

## THE LARGEST CIRCULATION OF ANY NORTH CAROLINA DAILY.

### HE DIED LIKE A DEVIL

**HARRY HAYWARD MADE A MOCKERY OF DEATH ON THE SCAFFOLD.**

**"PULL 'ERTIGHT--I'LL STAND PAT"**

These were the last words of Miss Gieg's murderer before his soul was ushered into eternity--he retained his easy swagger and cool indifference to the last--forgave his brother and prayed a meaningless prayer--Died at 2:12 O'clock.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 11.—With a gambler's phrase upon his lips and a cold smile upon his face, Harry Hayward faced the eternal this morning.

"Pull her tight, I'll stand pat," these were the last words he uttered as the deputy, with blanched face and trembling hands, pulled the well-soaped noose as tightly about the murderer's neck as he could in order that death might come the more quickly and the more surely.

It was twelve minutes past 2 o'clock when Sheriff Holmberg pulled the lever and thus released the trap upon which Harry Hayward stood. In just thirteen minutes County Physician Frank Burton declared that the swaying figure, in which not a movement or struggle had been observed, was that of a dead man. The final act in the tragedy had been played, and the curtain had been rung down on the career of the chief actor.

The coolest man at his own execution was Harry Hayward. Debonaire as ever, what had seemed mere affront during his jail days, now became the courage and indifference of a man who was at least not afraid to die. Not a man of the little knot of privileged spectators who had kept a long vigil in the guard room, but whose heart thumped more loudly and impudently than that one which was so soon to cease its beating; not a face but turned more ghastly than his in the gruesome light. It was a scene never to be forgotten when, at last, after what had seemed endless hours of waiting, the death party appeared at the door.

The one gas jet had been turned off and the room was illuminated only by a locomotive headlight suspended about four feet from the floor opposite the scaffold. The huge cone of light threw a horrid distracted shadow of the engine of death on the rough white washed stone wall behind. Two nooses were discernible, both well tried and tested, one being held in reserve. A deputy had carefully chalked two circles where the feet of the doomed man were to stand and had outlined the trap that there might be no mistake in the uncertain light.

The chief deputy mounted the scaffold where Warden Wolfe, of the State penitentiary, ex-Sheriff Winn Brackett and Sheriff Chappell, of St. Paul, were already waiting and directed that every hat be removed and that there be no smoking. A cordon of policemen filed in, and made a little passage way for the death party. Meanwhile the prisoner had been made ready in the cell room; his black silk robe had been put on, and the black cap adjusted. Suddenly the door was drawn wide open and the sound of an inarticulate yell emanated from the cell room where the prisoner's comrades were taking their farewell; then came three hoarse cheers for the sheriff, Holmberg, led by Hayward himself, and ending with "He's all right."

It was awful. Such a demonstration led by a man on his way to meet his death. As its echoes died away, the sheriff appeared followed by the prisoner entered the death chamber with the same easy stride that marked his promenades when he was a swaggering youth in society.

"Good morning, gentlemen," said he in clear and even tones as he bowed his way into the room, wearing his sombre garb so jauntily that its grotesqueness was forgotten. He made his way up the stairs to the scaffold, tripped on the unaccustomed gown. This amused him, and he laughed at the first step. As he strode upon the trap, the deputies looked more like frightened children hanging to a parent than officers of the law. Harry Hayward might have posed for a figure of justice defending the weak instead of a murderer going to his doom. Carefully placing his feet on the marked spots, he drew his splendid figure to its greatest height and glanced about with a calm face, occasionally brightened by a smile of recognition as he described some friend in the crowd.

Upon being asked if he had anything to say, he replied in a careless drawing tone, "Well, you—" He moistened his lips with his tongue. "Well, to you all," he began, "there has been a good deal of curiosity and wonder at my actions, and some of you think that I am a very devil"—with a peculiar drawing accent on the first syllable of that word—"and if you knew my whole life you would think so all the more. I have dictated the full statement to day of my life to Mr. Edward Goodsell, Mr. J. T. Mannix and a stenographer--let's see, what's that stenographer's name?" and Hayward peered down over the edge of his scaffold as if expecting some one to answer.

"Where's Uline?" he went on somewhat disconnectedly. "Uline here? I promised to take his dog with me under my arm to make him a record. It would be a good thing for the dog. Doyle, you told me to bow to you. Where are you? Aren't you here? I can't see you," and the speaker peered about for the detective.

"I'm here, Harry," called out Doyle.

"Well then, good evening, Mr. Doyle," said the prisoner, smiling graciously and bowing. Then taking another tack he called out "Clemens did you get that ticket?"

A hat was shoved up into the cone of light in assent. "Ah! that's good. Mannix, let me see now," and Harry hesitated with the embarrassment of a man who has forgotten his speech. "Take your time," said Sheriff Holmberg.

"Let me see, now I certainly had something to say to Mannix, because I have always entertained the kindest feelings for him. Joe remind me of what it was; you know that I have been having trouble with my memory."

"Say nothing more in that line," came in low distinct tones from Mannix. "You are about to meet your God, and should express here your forgiveness for your brother as you did so nobly to me to-day, and with thoughts of your mother and father before you, you should act as you have during the last forty-eight hours, meeting death manfully and forgiving all those toward whom you have borne any ill will up to this time."

"Forgive him," said Harry, as Mannix finished. "Well I have freely forgiven him for any imaginary wrong he thinks he has done me. He has done me no wrong. I have done him a great wrong. Father Cleary, father Timothy and father Christy have taken great interest in me, and have exerted themselves greatly about my spiritual welfare. I have the greatest respect for each of them. For John Day Smith, my lawyer, also. He is a good man and a Christian as well as a lawyer, and I have promised him to say something here to-night which I should probably have said of my own accord."

With an effort Hayward turned his eyes upward and repeated in a strident, meaningless voice, quite different from the conversational one it had been using, "Oh God, for Christ's sake forgive all my sins."

An empty mockery that, or the cry of a soul unused to prayer. Later events showed it to be probably the former--just to keep a promise.

"Oh," resumed Harry, dropping to his former easy tone, "is Goodsell here?"

When told that Goodsell was absent he continued, "Well, Dr. Burton, I think I have something to say to you."

What it was will never be known for the doctor stopped him with the suggestion that he had better not say anything. Hayward stood a moment in thought as if telling the names of those he wished to remember in his last words.

Satisfied apparently that all had been done that he had intended, he half turned his head and flung back over his shoulder "I guess that's all. The straps were quickly adjusted. As the noose settled down over his head, he said: "Let's see, where does the knot go, under the right ear? No, it's the left ear, isn't it? Please pull it tight. Keep your courage up, gentlemen."

The prisoner's face purpled slightly as the noose tightened and the visor of the black cap was turned down. It was Harry's last glimpse of earth.

"Pull her tight; I'll stand pat," he said. Megarden stepped back, raised his hand to the fatal signal and like a shot the body dropped through the opened trap. There was not a tremor or struggle. The spectators waited breathlessly while the doctor listened to the fluttering heart. Thirteen long minutes passed. Dr. Burton stepped back and the spectators began to file out. A deputy loosened the strap that bound the hands. They fell in order at the side of the body and Harry Hayward was dead.

It is supposed that the lengthy autobiography which Hayward dictated to a stenographer last night contains a full confession of his own connection with the murder of Catherine Gieg, as well as sensational accounts of other crimes in which he has been involved, but the real facts will not be known until the statement is printed in book form. The book was an idea which occurred to Hayward only a day or two ago, and it was his belief that it might be made profitable to his cousin, Goodsell.

Hayward also made several statements to the public into a phonograph, and the owners of the instrument expect to make money by permitting the public to hear Harry's own voice after its owner has been laid away in the earth.

Before his execution, Harry, at the request of his brother, Dr. Thaddeus Hayward, consented that an autopsy should be performed and his brain examined. This was done at the morgue to-day by a committee of physicians, headed by a specialist and Dr. H. A. Tomlinson, formerly superintendent of the insane asylum at St. Peter. Careful measurements of the head showed it was about the normal size and shape. The line through the ears was long and the forehead narrow and retreating and the temporal bones very thick. The brain itself seemed small. It was taken to be examined more carefully. Meanwhile the doctors would say nothing more than that the skull and brain seemed to be congenitally defective.

This afternoon the aged and grief-stricken parents followed Harry's remains to Lakewood Cemetery, where they were laid away after a few simple words by Rev. Dr. Marion D. Spitzer, Universalist. When the last word had been spoken, they were borne weeping away.

### YET THEY LOVE SILVER

**BUT POPULIST SENATORS HAVE A VERY STRANGE WAY OF SHOWING IT.**

**INDIRECTLY AIDING ITS ENEMIES**

They Say The Democrats Are More Friendly To The White Metal Than The Republicans--But Refuse To Help Retain The Present Senate Organization--A Republican Finance Committee Would Be Unfriendly To Silver--Another Man Gets Relief.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—(Special.)—Republican prospects for re-organizing the Senate are not brightening very fast. The Populists have been holding daily caucuses and to-day it was evident they do not like the idea of Republicans having complete control, which will be given them by the Populists withdrawing from re-organization. The trouble arises over the constitution of the finance committee, the Democrats being more friendly to silver. It is believed by the Populists that better advantage can be obtained through them than through the Republicans. Senators Allen and Kyle to-day expressed their preference for Democratic control. While the other members are silent, it is clearly evident they do not like the new finance committee to be composed of the men the Republicans have nominated.

Yet, notwithstanding all this they will carry out their first plan and allow the Republicans and the Democrats to fight it out.

The Populist Senators held a final caucus to-day and decided to place a full ticket in the field for the Senate offices, for whom they will vote once and then step out and allow the Republicans to proceed with the organization. They will nominate Senator Kyle for President pro tempore; Hon. Thomas Watson, of Georgia for Secretary of the Senate and Hon. E. T. Taubeneck, of Illinois for Sergeant-at-arms.

It is hardly possible now that the committees of the House will be announced this week and the House may adjourn to-morrow until Monday.

Speaker Reed has experienced more difficulties than was anticipated in making up the membership of the committee owing to his lack of personal acquaintance with the new members of whom there are 163. From a source close to the speaker the information is given out to-day that the committee will probably not be announced until the latter part of next week, just before the Christmas holiday recess.

James F. Wray, of North Carolina, has been appointed assistant disbursing clerk in the clerk's office of the House at a salary of \$2,000.

Mr. Haywood D. White, Mrs. White, and her mother, Mrs. Jackson, will move back to Raleigh next week.

Maj. Payne, of the Interior Department, formerly of Capitol Hill, is critically ill, and is not expected to recover.

**MR. BAYARD'S IMPEACHMENT.**

The Leading English Newspapers Ridicule the Idea.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—The United States embassy was besieged at an early hour to-day by newspaper representatives anxious to obtain the views of Ambassador Bayard upon the demand for his impeachment which was made yesterday in the House of Representatives at Washington by Congressman William E. Barrett, of Massachusetts, on the ground that he had insulted the country to which he is accredited and the people he represents in speeches delivered at Boston, England, and Edinburgh, Scotland, on August 2 and November 7, respectively, but all attempts to induce Mr. Bayard or his staff to discuss the matter failed while the British officials also declined to make any statement upon the subject.

The St. James Gazette this afternoon thinks that Mr. Bayard "may resign after such an attack."

"If so," the Gazette adds, "his loss will be regretted by all who have come in contact with such a fine example of a dignified, eloquent American statesman. But Mr. Bayard's indiscretion was so deliberate that we doubt if he did not contemplate this result. After all, we too should resent it if our ministers made similar statements."

The Westminster Gazette remarks: "Up to the hour of going to press Mr. Bayard has not fled to Hatfield. Whether he seeks refuge in the tower of London remains to be seen."

The Globe ridicules the impeachment idea and adds: "The Republican majority is not unreasonably annoyed that Mr. Bayard permitted himself the freedom of speech which is impossible to the diplomatist of the old world."

Although Mr. Bayard refuses to be interviewed regarding the action of Mr. Barrett, he has stated that he does not intend to tender his resignation.

The Evening Standard this afternoon commenting on the affair says, "The pettiness of party warfare in the United States was never more clearly displayed."

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 11.—No direct news was received here to-day from the Violet with the Presidential party aboard, but it is thought that the President and his hunting companions made good use of the lull in the storm which gave them an opportunity to try their marksmanship on the vast flocks of ducks and other wild fowl which are always so abundant after a storm. The water in the canal is so shallow that the Violet may not be able to get through on her return, thus compelling the party to return by rail from Elizabeth City, N. C.

### A SMALL FIRE IN WINSTON

But it Came Near Being a Serious Conflagration.

WINSTON, N. C., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—Winston came near being visited by a serious conflagration this morning. For some time it looked like several stores if not the entire Gray block, would be swept away. The fire originated from a kerosene oil stove in Hough's photograph gallery. He places his loss at \$800, with only \$500 insurance on his entire outfit.

There is great rejoicing here over the decision of the Supreme Court allowing Forsyth county commissioners to build a fifty thousand dollar courthouse without a vote of the people.

A fine array of legal talent argued the Gilmer case before Judge Brown to-day. The plaintiffs, Bank of Guilford and others, asked for the appointment of a receiver to take charge of Captain Gilmer's property. Judge Brown will probably render an opinion to-morrow. Plaintiffs also asked for removal of the case to another county for a hearing of certain issues in the same case, but this motion was overruled. A recent decision of the Supreme Court in the Gilmer case affects Dr. Lash, Dr. Benbow and all other endorsers of the North State Improvement Company for the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railroad. This decision also breaks the assignment of Col. J. W. Alsprugh, of this city, and will result in a great deal of litigation over his property.

Judge Russell left here to-night in search of his overcoat, which he lost on his way here from Wilmington. He said he was "billed" for Raleigh to-morrow. The gubernatorial bee makes him love the Capital City.

Revenue officers have seized Donahue's government distillery near Delaplane, Wilkes county.

### THE METHODIST CONFERENCE.

Its Fifty-Ninth Session Met Yesterday at Elizabeth City.

ELIZABETH CITY, N. C., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—The fifty-ninth session of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church South convened here this morning at 9:30 o'clock. Bishop Wilson presiding. Rev. W. L. Cuninggim was elected Secretary. The Bishop conducted the opening worship.

A few of the preachers have not yet arrived, owing to the storm upon the sound yesterday.

This session of the conference is one of special interest to the people of this section of the State. It is the first time the North Carolina Conference has convened in this territory, which was embraced in the Virginia Conference until a few years ago. The conference is greatly pleased with the hospitable and warm welcome they have received from their new brethren.

To-day the session was taken up with routine business. The usual committees were nominated by the presiding elders and were elected. All the presiding elders made reports of their respective districts.

The conference has had a good year. The names of many of the pastors were called and their reports received. Many committees had their meetings this afternoon.

Rev. J. N. Ivey, of Wilson, preached in the Methodist church to-night a very finished and scholarly discourse that was full of gospel truth.

### WEDDING BELLS AT NEWBERN.

Two Popular Young Couples Unite Their Fates for Life.

NEWBERN, N. C., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—Mr. Albert H. Powell, teller of the Farmers' and Merchants' bank of Newbern, was married to Miss Emma E. Henderson, daughter of Mr. George Henderson, of this city, at Centenary M. E. church at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. A. Willis, of Fayetteville, a former pastor of the Centenary congregation.

Notwithstanding the inclement weather a large number of persons were present in the church and accompanied the bride and groom to the steamer Neuse, on which they started for a trip south.

The presents were numerous and valuable.

Mr. H. L. Paylor, of Goldsboro, was also married yesterday to Miss Maria Cox, daughter of the late E. B. Cox, at the home of the bride's mother, by the Rev. R. C. Beaman.

The bride and groom, accompanied by the maids of honor, Miss Stella Roberts and Miss Paylor, left immediately after the marriage for High Point to visit the family of the groom.

### KILLED BY A BROKEN SAW.

A Fatal Accident at the Rocky Mount Planting Mills.

ROCKY MOUNT, N. C., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—This morning at Howell's planing mills Philip Stewart, a colored laborer, aged 30 years, was instantly killed. He was assisting in the sawing of logs and was running the empty carriage back when an iron "dog" which he had carelessly left lying so it would strike the saw broke the latter in several pieces, one of which struck him in the neck and almost severed his head from his body. The regular sawyer, who just then came up, was struck by the sharp part of the "dog" in the arm, inflicting a painful wound.

At a regular communication of Corinthian Lodge, A. F. and A. M., held last night, the following officers were elected for the year: Capt. J. H. Thorpe, W. M.; L. V. Bassett, S. W.; J. C. Braswell, J. W.; W. B. Jordan, Treasurer; Dr. S. P. Hilliard, Secretary.

### TO BURN THE COLLEGE

THE WORK OF GRAVE ROBBERS AROUSES THE PEOPLE OF A WHOLE CITY.

A MOB FORMS IN THE STREETS

And Only a Large Squad of Policemen And a Detail of Militia Men Prevent Them Destroying The Medical School in Which the Bodies of Three Well Known Women Have Recently Been Found Upon The Dissecting Table--Further Trouble Feared.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 11.—The recent revolting grave robberies in this city have aroused the people to the highest pitch of indignation, and at 8 o'clock to-night the mob began forming in the streets, the avowed purpose being to burn the Kansas Medical College, in which during the past three days the bodies of three well-known women have been found, both had been stolen from their graves soon after burial.

The police learned this afternoon that there was a movement on foot to assemble a mob to sack the institution, which is located at Twelfth and Taylor streets. This evening the faculty of the college called upon the police for protection. The students were all sent home and a large squad of policemen were detailed to guard the college building. A detail of militiamen from Battery B, of this city, is stationed at their arsenal to prevent a capture of the arms stored there. Upon the request of the sheriff, the Governor has ordered the infantry company at Lawrence to be ready to respond to a call at any moment. The men are now assembled at the station at Lawrence.

While it is believed that the precautions that have been taken will prevent any violent demonstration to-night, the men in the streets are loud in their threats.

All of the A. O. U. W. lodges met to-night to denounce the outrage and demand a full investigation to discover the guilty ones.

Yesterday A. N. Drake, of North Topeka, whose wife died last week, discovered her grave had been robbed, the corpse was found at the Kansas Medical College. On Monday, I. O. Van Fleet, who had buried his wife but a few hours before, found her mutilated and disfigured remains on the dissecting table at the college. The discovery resulted in the arrest of S. A. Johnson, a student who acts as janitor of the institution.

At 8 o'clock P. H. Liles identified the third body at the college as that of his mother, who died recently.

These revelations were the cause of to-night's demonstration.

### MATTHEWS FOR PRESIDENT.

The Indiana State Committee Formally Endorses Him.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 11.—At the meeting of the Democratic State Central Committee, Governor Matthews was formally endorsed by the Democrats of Indiana for President. The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, That the Democratic State Central Committee unanimously recommend to the Democracy of the United States:

"We know that Governor Claude Matthews, in his services in the Legislative office of Secretary of State, and as chief executive of the State of Indiana, has gained a very useful experience in public affairs.

"That he is studious, industrious, cautious and firm in the discharge of public duty.

"That his popularity is evidenced by the uniform success of his candidacy before the people hitherto.

"We therefore respectfully present him to our fellow Democrats of the nation as a fit and proper person to be the standard-bearer of the national Democratic party in the Presidential contest of 1896."

### PLATT WINS AS USUAL.

Three-Fourths of the County Committee for 1895 are Platt Men.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—At mid-night the returns from the Republican primaries were practically all in and at headquarters of the Republican county committee. The showing is a decidedly favorable one for the followers of Platt and Lasterbach. The county committee of 1895 had 162 members, of which about ninety were Platt men. The committee for 1896 has 132 members, of which about 100 are Platt men. This was regarded about the headquarters of the county committee as very satisfactory condition of things. Exact figures could not be given to-night, but it was said that at least twenty out of the thirty-five assembly districts in the city had elected Platt delegates.

### THE PROHIBITION CONVENTION.

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—Pittsburg was selected as the place for holding the National Prohibition convention next year. Two ballots were cast by the National committee to-day at its meeting in the Sherman House. The first ballot was: Pittsburg, 8; Denver, 13; Baltimore, 11; Cleveland, 3; Chicago, 1; Boston, 1. The second ballot resulted: Pittsburg, 22; Denver, 13; Baltimore, 2. The date of the convention was set May 27, 1896.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 11.—The directors of the American Bell Telephone Company have declared a regular quarterly dividend of 3 per cent and 1/2 per cent extra. This makes a total of 1 1/2 per cent declared this year.

### SHORT SESSION OF THE SENATE

Senator Hill Again Introduces His Closure Amendment.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The session of the Senate to-day lasted but one hour and was mainly devoted to a discussion of Senator Dubois' proposition to amend the rules so as to distribute the appropriation bills among the various committees of the Senate. Senator Hill, of New York, re-introduced the amendments which he proposed to the rules in the last Congress during the dead-lock on the repeal of the Sherman silver law, for cloture and for counting a quorum, and Mr. Call, of Florida, gave notice that he would to-morrow call up his Armenian resolution.

Vice-President Stevenson, in accordance with the rules, instructed the clerk to call the first in order on the calendar, which proved to be the resolution of Mr. Allen (Pop., Neb.), declaring to the Senate that the Government of the United States should recognize the Cuban revolutionists as belligerents. Mr. Allen said he supposed his resolution would be referred to the committee on foreign relations. He did not, however, allow the opportunity to pass without informing the Senate that the Populist party, which was sneered at as a party of domestic grievances, stood shoulder to shoulder with the Republican and Democratic parties for the maintenance of the Monroe doctrine.

At 10 o'clock the Senate went into executive session, and a few minutes later adjourned.

### RANSOM'S HEALTH IS BAD.

Episcopalians Trying to Revive the Mission at Valle Crucis.

HICKORY, Dec. 11.—(Special.)—Mr. G. W. Harper, of Lenoir, returned from a brief visit to Mexico a few days ago. He had a long talk with Senator Ransom, for whom he has the highest esteem. He says the Senator is not in very good health, though he appears cheerful and happy.

An effort is now making to revive the mission at Valle Crucis, founded by Bishop Ives in 1844. Bishop Cheshire is in hearty sympathy with this movement. The Rev. Milnor Jones has been appointed an agent to solicit funds for the erection of a chapel, school house and other suitable buildings. At the recent session of the Primary Convocation Hon. Thos. W. Patton was elected Endowment Treasurer, and Rev. McNeely DuBose and Mr. Theodore Gordon were associated with him. They were requested to proceed at once to use every effort to raise a permanent Episcopal fund. Much interest was manifested in missionary work. The next session of the Convocation of this Jurisdiction will be held in Hickory next September, the day to be designated by the Bishop.

Hon. J. G. Hall removed yesterday to the Happy Valley in Caldwell county. Mr. Hall has done much for the prosperity of Hickory, and our people are sorry to part with him and his charming family.

### WILL NOT INVESTIGATE.

The American Tobacco Company Broke no Rules of the Exchange.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Considerable interest had attached to the result of to-day's meeting of the governing committee of the New York Stock Exchange relative to the report regarding the statement made by the management of the American Tobacco Company to the common stock list. These statements were made in response to a demand by the governing committee for an explanation of the recent extraordinary action of the management in officially anticipating the dividend passing action of the board of directors. It was stated after the adjournment of the governors that no action had been or was likely to be taken by that body on the subject, as the management of the American Tobacco Company had not broken any Stock Exchange rules.

The directors held a regular meeting in Newark to-day and went through the form of declaring the dividend on the preferred and passing that upon the common stock. This action is regarded by well-informed people as a prelude to a still more aggressive policy by the American Tobacco Company in the fight with the outside plug tobacco manufacturers.

In regard to the controversy over the dividend of the American Tobacco Co., the Word says:

"The developments concerning the recent action of the directors of the American Tobacco Company in passing the dividend of three per cent on the common stock continues to be interesting.

"It appears that Treasurer Arens and Secretary Brown, of the company, were called before the governing committee of the Stock Exchange to explain the action of the directors.

"It was learned that, after a rigid cross-examination, Mr. Arens admitted that the meeting of the directors held on Friday last was entirely informal and that the decision to pass the dividend was not down on the minutes as it should have been.

"The governors were not entirely satisfied with the explanation and so the directors who attended a regular meeting of the board to-day passed upon the dividend in an official manner.

"In other words they decided to pay the regular quarterly dividend on the preferred stock, and omit the payment of 3 per cent due on the common in February next."

### ANOTHER GOLD SHIPMENT.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—L. Von Hoffman & Co. will ship \$1,000,000 in gold by to-morrow's steamer. The gold will be withdrawn from the sub-treasury.