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NEWS OF ALEXANDRIA

Alderman Fail to Attend Joint Session to Consider Royal Street Franchise.

Alexandria, Va., Aug. 13.—Twelve out of the sixteen members of the Common Council were present to-night at an adjourned meeting of that body held for the purpose of considering the franchise for the lease of Royal Street to the Washington-Virginia Railway Company for a period of twenty years. Common Council invited the aldermen for a joint session. In the meantime other matters were discussed and several members had petitions they wanted brought up. Finally, Councilman Birrell was dispatched to see if the aldermen were in session and he returned and reported: "Darkness there and nothing more." The aldermen did not, therefore, respond to the invitation for a joint session.

The ordinance for the lease was next read whereupon Councilman Birrell moved that the matter be laid over until 8 o'clock to-morrow night in order that all matters pending before council may be taken up for consideration. By a vote of eight to four this motion prevailed, and council adjourned until that time.

In connection with the ordinance for the lease of Royal street to the Washington-Virginia Railway Company a letter was read from F. H. Treat, president of the Washington-Virginia Railway Company, which was addressed to G. L. Boothe, this city, a director of the company. In the letter Mr. Treat set forth that he desired to confirm the statement recently made to the Common Council of this city by Mr. Boothe that the freight station of the company, located at Prince and Royal streets, will be removed from that location not later than January 1, 1912. He added in the letter that the removal will be made just as soon as arrangements can be made for its re-location. Mr. Treat further stated that the letter could be considered in connection with the railway company's bid for the franchise in South Royal street.

When the meeting opened President Smith explained that its purpose was to consider the franchise for the use of Royal street. Councilman Birrell, however, stated that he would like to have unanimous consent for the introduction of other business. He enumerated that one was regarding the health conditions of the city, another regarding the erection of stables, and the third pertaining to the proposed improvements on Washington street. Councilman Williams moved that the meeting be thrown open for all business that might come before council for its consideration. After a short debate his motion was adopted.

The first matter which then came before the Council was a petition of property owners on the four squares about to be improved on Washington Street. They objected to reducing the roadway on that thoroughfare to fifty-six feet, they favoring sixty feet instead.

Councilman Birrell thought they should be given some consideration inasmuch as they proposed to pay for it.

It was then that President Smith objected to the matter being brought up at this time, whereupon Councilman Williams then objected to bringing any matter up. A debate followed between Messrs. Smith and Williams, after which the ordinance for the lease of Royal Street was read. Before finally deciding to adjourn until to-morrow night Councilman Graham moved that the matter be laid on the table and this was lost. The motion to adjourn until to-morrow night of Councilman Birrell then prevailed.

Another matter on the desk which was to have come up was a petition of property owners to have the gutters and streets repaired at Henry and Payne Streets. It was set forth in the petition that water from broken water pipes at this intersection could then pass off and not become stagnant as has been the case for the past sixty days. The petition was signed by eleven property owners in that section of the city.

The Board of Supervisors of Alexandria County at a meeting held to-day at the county courthouse decided to appoint a board of police commissioners consisting of three residents of the county. The supervisors will hold another meeting August 26 next, at which time the board will be named.

The board will shortly afterward organize and the question of whether or not Alexandria County will be furnished with a mounted police service will be determined upon. It is said that many residents of the county favor such a service owing to the rapidly increasing growth of that county. The commissioners will doubtless make their report to the supervisors, along this line at a meeting of the supervisors, which will be held September 19 next.

In addition to the foregoing considerable other matters of importance to the board were disposed of.

Convicted of operating a "speak-easy" in Alexandria County, Edward Tyler, colored, following a preliminary hearing to-day before Police Justice R. Gordon Finney, was fined $50 and sentenced to serve two months in jail and also placed under a bond of $500 to refrain from such business for the coming year. Two other cases were dismissed.

A fine of $10 to which was added a jail sentence of ten days was imposed in the same court in the case of Martha Bailey, colored, charged with promoting policy.

Between 300 and 400 employes of the shops at the Potomac Railroad yards Alexandria County, received a substantial increase in salary August 1 last in conformity with a plan adopted by the railroad company for a general increase annually in the salaries of its employes. The increase ranged from 1 to 2 cents an hour.

Considerable "queer" coin of small denominations is in circulation in this city, according to reports. So far as can be ascertained the "queer" coin consists of quarters, dimes and nickels. It made its first appearance here Saturday last.

Convicted of the theft of corrugated copper rain spouting from Norton Memorial Hall, of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Melvin Johnson, nineteen years old, was sent to jail for six months, and George Johnson, sixteen years old, and Theophilus Lloyd, thirteen years old, all colored, were sent to the reform school until they reach their majority. All of the lads admitted the theft. Their arrest followed the sale of the plunder to a local junk dealer, being made by Policeman J. Cristopher Gill. The lads were given a hearing this morning before Justice L. H. Thompson.

Announcement is made that the rowing regatta which was to have been held Saturday next by the Old Dominion Boat Club has been postponed.

A date for the regatta will be determined upon at a future meeting of the club.

A festival was given to-night in Calvert's Hall, St. Elmo, Alexandria County, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Del Ray Methodist Episcopal Church South.

A. A. Warfield, this city, has been appointed night clerk in the Cumberland Hotel, Harriman, Tenn.

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STEAMSHIP RUNS ASHORE.

Passengers Are Taken Off but Later Return to Vessel.

Halifax, Aug. 13.—The Dominion Atlantic steamship Prince George, with passengers and freight from Boston, ran ashore in a thick fog to-day on the Nova Scotia coast soon after leaving Yarmouth, N. S., according to wireless dispatches picked up by wireless stations along the coast this afternoon.

Some of the passengers became panic-stricken, the messages declared, and were taken off by tug boats which were sent to the assistance of the helpless liner.

Later, when it was seen that the danger was not great the passengers returned to the Prince George. One wireless flashed from the Prince George was to the effect that her captain expected to arrive in Boston to-morrow with the Prince George proceeding under her own power. It was explained that the damage was slight and that there would be no great danger to the ship or passengers. It was said that the ship would be floated by high tide to-day.

HYDRO-AEROPLANE IN TROUBLE.

New Army Machine Smashed in Plymouth Bay.

Plymouth, Mass., Aug. 13.—The new army hydro-aeroplane in which Lieuts. Arnold and Kirkland were flying from Marblehead to Straford, Conn., to take part in the war game maneuvers came to grief in this harbor to-day.

While flying near the water the airship suddenly descended, striking the water with such force as to smash the pontoon and the propeller. The two aviators were thrown out, but escaped injury. They wore life jackets, which prevented them sinking before aid reached them.

The machine had left Duxbury, where it was compelled to land last night. The wreck was towed ashore by a motor boat.

Excursion Steamer Hits Rock.

Schenectady, N. Y., Aug. 13.—The steamer Horicon, of the Lake George fleet, with 900 Knights of Columbus excursionists aboard, hit a rock at the Narrows early to-day, smashed her port paddle wheel and the steel paddle box, and careened to starboard. The band promptly struck up a lively air and the passengers were quieted during a hasty examination of the hull. The captain immediately turned the vessel back to the dock at Lake George village, sixteen miles away, where she arrived in fair condition and discharged her passengers in good order.

Robbers Hold Up Bank.

Cohasset, Minn., Aug. 13.—Two masked men entered the State bank this afternoon, and at the point of revolvers drove Cashier Stackpole into the vault and locked him in. The robbers hastily gathered up several hundred dollars lying on the counter and fled. A posse is hunting them.

Convicts Make Break.

Columbus, Ohio, Aug. 13.—Three convicts escaped over the south wall of the State penitentiary here this afternoon amid a fusillade of rifle shots from the guards. Two were recaptured, one of whom was badly wounded by a rifle ball.

WOMAN SEES MAN ROASTED TO DEATH

Mrs. Anna Blake Unable to Assist Frank Avery, Pinned Under Auto with Body in Flames.

NOW IN SERIOUS CONDITION

New York, Aug. 13.—Compelled to stand on the roadway and watch Frank Avery, a wealthy hotel man of Blue Point, Long Island, burn to death under the overturned automobile in which they had just returned from St. James to Patchogue, Mrs. Anna Blake was taken to the Patchogue Hospital this evening in an extremely hysterical condition that threatened even more dire results.

The Averys and the Blakes have been long time friends. Avery and Mrs. Blake were returning from a visit to St. James. Avery driving at high speed.

While Avery was joking about the way he could "drive to schedule" the speeding machine struck a fork in the Holbrook road. The car skidded, swung completely around, and turned turtle into the ditch at the left side of the highway, throwing Mrs. Blake clear, but pinning Avery underneath. Only his head was clear of the machine.

Mrs. Blake did her best to release him, but was unable to lift the heavy machine. Avery realized this and asked her to stop her efforts.

"It's no use," Mrs. Blake, says Avery told her, "I've got to perish here. But I do wish I had half a chance to get out. Please tell mamma (Mrs. Avery) that I've got $25,000 life insurance and that my will leaves her everything. Now take care of yourself and never mind me. I've got to go."

The sentence was hardly finished, Mrs. Blake said, when the gasoline tank exploded, sending parts of the car in every direction, but leaving most of the inflammable debris still holding Avery down.

Mrs. Blake ran down the road summoning help, and when a physician reached the spot a cloud of smoke was still pouring upward. The unrecognizable remains of Avery were found in horribly contorted position, as though he had tried to escape from the fire, having lived through the explosion.

UPPER MARLBORO DEMOCRATS.

Suggestions Are Made as to How to Run Campaign.

Upper Marlboro, Md., Aug. 13.—At the instance of the Democratic County Central Committee J. Enos Ray, jr., William Holmead, M. H. Magruder, Henry L. Briscoe, and Dr. Charles A. Fox, over 100 representative Democrats from every election district in the county met here to-day for consultation with the committee as to political conditions in the various districts of Prince George County. Those representatives made suggestions to the committee as to how the campaign in the interests of Wilson, Marshall, and Smith, the last named being the candidate for Congress of the Fifth Maryland District, should be conducted.

Corsica In No Danger.

Montreal, Aug. 13.—That the damage done to the liner Corsica in its collision with an iceberg was slight was made certain by a message from Capt. Cook received by the Allan Line to-day. In it he said:

"While proceeding slowly through the fog the iceberg was sighted dead ahead. Although the engines were reversed, the iceway was not completely taken off the ship and we touched it. Damage slight and all above the water line. Am proceeding on voyage. COOK."

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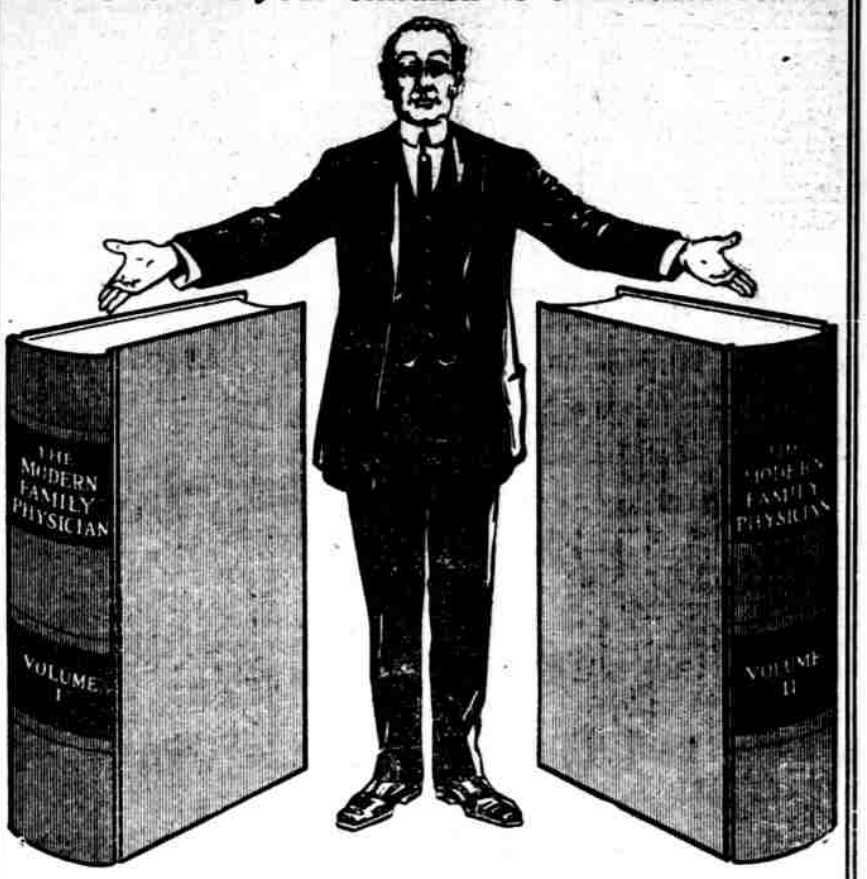

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