

THE NEWS.

Hawley E. Webster, ex-postmaster of Brookport, N. Y., who was removed from office last September owing to a shortage in his accounts, has been arrested, his bondsman, who made good the deficiency, having concluded to appear against him. His assistant postmaster has disappeared. Frank Elghy and Eugene Avery, of Saratoga Lake, N. Y., have been arrested on the charge of man-laugher for driving over John T. Halpin, Jr., during a political parade. In the United States District Court at Cleveland, O., the jury in the case of the United States against W. S. Jasper, general manager of the defunct Crescent Fire Insurance Company, brought in a verdict of guilty. Jasper was arrested on the charge of using the mails for fraudulent purposes. "Kid" Thompson and a man named Hopper have been brought to Phoenix, Ariz., from the Reno mountains under guard. The former is supposed to be a Roscoe train robber, and the latter is probably the same. He made a determined fight to avoid arrest. The arrest was made by cowboys. Three masked men entered E. C. Enderley's store at Thermopolis, Wyoming, covered the proprietor with guns and compelled him to give them \$1,300 from the safe. Mr. Enderley and others pursued the robbers and shot one who was recognized as Jace Snyder. He will die. The others escaped with most of the plunder. Colonel Andrew Degraff, one of the earliest settlers in Minnesota, and one of the best known railroad builders in the United States, died at the Merchants' Hotel, in St. Paul, aged eighty-three years. Services in the memory of the late Czar of Russia were celebrated in New York. Attorney General Olney submitted to the United States Court in Philadelphia an opinion that the receiver of the Philadelphia and Reading Road has no right to dismiss employees because they belong to the Brotherhood of Firemen. By operation of the law, General O. O. Howard, commanding the Department of the East, with headquarters at Governors Island, New York, was retired. Victor J. L. Cova, a New York packer, was held in jail by the federal grand jury in New York on the charge of shipping cartridges with some talow. Rev. Dr. Talmage has resigned, and will devote himself to evangelical work. The second day's session of the Methodist Missionary Conference was held in Brooklyn. In a quarrel over a piece of land, A. Hottensot, a farmer near Litchfield, Ill., shot and killed Mrs. Charles Neimeyer and then fatally wounded himself. Michael J. Kelly, the baseball player, died of pneumonia in Boston. Two children burned to death in a barn near Timberville, Va. In the Santa Fe case in Topeka the United States Circuit Court decided in favor of the present board and against cumulative voting. The three-masted schooner Mary L. Peters, overdue at Portland, Me., from Galveston, is believed to be lost with her crew of eight men. Frederick Dallman, who accidentally killed his brother Robert in the Fourteenth Regiment armory, was discharged from custody in Brooklyn. Ex-Sheriff Leeds died at his home in Philadelphia. Several workmen were injured in a fire which broke out in Booth & Flyn's stables in Pittsburgh. A plan for the reorganization of the Cincinnati, Jackson and Mackinac Railroad has been formulated upon the basis of leaving the bonded debt unchanged and scaling the \$16,000,000 of stock to \$10,000,000. The body of an unknown man was found on the Lehigh and Lackawanna Railroad tracks near Santes Mills. There were two deep gashes in the head and the left hand was cut off. It is believed that the man was murdered and the body placed on the track to avoid suspicion. W. D. Thecker was killed and Joseph O'Brien was fatally injured by the fall of a scaffold at 1812 I street, Washington. Brigadier Greely makes some important observations in his annual report on the signal corps service of the army. An adjourned meeting of the stockholders of the Seaboard and Roanoke Railroad Company was held in Portsmouth and directors elected. At Charleston, W. Va., Judge Snyder sentenced Bud Clendenin to the penitentiary for life for the murder of Dr. J. W. Davis. In Scott county, Va., Emmet Richmond was shot and killed by a man named Maxton. Under the constitution which was adopted in New York Mr. Moron will hold the office of Governor for two years, and Mr. Strong, the new Mayor of the city, three years. The entire new constitution, anti-gambling and partisan appointment along with the rest, was adopted. Henry Mills, who murdered, December 3, 1893, Mrs. Mary A. Ward at Feits Mills, N. Y., will be killed by electricity during the week beginning December 16th.

THE ELECTIONS.

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Next House of Representatives Probably Republican.

DEFEAT OF HILL AND GRANT

Mr. Morton's Majority Over 100,000—Mr. Wilson Probably Defeated—Full Democratic Delegation to Congress from Virginia.

In every state north of Mason's and Dixon's line, and in Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia, south of it, the Republicans have made gains in their members of Congress.

The Congressional gains as far as can be verified at going to press with this side of our paper are as follows: West Virginia 3, New York 20, Massachusetts 4, Maryland 3, Pennsylvania 4, New Jersey 7, Connecticut 3. The total Republican estimate.

The defeat of Tammany in New York has been a crushing one. Hill counted on going to the Harlem with a majority of 50,000. Instead, he has reached there with about 20,000 in the majority.

In New York City his plurality was just 4,401. Grant's defeat was worse. Strong polled 152,692; Grant, 121,257; Strong's plurality, 41,434. John W. Goff, Ind., has been elected Recorder of New York City over Frederick Smyth, Tammany, by a plurality of 54,444 on the total city vote.

In West Virginia, William L. Wilson has probably met with defeat, although it will take an official count to determine the result.

NEW YORK.

The Republicans have carried New York State by estimated pluralities ranging from 130,000 to 150,000. These figures represent the probable plurality of Levi P. Morton, Republican, for governor, over David B. Hill, Democrat, based upon the vote of New York City and Brooklyn complete and returns from more than one-half of the election districts above the Harlem River.

CALIFORNIA.

About one-half the entire vote of California is counted, and the result indicates that Bodd, Democratic candidate for governor, has a plurality of between 5,000 and 7,000. The returns now indicate that the Republicans have elected six of the Congressmen, McGuire, Dem., in the Fourth district, is re-elected, while there is little doubt that (anti) gett, present representative from the Second district; Geary, in the First district, and English, in the Third, have been elected. Not more than one-fourth of the vote in the First district has been counted, but Barham, Rep., continues to gain. It is probable that the successful Congressional candidates will be: First, Barham, Rep.; Second, Johnson, Rep.; Third, Hibbard, Rep.; Fourth, McGuire, Dem.; Fifth, Loud, Rep.; Sixth, McLachlan, Rep.; Seventh, Bowers, Rep.

COLORADO.

All day long the private carriages of Capitol Hill Society leaders have been carrying women voters to the polls. In many cases the ladies owning the turnouts went with them to urge the voters to make use of their franchise. A very large majority of these, though not all, are advocates of the Republican ticket, and their energy undoubtedly made many votes for McIntyre and his colleagues.

UTAH.

Republicans claim Cameron's election to Congress by 200 to 700.

NORTH DAKOTA.

Returns so far show Allen, Rep., for governor, running ahead of the ticket. The Republicans gain in Fargo, Grand Forks, Bismarck and all other large towns, while in some country precincts the Populists gain slightly. Allen's election by 5,000 plurality is claimed by the Republicans. The Democrats concede it by 1,000.

WEST VIRGINIA.

With the Legislature having 15 republican majority on joint ballot, the election of Stephen B. Elkins to succeed J. M. Camden as United States Senator is generally conceded. Elkins managed the campaign against Wilson as well as the legislative canvass. Republicans are elected in all four of the Congressional districts as follows: First, B. B. Doveser, 3,000; Second, Allison G. Dayton, 2,000; Third, Jas. H. Huling, 3,000; Fourth, Warren Miller, 2,000. The Republicans are claiming Dayton's election by 2,000, but Senator Faulkner says he does not concede Wilson's defeat and will not do so until the official returns are in.

NEW JERSEY.

The vote in New Jersey was light. The polls closed at 7 o'clock. The returns of the total vote showed the heaviest voting in the Republican districts. The greatest falling off has been in the Democratic districts. The Republicans claim six of the eight Congressmen. The Democrats concede five Congressmen of the Republicans and claim the other three. No estimate on the assembly can be made as yet. The new system of voting for assemblymen by counties instead of districts renders this impossible.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

There is no doubt that Evans, Dem., will be elected Governor by a large majority. At this hour it is doubtful whether the vote will be in favor of the calling of a constitutional convention. Democrats will be elected to Congress in all districts unless it is the First, where Elliott, an ex-member and Democrat, is running against Murray, present Congressman from that district.

OHIO.

The latest returns indicate that the republican plurality for Samuel M. Taylor for secretary of State will exceed 150,000. The present Ohio delegation in Congress consists of eleven democrats and ten republicans. The newly elected delegation consists of nineteen republicans and two democrats.

ILLINOIS.

The republican plurality in Illinois is about

150,000. Cook county, including Chicago, gave nearly 40,000 republican plurality. The Legislature, which will elect a successor to United States Senator Cullom, republican, is republican.

MARYLAND.

In Baltimore city the Democrats elected to Congress Harry Wells Busk and John K. Cowen in the third and fourth districts, respectively.

The Republicans elected a judge of the Supreme Bench and a member of the First Branch of the Council. This gives that party a majority two in this branch, and is the first time the Republicans have had absolute control in any department of the city government since 1867.

The Republicans gained three Congressmen in the State of Maryland. The names of the Republicans elected are Wm. B. Baker in the second district, Charles E. Coffin in the fifth and Geo. L. Wellington in the sixth.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

Returns from South Dakota are very slow coming in. Sheldon, Rep., is likely elected Governor.

TENNESSEE.

Partial returns from 15 counties show a decidedly diminished vote with Republican gains, though not sufficient to defeat Turney Dem., for Governor, if kept up throughout the State. No definite news from Congressional districts.

FLORIDA.

The Times-Union says: Very light vote cast, probably about half that cast in October, two Democratic candidates for Congress probably elected.

GEORGIA.

J. W. Maddox, Dem., is elected in the Seventh Congressional district. W. H. Felton, Pop., will contest it. Carter Tate elected overwhelmingly in Ninth.

INDIANA.

Indications at midnight, Republicans elect state ticket by at least 50,000 majority, and elect Congressmen in the First, Sixth, Seventh, Ninth, Tenth and Eleventh and probably in the Fifth and Thirteenth districts, a Republican gain of six; not enough returns from legislature to indicate result in state.

LOUISIANA.

The returns so far show almost to a certainty the re-election of the present Congressional delegation from Louisiana by about 5,000 majority, each in the First, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth districts, and the election of Charles F. Duck in the Second district by a large majority to succeed Davy.

VIRGINIA.

Virginia returns nine Democrats and one Republican Congressman. The State was carried by about 20,000 plurality by the Democrats, and the new election law has worked to the complete satisfaction of Democratic leaders, though it cut out from Democratic voters in the intelligent white districts. The following will be the Democratic delegation in the next Congress: First district, William A. Jones; Second, D. Gardner Tyler; Third, Tazewell Elliot; Fourth, William B. McKelvey; Fifth, Claude A. Swanson; Sixth, Peter J. Cley; Seventh, S. S. Turner; Eight, E. E. Meredith; Ninth, James A. Walker; Tenth, St. George Tucker. The new men are Elliot, McKelvey, Cley and Walker. All are Democrats except Walker.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The polls do not close until 7 o'clock in this state and returns are therefore necessarily late. In Philadelphia Republican Congressmen Bingham, Harmer, Bayburn and Adams are re-elected by increased majorities. The Democrats lose their Congressman from the Third district, formerly represented by Samuel J. Randall, Frederick Halferman (Rep.), defeating Joseph P. McCullen (Dem.), by about 4,500 majority.

RHODE ISLAND.

Complete returns have not been received from either of the Congressional districts in Rhode Island, but the figures at hand leave no doubt of the success of Bull, Rep., over Lapham, Dem., in the First district, and Arnold, Rep., over Garvin, Dem., in the Second district.

DELAWARE.

Delaware complete—Newcastle county, 550 Republican majority; Kent, 103 Democratic majority; Sussex, 350 Republican majority. Net Republican majority, 1,000. Republicans elect Governor and Congressman and local tickets in two counties. The next legislature will stand: Senate, 5 Democrats 4 Republicans; House, 14 Republicans, 12 Democrats. This ensures a Republican successor to United States Senator Higgins.

KENTUCKY.

Denny, the Republican candidate in Breckinridge's district, is predicted to win from 500 to 1,000 votes. Fayette county will give Denny nearly 1,000 majority.

The indications are that the Democrats have elected the following Congressmen: Hendricks, First; Clary, Second; Montgomery, Fourth; Berry, Sixth; McCreary, Eighth; Hart, Tenth; Vane, Eleventh. The Republicans have elected Hunter in Third, Evans in Fifth, Denny in Seventh, Pugh in Ninth. As returns come in, Evans' majority increases, and it may reach 2,500.

CONNECTICUT.

Complete returns up to noon from all but 17 towns out of 168 in the state show that Coffin, the republican candidate for governor, is elected by 15,674 plurality. The towns not yet reported two years ago gave the republican state ticket a plurality of 729. In all four of the Congressional districts republican candidates are elected.

ALABAMA.

Cobb, Dem., is elected in the Fifth; Howari, Pop., in the Seventh, and Underwood, Dem., in Ninth Congressional district.

FRANKFORT MOORE, the author of the novel of the hour, "One Fair Daughter," was formerly a journalist in Ireland, but now lives in London. Mr. Moore is one of the new writers of fiction, and is not too clean-handed, but his newspaper experience is not to blame for that.

DAVID McCoy, of Redlands, Cal., who is of the reputed age of 104 years, is taking his old-time interest in election matters in the Golden State and expects to vote next month as usual. He is a Republican.

THE NEXT CONGRESS.

The table below shows the relative strength of the democrats, republicans and populists in the next House of Representatives, as indicated by the election returns.

Table with columns: States, Present House (Dem, Rep, Pop), New House (Dem, Rep, Pop). Lists states from Alabama to Wyoming with their respective party counts.

THE PRESIDENT'S SYMPATHY.

Exchange of Telegrams Between Mr. Cleveland and Emperor Nicholas.

Minister Breckinridge addressed the following telegram to Secretary Gresham: "St. Petersburg.—Nicholas II declared Emperor. BRECKINRIDGE."

In the course of the day the following response was called to Minister Breckinridge: "Department of State, Washington.—The President has sent to Livadia, in response to the telegram from Emperor Nicholas, a message of sincere regret and condolence. You will make this known to M. de Giers, expressing the sincere sympathy of the President of the United States to the Russian people in their deep grief. GRESHAM."

In addition to the foregoing exchange of sympathetic messages the following personal telegram passed today directly between Emperor Nicholas II and President Cleveland. "Livadia.—To the President of the United States of America: I have the sorrow to impart to you the cruel loss that I and Russia have just sustained in the person of my beloved father, Emperor Alexander, deceased this day. NICHOLAS II."

The President replied to this personal note as follows: "Washington, D. C., U. S. A.—To His Majesty Nicholas II, Emperor Russia. Livadia: I hasten to express my heartfelt sympathy and the sympathy of my countrymen with the royal family and the Russian people in their affliction by reason of the death of your honored father. GROVER CLEVELAND."

When Prince Cantacuzene last night communicated to the State Department here the message he had received from M. de Giers announcing the death of his beloved sovereign on October 29 (Russian style) he accompanied it by a brief note of transmittal expressing his own deep grief. To this Secretary Gresham today made response as follows, thus closing the official action to be taken by our government: "Department of State.—Sir: I hastened to communicate to the President the melancholy announcement of the death of His Majesty the Czar, which you conveyed to me by your note of yesterday's date, and I am charged by the President to assure you and through you the imperial government of his earnest sympathy with His Majesty's family and with the people of Russia in the loss they have sustained. The President has already, in response to a telegraphic message received directly from His Majesty Nicholas II, sent a telegram of regret and condolence to Livadia. Adding an expression of my own personal sorrow and respect, I take this sad occasion, Mr. Minister, to repeat to you the assurances of my highest consideration. W. Q. GRESHAM."

JUSTICE WHITE MARRIED.

A Quiet Ceremony at the Church of St. Francis Xavier, New York.

Hon. Edward Douglas White, associate justice of the Supreme Court, was married to Mrs. Virginia Montgomery Kent, at the Jesuit Church of St. Francis Xavier, New York. Only the immediate relatives and friends of the bride and groom, numbering about twenty in all, were present. The party reached the church and entered through the college doorway shortly before 11 o'clock. They assembled in the president's room, and were then conducted to the small chapel of the Blessed Virgin, which is at one side of the main church. The nuptial mass was celebrated by Rev. Thos. E. Murphy, S.J., president of the New York College, assisted by Rev. Alphonse Dufour, S.J., of Holy Cross College, Worcester, Mass., both old friends of Justice White's family in Louisiana. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Robert Fulton, S. J., who was formerly a professor at Georgetown College, Washington, D. C., at the time Justice White was studying there. The witnesses were Mr. A. R. Bronsseau, a half-brother of the groom, and Mr. Emilio Montgomery, a brother of the bride. Immediately after the ceremony the party, accompanied by the clergymen, drove to Delmonico's, where a wedding breakfast was served. The bride and groom returned to Washington, D. C.

PENNSYLVANIA ITEMS.

Epitome of News Gleaned From Various Parts of the State.

Mike Dingo, a Hungarian laborer employed on a repair force of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company, shortly before quitting time assaulted his foreman, William Breininger, with a sledge hammer and injured him so badly that he will die. The assault was committed at the Mine Hill crossing, near Connors, Breininger had reprimanded Dingo for neglecting his work, who in a fit of temper seized a ten-pound spike hammer and struck him a fearful blow on the side of the head, crushing in the skull in several places. Dingo fled after the deed, but was arrested about an hour later at his home and after a hearing before Justice of the Peace J. H. Butt was committed to jail without bail.

Lewis A. Hupp died Tuesday, aged 67 years. He was the heaviest man in Easton, where he had lived for forty years. On Hallow Eve he was thrown into great excitement by the conduct of boys who teased him and the next day he took to his bed and never arose from it.

A. B. Haberacker, Henry Goetz and William Kessler, who were charged with robbing the Boston Variety Store in Reading several months ago, were given a hearing. During the hearing Haberacker and Goetz confessed to the robbery, but said that Kessler had not accompanied them and had nothing to do with it. They detailed the manner of the robbery and told of the disposition of the goods. After the hearing they were committed for trial and Kessler was discharged.

Captain W. S. Schley, inspector of the Third Lighthouse District of the United States Navy Department, awarded contracts for over \$200,000 worth of buoys, mooring chains and necessary appendages. Upward of \$100,000 worth of work was given to Lebanon bidders. The contracts will probably give employment to Lebanon workmen until next spring.

George Wiedinger, an employee of the Copley Cement Company, was found drowned in the Lehigh river near the station at Copley. He had been missing several days.

James T. Cantlin, telegraph operator at Brantville, on the Nickel Plate railroad, was found dead with a bullet wound through the heart and a revolver lying close by. Cantlin was one-armed man, and if he was murdered it was not for the purpose of robbery, for his money and watch were found upon him.

Samuel N. Williams, aged 21 years, who was convicted a little over a year ago in the United States District Court at Pittsburg, for robbing registered letters to the amount of \$1,836 from the Tyrone postoffice and sent to Huntington Reformatory for one year, having been released a few weeks ago, committed suicide at Tyrone by taking laudanum. Dependancy over his past crime was the cause of his death.

Five tramps are reported to have been killed by a head-on collision on the B. & O. Railroad near Conneville.

A case will be made out against the pool men of Allegheny county, and the District Attorney will push the matter.

By the accidental discharge of his gun Peter Brotst, aged 18, of Mahony City, was shot to death.

Chief of Police Simpson ofScranton, informed the newspaper men that the Italian woman, Serafine Canata, has confessed that the boy found in her company when arrested is the one abducted from Montevideo in 1892 and for whom a search has been made ever since. The chief says that the proper papers will be made out for the return of the boy and his kidnappers to the Argentine Republic. When the woman was seen at the police station by the reporters she was in a state of great excitement and denied having made a confession. She declared that the boy is her own and that his father was a drunken gambler. The boy is delicate in appearance and fair, while the woman is dusky. He in no way resembles his mother, which strengthens the suspicions of the police.

A watchman at the residence of Robert H. Coleman, at Cornwall, noticed lights moving about in the house, and when he went to investigate met two unknown men, who fired several shots at him. They only wounded his dog. It is not known whether or not anything of value was carried away by the burglars, as the Coleman family has been absent for several months.

It was discovered that systematic attempts have been made to poison John Webber, a Butler county farmer, by placing whisky doused with arsenic in his corn and wheat shocks. He lives near Brentwood Station. Some weeks ago Webber found a bottle of whisky concealed in a wheat shock, but was suspicious and did not drink any of it. Subsequently he found two more bottles of whisky in a corn sack. One of the bottles was sent to the Allegheny police and analyzed. The chemist's report states that the whisky was heavily doused with arsenic and one drink of it would kill a man. Several attempts have been made within the past year to burn Webber's barn, presumably by the same person who tried to poison Webber.

Harrison Lichty, a one-armed veteran, fell from a box in the cellar of Calvin Fagely of Pottstown, where he was white washing, and on descending his ear was caught in a meat hook and held until help came and released him.

Shortly before 6 o'clock, while the main street was crowded with pedestrians returning from work, a thief broke the plate glass window in Thad S. Adie's jewelry store in Norristown, and snatching a tray of wedding rings ran off. The thief escaped.

Martin Barkhart, confessor of Pottsville, dropped dead while preparing to take a business trip through the western section of the county. His death is attributed to apoplexy. The coroner's jury rendered a verdict in accordance with the facts.

BURNED IN A BARN.

Sad Fate of Two Young Children—Fresno of a Father.

Two children, aged about five years each, were burned in a barn at Timberville, Va. They were playing in the barn, and it is supposed their fooling with matches set the hay on fire. The fire sprang up between them and the opening and they were unable to escape. Outsiders rushed to the scene but were unable to render any assistance.

The father of one of them, Mr. Daniel Beam, had to be restrained from rushing into the flames to certain death.

FEUD ENDED IN DEATH.

Lexington, Kentucky, Feud Ends in Another Tragedy.

A bloody political tragedy occurred in Lexington, Ky., when John Traynor, marshal of Athens, Ky., cut Law Sharpe, probably fatally, and about Ike Davidson to death. Sharpe and Traynor were both Democrats, Sharpe being an Owens man and Traynor a Breckinridge supporter. They met in front of the Leland Hotel. Sharpe accused Traynor of having voted for Denny, the Republican. Traynor denied it, when Sharpe called him a d—d liar. Traynor struck Sharpe, who is badly crippled as the result of having been shot in the knee during the war.

The blow knocked Sharpe to the sidewalk, and before he could get up, Traynor drew a knife and legs, cutting the old soldier, Pat Toomey, a young friend of Sharpe, rushed to his assistance, and knocked Traynor down. Ike Davidson jumped in and tried to separate the men. Traynor scrambled to his feet, and, apparently trying to get away, went down the street with two pistols in his hands. He then turned and fired, the bullet striking Davidson in the stomach. He died in an hour. Sharpe was taken to the hospital, where he is suffering greatly, and it is more than likely he will die. Traynor was locked up. Davidson was a well-known dis liver.

The origin of the bad feeling between the men dates back some time. On election day, John Green, who was Marshal Traynor's deputy, shot and fatally wounded George Toomey, a brother of the man who took part in this affray. Pat Toomey, Sharpe, and Davidson came to town to have Traynor arrested as an accessory to the shooting of Toomey, as the latter is likely to die. Traynor had been arrested and released on bond, when Sharpe met him in front of the hotel.

There is already a great deal of bad blood between the Owens and Breckinridge men, and it is feared that this will not be the last of the trouble. Green, who shot Toomey, was a Breckinridge man, and Toomey an Owens follower. Sharpe is closely related to Stephen Sharpe, ex-Treasurer of Kentucky.

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TALMAGE HAS RESIGNED.

He Severs His Connection With the Brooklyn Tabernacle.

Dr. T. De Witt Talmage, pastor of the Brooklyn Tabernacle, which was recently for the third time destroyed by fire, has written a letter to the elders of the church tendering his resignation. Following is a copy of the letter: "Brooklyn, N. Y.—To the Session of the Brooklyn Tabernacle—Dear Brethren: I hereby ask you to join with me in a request to the Brooklyn Presbytery that they dissolve the past relation now existing. The congregation of the Brooklyn Tabernacle has built during my pastorate three large churches which have been destroyed. It is not right that I should call on them to build a fourth church during my ministry. 'I advise that you do one of two things—either call a new pastor, under whose leadership a church might be built, or remain in organization until you can give certificates of membership to our people, so that they may in usual form join other churches. 'As for myself, I will, as Providence may direct, either take another pastorate, or go into general evangelistic work, preach the Gospel to all people without money and without price. 'Thanking you for your ever-increasing kindness to me and mine, and hoping to be re-associated with you in the heavenly world together with the multitudes with whom we have worshipped during the last 25 years, I am yours in the Gospel. "T. DE WITT TALMAGE."

The session, according to an intimate friend of the famous preacher, met Dr. Talmage and agreed to request the Brooklyn Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relations now existing. This is a practical acceptance of the resignation.

FIVE PERSONS CRUSHED.

Caught Under a Falling Wall in Louisville—A Panic Averted.

Fire broke out about 5 o'clock, in the building occupied by the Louisville branch of the Singer Sewing Machine Manufacturing Company, at 522 Fourth avenue and before the flames could be extinguished did about \$50,000 worth of damage. Just as the fireman had the fire under control the rear wall of the Singer building fell and five firemen were caught under it and badly hurt. Two of them, Valentine Riehl and James Mannix, may die.

The Singer Sewing Machine Company's loss will be \$30,000, on which there is no insurance. T. N. Lindsay, picture frames and wall paper, 531 Fourth avenue, was damaged \$10,000; the loss on the building was about \$8,000; other smaller losses will aggregate \$2,000.

At the time of the fire there was a large audience present at the Avenue Theatre, which adjoins the Singer Building. The fire was discovered by the people on the stage and the curtain was dropped in the middle of the last act, and in less than twenty minutes the house was emptied of its occupants and a panic averted.

JAPANESE ADVANCES.

Their Manner of Warfare Commands Them to the People.

The report of the capture of Tallenwan by the Japanese has not been confirmed. The reports have been confirmed however, that the Japanese are steadily repulsing detached bodies of Chinese, and that they have taken Port Kiechau. The Japanese force that landed on October 23th North of Elliott Islands first marched eastward, probably to intercept the army of General Sung, which was retreating from Fung Wang Chang. They then turned westward toward Tallenwan, advancing 5 miles daily.

The reputation of the Japanese for humanity and for paying for their supplies is doing them an immense service. Their action is in great contrast to that of the Chinese, who make war in the ancient manner, living on the country through which they pass, and who are dreaded by the people and official alike in victory and defeat.

An imperial audience within the palace at Peking has been arranged for the foreign ministers.

GERMANY HESITATES.

Will Consider American Opinions on the Disease a Cut.

The prohibition against the landing of American cattle has taken another complexion. It has been agreed that Germany leave the decision of this matter to the preponderance of expert opinions. In this connection showing that infections from Texas fever is limited to certain localities, are being prepared for submission to the Imperial Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs Bieberstein. It is stated that the import of English cattle into Germany will also be prohibited. The reason for this step is not stated.

WELL WITH AN AWNING.

Over a Hundred Persons Who Were Watching a Parade Injured.

The most disastrous accident in the history of Terrell, Texas, occurred as the result of the collapse of an awning crowded with people to witness a circus parade. Four persons were fatally crushed, and 100 others, more or less seriously injured. People for miles around had gathered to attend Zella Brox circus and witness the parade. About 10.30 o'clock the parade entered Moore avenue, the principal business street of the town. That thoroughfare was crowded by people, and the awnings and windows of the second stories of the business houses were filled with spectators.

On the awning of the Mississippi Store and in front of the drygoods house of Morris Brin an unusually large number of people had congregated to get a good view of the parade. Five hundred more were on the awning and the sidewalk beneath was jammed.