# CHAMBER IN SYMPATHY WITH ASHLAND LINE

**Officers of Richmond's Business Body Assure Oliver J. Sands of Individual Support.**

**APPARENT APATHY EXPLAINED**

**Not Custom of Organization to Assist in Marketing Securities—Necessity for Action Now Pointed Out in Earnest Manner.**

In response to the call of Oliver J. Sands for the Richmond Chamber of Commerce to change its attitude toward the re-establishment of the Richmond-Ashland electric line and to assist in every way to re-establish car service, officers of the organization yesterday afternoon told Mr. Sands that they were heartily in favor of the project, and as individuals would assist in the reorganization of the line.

They insisted that any apathy which might be charged to the Chamber of Commerce was due to the fact that it had been the custom of the organization not to take part in any money-raising campaign for the sale of securities. They further said that the chamber had not assisted in raising money for philanthropic and charitable purposes, although the officers and members, as individuals, had done so.

**HAD PROTESTED AGAINST CHAMBER'S ATTITUDE**

Mr. Sands had earlier in the day protested against the attitude of the chamber. Referring to the organization not assisting in money-raising campaigns for the sale of securities, Mr. Sands had said:

"At the same time it is easily swayed by sentiment, and goes out to raise money to give away. The chamber has worked in many campaigns recently, and it is to be commended for it, but it seems to me that it should help in the reorganization of the Ashland line, which will mean so much to the city. If the road is permitted to go by default at this time there will never be another chance to operate it. Just as the chamber is working for the benefit of the city, it should help in this movement, which is one of the biggest in real value that has been undertaken for a long time."

**ASHLAND IS WORKING TO RAISE $50,000 FUND**

Following a meeting Monday night, prominent business men of Ashland started yesterday a canvass to secure $50,000 in subscriptions. The Ashland meeting was a most enthusiastic one, and was addressed by Oliver J. Sands, Superintendent Baird, of the Petersburg, Hopewell and City Point Railway; James L. Anderson, of the Hermitage Golf Club; Harry C. Beattie, member of the House of Delegates, and Dr. S. G. Hatcher, vice-president and treasurer of Randolph-Macon College.

The committee along the line of the road is hard at work soliciting subscriptions, and it is believed that the needed money will be raised. The subscription campaign is expected to be completed by March 28.

## NUMBER OF RATE CHARGES DOCKETED FOR HEARING

**Advance in Transfer Charges at Norfolk and Portsmouth Among Those on Program.**

G. S. Rains, chairman of the Richmond district freight traffic committee, yesterday notified the public that a number of proposed changes in rates have been docketed for hearing at the office of the committee in the Times-Dispatch Building, as follows:

Reduction on potatoes from Aberdeen, N. C., to Cincinnati. Set for March 25.

Advance in transfer of less than carload freight between depots and wharves of transportation lines at Norfolk and Portsmouth, March 26.

Reduction on mine props from Norfolk and Portsmouth to Pennsylvania anthracite coal region, March 25.

Advance on cotton from Wilmington, N. C., to Altavista, Newport News, Roanoke, Suffolk, Richmond, Petersburg and Lynchburg. It is proposed to establish to these points the same rates as are now in effect to Norfolk and Portsmouth, March 26.

Reduction on pins and three nails, locust and oak, from Hendersonville, N. C., to Eastern points, March 25.

Other hearings are announced.

## SUNDAY ADDRESSES TOURISTS AT ST. AUGUSTINE MEETING

**"Richmond Grows on Me," Is the Way Evangelist's Wife Writes Back to Friends Here.**

"This is a beautiful Sabbath morning and the closing day here," writes "Ma" Sunday from St. Augustine, under date of March 16. "The attendance has been remarkable and so has the large response to the invitations. I suppose three-fourths of them were out-of-town people—tourists for the most part. I've met folks from dozens of States. Many were from towns where we held meetings years ago. Mrs. Asher went to Tampa to do what she could to organize the work of the business women, but it is difficult to do in tourist towns. The good Lord knows that and puts His seal of approval on the preaching. Isn't He good? My!

"I'm glad we were in Richmond! That old town grows on one. We will always have the most pleasant memories of the campaign in Richmond. Mr. Sunday has spoken in the hotels three mornings. There were over 700 people who heard him in the Cordova. Best wishes to all our friends."

## WILL ACT ON REGULATION FOR SALE OF FIREARMS

**Ordinance Committee of City Council Will Take Up Measure Which Has Long Been Pending.**

The Ordinance Committee also meets tomorrow night and will again take up the question of the regulation of the sale of firearms in this city. The matter, in one shape or another, has been pending for some months. At first there was great haste to have it passed, but of late the pressure has not been so great. The measure was recently recommitted to enable the committee to hear from those who wish to have target weapons and ammunition excepted from its operations.

## PLAN NEW CONSTITUTION

**Tentative Outline of Revision Discussed by Executive Committee of Local Club.**

A tentative outline for the revision of the constitution of the Parent-Teachers' Associations and Federation of Mothers' Clubs of the city of Richmond was discussed at length at a meeting of the executive committee yesterday afternoon, at which the president, Mrs. J. B. Spiers, presided.

The proposed changes will make it impossible for an officeholder to continue in office after her usefulness to the organization ends. Heretofore, the qualifications for election have been a two-thirds majority. Under the new order of things, a majority will elect an officer the first two terms, a two-thirds majority will be required for the third term of office, and for the fourth term it will necessarily have to be unanimous.

**Charge Theft of Watch.**

Bertis Cone, of South Richmond, was arrested yesterday for the alleged theft of a watch from J. C. Taylor. Another warrant issued later charged the theft of a pair of shoes and a suit case from the boarding house where he was staying.

## *Richmond Events in Paragraph Form*

*Current Local News Told Briefly for Benefit of Busy Readers.*

Reports to the City Health Bureau yesterday showed a total of nine cases of influenza. There were no deaths from the disease.

Rev. Robert Norwood, poet and clergyman, will again conduct the special service for men today at St. Paul's Church at 1 o'clock. The service will last only thirty minutes.

J. R. Pollard was arrested here yesterday charged with being a fugitive from justice from Hanover County. He is said to be wanted there for jumping his bail on a bootlegging charge.

The Junior Order of American Mechanics and the Sons and Daughters of Liberty of Richmond will meet in Toney's Hall, Eleventh and Hull Streets, at 7:15 o'clock tonight and march in a body to Stockton Street Baptist Church.

The suit of Martha Harris against Mary Harris has been postponed until later in the term. The case was scheduled for trial this week in the Law and Equity Court. Judgment was docketed in the case of L. B. Mundin against J. J. Rankin, which was appealed from the Civil Justice Court.

The presentation of the portrait of Judge Keith, former president of the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia, on behalf of the Richmond bar will be made tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock in the courtroom by W. W. Scott, Eppa Hunton and Rosewell Page. The portrait will be hung over the bench in the court. The presentation speech will be made by Rosewell Page.

The Ladies of Charity will celebrate the anniversary of their organization today at St. Joseph's Orphanage by entertaining the children of the orphanage from 4 to 6 o'clock. A program of songs and recitations has been arranged, and a feast will be spread for the children. On this occasion also new members will be admitted into the society, after which benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be given in the chapel, closing the novena in honor of St. Joseph.

Former depositors in the Church Hill Bank who withdrew their accounts last week when a rumor started a run on the institution were urged yesterday by bank officials on Main Street to return their accounts there instead of placing them elsewhere. Prominent bankers assured a number of the former patrons of the Church Hill Bank that it was solvent and in good financial condition. Deposits since the run have brought the total of deposits up to a figure larger than that before the numerous withdrawals.

## SPIRIT OF CO-OPERATION LAUDED BY MAJOR LEVY

**Director of Public Welfare Says It Augurs for the Future Welfare of the City.**

Director of Public Welfare Levy declared yesterday that the "splendid spirit of co-operation" which the Finance Committee of the City Council was showing to the Mayor and departmental heads augured well for the future welfare of the city.

Major Levy referred to the demonstration in the Council chamber Monday night, when, at the conclusion of the presentation of departmental estimates the members of the committee loudly applauded the Mayor when he summarized the financial situation.

At that time Councilman Seaton arose and declared that the presentation of the affairs of the city government was the clearest that had ever been made to the committee, and that the members felt grateful for the information so freely and completely given.

Mayor Ainslie has informed the committee that in the future working out of the budget problem he and the directors will be glad to give any further information desired. He has also told the committee that if in their wisdom they deem it best to further cut down the estimates the administrative heads of the new form of government will not feel discouraged or disheartened, but will endeavor to do the best they can.

Major Levy declared yesterday that he would not be able to do many things that he wished to do with the limited funds contained in his estimates. Nevertheless with the amounts suggested he thought that he could make considerable improvements. He hopes to make the Street-Cleaning Bureau 25 per cent more efficient, he says, but he also declares that there will have to be fully 100 per cent improvement to bring the streets of Richmond up to a proper standard in regard to cleanliness. And such an improvement as this cannot be made with the amounts contained in the estimates as presented.

## MEMBERS EXPECT TO ENTER NEW CHURCH CHRISTMAS

**Grace Methodist Congregation Lets Contract for New Edifice on Stuart Avenue and Boulevard.**

A final decision has been reached relative to the proposed new church to be erected by the congregation of Grace Methodist Church at the corner of Stuart Avenue and the Boulevard.

The new church building will represent an investment of $125,000, including lot and equipment. The contract has been awarded for its construction and the congregation confidently expects to occupy the Sunday school room by Christmas.

The new church will occupy the entire space, 79x150 feet represented by the lot at the corner of Stuart Avenue and the Boulevard, and in the architectural design will harmonize with Battle Abbey and the Confederate Memorial Institute near-by.

The material used in its construction will be gray tapestry brick with large limestone columns. The Sunday school room in the rear, which will be finished first, will be a feature of the new church, since it will be arranged for departmental work along the most progressive lines of Sunday school activity.

## CALL SPECIAL MEETING OF ALDERMANIC BOARD

**City Fathers Will Act on Finance Committee's Recommendation as to 1918 Bills.**

President W. H. Adams has called a special meeting of the Board of Aldermen for tomorrow night to act upon the Finance Committee's recommendation that the Comptroller be authorized to pay bills due by the city for 1918 expenses, the total sum to be paid out not to exceed $50,000.

The recommendation of the committee was adopted by the Common Council at a special meeting called for that purpose and held Monday night, and it is practically certain that the Board of Aldermen will concur in the Common Council's action.

## RETURNS TO HENRICO JAIL

**Alleged Bootleggers' Hold-Up Pound to Have Occurred in Henrico County.**

Members of the band of alleged bootleggers who were said to have held up M. Mills, a chauffeur employed by the Prohibition Department, about a week ago, were removed yesterday to the Henrico County Jail. The removal followed the finding of the Hanover County Court that the crime was committed half a mile within the boundary of Henrico County.

When the six members of the party arrived at the Henrico County Jail they were compelled to leave their luxuries behind and went to their cells without baggage other than the clothing they were wearing.

While in Hanover County they supplied themselves with all the luxuries of life, including silk pajamas and soft drinks.

**Robbers Tap Till for $6.**

The Police Department was notified yesterday that robbers entered the store of R. E. Archer, 601 East Broad Street late Tuesday evening and stole $6 from the till. No clue has been found as to the identity of the thieves.

# 60-YEAR-OLD FRIENDSHIP GETS $50,000 FOR CHURCH

**Bishop Tuttle, of St. Louis, Tells Story of Romance to His Congregation.**

**NEW YORK WOMAN IS DONOR**

**Clergyman Met Miss Susan E. Mount When He Was a Youthful Student at Columbia College—She Died Eight Years Ago.**

ST. LOUIS, MO., March 18.—The story of how the love and friendship sixty years ago of Right Rev. Daniel S. Tuttle, of St. Louis, bishop of the Missouri Protestant Episcopal Church, then a theological student in New York, and Miss Susan E. Mount, of New York, resulted in a gratuity of $50,000 for the building of the St. Michael and All Angels' Episcopal Church, was related to members of the congregation.

As a climax to the narrative Bishop Tuttle announced that $25,000 of a second donation of $50,000 made last year by Miss Mount before her death in New York would be used for the erection of a parish house or rectory for the church. Announcement of the second gift was made public a year ago following the death of Miss Mount, but the donor of the original $50,000 was unidentified until yesterday.

The announcement was made from the church pulpit. Bishop Tuttle's story, which took the congregation back to his student days in New York, give the first public details of his acquaintance with Miss Mount.

He told the congregation he first met Miss Mount when they were both teaching Sunday school classes in New York. At that time he was a student in Columbia College.

They became fast friends, and continued their friendship by letters, according to Bishop Tuttle, after Tuttle's ordination in 1863, and his marriage three years later to Miss Harriet M. Foote, of Morris, N. Y. At the age of thirty he was made bishop of the Missouri churches, and since 1903 has been presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church in the United States.

Meanwhile, Miss Mount became wealthy and eight years ago made her first donation and requested that it be kept a secret. Miss Mount gave Bishop Tuttle $50,000—$25,000 for his church and $25,000 for his personal use. She never visited S. Louis. For several years prior to her death at the age of eighty-two, she lived a secluded life in New York.

Miss Mount's gift to Bishop Tuttle totals $125,000 in cash.

## TAFT HERE ON MAY 3

**Former President Will Speak Under Auspices of Virginia Branch of League to Enforce Peace.**

Former President William H. Taft will speak in Richmond on May 3 under the auspices of the Virginia branch of the League to Enforce Peace and the Men's Association of St. Paul's Church. Announcement of the coming of Mr. Taft was made yesterday afternoon by George Bryan, State chairman of the league.

Mr. Taft will speak on the objects and purposes of the League to Enforce Peace and the status of the work and its usefulness in the future. He is national president of the league, which proposes to keep the world safe by a league of nations.

A subscription luncheon will be tendered Mr. Taft at 1 o'clock on May 3, and he will present the subject informally to those attending.

## WRIT OF ERROR GRANTED

**Charged That Nineteen-Year-Old Youth Abetted Leo Kidd in Transportation of Liquor.**

The Supreme Court of Appeals yesterday granted a writ of error and supersedeas to J. N. Johnson, nineteen years old, who was convicted in the Circuit Court of Augusta County of abetting Leo Kidd in the transportation of ardent spirits. He was sent to jail for three months and fined $300.

Johnson complains that he, tried for a misdemeanor as an abettor, was convicted, while Kidd, tried as the principal on a felony charge, was acquitted.

**Liquor Case Put Over.**

The case against William Kerr, who was arrested Sunday charged with manufacturing illicit liquor in his apartments in a downtown apartment house, was continued until March 22. It was said by the police who made the arrest that nearly a gallon of peach brandy was found in containers in Kerr's room.

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# LOCAL BOARDS APPEAL FOR NEW SERVICE FLAG

**Want Banner Bearing Star for Each Returned Soldier Who Was Given His Old Job.**

**TIMID EMPLOYERS CRITICIZED**

**Says One Could Get Thrill by Cheering Men as They Left for Camp, but It Hurts to Pay Out Good Money.**

Alleged timidity of some employers in taking back to their old positions soldiers who left them for service in the field is the subject of criticism by the Local Boards' Association of Richmond, which issued yesterday a statement suggesting a new service flag, one that shall contain a star for each employee given his former job upon return to civil life.

H. W. Ellerson is president of the association, which has for its object the welcome of all returning service men, irrespective of whether they were volunteers or were inducted into the army and navy under provisions of the draft law, and the placing of these men in employment when they are discharged. The statement issued yesterday is as follows:

"When the boys were marching away to war the big business concerns hung out service flags. Those flags stood for nothing. The employers who displayed them had given nothing. The stars on the flags represented no sacrifices on their part.

"But now they have an opportunity to display a flag that will mean something. Secretary of Labor Wilson has suggested a new service flag for employers on which there shall be a star for every returned soldier who has been given his old job—the old job, but the new wages, the wages prevailing when the war ended.

"We fear, however, that the new idea will not be received with enthusiasm by the employers. It is so much easier to put out an emblem which represents the sacrifice of some one else. One could get quite a pleasurable thrill at a very small price, cheering the men as they left for camp and hanging out a large banner well covered with stars. It is quite a different thing to pay out good money to employees who may not be absolutely needed, when times are unsettled and business is uncertain. That hurts.

"So we do not expect to see Secretary Wilson's idea generally adopted.

"Of course, it hurt some one when the worker went to war. It was not pleasant for him to leave home and family and friends to face shot and shell, to be maimed and scarred and perhaps to die. It may have hurt mother or wife and children when he marched away. But he, and they, had courage, while some employers are timid—very timid.

"No, the new service flag will probably not be quite so popular among the employers as the old."

**Unitarian Question Box**

**What Is the New Christianity?**

The religion of the future will believe no less earnestly than the religion of the past has done; but it will believe with its eyes open, and not with its eyes shut! It will believe because it finds reason for believing, and what it finds reason for believing. More and more it will refuse to believe what does not commend itself to reverent reason and enlightened common sense.

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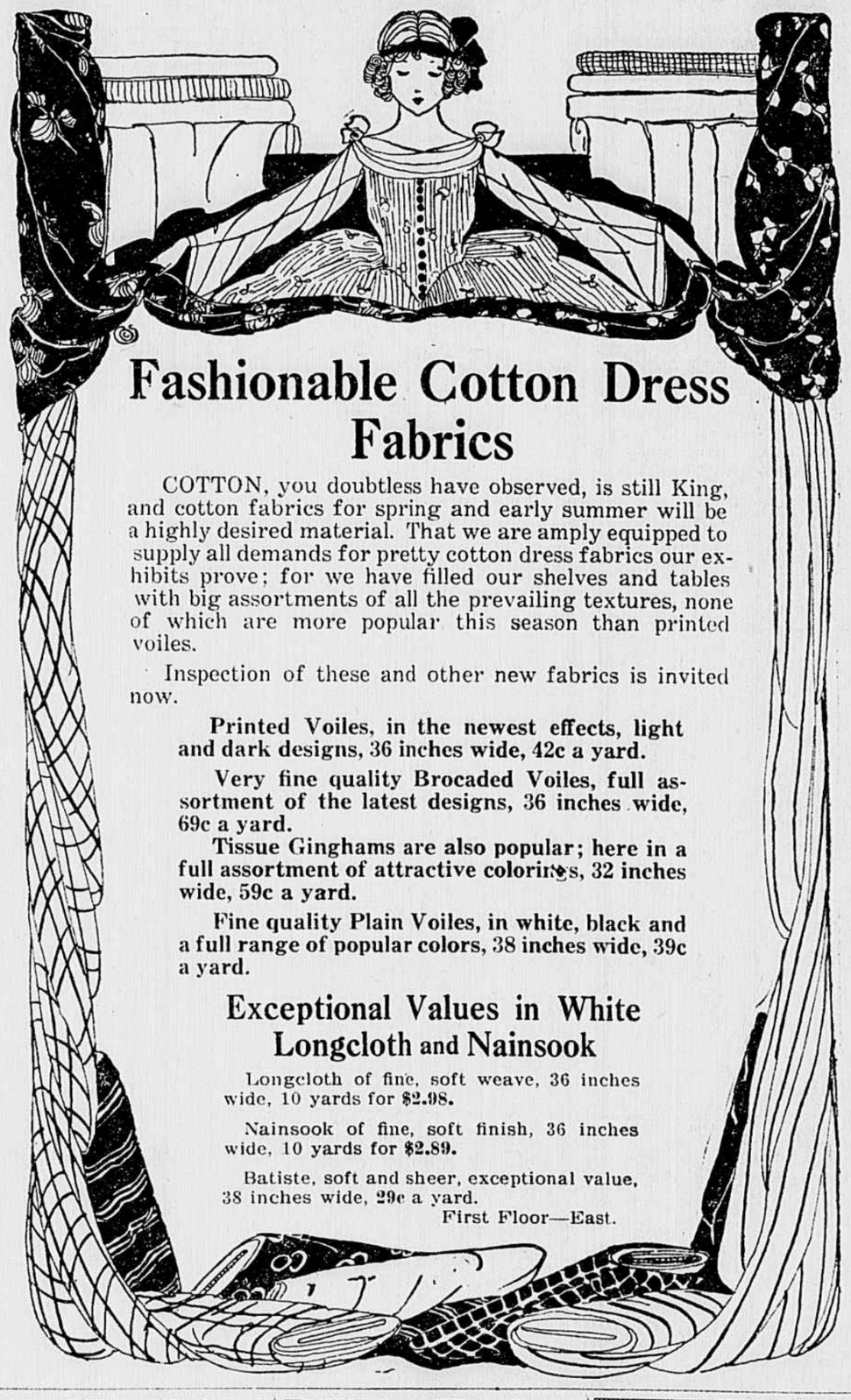
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