POLITICAL GOSSIP.

PROSPECTS OF REPUBLICAN SUCCESS IN THE SEVENTH VIRGINIA DISTRICT.

Former Old Dominion Democrats Who Will Vote for Blaine and Logan—Renewed Confidence at the Capital—The Betting—A Story About Dudley.

The outlook in the seventh Virginia district appears to be very promising, according to late accounts received in this city. Mr. W. W. House, of Winchester, was in the city yesterday and gave a most encouraging report of politics in the valley. The ten counties forming the present district gave John S. Wise 880 majority over John E. Massey for congressman-at-large. Since then large accessions of good, substantial citizens have been made, and the following is Mr. House's estimate of the vote Tuesday as the result of a careful survey of the field: Albemarle county in doubt, but pretty much a stand off, and very close either way; Shenandoah republican by 400, Rockingham by 800, Page by 750, Madison by 500, and Greene by 300—total, 2,750; Frederick democratic by 450; Clarke by 500, Warren by 600, and Rappahannock by 300—total, 1,850; a majority for Webb over O'Ferrall of 900.

"These figures may not be dead right," added Mr. House, "but if we get the district by 9 instead of 900 we shall be well pleased, because the national vote always runs ahead of the congressional, and the seventh district will do its share in the redemption of the whole state."

Dr. Webb, the republican candidate, is a man who is very popular, and has a large medical practice.

Col. C. T. O'Ferrall gained the seat late last session in a contest with Judge Paul, receiving according to the returns 11,941 votes against 12,146 for the latter. The counties removed from the district—Bath, Highland, Augusta, Fluvanna, Goochland, and Staunton—gave net democratic majorities of 823 at the same election, while those added—Clarke, Frederick, Madison, Rappahannock, Warren, and Winchester—gave 2,250.

The accessions to republicanism have been so numerous and the converts men of such standing that when election day comes it is believed very many hitherto too timid to avow their true convictions in the face of proscription will be found in line with the best people of the district. Daniel Wood, the writer, and the Bransons, are among the recent arrivals in the camp, while William Milnes, of Page county, with an acknowledged following of 250, will vote the republican ticket for the first time. He served two terms in congress after the war, being a northern man, and selected when Rob Roy Conrad, father of Mayor Holmes Conrad, was refused admission to the house of representatives on account of his disabilities.

A feeling of restored confidence pervades the departmental precincts, the effects of the recent panic having disappeared before the inevitable reaction from the causeless scare. The exodus of clerks has about ceased, and some pretty close figuring is done as to which of the more important officials still remaining can best be spared and will be of the most service at their respective homes. Few of those hailing from Maine have obtained leaves, nor have any from the more solid of the southern states gone home. "If I went to my home in Mississippi," said Judge Tarbell, deputy first comptroller, yesterday, "my vote would not be counted. So I shall stay here." The Maine clerks went home in September almost to a man, but the state is regarded as so entirely safe for 25,000 or 30,000 majority that the citizens of the Pine Tree state will save any remaining days of their leave for celebrating the victory next week. One notable conversion was recorded yesterday in the treasury. A high-salaried clerk, who had been pronounced in his democratic declarations pretty nearly ever since the civil service law went into effect, obtained a ticket to go to his home in Massachusetts, after joining the state association and announcing his intention to vote for Blaine.

An indication of the pressure that would be brought to bear on a democratic administration was furnished in a conversation among a few accidentally met working in that cause on a street car yesterday. "I would cast a thousand votes if I had them for Grover Cleveland," said the conductor. "And I would add the one I shall cast," remarked a passenger. "I have worked hard for him, but, by gosh, I will never vote the democratic ticket again if he does not turn every republican out when he comes in, young and old, great and small, they must all go, or I am done with the party. And there are lots now that feel the same way."

Betting on the result and upon New York and other so-called doubtful states is pretty active. Mr. Cropley, the Georgetown grocer, yesterday offered to bet $5,000 even that Cleveland would carry New York by 30,000 majority. He was promptly accommodated by Mr. W. M. Galt, the feed dealer, and their respective checks were deposited forthwith.

"It is strange," said Gen. E. W. Whittaker, chairman of the republican central committee, last night, "that both parties seem to bank heavily on carrying New York. I know of several even bets being offered and taken on both sides on the result in that state. My opinion is based upon my confidence in the intelligence of the people of New York and upon my knowledge of what they have heard and read, and I confidently predict that Blaine will carry the state by 50,000 majority," and his right fist came down upon his left palm with a sound like an exploding bomb.

Gen. E. M. McCook, ex-governor of Colorado, arrived at Wormley's last night from the south. He accompanied ex-Senator Chaffee and Mr. Kerns on the trip which has furnished so much material for surmise by democratic politicians and newspapers.

A district democrat was telling an admiring and sympathetic coterie of friends in a down-town hotel last night just how the enemy had carried Ohio. "You see," he said, "Col. Dudley did it with his empty sleeve and patriotic talk. He is traveling under the pretense that he lost his arm during the war. I can tell you how he parted company with that arm. I know, as matter of fact, that he lost it some years ago in attempting to steal ballots at a polling place. A man on the inside of the room he was reaching into cut his arm off or so injured it that it had to be amputated. That's how he got his empty sleeve."

"Do you know Col. Dudley, asked a bystander.

"Certainly," was the response, "I know him well."

"Well," said the other, "the last time I saw him he had two arms, but only one leg, and the records of the war will tell on which battle field he left that."

"Is that so? Well, I declare!" was the only response; and the laugh was right there.

Hon. E. John Ellis, of Louisiana, returned yesterday from a tour in Virginia, and called at democratic headquarters. He declared his conviction that the Old Dominion would go 20,000 democratic.

"Out of the Old House into the New."

Mr. Walter Drew yesterday completed the transfer of his drugs, chemicals, and fancy goods from 941 Pennsylvania avenue to the new store room especially designed for him in the Gunton building, corner of Ninth street and Pennsylvania avenue. This site has been rendered historical almost in the drug business of the city, and Mr. Drew by his personal popularity and fine business qualifications is abundantly able to keep up the reputation of the stand. His great success is enjoyed by his many friends.

Consuls Recognized.

The President has recognized Jose Maria Tinoco as consul of Guatemala at San Francisco, Cal., and R. W. DeLion, vice consul, ad interim of Chili at Port Townsend, Washington territory.

A NEW SALAD.

It is Made of Oysters and is Expensive—Scenes in a Restaurant.

"Anything new in the oyster line?"

"Yes, there's the oyster salad, that is fast becoming popular," said an avenue oyster dealer yesterday, "and its very nice and tempting, too; although it costs something," he added.

"How's it made?" "Well, the only Anglo-Saxon description I know of it is that it is a combination of every style of cooking oysters, excepting frying. The oysters are cooked, seasoned, pickled for a while, allowed to stand; then potatoes and a few pieces of dried beef are put in, and, with champagne as a sauce, after being mixed up, it's worth eating. We haven't put it on our bill of fare, but when we do it will be marked 75 cents, and that's what the young men see first."

"A funny thing occurred the other night. A young man and his girl came in after the theater, and when the waiter mentioned the salad as a new thing the young man ordered it. He also called for a bottle of wine and a few incidentals. When the check for $9 was tendered him he nearly fainted. He excused himself and came down to see me. I explained the cost of the different items, and when I mentioned salad at 75 cents he said: 'Well, you can bet that she eats fried or a stew next time.' He hadn't money enough to settle his bill, but came around the next day, and paid up. I asked him what his girl thought of the salad. He said that she had pronounced it a "dear dish," and he had concurred in her opinion."

Two young men came into the restaurant while the keeper of it was talking, and ordered salad. "Have a bait with it?" said one.

"Have one with me?" said the second.

"All right; I'll go you," and the first called out to the barkeeper, "Tank, give us two beers."

"Wait, and you'll see them kick," said the cashier.

The young men finished their slight repast and "balls," and pronounced the salad fine. When the check was presented, however, the smiles faded from their faces, and when they came up to the cashier's desk one of them said, "Seventy-five cents is too much," and the other agreed not to pay. Two waiters came up and lifted their hats from their heads, and the gentleman paid their bill and left, swearing that they would never patronize the house again.

"Oh, they'll be back here in a day or two, but I don't think that they will eat salad again until it's cheaper," remarked the cashier.

Preparing for the Worst.

The East Washington Cleveland and Hendricks club met last night to make arrangements to send voters of Maryland and Virginia home to vote. Yesterday seventeen passes were obtained by the club from Baltimore for voters in Prince George county, Md. Voters who live in more distant states have their cases referred to the democratic central committee of the district. Mr. Robinson read a printed circular of Charles R. Codman's committee of 100, "To the voters of Massachusetts," defending Gov. Cleveland from the Buffalo scandal. The treasurer presented bills for advertising and rent to date, which were ordered to be paid. A member asked if any more bills were outstanding, as if the party happened to "go up Salt river this club wants to go clear of debt." He was told there was no debt and the club had a good balance on hand. It was decided to make no definite arrangements for receiving the election returns next Tuesday night, but it was understood that the members would rendezvous at the district committee headquarters, where the dispatches are to be displayed.

The Dime Museum.

A most excellent entertainment is given at the Dime museum this week, and each performance has drawn crowded houses. Beside the stage performances, there are many interesting curiosities, including John Lang, a colored man who claims to be 145 years of age, and has the proof of it with him. Some new features are announced for next week.

Not a Majority.

"A" made a bet with "B" that Ohio would go republican by 10,000 majority. Who wins? H. B. M.

A loses. Robinson, for secretary of state, the head of the ticket, by which all bets are decided, lacked 2,113 votes of a majority over all. He was elected by a plurality.

LOCAL BRIEFLETS.

A little son of Thomas Trunnell, of No. 3333 P street, was severely bitten by a horse yesterday afternoon.

James Smith was fined $20 in the police court yesterday for assaulting his wife and Officer Charley O'Neil.

The application for a liquor license of Peter Harvey, No. 2302 H street, has been disapproved by the commissioners.

John King, a colored man, was arrested by Officer Breen last night for snatching the satchel from Miss Mary Murray at the corner of Twelth and B streets last Saturday night.

Mr. W. V. S. Wilson, who has purchased the *Republic* from Mr. W. J. Ramsdell, has been associated with the paper for some time and thoroughly knows the field it occupies. The first number under his management will appear to-morrow.

An old white woman named Mary A. Greene was knocked down by one of Springman's express wagons at the corner of Twenty-second and G streets about 6:30 o'clock last night, and was badly bruised. One of her legs was broken.

The concrete pavement on Eighth street southeast, between Pennsylvania avenue and the navy yard gate, was completed yesterday evening. The Belgian blocks which were taken up will be used on the Boundary street sewer.

Mr. J. W. Fletcher, of Boston, a famous spiritualist lecturer and medium, has been engaged by the Society of Spiritualists of this city for the present month. His powers as an inspiration speaker and platform test medium are of a high order, and he is likely to create quite a sensation when he comes.

A 5-year-old colored boy, named Chase, living at Seventeenth and L streets, was run over by a wagon, owned by Singer Bros and driven by Thomas Spriggs, about 5 o'clock last evening. The boy was taken to his home where Dr. Cook attended him. His skull was fractured and congestion of the brain followed.

A pleasant masquerade party was given at the residence of Mr. George White, corner of F and Eleventh streets southwest, last evening. His handsome parlors were filled with pretty girls and young men in bright and varied costumes, representing almost every conceivable kind of dress of human and mythological character.

A musical and literary entertainment was given last night in the E street Baptist church by the children of the primary class of the Sunday school for the benefit of the class library. The church was well filled, and the little ones gave their songs, tableaux, and recitations in a charming manner that delighted the audience, and would have done credit to those of larger growth and more mature years.

The commissioners have notified H. H. Carter, superintendent of the Baltimore and Potomac railway, that it is found on examination that the tracks of his company have been raised at Sheriff's crossroad, in the district, to such an extent as to seriously interfere with travel on this road, and he is requested to fill and gravel the crossing and approaches at this point in such a manner as to give easy grade to and across their tracks.

The first annual choir festival will be given by the choir of St. John's church this evening. The order of service comprises the psalm, "I Will Magnify Thee, O God;" "Deus Misereatur;" anthem, "Send Out Thy Light;" largo, "Hope in the God;" anthem, "Sing, O Daughter of Sion;" "If With All Thy Heart," and a processional, composed by Rev. J. B. Dykes. The service will be under the direction of D. B. MacLeod, the organist of the church.

THE INVINCIBLES ASSAILED.

A Visit to Alexandria Results in Unpleasant Experiences, But no Bones Broken.

The Invincible Republican club, of East Washington, went to Alexandria last night upon invitation of Mr. Lewis McKenzie, republican elector for that district. Forty-five members, in the uniform of "Plumed Knights," left on the 8:05 train. They were met by a delegation of republicans and a brass band at the depot and escorted to Armory hall. The hall was crowded by white and colored men. After the glee club of the Invincibles had rendered several selections Capt. Donald McCaffran, of the club, made a stirring speech, but was frequently interrupted. Speeches were also made by Hon. A. M. Clapp, Hon. J. F. Dezendorf, and J. H. Sypher. The Invincibles left the hall to catch the 10:40 train home. On their way to the depot efforts were made to capture the transparencies and flag they carried. These attempts were frustrated, however. Several stones were thrown at the club, and the assailants made every effort to break up the parade. Upon reaching the station Dr. Adams, president of the club, said that, owing to the discourtesy of the democrats of that district, the club would send $100 to aid the republicans there. The Invincibles think that the democrats wake up the wrong party.

ALL HALLOW E'EN.

The Small Boy and the Love-Sick Maiden Celebrate the Auspicious Night.

All day yesterday the small boy wore a mysterious air. He seemed interested in nothing except the collection of tin cans and decayed vegetables, which he carried to a remote place until night. Then he was in his glory. The average citizen may forget that the date of "Hallow E'en" is Oct. 31, but the small boy never does. He looks forward to it with joyous anticipation, not for its good results, but because on that day he regards himself as privileged to torment the life out of his fellow-beings.

Every boy was out at dark last night, and crowds of them, with all sorts of missiles, thronged many streets. Their fun consisted of throwing these pieces of bric-a-brac at people and houses, ringing door bells, tying strings across the sidewalks to trip people up, and many other mischievous tricks. This is the way the street boy celebrates "All Hallow E'en."

There are also other ways of celebrating the event, and some of the customs bear the stamp of early superstition that is weird and interesting. Several parties were given and games that have been connected with the event were indulged in. Looking over the left shoulder into a mirror at midnight to find the face of her prospective husband is a popular practice with the young girls. Searching for the last four-leaf clover in the moonlight, and repeating the legend beginning:

"Hallow e'en, hallow e'en,
Shall my lover then be seen?"

is said to produce the delinquent lover while looking for the plant.

These and other games help pass the time pleasantly, and lend a romantic hue to a portion at least of the lives of the participants. The event many years ago was observed as a traditional holiday, and it was celebrated in the churches with impressive ceremonies. The history of "hallow e'en" has many pretty legends connected with it, but many of these are now obsolete, and the custom of celebrating it is rapidly declining in this country.

In Germany, Norway, Sweden, Scotland, and some parts of England and Wales the day is celebrated as a great event, and it is from these nations, and especially from those of the Norse lands, that the customs come, and it is there that it still lives in all its glory.

The McAll Mission Meeting.

A little over four years ago a few ladies were invited to meet Miss Beach, an American lady, whose enthusiastic interest in the McAll mission had been roused during her residence in Paris. A great cry had come from the common people all over France, in city and province, for gospel teaching, and the appeal of Miss Beach was heard by representatives of seven churches, and the support of a preaching and teaching station was then assumed at $400 a year. To-day twenty-one churches in this city, representing six denominations, are interested in contributing to this work. Their representatives met in the New York Avenue church last evening. Chief Justice Drake presided, and commended the work as having come directly under his observation in his last visit to Paris. He said that no missionary enterprise of to-day carried with it as great encouragement. The Scriptures were read by Rev. Mr. Leonard, of St. John's Episcopal church. Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Cuthbert, of the First Baptist church, and Drs. Bartlett, Addison, and Sunderland also took part in the services.

The address was by Rev. W. W. Newell, one of the directors of the mission. He related thrilling incidents and touching facts concerning the marvelous awakening of the civil authorities to the need of a religion for France, which must be Protestant. The movement had spread in Paris, throughout the provinces to Corsica, and even to Algeria. Already one of the converts has gone as a missionary to Africa. Monsieur de Pressensé, lately made senator for life, wrote to Mr. McAll thus, "Now that the government pays me a salary I can give my services to your mission gratuitously, as I have long wished to do." Fifty French pastors and laymen are assisting in the mission without compensation. There was a fair audience to listen to Mr. Newell's address.

The Caledonian's Ball.

The Caledonian club gave a very enjoyable ball at Masonic temple last evening. Dancing began at 9:30, and continued until late this morning. The reception committee was composed of J. K. Kerr, J. Reekie, J. Robertson, J. Halley, and W. Archbald.

Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Reekie, Mr. and Mrs. Kerr, Mr. and Mrs. Silver, Misses Mamie Cameron, Mamie Conbay, Annie Latterner, Nettie and Mary Imrie, Maggie Batchen, Mary Wilding, Maggie Bell, and Lizzie McKerichar, Adams Oliphant, Aggie and Maggie Aitcheson, Ann Halley, and Messrs. Peter Imrie, J. G. Miller, R. L. Cameron, James Halley, Dr. Thomas Mercer, Joseph C. Lee, Thomas Taylor, Scott Imrie, George Nagle, P. McIlaidwin, Albert Aitcheson, DeW. Aitcheson, N. Hazen, William Johnson, William Jardine, R. Bonar, W. Archibald, J. McCormick, David and W. B. Todd, Fred Conbay, Thomas Clements, and Frank Harper.

Not Supporting St. John.

At the national convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance union recently held at St. Louis, Mo., a resolution indorsing the St. John party was submitted for the action of the convention, and after a very exciting discussion was adopted. Mrs. Clara L. Roach, the Washington delegate, strenuously opposed the resolution.

TELEGRAPH TIPS.

—The grand jury at the Carleton assizes, Canada, in making their presentment yesterday expressed themselves strongly against the practice of confining lunatics in jails.

—George Dingman, a drug clerk at Mount Brydges, Ont., who gave strychnine instead of santonine, which mistake caused the death of two little girls, has been found guilty of manslaughter at the assizes here. Sentence was deferred.

—The coinages executed at the United States mint in Philadelphia during October amounted to 4,476,500 pieces, valued at $1,411,700. This amount was made up of 1,800,000 silver dollars, 501,500 dimes, 870,000 five cent pieces, and 1,805,000 cents.

—Joseph Taylor, the Pennsylvania Eastern penitentiary convict, who has been on trial several days in Philadelphia for the murder of Keeper Michael F. Doran, was yesterday convicted of murder in the first degree and remanded to prison.

WOMAN'S ADVANCEMENT.

Election of Officers by the Congress in Baltimore Yesterday—Other Business Transacted.

BALTIMORE, MD., Oct. 31.—The Association for the Advancement of Women resumed its work this morning in the hall of the Young Men's Christian association, organizing as a board meeting.

Reports of the vice president and of various committees were read. An amendment to the constitution making the sessions of the congress biennial instead of annual was offered and referred to a committee with instructions to report at the next annual meeting.

An election of officers was held, which resulted in the unanimous re-election of Mrs. Julia Ward Howe for president, and the nearly unanimous election of the following vice presidents: Prof. Maria Mitchell, New York; Abby W. May, Massachusetts; Elizabeth B. Chace, Rhode Island; C. A. Quimby, Maine; Ellen Mitchell, Illinois; Charlotte L. Peirce, Pennsylvania; Ruth C. Denison, District of Columbia; Emma C. Bascom, Wisconsin; Jennie McCowen, M. D., Iowa; Susan Jarvis Cheney, Connecticut; Rev. Antoinette Brown Blackwell, New Jersey; Lois G. Hufford, Indiana; Finette S. Seelye, Ohio; Adele S. Hutchinson, M. D., Minnesota; Ella R. Holden, New Hampshire; Clara Bewick Colby, Nebraska; Lucinda H. Stone, Michigan; Caroline M. Severance, California; Jenny K. Trout, M. D., Canada; Rebecca N. Hazard, Missouri; Jennie A. Froiseth, Utah; Alida C. Averry, M. D., Colorado; Amanda Taylor, West Virginia; Laura Clay, Kentucky; Elizabeth Wedgery Varnum, Florida; Clara Conway, Tennessee. Secretary, Ella C. Lapham, New York. Treasurer Henrietta L. T. Wolcott, Massachusetts. Auditors, Amanda M. Longee, Massachusetts; Mary V. Keene, New York. Directors, Mary A. Livermore, Massachusetts; Mary T. Eastman, Massachusetts; Ednah D. Cheney, Massachusetts; Anna Garlin Spencer, Massachusetts; Sophia C. Hoffman, New York; Harriet A. Townsend, New York; Mary E. Bragg, New York; Mary E. Peckham, Rhode Island; Sarah W. Dovoll, M. D., Maine; Sarah T. Hamilton, Maine; Frances E. Willard, Illinois; Lula G. Bedill, M. D., Illinois; Elizabeth B. Harbert, Illinois; L. D. Douglass, Pennsylvania; Frances E. W. Harper, Maryland; Jane H. Spofford, District of Columbia; Ellen M. O'Connor, District of Columbia; Mary E. B. Lynde, Wisconsin; Nancy H. Adsit, Wisconsin; Mary Newbury Adams, Iowa; Lita Barney Sales, Connecticut; Rev. Augusta C. Bristol, New Jersey; Emma Mont McKae, Indiana; Frances F. Fisher, Ohio, and E. C. Sargent, California.

The afternoon session was taken up by the reading of papers by Prof. Maria Mitchell, Ph. D.; Miss Alice C. Fletcher, of New York, and by Miss Mary F. Eastman, of Massachusetts. The last public meeting of the congress was held to-night. Mrs. Sarah D. Cheney, of Massachusetts, and Mrs. Imogene C. Fales, of Brooklyn, N. Y., read interesting papers. After a short business session to-morrow the congress will adjourn sine die. Quite a number of members have been added in Baltimore.

BIG STORM IN THE BAHAMAS.

Many Vessels Wrecked or Damaged—Several Lives Lost and Much Property Destroyed.

NEW YORK, Oct. 31.—A letter from Nassau, N. P., dated Oct. 24, says: A heavy storm, in places reaching the proportions of a hurricane, swept over the easterly part of the Bahamas from the 10th to the 16th instant, causing considerable damage to growing crops and fruit plantations on some parts of the islands as well as disasters to ships at sea. A number of vessels engaged in sponging and interinsular commerce are known to have been lost, while accidents to foreign shipping are being reported.

The American schooner Jonathan Knight, of Philadelphia, encountered the gale off Abaco, and her steering apparatus getting out of order, she went upon the reef at Palmetto point, Eleuthera, at midnight of the 15th, and became a total wreck. Her boats were stove in, her masts and rigging went by the board, and all but two of her crew were drowned. Thomas Severt, second mate, and Anders Petersen, a seaman, managed to reach shore on the cover of a hatch.

On the 16th instant the stern of a schooner came ashore about six miles north of Green Turtle bay, Abaco, and from letters upon the woodwork there is little doubt that it is a part of the schooner San Blas, of Baltimore, a vessel engaged in the fruit trade. The adjacent beach was strewn with cocoanuts, probably a part of the vessel's cargo. Nothing has been heard of her crew. The 330-ton schooner, F. A. Server, of Philadelphia, Capt. Spaldwin, with a cargo of coal from Baltimore for Aspinwall, sprung aleak and was abandoned at sea off Harbor Island. The captain and crew reached Dunmaretown at 4 p. m. on the same day in the ship's boat. The bark Scud, of New York, from Georgetown, Demerara, to New York, arrived at Nassau on the 23d ultimo under jurymasts, having lost all her spars in the gale. During the gale George Williams, one of the crew, was washed overboard and lost.

Brighton Beach Races.

NEW YORK, Oct. 31.—At Brighton Beach to-day:

First race—Purse $250, three-quarters of a mile. Hotachimie won, King B second. Time, 1:21¼.

Second race—Purse $250, one mile. Krupp Gun won, Ben Woolley second. Time, 1:51.

Third race—Purse $400, handicap for all ages, one mile. Little Minch won, Bouncer second. Time, 1:49.

Fourth race—Purse $250, all ages, one mile and a furlong. Lizzie Mae won, E. Moree second. Time, 2:02¾.

Fifth race—Purse $250, handicap steeplechase over the short course. Odette won, Jim McGowan second. Time, 2:51½. Jesse James fell.

Phil Duffy and M. C. Daly, who had a wrangle about the sale of Krupp Gun, were fined $200 each by the executive committee.

An Apostolic Commissionership for Canada.

MONTREAL, Oct. 31.—It is rumored in well informed circles that intelligence has been received from Rome by a prominent ecclesiastic intimating that the holy see has decided to permanently establish an apostolic commissionership in Canada. It is stated the early recall of Mgr. Smeulders may be expected when his successor will be appointed. It is proposed to to change the delegates very frequently. This decision of Pope Leo is attributed to the present troubles existing in Canada.

CABLE CATCHES.

The Italian government is about to send two cruisers to the Congo to look out for Italian interests.

The French government has sent an official representative to Corea to watch the interests of Frenchmen there, as German influence predominates now in that country.

The State line steamer State of Alabama, which arrived at Glasgow Oct. 28 from New York, has been aground in the Clyde. She is leaking badly and part of her cargo is damaged.

It is officially promulgated from the vatican that the pope never mentioned to Bishop O'Farrell, of Trenton, U. S. A., that he desired that Ireland should be freed from the rule of the English government.

The agitation among the Skye Crofters is increasing. A circular has been distributed urging them to cut the telegraphs, burn the shooting lodges, poison the deer, and adopt desperate means of defense.

Mr. and Mrs. Bancroft will relinquish the management of the Haymarket theater, London, at the end of this season. The play of "Diplomacy" will be revived on the 8th of November with Maurice Barrymore, an American, in his first appearance here as Count Orloff.

Mr. G. W. Smalley, London correspondent, writes to the *Times* sharply complaining at the system of British mails to America. He urges that the mails should be given to the fastest steamers by way of Queenstown and Southampton.

THE BURNED STEAMER.

Arrival of the Passengers and Crew in New York—Statements of the Disaster by the Captain and Surgeon of the Lost Vessel.

NEW YORK, Oct. 31.—The Rhein arrived at her dock soon after 3 o'clock with all the passengers and crew of the Maasdam on board. Hundreds of the relatives and friends of the wrecked awaited them. Capt. H. C. Vanderzee, of the ill-fated vessel, said to a reporter: "We had eight cabin and 133 steerage passengers and a crew of forty-five men. For several days prior to Oct. 24 complaints had been made to me that the oil tank situated under the bridge on the upper deck was leaking. On the morning of that day one my of seamen went with a light into the oil room to make an examination. A moment afterward we heard an explosion and the sailor, with burned face and beard, rushed back to the deck crying, 'Fire.' We put in use all our appliances for the extinction of the flames, but they gained headway. Then we took the boat. We could save nothing of the cargo or private property. Only the very clothes we stood in could we took away with us. There was a heavy sea running at the time. The passengers created little or no confusion. I think they were too much frightened to do anything but obey orders. The Rhein picked us up soon after 9 o'clock."

Dr. T. T. Smith, surgeon of the Maasdam, graduated from the Ann Arbor (Mich.) university in 1882. His first voyage was on the steamship Reliance, which was wrecked a few months ago. He and all others on board agree with the captain's story. Dr. Smith said that three of the engineers had been burned by the fire, but would come around all right. "There were thirty-five persons in each boat," said Dr. Smith. "We remained near the burning ship, hoping that some vessel would see the light and come to our rescue. The flames appeared aft first. The masts fell at 5 o'clock. The conflagration was a grand sight, but I couldn't save even my instruments. There was something ludicrous even in our dilemma. We had a pair of lovers in our boat, and the man could not be induced to take his arm from his sweetheart's waist to stand his turn at the oar. The couple were so unconcerned about everything except themselves that their selfishness was really laughable."

Heinrich Wolff, a passenger, said: "The officers and crew did all they could to save the vessel and us. The steam pumps could not be gotten at on account of the heat. When the Rhein picked us up our boats were being tossed about at a lively rate, and were half filled with water."

Bruns Peterman, first officer of the Rhein, was the man to spy the fire. He told how he saw the light in the distance on the evening of the 24th, and climbed to the topmast head to make it out. It seemed to be a steamship on fire about twelve miles to the southwest. It was headed for, and the Rhein took about an hour to get to it. The flames lit up the scene for five miles around. The signal lights on the boats were visible, and the occupants were picked up. Ropes were let down and the survivors were hauled on board. The women and children had to be pulled up in baskets. "The sea was very rough," said Mr. Peterman, "and a severe storm came up at midnight. Had we been two hours later in getting to the wrecked ones not a soul of them would have been saved."

THE POLYGAMY TRIALS

Abruptly Ended by a Confusion of Testimony and Glaring Perjury.

SALT LAKE CITY, Oct. 31.—The Connelly polygamy case was dismissed this afternoon in the United States court. The judge said the testimony differed so radically from that before the grand jury that he was astonished. The most glaring perjury had attended the evidence here given. He hoped that God would forgive him if he wronged the witnesses. The prosecution stated to the court that they have produced all the evidence which they have been able to find, and after diligent inquiry are satisfied there is not sufficient evidence to warrant conviction, because it shows that the plural marriage took place more than three years prior to the indictment. The court concurs in this view. A good many circumstances tend to show the witnesses, some of them at least, have not stated frankly, candidly, and honestly all they knew. Still that does not authorize conviction. A jury must convict, if at all, upon the evidence. From the statement of counsel for the prosecution, and the minutes of the testimony before the grand jury it seems that the prosecution were warranted in prosecuting the case, and have investigated it thoroughly, so far as they were able with this class of evidence. The court has given them the latitude to which they are entitled when compelled to rely upon hostile witnesses, which at least some of the witnesses are. The fact that they are hostile to the prosecution is apparent to every candid and fair-minded man listening to the testimony. I regret to say I am of the opinion and have an abiding conviction, to a moral certainty, that the ends of justice have been filled in this case by false swearing. I hope never to see it again in this court. In view of the evidence the court directs you now to find a verdict of not guilty.

The jury returned a verdict of not guilty without rising. The judge spoke in a very earnest and impressive manner and was affected nearly to tears.

A Double Hanging.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 31.—Albert and Charles Goodman, colored, were hanged to-day at the Terre Aix-Boeuff Court House, St. Bernard parish, in the presence of 500 spectators, for the murder of Louis Maspero, whom they waylaid, shot, and killed at 9 p. m., June 29, at Godcheux's plantation, in St. Bernard parish. Before the execution Albert said he did the killing, and that Charles was innocent and knew nothing about the murder. Charles concurred in his brother's statement.

HOTEL PERSONALS.

John S. Wilson, of Bridgeport, Conn., arrived here yesterday evening, and is at the Ebbitt.

Capt. William H. Vinal, 16th United States infantry; Lieut. Charles N. Greenleaf, U. S. N., are at the Ebbitt house.

Mr. E. J. Wetherell, of the Abbott Opera company, Mr. J. O. S. Thursby, and Mr. J. V. Wheeler, London, England, are at the Arlington.

S. P. Nash, George C. Holt, F. W. Whitridge, and Edwin N. Dechern, of New York, and Hon. C. M. McGhee, of Tennessee, are at Wormley's.

W. B. Shober, St. John's college, Annapolis; P. M. Smart, E. W. Johnson, Boston; J. J. Linehan, Thomas Buker, Dublin, Ireland, are at the St. James.

Wm. R. Smeads, Louisville; J. J. Cobbruta, Cincinnati; Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Bains, New York; D. L. Brainard, Portsmouth, N. H.; Mrs. S. B. Clarke and Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Minis, Leesburg, and A. F. Doremus, Chicago, are at the Ebbitt.

Griffin Ferris, F. A. Holbrook and wife, and A. A. Kenton, New York; E. M. Bulett, Fort Scott, Kan.; John M. Hurburt and wife, Memphis; Charles A. Moore and wife, St. Paul, and Pembroke Jones, Wilmerington, N. C., arrived at Willard's yesterday.

H. C. Plume and wife, Bridgeport, Conn.; W. M. Lent, San Francisco; John G. Priet, St. Louis; Mr. and Mrs. George H. Warren, Yonkers; A. W. Evans, New Brunswick, N. J.; Mr. and Mrs. George H. Allen, Dr. W. A. James and wife, T. R. Gautier, and Charles E. Gautier, New York, were among the arrivals at the Arlington yesterday.

The arrivals at the Riggs house yesterday were Dr. and Mrs. Cahall, Philadelphia; C. W. Smith, Richmond; J. W. Smith and Miss Smith, Bradford, England; James S. Williams, Salem, Mass.; William Mance, Holyoke; S. H. Robbins, C. F. Cutter, M. Murray, Edwin Davis, and W. E. Davis, New York; Leonard Myers, Philadelphia, and Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Wilson, Cincinnati.

S. Warrack, New York; H. Maddux, Philadelphia; H. Shepperd, Warrenton, Va.; Miss Dumont and servant, Harry Dumont, Albany, N. Y.; Frederick Lewis, New York; John G. Calhoun, Arkansas; O. F. Bugg, New York; James A. Duryea, St. Louis; R. L. Brown and wife, R. L. Brown, Jr., Mrs. J. A. Carter, T. W. Carter, Richmond; F. Radeskey, New York; H. L. Hart and wife, Pulaski, Fla., are at the Metropolitan.

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