Tucker, have made a direct importation of a cargo of Malaga grapes, by steamer Hibernia, via Baltimore. They will be disposed of at auction. Catalogue sale same as in New York and Philadelphia. This is the first direct importation of Malaga grapes ever made to Washington.

THE EX-DETECTIVES.

Story of Another Robbery and Their Connection With the Recovery of the Property.

The following letter was received yesterday by Mr. J. W. Thompson, chairman of the citizens' committee, from the gentleman who testified as to the losing of his watch on the trial of Detectives Flinder and McElfresh last week:

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 26, 1883—Mr. J. W. THOMPSON, Chairman, &c., Washington, D. C.—*Dear Sir;* I desire to thank you, and through you the members of the citizens' committee, for the substantial aid received through your co-operation in the recovery of my highly prized watch. While the verdict of yesterday may not prove encouraging or consoling for the long and earnest labors that you have devoted in the interest of protection of life and property, I nevertheless feel confident that you will yet be justified by a higher tribunal, and a more just verdict, in the recognition of the grateful thanks of all honest citizens of the land, who still applaud your zealous efforts in endeavoring to rid the capital of the nation of thieves and their abettors.

In renewing my grateful thanks, I have the honor to remain, very respectfully,

JOSEPH BAUMER.

In reference to the detective matters a reporter of THE REPUBLICAN learned of a robbery, the details of which have not yet been printed, and yesterday called upon Mr. Moritz Augenstein, No. 817 Seventh street northwest, who was the victim, and from that gentleman and his wife the following facts were obtained:

On a Saturday night, about the sixth or seventh of March, 1875, Mr. Augenstein was living at No. 805 Seventh street, and when his daughter went upstairs to prepare the bedrooms for the night she found that the house had been entered from a rear window, a wardrobe broken open, from which a satchel containing money and jewels was taken, and the contents stolen. The property carried off consisted of three $500 notes; a pair of diamond cardrops set in silver, which had been in his wife's family for seventy-five years; set of diamond and pearl jewelry; diamond cardrops and brooch valued at $800; diamond scarf pin; five diamond rings valued at $500; two diamond studs valued at $500; a watch and chain valued at $300; a lady's watch and chain valued at $100; an old repeating and musical gold watch which had been in Mr. Augenstein's family for over 200 years; a silver watch and other jewelry, and a pair of Hungarian pistols. The total value of the articles stolen, beside the money, was about $4,000.

Word was at once sent to police headquarters and he thinks that Detectives McDevitt and McElfresh came up that night, made an examination of the premises, said the work was done by professionals, got $20 or $25 for expenses, and started to hunt for the thieves.

The next morning Detectives Miller and McDevitt came up, and they seemed to work the case afterward. Mrs. Augenstein made several visits to police headquarters without obtaining any satisfaction until along about the last of March, the detectives told her that the property was in Baltimore, and that if she would pay $500 and not try and recover the money stolen, or seek to find out the thieves they could get back her jewelry. She finally agreed to that, and went over to Baltimore, accompanied by her son and Detective Miller.

She was taken to the office of Smith, Pierce & West, private detectives, in Baltimore, when the property was described to her, and she identified it; but when she came to count her money she found she was $50 short. Although she promised to give them the extra money they would not allow her to take her property, but agreed to bring it over to Washington the next day, and Miller told her that she might pay the money to Maj. Richards, who was then chief of police. She returned, therefore, and the next day went down to Maj. Richards's office, accompanied by her son, and paid him $500.

"Was there any one in the office with Maj. Richards except you and your son when you paid him the money?" asked the reporter.

"No," was the reply. "He seemed to know all about it."

Mrs. Augustein then went down into the detective's room and received back all the jewelry and property, except the pistols and one silver watch. Two of the diamonds had been taken out of the settings, but the other articles were unharmed. Some time afterward one of the pistols was recovered at Duncanson's auction rooms, but the other never was found, and the three $500 notes were never returned.

"How much money did you pay the detectives, beside giving the $500 to Maj. Richards?"

"I suppose about $100. It was given in little sums—$10 and $20 and such like."

The reporter upon further investigation was told that the thieves who committed the robbery were at that time living in this city, and were well known to the detectives, and that one of them, Curran, is now serving a term in a state penitentiary.

Opposed to the Arrangements.

A meeting of colored men was held last evening at the office of R. D. Ruffin, esq., to protest against charging the public a half dollar to hear Col. Ingersoll's lecture, on Friday night, at Lincoln hall. There were present P. H. Carson, Rev. R. S. Laws, J. E. Bruce, Randall Bowie, and R. D. Ruffin. Speeches denouncing the gentlemen who have the Ingersoll lecture in charge were made for fixing the rate of admission at 50 cents without consulting the colored people of the district was the subject. The committee was styled a "select few, who will be admitted with their picked company free, and given prominent seats, while the ordinary negro who does the hurrahing will have to pay." A resolution on adopted appointing R. D. Ruffin, Rev. R. S. Laws, J. W. Freeman, G. H. Boston, and Randall Bowie a committee to wait upon the lecture committee and request them to call a public meeting of colored people on Wednesday to fix the price of admission. Adjourned to meet this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock at the Philadelphia house.

The Comique.

A new version of the "World," by J. Z. Little, was presented at the Theatre Comique last night to one of the largest audiences ever assembled there. The piece is an attractive one, and it was so well presented as to elicit generous applause. The scenery and stage settings were commendable. The raft scenes, the sinking ship, the asylum scenes, and moonlight panoramas were shown to good advantage, and excel anything ever seen upon the stage of the comique. Mr. Little, as Harry Ellison, and Miss Jennie Jackson, as Rose Ellison, his sister, are careful and conscientious actors and sustained their parts with credit. The rest of the cast included H. A. Smith, J. W. McGonnelle, W. J. Halton, N. T. Keenan, Tom Colman, C. E. Simpson, Milton Earle, E. H. Andrews, T. C. Jones, Wallace Ryal, Vincent Maxwell, and Misses Annie Hamilton and Hattie Foley. The "World" runs for the rest of the week.

Washington Bible Society.

The board of managers of the Washington Bible society held its regular monthly meeting last night at the Y. M. C. A. building. The report of the treasurer shows amount received from collection $99.06, from Youths' Missionary society, Gurley chapel, $5; balance on hand, $10.90; total, $114.96. Disbursements, $129.84; amount overdrawn, $14.88. The resignation of Mr. J. B. Johnson was received and laid over; 1,171 families were visited during the month; 66 families found destitute; 50 families and 78 individuals supplied; 269 books sold, and 49 given away.

The Weather To-Day.

Cloudy weather, preceded by light local rains in the early morning, stationary or rising barometer, and slightly cooler weather.

Yesterday's thermometer: 7 a. m., 60.9°; 11 a. m., 65.3°; 3 p. m., 72.4°; 7 p. m., 62.3°; 11 p. m., 63.3°; maximum, 73.9°; minimum, 58.5°.

BLOWN INTO BITS.

A Fearful Explosion of Dynamite, by Which Five Men Are Torn to Fragments.

The Earth Trembling for Miles Around—Huge Trees Shattered to Splinters.

Four Lives Lost by the Explosion of a Tug's Boiler in Mobile Bay.

Drowned Bodies Supposed to Have Been Eaten by Sharks—Other Accidents.

CONFLUENCE, PA., Oct. 29.—A terrible disaster occurred near Brook's tunnel, on the Baltimore and Ohio railway, yesterday morning about 9 o'clock, resulting in the instant killing of five men. The railway company has been strengthening and widening the tunnel, and some distance outside a magazine had been erected, in which was stored 1,200 pounds of dynamite to be used for blasting. A freight train had just passed through the tunnel, and was sidetracked to allow a passenger train to pass. Four of the crew of the freight train walked back to the vicinity of the magazine and were engaged in conversation with the watchman, when people living in the vicinity were startled by a terrific concussion. Houses for fifteen miles around were shaken to their foundations, and windows for a distance of seven miles were shattered. Horror stricken, the people ran from their houses, and upon investigation it was found that the dynamite had exploded with fearful effect. Everything near by gave evidence of the terrible force of the explosion. Trees were uprooted, huge rocks torn asunder, and telegraph poles for half a mile were prostrated. Nothing remained of the magazine, and the men who stood near it just before the explosion were missing. All must have been instantly killed. Portions of bodies, including legs, arms, hands, and heads, have been picked up half a mile distant, but so disfigured as to be unrecognizable.

The names of only three of the victims are known, namely, George Reynolds, the engineer, Tice; a brakeman, and Hammond, a switchman.

The cause of the explosion is enveloped in mystery, and as the five men who might have thrown some light on the accident are dead, it is probable that the cause will never be known. Not far from the scene a gun was found, and it is supposed that one of the victims discharged it, the concussion causing the dynamite to explode. An inquest was held to-day by the coroner, and a verdict of accidental death was rendered. Great excitement prevails here, and hundreds of people have gone to the scene of the disaster.

The following is a complete list of the killed: George Reynolds, engineer, of Confluence, Pa.; Charles Tice, flagman, of Confluence, Pa.; Robert Hammond, watchman, of Cumberland, Md.; W. A. Dean, tunnel blacksmith, and P. R. Burchfield, helper, both of Cornwallis, W. Va.

MOBILE, ALA., Oct. 29.—While the tugboat Edye was putting to sea yesterday afternoon, in search of a tow, and when four miles south of Fort Morgan, Mobile bay, her boiler exploded. The boat sank immediately, carrying down with her the captain, John Carney, a well known sailingmaster; the mate, named Andrews, a native of Barcelona, Spain, and a colored fireman. The engineer and cook were picked up, but the latter died while being carried back to Fort Morgan. The engineer is painfully, but not fatally, wounded. The bodies of the drowned have not been recovered. It is probable that they have been eaten by the sharks which infest the locality. From the statement of the only survivor it is believed that the Edye and another tugboat, the Nellie, were racing to catch a tow boat, and that the Edye, falling behind, crowded on steam until she blew up. She had lately been overhauled and inspected, and was put in commission again on Sept. 1. She was insured for $7,500, in local companies.

WILKES-BARRE, Oct. 29.—An explosion of fire damp occurred this afternoon at the Pennsylvania Coal company's shaft No. 7, three miles from Pittston. There were thirty men in the mine at the time. Of these, Thomas Gallagher was burned to death, and four others, James Gallagher, Patrick Joyce, Hugh Devero, and John Kelley, were badly burned, their recovery being doubtful.

A later account says Thomas and James Gallagher, brothers, were brought out dead. They were burned almost to a crisp. Six others were seriously burned and otherwise injured, and three of them will probably die, having inhaled "after damp." There were thirty-five men in the part of the mine where the explosion occurred. Those uninjured escaped through the muleway. The force of the explosion blew down the brattices and props, and tore the gates apart, lifting the men up bodily and hurling some of them a distance of twenty or thirty feet.

Lighthouse Inspectors.

A circular will be issued by the lighthouse board on Nov. 1, announcing appointment of the following new inspectors: First district, Commander A. S. Crowninshiel, U. S. N., custom house, Portland, Me.; fourth district, Commander George B. White, U. S. N., 209 South Sixth street, Philadelphia, Pa.; tenth district, Commander N. Mayo Dyer, U. S. N., 341 Washington street, Buffalo, N. Y.; eleventh district, Commander F. A. Cook, U. S. N., 89 Griswold street, Detroit, Mich.

LATE LOCAL ITEMS.

Mr. J. H. Carmincke, chairman transportation committee of the New York republican association, has succeeded in perfecting arrangements with the railways whereby half rates for transportations will be furnished New York voters.

On account of the inclemency of the weather only a few ladies and gentlemen met in the parlors of the Y. M. C. A. last evening, for the purpose of organizing a new lodge of Good Templars, and a postponement until next Monday night, at the same time and place, was made.

A special meeting of the Union Veteran corps, 1st company, was held last evening at Grand Army hall, Seventh and L streets, and was largely attended. Capt. A. D. Brock, on behalf of the corps, presented Lieut. W. R. Ramsey with a handsome sword and belt, which he accepted with thanks. Ten honorary members were elected.

Benjamin D. Abell, fomerly connected with THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN, died at Pueblo, Col., last Saturday of mountain fever. He was in the employ of the Denver and Rio Grande railway at the time of his death. The remains, which are on the way to this city, accompanied by the mother of the deceased, are expected to arrive here to-day.

Of the Pennsylvania voters located in Washington, it is stated by those who have matters in charge that about 600 of these will leave about the latter part of next week to participate in the election for state officers, which take place on the sixth proximo. The Philadelphia voters have been particularly energetic in preparing for the contest.

The funeral of Edward S. Savoy, a well known colored caterer, took place yesterday afternoon from the Fifteenth Street Presbyterian church, which was filled with the friends of the deceased. Rev. Francis J. Grimke, the pastor, officiated. The pallbearers were Messrs. Thomas Syphax, Henry Lee, John Webster, Richard Potters, and Edward Wettson. Interment at Graceland cemetery.