PLUMER'S REVERSE.

IT INTENSIFIES INTEREST IN FATE OF MAFEKING.

HAS METHUEN SURPRISE IN STORE?

He Seems in Position to Raise the Siege, While Svyman is Drawn Off—Roberts May Soon Join Hands With Buller.

LONDON, March 24—4 A. M.—Lord Roberts's main army continues waiting at Bloemfontein. The sentimental interest in the fate of Mafeking has intensified, with Colonel Plumer's forced retirement to Crocodile Pools, where he was two months ago. Relief from the north now dwindles to improbability.

Lord Methuen is skirmishing with the Boers at Warrenton, 167 miles away. Although seemingly in force sufficient to do pretty much as he likes, he has not advanced these five days. It is hoped that his military arrangement has a pleasant surprise in prospect for the Britishers, by raising the siege with a strong column of cavalry and artillery, working to Mafeking, while Commandant Snyman is drawn off.

FRENCH.

General French's cavalry and mounted infantry, according to a rumor, are fighting somewhere east of Bloemfontein. This suggests more Boer bad news, as Commandant Olivier's commando, with 2,000 wagons, is reported on the Basutoland frontier, toiling northward toward Kroonstad, via. Ladygrand. This enormous wagon-train is supposed to be moving twenty-five miles a day.

General French's cavalry posts stretch from Bloemfontein eastward to the mountains.

BULLER.

General Buller has not yet moved in Natal. The Eighth Division will go direct to Bloemfontein. Lord Roberts's effectives for disposal at the front ten days hence will be, it is estimated, 70,000 men, with the easy possibility of moving eastward, forcing the Boers to evacuate the Biggarsberg range, and joining hands with General Buller before continuing the promenade to Pretoria.

STEYN DEPOSED.

SPYINGFONTEIN, Friday, March 23.—It is reported here that Mr. Steyn has been deposed from the presidency, and that the public affairs of the Free State are being administered by a committee at Kroonstad.

NO BRITISH DUM-DUM.

LONDON, March 23.—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Wyndham, Parliamentary Secretary for War, stated that neither dum-dums, nor anything in the nature of expanding or explosive bullets, had been used by British troops in South Africa.

THE BOER OFFER OF LOAN.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—Mr. Duarte, the Portuguese minister here, said today that the overture made him by Mr. VanEyclen, president of the American Council of African Republics, offering a loan of $6,000,000 to the Portuguese Government, as the sum necessary to pay the Delagoa Bay award, was somewhat out of order, as no such award has yet been proclaimed. He said that the proposal in any case should have been sent to the Portuguese Government direct. He will forward it to Lisbon, with forebodings as to its being taken very seriously.

PRIESKA TROUBLE SUPPRESSED.

BLOEMFONTEIN, March 22.—The rebellion in the Prieska district has been suppressed, and Lord Kitchener is returning here.

FRENCH'S POSITION.

LONDON, March 22.—According to a special dispatch from Cape Town, dated to-day, General French's cavalry is fighting eastward of Bloemfontein.

It was announced in a dispatch to the Associated Press from Bloemfontein last night that General French, with a brigade of cavalry and mounted infantry, had arrived at Thabanchu, east of Bloemfontein, or about half-way between that place and Ladygrand, on the frontier of Basutoland, and had opened heliographic communication with Maseru, the chief town of Basutoland. It was added that he reported all well. But the position taken by General French would indicate that his instructions were to intercept the Boer forces which have been operating against the British troops under General Gatacre, and which are understood to be in retreat from Bethulie, Rouxville, and other places in the southern part of the Orange Free State.

FREE STATERS RALLYING.

BOER CAMP, KROONSTAD, Thursday, March 22.—Affairs are being put in proper shape, and the Free Staters who had to leave are returning in crowds. The President's proclamation has shown the Burghers that the government is standing firm. The commandoes are mobilizing in great numbers, and the men are more determined than ever.

President Steyn has issued a proclamation, in which he warns the Burghers who lay down their arms and help the English that they are liable to the utmost punishment as traitors.

CHECK TO PLUMER.

LONDON, March 23—9:21 P. M.—The War Office has issued the following:

"From the General at Cape Town to the Secretary of War:

"'Cape Town, March 23.—The following telegram has arrived from Nicholson, Buluwayo, March 16th:

"'The following is from Plumer, Lobatsi, March 14th: The Boers advanced from the south in considerable force this morning. They first advanced from Goode's Siding. After a sharp little engagement, Lieutenant-Colonel Bodle's advanced post was compelled to retire. The retirement was excellently carried out to our main position. The casualties included Lieutenant Chapman and a corporal prisoners, and two men missing, probably prisoners. Five troopers were wounded. Chapman's horse fell with him close to the enemy, who immediately surrounded him. The exact Boer casualties are unknown, but several were shot at short range. In the afternoon, the Boers advanced further north, and shelled our position from a ridge on our left. Our 12 1-2 pounder replied, the artillery duel continuing until sunset. Lieutenant A. J. Tyler has since died of wounds. One native was killed.'"

PLUMER BEING ISOLATED.

A dispatch to the Daily News from Lourenzo Marques, dated Friday, says:

"It is reported here from Pretoria that Commandant Eloff is isolating Colonel Plumer's forces near Gaberones.

METHUEN'S OPERATIONS.

LONDON, March 24.—A dispatch to the Daily News from Warrenton, dated Thursday, describing Lord Methuen's position says:

"A small flanking force sent through Boshof secured an important crossing, where the ferry had been destroyed, but foreseeing this, Lord Methuen had another pont built, which is ready to be sent thither when the advance is considered opportune.

"The cavalry and infantry column is en route for this point. Thus the position of the Boers at Fourteen Streams is formidably threatened.

"Lord Methuen's advance has not been hurried to the safety of Mafeking, where the pressure apparently has been relaxed as a result of operations elsewhere, but he is confident of his ability to push aside the opposition on the Vaal river when the proper time comes."

MILNER'S MISSION.

CAPE TOWN, March 23.—It is understood that Sir Alfred Milner's mission northward is connected with the enforcement of martial law. He will use his personal influence toward the pacification of disaffected districts. By request of Loyalists, martial law has been proclaimed in the Gordonia districts.

GOLD-DREDGING OFF ALASKA.

Reply of Secretary Root—His Authority for Granting Permits.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—Secretary Root to-day transmitted to the Senate his reply to the resolutions of March 21st, condemning his practice of granting permits for gold-dredging off the Alaskan coast. He says:

"No concessions or grants to excavate the gold-bearing bed of the sea at or in the vicinity of Cape Nome, in Alaska, or in other Alaskan waters, have been made by the Secretary of War, or any other official of the War Department. Numerous applications have been received by the War Department for permits to excavate in the bed of the ocean in the vicinity of Cape Nome, in Alaska, in the exercise of the authority conferred by section 10 of the Act of Congress, approved March 3, 1899.

"Section 12 of the same statute makes it a criminal offence to excavate without the required authority, however lawful the work may otherwise be, and provides that the offender, 'on conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding $2,500, nor less than $500, or by imprisonment not exceeding one year, or by both, such punishments being in the discretion of the court.'

"Permits thus granted are not exclusive; they do not preclude any number of similar permits applicable to the same territory; they are not grants or concessions, and they confer no rights whatever, except immunity from prosecution under the statute above quoted, secured in accordance with the terms of the statute, and by reason of a compliance with the provisions thereof.

"As there seems to be no legal reason why all citizens of the United States should not have the same opportunity to prospect for gold and acquire mining rights under the mining law upon land under water, as they have upon lands not under water, it is laid down as a general policy in the discretion vested in the Chief of Engineers and Secretary of War by this statute to relieve all citizens applying from the obstacles interposed by this statute as long as their proposed operations do not interfere with navigation. All applications made under this statute have, accordingly, so far as it has been possible to dispose of them, received favorable action. No application of this description has been denied. Upon two, permits have been granted. Upon a third, papers have been prepared, and were awaiting the Secretary of War's signature at the time of the passage of your resolution. Three others were approved by the Chief of Engineers, and were in the hands of the Judge-Advocate-General for the preparation of the necessary papers. Eleven others are still in the office of the Chief of Engineers, in process of examination upon the question whether they interfere with navigation. Four more just received are in the office of the Secretary of War, and will to-day be sent to the Chief of Engineers. Unless otherwise directed by Congress, the Secretary of War will deem it his duty, in the exercise of the discretion vested in him by law, to grant permits in all of these cases, and upon all other similar applications by citizens of the United States, provided that the work proposed does not injuriously affect navigation."

THE PUERTO RICAN BILL.

Republican Senators Endeavoring to Placate Free-Trade entiment.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—The Republican Caucus Committee of the Senate today authorized Senator Foraker, in definite terms, to propose the separation of the tariff feature from the Puerto Rican governmental bill, and to attempt to pass the House tariff bill, without amendment. The programme is to vote down all amendments, if possible to do so, and pass the bill as it comes from the House, without any changes whatever.

There was a disposition manifested to placate the free-traders by making various amendments to the governmental bill. The tariff advocates have gone so far as to draft amendments to that measure which are intended both to correct administrative defects in the House bill, and to meet many of the objections to the House tariff measure. One of these amendments looks to the enlargement of the free-trade list so as to include most of the articles of export in which the constituents of the free-trade senators are interested. There is also a proposition looking to the entire removal of the duty on articles from the United States going into Puerto Rico.

One member of the committee stated that it was the purpose of the committee to ask every day that a time be set for taking a vote, thus placing the responsibility for any delay that might occur upon the free-traders.

The element in the Republican ranks in the Senate favoring free trade with Puerto Rico decided at a conference to-day to oppose any action looking to an early vote, and to ask for further time in case the question should come up. About ten senators were present. They were unanimously of the opinion that delay would result in gain for their cause in public good-will and in the Senate. A canvass of the Republican senators was made, with the result, it was stated, that fifteen could be found who would oppose hasty action. Of these it was stated that ten were unalterably opposed to a tariff on our commerce with Puerto Rico.

RALEIGH'S BUDGET.

More Mills—The Preacher Murderer—Other Notes.

RALEIGH, N. C., March 23.—(Special.)—The State to-day chartered the Oxford cotton-mills, at Oxford, capital $125,000, with authority to increase to $500,000. The mills will spin and weave. J. G. Hall, E. T. White, J. M. Currin, and others are stockholders. This is the nineteenth mill chartered this year.

Raleigh will in a few weeks have three telephone systems. It is said to be the only place in the country to be so favored.

The negro "preacher," Tom Jones, who stands charged with the murder and burning of six people at Garner night before last, was seen in jail this morning. He says he is a Methodist, but has never been licensed to preach; that he did not preach, but exhorted; that he was born in Wake, but lived for awhile at Louisburg, and that in 1889 most of his near relatives went to the far South in the great exodus. He gives his age as 30. His language is good. His appearance is repulsive. There are thirty-two prisoners in jail. He mingles with most of them. There are five men in another section, and these said, so Jones could hear it, that he ought to be lynched; not simply killed, but tarred and burned. The prisoners say that Jones stated, after he was placed in jail yesterday, that if he had not been tied he would not have asked the officers any odds, but would have escaped. The negroes here hate him, but no attempt at lynching will be made. So far as is now recalled, negroes have lynched but one man in this State. This case occurred in a southeastern county some fifteen years or more ago.

Ex-Sheriff Clarence Call, of Wilkes, one of the leading Republicans in that district, has been convicted of disturbing religious worship and carrying a revolver in church. He has been heavily fined.

William B. Council, of Watauga, member of the lower house of the Legislature, is nominated by the Democrats for Judge of the Superior Court. The Democrats expect to elect all their nominees for judge. They also expect to elect their full congressional ticket.

Work progresses rapidly on the Neuse River Cotton-Mills, fourteen miles from here. Granite is being used entirely. It is lifted from the quarry directly on the walls.

Chicago Platform Democrats.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 23.—The Executive Committee of the Chicago platform Democrats of the State met here to-night. It adopted the Lincoln platform, reaffirmed the Chicago platform, and favored William J. Bryan as the Empire State's choice for President. It was decided to contest the seat of any delegate who did not loyally support the platform and ticket in 1896.

Mrs. Calvin Zimmerman, Milesburg, Pa., says: "As a speedy cure for coughs, colds, croup, and sore throat, One Minute Cough Cure is unequalled. It is pleasant for children to take. I heartily recommend it to mothers. It is the only harmless remedy that produces immediate results. It cures bronchitis, pneumonia, grippe, and throat and lung diseases. It will prevent consumption. Bodeker Brothers, T. A. Miller.

DR. WILLIAM H. TEMPLE, OF BRUNSWICK,
Who Was Shot by Rev. J. E. R. Riddick, and Died from the Effects of His Wounds.

THE NEW INSURANCE LAW.

Authorized to Fix Rates and to Merge With Other Companies.

The corporators of the Protective Insurance Company of Virginia, whose charter grants rights which, it is claimed, will practically revive the Southeastern Tariff Association, are C. W. Williams, J. Richard Jeter, Thomas Davant, Jr., E. L. Wool, and H. Junker. The charter, of which little seemed to be known at the time, was granted by the General Assembly at its recent session. The capital stock is to be not less than $10,000, nor more than $25,000. The principal office is to be in Richmond.

The interesting sections of the bill, and those which seem to confer powers which apparently very few people knew of, are the third and seventh. The third section reads:

"The said company is authorized to do a general insurance business, and may insure dwelling-houses, stores, and all kinds of buildings and their contents, household furniture, boats and other vessels, produce, merchandise, and other property, and cargoes of freight of railroad-cars, boats, or other vessels against damage or loss by fire, lightning, windstorms, tornadoes, and all dangers of the sea, and to effect reinsurance or any risk taken by it, and to reinsure risks taken by other companies lawfully permitted to do business of similar or like character, either while within the bounds of this State or in transitu in or to other States or countries. To inspect risks, make surveys thereof, fix and establish charges and rates of insurance, change same from time to time, publish, promulgate, and dispose of same to any company authorized to do a fire or tornado insurance business in the State of Virginia."

This is the seventh section:

"The said company is hereby authorized and empowered, upon a vote of the majority of the stockholders in meeting assembled, to sell or lease or consolidate and merge its privileges, properties, rights, works, and franchises with those of any other company now chartered, or which may be hereafter chartered, and in such manner and upon such terms under its own name, or the name of such other company, or any other name as the stockholders of the several companies so consolidated may agree upon. In the event of the consolidation above mentioned, the said company is hereby authorized to receive as part of the terms thereof and consideration for such consolidation, so much of the stocks and bonds of such consolidated company as may be provided in the agreement of consolidation, and may use, hold, or otherwise dispose of such stocks and bonds as it may deem proper. The consolidation and merger of such companies, and the organization of such consolidated company, shall be deemed and taken as final and complete so soon as the agreement of such consolidation fixing the terms, name, and consolidations thereof and the organization of the consolidated companies shall be lodged in the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of the city of Richmond, Va., and the said consolidated companies, under whatever name may be so agreed upon, shall thereupon be, and it hereby is, invested and clothed with all the powers, rights, privileges, franchises, and properties of consolidated companies as fully and completely as if the same had been transferred by deed, including the power to issue and use such an amount of its stock and bonds as may be necessary to carry out the terms of such agreement of consolidation."

IN INTEREST OF MISSIONS.

Delightful 5 o'Clock Tea at Seventh-Street Christian Church.

There was an extremely interesting special meeting of the Auxiliary of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions of the Seventh-Street Christian church yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, followed by an English tea, served by Mrs. E. W. Trafford, formerly from Hampstead-Heath, near London, after the style of the church teas in the Old Country.

The Ladies' Aid Society and the In-His-Name Circle, of this church met with the auxiliary as hostesses to the Missionary Society of the other Christian church—Marshall-Street and Third church. Mrs. Carey E. Morgan is president of this auxiliary, which now numbers nearly 120 members, and has literary features at each meeting, which makes it an occasion of mental as well as moral growth. There were interesting and appropriate papers by several ladies on the programme, including the reading of a bright, short story by one of the younger members, and brief talks on the Christian Woman's Board of Missions work, by three ministers who dropped in—Rev. Mr. Book, now holding a meeting at the new Third church, and Rev. Mr. Chestnutt, of Ashland, concluding with an appeal from the pastor, Mr. Carey E. Morgan, that every woman in the church should engage in the beautiful work of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions, which had been so wonderfully blessed in this and foreign countries.

CAPTAIN LARKIN'S MONEY.

It Disappears Mysteriously—Suspicion Falls on Deck Hand.

Captain Charles Larkin, of the schooner I Don't Know, had the misfortune to have $45 stolen from him early yesterday morning.

The suspicion of Captain Larkin falls on a little man whom he employed Thursday as a deck hand as the fellow who may now be spending his hard-earned money. Captain Larkin says he had the money in an inside pocket of his coat, which hung on a peg in the cabin. He wanted something from the cabin yesterday morning, and sent the man for it. The employee, according to Captain Larkin, went but didn't return. When the Captain missed him he went to the cabin. The money was in his mind; he felt in his coat pocket, when lo and behold, he learned that it was in his mind alone—certainly not in his pocket.

The money was put up in bills of $5 each. The man whom Captain Larkin remembered mostly yesterday was put up 5 feet 4 inches of flesh and bones. He has black curly hair at one end and two small, much-worn shoes at the other.

The theft has been reported to the police of the First District, and Detective Wren is at work on the case.

PETERSBURG.

To Speak at the Convention—On the Lookout—Personal.

PETERSBURG, VA., March 23.—(Special.)—Hon. John S. Rhea, the eloquent Congressman from Kentucky, will attend the Democratic convention, which is to meet in this city March 29th, to nominate a candidate for Congress for the Fourth District. He will, of course, deliver a speech. Mr. Rhea was here on a similar occasion several years ago, and made one of the ablest political addresses ever heard in Petersburg.

Mr. John R. Matthews, of England, who has been giving Bible reading in Richmond, is in the city to-day, on his way to Norfolk, to give readings there.

Chief-of-Police Ragland received a telegram to-day from the Commonwealth's-Attorney of Greenesville county, asking him to look out for two white tramps, who are making their way in this direction, and who are supposed to be members of the murderous gang who have been operating out in that county. Officers are on the watch, and if the tramps are coming this way they will be caught.

Mr. Edward Davis, a tailor, had the misfortune to slip and fall near the Union Depot to-day, and to sustain painful injuries about the face.

Rev. Dr. W. G. Starr will preach twice in this city on Sunday, in behalf of the twentieth century fund. He will be at High-Street church in the morning, and at Wesley at night.

A license was issued yesterday for the marriage of Mr. James R. Quarles and Miss Maggie Wilborne, both of this city. It is understood they were married in Richmond.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walsh, of this city, who has been ill for several days, is now improved in condition.

NELSON COUNTY.

Death of a Respected Citizen—Candidates for Congress.

LOVINGSTON, VA., March 23.—(Special.)—Mr. J. W. C. Meeks, highly respected and a successful farmer, died at the home of his son, Dr. W. D. Meeks, near Massie's Mill, yesterday. Mr. Meeks is survived by two sons and two daughters.

Politics are waxing warm in Nelson and Amherst counties.

As published in the Dispatch several weeks ago, Mr. B. T. Gordon, our Commonwealth's Attorney, announced himself a candidate for Congress in this (the Tenth) district. Last week Judge W. G. Loving, of the County Court of Nelson, announced himself a candidate for the same office. Judge Loving represented Amherst county in the Legislature two terms some years ago, and since then has devoted his time to the practice of his profession. Both of the gentlemen have been life-long Democrats and are very popular, and their friends no doubt will do all in their power to bring about the nomination of their choice.

Grip is raging in all sections of the county, resulting fatally in some cases.

M. B. Smith, Butternut, Mich., says: "DeWitt's Little Early Risers are the very best pills I ever used for costiveness, liver, and bowel troubles." Bodeker Brothers, T. A. Miller.

What The Doctor Said!

Dr. Chas. Drennen, of Birmingham, Ala., in the Dietetic & Hygienic Gazette, says, in a report on several cases of

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HOSPITAL POINT.

BILL TO REMOVE THIS OBSTRUCTION IN NORFOLK HARBOR.

MR. JONES'S BALTIMORE SPEECH.

It Opened the Democratic Campaign in Maryland—Eulogies on Mr. Epes to Be Delivered To-Day—Personal and Postal Notes.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 23.—(Special.)—Dr. Dick Wise has introduced a bill, making an appropriation for the removal of an obstruction in the naval channel of the Elizabeth river, in the approach to the navy-yard, known as Hospital Point. It provides that the sum of $193,157.08 be appropriated for the removal of Hospital Point, in the harbor of Norfolk, in accordance with the recommendations of the chief engineer of the army. The bill was referred to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors.

Representative Otey called on the Attorney-General to-day in behalf of Mrs. Nowlin, of Lynchburg, who wishes to secure a rehearing on her application to have cloud removed from the title to property located in Dallas, Tex., which been held up since 1887.

Major Otey has been appointed of the special committee having under consideration the joint resolution appropriating $5,000,000 to celebrate the Louisiana purchase at St. Louis in 1903.

MR. JONES IN BALTIMORE.

Representative Jones last night delivered an address before the Maryland Democratic Association of Baltimore. He formally opened the campaign in Maryland. Resolutions were adopted by the association endorsing Bryan and the Chicago platform.

Representative Rixey has introduced a bill authorizing the Secretary of War to furnish the Secretary of the Treasury with a list of the names of all laborers employed in the War Department and bureaus, whose wages, or parts thereof, were withheld ostensibly for the support of indigent freedmen, and providing that the Secretary of the Treasury adjust the accounts and pay the amounts claimed to be due.

To-morrow, in the House, eulogies on the late Congressman Sydney P. Epes, of the Fourth Virginia District, will be delivered. Several members of the Virginia delegation and many others of Mr. Epes's former colleagues will speak.

PERSONAL.

Sheriff Solomon, of Henrico county, was in the city yesterday, on business, and visiting old friends.

Lieutenant-Commander Henderson left yesterday evening, on a brief visit to his home in Salisbury, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Pender, of Norfolk, Va., and Mr. Arthur B. Clarke and daughter, of Richmond, are registered at the Raleigh, as is also Mr. S. T. Caves, of the University of Virginia.

Ex-Representative Harry St. George Tucker is in the city to-day. He visited the Capitol this morning, to shake hands with many of his former colleagues, and received quite an ovation on the floor of the House. While in Congress Mr. Tucker was one of the most popular members with all parties.

William P. Holland, Windsor, Va.; R. B. Glenn, Winston, N. C.; William M. Giles, Charlotte, N. C.; A. L. Brooks, J. W. Fry, R. D. Douglas, J. W. Scott—National.

J. R. Smith, Smithville, Va.—Metropolitan.

POSTAL.

Among the fourth-class postmasters appointed to-day are Frank M. Beverley, Freeling, Dickinson county, Va.; L. K. Boykin, Filmore, Wilson county, N. C.; Joseph W. Martin, Florence, Pamlico county, N. C.; Sarah E. Roane, Roane's Mill, Macon county, N. C.

Michael C. Heath has been commissioned a fourth-class postmaster at Naruna, Va.

A new post-office has been established at Bellamy, Robeson county, N. C., with Dudley D. Lennon as postmaster.

Changes in star mail schedules have been made as follows in Virginia:

Lester Manor to Tappahannock—Leave Lester Manor daily, except Sunday, at 7:30 A. M., arrive at Tappahannock by 3 P. M.; leave Tappahannock daily, except Sunday, at 7 A. M., arrive at Lester Manor by 2:30 P. M. Take effect March 26, 1900.

Lester Manor to Millers Tavern—Leave Lester Manor daily, except Sunday, at 7:30 A. M., arrive at Millers Tavern by 1 P. M.; leave Millers Tavern daily, except Sunday, after the arrival of mail from Tappahannock, but not later than 10:30 A. M., arrive at Lester Manor in 5 1-2 hours. Take effect March 26, 1900.

SITUATION AT PONCE CRITICAL.

Poor Starving—All Americans Condemned—Riots Threatened.

PONCE, P. R., March 23.—The situation here is more serious than at any time before or since the terrible hurricane. In many places the poor are starving. The prices of rice, beans, and codfish have increased from 50 to 100 per cent.

Demonstrations against the delay of the United States in settling open questions have recently been held at Mayaguez, Yauco, Arecibo, Aguadilla, Fajardo, Juana Diaz, Guayama, and many other towns. The people are unable to understand the delay, and they condemn all Americans indiscriminately. Bad feeling is arising, which it will take years to overcome. Even riots are threatened. Trouble is almost inevitable, unless the tension is relieved. Even wealthy land-owners cannot command ready cash, and many Americans are penniless, being glad to work for their board.

Hunting for Mrs. Yeager.

(Baltimore Sun.)

The Baltimore police have been requested to look out for and if possible apprehend Mrs. Otie Joy Yeager, the wife of Thomas P. Yeager, of Cross Keys, Rockingham county, Va., who disappeared from the Pennsylvania railroad station at Washington last Monday. It is said she was temporarily insane at the time. This is the second time Mrs. Yeager has disappeared. On December 10th last she left Richmond, Va., and was found January 10th at Scranton, Pa., working as a servant. Acting-Captain-of-Detectives Hall yesterday received a number of cards containing pictures of Mrs. Yeager on one side and a description of her and an account of her disappearance on the other. A reward of $100 is offered for her detention, and a request made to notify W. G. Baldwin, Chief of Detectives, Roanoke, Va., and Mr. Yeager, Harrisonburg, Va.

Mrs. Yeager is 35 years old, of dark complexion, 5 feet 1 inch tall, and weighs 107 pounds. When she left she had on a large black hat, a suit of dark-green cloth, and green golf cape.

Big Railway Consolidation.

KANSAS CITY, March 23.—The Star says there are rumors of a consolidation of the Union Pacific, Chicago and Alton, Illinois Central, and Kansas City Southern railroads. The last-named road is the successor of the Kansas City, Pittsburg and Gulf. There is reason to believe that the deal is under serious consideration.

Terribly Fatal Explosion.

MUNCIE, IND., March 23.—Three men were instantly killed, one was fatally injured, and two were seriously injured by the explosion of a saw-mill boiler near Anthony, seven miles from here, today.

The dead are Clifford Buskirk, aged 16, torn to pieces; Marion Carey, 42 years, brass oil-cup driven through head; Thomas Sullivan, 45 years.

Fatally injured: James Rytien.

Seamen Eaten by Cannibals.

VANCOUVER, B. C., March 23.—The steamer Warrimoo to-day brings from Dutch New Guinea the shocking account of the devouring of three officers of the steamer General Pell by cannibals, who caught them while on shore taking photographs.

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MAKE A COMPROMISE.

THE CITY COMMITTEE AND JACKSON-WARD MATTER.

BAHEN'S NAME IS NOT MENTIONED.

Resolutions Endorse the Other Candidates Specifically—Committee Also Adopts a Plan of Primary—The Municipal Campaign.

The City Democratic Committee met at Murphy's Hotel last night to settle the Jackson Ward matter and perfect plans for the primary election.

The committee was practically unanimous in thinking it best to recognize the nominees of the mass-meeting held early this month as the Democratic nominees, and the only difference of opinion appeared to be as to the wording of the resolution. Two resolutions—one offered by Mr. Gordon and one by Mr. Tyler—were considered, both of which covered pretty much the same ground. The committee finally adopted the one offered by Mr. Gordon, which is as follows:

"Whereas, the Executive Committee, upon the unanimous request and consent of the Jackson Ward delegation, authorized the nomination of candidates for Board of Aldermen, Council and Justices of the Peace for said ward in a mass-meeting to be called by the superintendent of said ward; and, whereas, on March 7, 1900, after due notice to the voters of said ward, a mass-meeting of said voters was held, who made nominations for said offices, as hereinafter stated; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the following persons, who were nominated in said mass-meeting, be, and they are hereby, declared to be the Democratic candidates, and the only Democratic candidates for Jackson Ward in the ensuing general election to fill said offices—viz.:

"Board of Aldermen—H. P. Beck.

"Common Council—G. K. Pollock, Henry J. Heeke, M. F. Whalen, John Teefey, D. F. McCarthy.

"Justices of the Peace—Alfred Otto, P. J. McCarthy, J. J. Graves.

"Provided, said nominees pay the same assessments as are required of other candidates for like offices in other wards of the city."

A CONCESSION.

It will be observed that this resolution, while recognizing the action of the mass-meeting as regular, is silent as to the endorsement of Mr. Bahen, which is a concession to the protesting Democrats in the ward. It is believed by the committeemen and many familiar with affairs in Jackson Ward that the committee's action will restore harmony and bring together the belligerent factions in the party.

The committee adopted a plan which is practically the plan under which municipal elections have been held for six or eight years past. Polls will be opened on April 10th at 6 A. M. and close at 8 P. M. In other respects the plan follows the State election law closely, it being provided that voters shall receive official ballots from the judges of election and retire to the booths to mark them. The primary being held under the act of Assembly legalizing primary elections, it will be a State election and the police will be given the duty of keeping all but intending voters from congregating within forty feet of the polls in any direction.

NOTES OF THE CITY CAMPAIGN.

There were few developments of interest in the city campaign yesterday. The situation in Jackson Ward, and the probable action of the City Committee, were topics occasionally mentioned. There was evidenced yesterday a more general belief that Mr. James Caskie would eventually reconsider his determination not to be a candidate again. As stated in the Dispatch, the greatest pressure is being exercised to have Mr. Caskie run this year.

It may be of interest to state that there are two or three gentlemen in Monroe Ward who have withheld announcement of candidacy for the Common Council, hoping that Mr. Caskie might be induced to be a candidate. Under ordinary circumstances, it is stated, the gentlemen referred to would aspire to the Council, but will not do so in the event Mr. Caskie consents to become a candidate.

Messrs. W. S. Gunn and Geore Hooper, Jr., it was stated yesterday afternoon, have decided to make the run for the Common Council in Clay Ward.

His Purse is Found.

Some months ago, in alighting from a crowded train at Elba Station, Mr. D. B. Cox, of Ashland, lost or was robbed of his pocket-book, containing over $300 in money and valuable papers. He received information yesterday from a Coast-Line official at Wilmington, N. C., to the effect that his purse and papers had been found in a coach behind a stove. The money had been taken and the purse hidden.

Board to Meet Here To-Day.

It is understood that there will be a meeting here to-day of the Board of Directors of the Piedmont Lumber and Wharf Company, which was chartered by the last General Assembly. The claim is made for the charter of this company that it negatives the compulsory pilotage law, and a great deal of interest attaches to it on that account.

Seats on Sale To-Day.

The sale of seats for the concert to be given by Mr. Edward von Berggrun, of Vienna, at the Young Men's Christian Association Hall, on Monday night, will open at 9 o'clock this morning. The celebrated artist will be strongly supported, and the event promises to be one of the most interesting and attractive of the season.

Personals and Briefs.

Mr. John P. Pettyjohn, of Lynchburg, was in the city yesterday.

Dr. P. P. Duval is very sick at his residence, 107 1-2 east Main street.

Mr. L. F. Picot is much improved, and will be able to get out in a few days.

Deputy-Sheriff Meredith left his office yesterday to go home on account of sickness.

Work on the 2,000-foot sewer through Hollywood Cemetery will shortly commence.

Mrs. Dr. Grymes is visiting her son, Mr. J. C. Grymes, at Crescent, W. Va., and has greatly improved in health.

Rev. R. Finley Gayle will preach at Union-Station to-morrow morning, and the pastor, Rev. C. D. Crawley, at night.

Rabbia Calish preached at Beth Ahaba last night on "A Momentous Question." His theme this morning will be "Strange Fires."

Rev. S. A. Steel will preach Sunday night on "The Trial of Jesus Christ—Jesus Before the Jews—Did He Receive a Fair Trial?"

Alternative bids for repairs to city school building will be shortly be invited. The sub-committee of the School Board has partially formed its plans.

Mrs. David M. Whitehead continues to improve at her home, at Ashland. While her recovery is necessarily slow, her physician hopes for complete restoration to health.

Mr. E. H. Lipscomb, one of the clerks at Ford's Hotel, has returned from his home, in King and Queen county, where he was confined to his bed for some time and is back at his post of duty.

Richmonders in New York.

NEW YORK, March 23.—(Special.)—G. Berwanger and wife, W. W. Rountree, St. Louis; A. S. Hufard, Manhattan; J. R. Riddick, Broadway Central; Z. Z. Stearns, Hoffman.

LOWER RAPPAHANNOCK.

Canvasbacks — Personal — Political Matters—Fishing.

IRVINGTON, VA., March 22.—(Special.)—R. O. Norris has been appointed postmaster at Lively, Lancaster county, vice P. D. Northern, resigned.

A new post-office has been established at Calloa, Northumberland county, with James A. Self as postmaster.

More canvasback ducks, it is said, have been killed on the Potomac river this year than during any season for the past fifteen years.

Malcom H. Jett and family left here this week for New Glasgow, Amherst county, where he will make his future home. He leaves owing to his wife's health.

In drilling an Artesian well at the factory of the Carter's Creek Fish Guano Company, of Irvington, Lancaster county, guantities of shell were pumped up from a deposit of 340 feet. Among them was a conch shell and a large barnacle, the latter showing that it had just been detached from the article to which it clung.

The chairman of the Democratic county Committee, W. McDonald Lee, has issued a call for the Democrats to meet at the Courthouse on court day for the purpose of selecting delegates and alternates to the State Convention which meets in Norfolk on May 2d. The Republicans will meet at the Courthouse on Saturday, March 31st, to select delegates to attend the Congressional Convention which meets at Cape Charles, Va., on the 9th of April, and also to the State Convention at Norfolk on the 10th of April.

Fishermen have about finished driving stakes, and nearly all have their nets out and are catching fish. Fresh fish are no longer considered a delicacy along the waters of the Rappahannock.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church at Weems, Lancaster county, held a Silk-Sock Social at the residence of W. A. Dameron on Wednesday night. Each one was furnished with a diminutive silk sock, in which he placed doubts the number of pennies for the size of his or her hose. It was a grand success.

Lancaster Circuit Court adjourned on Tuesday last. Judge T. R. B. Wright left at once for Mathews county, where he went to hold court.

The farmers are taking advantage of the recent good weather and are hard at work in their fields. Farming is delayed considerably on account of the cold and wet weather of the past three months.

NORTHERN METHODISTS.

Their Annual Conference—Reports of Presiding Elders.

ALEXANDRIA, VA., March 23.—(Special.)—The second business session of the Virginia annual conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, opened this morning in Trinity church, with Bishop John F. Hurst in the chair. The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved, and the presiding elders for the various districts submitted reports. T. J. Crumley, presiding elder for Abingdon District, reported affairs under his charge in prosperous condition. Similar reports were made by S. A. Ball for Alexandria District; A. J. Porter, Roanoke District, and D. C. Hendrick, Greenbrier District.

After the reading of these reports the conference went into an election for a delegate and alternate to the General Methodist Episcopal Conference, which meets in Chicago next May. W. S. A. Heavener was chosen delegate and S. A. Ball alternate.

The following, after due examination, were admitted to the conference: James B. Keister, Samuel A. Wanless, William Dye, Ira K. Rickett, Jasper Sage, and K. H. Hackler. On request, N. C. Burkhart was placed on the supernumerary list. S. A. Ball, J. M. Thorne, and M. E. Church were appointed on a committee to appropriate certain money from the sale of church property.

The anniversary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was celebrated at 3 o'clock this afternoon. Bishop Hurst gave a talk on his trip to India, and the address was delivered by Mrs. Hartsock, of Washington. A young Syrian woman also made an address, her talk relating to affairs in her far-off mother land. Special services this evening marked the anniversary of the Conference Education Society. Rev. Dr. G. E. Ackerman, of Chattanooga, delivered an address on "Education."

No Tidings of Taylor.

The Henrico authorities have no tidings as to the whereabouts of Theodore F. Taylor, the former Deputy Clerk. Some people incline to the belief that Taylor has never left the county, and is being shielded by friends, but the officials do not share this opinion.

Musicale and Japanese Wedding.

A unique, successful, and highly-interesting entertainment was given at Immanuel church last night. The attendance was large and all enjoyed both the excellent music and the Japanese marriage, which was very cleverly given.

Trial of Nethersole April 3d.

NEW YORK, March 23.—The trial of Miss Olga Nethersole, the actress, was set for April 3d.

Orders for printing sent to the Dispatch Company will be given prompt attention, and the style of work and prices