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Extra Precautions to Guard British Royalty from Anarchists.

Paulmier and Turot Fight and Turot Receives Three Wounds. A Battle Between Rebels and German Regulars.

London, Oct. 1.-Extraordinary pre cautions have been taken to guard the British royal family against an anarchist plot. Even the life of the baby of Prince Edward is considerd a possible prey to the enemies of law and order.

A French Duel.

Paris, Oct. 1 .- A duel with swords was fought this morning between Paulmier and Turot, sub-editor of La Lanterne, who wrote an article on Paulmier's family, which caused the shooting of Oliver, secretary to La Lanterne, by Paulmier a few days since. Turot received three wounds.

A Battle In Germany.

Berlin, Oct. 1 .- A serious uprising of natives occurred in Damaraland, where a battle was fought between rebels and German regulars, without a decisive result. · Eleven Germans are reported killed. Both sides are now in Laager.

Reports of Gens. Anderson and McArthur Made Public.

Washington, Oct. 1 .- The war department today made public the reports of Brigadier Generals Anderson and McArthur of the operations of the second division of the eighth army corps in the successful assault on Manila. The work of the Astor battery and other organizations was praised, as well as many individual acts of gallantry.

Hydraulic Shears Deadly Work.

Bellaire, Ohio, Oct. 1 .- The hydraulic shears in the steel works here closed in on William Davis and Frank Collard, killing them and seriously wounding two others. The shears had failed to close on account of the stoppage of the water power and the men were under them trying to fix them with iron bars when the big blade descended, with the fatal result above mentioned.

Died of Fear of Hydrophobia.

Chicago, Oct. 1 .- Dr. Todd, assistant superintendent of the hospital for the insane at Toledo, Ohio, died of hydrophobia at the Presbyterian hospital from fear. He showed no signs of hydrophobia until he received a letter saying that the dog which bit him had gone mad.

Willing to Fortify.

It was a few minutes before dinner when little Fred inquired:

"Mamma, have I been bad today?" "Yes, Freddie, very bad indeed, "Do you think you'll send me to bed

without any supper?" "I have a great mind to."

"Well, mamma, I wish you would let me know now, so that I can tell how much dinner to eat."-Pick Me Up.

The Scoffer-Why do missionarie ake such great efforts to train the eathen to wearing clothes? Are dres

and bonnets a necessary part of religion? The Missionary—No, but nothing makes a woman come to church regufarly so well as knowing that the other women will be there in new bonnets.-Cincinnati Enquirer.

A Mean Trick.

Smith-You say you write dunning letters to yourself and sign them with fictitious names. What do you do that

Jones-You see, my wife is always after me for money, and when she reads those letters she becomes discouraged. — London Fun.

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interesting North Carolina Items II Condensed Form.

The government fish hatchery in eastern North Carolina is to be put in operation next spring, with S. G. Worth in charge.

The Democratic convention of the fourth congressional district did not make any nomination, but adopted resolutions infavor of white supremacy and the white

In the superior court at Raleigh Thursday Ben Robinson, a negro alderman of Raleigh, was convicted of assault upon his wife. He held her in his own house while his paramour beat her cruelly.

Abbott L. Swinson, of Wayne, the enrolling clerk of the house two years ago, who was bounced by the fusion gang because he declined to create unnecessary offices and reward favorites and heelers, has come out for the white man and the white metal.

The "middle of the road Populists" in the Raleigh district Thursday declined to endorse independent congressional nominee Atwater. They nominated W. J. Peele of Raleigh, for congress. The obection to Atwater was that he promised to vote for Pritchard in the last legislature, and then failed to do so.

Judge Furches on Thursday decided the Mecklenburg registrar cases. He decided that where there is no member of one of the parties in a precinct, no one to represent such party as registrars, or judge of election or poll-holder can be chosen; only such party or parties as have membership in the precinct can be represented in the discharge of these duties. He removed four Democratic registrars appointed to represent Populists, and removed seven others and appointed fusionists instead. He allowed five of those objected to to remain. It is understood that the case will be appealed to the full bench.

Republican County Convention.

The Republican county convention was called to order here at 12:30 o'clock today by Mr. John Fields, chairman county executive committee. Mr. W. W. N. Hunter was secretary.

They renominated all the old officers, as follows: Benj. Sutton for sheriff, B. L. Taylor for register of deeds, J. B. Lang-ston for coroner, Ben Fields for county commissioner.

The convention recommended fusion with the Populists and left the matter of arranging same with the chairman.

Mr. W. W. N. Hunter was elected chairman of the executive committee, and Mr. F. Parrott, secretary.
There was only a small attendance.

CHINESE PLAYING HIGH JINKS.

Committing Outrages on Missionaries And British and American Officials.

London, Oct. 1 .- The foreign office received word today that a member of the embassy at Pekin, China, was stoned, as was also some American missionaries and the Chinese secretary of the United States embassy.

Bids For Four Monitors.

Washington, Oct. 1 .- Bids for four monitors to resemble the civil craft, were opened today, to be built according to department designs. The lower bidders were Nixon, of Elizabeth, N. J., at \$825,000; Newport News, \$860,000; Bath Iron work, \$862,000; Union Iron works, \$875,000.

Silver Platers Will Not Combine.

Meridien, Conn., Oct. 1.-From official sources it is learned today that a combibination of the silver plated ware manufacturing interests of the United States and Canada, under the auspices of the International Silver company, is no longer a possibility.

Territorial Form of Government for Hawaii.

San Francisco, Oct. 1.—Senator Cullom, one of the commission sent to Hawaii, who arrived here on the steamer Gallic, says that the commission will recommend a territorial form of government, modified to suit the conditions at Hawaii.

Mrs. Carnot Dead.

Paris, Oct. 1 .- The widow of President Carnot is dead.

Bridgeport Murderess Captured. London, Oct. 1 .- Dr. Guilford has been

Both Sides Held First Conference This Afternoon

The Question of Chairmanship Still Under Discussion. Spanish Commissioners Make Vigorous Protest Against Allowing Rebels to Receive Rifles and Ammu-

Paris, Oct. 1.—The peace commissioners met in conference for the first time at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The session was devoted to a formal exchange of credentials and the choice of a chairman,

The Spaniards submit that owing to the age and rank of Montero Rios, president of the Spanish senate, that he ought under ordinary circumstances to be president of the conference, but in view of the fact that the Americans were victorious, suggest as a compromise that Day and Rios alternate daily in the chair. This point is still under discussion. The Americans insist that they should preside.

The Spanish commissioners make vigorous protest against Americans allowing Visaya's rebels to receive rifles and ammunition, while prohibiting Spanish troops from being sent there.

To Investigate Klondike Officials.

Montreal, Canada, Oct. 1 .- It is understood that the Dominion government will soon appoint a commissioner to investigate charges of official mal-administration and bribery in the Klendike gold fields. Such a move has been urged by friends and political opponents of the

Aguinaldo's Representatives Call on Mc-Kinley.

Washington, Oct. 1.-Agonicillo and pany with Gen. Greene, and had a private conference in the cabinet room.

200 People Narrowly Escape Death.

San Francisco, Oct. 1 .- Over 200 people narrowly escaped death by the collision the derelict log rafts affoat in the Pacific

lowa and Oregon to Manila.

Brooklyp, Oct. 1 .- The battleship Iowa sailed this morning to join the Oregon at Tompkinsville and both will probably start for Manila today.

Body of a Suicide Found.

New York, Oct. 1.-The body of Daniel Eshbaugh, president of the busted New England Loan and Trust company, was found in the river today.

Two Killed in Explosion at Powder Mill. Patterson, N. J., Oct. 1.-An explosion at the Laffin-Rand Powder works killed Daniel McDelvy and Charles Hady.

Prohibition in British Columbia. Victoria, B. C., Oct. 1.-The majority for prohibition in the province of British

Columbia will not exceed 1,000. McMillan May Be Ambassador to England. Washington, Oct. 1 .- It is rumored

that Senator McMillau, of Michigan, will be made ambassador to London.

Martial Law in Illinois. Springfield, Ill., Oct. 1 .- Gov. Tanner declared martial law in the Pana strike district last night.

Gold Coming In.

New York, Oct. 1 .- A million and threequarters in gold from Europe arrived to-

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HANCOCK WON.

He Bought the Congressional Convention For Fowler.

The most disgraceful convention ever held in Cumberland county, and one not possible anywhere in the world, except in this negro-ridden State, was the so-called Republican congressional convention of the third district, which met here yester-

Many "sorter" decent Republicans who were present declared that it was a disgrace to civilization and that they were done with Republican conventions.

It placed the negro race in a terrible light before the world. There, in open convention, the leading members of their race, one an ordained minister, sold themselves and their constituents for a lew shekels of gold.

There was no secrecy about the business. Last night, just after the convention. Sion Buchanan openly made a negro preacher of this city, named McCain, dis-gorge ten dollars which he had given him to vote for a nomination and for himself, for betraying him and voting for no nomination. He told the negro that he had accepted Hancock's bigger bribe and that if he did not return his money he would thrash him.

We heard Isaac A. Murchison, Esq., a good Democrat, and Oscar J. Spears, A I. Slocumb, R. S. White and Sheriff Jones, of Moore, all four Republicans, and delegates to the convention, say that this was so. In front of the Hotel Fav etteville last night these four Republicans publicly spoke of Hancock's buying the convention.

Early in the meeting it was seen that Hancock had bought the chairman, and this fact was soon recognized and talked about by those favoring a nomination.

As soon as the convention was organ ized Hancock read a telegram from the State central committee, saying that the committee had decided to fuse on Fowler and it would be no use for the convention to nominate a candidate, as he would not be recognized. He then introduced a resolution that no nomination be made. This caused a storm of indiguation, and when Oscar Spears got up to denounce the resolution and speak for a nomination he was greeted with tremendous applanse. At this time there were only three or four delegates against a nomina-tion, including Ab- Middleton and Han-

cock.

Buchanau was given an ovation when he stated that Fowler had lied to him and called upon Han-Lopez, representatives of Aguinaldo, the and betrayed him, and called upon Haninsurgent chief of the Philippines, called cock himself to deny that this was so, on President McKinley today, in com- and when Hancock said that it was so, a mighty shout went up, mingled with denunciations of Fowler.

But this was all to change shortly. While the speaking to the resolutions was in progress, which Abe Mfddleton managed to prolong, Hancock was singling out the loudest denunciators (all of the steamer Santa Rosa with one of colored) of fusion, and taking them one by one into the judge's room.

By 6 o'clock a noticeable change had taken place and several of the anti-fusion shouters became as quiet as lambs.

At 8 o'clock Hancock was ready and he called for the question, and lo and behold, thirteen out of the twenty-two votes were for no nomination and fusion. The buying was so bold and apparent that it disgusted even some of the negro

spectators. We wish every white man in the State could have witnessed this convention. If they had, on the 8th day of November the Republican party would contain nothing but negroes, and some of them would be missing from the regular roll

Another big lot of fine note paper for commercial printing just received. THE FREE PRESS carries the biggest stock of paper for printing purposes of any establishment in the State east of the W. & W. R. R., and does as nice printing as is done anywhere. Our prices are low.

Chinese Give Out News That He **Committed Suicide After**

At the Head of Affairs in China. This is Understood to Mean That He Was Assassinated. All English Speaking Secretaries and the Principal Members of Chinese Foreign Office Seized and Ban-

London, Oct. 1 .- A special dispatch from Shanghai, published today, says that telegrams furnished by Toatai, or the local governor, state that the Chinese emperor committed suicide on September 21st, after signing decrees which placed the dowager empress at the head of affairs in China. This is understood to mean that the emperor was assassinated All English speaking secretaries and th principal members of the Chinese foreign office, it is further announced, were seized and Banished.

Little Doubt of Emperor's Assassination.

London, Oct. 1 .- This atternoon it is confidently asserted in diplomatic circles that the emperor of China has been assassinated.

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