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RICHMOND, VA., TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1902.

THE DAY'S SUMMARY.

THE WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 22 .rginia-Fair Tuesday, except rain in

theast portion; Wednesday, brobably rain; increasing north winds. North Carolina-Cloudy Tuesday; proholly rain in east portion; fresh north TWO possibly brisk to high on the coast; Wednesday fair, colder in eastern

weather in Richmond yesterday nee variable and warm. The Dispatch ometer ranged as follows:

MINIATURE ALMANAC. December 23, 1992.

7:23 | HIGH TIDE.

4:55 | Morning11:45 Moon rises 1:34 Evening

RICHMOND.

Telephone Company concludes deal absorption of the Richmend Tele-Company; majority of subscribers ter company, as well as City Coun-nust approve consolidation—Com-Ordinances, Charter, and Reot earn his salary; sub-committee's nterview with His Honor-Al-Gordon, a demented Richmond sad plight in Baltimore—Elks' ladies proves an unqualifor new school in East-End, maning and kindergarten, and makes ates of needs for 1903—Doctor estinates of needs for 1903—Doctor
susses the case of young Franklin
ns—MANCHESTER: Mr. Howard
Gee in a serious condition—Mrs. Mcvell sues for divorce—Several cases
the Mayor's Court—Many Christmas
ertainments—Two street brawls.

VIRGINIA-

VIRGINIA

Schooner Louise B. Crary and Frank
Palmer, of Newport News, collided
Vednesday night in Massachusetts bay;
leven perished; survivors suffered tormes before rescue—Private Silas Wolett, Forty-seventh Company United
tates Coast Artillery, killed, and Cororad Thomas H. Appleby badly hurt
chile on a street-car near Alexandria,
the cross beam of a signal pole struck
hem—Fines amounting to \$300 imposed
on Bristol gamblers—J. Oscar Athey
ned \$100 and sentenced to thirty days
a jail by a Winchester magistrate for
omplicity in the death of his wife, who
ied from a criminal operation—Allen
trown, brother of Rev. H. A. Brown,
f Winchester killed in a mining accident
t Bluefield, W. Va.—Miss Ida MoFferan charged with shoplifting in Norfolk
Red Men win their suit in opposition ed Men win their suit in opposition groes getting a charter for a lodge ngineer John Paris, of the Norfolk Western railway, found dead in his at Rice's Station; supposed to have hurt—Deaths: Thurman Britt, of built — Beaths: Humbal Mrs. B. Bartlett, in Petersburg; Garrett J. t. at Newport News; Wellford W. at Crewe—Miss Rebecca Parket mpts suicide in Lexington—State

GENERAL.

Good volume of business in Well Street market shows strength and breadth sual holiday inactivity on Chicago Board of Trade, but prices are firm— Uranium and If You Dare the only beaten favorites at New Orleans—Case of South Dakets against North Carolina set for hearing April 18th next—United States Supreme Court adjourns for Christians holidays—International Mer-cantile Marine stock dealt in for the first time in New York—Signs point to the President's ultimate acceptance of the pest of arbitrator of the Venezuelan dif-ficulty—General H. V. Boynton officially denies reports impugning healthfulness of President's ultimate acceptance of the post of arbitrator of the Venezuelan difficulty—General H. V. Boynton officially denies reports impugning healthfulness of Chickamauga Park—Big combine of German electrical companies as result of crieis in German electrical industry—Knoxville, Tenn., has a half-million-dollar fire—Champ Clark announces his candidacy for floor leader of the House—Zeb Wilson, State senator, killed by his brother in quarrel at Burnsville, N. C.—Crown Princess of Saxony fled from her home December 11th, and Saxon court functions for winter have been cancelled—Charles Francis Adams responds to toast "Forefathers" at New England Society banquet in Charleston, S. C.—Doubly fatal duel fought near Cochran. Ga.—Cornelius Vanderbilt's condition about the same—Fire almost destroys Gabler plano factory. New York—Matty Matthews gets puglistic decision over Rube Fuerns—Tom Jenkins fails to win wrestling match with Bothner.

A BASKET DONATION.

Elks Will Distribute Provisions to the Needy on Christmas Eve.

Arrangements are now complete for the Christmas basket donation to be made to the poor of the city on Christmas day by the Richmond Lodge of Elks. Two hundred baskets laden with provisions of the substantia: sort and in great variety will, on the great festival day of the rear, be delivered to as many families in all parts of the city on the initiative of the order, thus giving them more of Christmas joys than they would otherwise have. It is noteworthy that the order has de-cided to make this distribution through the medium of the churches of the city. Only the deserving needy will be the beneficiaries. Cards have been sent out to the number of 200 to the pasters of churches in the city, with which many of poor families are connected, or to whose pastors they are known, and the preachers will themselves fill out the blanks on these cards with the names of those whom they can recommend as needy or destitute. These cards bear a date, "Richmond, Va., Elks' Home, Eleventh and Marshall streets, December 24th. Dever to (name to be filled in)," and are gned by the pastor filling in the name

baskets.
Mr. Bowman, of the Atlantic and Pacitic Tea Company, will get the baskets up and ill them with provisions at just what they cost at wholesale. Each basket will contain flour, coffee, tea, rice, candy, chickens, milk, and other articles for the These will all be sent out between

the families to whom these tickets are diven will present them at the Home on December 24th, between the hours of 3

and 6 P. M., and will then be given their

The committee in charge of the distribution, and who have decided on this practical form of Christmas celebration. consists of Messrs. H. Claiborne Epps. chairman; F. T. Anthony, and F. P. Burke. They have done their work well and the success of the movement is asbured in advance by the excellent system

Markets Open Christmas Eve. The reports that the markets would be

closed Christmas Eve is erroneous. They will be open, and will doubtless do a

TELEPHONE COMBINE

Bell Acquires The Property of The "New" Company.

CONDITIONS NAMED.

Majority of Richmond Telephone Subscribers Must Be Willing;

COUNCIL'S CONSENT NEEDED.

Indications Point to Completion of the Deal Without Delay-Willing-Circulated-Bell Rates Which Govern at the Expiration of the "New" Subscriber's Contracts.

The Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company has practically concluded negotiations for the absorption of the Richmond (or "new") Telephone Com-

The deal, in fact, has been completed, conditioned on a majority of the subscribers of the Richmond Telephone Company agreeing to the proposed consolidation, and conditioned, also, on the consent

Negotiations commenced ten days ago, and proceeded without interruption, resulting in the formal sale, subject to the

conditions named above. For Subscribers to Sign.

The paper in circulation among Richmond Telephone Company subscribers is

as follows: "We, the undersigned, subscribers for telephone service in Richmond, Va., believe that there is no advantage in having two companies in operation, but, on the contrary, consider it an actual disadvantage, involving much unnecessary expenses and annoyance, and if the managers of the two companies can come by which the to an agreement Richmond Telephone Company's exchange can be consolidated with the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company's exchange, it will meet with our ap-

This paper will be presented to the subscribers of the "new" company, 800 of whom, it is estimated, are also subscribers to the Bell service. It is said that 300 or 400 persons, business men princi-pally, have seen the paper, and that 99 per cent. of them have either signed it

Believed Council Will Consent. It is not anticipated that the Council will refuse to ratify the deal. A gentleman, who has been conducting the negotiations, pointed out to a Dispatch re-porter last night that the rates for ser-vice cannot be higher than those charged its charter, recently granted, guards this

securing service from the Richmond Tele-phone Company, will, after the new arrangement goes into effect, pay the Bell

At the same time, those who have been

These rates are embraced in the Bell Company's franchise, and are, therefore, a matter of record.

Should Negotiations Fall

Should the deal not be concluded, or ratified, the Richmond Telephone Com-pany will continue uninterruptedly in business, as heretofore.

Present subscribers will be given ser-

vice without a single day's interruption, in case the deal is consummated, and contracts now in force will be respected by the Bell Company until they expire. Competent members of the force of the Richmond Telephone Company will secure employment with the Bell Company. Removal of Poles.

All poles and wires of the Richmond Telephone Company in the underground district will come down within five months from the date of ratification by the Council, and all other poles of the same company will be taken down, except in cases where poles are necessary to reach subscribers of the Richmond Telehone Company which the Bell Company

Within the period of a few months the entire telephone service of the city will be conducted from the Bell Company's new exchange, and each subscriber will be in communication with every other subscriber in the city.

END OF A ROMANCE.

Mrs, Edith Wyman Rodman Died Unexpectedly in New York Yesterday.

NEW YORK, December 22 .- (Special.)-Mrs. Edith Rodman, wife of Dr. H. H. Rodman, died to-day in the Presbyterian Hospital

Dr. Rodman and Miss Wyman were married in Richmond, at the Jefferson, last July, when it was supposed that the doctor was dying. Mrs. Rodman was a former professional nurse in Bellevue, and the Presbyterian Hospitals. She nursed Dr. Rodman back to health just before

the South African war broke out. He went to war as a physician on the Maine, Lady Randolph Churchill's hospital ship. On board he met Eleanor Warrenden, Lady Churchill's secretary and daughter of Baron George Warrender, of It was announced that they would wed, and they returned to England, where Dr. Rodman was taken ill and returned to this country.

He went to Virginia to regain his health, and remembering Edith Wyman, who had previously nurse, him back to who had he sent for her. She was then at Bellevue, but hurried to Richmond, where they were married at the Jefferson Hetel. Stimulants had to be administered to Dr. Rodman during the ceremony. His wife nursed him back to health again

and they came to this city.

More than a month after they were married, there appeared in the Herald a small advertisement sent from abroad. It small advertisement sent from abroad. It said that the marriage which had been arranged between Eleanor Warrender and Dr. H. H. Rodman, of New York, would not take place. Persons in this city, who knew that Edith Wyman and Dr. Rodman had been married since July 10th and had been married since July 10th, and that she had nursed the doctor back to Santa Claus in a Boat.

Banta Claus in a boat will visit Holy Trinity Sunday school this afternoon at 120 o'clock.

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The receivers of the Virginia Iron, Coal and Coke Compony issued an order to-day directing the removal of the offices of the company from Bristol, Va., to Radford, Va., to be accomplished by January 124.

apartment house, No. 106 west Forty-seventh street. Information as to how long Mrs. Rodman had been in the hospital, or the cause of her death, was positively refused at the hospital to-day. No one would give the former address of the dead women. The superintendent even refused to say what she died of, and the whole affair was veiled in as much mys-tery as the hospital officials could throw around it. The superintendent said that Dr. Rodman was about the hospital somewhere, and that he could explain anything he cared to explain.

Inquiry was made at the University apartment house, and a Mrs. Rodman, wife of Dr. Rodman's brother, called her husband, the brother, but he, too, refused to talk, and would not say where his

Miss Edith Wyman was known in the city before her marriage as a hosp!tal nurse. She announced that she was going to Richmond, Va., last July to nurse Dr. Rodman. The news had been previously cabled and printed in this country that Dr. Rodman was engaged to Miss War-

No explanation had ever been made as o why the weeding had not taken place. Hardly had Miss Wyman reached Richmond before Dr. Rodman asked her to marry him. None of the doctor's friends expected him to get well, but he insisted on returning to New York immediately after the ceremony, and so far as could be learned to-day, he has been quite well since he was married. Eleanor Warrender is considered a beautiful woman, and much surprise was oc-casioned when her name was mentioned

in connection with the American physi-Dr. Rodman had been practicing in New York hospital when the South Afri-can war broke out. He volunteered to go on the hospital ship Maine. It is said he comes from a distinguished family He is not related to Dr. Harry Rodman, of No 188 east One Hundred and Sixteenth street, although their names

A HANDFUL REMAIN.

and mails have been much confused of

late years.

Lonesome Legislators Who Linger on Eve of the Holidays.

Delegate J. M. Lyell, Doorkeepers Arthur O, Sullivan and P. E. Lipscomb, were the trio of representatives of the Legislature in the lobby at the New Ford's last night, and at Murphy's there were even fewer. At the New Ford's were also Colonel S. M. Newhouse, Enrolling Clerk John T. Loving, and one or two others.

There were at the Capitol during the day yesterday, Speaker John F. Ryan, Senators Claytor, Lyle, Byars, Garrett, and Whitehead, and Senators Bryant and Anderson, of this city. Delegates George Y. Hunley, of Mathews, W. R. Allen, of Botetourt; C. A. Heermans, of Mont-gomery; Thomas H. Edwards, of King William; J. N. Sebrell, Jr., of Southamp-ton; M. M. Green, of Fauquier; and the Richmond members. Perhaps there were a few more in the city. Many of those named have now gone to their homes and will not return until after the re-

There is a session of each House sch uled for to-day, but there is no probability of a quorum, or nearly that number, thus assuring in advance that nothing will be done. The handful of members who happen to be in the city will be there, but it is hardly probable that the formality of calling to order will be gone through. A few more members from near-by points may come in, but not enough to constitute a quorum of either House, and nothing can be done but adjourn. The absence of the legislators

Capitol a rather lonely appearance, and it will continue so now for two weeks. The members will return to their duties on Monday, January 5th, but it is not ex-pected that there will be a large attendance for sevral days thereafter. Mr. Jen-ings' resolution providing for a daily roll call, has been referred to the Rules Committee, but whether it will be reported or not is problematical.

Captain Arthur O. Sullivan, doorkeeper of the House, and also paymaster of the members, will remain over to-day, sending out checks to the delegates, and will leave to-night for his home at Christians-Mr. Lipscomb, the other doorkeesburg. Mr. Lipscomb, the other doorsees er, will leave this afternoon for his home in King and Queen. By to-night there will be few, if any, members in the city.
There is little or no talk of legislation among the members remaining. All are imbued with the Christmas spirit, and are purchasing remembrances to take home with them, nearly all leaving the city laden with bundles. When the members get back they will be ready for work, and nothing else will be talked about.

COUPLE BARELY SAVED FROM FRIDAY MARRIAGE.

Both Forgot All About the Day of the Week-Wedding Postponed Until Midnight.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., December 22 .-The peculiar form of wedding service used by Judge Robert Connolly, of this city, save a New York couple from being through life handicapped by the ills that follow Friday marriages. It was likewise responsible for an early morning wedding. George Begina, stage manager of "The Storks" Company, and Miss Rose Leslie, a member of the chorus, became engaged several weeks ago, and agreed that they should be wedded when the company reached the home of Abraham

Lincoln, on its Western tour. The company arrived here yesterday, but in the happy contemplation of the coming event, the couple forgot all about the day of the week, and summoned Judge Connolly to perform the ceremony at the St. Nicholas Hotel. The couple, surrounded by their friends, stood in one of the parlors of the hotel, before the

"Do you, George Begina," commenced the judge, "on this Friday, the nineteenth"-

"Stop, stop," the interruption came simultaneously from bride and groom, and when the judge recovered from his astonishment, they told him they had forgotten it was Friday. The wedding was postponed until midnight, and the service was said at 12:10 this morning.

GAMBLERS HEAVILY FINED.

Bristol Gets Three Hundred Dollars

from Those Recently Arrested. BRISTOL, TENN., December 22 .- (Special.)—As the result of a raid on a gam-bling house in Bristol, Va., fines aggregating \$300 were imposed to-day. Mayor Rice has instructed the police to break up gambling in Bristol, and no favors are to be shown. The officials displayed revolvers, and there came near being a shooting affray when the gamblers were discovered.

The receivers of the Virginia Iron, Coa

GETS TOO MUCH PAY PRESIDENT WILL ACT

Salary, Says Committee.

"WE CANNOT REDUCE IT." COMPLIMENT TO AMERICA.

Recommends That His Honor Be Re quired to Toe the Mark.

WHAT THE MAYOR HAD TO SAY.

Replies He Made to Questions Propounded by Charter and Reform Sub-Committee Which Was Instructed to Report as to His Salary and the Daties of the Office-Mayor Taylor Said He Wasn't on Good Terms With City Accountant to Appoint an Accountant of His Own-The Report of the Sub-Committee Unanimously Adopted.

The City Hall has been the seislmic centre of so many preternatural disturbances and moral earthquakes of late that no one is greatly surprised when unexpected eruptions occur, but last night broke the recent record for startling disturbances, and the oldest attaches about the building, when they were attracted by the unusual pounding of tables and unseemly loud language and hubbub in No. 5 on the third floor, where the usually decorous and staid Committee on Charter, Ordinances, and Reform were in session, peered in and learned what game was afoot they fled away in terror. whispering under their breath, "This thing is getting too hot for me. I am needed at home.

The report of the Sub-committee on Investigation of the Honorable, the Mayor's Duty and Salary, was up and never, it is safe to say, was the chief magistrate of a great city so handled with bare hands gloves off, and the unadulterated King's English as Mayor Richard M. Taylor the executive of the city of Richmond. A Few Choice Terms.

"Ignorance," "incompetency," "imbecility," were a few of the alliterative terms with which his name was fondly coupled, not to mention other terms which made the atmosphere smell of sul-phur and the lights in the chamber burn

Mr. Crenshaw without many prelimi-naries read the result of an interview of the sub-committee with the Mayor and then the conclusions of the sub-committee embodied in a report thereon. The ext of these extraordinary documents

Text of Interview. Sub-committee of Committee on Ordi-nances, Charter, and Reform on general city offices, with Mayor Richard M.

Members of committee present, Messrs (CONTINUED ON PAGE THREE.)

Punishment for Oscar Athey in the Winchester Mal-

WINCHESTER, VA., December 22.— (Special.)—In a magistrate's court this afternoon, J. Oscar Athey, a young wid-ower, was fined \$100 and costs and sentenced to thirty days in jail for com-plicity in the death of his wife, which occurred several months ago from a criminal operation.

Athey was indicted for felony, but when the trial was begun last week in the Corporation Court, Judge Atkinson remanded the case to the magistrate's court for trial on a misdemeanor charge. Athey's attorneys appealed from to-day's

Helps in Winning \$3,000.

The Bank Clearings of Richmond for the eleven months of 1902, ending with November, were

\$193,969,064.60.

The Clearings for Novem-

\$16,193,298.76.

The Clearings from December 1st to December 15th, inclusive, were

\$10,407,614 54.

What will the clearings for December be? Let's say

\$17,633,551.33.

NOW THEN,

What will the total for the whole 12 months be? We

\$211,602,615.93!

What do you say? It's a thing to figure on and there's \$3,000 in it. Read the big advertisement. If you are a subscriber send

in a future subscription and it will begin when your present payment expires. If you are not a subscriber, now is the bright particular time to become one. This opportunity lasts but a little while longer.

Mayor Taylor Doesn't Earn His Likely to Undertake Arbitration of Venezuelan Difficulty.

All Parties Prefer Settlement by

Roosevelt.

BLOCKADE MAY END

Germany Declares, However, That It Will Continue Until Final Ar-Emerging With Credit from the Imroglio - The Monroe Doctrine Has Been Acknowledged by Two Been Taught That the United States Are the Power Between Them and Europe.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 22 .-President Roosevelt has not accepted the position of arbitrator of the controversy in which the republic of Venezuela is involved with Great Britain, Germany, and Italy. In fact, when the official day closed, he had not received, formally or officially, a request from the European Powers that he act as arbitrator of the dispute. These statements are made on the highest authority.

In an informal manner, the President has been notified that the European Powers intimately concerned in the present South American difficulty, desire that he should undertake the responsibility of acting as arbitrator of the points at issue between them and Venezuela. Thus far they merely have been taking "sound ings," with a view, probably, to ascertaining how he would receive a formal proposition to act as arbitrator. It can be said that, in response to the suggestions he has received, the President, from the first intimation he had that he was desired as arbitrator of the Venezuelan controversy, has expressed emphatically his judgment that the matters to be arbitrated should be referred to the Hague tribunal. His view of the sug-gestions made has been conveyed to the European Powers, together with a strong presentation of his reasons for the view he holds. To this latest phase of the Venezuelan question, no response of a formal nature has been received.

No Fresh Development. The President and Secretary Hay had a long conference to-day, after the form-er's return from his Virginia trip. They went carefully over the situation, as it had developed since Saturday, but it is understood that nothing has arisen du-ring the past forty-eight hours to warrant the President in changing his opinion as to the undesirability of his accep-tance of the position of arbitrator.

The acceptance by the Powers of the principles of arbitration, as applied to the Venezuelan question, is a matter of great gratification to the President and his Cabinet. That all the Powers have intimated, too, that they would prefer that the President should arbitrate the present dispute, than that it should be referred to the Hague tribunal, is taken as a notable compliment to the President, personally, and to his administration. It is the hope of both the President and his advisers, however, that, while there is precedent for his acceptance of the post of arbitrator, the Powers will consent to a reference of the controverted matters in the Venezuelan question to the tribunal at the Hague.

All Want Roosevelt.

The United States Government waiting the reception of formal answers from the allied governments to the President's last suggestion that the Venezuelan dispute be referred to the Hague tribunal. So far, these responses have not come to hand, but it is pretty well understood that they will hold out for the arbitration of President Roosevelt himself. Signs point to the President's ultimate acceptance of the trust, though nothing positive is yet known on this

The State Department has learned that President Castro would welcome the selection of President Roosevelt as arbi-trator, and as all the parties interested are united, the pressure will be hard to

Opinion varies as to the termination of the blockade of the Venezueian ports. In some quarters it is assumed that if President Roosevelt accepts the duties of arbitrator, the allies will call off the blockade at once. On the other hand, it is pointed out that custom requires the terms of the arbitration to be pretty ac-curately defined, and this will consume some time, pending which the blockade will continue.

Germany the Leader.

It is quite evident from the developments here that Germany is the original mator and promoter of the suggestion that President Roosevelt act as arbi-trator. Great Britain and Italy, it is trator. Great Britain and Italy, it is believed, incline toward arbitration by the Hague tribunal, but, of course, they would not indicate any preference officially in the matter, if President Roosevelt gave the faintest intlmation of accepting the charge. Indeed, officially, the allies stand on record as supporting the German lead in this matter.

Lt. Johnston Reports. CARACAS. December 22.—Lieutenant Marbury Johnston, attached to the United States cruiser Montgomery, has reported to Minister Bowen as naval attache nere, having been landed at LaGuayra Saturday by the United States cruiser Albany, which is under instructions to proceed for

which is under instructions to proceed for Mayaguez. Lieutenant Johnston will advise Mr. Bowen with respect to naval questions, particularly with reference to the blockade. His arrival here has aroused keen interest. which is under instructions to proceed for

formality, taken with the intention to legalize the proclamation of the blockade.

The Mirror, in an inspired article, says:
"All commercial intercourse between the two peoples is interdicted. When hostile two peoples is interdicted. When hostile two peoples a neutral, the property on the class was objective. vessels capture a neutral, the property on board is not affected. A free ship makes free goods. They may capture the enemy's ships and the enemy's property on board, but they must spare neutral vestigations. sels and all goods therein, whether be longing to the enemy or to neutrals, and also neutral goods found in the enemy's vessels."

The declaration will have the effect of legalizing the seizure of Venezuelan war-

Holland Strictly Neutral.

THE HAGUE, December 22.—The government of the Netherlands has decided to observe a strictly neutral attitude in the Venezuelan trouble. Ships of the blackading Powers will be prohibited from coaling at ports of the Dutch colonies.

Anglo-British Invitations.

many and Great Britain, formally in-viting President Roosevelt to act as ar-bitrator in the Venezuelan dispute, were handed to the United States ambassador here and to the United States charge d'affaires in London to-day.

Blockade to Continue.

BERLIN, December 22.-The blockade of the Venezuelan coast will continue un-til definite arrangements for arbitration have been reached. Germany will be well satisfied if President Roosevelt undertakes the task. His acceptance will be consid-ered a sufficient guarantee that Venezuela would pay, if she lost. Asking President Roosevelt to arbitrate was the Em

Percors personal suggestion.

An indirect inquiry three or four days ago not eliciting a refusal from the President, a request has been made in direct form. Although Germany is ready to submit her case to any impartial tribunal, the would provide the president Processet. she would prefer President Roosevelt, for the reason that President Castro is more likely to accept the decision of the Presi dent of the United States than that of The Hague tribunal. If President Castro evades payment under President Roose-velt's award, the people of the United States, it is claimed here, would with posi ive pleasure see the allies compel him to pay up.

We Emerge With Credit.

The United States are considered here as emerging from the affair with all credit. The Monroe doctrine has been acknowledged by two of the greatest Powers of Europe. President Roosevelt has been accepted as arbitrator by all the parties concerned, and the South American states have been persuaded by event that the United States is the only Power between them and Europe. The only annoying thing to the German

government has been the alleged readiness of Americans to suspect Germany of se-cret designs. The reported extraordinary distrust of Germany has been a painful surprise to the Emperor and to the

AARON BURTON DEAD

He Was the Body Servant of Col. John S. Mosby in the War.

NEW YORK, December 22 .- (Special.)-From the residence of his daughter. Rosa Hamilton, there was held to-day the funeral of Aaron Burton, who during the "civil" war was the body servant of Colonel John S. Mosby, the great Confederate cavalry raider. "Father Burton," as he was known, was with the great guer-

nearly a hundred years of age, his mind was fresh with memories of those stirring events. Richard T. Smith, of Brooklyn. will publish Burton's memoirs, they having been dictated to him. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. William T. Dixon, pastor of the Concord Baptist church of Christ, of which the deceased was a members.

Burton was born in Charlottesville, Va.,

illa chieftain in many raids, and although

and was the slave of Colonel Mosby's father. When the Colonel determined to organize his cavalry command, he se-lected Aaron as his body servant. The colonel had the greatest confidence in his body servant, and he was frequent-ly left in charge of all booty that was captured from the Union soldiers, while

the cavalry raiders went out on other expeditions. The high estimate in which he was held by Mosby was the same as those of recent times who knew Burton. He was a familiar character in the vicinity of Princeton and Willoughby streets, and was to be found on all sunshiny days was to be found on an addishing days seated upon the stoop of the house in which he lived. He was the perfection of politeness, and if even a child said "Good morning, Father Burton," the old

fellow would lift his hat.

Mosby did not forget Aaron in his old

Four unknown seaman, three Crary and one from the Paimer. days and frequently sent him checks for substantial sums of money to keep him housed. Burton came to Brooklyn about seven years ago to live with his daughters. He

has three of them living in Brooklyn, and he lived at the home of each of them, dividing the time about equally among He is survived by four daughters and two sons. The interment will be at Evergreen Cemetery.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OBJECTS TO A NEGRO PUPIL.

children at Emmanuel Baptist Church, in Brooklyn, Draw the Color Line.

BROOKLYN, December 22.-(Secial.)-Because a negro girl was permitted to enter the class in the Sunday-school connected with Emmanuel Baptist church, one of the wealthiest of the denomination in the borough, there is said to be a storm raging about the heads of the teacher of the class and the assistant superintendent. A protest was made, ac cording to one of the members of the class, carrying with it the pronounce-ment that all the other members of the class will resign unless the colored girl is compelled to go elsewhere.

Three weeks ago the young woman whose parents are missionaries in China, took the negro girl to Sunday-school, and endeavored to get admission for her into herownclass. The other members insisted, however, that the class was already too large. Other classes were then tried, but in each case there was some excuse for

not admitting the negro.

Then the young woman took her protege to Miss Thompson, her cousin. was a stormy day, and only two of Miss Thompson's pupils were present. They at first objected, but yielded to Miss Thompson's pleadings, with the express understanding that they should not be required to have anything to do with the new pupil.

Things went along smoothly that day, but two weeks ago the class contained seven white girls. All are of families of questions, particularly with reference to the blockade. His arrival here has aroused keen interest.

Declaration of War.

PORT OF SPAIN, TRINIDAD, December 22.—Official announcement is made here that Sir Courtney Knollys the acting meeting, and appointed one who is weeting. ber 22.—Official announcement is made here that Sir Courtney Knollys, the acting governor, will issue to-day a special Royal Gazette, containing a declaration of war against Venezuela. This act is one of the sentiments of the class to an official of the school.

and laid the grievance before her. In plain language the delegate said the colored girl's continuance in the class was objectionable to the members, and that they would all drop out if she were not asked to resign. A reply has not yet been re-

THE COAL MINING TRUST.

Morgan's Agent Gets All Kentucky Mines Save One Company's.

LOUISVILLE, KY., December 22.—(Special:)—A representative of J. P. Morgan, now in this city, has successfully completed negotiations for the purchase of every coal mine in Kentucky, except those of the St. Bernard Company. The price paid is \$3,000,000. This is the first step to get possession of all the coal mines of the South and is believed to coaling at ports of the Dutch colonies.

Angle-British Invitations.

BERLIN, Dec. 22.—The notes of Gerberger of Morgan's coal trust scheme.

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WERE RAVING CRAZY.

Ten Newport News Seamen

Found In An Open Boat. SUFFERED MOST HORRIBLY.

Survivors of the Schooners Louise B.

Crary and Frank A. Palmer. THE DEAD NUMBER ELEVEN.

One Committed Suicide Rather Than Endure His Sufferings-When Discovered the Men Were Nearly Frozen and Some Will Carry and Sunk in Massachusetts Bay Wednesday Night-Captain Potter Says the Mate, James E. Smith Disobeyed Orders.

BOSTON, MASS., December 22 - (Space cial.)-Raving crazy and terribly frozen, ten seamen from the coal schooners Louise B. Crary and Frank A. Palmer, of Newport News, to Boston, were brought into port to-day and conveyed to the City Hospital for treatment. As a result of their sufferings, it is probable that they will hear to the end of their lives the results of the awful torture they underwent. Every one of the sailors now at the hospital is in a frightful condition from exposure in an open boat after the two vessels collided and sunk in the lower bay. Captain William H. Potter, of the Louise Crary, told the story of the collision which occurred Wednesday night off Thatcher's Island, and blames the mate, James R. Smith, who disobeyed orders. Smith, rather than face the consequences of his neglect, gladly met his death as the vessels sank, making ne effort to leave the wreck.

"I prayed for those poor fellows the best I knew," said Captain Potter. offered prayers over the bodies and repeated what I remembered of the burta service, as the cold, stiff bodies of the frozen sailors were afted over the side of the boat. They sank instantly. The other ween broke down and work. other men broke down and wept. Three died of exposure the first night, tossing about in the long boat with a gale blow-ing thirty miles an hour. Just before the last dead body was lifted over the side,

Captain Prayed for Them.

sailor removed his trousers and hoisted them as a signal of distress." Skipper Dexter Malone, of the fishing vessel Manhass, sighted the unfortunated at 9 o'clock yesterday, and with much difficulty got them aboard, heading a once for Boston, where he arrived to-day

Long List of the Dead. One of the men had committed suicide rather than endure his sufferings. He leaped overboard in his delirium. The dead are:

J. E. SMITH. Portland, Me., the mat, of the Crary, who went down with th FRANZ BANTA, 21 years old, a seama; on the Palmer, who jumped overboar from the lifeboat while insane.
PETE, a seaman on the Crary

GRECIAN, steward of the Crary. Steward of Palmer. BARNEY, seaman on the Crary. W. H. HOLLAND, engineer on th

The Survivors. The survivors are: Captain William H. Potter, of the Crary Captain Rawling Palmer, and two sea men on the Manhass. At the City Relie Hospital are Daniel Carlsen, of Charle street, Boston, a seaman on the Palmen feet and hands frozen, but not badly.

Four unknown seaman, three from th

Edward Sommerville, of Providence, P. I., engineer on the Palmer; feet and leg In a serious condition, and with injurie which may necessitate the amputation of their legs, are:

John Rhenheine, of Boston, scaman of Rhenheine, of Boston, scaman of Rhenheine, scan of Boston, scaman of Rhenheine, scan of Boston, scaman of Rhenheine, scan of Rhenheine, scan of Boston, scaman of Rhenheine, scan of Rhenheine,

the Palmer; feet frozen. Lewis Stein, ne home, seaman on the Crary, feet and hands frozen. The Frank A. Palmer carried a cargo o 2,015 tons of bituminous coal, was value at \$60,000. The Louise B. Crary carrie

3,750 tons of coal and was a new vessel. NOBODY QUITE SUITS

Louisville Parson's Vitriolie Utterances About Certain Famous Authors.

LOUISVILLE, KY., December 22 .- (Spe cial.)-The works of William Shakespear and Robert Burns are unfit to be rea and James Lane Allen's contribution t literature are the output of an infide if one is to believe the Rev. George E Means, pastor of the Leander Memoria Methodist church, who paid his respect to those unknown and struggling author in his last night's sermon on literatur Mr. Means had thought out the matte carefully and gave to his congregatio the following chart to guide them in the reading of books of this and the forme

generation; Harmless and useful-Wailace Alcot Cooper, Page, Stevenson, Craddock Harmless and useless—Mrs. Southworth
Mrs. Fleming, Mrs. Holmes, Captal
Charles King, H. Rider Haggard,
Vicious—James Lane Allen, Tolstof,
Bloodq and diabolical—"Ned Buntline

Nick Carter," Emerson, Bennet, "Dear wood Dick. Interesting, respectable, and entertain ing-"Richard Carvel," "Red Rock

'David Harum.' HOT ADJETIVES FOR AUTHORS. He then took up the names of son famous authors and characterized the

in the following adjetives:

Voltaire, pompous and bigoted; Volne prudish and pedantic; Bolingbroke, hone but silly; Bibbson, clean but jumps conclusions; Hume forceful but idealy tic; Paine, interesting but inaccurate Darwin, painstaking but illogical; Ingesol, rhetorical but contradictory; Johnson a disgruntled bore; Carlyle, a chronigrumbler; Swift, a brilliant fool. Of the Mormon Bible the speaker said it would not be safe if it were not silly, and the the Mohammedon Koran is safe becam the Mohammedon Koran is sate becam men have not the patience to read it. In his discourse Mr. Means concluded discussion of Christian Science and the difference of opinion between Darwi

and his followers.

In summing up he gave Bobble Burr credit for being pathetic, but scored his for his obscenity, while the best that I