

BELL CONQUERS MUD

Chief of Staff Rescues Horse from Quicksand.

WAR SECRETARY TAFT SMILES

Ride of Mr. Taft and General James Merry Adventure in Potomac Park. Bell Has the Adventure and Taft Is Merry—Former Saves Brute from Death in the Mud.

Horses have very little sense, when it's all figured out. In the old days of a restricted nature-falms, most everybody thought that the horse was an exceptionally clever animal, but now—why, now hardly any one will say such a thing, even if he hasn't heard of the way one of these dumb brutes treated Gen. J. Franklin Bell, Chief of Staff of the United States army.

Of course, there are contentious people who will insist that not all of these animals are without sense just because the horse Secretary of War, William H. Taft, stood still while the horse of Gen. Bell—and Gen. Bell—foundered about in five feet of soft Potomac River mud yesterday evening. Really, though, that isn't an indication of sense, it's merely an indication of solidly—solidity on top of the horse.

How It Happened. It all happened in this wise. Yesterday being graced with a bright afternoon, and being also one of the few times when the Secretary of War was not busy about the country looking after the fortifications for Bill, he decided that he would "ride out."

Perhaps he had forgotten that time, not long ago, when fate had played Gen. Bell a rather slouchy trick. That time, it will be remembered, when the Secretary of War, going out to Fort Myer with the general, got the latter in range of a moving-picture machine and was taken hoof, horn, and all.

But he that as it was fixed, it is certain that yesterday afternoon Gen. Bell, Mr. Taft, and Charlie Taft started out riding, care free and without apparent object.

Down into the new Potomac Park they trotted gleefully, down to where the old Potomac River bed is being sucked up by hydraulic pumps to take its place as a portion of a new driveway. The horse upon which the Chief of Staff was riding seemed a bit skittish during the ride to the new park, but the general, who could take forty "riding tests" in forty minutes, minded not, but went his way.

Steed Becomes Fractious. After the park was reached the party turned into one of the paths and proceeded toward the river. Not many yards had they gone, however, when the general's steed became fractious, or an approximation of that.

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WEDDED IN ALEXANDRIA.

C. E. Pryor, of the Belasco, United to Miss Ernestine McNett. Miss Ernestine McNett, of 509 Fourth street northwest, Washington, and Charles E. Pryor, assistant treasurer of the Belasco Theatre, went over to Alexandria yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock and were quietly married in the rectory of Grace Protestant Episcopal Church.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Edgar Carpenter, rector of Grace Protestant Episcopal Church. The bridal couple traveled in a sixty-horsepower automobile and were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pilling and Miss Marie Wright, all of Washington.

SEEK TO BREAK A WILL.

Justice Gould Names Collectors in Queen Estate. Collectors were appointed yesterday by Justice Gould in connection with the estate of the late Mrs. Christiana C. Queen, widow of Rear Admiral Queen. They are R. Colden Miller and Wilton J. Lambert, and bond was fixed at \$100,000.

Mrs. Queen left an estate valued at about \$300,000, and caveats have been filed by three nephews, Benjamin G. Crosby and Walter C. Miller, of Louisville; William A. Raborn, of Maryland, and Mrs. Ida C. Travis, a niece. The caveators who seek to break the will are represented by George H. Calvert, Jr., and R. Colden Miller, of this city, and Martin, Webb & Wilson, of Louisville.

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POLICEMAN HIT WITH BRICK.

Negro Tried to Rescue Brother Under Arrest. Bicycle Policeman W. E. Rollins, of the Fourth precinct, was badly hurt when struck in the back of the head with a brick, last night, by a negro whose brother he had placed under arrest.

He was taken to the Emergency Hospital in the Fourth precinct patrol wagon. There it was learned he was suffering from concussion of the brain and a lacerated scalp. His injuries are serious.

Shortly after 5 o'clock Rollins arrested James Washington, a negro, on a charge of disorderly conduct. On the way to the patrol box, on G street, between Third and Fourth streets, at the intersection of Bears Gap and Flighting alley, George Washington sneaked up and threw the brick.

The policeman held his prisoner until the patrol wagon arrived. Then he faintly.

FUNERAL OF TWO VETERANS

Capt. Henry Foster and J. P. Wooten Rest in Arlington. Military Honors Accorded—Civil and Spanish War Veterans in Attendance.

Their caskets draped with the American flag and covered with floral tributes, Capt. Henry Foster, veteran of three wars, and Capt. Julien P. Wooten, of the Volunteer Signal Corps, were laid to rest yesterday in Arlington, after services in the chapel of Thomas P. Hinde, Fifth and H streets.

Capt. Henry A. Brown, chaplain of the Rough Riders in the Spanish war, conducted the services. Members of the Fourth Immune Camp, S. W. V., civil war veterans, and members of social and secret societies were present.

Full military honors were accorded the two veterans at Arlington. The bodies were escorted from the chapel to the grave by a troop of the Thirtieth United States Cavalry. Many beautiful floral tributes were laid on the caskets.

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RESTS IN OAK HILL CEMETERY.

Funeral Services for Nixon Brewer Held Yesterday. Funeral services for Nixon Brewer, who died at the Emergency Hospital Saturday as the result of injuries received by falling from a loft, were held yesterday afternoon from Ryland M. E. Church. Interment was in Oak Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Brewer came to this city from Fairfax county, Va., during the civil war, and for many years had conducted a feed and grain store at 20 Seventh street southwest. He was prominent in business and church circles of that section. Two sons and three daughters survive him.

Probation Officer Quoted the Boy. An account was printed in this paper on Saturday of the wedding of a razor by Alfred Nelson, a young incorrigible, and his subsequent swallowing of a dose of ink in the juvenile court. An inadvertent heading said that the chief probation officer, Rev. Zed Copp, had "irritated" the boy to the point of attacking his mother. Some irritation possibly was caused the boy by the officer's remark, as it is in common used patience, tact, and determination, and it was due to his efforts that the boy committed no violent act.

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CHILDREN ON STAGE

Miss Shreve's Pupils Delight a Large Audience. Splendid Programme Carried Out Before Hundreds of Parents and Friends, Who Show Their Appreciation in Storm of Applause. Performance Repeated To-night.

When Wu Ting-fang, the Chinese Minister, left the National Theater last night, after witnessing the grand spring carnival by the pupils of Miss Cora Shreve, he said: "It was one of the prettiest sights I ever saw. I would not have missed it."

Minister Wu voiced the sentiment of the hundreds of persons who witnessed the entertainment. The children appeared in the opera-tta "Leonora." Fully 100 danced and sang for nearly four hours, while their relatives and friends in the audience acknowledged their efforts by hearty applause.

Miss Shreve's annual entertainment is looked forward to with much pleasure, but it is doubtful if the spectators expected the bright offering of last night. "Leonora" serves to introduce the children in pretty costumes as they sing and dance. Miss Shreve had a large number of popular songs on the programme, and they were capably sung. In the dances, single and ballet, the children performed with remarkable skill. To single out any one song or dance as better than another would be an injustice. Special mention, however, must be made of Baby Smith. He was in a dress suit, and he lipspingly sang "I'm Afraid to Go Home in the Dark."

Shows a Contortionist. Alma Nelson and Adrienne Shreve, in their dances, were especially brilliant. Miss Nelson showed herself as a contortionist. Miss Shreve, in the tableau, "Why Can't a Girl Be a Soldier?" made a dainty appearance. The act was prettily costumed, the electrical effects being most attractive.

Many of the ballets were executed near to perfection—one, a fancy drill. What little acting the children were required to do was well done, Ruby Raymond showing special talent. There were three solos, and in each the little performers showed their ability. Applause was frequent, but, owing to the length of the programme, there were no encores.

The constant flickering of the lights in several of the dances spoiled the beauty of the scene. This, doubtless, will be remedied, and to-night there will be no hitch in the performance. Miss Shreve's many friends congratulated her on her efforts with the children, who came in for unstinted praise for their work.

The Parts and Performers. The programme was carried out as follows: PART I. Scene I—School Festival. "Swing Song" by Mrs. Margaret Poole; assisted by Miss A. Shreve, Miss Raymond H. Berber, Sadie May Lipp, Maud Turner and George Ellis. Frederic Barnes, Bernard Maloney, and Clinton White. Solo, Master Emory Bonini. "Won't You Be My Baby Boy?" Miss Madeline Smith and dancing girls. "When a Fellow Is Twenty-one," Bennett Giddings. "Shuffle Up Closer," Miss Rose Lambaste and Master John McDonald. "Pas de Deux," Miss Marie Reagon and Miss Elizabeth Waller. Eccentric dance, Miss Adrienne Shreve. "Somebody Lied" (comic song), Master Clifton White. "School Days," Miss Louise Smith and Miss Sadie May Lipp, assisted by the minors. Each song, Miss Beatrice Congrove. "Skipping Through the Meadows," solo, Miss Mamie Schuyler; trio, Miss Edna Wilcox, Mary Smith, and Master John McDonald. "Why Can't a Girl Be a Soldier," Miss Adrienne Shreve, assisted by the girls and dancing girls. Flag bearer, Master Minnie Ellis.

TABLEAU. Scene II—The Gypsy Camp. Opening chorus, Lazzarillo and ensemble. Dance Characteristic (Queen of Spain), Miss Maud Turner. La Sautona, Gitzna and Maurine. La Sautona, Miss Leona Callan. "Lazzarillo" (comic), Miss Maurine. Cast of Opera. Countess de la Vere, Miss Myra Summers. Maurice (the spy), later King Charles II, Master Irvin Congrove. Inna and Lazzarillo, attendants to Maurice, Miss Alma Nelson and Miss Edna Wilcox. Gitzna, assistant to Maurice (in love with Maurice), Robt. Raymond. Pages to Leonora, Miss Leona Callan and Margaret Ellwood. Leonora, Miss Henrietta Brenns. Dances. "The Gypsy Song," assisted by Miss A. Shreve, Miss Edna Wilcox, Blanche Smith, Mary Conroy, Pauline Floyd, Leona Callan, Beatrice Congrove, Margaret White, Margaret Poole, and Stella Hildebrand. Dancing Girls. Miss Estelle Spindler, Mary Martin, M. Hoagland, E. Towner, L. Nichol, Marie Reagon, E. Murray, and A. Nelson. "The Gypsy Song," assisted by Miss A. Shreve, Miss Edna Wilcox, Blanche Smith, Mary Conroy, Pauline Floyd, Leona Callan, Beatrice Congrove, Margaret White, Margaret Poole, and Stella Hildebrand. "The Gypsy Song," assisted by Miss A. Shreve, Miss Edna Wilcox, Blanche Smith, Mary Conroy, Pauline Floyd, Leona Callan, Beatrice Congrove, Margaret White, Margaret Poole, and Stella Hildebrand.

Will Give Vaudeville. Southeast Club's Plan to Raise Funds. Select vaudeville in the Belasco Theater Saturday afternoon, May 2, will be the means used by the promoters of the Southeast Club to secure funds.

The management announces as headliners the George Washington Minstrels, in a twenty-minute sketch; Mr. Robert Downing, the one-time famous actor, in dramatic readings, and the Washington Canoe Club minstrel have consented to reproduce their best number. There will also be magician, acrobats, comic songs, a wrestling bout, glee and mandolin club, and other stunts that go to make up a first-class variety performance, and all for charity, given by the finest talent that the management can procure.

Hurt, But Sticks to Duty. Capt. Hooper, of Truck No. 7, Fractures Leg at Fire. His right leg fractured below the knee by falling from the porch of a burning house at 565 Eighth street southeast yesterday afternoon, Capt. J. E. Hooper, of No. 7 Truck Company, disregarded the pain that almost made him faint and continued to direct the efforts of his men until the arrival of an ambulance.

The company responded to an alarm for fire in the rear of 565 Eighth street, occupied by William E. Ward. The fire was in the rear, and the captain climbed to a porch to get a more commanding position. Leaning against the rail to look beneath him, the rail suddenly gave way. He fell to the ground. His right leg was struck beneath him and he could not rise. His men carried him away from the building. He insisted upon remaining in the yard, where he could direct his men until the arrival of an ambulance from Casualty Hospital.

DEPLORED BY UNION MEN. Labor Body Regrets Action of Chamber of Commerce. Regret was expressed at the meeting of the Central Labor Union last night in Typographical Temple over the refusal of the Chamber of Commerce to cooperate in the effort to settle the lockout in the building trades.

A letter from William F. Guide, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, in which the chamber declined to enter into negotiations to settle the lockout, was read. It was in answer to a request of the Central Labor Union that the chamber appoint a committee of five to meet with a similar committee from the labor unions to attempt an amicable settlement of local labor conditions.

J. G. Lorch, president of the Central Labor Union, announced that the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce has taken this action. I think they have lost an excellent opportunity to do a great good for the working people of the District.

Sam De Nedry, secretary, announced that the committee of five to meet for the mass meeting to be held in the Columbia Theater Sunday next had completed its plans and expected a large attendance to protest against the recent Supreme Court decision in connection with which the laboring man. More than 100 members of Congress have been invited to attend.

It was voted that the union contribute \$50 toward defraying the expenses of the Bakers' Union in the case of Bender vs. The Bakers' Union.

AFFECTS THE ANARCHISTS. Postmaster General Meyer Makes Important Ruling.

An important ruling is being formulated by Postmaster General Meyer in connection with the admission to the mails at second-class rates of publications printed in languages other than English. In brief, hereafter when a paper printed in a foreign language is deposited in the mails and contains matter political in character, such matter will also have to be accompanied in the same issue by the identical article translated into English.

Following the Postmaster General's action in barring an anarchist publication published in Paterson from the mails, Third Assistant Postmaster General Lawrence began a general investigation of socialistic and anarchistic publications, the majority of which are printed in foreign languages. The task of going through these papers and having translations made has proved so formidable and of such vast proportions that it would take a large force to make translations.

The Postmaster General intends to vigorously enforce his ruling that no paper which advocates violence of opposition to organized government or lauds assassins shall be admitted to the mails.

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Charles Craig, negro, who attempted to steal a suit of clothes from Jacob Bim, second-hand dealer at 605 Fourth-and-a-half street southeast, last Saturday night, and who in making his escape assaulted Bim and his wife, was sentenced to two years in jail by Judge Kimball in the Police Court yesterday.

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Charles Craig, negro, who attempted to steal a suit of clothes from Jacob Bim, second-hand dealer at 605 Fourth-and-a-half street southeast, last Saturday night, and who in making his escape assaulted Bim and his wife, was sentenced to two years in jail by Judge Kimball in the Police Court yesterday.