WOMAN, A SOLDIER IN CIVIL WAR, DYING

Mrs. Sarah Thompson Victim of Street Car Accident.

TAKEN TO CASUALTY HOSPITAL

Aged "Soldier" Was on Her Way to Post-office, Where She Is Employed, When Run Down by Capital Traction Car—Is Only Woman Soldier on the Pension Rolls.

Mrs. Sarah Thompson, seventy-one years old, said to be the only woman recorded in the Pension Bureau as a soldier of the United States, lies in Casualty Hospital, dying of injuries sustained in a street car accident.

The aged woman was struck and knocked down by a car of the Capital Traction line about 8:30 o'clock yesterday morning, while at First and B streets southeast. She had just left the home of her son-in-law, Arville L. Bacon, 316 First street southeast, and was on her way to the post-office, where she is employed as a money order sorter in the division of the sixth auditor's office.

Mrs. Thompson was crossing the tracks to board a car when she was struck by a car bound for the Union Station. She was knocked to the ground, the wheels of the car passing over one side of her head, tearing away flesh and hair.

Suffered Internal Injuries.

Mrs. Thompson was removed to Casualty Hospital in an ambulance. It was found she suffered from internal injuries and shock.

The injured woman is a native of Tennessee. In the civil war she was employed by the Union army as a spy and scout, and was entered on the pay roll as a soldier. She received a severe wound from a bullet and bears the scar on her arm. She discovered the hiding place of Gen. John T. Morgan, the noted Confederate raider, and notified the Union forces of his whereabouts. Her first husband, Col. Scott, organized a band of loyal Tennesseeans for service in the Union army, and she led parties of Union sympathizers through the Confederate lines to join the regiment.

Mrs. Thompson has two children living in this city. One of them, Mrs. Burgling, lives at 707 G street southeast. Orville L. Bacon, a son, is a member of the firm of Bacon & Bailey, meat dealers, at 912 Louisiana avenue.

ELECTION BY BOYS' BRIGADE

Rev. Powers Chosen Division Commander at Meeting.

At the Young Men's Christian Association Building last evening the annual meeting was held of the District of Columbia and Virginia Divisions of the United Boys' Brigade of America with the Adjutant Gen., Col. J. Jarvis, in the chair.

Col. Butler spoke briefly on the value of the Boys' Brigade in requiring regular and punctual attendance at Sunday school and in its influence which tends toward the improvement of religious and moral character and promotion of habits of obedience, reverence, and discipline.

Rev. Edgar C. Powers, pastor of Brookland Methodist Episcopal Church, was elected division commander, and Acting Adjut. Gen. James G. Graham was chosen adjutant general.

Motions were adopted that a letter of sympathy be sent Maj. S. H. Walker on account of his severe illness, and to James M. Henry, retiring division commander. On motion of J. E. Groff, a vote of thanks was extended the retiring officers. Chaplain Rev. Charles H. Butler spoke briefly on several topics.

On May 29 the annual field day exercises will be held at Eade's Mill, on the New Cut road. The programme, in brief, is as follows: Assembly, 9 a. m.; chaplain's service, 9:30 a. m.; competitive drills, 10 a. m.; athletic events, 11:33 a. m.; lunch hour, 1 p. m.; sham battle, 2:30 p. m.; parade and review, during which all prizes and medals will be awarded, and the command turned over to the newly elected officers, 3:30 p. m.

The athletic events will include running broad jump, 100-yard dash, junior; 100-yard dash, senior; shot-put; 440-yard dash, senior; running high jump, junior; running high jump, senior; 220-yard dash, junior; special race for commandants, 100 yards; company relay, senior teams, half mile; company relay, junior teams, half mile and mile run. Junior, fifteen years and under; senior, sixteen years and over.

The company trophies will be awarded to the companies winning the largest number of events, and gold, silver, and bronze medals to the individuals in both military and athletic events.

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CLASS CONCLUDES STRENUOUS CONTEST

Ranks Are Largely Increased as a Result.

NOW LARGEST IN THE CITY

Bible Students of Metropolitan Memorial M. E. Church Have Now an Enrollment of 647 Members—The "Whites" Triumph Over "Reds" Following Great Final Spurt.

Amid scenes which bore no resemblance to the accepted sedateness of a Sunday school, and with the victors strenuously lording it over the vanquished, the membership contest of the Metropolitan Bible Class came to a tumultuous conclusion in the Metropolitan Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church last night.

The two militant cohorts, the white and the red, were lined in fighting array opposite each other in the church auditorium. After five months of the most spirited warfare the contestants were on the qui vive to hear the result, and after many tantalizing delays, it was announced amid an explosion of cheers and hand-clapping.

Victory Was Narrow.

The "whites" won by the narrowest margin. Their victory was due to a final spurt in the last few days of campaigning. The final score, by points, was given as 3,957 for the whites and 3,784 for their doughty opponents. These total scores comprised the results of the attendance and the gaining-new-members divisions.

In the attendance fight the "whites" won out by the barest lead, making 1,787 points to the "reds'" 1,784 points. They clinched their victory with superior strategy in the membership fight, for in this they made 2,170 points, while the "reds" were content with an even 2,000.

With both sides unbroken in their confidence and optimism until the decision was given, the "whites" gave vent to their feelings with cheers for themselves, tributes to their leaders, and consolatory songs for their enemies. "We lost because we lost" was a favorite form of affectionate reference to the enemy, and team songs of the "rah, rah" order rent the circumambient atmosphere.

The leaders of the "whites" was Miss Margaret Hull, and as recognition of her hard and unflinching work, she was presented with a gold class pin by the rank and file of her team, and with a shower bouquet of carnations. Mrs. S. C. Brinley, the leader of the defeated "reds," was also given ample evidence of the loyalty and affection of her cohorts. She was presented with a large framed picture of the class, and with a bouquet of red carnations.

The growth of the class, spurred and stimulated by the contest, has been remarkable. It has now reached the unprecedented number of 647, and the attendance last Sunday was 423, compelling the director to forsake the large and spacious Sunday school room and conduct meetings in the church auditorium.

Now Largest Class.

The Metropolitan Bible class is now by far the largest in Washington, its only rival being the Vaughn class, of the Calvary Baptist Church. It is composed exclusively of adults, and although it has had an active career of eight years, the determination to expand was made recently, and the canvass has exceeded the rosiest anticipation of its leaders. There have been 227 accessions since March 1, and of these 103 were enrolled last Sunday.

"How we won" was told by Burton Clark, one of the "white" leaders, and H. B. Durham spoke for their opponents. Harry C. Oberholzer, as director of the class, reconciled the warring interests with his facetious celebrations with the victors and his mock condolence with the vanquished. He urged all to enter upon a period of united activity, for the larger interests of the class to work together for a common end. Having gained the largest Bible class membership in the Capital, the leaders are ambitious to reach out for further conquests.

Miss Ida Campbell was first lieutenant on the "white" side, and Miss Alda Coblentz for the "red." The wind-up of the contest was marked by an enjoyable literary and musical programme. Mrs. D. Olin Leech, Joseph Merrick, and Miss Laura Collison sang favorite songs in a charming manner, and W. W. Millan gave a reading from Meredith's "Lucile."

Congratulations Offered.

A sextet of the "whites" presented a brief dramatic burlesque dealing with features of the contest. Brief remarks were made by W. W. Milan, superintendent of the District Sunday School Association, in which he extended his hearty congratulations. Luncheon was the concluding feature of the event.

Concert To-morrow Evening.

A concert will be held in the parish hall of St. Andrew's Church, Fourteenth street northwest, on Friday evening, April 23, at 8 o'clock. The following have offered their services: Miss Larkins, violoncello; Miss Nettleton, contralto; Miss Bailey, violin; Miss Brickenstein, piano, and Maj. Stevens, barytone.

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TAFT BEHIND CONSERVATION

Authorizes Gifford Pinchot to Deny Rumors to Contrary.

President Heartily in Favor of the Forest Policy and Will Not Disturb Reservations.

Setting forth the attitude of the President relative to the conservation of the natural resources of the country, Gifford Pinchot, chief forester of the government, yesterday issued a statement denying various rumors purporting to give the views of the Chief Executive.

"Any statement that President Taft is not in sympathy with forestry and the conservation movement is without foundation," said Mr. Pinchot. "On the contrary, I am authorized by the President to say that he is in entire sympathy with the forest policy and the conservation policy as already developed, and stands behind them.

"This statement is wholly unnecessary to those acquainted with the real situation. It is made only in answer to the large number of questions asked me during my recent trip through the West and since my return. These questions had to do with rumors to the general effect that the administration is out of sympathy with the forest and the conservation policy. To set these rumors at rest by an authoritative statement of what I already know to be the fact, I thought it best to lay them before President Taft. Accordingly, it is with his authority that I make the above statement.

"I am also authorized by the President to deny categorically the story that great areas are to be thrown out of the national forests by Presidential proclamation. The only possible basis for such a rumor that I have been able to discover lies in certain plans adopted by the Forest Service months ago. These plans were in accord with lines of policy long recognized and established. They were approved by Secretary Wilson and they provided for a careful examination and mapping of the boundaries of the national forests and of the character of the land, and the timber and other growth along these boundaries.

"Repeated charges, well known to be baseless by those actually acquainted with the situation on the ground, that the national forests include vast areas of agricultural ground, have been made. Whatever agricultural lands may be found along the boundaries will be restored to entry, for one of the strongest desires of the Forest Service now and in the past is that any agricultural lands which may have been included in the national forests should be open to use for agricultural purposes. Indeed, this is already provided for in the act of June 11, 1906. The Forest Service undertook the mapping of the national forest boundaries on its own initiative in the regular line of its work and in pursuance of general plans laid years ago.

"I have been greatly interested, but not at all surprised, by the persistent circulation of these rumors. President Taft's statement to me, coupled with his authority to make it public, should set them at rest once and for all. The present administration is in the fullest sympathy with forestry and conservation. Friends of these movements should recognize their obligation to the President for his prompt and direct support."

TO DIVIDE ST. PAUL'S PARISH.

Another Church Will Be Built for Rev. T. A. Walsh.

Announcement has been made that St. Paul's Catholic parish is to be divided, and that Rev. Thomas A. Walsh, the present first assistant pastor, has been suggested by Mgr. Mackin, pastor, as the clergyman most suited to take up the work of organizing the new parish. The site for the new church has not yet been selected, but several are under consideration.

Rapid growth of that section of the city led Father Mackin to believe a church to the northwest of the present parish is necessary. Father Walsh, who will receive the new charge, is well known in Washington and enjoys wide popularity among his present parishioners.

Sentenced to Workhouse.

Ella Fosky, negro, was sentenced to six months in the workhouse by Judge Kimball, of the Police Court, yesterday for striking Policeman Young in the face with her fist because he had testified against her. The woman was arrested by Young on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Break Ground for Church.

Ceremonies attending the breaking of ground for Ingram Memorial Congregational Church, which is to be erected at Massachusetts avenue and Tenth street northeast, will take place this afternoon at 5:30 o'clock. Prominent Congregational clergymen from different sections of the city and members of the congregation will participate.

CUMMINS WANTS INCOME TAX

Expounds His Theories for More Than Two Hours.

Rayner, Democrat of Maryland, Wanted to Know if Bill Exempted Incomes of Corporations.

"Iowa ideas" on the tariff question were expounded for more than two hours yesterday by Senator Cummins, a new member of Congress from that State, and, although he was halted frequently by inquiring Senators, he held the attention of his colleagues and spectators, in the gallery throughout the time he occupied the floor.

He was asked question after question, and admitted he was in sympathy with more radical ideas than other members of his party. He avowed himself a protection of "the school of Blaine, McKinley, and Allison," and asserted he would throw aside his treasured income tax amendment if he could be convinced it interfered with the principles of protection. He said he did not believe the income tax should be imposed, because it would raise revenues, but rather because he thought the wealth of the country should be taxed. He was given a few jolts on the feature of his amendment, exempting the incomes of corporations.

Senator Cummins' speech was submitted in explanation of his promised amendment to the tariff bill.

Explaining his amendment, Senator Cummins made the following statement:

"The amendment providing for an income tax, offered by Mr. Cummins, differs in some important particulars from either the law of 1894 or the amendment offered by Senator Bailey. It exempts incomes below $5,000, and authorizes the deduction of that amount from every dutiable income. The rate provided for is as follows:

"Upon incomes not exceeding $10,000, 2 per centum; upon incomes not exceeding $20,000, 2 1-2 per centum; upon incomes not exceeding $40,000, 3 per centum; upon incomes not exceeding $80,000, 3 1-2 per centum; upon incomes not exceeding $80,000, 4 per centum; upon incomes not exceeding $100,000, 5 per centum; upon all incomes exceeding $100,000 6 per centum."

Mr. Cummins believes the graduated tax so provided will produce a somewhat less revenue than a flat tax of 3 per centum, and is of the opinion that the amount raised upder his amendment would be about $40,000,000.

Senator Cummins took occasion to answer criticisms of certain Republicans that the income tax was a Democratic proposition.

Senator Rayner, Democrat, of Maryland, asked Mr. Cummins if his bill exempted the incomes of corporations.

"Just as the law of 1894 exempted them," replied Mr. Cummins.

Mr. Rayner was not satisfied with the explanation.

Mr. Cummins attacked the revenue producing qualities of the tariff bill. He declared Mr. Aldrich's estimates of the revenue were too high. This brought Mr. Aldrich to his feet. He read from a statement by W. F. McLennan, chief of the warrants division of the Treasury Department, estimating that the revenues for 1910 would aggregate $350,000,000 annually, which contemplated an increase of $9,000,000 a year more from the pending tariff bill than from the Dingley act.

Wickersham's Wishes Respected.

Attorney General Wickersham has received a letter from Morris & Co., Chicago meat packers, in which the concern promises to accede to the Attorney General's demand that it revise its method of keeping accounts of loss or damage to its interstate shipments. This prompt compliance with the Attorney General's desire indicates the success of his new policy of giving interstate corporations the opportunity to rectify seeming violations of the law without compelling the government to resort to the alternative of obtaining indictments.

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NEWS OF ALEXANDRIA

Company G Wins in Dispute Over Armory Hall.

WORK ON THE COURT OF HONOR

Preparations for Home-coming Week Being Pushed—Richmond Blues Will Act as Escort to the President During Parade—Travelers' Association Delegates Go to Martinsville.

Alexandria News Agency, 602 King street, Alexandria, Va., authorized agents and carriers for The Washington Herald. The Herald will be delivered daily and Sunday to any address in Alexandria for 50 cents a month.

WASHINGTON HERALD BUREAU, 602 King Street.

Alexandria, Va., April 21.—The long-fought dispute over the right to the use of Armory Hall was settled to-day by a decree handed down by Judge L. C. Barley in the Corporation Court, in which he decided in favor of Capt. F. L. Slaymaker, of Company G, First Virginia regiment, against P. J. Murphy and others in what was known the old Alexandria light infantry.

The decree states:

"So far as the defendants, Patrick J. Murphy and W. W. Demaine, are concerned, it is, therefore, adjudged, ordered and decreed that the defendants, Patrick J. Murphy and W. W. Demaine, be, and are hereby, perpetually enjoined and restrained from in any way interfering with the present officers of said company in the exclusive and entire use of the said armory building and premises, and this decree is final."

Since the organization of the new company, May 23, 1908, the matter as to which company had a right to use the hall has been pending in the courts.

Resplendent in a coat of white paint, with small cedars, laid systematically along its path, the inaugural court of honor on Washington street is now the cynosure of all eyes. Already it is attractive, and more is being added daily to the decorations about it. When it is formally opened, Monday night, at the beginning of home-coming week, the prize court of honor will be a veritable blaze of glory from the thousands of incandescent lights.

Plans for the big military pageant on April 30 are assuming definite form. The famous Richmond Blues, who attracted so much attention at the inaugural parade, will act as escort to the President. The Richmond Howitzers will fire three salutes. The latter company will have eight men, with guns and caisons, in line.

The corner stone for the George Washington Park, which will be laid following the parade, is now being carved by Chauncey & Bros. The committee in charge of the parade practically has completed all its work, and the arrangement of minor details incident to entertaining and providing for visitors is now being made.

A number of delegates from Post P, Travelers' Protective Association, departed to-night for Martinsville, W. Va., to attend the annual meeting of the State organization of that body which will convene to-morrow. Following is a list of the local delegates: W. G. Rogers, J. T. Johnson, Alfred Thomson, O. H. Kirk, J. William Hay, W. P. Taylor, J. E. Darling, E. Warfield, jr., H. D. Kirk, Raymond Hulfish, P. Von de Westlaken, W. G. Leadbeater, W. M. Dunnington, A. D. Brockett, and J. Y. Williams.

Chief Goods is in receipt of several applications to fill the position of special policemen during the home-coming week ceremonies. Ten extra men will be appointed, and they will be chosen by the chief, after which they will be sworn in by the board of police commissioners. Those desiring special policemen during the home-coming week can submit names to the board of police commissioners and they will be duly sworn in.

The standing to-day of the leading candidates for queen of the carnival was as follows: Miss Marie Fannon, 4,726; Mrs. P. von de Westlaken, 4,657; Mrs. Cletta Whitehead, 2,666; Miss Marie Drew, 1,560, and Miss Caroline Wedderburn, 816.

Rev. J. M. Holmes, who was recently appointed pastor of the Methodist Protestant Church, will arrive in this city Friday, and preach his first sermon Sunday. The former pastor, Rev. G. I. Humphreys, has been transferred to Pocomoke City, Md.

The funeral of Margaret Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Mansfield, took place this afternoon from her parents' home, North Pitt street. Rev. C. D. Bulla, pastor of the M. E. Church South, conducted the services.

A pie party was given to-night at Carpenters' Hall, Dey Ray, Alexandria County, under the auspices of the Del Ray Baptist Church. It was largely attended.

PRESIDENT'S ESCORT SELECTED.

Crack Richmond Blues Will Guard Taft at Alexandria.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Richmond, Va., April 21.—The Richmond Blues will act as the special escort to President Taft and Secretary of War Jacob M. Dickinson at the unveiling of the Washington Monument in Alexandria on April 30.

All three companies will send at least five squads of men. The companies will go in full dress. This is not the first time that the Blues have acted as an escort to the President. The crack battalion has taken part in almost every important national event for the past forty years.

The battalion will hold its annual celebration at Lakeside on May 10.

GETS BIG CONTRACTS.

Newport News Shipbuilding Plant Will Build Two Steamers.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Newport News, Va., April 21.—Contracts for the construction of three large freight and passenger steamers to cost $1,500,000 were secured to-day by the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company. The vessels are to be constructed for the San Francisco and Portland Steamship Company, and will be used on the line between San Francisco and Portland.

The new ships will be 400 feet in length and will be of the highest type of combination freight and passenger vessels, equipped with the latest and most improved auxiliaries used on crafts of this type, and having engines capable of driving them over seventeen miles an hour.

It is said that the government will, within the next few months, let contracts for nearly $15,000,000 worth of shipbuilding and repair work, which is being estimated and eagerly awaited by the large shipbuilding concerns in the East, all of which will likely bid on the contracts.

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Army Officer, Who Tried Suicide, Has Chance of Recovery.

Shot Himself While at Laurel Sanatorium, Where He Had Gone to Recover from Nervousness.

Physicians at the Laurel (Md.) sanatorium, where Capt. George C. Burnell, Signal Corps, U. S. A., attempted to end his life Tuesday afternoon by firing a bullet into his temple, believe the officer has a chance of recovery.

Capt. Burnell has been unconscious since firing the shot, but a slight change for the better was noticed in his condition last night.

Capt. Burnell came to Washington about a week ago from Fort Wood, New York, where he has been in command for the last five years. He has been suffering from neurasthenia, followed by a general nervous and physical breakdown. He feared he was losing his mind and came here to consult Dr. Joseph M. Heller, of the Farragut, late major surgeon in the United States army and a personal friend.

Dr. Heller advised Capt. Burnell to go to the Laural Sanatorium, and the army officer followed the advice. Dr. Heller called at the sanatorium Tuesday afternoon and learned that Capt. Burnell intended leaving. The physician endeavored to dissuade the army officer, but Capt. Burnell was obdurate, and asked Dr. Heller to remain in the hall while he went to his room and packed his effects.

Capt. Burnell had been in his room about three minutes when a revolver shot was heard. He was found wrapped in a blanket on his bed, a revolver near his outstretched hand, and a ghastly wound in his temple.

He was given prompt medical attention, but physician could not restore the man to consciousness.

Capt. Burnell was formerly stationed at Fort Myer, and is well known in Washington. He was born in Vermont, July 5, 1888, and served with honor as an officer of the Signal Corps in the Spanish-American war. His father and other members of his family live in Vermont.

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BARNETTE—On Tuesday, April 20, 1909, at Naval Medical School Hospital, Washington, D. C., Rear Admiral WILLIAM JAY BARNETTE, U. S. N. Funeral from St. John's Episcopal Church, Thursday, April 22, at 3:30 o'clock p. m. Relatives and friends are invited. (New York papers please copy.)

COLEMAN—Departed this life, Tuesday, April 20, 1909, at 12 p. m., AMANDA COLEMAN, aged seventy-six years. Funeral from Third Baptist Church, Fifth and C streets, Sunday, April 25, at 1 p. m. Relatives and friends invited.

DIXON—On Tuesday morning, April 20, 1909, at 2:30 o'clock, at the residence of his brother, 16 Quincy place northwest, JOHN ELBERT DIXON, aged thirty-nine years. Interment Thursday, April 22, at St. Mary's Cemetery, Bryantown, Md.

FFOULKE—On Wednesday, April 14, 1909, CHARLES MATHEW FFOULKE, at Hotel Le Marquis, New York City. Funeral services at St. John's Church, Friday, April 23, at 12 o'clock. Interment private.

GLEESON—On Monday, April 19, 1909, at 10:15 p.m., BRIDGET GLEESON, at her residence, 300 Missouri avenue northwest. Funeral from St. Patrick's Church, Thursday, April 22, at 10 a. m. Interment private. (New York papers please copy.)

HIGH—On Wednesday, April 21, 1909, at her home, 491 H street southwest, after a lingering illness, Mrs. SARAH JANE HIGH, beloved wife of Henry High. Funeral Friday, April 23, at 1 o'clock. Interment private. (Baltimore papers please copy.)

LAUBSCHER—On Tuesday, April 20, 1909, at 10 a. m., at the National Lutheran Home, JOHANNA, widow of John Laubscher, aged eighty-two years. Funeral private, from the chapel of Frank Geier's Sons, 1112 Seventh street northwest, on Thursday, April 22, at 3 p. m. Interment at Glenwood Cemetery.

ROBINSON—On Tuesday, April 20, 1909, SUSAN DODSON, wife of Walter W. H. Robinson. Funeral (private) at 3 p. m. Thursday, April 22, from the residence of her brother, John McL. Dodson, 2901 Q street northwest.

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