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LATEST FOREIGN NEWS.

MARQUIS OF SALISBURY WILL FORM A CONSERVATIVE MINISTRY.

...vations to Salisbury—He is in Active Negotiation With Eminent Men—Conservatives Active—Increase of Cholera —Agrarian Outrages in Ireland.

LONDON, June 14.—The Marquis of Salisbury has decided to form a conservative ministry and is in active negotiation with Sir Stafford Northcote, the Duke of Richmond, Lord Rawton, Mr. Rowland Winn, member of parliament for North Lincolnshire, and Mr. Edward Stanhope, member of parliament for Mid Lincolnshire. Lord Salisbury will come to London to-morrow, when a consultation of the leading members of the conservative party will be held. The court circular confirms the statement that the Marquis of Salisbury is to form a new ministry.

LONDON, June 15.—The Marquis of Salisbury spent Sunday at Hatfield. Upon his arrival in London to-day he will at once proceed to form a ministry.

Arthur Balfour, member of parliament for Hertford borough, and nephew and confidential representative of Lord Salisbury, joined the latter at Hatfield.

Lord Salisbury met with ovations at various railway stations at which stoppages were made on his journey to Hatfield. His secretary arrived in London yesterday and visited Sir Stafford Northcote. The conservatives were active all day Sunday, Sir Stafford Northcote being in communication with Lord Salisbury.

Mr. Gladstone has accepted the offer of the town residence of Bertram Currie.

The *Daily Telegraph* states that the Marquis of Salisbury's acceptance of the office of premier is unconditional.

The *Standard* says it is unable to conceal apprehension as to the result of the Marquis of Salisbury's attempt to establish a government with affairs in their present state, with the conservatives in a minority in the house of commons, and with the liberals and radicals openly refusing to lend assistance.

The *Daily Telegraph* says that the Marquis of Salisbury will have the sympathy of the country and warns the radical leaders, Mr. Chamberlain and Sir Charles Dilke, not to make the mistake of obstructing the electors in the provinces, but to see fair play.

A DESPERATE STREET FIGHT.

GENOA, June 14.—A desperate street fight occurred here to-day between a procession of clericals and a mob of roughs. Knives, clubs, and stones were freely used. One man was killed and many persons were wounded.

A GREAT SENSATION ANTICIPATED.

LONDON, June 14.—The speeches of Mr. Chamberlain and Sir Charles Dilke at the Cobden Club dinner last night will, it is thought, make a great sensation. They are regarded as a direct bid by the radicals for an Irish alliance against both whigs and tories.

STEAMER FOUNDERED IN A CYCLONE.

LONDON, June 14.—The steamer Speke Hall, from Liverpool for Bombay, has foundered in a cyclone in the Gulf of Aden. There was only one survivor.

AGRARIAN OUTRAGES IN IRELAND.

DUBLIN, June 14.—There has been a renewal of agrarian outrages in Ireland. A farmer was killed to-day at Millstreet, county Cork, his skull being battered in. A farm laborer near Tipperary was shot, but not fatally injured.

INCREASE OF CHOLERA.

MADRID, June 14.—Two new cases of cholera were reported in this city to-day, and there were seven deaths from the disease. In the city of Murcia there were fifteen new cases and twelve deaths, and in the province of Murcia, outside of the city, thirty-seven new cases and sixteen deaths. In the city of Valencia three cases were reported, and in the province forty cases.

A Colored Woman with a Razor.

NEW YORK, June 14.—Two colored women, named Mattie Brown and Martha Jackson, went into a groggery on Grand street this afternoon and had several drinks. Subsequently they quarreled and Mattie drew a razor and threatened to cut Martha's heart out. The bar room was crowded with a lot of white men and negroes, and some of them prevented bloodshed. Peace was then made and another drink indulged in. Soon afterward the Brown woman went out and hid behind the storm door of the saloon. A half hour later a negress went out of the saloon. The woman in waiting sprang on her crying, "Now, I've got you where I want you," inflicted four terrible cuts with the razor, and ran away. The wounded woman was removed to Bellevue Hospital. The jugular vein had been severed, the left ear and breast were cut, and the muscles of the left arm had been cut through just above the elbow. She will probably die. She gave her name as Annie Thompson. She had no home. She could give no reason for the attack, and did not know who had assaulted her.

Prize Fighting on Sunday.

ST. PAUL, MINN., June 14.—In a hard glove contest to a finish between Patsy Cardiff and Billy Wilson, this afternoon, Cardiff won in the ninth round. Wilson is a mulatto, who strips at 180 pounds, and, having received a thorough training, was in excellent condition. Cardiff is the heavier of the two and a hard hitter. The fight took place in an adjoining county, where interference was not feared, and was largely attended by sporting men. Wilson's confidence that he could stand a large amount of slugging added to the interest shown, and both men were backed by heavy betting.

Sympathy for Cluverius.

PETERSBURG, VA., June 14.—There was mailed yesterday at Burgess postoffice, Dinwiddie county, ten miles from Petersburg, a large box of flowers, addressed in a lady's hand, "T. J. Cluverius, Richmond, Va." The flowers will reach Cluverius tomorrow morning. The only evidences of sympathy that Cluverius has received since his conviction have been in the shape of flowers, apparently sent by ladies. This is the second box of flowers sent him during the past week, the first having been mailed at White Plains, Brunswick county, Va.

Strange Man-of-War—Bartholdi Statue.

NEW YORK, June 14.—The bark Johanna, from Mauritius, which arrived here this morning, reports having passed at 5 p. m. on the 12th instant, off Cape May lightship, a strange man-of-war bark, rigged with two funnels, bound north, and sailing about three knots an hour, which he supposes is the Isere with the Bartholdi statue. Comparing the bark's speed with that of the man-of-war, and the time which has elapsed since the sighting of the latter vessel, the captain of the Johanna thinks that the Isere will arrive here tomorrow morning.

Abatement of the Fever at Plymouth.

WILKES-BARRE, PA., June 14.—Reports received here late this evening show that there is no longer any doubt of the abatement of the fever at Plymouth. No new cases or deaths have been reported for a week, and the citizens are more cheerful and hopeful for the future. The doctors are of opinion that the disease will disappear by Aug. 1. The patients in the hospital are rapidly improving, and most of them will be discharged during the next ten days.

Tribute to Mr. Frelinghuysen.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., June 14.—The baccalaureate sermon to the class of '85 of Rutger's College was preached at the First Reformed Church this evening by Rev. Wm. H. Campbell, D. D., LL. D., ex-president of Rutger's College. His subject was "Christianity the Highest Wisdom." It was a plain, earnest Gospel exhortation, in the course of which he paid a tribute to the characters of Theo. Frelinghuysen and Fredk. Frelinghuysen, the former a president and the latter a trustee of Rutger's.

GEN. GRANT GROWING WEAKER.

Increasing Debility Without Pain—The Patient to be Taken from the City at Once.

NEW YORK, June 14.—After Drs. Douglas, Shrady, and Sands had held their usual Sunday consultation at Gen. Grant's house to-day, Dr. Douglas said that the general had suffered some little disturbance during last night, the cause of which was attributed to the eating of some asparagus, but that he slept with little break from 1 a. m. to 5 a. m., and was not suffering to-day, though feeling the heat.

Dr. Shrady said that the swelling on the outside of the throat had increased, and had affected the patient's voice.

Col. Fred Grant, after the consultation, said that his father had a bad night; that the general was growing weaker, and that his condition now seems to be one of increasing debility without pain. The colonel added that, if possible, the general would be removed from the city on Tuesday next, one week earlier than before intended.

At 1 a. m. the general was asleep, and Dr. Douglas and Col. Fred Grant had retired. The house was quiet, except that Harrison, the attendant, was busy on the lower floor, packing up for Tuesday's departure. It is thought that the general's hoarseness may have been produced by a cold, which could easily have been caught by one in his delicate condition.

An Unprovoked Murder.

SCRANTON, PA., June 14.—The citizens of Carbondale, this county, were thrown into a high state of excitement this morning over the unprovoked murder of Richard Duffy, an inoffensive and quiet citizen, by George Cuff. The facts of the case are as follows: Richard Coleman, Anthony Walsh, Thomas Jordan, and George Cuff were engaged in playing a game of cards at Cuff's residence, when Duffy, who was on his way home, at the instance of Coleman was induced to enter the house and look on. Shortly afterward, the hour being late, some of the players wished to go home. Cuff tried to persuade them to remain, claiming that the clock on the mantel shelf was fast, and, to convince the parties present that it was so, handed his watch to Duffy to compare its time with that of the clock. Duffy, who was a rather rollicking and jovial fellow, not handing the watch back immediately, was angrily told by Cuff that if he did not return it he would shoot him. Duffy exclaimed, "You would not shoot me." Whereupon Cuff, in a terrible rage, drew his revolver, and, without a word, shot Duffy in the head, the ball entering over the eye and causing death in fifteen minutes. The murderer was arrested, and is now in jail. Threats of lynching were indulged in by the excited citizens, but the better element of the place have overcome this feeling.

Drowning Persons Rescued.

PHILADELPHIA, June 14.—Two boating accidents occurred on the Delaware river this afternoon, but of twenty-three occupants of the two capsized vessels only one person was drowned. A row boat containing five men capsized, and one man named Ernst, a morocco worker, was drowned before he could be rescued. The other accident was the running down of a yacht containing eighteen young men by the steamboat Columbia. The yacht was upset and the entire party thrown into the river. The steamboat passed on and offered no assistance to the unfortunates in the water, but two police officers, who witnessed the accident from shore, jumped into a boat, and, rowing to the scene, succeeded in rescuing the entire eighteen, and the yacht being righted, all were brought to shore in safety.

A Collision—Two Trains Demolished.

LOUISVILLE, June 14.—This evening the Ohio and Mississippi passenger train going out collided with the Louisville, New Albany and Chicago train coming in on the Indiana side near Jeffersonville. Both engines were demolished and Thomas Eads, fireman, living at New Albany, received fatal injuries. The accident was caused by the Louisville, New Albany and Chicago engineer failing to observe the signals at the bridge. All trains are delayed several hours.

Cut His Own Throat.

WINCHESTER, VA., June 14.—George W. Jones, a cigarmaker, and a native of Baltimore, made a deliberate attempt to commit suicide this afternoon. He was committed to jail this morning at his own request, and half an hour later pressed a needle in his side in the region of his heart. Failing to reach that organ with the needle he cut his throat with a cigar knife, severing the windpipe. He is still living, but his life is despaired of.

World's Exposition Premiums.

NEW ORLEANS, June 14.—W. H. Brown's Sons, of Pittsburg, have been awarded the first premium by the World's Exposition on coal and coke. This is the only premium on minerals the United States has received, Mexico taking sixty-six premiums. This result is accounted for by the fact that the states and territories did not enter their mineral exhibits for competition.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

—A national convention of German-American journalists will be held in Milwaukee, Wis., next August.

—The Methodist Church at East Glastenbury, Conn., was burned yesterday morning. Loss, $6,000.

—The assistant commissioner of police of Baku, Russia, was stabbed to death yesterday, and the assassin escaped.

—Fearman's pork packing establishment, Hamilton, Ont., was burned yesterday. The loss is $100,000 over the insurance.

—The efforts to destroy the sunken dredger in the Suez canal with dynamite have failed. Gunpowder will now be tried.

—T. J. Wendell, of the Dayton (Ohio) "Herald," has purchased the Columbus "Times," and will change it to a 2-cent paper.

—Yesterday was the warmest of the summer at Baltimore, the mercury having gone up to 92 degrees in the shade during the afternoon.

—Prince Frederick Charles, nephew of the emperor of Germany, has had a stroke of apoplexy, with symptoms of paralysis in one side.

—The glass-workers' strike at Sharpsburg, Pa., has collapsed, and the men will resume work at the reduction to-day. The struggle lasted six months.

—A German press club for New York and vicinity, comprising the German papers of that city, Brooklyn, Newark, and other places has been organized at New York.

—At New Boston, Tex., Saturday night W. H. Brooks, justice of the peace, shot and instantly killed Kennett Marborough. A trivial dispute precipitated the difficulty.

—Joshua Brown, colored, was killed at Greenville, S. C., Saturday night by a disreputable colored girl named Mary Spann, who claims that the killing was done in self defense.

—An incendiary fire at Pottsville, Pa., yesterday morning destroyed the barn of F. B. Barn with five head of valuable cattle and other property. Several adjacent buildings were damaged.

—Senator Sherman, having concluded the tour of western Oregon and Washington territory, left Portland, Oreg., Saturday night over the Northern Pacific railroad on his return home.

—Yesterday morning fire broke out in Masonic hall, Wesson, Miss. The firemen held the flames in check until merchants had removed the greater part of their goods. Total loss about $40,000.

—In a brothel at Chicago yesterday a hard character known as Billy Hutchinson placed the muzzle of a revolver behind the ear of Kitty Hall, his mistress, and deliberately fired, killing her instantly.

—Peter Sturm shot and killed G. C. August Stenwer, a marble dealer, in Cincinnati yesterday. Sturm was arrested three months ago for assaulting Stenwer, and was drunk at the time of the shooting.

—Nathan Golkind, a native of Poland, aged about 35 years, was shot and instantly killed at Shreveport, La., yesterday morning by Geo. Logan, a negro gambler. Logan claims that the shooting was accidental.

—William Tinsley, perhaps the oldest architect in the United States, died at Cincinnati yesterday. He was born in Clonmel, Ireland, in 1804. He was a life member for many years of the American Institute of Architects.

THE MURDEROUS APACHES.

HOT PURSUIT BY CAVALRY COMMANDED BY NOTED HARD RIDERS.

Majs. Sumner and Wilcox En Route to Deming, Prepared to Press the Trail Day and Night—Official Dispatches Received in Washington.

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., June 14.—Four troops of cavalry and four companies of infantry under command of Maj. Sumner, of the 8th cavalry, are to join in pursuit of the murderous Apaches. Two troops of the 8th cavalry left here last night by special train for Spofford's Junction, where two more troops of the same regiment and four companies of the 19th infantry from Fort Clark, under command of Maj. Wilcox, will join the detachment. The command is en route to Deming, N. M., under telegraphic orders yesterday evening. Majs. Sumner and Wilcox are noted as hard riders, and will press the trail day and night.

OFFICIAL DISPATCHES.

The following telegrams, confirming Friday's press dispatches, have been received at the War Department from Assistant Adjutant General Barber at Whipple barracks. The following just received:

"HUACHUCA, June 10.—Courier just in from Lawton's camp. He reports that while he, Wood, and Hatfield were scouting in the vicinity of Guadaloupe canyon his camp was attacked by Indians about noon on the 8th. Five of his men were killed, and two mules and five horses taken, and some camp equipage and stores burned.

"Camp was in charge of one non-commissioned officer and seven men. Indian scouts say there were twenty-five or thirty Indians in the party. Lawton and Wood are now on their trail. GEO. CROOK,

"Brigadier General."

"HUACHUCA, June 10.—Information just received from Tombstone, dated to-day, says about fifty Indians, within six miles east of Bisbee, killed W. A. Daniels, customs inspector, at 6 p. m. yesterday.

"Bisbee citizens have them headed off, and sent here for help this morning. Lieut. Richards, with twenty men, leave here for Bisbee about 11 a. m.

"TISDALE, Captain."

Big Bear Eludes Capture.

WINNIPEG, MAN., June 14.—The following dispatch, dated Fort Pitt, June 13, gives the latest intelligence of Middleton's movements:

Gen. Middleton, with Col. Herschmer's, Bentton's, and Dennis's mounted men and two Gatling guns, returned here last night from an unsuccessful chase of Big Bear. The morass, which prevented further progress, was a mile and a half wide, and is situated near Loone lake. This afternoon orders were issued for all the mounted force and the Gatling gun crew to hold themselves in readiness to proceed to Beaver river at 6 o'clock tomorrow morning. The general expects by this move to intercept Big Bear's retreat, as he is now going almost due northward. The country to which he has retreated is *terra incognita*, white men, no trails, a continued succession of holes, forests, and muskeges. The Ninetieth battalion and the Grenadiers remain here until the general returns.

Graduating Exercises at West Point.

WEST POINT, N. Y., June 14.—The graduating exercises at the West Point academy took place under the elms in front of the library yesterday morning. The platform was occupied by the Secretary of War, Gen. Stanley, Gen. Merritt, the board of visitors and others. There was music by the Academy band, after which Mr. Lockwaite, chaplain of the post, offered prayer. More music followed. Gen. Stanley made an address in which he reviewed the origin of West Point, made historical allusions, and urged the class to keep out of debt and refrain from drinking and gambling. Gov. Hoadly next addressed the class. His theme was "Law—Civil and Military." The band discoursed more music, when the Secretary of War addressed the graduates and handed each one his diploma. There was more music by the band, and the exercises closed with the benediction.

Cadet Davidson has not yet received a diploma. He was court-martialed for insubordination in the ranks during the skirmish drill in the presence of the board of visitors. He did not obey orders to file closer. His punishment has not yet been made known, but he will be retained at West Point for the present.

The attendance yesterday was not large. In the afternoon the graduates left for New York. The cadet corps go in camp early next week.

A Suspected Murder.

ANNAPOLIS, MD., June 16.—The corpse found floating in the Chesapeake bay yesterday afternoon by the lookout on board the United States ship Constellation was evidently that of a native of Philadelphia. It was neatly dressed in a suit of black. In the pockets were found two pocketbooks, containing no money, but a business tag bearing the name "Jno. H. Grunage, furniture mover, 1305 Olive street, Philadelphia," together with many newspaper clippings, mostly on the Afghan war, electricity, Gladstone's career, and the labor question. Two pairs of spectacles were found, on the cases of which were the names of F. Borheck and W. T. McAllister, opticians, Philadelphia. There was also a phial of laudanum and some morphia powders. The bullet hole in the temple was found to be 6 inches deep, and the coroner's jury returned a verdict of murdered by unknown parties. It is generally supposed that the man was killed and his body thrown overboard from some vessel, as two bricks were found in the coat pockets. The body was buried in the city cemetery, and Justice D. C. Thompson retained the articles found in the pockets.

"Finishing" His Brother With Boiling Water.

JERSEY CITY, N. J., June 14.—William Cahil, alias "Salvation Bill," and his brother, James Cahil, quarreled over a game of cards at their home on Henderson street last night, and came to blows. James Andrews attempted to pacify them, and had succeeded in leading William to the doorway when James made a taunting remark. William rushed back and seizing a lighted lamp from the table, struck his brother a terrible blow on the head. Andrews, in striving to take the broken lamp from William, had an artery in his right wrist severed. William then went outside, where he remarked to Andrews that he would "go back and finish" his brother. Andrews remonstrated with him, but the infuriated man ran upstairs again and deliberately poured a kettle of boiling water over his prostrate brother. The latter was horribly scalded, the flesh peeling in flakes from his neck and face. He was sent to the charity hospital. William was arrested and locked up to await examination.

A Church Destroyed by Fire.

READING, PA., June 14.—This afternoon the Presbyterian Church at this place took fire and was burned to the ground. The fire was discovered on the roof, and is supposed to have caught from one of the chimneys of a neighboring house. A dwelling house on the opposite side of the street was also ignited and totally destroyed. The church building was one of the finest in the Cumberland valley, and with its additions cost $26,000, upon which there is an insurance of $10,000. On the dwelling house there is an insurance of $1,000.

Gen. Reynolds's Death Accidental.

ST. LOUIS, MO., June 14.—Coroner Nidelet, after hearing additional evidence in the inquest in the case of George M. Reynolds, late first auditor of the Treasury Department at Washington, who was recently killed at the Southern Hotel by falling over the railing surrounding the light shaft over the rotunda of the hotel, has reversed the former finding and now renders a verdict of accidental death instead of suicide.

THE WATER SUPPLY.

Report of the Medical Society Committee—Suggestions for Improvement.

The report of the committee of the District Medical Society upon the water supply has been made public. The report refers to the various analyses, which, it is claimed, show the water to be a healthy and potable one. "But," it is added, "as chemical analysis alone will only indicate the existence of impurity in the water, and will not show such impurities as disease germs, the truest evidence of such germs in a water supply is the occurrence of disease itself in a community using it. There is no epidemic of intestinal or febroid disease in Washington at present; the experience of the medical profession has been that during the existence of this condition of the water the health of the community has been generally good.

"It is proper to state, however, that the results of the analyses show a different proportion of ingredients in the several analyses, which on comparison render them irreconcilable with each other, as being derived from the same source or body of water, and this varying constitution leads to the presumption that water from the same source (as the Potomac river) has not been supplied through the pipes to the dwellings day by day.

"As the main source of supply is one of the purest and most abundant of the water courses which over the whole extent of our country have been called into use, ranking in abundance, quality, and purity as third or fourth, it is greatly to be desired that on no occasion should any minor feeders or additional streams be allowed to commingle with the water of the Potomac river.

"We desire to state that one of our number has visited the point where the river water flows into the mouth of the conduit, and it appears that the condition of the surroundings is such as must be deemed certainly unsanitary, and that this point calls for the immediate remedial action of the authorities.

"The committee believe that this entry of our water supply should be carefully protected, and the river itself, for some distance up, kept free from all possible contamination. Even if this should involve considerable expense, it would seem a sound policy to make any necessary improvements here, in view of the fact that at a vast cost the United States have secured to the city a water supply which, if properly guarded and utilized, will form a constant source of pure water, practically unlimited in quantity, and sufficient for any possible demands of an increased population.

"Many of the evils now complained of might be prevented or remedied by proper filtration and aeration of the water on a complete scale by the authorities.

"Such a system is referred to in an accompanying letter received from Prof. Leeds, of the Stevens Institute, Hoboken, N. J., in reference to the condition and treatment of river water at this period of the year."

The analysis by Prof. Antisell of a sample of water taken Tuesday from a city hydrant gives the following contents in one million parts: Free ammonia, .005; albuminoid ammonia, .127; oxygen required, .508; nitrites—traces, not weighable; nitrates, .778; chlorine, 1.100; total hardness, 4.530; total solids, 12.002; mineral matters, 5.299; organic and volatile matter, 6.703.

Prof. Antisell makes the following remarks, in addition to the report of the committee of which he is chairman: "Those charged with the care and improvements in our District, and indeed all citizens who desire that our city should improve in beauty, size, and health, would do well to consider what should be done toward that end; now while the land along the river bank above the city is still to be purchased at a reasonable rate, it should be secured by the city or the general government. This may yet be a manufacturing city, and nowhere are there more favorable sites for such occupations than along the river banks on each side for some miles up. A large park should be laid out on each side of the river, which should include the position and vicinity of the present conduit, now in such danger of being defiled; which park, being of large dimensions and well planted, would make a healthful city sanitarium for sick, weakly children. Had this park been located there now, this public scare would most likely never have arisen. The good people of Philadelphia some years ago laid out the Fairmount Park for the very purpose for which this suggestion is thrown out here, namely, to diminish pollution of the river near the water works, by preventing the establishment of manufactories injurious to health too close to the city."

Deadly Attack by Thieves.

NEW ORLEANS, June 14.—At 2:30 o'clock this morning as James Stafford, a butcher in the French market, was leaving his home, near the corner of St. Peter and Decatur streets, he was struck from behind with a slungshot. Being a powerful man he grappled with his assailant, but was finally knocked down. His cries for help brought Corp. Duffy to the scene, when Stafford's assailants, three in number, fled. The officer pursued them, and caught one when the others returned and again attacked Stafford with a slungshot, and also shot Duffy with a revolver. Duffy now drew a weapon and fired, killing one of the men, but the other two escaped by flight. The dead man has been recognized as a well-known thief named Joe Martin. Stafford was terribly beaten about the head, but will recover. Duffy's wound is not considered dangerous.

PITTSBURG, June 14.—John Huntsman, son of D. W. Huntsman, a prominent Allegheny City merchant, was attacked by a thief at his father's residence this morning and beaten so badly that he will die. His assailant escaped.

Settling Differences.—Work to be Resumed.

PITTSBURG, PA., June 14.—After the adjournment of the conference of iron manufacturers and workmen last night, the representative of the firm of Oliver Bros. & Phillips met the committee of the Amalgamated Association and signed the scale, with a slight modification of the clause providing for extra pay for working over old rails. The firm employ over 3,000 men, and work will be resumed in the morning. It is now believed that the conference on Tuesday will result in a settlement of the difference between the manufacturers and workmen, and that before the end of the week all the mills will be running.

To Eject Striking Miners.

WILKES-BARRE, PA., June 14.—Sheriff O. Berrender will leave here to-morrow for Highland and Drifton with eight writs of ejectment against striking miners, who are holding possession of company houses and refusing to pay rent or return to work at the terms offered by the operatives. The sheriff expects that resistance will be offered, and will take a posse of coal and iron police with him to quell any disturbance that may arise.

Business of the Pension Office.

There were 8,903 pension certificates issued during the month of May by the pension office, which is more than ever issued by the pension office in a single month since its existence. Of these, 3,709 were original, 4,377 new claims, 378 reissues, 237 restored. It is, of course, claimed that the increased number is due to the rapidity with which claims are examined under the facilities adopted by Commissioner Black. A comparison shows that three-fifths of the pension appropriation goes to the middle Atlantic states, one-fifth west of the Ohio river, and the other fifth scattered.

The Dashaway Club.

The Dashaway Reform Club held its usual meeting last night at Hilton Hall, and although the weather was uncomfortably warm, a good sized audience listened with pleasure to earnest and eloquent addresses by Vice President Hilton and Messrs. Polkinhorn, Christiancy, McIntyre, Boyd, and Anderson. The singing was under charge of Mr. Boyd, and several beautiful songs were rendered. The several signatures made to the pledge well repaid the management for continuing the meetings during the hot weather.

THE LIMIT OF AMUSEMENT.

Pastor Kent Preaches a Sermon on Dancing, Card Playing, Theater-Going, and Roller Skating.

Rev. Dr. Kent, at the Universalist Church last evening, preached the seventh of his evening lectures to the young, entitled "Amusements." He used the word in its narrower meaning as denoting those diversions that are engaged in simply for the pleasure that they yield, and for such results as the experience carries with it, leaving off the discussion all those pleasurable activities that are productive in character, and have an object beyond the pleasurable experience, and beyond any results of health or good temper which such experience may tend to promote, such as cultivating musical, artistic, mechanical powers, or science or literature, the good of which was not now questioned.

"Is it right to dance?" said the preacher. "To me it is very much like asking the question, 'Is it right to take a walk?' So far as I can discover neither act has in itself any moral quality.

"I can see some point in the Chinaman's inquiry when present at a society ball, why the American people did not hire their dancers as they did their musicians. It is difficult to discover the ground of that fine discrimination exercised by some pious people who object to the dance, but favor the promenade. Dancing is only an elaborate and pleasurable way of making time gracefully by the motions of the body. It is giving the form and poetry of motion to the sound and sentiment of music. In itself it seems to me a beautiful and delightful exercise, admirably adapted, under proper supervision, as an amusement for young people. In itself it is as harmless as running or hoppling or walking. But having said so much concerning dancing merely as a rythimical motion of the body, it is only fair to say that while the act itself, like walking, is entirely destitute of moral quality; like walking also it may take on moral quality from the circumstances and accompaniments of the exercise. Dancing should be in suitable surroundings and at a proper hour. These surroundings, it is needless to say, are not the promiscuous company of the public ball room, nor is the proper hour the time usually taken at the social party. There is no good reason why dancing should run into the 'wee small hours any more than that prayer meetings should. Dancing as generally conducted is beyond all doubt indefensible. It is injurious to health. It is harmful to morals. Those who favor wholesome amusement should seek to reform social customs concerning it.

"I take substantially the same view in regard to card playing. Dancing, when properly regulated, I regard as the more healthful and profitable, but card playing may sometimes fill a gap when a small company of friends are together. For people who have more time than they have energy to profitable employ, it is perhaps as innocent as any other amusement I know. For myself I never have any time to spend in that way. I think it very foolish, however, to treat card playing as specially sinful, and create a prejudice in the minds of children of which their growing knowledge will one day disabuse them. Teach children that gambling is wrong, and be sure that increased knowledge will go to confirm your teaching. Card playing stands precisely on the same ground as other non-productive amusements. It has its uses, not of the highest order, I grant, but uses nevertheless.

"But what of the theater and opera? These stand for a higher order of amusements. Managed in the interest of a high purpose they might be productive of great good, but managed in the interest of financial results and adapted to the taste of the pleasure seeking multitude but few of their presentations are morally wholesome.

"As to the skating rink we are quite certain it is getting all the attention and patronage it merits. Indeed we incline to believe it is just now receiving an undue share of the public interest and money. When its novelty wears off we shall look to see the evils which have accompanied its advent diminished. We place skating in the same catalogue as dancing. An innocent amusement in itself, a healthful recreation perhaps when indulged in moderation, it is open to very serious objection as now practiced. It has all the publicity and promiscuity of the ball room with this additional temptation to excess, that all can be on the floor at once. Overheating and colds are regular results. While unprepared to join in the very serious charges that have been made touching the excesses that have followed the opening of rinks in other places, I think it behooves parents to exercise some supervision over boys and girls who are permitted to frequent the rink.

"Our business of this world is not play but work, and line of play is this side of the line of infringement on the power to work. Recreation that gives tone to our powers is not only permissable but a duty. Amusements that exhaust and debilitate are sinful."

CURRENT RAILWAY NOTES.

Latest Information by Wire from Special Sources.

The United States Senate select committee on interstate commerce at Chicago Saturday heard the testimony of W. K. Ackerman, ex-president of the Illinois Central railroad, and Burton C. Cook, solicitor of the Northwestern railway, both of whom favored a government railway commission, with power to settle disputes between railways and shippers, which should not, however, be a court of last resort. W. H. Beebe, a member of the board of trade, thought the government ought to regulate the discrimination of roads against persons and places, as was done last winter, when large amounts of corn were diverted from the Chicago market in favor of Missouri points. A. M. Wright, also of the board of trade, thought that railroad stockholders were most in need of protection. He thought the public was suffering very little from extortion and unjust discrimination.

At the meeting of the executive committee of railroad managers at Commissioner Fink's office, at New York, a report containing a plan for arbitration and another for pooling were submitted. The plan for arbitration was unanimously agreed to, and the pooling idea was partly accepted. The reports were ordered to be printed, and will be finally considered at the meeting set for June 24. The West Shore pool was extended to July 1. Nothing was done toward the restoration of freight rates.

The United States circuit court at St. Louis has granted the United States Trust Company leave to sue the Wabash railway receiver in the state courts for the foreclosure of a mortgage on the St. Louis, Kansas City and Northern railway, given in 1879 to secure a debt of $2,350,000, the interest on which has been default since April 1. The above road is expected to be taken out of the Wabash system.

Vice President Spencer, of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, states that only about twenty of the employes participated in the strike movement at Newark, Ohio. All trains were run on regular time after the arrest of the leaders for taking the couplings and pins from some of the trains. Mr. Spencer also says that no further trouble is looked for.

Articles of association of the St. Louis and Kansas City Short Line railway have been filed with the secretary of the state of Missouri. The contemplated road is to run between St. Louis and Kansas City, and will be 250 miles long, which shortens the distance thirty-seven miles.

The withdrawal of the St. Paul road, on account of dissatisfaction with the recent award of percentages, was discussed by the Colorado-Utah Associations, but failing to arrive at any conclusion in regard to the matter, it was decided to defer action for the present.

The application of George F. Woolston for appointment as receiver of the Wisconsin, Iowa and Nebraska railroad (otherwise known as the "Diagonal road") has been dismissed by the circuit court at Des Moines, on the ground that Woolston had no cause.

The committee appointed by the Trans-Continental Association to report on the question of percentages could not agree. The presidents of the roads in the association were telegraphed how matters stood, and a reply is expected to-day.

Fireman Edward Shields, of Wilmington, Del., fell from the locomotive on the New York and Washington express at Bacon Hill Saturday morning, and was instantly killed.

The master car builders' convention closed its labors at Fortress Monroe last week. The meeting next year will be at Niagara Falls.

The Western Freight Association has elected William Duncan, of the Ohio and Mississippi road, as arbitrator.

THE CHILDREN AT CHURCH.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND WORSHIPS AMID A BEVY OF YOUNG GIRLS.

Interesting Services at a Number of City Conventicles—The Little Folks Sing and Say Their Parts Surrounded by Flowers and Feathered Songsters.

The President, Miss Cleveland, Mrs. Lamont, and Miss Nelson worshiped at the First Presbyterian Church yesterday morning, forming the largest party from the white house that has yet occupied the presidential pew. The pulpit presented rather a festal appearance, being adorned with pretty floral and other decorations, the result of much thought and labor by the ladies of the church, who burned the gas lights to a late hour on Saturday night and spared no pains to make the decorations as beautiful as possible. On each end of the reading desk a large bouquet of choice flowers was placed, and on each side of the desk a mass of honeysuckle lent a sweet perfume to the air. The chandeliers at the pulpit were covered with evergreen, while red and blue children's banners on the walls and at the desk added their bright colors to the pleasing effect. Above the pulpit hung the words "Children's Day," formed in white rosebuds, and explained the occasion.

On entering the church all attendants were presented with a programme of eight pages of the morning's exercises, giving the hymns to be sung by the Sunday school in full.

The owners of the first dozen pews of the church had surrendered their sittings to the school children for the occasion. The presidential pew, being the eighth from the front, was among the number designated for the young ladies of the Sunday school to occupy, but the President was shown to his usual place, and when the processional, "Onward, Christian Soldier," was sung by the school on entering, he soon found himself surrounded by the pretty singers, who satisfied their curiosity regarding the chief magistrate of the United States by casting sundry sly glances in his direction, while the President, sitting back in a comfortable position, seemed to enjoy the situation immensely.

The exercises did credit to the teachers. Rev. Dr. Sunderland preached a short sermon to the children from St. John xiv:26—"Bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." It was an appropriate talk to the children, urging upon them the necessity of seizing upon the early days of life to connect themselves with a church organization while yet there was an opportunity.

The service only lasted an hour, and at 12 o'clock the school girls leaf their voices with good will to the hymn, "God be with you till we meet again," and with this parting the President and party went out of the church, and were driven off behind the seal browns.

"Ye have done it unto Me" hung in gilt letters over the speaker's desk in the lecture room of the church in the evening. This was the subject of the evening's exercises, it being the forty-third anniversary of the Sunday school and home missionary work, being an important element in the practical labors of the scholars. A report read by Mr. Theodore F. Sargent for the past year showed that twenty-two families, representing eighty-six people, had received aid from the school, an average of $3.25 each. The work of holding religious meetings at the residences of those to whom it is desirable to bring elevating influences was spoken of in feeling and eloquent language.

Children's Day in the Churches.

Children's day was observed in all of the Methodist and some of the other churches in the city yesterday with interesting and impressive services. Children's day is set apart for the benefit of the young people, the little ones relieving the conventional services with songs and recitations. As a general rule these services were largely attended yesterday, and the programmes were carried out in a creditable manner.

The exercises at McKendree M. E. Church were of varied interest. The programme included thirty-one selections. The exercises were conducted by R. V. Belt, the superintendent, and Rev. W. S. Edwards, the pastor. The church was handsomely decorated, and the collections among the children amounted to $30.

At the Metropolitan M. E. Church, Rev. Dr. E. D. Hunley, pastor, the infant class was seated on the enlarged and elevated platform facing the audience, and took most attractive part in songs, recitations, &c. Solos by a quartette by four of the scholars and conferring of tiny diplomas on the infant class graduates were leading features. At the evening service, which was held in the vestry, twenty-eight probationers were received into full membership, many of whom are young people.

The event was impressively celebrated at the Free Methodist Church, on Eleventh street, near I southeast. Gospel hymns were sung, and an address on the topic of the day was made by the Rev. Wm. Gould, the itinerant chairman of Philadelphia and Washington district. A handsome sum was collected for the benefit of the school.

The day was also celebrated at the following churches: Hamline M. E. Church, where Rev. Dr. Price preached a sermon; Dunbarton Avenue Church, where the services were interesting and decorations very handsome; at the Union Methodist Church, on Twentieth street, near Pennsylvania avenue, Rev. Charles Baldwin, the pastor, officiating; Wesley Chapel, where a score of pretty little children were baptized and Rev. Richard Norris preached a short sermon on "Work of Juveniles in the Churches; at Waugh Chapel, Capitol Hill, where the school celebrated the event with interesting exercises; at Grace Church, corner of Ninth and S streets; at the Fourth Street M. E. Church, at Foundry Church, at the Tabernacle, and at Mount Vernon Place M. E. Church South.

Some of the churches held their celebration in the evening. These were the Fletcher M. E. Church, corner Fourth street and New York avenue; the Fourth Presbyterian Church, Calvary M. E. Church, and at Douglass Memorial Church, corner Eleventh and H streets northeast.

Fences that Need Repairing.

It is understood that the commissioners will ask an appropriation from Congress to repair the fences across the streets which were torn up a long time ago to repave them. These are Tenth, between D and E, Sixth, between Pennsylvania avenue and Louisiana avenue, and C street where it crosses Four-and-a-half street. The fences are in a very dilapidated condition.

A Delirious Boy's Suicide.

The body of William Harrington, 10 years old, was found yesterday morning in the canal, near the Aqueduct bridge. He had been ill for some days, and during Saturday managed to escape from his bed. Every means was used to find him until yesterday, when his father discovered the body in the canal. He was delirious when last seen in bed.

Capital Bicycle Club Election.

At its meeting Saturday evening the Capital Bicycle Club elected the following officers: President, John M. Killits; vice president, Clarence G. Allen; recording secretary, Thomas A. Berryhill; corresponding secretary, Charles T. Bacon; treasurer, Jos. E. Lanning; captain, L. W. Seely; sub-captain, James Q. Rice; junior sub-captain, Fred F. Church.

Judge McCammon a Candidate.

It is understood that Hon. J. K. McCammon, who resigned as assistant attorney general some time ago, will be a candidate for the nomination of treasurer of Pennsylvania at the election next fall and he will, it is thought, get it.

May Succeed Chief Brooks.

Mr. Thomas Curtin, who was chief of police of Buffalo at the time President Cleveland was mayor of that city, is mentioned for chief of the secret service of the treasury.