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LATEST FOREIGN NEWS.

AMERICAN MEMBERS OF A CRIMINAL SOCIETY BUYING ITALIAN GIRLS.

Progress of the Plague—"Protect Our Daughters"—Anglo-Turkish Agreement—Ireland's New Viceroy Cheered—Address of Welcome—Rochefort Wants Revenge.

ROME, Aug. 17.—Ten arrests have been made of members of a criminal society which has been operating in Rome, Naples, and Spoleto. A search of the house of a member of the society, a former government official, showed that a correspondence had been carried on with agents in New York for the sale to Americans of Italian girls who had been bought for small sums in the southern provinces. The prices asked ranged from £40 to £60.

PROGRESS OF THE PLAGUE.

[Associated Press.]

MADRID, Aug. 17.—The places in Spain in which the principal increase of cholera occurred yesterday as compared with Friday last were Tarragona and Valladolid. In the former place there were yesterday 77 new cases and 30 deaths, and in the latter 61 new cases and 10 deaths.

The official returns show that in Granada the disease has reached its height, and remains stationary.

In Albacete yesterday there were 28 new cases and 23 deaths; in Castellon de la Plana, 22 new cases and 17 deaths; in Cuenca, 154 new cases and 32 deaths; in Teruel, 46 new cases and 32 deaths; in Valencia, 82 new cases and 49 deaths, and in Madrid, 20 new cases and 2 deaths. All of these returns show decreases in the numbers of both new cases and deaths.

There were reported to-day 24 new cases and 14 deaths in Madrid city and 46 new cases and 16 deaths in the province.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Aug. 17.—Vessels arriving at Varna will be subjected to twenty-four hours' quarantine.

MARSEILLES, Aug. 17.—There were 24 deaths from cholera in Marseilles to-day, and 52 new cases were reported.

Thirty deaths from cholera have occurred in Salon, and 15 in two neighboring towns.

THE HAGUE, Aug. 17.—The government of Holland has forbidden the importation of rags.

THE NEW VICEROY CHEERED.

[Associated Press.]

DUBLIN, Aug. 17.—Lord and Lady Carnarvon started to-day on a tour through Ireland. Their first stop was at Galway, where a large crowd had assembled to meet the new viceroy. The people received the visitors respectfully.

The lord lieutenant received addresses here from the Laborers' Society, the harbor commissioner, the town commission, and citizens of Galway. In replying to the addresses he said that the government desired to do its utmost for the prosperity of Ireland. He was gratified to see the efforts of citizens of Galway to develop the resources of their port, which, he said, was two hours nearer America than any other important town in Ireland. He hoped to see in his own lifetime the ancient prosperity of Galway revived. He regretted the universal depression in labor, which, he said, was owing to foreign competition, and urged laborers to study the interests of their employers. He hoped that the Irish fisheries and other industries would be developed, and, in conclusion, expressed his conviction that the times would soon mend. His remarks were received with cheers.

AN ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

[Associated Press.]

DUBLIN, Aug. 17.—The Dublin municipal council to-day resolved to present Mr. Walsh with an address of welcome, as a successor of the late Cardinal McCabe at the archbishopric of Dublin. Some of the Protestant members objected to this, and Mr. Timothy D. Sullivan, home rule member of parliament for West Meath, explained that the proposed memorial was intended to be an act of rejoicing over the overflow of what he called a base and vile intrigue, carried on at the vatican by Mr. Errington, to defeat the wish of the Irish people to have Dr. Walsh succeed Cardinal McCabe, because he was a home ruler. Mr. Sullivan said the demonstration was not intended in any way to cast any disrespect on Protestants.

"PROTECT OUR DAUGHTERS."

[Associated Press.]

LONDON, Aug. 17.—The Pall Mall Gazette's recent revelations of London vice have been dramatized at Vienna. The play is in five acts, and is entitled, "Protect Our Daughters."

AVENGE THE DEATH OF PAIN.

[Associated Press.]

PARIS, Aug. 17.—Henri Rochefort, writing in the Intransigeant on the murder of Olivier Pain, urges that if the French government fail to exact satisfaction from England for the murder, friends of Pain watch for the coming of the Prince of Wales to France, and avenge upon him the death of Pain.

THE HYDE PARK MEETING.

[Associated Press.]

LONDON, Aug. 17.—Rev. T. De Witt Talmage, Rev. Mr. Spurgeon, and the bishop of Truro have sent letters to the committee on the meeting to be held in Hyde Park under the auspices of the Pall Mall Gazette, expressing their sympathy with the objects of the meeting. Gen. Booth announces that £8,000 have been subscribed in furtherance of the Salvation Army's refuge scheme. He denies abducting the girl, Eliza Armstrong.

ANGLO-TURKISH AGREEMENT.

[Associated Press.]

LONDON, Aug. 17.—An Anglo-Turkish agreement has been proposed through Sir Henry Drummond Wolf, by the terms of which English men-of-war will be allowed to pass through the Dardanelles in time of war.

Grant Monument Matters.

[Associated Press.]

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—A special committee of the Grant Monument Association, led by Cornelius N. Bliss, has been named to canvass the dry goods trade of this city. A meeting of the committee will be held to-morrow. A metal decorating company has submitted a memorial tablet of rosewood with a brass plate bearing the inscription: "To perpetuate the memory of Ulysses S. Grant. He led the victorious armies of his country. He died its honored citizen. He freed the slaves. He reconciled brethren. He saved the Union. It is appointed unto all men once to die, but the fame of virtue is immortal." The subscriptions to-day amounted to $1,137 in seven subscriptions.

Highwaymen in Cincinnati.

[United Press.]

CINCINNATI, OHIO, Aug. 17.—After 12 o'clock this morning Dr. C. M. Wilson and wife, of Covington, Ky., while returning from the Highland House, where they have been attending the opera, were assaulted by a gang of roughs near the corner of Fifth and Culvert streets. The doctor was beaten almost insensible and robbed of a watch and chain. The cries of Mrs. Wilson for assistance frightened the villains and they failed to search him thoroughly. A wallet containing several hundred dollars was picked up near by, where the thieves in their flight had dropped it. The doctor was badly cut about the head and complained of bruises all over his body. No arrests.

Senator Blair Nails a Falsehood.

[Associated Press.]

CLAREMONT, N. H., Aug. 17.—United States Senator Blair characterizes as an "absolute falsehood" the story widely published that he had written Hon. Frank Jones that he would support all the President's nominations in the United States Senate providing Col. T. P. Cheeney, United States pension agent; Henry M. Putney, revenue collector; J. L. Stevenson, postmaster at Manchester, and one other office, are not disturbed. Senator Blair adds: "I never thought of such a proposition, and Mr. Jones is at perfect liberty to publish in full any letter I wrote to him."

A Ticket Agent's Strange Suicide.

W. W. Morgan, ticket agent of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company at Hyattsville, Md., shot himself through the heart yesterday. He had only been appointed on Saturday, and no cause for the tragedy is known.

AT CAMP WASHINGTON.

The Light Infantry Enjoying Life at Cape May.

CAMP WASHINGTON, CAPE MAY, N. J., Aug. 17, 1885.—The second day under canvas has been as perfect a one as could be desired, and the members of the Washington Light Infantry Corps have found it most thoroughly enjoyable. The feature of Cape May life is the surf bathing, and not for years has the beech been thronged with such crowds as daily disport in the surf. Everybody bathes, from the smallest toddler to the venerable bald heads, who wear skull caps to protect their scalps from the torrid rays of the sun. The ladies have developed an originality in bathing dresses that is pretty and striking. One fair resident of Washington bathes in a costume of scarlet Jersey cloth, in which the scantiness of drapery and the fidelity of the fabric to outlines contribute to render her the observed of all observers. The soldier boys are not one whit behind in taking to the water, and at the bathing hour Camp Washington is deserted by all save the sentinels.

The grand reception and hop tendered by Col. Duffy to the corps this evening was the leading topic with the ladies during the day and it early promised to be a most brilliant affair.

The hop and reception has proved a grand success. The great dining room of Congress Hall is crowded with guests, and there is a bewildering display of beautiful toilets and glittering uniforms. Many officers of the New Jersey state national guard are present, and the evening trains brought down many friends of the corps from Washington and Baltimore.

To-morrow has been fixed for the rifle match between the corps team and a picked team from company C, 6th New Jersey S. N. G. The Jerseymen number some good marksmen, and it will require the best efforts of Cash and other Infantry sharpshooters to carry off the prize.

The departure of Capt. John Miller, who has been suddenly called back to Washington, and the failure of Pollard and other members of the corps' team to arrive, renders the result extremely doubtful, and bets are freely offered to-night against the Infantry team.

The committee on entertainment are planning a visit to the breakwater and fishing excursion to the banks, some ten miles off the coast for Wednesday, and on Thursday the entire corps will go to Sewell's Point in a body, to be present at an old-fashioned Jersey clam bake. Messrs. Roose and Adams have some novelties in reserve for the latter part of the week, when large arrivals are expected from Washington.

The tents throughout the encampment have been put in a highly artistic condition and are hourly thronged with visitors who are curious to see the housekeeping arrangements of the soldiers. The arrangements for the monster clambake at Sewell's Point have all been settled and a dozen enterprising Jerseymen are busy digging the bivalves which are to form the basis of the feast.

Congress Hall has a large number of Washingtonians on its register, and in fact there is hardly a hotel or cottage here that has not a large colony from the capital city within its gates. TOM.

MEXICO AND SUBSIDIES.

Future Course of the Government—Cabinet in Accord.

[Associated Press.]

CITY OF MEXICO, Aug. 17 (via Galveston).—A rumor being prevalent that the government was likely to make some arrangement with the National Bank whereby the bank's subsidy might be renewed, an Associated Press reporter called on Minister of Finance Dublan for information. The minister said that an agent of the bank was here from Paris discussing the matter, but the government before renewing subsidy payments must first restore the national finances to a sound and healthy condition. He said that railroad representatives had called upon him to see if arrangements could not be made for the speedy renewal of their subsidies, but he had told them it could not be done. Then they had gone to the president, but the president was even stiffer than himself. The minister said that the policy of the government was first to restore its credit abroad, and to that end every endeavor would be made. If, after making certain the payment of the debt interest, there was anything left the railroads would be considered, but it was not at all probable that there would be a surplus. When asked if the railways would be paid anything this year, the minister replied: "Not a dollar; it is not possible." The future course of the government he said would depend on what resources it should possess over and above what was necessary to pay the interest on its debts. The entire Cabinet was in accord on this matter. He intimated that the government was considering how to arrange with the national bank for the payment of $4,000,000 borrowed under a previous administration.

Positive Identification of Maxwell.

[United Press.]

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Aug. 17.—Maxwell was today positively identified by the pool room keeper of the Southern Hotel as the man who played pool with Preller the day previous to the murder; also by the trunk dealer of whom he bought the trunk in which the body of his victim was packed, and by the druggist at whose store the chloroform was purchased by Maxwell the day of the murder. Maxwell's coolness seems to desert him now and then, but only for an instant. He sat to-day for a photographer who secured negatives of him in four different attitudes. He has retained Hon. John L. Martin, of this city, to take charge of the defense. Among his visitors to-day were the mayor and the city council, three pastors, one priest, and twenty-two women.

Three Records Lowered.

[Associated Press.]

ST. CATHARINES, ONT., Aug. 17.—D. M. Sullivan, of East Saginaw, Mich., lowered three records here to-day. In the hop-step-and-jump he covered 31 feet 7½ inches, beating the best American record by 2 feet 5 inches. In three standing jumps, without weights, he covered 33 feet 4½ inches, beating the best American record by 1 inch. In three standing jumps, with weights, he covered 33 feet 3 inches, beating the best record by 2 inches.

Death of Hon. John B. Guthrie.

[Associated Press.]

PITTSBURG, PA., Aug. 17.—Hon. John B. Guthrie, twice mayor of Pittsburg, a member of the state institutional convention, and for many years special agent of the United States treasury at Washington, died at Cresson, Pa., to-day. He was 78 years of age.

Col. Lamont and Others Conferring.

[Associated Press.]

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., Aug. 17.—To-day Col. Daniel Lamont, Gov. Hill, and ex-Warden Charles Davis, of this city, held a conference at the Hotel Bennett, afterward dining at the residence of Mr. Davis. What was done has not been made known.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

—Apprehension exists in Mexico regarding the large contraband importation of firearms from the United states.

—A mass meeting at Hull, Quebec, last evening adopted resolutions appealing for clemency and justifying Riel.

—The corset factory of Solomon Vermilyea at Watertown, N. Y., was seized yesterday by customs officers for smuggling goods from Ontario.

—A convention of coal miners will be held in Monongahela city on Tuesday, the 25th instant, to establish a uniform rate of wages in the river mines.

—The practical agricultural school for the orphans of soldiers who fought during the late war was opened at Santiago de Cuba Sunday by President Santa Maria.

—The grand ball Sunday at Buenos Ayres was attended by upward of 3,000 persons, and netted $50,000, which will be given to the different benevolent societies here.

—The rate of taxation fixed yesterday for New York city for the current fiscal year is 2.40 per centum as against 2.25 per centum last year. The aggregate assessment was $1,371,117,003.

—The Evening Telegraph and the Evening News, papers of Buffalo, have consolidated. Mr. Scripps, the largest stockholder in the Telegraph, says that paper has sunk $95,000 since it started.

DEMOLISHED BY DYNAMITE.

LIVES OF 200 EXCURSIONISTS IMPERILED BY A DIABOLICAL ACT.

Large Steamboat Filled with Women and Babies Maliciously Blown Up—Sixteen Persons Wounded—Remarkable Escapes—Sisters of Charity at Work.

[Associated Press.]

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 17.—The explosion on the steamer S. M. Felton occurred just after she had left her dock on her trip to Wilmington, Del. As she was opposite pier 8, South wharves, the passengers and crew were startled by an explosion which shook the boat from stem to stern, and when the smoke cleared away it was found that the entire forward part of the vessel above the water line had been badly damaged and a number of passengers injured, some of them severely. The pilot house and entire upper deck was lifted and fell to the lower deck. The bow presented a scene of complete wreck. Tugs proceeded at once to the injured vessels, and with the assistance of the police tug Wm. S. Stokley, which was lying nearby, at once proceeded to remove the injured.

The ambulance of the Pennsylvania Hospital soon arrived and took most of the injured to that institution. It seems marvelous that half the people on board escaped death. Eye-witnesses say that at the moment of the explosion everything became enveloped in darkness and the boat rocked as if in a heavy storm.

It was supposed that no one leaped overboard, but a man who secured a life preserver has since come ashore at Walnut street wharf apparently uninjured.

There were about 200 people on the boat—men, women, and children—when the explosion occurred. The wrecked upper works took fire and a frightful panic ensued. This was speedily checked by the coolness of a number of men, who drove the women and child aft and prevented many frantic women from leaping overboard. Besides those seriously hurt a large number were almost or quite stunned by the shock.

An incident of the disaster was the presence of some Sisters of Charity, who seemed in no way excited or affected by the terrific upheaval. They passed quietly among the shrieking passengers, searching out the wounded, and in one case one of the Sisters was seen to make bandages out of her clothing. The promptness with which assistance came from all sides, from passing steamers and from shore, allayed the panic and prevented the flames from spreading.

The passengers were taken ashore and the steamer was towed down stream for repairs. She was a large, well-equipped boat.

Capt. Wiley, Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Mershon, and Mr. Linker made a careful examination of the wreck for the purpose of ascertaining the cause of the explosion. The investigation established the fact that the explosion was caused by dynamite. The explosive had been placed forward, directly in front of the head of the boiler. The steamer came up from Wilmington at 8:30 o'clock and lay at her wharf until 10 o'clock. Last night she lay at Wilmington in charge of Andrew Jones, of Bridgeton, N. J. He could not be communicated with to-day; but Capt. Wily said that if a stranger had boarded, or attempted to board, the steamer last night the watchman would have informed him of that fact. While the steamer lay at her wharf this morning the passengers came aboard and took chairs on the hurricane deck or aft. The officers and deck-hands were busy, and no attention was paid to the movements of the passengers. Several of them carried baskets, so that a bundle or package might have been carried aboard without attracting attention.

The official report made to H. T. Kenney, superintendent of the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad Company, under whose supervision the steamboat is operated, says:

"The head of the boiler was indented and cracked about a foot in length. The explosion is believed to have been caused by a cartridge of some kind placed under the head of the boiler maliciously."

Detectives have already been put on the case to work out the solution of the mystery as to what caused the explosion.

The Felton was insured for $50,000.

Judge Thurman Will Not Have It.

[United Press.]

COLUMBUS, OHIO, Aug. 17.—A reporter called on ex-Senator Thurman this morning and asked him if there was any truth in the current report that he had telegraphed to a gentleman in Cincinnati that he would accept the Democratic nomination for governor.

"I wish you would write the dispatch here, and I will make it strong enough to stop this nonsense," the judge said, somewhat testily. "I have not said nor written to any person that I would accept a gubernatorial nomination, nor would I accept it. I do not undervalue the office. To be governor of Ohio is a distinction that would honor any man, but I want no office whatever." A friend suggested that the words, "nor would I accept it," were superfluous. "I wish that in," said Mr. Thurman. "I want to put a nail in these idle reports. I have said for two years to all my friends that I wanted no office, and I would not accept the gubernatorial nomination even if it were tendered me unanimously. Do you think the language can be made any stronger? I want to make it in such a way that no person can read between the lines that I would accept."

Smallpox in Canada.

[United Press.]

MONTREAL, Aug. 17.—The smallpox, which is prevalent here, was imported nearly five months ago from Chicago by two Pullman car conductors, who were treated in a hospital and nursed by nuns. As soon, however, as the disease became pronounced the hospital was shut up and the patients removed. This did not check the malady, but it began spreading—slowly at first and lately rapidly. The number of deaths recorded is 120. This month there were as many as forty-five. The great obstacle in checking it is the opposition of a large majority of French-American doctors to vaccination. They do not even vaccinate their own children. The health authorities are doing all in their power to arrest the epidemic, but the French population will not heed their instructions. The clergy are beginning to speak from the pulpits in favor of vaccination. The civic hospital is overcrowded and new extensions are in progress.

Municipal Squabble at the Hub.

[Associated Press.]

BOSTON, Aug. 17.—Mayor O'Brien has declined to accept the resignation of Chairman Simmons, of the water board, and this evening sent to the board of aldermen a communication removing Mr. Simmons and Dr. John G. Blake, another member of the water board. Horace T. Rockwell and Thomas Doherty were nominated to fill the vacancies. Under the rules the nominations lie over one week. The mayor gives as his reason for the removals that Simmons and Blake have lost the public confidence, and that the people demand their removal. He believes the best interests of the city demanded this action on his part.

Louisiana Levee Convention.

[Associated Press.]

NEW ORLEANS, LA., Aug. 17.—Acting upon the suggestion of a meeting of citizens of Pointe Coupee parish, Gov. McEnery has issued a proclamation calling a convention of citizens of the parishes affected by the Morganza crevasse, to be known as the Morganza levee convention, to meet at the state house at Baton Rouge, Aug. 21, to devise ways and means for the reconstruction of the Morganza levee.

Lazy Boys Whipped.

[United Press.]

CORYDON, IND., Aug. 17.—Elmore and Oscar Stevens, residing near this place, have been waited upon by the Harrison county regulators and given a dose of hickory switches. The blows they received were heard by neighbors living a quarter of a mile distant, and the victims are now under the treatment of a physician. The reason given for the whipping was that the Stevens boys would not work.

Guatemala's Embarrassment.

[Associated Press.]

GUATEMALA, Aug. 17 (via Galveston).—Owing to the extraordinary expenses of the late war, the government has suspended the payment of interest on the foreign and domestic debt for one year, in order to pay off all arrears in the army and civil service accounts.

READY FOR THE REGATTA.

All the Crews on Hand at the Hygeia—Chances of Success.

The regatta to take place at Fortress Monroe, Va., on Wednesday and Thursday is attracting considerable notice, and will be participated in by more clubs than was first expected. Everything that will add to its success is being done, and the indications now are that the attendance will be large. Much interest is being manifested, not only by the crews intending to take part, but by the members of the respective clubs to which they belong, as well as friends.

This city will be represented by the Potomacs, Columbias, and Washingtons. The latter is the youngest in the number, but promises to give a good account of itself, while the Columbias, having the experience of several contests and victories, enjoy a most sanguine following. The Potomacs have said but little as to what they expect to accomplish—they seldom do; but on the water, and in the race, if not winners, they make an excellent showing. The Washington crew, composed of Messrs. Sweeney, Ryan, Baker, and Smithson, reached Fort Monroe Sunday morning, and their first pull on the water showed that they not only worked well together, but, on call, could row very fast. The Potomac light-weight crew, Messrs. Warden, Smallwood, Kearney, and Fischer, left here last night on the steamer Excelsior, as, also, did the Columbias. It is not yet known definitely how the crew of the latter will be made up. It is understood, however, that Nute will not row, and Young is expected to pull an oar.

At the scene of the regatta there has already been many arrivals, and about the Hygeia Hotel everything is lively, and the regatta committee are busy as bees. The regular course has been laid out to the right of the hotel and the finish brought near to it. To provide against rough water and postponement of the races for that course, a second course has been staked off inside the bar of Mill Creek, but it is hoped that there will be no occasion for using it, as the first is far preferable. The latest entry is a four-oared crew from Newark, N. J., but others are expected to follow them closely, among these being the Crescents of Boston, who have a score with the Columbias they are desirous of wiping out.

The Norfolk senior gig crew have been at the fort for several days, and are getting familiar with the course. They go out in rough weather, evidently accustomed to it, and traverse the three miles pretty sprightly. It is not yet known what will be the entries in the respective races, but among those who will come together is Murphy, the winner of the singles at the national regatta, and Smith, of the Washingtons, both of whom will pull in the senior single scull race.

Through the courtesy of Gen. Tidball, a large warehouse in close proximity to the steamboat wharf, sufficient in size to accommodate all of the boats, has been placed at the disposal of the regatta committee and fitted up in a manner to make it very acceptable.

The following crews arrived yesterday: New York Athletic Club, senior doubles; Albany Rowing Club, senior singles and doubles, junior singles; Elizabeths, Portsmouth, Va., junior fours; Petersburg Rowing Club, junior fours; Rappahannocks, Fredericksburg, Va., junior fours. A number of other crews will arrive to-day.

THE CIVIL SERVICE.

No Let Up on the Pressure for Office—The Latest Changes.

There seems to be no let up on the pressure for place under the government. There are not as many officeseekers here, but petitions and letters are being received every day, and the work of the appointment divisions of all the departments keep the clerks busy. "I suppose," said an official yesterday, "that they are waiting until the President returns to jump on him. Then we will have all we can do. But there is no use of them applying. There is nothing for them and unless there is a general sweep of places the waste paper collections of the departments will be made up largely of petitions."

The civil service commission have received the resignation of Mr. J. T. Kane as a member of the board of local examiners of the New York custom house. The surveyor has named Mr. J. S. McKeon as one of the new examiners. A New York dispatch says that the chairman of the civil service examining board of the custom house is now left alone, Cyrus W. Stevens having sent in his resignation, leaving only Mr. Comstock the chairman. Mr. Stevens is one of the assistant appraisers, and rumor has it that Appraiser McMullen intimated that it would be well for him if he would resign from the board. This was denied by Mr. Stevens. Collector Hedden has gone on a vacation, and left the office in charge of Deputy Collector Berry. Surveyor Beattie was also absent from the office, but it is rumored that he has had a very strong hand in causing the breaking up of the civil service board in the hope that the new appointees will be more easily handled than those who have retired from the positions.

The following promotions in the geological survey were made yesterday: Henry Gannett, of Maine, from chief geographer, at $2,700, to geologist, at $3,000, vice J. S. Curtis, resigned; A. H. Thompson, Kansas, from geographer to chief geographer, at $2,700; A. S. Woodward, Michigan, from astronomer, at $2,000, to geographer, at $2,500.

The following pension examiners at $1,400 were made yesterday: J. B. Steed, Alabama; H. R. Enoch, Illinois; C. F. Davis, Iowa; E. A. Barrington, Kentucky; S. S. Davis, Maryland; M. H. Shintz, West Virginia; T. R. Fawcett, Illinois.

Capt. Pierce, 1st infantry, has been appointed Indian agent at the San Carlos agency of Apaches as a result of the new system of putting those agencies under military control.

R. B. Lamon was yesterday appointed a member of the board of pensions appeals in the Interior Department at $2,000, vice H. L. Bruce.

Miss Virginia S. Grigsby has been transferred from the mails depredations division of the Postoffice Department and promoted to be clerk of class 1.

The following Maryland postmasters were appointed yesterday: Mrs. L. L. Shipley at Wellham's cross-roads, Anne Arundel county; N. C. Crowning at Sang Run, Garrett county; J. L. Thomas at Clinton, Prince George county; Henry Zinkan at Accident, Garrett county; W. W. Wade at Urban, Frederick county.

R. E. Hopkins was yesterday appointed to succeed J. S. Brubaker, removed as postmaster at McGaheysville, Rockingham county, Va.

A Love Tragedy.

[Associated Press.]

WILKES-BARRE, PA., Aug. 17.—Andrew Undra, a miner in the employ of the Susquehanna Coal Company at Nanticoke, this afternoon called at the company's store and purchased a revolver. He then went to the house of a Hungarian named Joseph Tomaski, with whom he boarded. The wife of the latter being at home alone, he told her that since he had resided with them her friendliness toward him had inspired him with love, and he wanted her to leave her husband and go and live with him. Mrs. Tomaski refused, when he told her to bid her children good-by. She laughed at him, whereupon he shot at her, the ball grazing her neck. Undra then turned the weapon upon himself and fired two shots. One of the balls passed through his windpipe and lodged in the base of the brain, causing instant death.

Improving Riverside Park.

[United Press.]

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—At a meeting of the board of park commissioners to-day definite plans were adopted for completing the work on the temporary vault in which the body of Gen. Grant lies, and for laying out walks and otherwise improving the part of Riverside Park in the neighborhood of the tomb. Policemen will be kept on duty at the tomb to preserve order as long as the present rush of sightseers continues. There has, however, been no call for the services of these policemen. The people who visit the place are very orderly and quiet.

Yellow Fever Quarantine in Texas.

[Associated Press.]

GALVESTON, TEX., Aug. 17.—A special to the News from Austin says: In conformity with Gov. Ireland's recent proclamation Dr. Swearingen, state health officer, left this morning for El Paso to establish a quarantine there against yellow fever infected points in Mexico.

ADDISON COLEMAN'S DEATH.

A Jury Declares the Shooting by Officer Shehan Accidental.

Coroner Patterson at 11 o'clock yesterday morning held an inquest over the remains of Addison Coleman at the first precinct station. The following composed the jury: Elias Caldwell (foreman), John L. Cox, Andrew Archer, James E. Johnson, J. E. F. Carlin, and Arthur McDermott. Coleman's remains were brought to the station house from Providence Hospital at an early hour. A large crowd assembled around the station house on the arrival of the body. Among the number were James Lucas, Henry Jackson, Louis Ashton, and George Gordon, who were identified as members of the gang who assaulted the officer during his fight with Coleman. They were placed under arrest. Lucas, it was said, kicked the officer in the side.

Charles Brawner, the first witness, testified to Officer Shehan requesting Coleman to go home, and to the latter's abusive language and threats to the officer. He understood Coleman to say to the officer when he got the pistol, using a profane and offensive epithet, "I have got you now and I am going to finish you."

James Howard testified that he saw Officer Shehan talking to Coleman. He heard the officer politely request Coleman to stop swearing and go into his house, and Coleman call Shehan a d—d fool and asked him what right he had to tell him to go into his house, and if he were an officer why did he not wear his badge on the outside of his coat. The officer then put him under arrest. As he did so Coleman caught the officer by the throat. Both fell to the ground. The officer, after being struck, asked witness to get his black-jack, and he got a pair of nippers instead, which Coleman broke when they were put on his wrist. Witness discovered the officer's pistol in Coleman's hand, he having taken it from Shehan's pocket. After a struggle witness captured the pistol. He was knocked down by a man in the crowd, but still kept the pistol. He tried to hold back the crowd by pointing the pistol at them, but it was useless. They "busted" away at Shehan, kicking and beating him. Witness had another struggle with a man who was trying to get at the officer. The officer got up and asked Coleman to go to the station. Another attack followed upon the officer and witness. Coleman closed in on the officer and grabbed the pistol, which witness had given the officer, and in the struggle the pistol was discharged. The officer at no time threatened to shoot. He gave the colored man four or five chances to go home, as he did not want to arrest him. At the beginning of the struggle the colored man, with an oath, threatened to kill the officer, and supplemented this with calling Shehan an Irish dude. The crowd also called out to kill the officer. The crowd threatened witness. He thought that Shehan would have been killed if he had not assisted him.

John Brawner corroborated the statements of the two witnesses.

Thomas W. Merriman testified that he saw the officer shoot. The crowd was trying to kill the officer. He did not hear any conversation between the men, as he was too far away.

Dr. Tyler testified as to the wound and cause of death.

Louis Ashton, colored, denied kicking the officer. He claimed that he went away when ordered by the officer to do so.

James Lucas, colored, a nephew of the dead man, was next sworn. He denied that his uncle assaulted or threatened to kill the officer. The officer did the assaulting with his pistol. Henry Jackson, colored, testified to the officer's ordering Coleman to go home. He stated that Coleman was sick and weak at the time, but gathered strength afterwards.

The jury, after consulting for about a quarter of an hour, returned a verdict that Addison Coleman came to his death "from a pistol shot wound in the thigh, inflicted with a pistol held in the hands of Officer Daniel J. Shehan. While the jury believes that the said Shehan would have been justified in shooting the said Coleman, they also believe that the discharge of the pistol was accidental, while the two were engaged in a tussle brought on by the said officer trying to arrest the said Coleman."

Coroner Patterson took no further action in the matter, and Shehan was consequently released from arrest.

The Harvester in Italy.

The following translation of an official report relating to the use of American reapers in Italy has been received by the Department of State from the vice and deputy consul general at Rome: "The ministry of agriculture, desirous of making known the use of reaping machines, has this year purchased several American harvesters (reapers and binders combined) of the class which received the first prize at the international trial held by the government at Grassetto in 1883. The machines have been working during the current harvest season in the provinces of Padura, Mantua, Rovigo, Piacenza, Salerno, and Foggia, and from the reports which have come to hand it appears they have everywhere given the most satisfactory results. In some of the provinces the prefects and representatives of the agricultural and commercial interests, the pupils of the practical schools of agriculture and technical institutes, as well as a large number of land-owners, have attended the trial and working of these harvesters."

The New Opera at Albaugh's.

The initial performance in this city of Suppe's "Donna Juanita" was given at Albaugh's Grand Opera House last night. The audience was a large one, and the hearty indorsement it gave the opera insures its success during the week. The story or plot has already been given in full in these columns. The music is in Suppe's happiest vein, light and airy, full of charming melody. The costuming is rich and tasteful. The performance ran very smoothly for a first night. Many members were encored, while the applause was evenly distributed. Miss Winston came in for the lion's share of the honors, as was expected, followed closely by Misses Searle and Miss Leighton. This latter lady developed unlooked-for qualities of both singing and acting in Donna Olympia. Mr. Fay, as the inn keeper; Mr. Bell, as the commander of British forces, and Walter Allen, as Don Pomponio, were well received, and carried out their respective parts in excellent style. "Donna Juanita" will grow upon acquaintance, and is well worth seeing.

Illicit Insurance Business.

[Associated Press.]

MADISON, WIS., Aug. 17.—Hon. P. L. Spooner, jr., insurance commissioner of this state, has discovered evidence which it is claimed tends to show that about seventy-five insurance companies are doing a surreptitious and illicit business in this state, and he estimates their collections the past year at $700,000. Insurance companies doing business without a license in Wisconsin escape a tax of 2 per cent on their gross earnings, also other considerable expenses. But their agents, adjusters, and other representatives are liable to a fine of $500 each and other severe penalties if they are caught.

Affray at Capitol Park.

Samuel Whalen, a boy aged 15 years, was cut about the leg yesterday afternoon by a companion named Joseph Clotzback, near the National Base Ball grounds, for attempting to take away a canteloupe from Clotzback. The wounds were slight. Clotzback was arrested.

RAILWAY NOTES.

Contracts for the Philadelphia extension of the Baltimore and Ohio railway have already been awarded for nearly all of the work of construction. The contracts upon the Baltimore and Philadelphia road from the city limits nearly to the Schuylkill river were awarded some time ago, and last week construction contracts were given out, amounting in the aggregate to fully $5,000,000, leaving only one comparatively small section unawarded. Chief Engineer Douglas states that within ten days between 3,000 and 4,000 men will be at work.

Hon. Chauncy M. Depew, of the New York Central; Mr. Frank Thomson, of the Pennsylvania railroad, and Mr. Magee, of the South Pennsylvania and Beach Creek roads, were in conference at the West End Hotel, Long Branch, Sunday. Mr. Depew told his intimate friends that the most important of the matters relative to the transfer of the South Pennsylvania property from Mr. Vanderbilt to the Pennsylvania people had been satisfactorily adjusted.

Details of the southwestern pool were repeated in Wall street yesterday, accompanied by the statement of one of the signers, that the establishment of the pool will make a difference of 25,000,000 per annum in the earnings of the different roads in that section of the country. Rates have already been advanced. The publication of this statement aided the upward movement in Missouri, Kansas and Texas, Texas and Pacific, and other interested securities.

SUMMER SPORTS.

AN AMATEUR CLUB GETS AWAY WITH THE NATIONALS.

To-Day's Game with Norfolk—Scores of Games in Other Cities—Racing Results at Saratoga and Brighton Beach—Racing Entries and Prospects.

A large crowd went to Capitol Park yesterday afternoon to see the Nationals play their hundredth game, and saw the home team beaten by an amateur nine in a splendidly played game of eleven innings. Possibly the Nationals held their opponents too cheaply and did not put forth their best efforts, but if such was the case they found out to their cost, as several other strong professional clubs have done, that the country club from Westminster is not to be trifled with. The Westminsters do not shine particularly as batters, but they play a grand game in the field, are quick, alert base runners, and have a really good pitcher that they back up from the word go. In yesterday's game the Nationals led off with three runs in the first inning, two of which were earned on singles by Baker and Powell and a two-bagger by Burch. The latter scored on Clabaugh's muff of a throw from Zecher, it being the only fielding error committed by the visitors in eleven innings play. In the third Baukert was hit by a pitched ball, Zecher was sent to his base on called balls, and Miller made a nice two-bagger, sending Baukert and Zecher across the plate. In the fourth Knowles led off with a two-base hit, Gladmon was given a base on balls, and both scored on passed balls. The Nations's scored no more runs, but the visitors got in one in the eighth inning on Anders's three-bagger and a fielding error. The game should have ended in the ninth inning with a score of 5 to 3 in favor of the home club, but O'Day, Knowles, and White contrived to bunch enough errors to give the Westminsters two runs without a base hit being made, thus tying the game. In the eleventh, after the Nationals had been disposed of for a blank score, Nicholas went to the bat for the visitors. He had two strikes called on him when O'Day made a wild pitch. With quick perception Nicholas struck at the ball and ran for his base, and as Cook had no chance to stop the ball Nicholas was safely perched on third base by the time it had been recovered. The stratagem was very clever and won the game, as after Driscoll had struck out, Clabaugh hit safely and brought Nicholas across the plate with the winning run. The fielding department was marked by splendid work done by Zecher, Miller, Clabaugh, Baker, Cook, and Nicholas. Gladmon did the best batting.

To-day the Nationals meet the strong Norfolk club in the first of a series of four championship games, with Barr and Fulmer as the home battery. The Norfolks are now almost the best club in the Eastern League outside of the Virginias and Nationals, and first-class ball playing may be looked for in all the games.

Manager Scanlon has concluded arrangements for a game with the Baltimores, which is to be played here August 28. The score of yesterday's game follows:

NATIONALS.

	A.B.	R.	B.B.	P.O.	A.	E.
Baker, lb	6	1	1	12	0	0
Hoover, c. f	5	0	1	0	0	0
Powell, r. f	5	1	2	1	1	1
Burch, 1. f	4	1	1	1	0	0
White, s. s	5	0	1	1	3	2
Knowles, 2b	5	1	1	5	9	1
Gladmon, 3b	4	1	2	1	1	0
Cook, c	5	0	1	8	1	0
O'Day, p	5	0	1	2	7	1
Totals	43	5	10	31	22	5

WESTMINSTER.

	A.B.	R.	B.B.	P.O.	A.	E.
Zecher, s. s	4	1	1	1	9	0
Miller, c. f	4	1	2	3	0	0
Schweitzer, 3b	5	0	0	1	0	0
Nicholas, r. f	5	2	0	2	1	0
Driscoll, p	5	0	1	2	4	0
Clabaugh, 1b	5	1	1	12	0	1
Baily, c	4	0	0	4	1	0
Anders, c. f	4	1	1	1	1	0
Baukert, 1. f	3	1	1	1	0	0
Totals	40	6	6	53	20	1

INNINGS.

National.....3 0 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 0—5
Westminster.....0 0 0 2 0 0 0 0 1 2 0 1—6

Runs earned—Nationals,