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The Weather Partly cloudy and unsettled today; tomorrow local thundershowers; little change in temperature.

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GORGEOUS PAGEANT-DRAMA IS HALTED BY RAIN; BIG ELECTRICAL STORM LEAVES HAVOC IN WAKE

DOES DAMAGE TO PAGEANT GROUNDS; SPOILS SCENERY

COLONIAL VIRGINIA LIFE IS DEPICTED IN PARADE TODAY

Veritable Cloudburst. Accompanied by Hail. Visits City.

Pageant Floats to Be Among Most Beautiful Seen in America.

DRENCHES 12,000 SOULS IN BIG AMPHITHEATER

TO FEATURE CUSTOMS OF PRIMITIVE INDIANS

Governor's Party Runs Afoul Charged Wire and Abandons Automobile.

Artists Have Caught Vision of Past for Great Spectacle Here.

SHOCK STUNS CHAUFFEUR

FORM THIS MORNING AT 11:30

Huge Banner on Broad, Weighed by Hail, Crashes to Street, Causing Short Circuit.

Marriage of Washington and Many Other Events Are to Be Recalled.

Leaving a tangled and twisted trail of wreckage together with more than half an inch of rain, a veritable cloudburst, said to be the most severe electrical storm of the season, drenched Richmond and adjacent counties in hail and water last night.

Descendants of the primitive Indians in Virginia, in the costumes of their fathers, will feature today's pageant in the Virginia Historical pageant, the costumes of which represent the customs of the Indian and the traders in carrying on their business. This will be the first of a series of pageants which will be all floats, and the majority of the floats will represent investments from 1500 to more than 10,000 each. Today's street parade will be indicative of the pageants that are to follow on the other days of Pageant Week, and those who witness the parade will see probably the most beautiful floats ever designed in America.

Starting shortly after 8 o'clock in a mild flurry, the rain suddenly changed to a heavy, intense fall. There were brief lulls, and then the downpour continued almost steadily for more than an hour, diminishing to a determined light patter about 9:30 o'clock.

Artists have caught the true idea of the history of the past, and have executed their work to a nicety. It is the purpose of the float committee, headed by R. A. Ruffin, to have today's parade make up for all the discomforts caused by the downpour of rain last night, preventing the presentation of the pageant-drama.

Approximately 12,000 persons, comprising the first night audience at the pageant grounds, were drenched, despite a goodly quantity of umbrellas. These coverings afforded little or no protection against the fury of the storm.

The parade will form this morning at 11:30 o'clock at Boulevard and Grace Street, and proceed east on Boulevard to Belvidere, north on Belvidere to Broad, east on Broad to the City Hall, proceed to the City Hall, proceed west on Capitol Street to Ninth, south on Ninth to Grace Street, west on Grace to Second, south on Second to Franklin, west on Franklin Street and Monument Avenue to the Boulevard, where it will disband.

Governor in Second Mishap. Governor and Mrs. E. Lee Trinkle and others of the official party narrowly escaped serious injury when the Governor's motor charged into a torn mass of canvas and high-tension wires at Sixth and Broad Streets.

Formation of today's great Colonial parade will be as follows: Mounted police, United States Navy Band, other bands, distributed among the various floats, grand marshal and his staff, guests, float—"Virginia, the First" and her maids.

The chauffeur of the car alighted, stepped into a pool of water, charged by a fallen trolley wire and was hurled to the street, stunned. The Governor and his party unhurt, abandoned the automobile and were transported to the Mansion House in taxis. They were returning home from the pageant.

Float of the Newport News Dry Dock and Shipbuilding Company, showing the "Susan Constant" on the crest of a huge wave.

Church Hill in Darkness. Church Hill was partly darkened when street lights blinked uncertainly and then went out, plunging sections of the town in Stygian darkness. Electricians at the city's power-house declared it an occurrence common during a heavy storm. Janemen were hastily dispatched to locate the trouble and the lights affected by the storm were repaired.

The storm created considerable damage to stage, scenery and grounds at the pageant amphitheater, and officials sent out an emergency call for fifty laborers to aid in the work of restoring the grounds to their natural orderly appearance.

Hall in Outfiring Sections. While the wind rose to greater fury during the storm, it did not assume the proportions of a gale. It was reported to have fallen in various of the counties adjacent to Richmond, although there was little or none at all in the city proper or at the pageant grounds.

"Fort Young" will be shown in the (Continued on Page 3, Col. 2)

WANT 50 LABORERS AT PAGEANT GROUNDS WITH BURLAP BAGS

Those Disappointed Last Night Will Be Admitted Tonight.

Submarine Sinks Schooner in Crash

German Destroyers Destroy Shells and Rifles

LOS ANGELES, CAL., May 22.—The new steam schooner Virginia Olson was rammed by the navy submarine D-7 in a dense fog off the breakwater outside the harbor here today, and racing at full speed with a hole in the bow, sank just after reaching dock in the harbor here.

It will only be necessary for those holding stubs to present the same at the gates Tuesday night.

GERMANS DESTROY SHELLS AND RIFLES

BERLIN, May 22.—Up to 8,500,000 German shells and rifles, 104,000 machine guns, 25,700,000 loaded shells and mines, 14,800,000 grenades, 13,283 airplanes and 24,045 airplane engines, according to official figures made public today.

Scenes of Coronation of "Virginia the First"



DIES AS HIS TROOPS ALIGN FOR PAGEANT

Captain J. C. Pollard Drops From Horse Near Howitzers' Armory.

HEART TROUBLE CAUSE Long Regarded as One of Best Military Men in the State.

Captain James C. Pollard, of Company "A," Richmond Howitzers, who was acting major in command of the artillery battalion composed of the Richmond and Norfolk batteries in the pageant parade, dropped dead from the horse he had mounted yesterday morning in front of the armory on North Eighth Street. He had been in ill health for several months, and it is understood that physicians had advised against him engaging in anything that tended toward excitement. However, he could not resist the desire to command the batteries in the first military parade incident to the great State historical pageant, and after reviewing the troops and mounting his charger he was stricken with death.



Upper left—Mrs. Semones kneels as Governor Trinkle crowns her Queen of the Pageant. Upper right—Major Ainslie presents the Queen of the Pageant with keys of the city. Bottom—Mrs. Harry J. Semones, of Roanoke, Queen of the Pageant.

CARNIVAL SPIRIT GRIPS THROUG AS GOVERNOR CROWNS QUEEN

Thousands of Virginians From Far Corners of United States Jam Historic Capitol Square for Opening Event of Great Historical Pageant.

Laughing merrily and excited by the glad glow of happiness and carnival spirit which pervaded the air like some overwhelming perfume; thrilled repeatedly with the suspense of anticipation, thousands of Virginians and people from the far-flung reaches of these United States looked on in fascinated awe and wonderment, smiling silent approval as Mrs. Harry J. Semones, of Roanoke, was crowned Queen Virginia the First on the south porch of the State Capitol yesterday, thus marking indelibly into Virginia's great record another triumph—the opening of the magnificent Historical Pageant.

The sun shone hot, and stifling from each of her subjects, and then repaired to assume her throne on the beautifully decorated float.

Miss Roberts Becomes Duchess. Miss Spottwood Roberts, of Chase City, was first made by Attorney-General John R. Saunders "Duchess of Mecklenburg." Miss Ann Marshall, of Norfolk, then was proclaimed "Princess of Norfolk" by Representative J. T. Deal. Then Mrs. Semones appeared and received her crown as Queen Virginia the First.

Big Moment in State's History. It was a portentous moment in Virginia's great history; truly triumphant.

Overhead a United States Navy "blimp" hovered gracefully, like some giant antediluvian sky thing, the great gas bag, silver-painted, reflecting a sheen of commingled gold and silver as the sun's fiery rays were reflected from it.

Below a glad multitude, laughing, happy and approving; filled with the joy of carnival, the glad freedom and abandon of pageantry.

Governor Trinkle made a brief, whole-hearted address welcoming home the Virginians who have responded to other parts and extending

PAGEANT VISITORS WELCOMED TO CITY

Trinkle Hails Great Multitude Gathered on Historic Occasion.

Tremendous Spectacle Belongs to No Particular Section, Governor Says.

Pageant visitors, crowded yesterday morning in Capitol Square to witness the crowning of Mrs. Harry Semones, of Roanoke, as queen of the Virginia Historical Pageant, were warmly welcomed by Governor Trinkle to the capital of the Old Dominion.

His speech follows: "It is, indeed, an inspiring sight, standing here on the portico of that building designed by Jefferson as the seat of government for the grandest State in the Union, to observe about me this sea of faces and to welcome, on behalf of this old State, the Commonwealth, this great multitude of visitors gathered in our metropolis today from the uttermost confines of the Old Dominion.

Heart Filled With Gladness. "My friends, my heart is filled with gladness and with gratitude to God, in opening to you the gates of this city and in offering to you the love and welcome of its inhabitants. It has been my lot in life to have traveled much through this old State, each section of which I love. Everywhere I find its people strangely the same. There are no better people in God's world anywhere than the children of Virginia.

Gives an Added Happiness. From that large section of the Commonwealth, so dear to my heart, which reaches its loveliness beyond the summits of the Alleghenies; from the sandy shores of Accomac and the Atlantic seaboard; from that great northern tier of counties skirting Maryland; from Mecklenburg, Hittsylvania, Halifax and the counties to the south, you come, Welcome, Virginians! Richmond receives you in gladness; her arms are open to you; your presence gives to her only an added happiness.

"But our festivities today belong to no one city and to no one section. This pageant is a pageant of the people, in token whereof we are now about to solemnize the awful ceremony of the coronation. We are met to proclaim our queen."

THOUSAND KRONEN SOLD AT 25 CENTS

NEW YORK, May 22.—A new group of high financiers appeared in Wall Street today, specializing in foreign exchange.

When stockbrokers and their clerks came down to business in the morning more than a score of Street hawkers were operating in the financial district with huge bundles of Austrian paper money, which they were trying to sell at 25 cents per 1,000 kronen.

But the "brokers" underwent such a razzing from bank messengers that they were finally forced out of the district, transferring their activities to other sections where the foreign exchange rates are not so well understood. A thousand kronen are quoted at about 10 cents.

HEAD OF SOLDIERS' LEAGUE IS ARRESTED

WASHINGTON, May 22.—Marvin Sparr, commander of the Private Soldiers' and Sailors' League, was arrested here today at the request of the Baltimore police.

WAITING THROUGH SOAKED BY DELUGE AS PLAYERS BEGIN

Stunning Spectacle, Depicting History of Virginia, Opens Auspiciously With Thousands Here in Gay Mood, Under a Smiling Sun, Playing Over Colorful Scene.

DOWPOUR COMES AFTER 12,000 GO TO GREAT AMPHITHEATER IN EVENING

Military Parade of Crack Organizations, Including Heroes of World War, After Coronation Exercises in Capitol Square, Thrills Multitude.

Although the heavens smiled a welcome to the myriad of homecoming Virginians yesterday, the clouds burst asunder last night simultaneously with the opening of the prologue to the Virginia Historical Pageant and the thousands in the huge Westbrook amphitheater were drenched by the veritable deluge. Those about to brush aside the cobwebs of antiquity and unfold in drama the stirring history of the Old Dominion, stuck to their posts until signaled off, but too late to save scores of handsome gowns and costumes from a soaking.

No occasion in Richmond's history has made a more auspicious start than its great "Home-Coming Week." Starting at noon with the coronation of "Queen Virginia the First," and the brilliant military parade immediately following, the sun in all its glory played over the colorful spectacle. Late in the afternoon there came a short shower which allayed the dust on roads leading to the pageant grounds, but in a few minutes the sun again peeped out of the clouds and apparently the abortive storm passed over, only to burst in all its fury a few hours later.

Governor Figures in Runaway. While hundreds were saddened by the tragic death of Captain James C. Pollard, of the Richmond Howitzers, the day otherwise passed off with nothing to mar the occasion. Governor E. Lee Trinkle, preparing to take his place at the head of the great military procession, figured in a runaway, but fortunately the chief executive escaped without injury to himself and with only slight damage to the persons and instruments of six members of the United States Naval Band, who were knocked down by the veritable animals in its first mad rush. Several slight mishaps to riders and mounts stirred spectators along the line of march, but no accidents were reported.

All Richmond and a good share of Virginia, apparently, were out to do of Roanoke. Thousands packed the Capitol Square to see their queen crowned homage to Queen Virginia the First, in the person of Mrs. Harry J. Semones, by Governor Trinkle and her enthronement on the float in which she was conveyed in a triumphal tour of the city to be viewed by more thousands unable to get to a point of vantage near the historic building, around which is written some of the most stirring events of the history which the pageant will unfold in cyclical form.

Living Aisles of Subjects. Amid the booming of cannon, Queen Virginia set forth on her tour, preceded by the thousands of fighting men of the present generation, many in brilliant uniforms, but the majority wearing the drab in which they so recently completed freedom's battle.

For five miles the procession passed through living aisles made of "subjects" of the first and only Queen Virginians have paid homage to since Thomas Jefferson's immortal declaration was acclaimed, ever at practically the same spot on which the sham coronation was performed by unanimous consent.

The throngs on the streets were in a holiday mood, although the inauguration of Pageant Week was no holiday to the majority of the workers of the city. Usually undemonstrative, the people of Richmond, once thawed out sufficiently to show their appreciation for the spectacle which was being provided. And all along the line of cheering thousands there was a background of buildings covered by waving flags and bunting.

While in the business sections handsomely and appropriately decorated by poles and cylinders to a drug store, where emergency stimulants were administered. On the arrival of the city ambulance they refused further treatment and were taken home in private cars.

In an attempt to prevent injury to her child in the pressure of the crowds about them, a woman fainted in the lines at Monument and Allen Avenue. Pedestrians carried her to the shade of a tree in Monument Avenue, where she responded to emergency treatment.

Two others are reported to have collapsed at Eighth and Grace Streets. After treatment by an ambulance physician, they were sent to their homes.

SEABOARD AIR LINE DIRECTOR IS DEAD

By Associated Press. HENDERSON, N. C., May 22.—Alex Cooper, vice-president and general manager of the Henderson and Harriet cotton mills of this city, and a director of the Seaboard Air Line Railroad, died at his home here late yesterday from a complication of diseases, from which he had suffered about a year. Mr. Cooper was 43 years old and a son of the late D. Y. Cooper, widely known cotton mill man. Funeral services will be held here tomorrow afternoon.

W. G. McADOO, JR., MARRIES DIVORCEE

By United News. NEW YORK, May 22.—William Gibbs McAdoo, Jr., son of the former Secretary of the Treasury, was married here Monday to Mrs. Molly Tackberry Ferguson, former wife of Armour Ferguson.

Both gave ages as 27. McAdoo gave his occupation as an oil producer. He graduated from Princeton in 1917. Mrs. Ferguson was born in London.

REGAL POMP WAS NECESSARILY LACKING at the Capitol, where the ceremony of the coronation was performed. The queen and her retinue, however, were garbed in ermine and satins, and that and the two tiny pages carried the old world court tradition into the minds of the spectators at the impressive ceremonial.

Governor Trinkle was assisted by Colonel Hiram Smith, his chief of staff, and Senator Claude A. Swanson, Mayor George Ainslie, Congressman J. T. Deal and Attorney-General John R. Saunders, added official dignity to the occasion.

"Dixie" First Vast Crowd. The coronation was preceded by an invocation by Rev. W. Russell Bowie, D. D., of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. With the official "ruffles" from the Naval Band, followed by "Stars and Stripes Forever," the Governor was received. Then the ever rising "Dixie" drew the vast audience as Mrs. Semones and her ladies and gentlemen appeared. Coronets were placed on the fair brows of

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