

PRESIDENT OPENS ACTORS' FUND FAIR

Thousand Players Aid Taft in Monster Benefit.

FEARS THROAT TROUBLE

Dr. Richardson Accompanies the Party to New York.

William H. Crane Introduces Taft and Gives Him a Gold Medal. Praise for Profession that Takes Care of Dependent Ones—Pretty Flower Girls Pelt Chief Executive with Roses as He Approaches.

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New York, May 9.—The sky smiled at intervals to-day to encourage President Taft to smile his best on the company of a thousand players who helped him open the Actors' Fund fair.

No one had to wait for his assurance that he enjoyed the experience of being lionized by scores of pretty actresses and smiled upon and bowed to and jollied (some of the youngest women of the corps de ballet did jolly him) by hundreds of others.

The President was accompanied by Dr. J. T. Richardson, doctor of threatened throat trouble. Because of administrations must have been effective, for the Presidential voice was in excellent shape.

There was delay at the entrance, because the officials and ushers of the fair had found it impossible to open a crowd way to the court of honor. The crowd was good-natured, boiling over with joy, in fact, but that sort of a crowd is not the easiest to control.

Now, it is only the truth that President Taft needs for comfort a path of fair proportions and well established lines, so the police were called in to fix things.

At 4 o'clock the big band sounded fanfare, and that told every one the President had come to open the fair. The walls of the path bulged in, but two policemen, shoulder to shoulder, preceded the President and bulged them back.

Then Daniel Frohman, president of the Actors' Fund of America, began the formal proceedings by making a brief speech.

He introduced W. H. Crane, "the dean of the dramatic profession," as the play's "spokesman" in welcoming Mr. Taft. The President and Mr. Crane have been friends for years. The President listened attentively as the veteran actor talked of.

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NARROW ESCAPE FOR AUTO OCCUPIED BY MR. TAFT.

WEATHER FORECAST.

For the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia—Fair to-day and to-morrow; light west to northwest winds.

HERALD NEWS SUMMARY.

- 1—President at Actors' Fund Fair.
2—Cadets Give Drill.
3—King's Malady Not a Mystery.
4—Navy Yard in Danger.
5—News of Society.
6—Editorials.
7—Feminine Notes and Fashions.
8—Athletic Make Clean Sweep.
9—Amateur Sports and Gossip.
10—Commercial and Financial.
11—Plans for Home-Coming Week.
12—Elevator Needed in Union Station.

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Accokeek, Md., May 9.—The charred remains of John Thomas Miller, seventy-three years old, and his wife, sixty-three, were found to-day among the ruins of their home and store at Accokeek, Prince George County, the building having been destroyed by fire last night.

Robert W. Miller, brother of the dead man, lives in a small dwelling about 100 feet from the store, but did not know the building was on fire until aroused by Lyles. The front door of the store was found open and a pair of slippers belonging to the dead woman were found near the house occupied by Robert Miller.

Justice Morgan, acting as coroner, summoned a jury, with R. Lee Manning, State tobacco inspector, as foreman, and held an inquest.

Robert W. Miller testified the store was closed about 9:30 p. m., and, as far as he knew, everything was left as usual. Other witnesses testified as to the condition of the burned building.

The remains of Mr. Miller were found near the rear door of the building, and those of Mrs. Miller about the center of the building. Both bodies were almost entirely consumed, only the bones and a few fragments of flesh being left.

Robert Miller said his brother, who had a fear of banks, kept his money on his person and had about \$2,200 at the time of his death. A small amount of silver partially melted was found in the ruins near where the money drawer was located.

The two brothers came here in 1901 from Alexandria, Va., and bought the property on which they resided. At that time there was a large dwelling house on the place, but that was destroyed by fire in 1905.

Halley's Comet. DAILY BULLETIN. May 10.—Halley's comet rises at 2:34 a. m. to-day and at 2:36 a. m. to-morrow.

PASTOR IS HORSEWHIPPED. Girl and Her Mother Fly Lash at Savannah.

Elgin Butcher Chicago Drops.

Palings, Dressed, 25 cts. Aplec.

Clear Strips, For Fly Screens, 1c a Ft.

OFFICER'S CAPTIVE PROVES A CORPSE

Body Found Between Circus and Graveyard.

VICTIM OF ACID DRAUGHT

Laborer Swallows Poison as the Bands Play.

Receipts for Payments to Support of Wife and Daughter from Whom He Had Been Separated Lead to Identification of George W. White.

FOREST FIRES NEAR DULUTH.

Large Tracts in Northern Minnesota Devastated by Flames.

Duluth, Minn., May 9.—Forest fires are again sweeping over Northern Minnesota. Duluth itself was threatened by the flames this morning, when a huge wall of fire swept down from the vicinity of Arkoid toward the pumping station at Lake Wood, where the entire city water supply is pumped from the lake.

Attracted by Dice Game. After seeing the last of the rush of passengers from the afternoon performance started on their homeward journey, Policeman Horton noticed a bunch of negroes sitting in the grass just outside of the station reserve, and, getting closer, saw they were engaged in a game of dice.

Death Several Hours Before. A casual examination revealed the body of a man who had probably been dead several hours. White was five feet seven inches, fair complexion, light hair, short stubby mustache, wore a greenish brown suit, and black derby and shoes.

White and Daughter Survive. White was a laborer, thirty years old, who, since leaving his family, had lived in Avalon Heights, at the corner of Douglas street and Bladensburg road.

BURGLARS KILL TWO. Physician's Home Ransacked and Servants Shot to Death.

New York, May 9.—Miss Margaret Mechner, who had been housekeeper in the home at 1224 West 124th street, forty years, and William Beaman, a Hindu, died when they were shot to death in the house late this afternoon when Dr. Cannon returned from making calls.

BIG METEOR STRIKES EARTH. Fear Among Natives Who See the Heavens Illuminated.

El Paso, Tex., May 9.—A dispatch to the Herald from Montezuma, Chihuahua, Mexico, says that a large meteor passed across the heavens last night in a northerly direction. It was so bright that it illuminated the landscape and created consternation among the natives.

THE WINDSOR SALE. The collection of antique paintings, prints, furniture, Chinese and Persian rugs, Japanese goods, etc., all forming the Windsor Sale, will be on view at Sloan's Galleries, 107 G st., again to-day.

Palings, Dressed, 25 cts. Aplec.

Clear Strips, For Fly Screens, 1c a Ft.

Boards, Dressed, \$2.00 per 100 Feet.

NOW IN OUR MIDST.



WASHINGTON PREP SCHOOLS COMBINE

Cathedral School to Be the Name of Newest.

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NEW HOPE SEEN FOR RAILWAY BILL

Senate Leaders Confer on the Prospects of a Rally.

Republican Senate leaders "took stock" yesterday on the railroad bill and they feel very much encouraged that after the House has acted the Senate will be able to push through a measure that will be acceptable.

DR. HYDE CALM ON STAND. Declares Col. Swope and Moss Hunt Died of Apoplexy.

Kansas City, Mo., May 9.—Self-possessed and deliberate in his statements, Dr. B. C. Hyde took the stand this afternoon in the Criminal Court and began his version of the story of the cause of the deaths of J. Moss Hunt, Col. Thomas R. H. Swope, and Christian Col. Thomas R. H. Swope, and the causes of the typhoid fever epidemic in the Swope home.

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DROWNED IN CHINA.

Washington Seaman Among Three Lost from Gunboat.

Walter H. Longacre, of Washington, an ordinary seaman of the gunboat Villalobos, is reported to have been drowned May 4 at Changsha, China, where the ship is stationed.

JOHN A. BENSON DEAD.

Californian Was Tried Here on Land Fraud Charge.

John A. Benson, who was indicted in the District of Columbia and acquitted on two charges of conspiracy to defraud the government in land deals, died on his ranch near San Francisco yesterday.

THREE SHOT IN DUEL. More Bloodshed Feared in Cordelle, Ga., as Result of Clash.

Cordelle, Ga., May 9.—As a result of a street duel here to-day between Bowen, Herbert, and Edward Mercer, brothers, and Snell Grove and William Benton on one side, and Snell Grove and Benton on the other, Snell Grove and Benton are dying and Edward Mercer is dangerously wounded.

FINDS BIG SILVER NUGGET. Grantsville, W. Va., May 9.—A farmer here has found a silver nugget weighing twenty pounds, and excitement is intense throughout Calhoun and adjacent counties.

WORLD TRIP FOR DR. BELL. Famous Inventor Will Be Accompanied by F. W. Baldwin.

Automobilists, Attention! Read the Automobile Announcement in THE WASHINGTON HERALD to-morrow morning, May 11.

Blackstone's Floral Designs Superb. Priced at low figures. 14th & H. Floor, Alabama Good, \$2.25 100 Ft. Frank Libbey & Co., 6th & N. Y. ave.

KING PROCLAIMED AS CANNON ROAR

George V Takes Scepter with Medieval Pomp.

HERALDS ODDLY GARBED

Gather from Four Points at Gates of the Palace.

Proclamation Read by Sir Alfred Scott-Gatty While Crowd Stands with Bared Heads in Drizzling Rain—National Air Is Played, After Which the King Appears at Window of Marlborough House.

London, May 9.—The great city laid aside its outward symbols of mourning to-day while the quaintly garbed heralds from four points in the metropolis, with all the fantastic ceremonies of antiquity, proclaimed the accession to the throne of his majesty, George V, King of Great Britain and Ireland, the dominion beyond the seas, Emperor of India, and defender of the faith.

Day had dawned chilly and gray, with a raw wind snapping the thousands of flags that hung at half-mast for the dead sovereign, whose body lay at rest in Buckingham Palace.

But as the hour of 9 o'clock approached there was a stir throughout the city. Brilliantly uniformed officers, with showy regiments of troops, including the famous Horse Guards, assembled in Friary Court at St. James' Palace, where for centuries the English Kings have been publicly proclaimed. It was a dazzling and an imposing spectacle, and it appealed strongly to the pride of the thousands who had gathered to witness it.

All in Deepest Mourning. Looking down from the roof and balconies of the grim old palace with their gorgeous coverings of scarlet cloth, were the notable men of the empire, garbed in deepest mourning. Dukes and earls touched elbows with men of worldwide fame in all departments of intellectual activity.

Suddenly as the clocks struck the hour of 2, the watchers saw the heralds appear on the balcony above the picture gallery of the palace. In front was Sir Alfred Scott-Gatty, garbed in medieval attire. Attending him were the Duke of Norfolk, hereditary earl marshal of the land, and two more bearers in all the gorgeous trappings of medieval pomp.

Bringing up the rear were the officers of the general staff of the army in their resplendent full dress uniforms. Their breasts glittered with orders.

There was a blast from the silver trumpets of the heralds, and as a hush fell upon the waiting multitude Sir Alfred Scott-Gatty read the proclamation which announced that George V reigned in place of his royal father. As the words of the proclamation rang out the crowd, with bared heads, stood exposed to the drizzling rain that fell with steady persistence.

Three Cheers for King. Then Sir Alfred called for three cheers for the new monarch, and they were given with a will. As the sound died away, the blast of the snarling trumpets echoed out over the heads of the assembled throng and the band of the Cold Stream Guards burst into the enlivening strains of "God Save the King," and the flags, as by a common impulse, sprang to the heads of the staffs.

At the conclusion of the national air by the band, a low murmur of voices was heard, and gradually the words and music of "God Save the King" swelled into a great chorus as the waiting thousands.

TOTS MISSING AT CIRCUS. Police Fail to Find Esther Gormley and Clarie Mooney.

When the circus was all over last night and the police of the Ninth precinct were able to take stock, they found that the day had been remarkably quiet. All the children that had been picked up had been returned to their parents, and there were only two lookouts that had not been marked O. K.

These were Esther Gormley, a four-year-old child, whose parents live at 511 Fourteenth street northeast, and four-year-old Charles Mooney, whose folks live at 1201 F street northeast.