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The immense floating palace glided from the ways into the waters of the Chesapeake bay bands played, a big turnout of military presented arms and Miss Gertrude Woodbury, a niece of Vice President Levi Woodbury, broke a bottle of champagne over the bows and uttered the words, "I christen thee Newport News."

Speedy and Graceful. The Newport News will be the speediest, the most graceful and the largest craft plying in home waters. In model she conforms to the lines of the Washington. She is fitted with triple expansion engines, supplied with steam by two double-ported boilers, designed to produce power capable of driving her twenty statute miles per hour in slack water, using natural draft in the boilers.

Her length over all will be 275 feet, length between perpendiculars 232 feet, breadth of beam over flared sides molded, 46 feet; beam at water line, 37 feet; depth from base line to under side of deck at amidships 17.3; depth from base line to under side of deck at side at lowest point amidships, 18.6; freeboard, 10 feet; gunwale to extreme draft aft to bottom of shoe, 12.2.

Her engines will be of the inverted, direct-acting, vertical type, having the light-pressure cylinder forward and the low-pressure cylinder aft, and to be built for 100 pounds to the square inch. Each of the three cylinders will have a stroke of thirty-three inches. The leading will be perfect and even, and the triple-expansion type, having the light-pressure cylinder forward and the low-pressure cylinder aft, and to be built for 100 pounds to the square inch.

Modern Construction. The stem is to be of the best hammered iron, eight inches wide from keel plate to ten inches at water line, gradually tapering to produce perfect straightness. The frame is of hammered iron, forged with all necessary rudder pintles and bosses on and properly secured by a very heavy transom. The frames are of steel bars and the floors of steel plates, extending to the keel.

For Safety. There will be no collision bulkhead, but twenty feet aft of the stem; one bulkhead aft six feet aft of the stem; one bulkhead forward of the coal bunkers; one coal bunker bulkhead forward of the fire room; one forward of the engine room; and one aft of the after end of the boiler.

FEAST OF THE PASSOVER. Commemorating the Deliverance of Israelites From Egypt. With the setting of the sun yesterday began the feast commemorating the deliverance of the Israelites from Egyptian bondage by Moses, called Pesach, and known as Passover. The feast continues seven days, and appropriate services were held last evening by all the congregations of Washington.

He Preferred Marriage. Yesterday James Henry Gray, a young man, was waiting for the action of the grand jury on a charge of having wronged Mary Elizabeth Norwood, a fifteen-year-old colored girl. About noon today James concluded that marriage had fewer terrors than the grand jury and he accordingly agreed to make Mary Elizabeth Mrs. James Henry Gray.

FATHER KERVICK PROMOTED

He Has Been Made Pastor of the Church of the Holy Name.

The Assistant at St. Matthew's in a Wider Field—His Career as a Priest.

Rev. Thomas J. Kervick, assistant pastor at St. Matthew's Church, was appointed today by Cardinal Gibbons pastor of the Church of the Holy Name, to succeed the late Father Delaney.

The appointment is one of which it may be truthfully said that it will be received with both pleasure and regret. The latter will certainly be deeply felt at St. Matthew's, where during almost a decade of service Father Kervick has endeared himself to the entire congregation.

In the new parish over which he has been called to preside he is well known and highly regarded, both personally and by reputation, and the new relations of pastor and people will begin under the happiest conditions.

His Career as a Priest. Father Kervick has been a priest about fourteen years, nine of which he has spent at St. Matthew's. His first appointment was to St. Patrick's Church in this city, and he was afterward pastor of a church in Charles county, Md. He was born and reared in Baltimore, and his ecclesiastical studies were made at St. Mary's college, Md., and St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, where he was ordained. His younger brother is also a priest in a western diocese, and he has two sisters, in the order of the Sisters of Charity, Emmittsburg. His parents live in Baltimore.

A Good Preacher. Father Kervick, while a particularly energetic and earnest worker, is noted for his scrupulous attention to every detail of his duties, has also gained a wide reputation as a thoughtful and interesting preacher. His sermons of late years at St. Matthew's have invariably attracted large congregations, and he has been called upon to preach in other churches throughout the diocese, and wherever heard has been received with the greatest pleasure.

DOLLIE BALLARD'S DIAMONDS. George Le Coinc Stolen on Trial for Having Placed Them. George Le Coinc became notorious some years ago by shooting his wife. He was convicted of this offense and sentenced to the penitentiary, but a trial was granted him. Nothing more was ever done in the case.

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Death of P. L. Rodler. Capt. Philip Louis Rodler, an old resident of the city, and a popular and respected citizen, died this morning at his home, 319 22d street, Capt. Rodler had been ill for some time past, and his death was not altogether unexpected.

PRESBYTERY MEETS

Business Transacted at the Semi-Annual Session.

REPORTS AS TO MISSION WORK

Commissioners to the General Assembly Elected.

The semi-annual meeting of the Washington presbytery was opened last evening at the Guntion Memorial Church, Rev. W. A. Alexander of the West Street Presbyterian Church, the retiring moderator of the presbytery, presided and delivered the sermon.

The subject of Dr. Alexander's discourse was "Christianity Not a Failure." "For if this counsel of God work be of man, it will come to naught, but if it be of God ye cannot overthrow it."

At the conclusion of the sermon a brief business session was held, at which Rev. Dr. George N. Lucock of Metropolitan Church was chosen moderator by unanimous consent, and Rev. David Skillington of the Guntion Memorial Church, Rev. W. A. Alexander of the West Street Presbyterian Church, the retiring moderator of the presbytery, presided and delivered the sermon.

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WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Washington Presbytery reported through Mrs. O. B. Brown, the recording secretary. The society consists of twenty-one auxiliary societies and twenty-four bands. Three new societies have been organized during the year.

LEADERS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE. Rev. Mr. Kelly spoke briefly, but earnestly, of the responsibility which rests upon the pastors in the matter of being leaders for the young people, especially in the work of the Christian Endeavor Missionary Work. There is scarcely a movement which does not knock at the doors of young people.

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DR. RADCLIFFE ACCEPTS

The New Pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church.

He Expects to Enter Upon His Duties on the Third Sunday in May.

Rev. Dr. Wallace Radcliffe has notified the committee appointed by the congregation of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church to extend to him a call to the pastorate of the church that he will accept the call.

This announcement was a gratifying one to the members of the committee, as well as to the members of the congregation generally. During his visit of the past few days in this city Dr. Radcliffe has met a large number of the members of the church and congregation, and the acquaintance has proved to be mutually agreeable.

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