The Pittsburgh Riots.

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The grand jury, which has been investigating the riots of July last in this city, has made a special presentment to the court giving the result of their inquiries --The document is very lengthy, and gives a detailed history of the events preceding and subsequently to the acts of violence.

It says the grand jury have been unable to trace the proclamation calling out the State troops farther than to the authorities of the Pennsylvania railroad, and assert at the time it was issued Governor Hartranft was slumbering in his car in Utah territory. They assert that the railroad officers were importuned not to resort to harsh measures, but the advice was not heeded .---They stated that the testimony is conclusive that the Philadelphia soldiers fired without orders after a pistol shot from the crowd, and denounce the act by which 22 citizens were killed as unauthorized, wilful and wanton killing, which can be called by no milder term than murder. They say the whole military operation was a blunder from beginning to end, and exhibited a pitiful absence of training and executive ability worthy of a commanderin-chief who selects major-generals for their political or social rather than their military qualifications.

The occupation of the round house is characterized as a lamentable mistake, and the retreat of Gen. Brinton's forces, and the fleeing of the State officials to Beaver are severely criticised. The grand jury claims that the citizens after being basely deserted by the mililary put down the riot and restored order, and that the subsequent military occupation of the city long after all danger had passed, was intended as a threat to the citizens and a mark of contumely to the county. They say the martial achievements under the head of the governor have only their parallel in the military feat of the French king who marched his party up hill and then down again.

The Pennsylvania railroad company is severely oriticised for massing cars here when they knew interruption existed, and the presentment reflects severely upon the governor for refusing to give information which would have enabled them to give more precise information. That it is not more precise they say is due to the fact that the grand jury has been thwarted openly and privately in its inquiry by those to whom the whole truth should have been a welcome vindication. Its suppression compels the opposite conclusion. The document throughout is very bitter in tone, and while it denounces the leaders of the military, endeavors to defend the citizens against the charge of being in sympathy with the rioters.

A Wife's View of Dueling.

Smith has had a scene at the club with another gentleman of a peppery disposition ; blows and cards have been exchanged, a duel has been agreed upon, and he returns to Break the news to his wife.

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CINCINNATI, November 16 .- A dispatch from Columbus, Ohio, states that a gang of five tramps boarded a western-bound Pan Handle train on the Indianapolis division Saturday night last, and refused to pay their fares. The conductor was shot at, but without effect, while putting them off at Hilliard's station. With the assistance of other railroad employees the tramps were all arrested and on them was found a large lot of burglars' tools.

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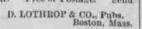
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