ALLEGES A LACK OF CIVIC SPIRIT

G. Grosvenor Dawe Says Citizens Should Have Washington "On Their Hearts."

REFERS TO CONTEST FOR HALF-AND-HALF SYSTEM

Addresses the Mount Pleasant Association—Other Speakers Heard. Committees Appointed.

An appeal to the citizens of the District of Columbia to have the city of Washington more vitally "on their hearts" was made by G. Grosvenor Dawe at the first meeting of the season of the Mount Pleasant Citizens' Association, held last night at the Parker apartment house, 16th street and Park road. The speaker told of "the failure on the part of us who live here to take our city seriously," and declared that in this important matter local residents might learn lessons of value from the citizens of the small towns of the middle west.

The Mt. Pleasant Citizens' Association became noted among the organizations of the city last winter and spring for its efforts to inculcate lessons of civic brotherhood and true neighborliness, striving to attain these ends by a series of "Mt. Pleasant pleasantries," which culminated in a community picnic at the 16th street reservoir. The originator and leader in this movement was Mr. Dawe and his remarks last night were regarded by fellow members of the association as follow-up blows for the civic spirit to prevail more and more in Washington already sounded by the association.

Appeals to Civic Pride.

"There has been a failure on the part of us who live here to take our city seriously," declared Mr. Dawe. "I know the splendid enthusiasm with which a few have labored, striving to uphold the provisions of the half-and-half principle of appropriation for the District. But these men are but a handful, compared to the 350,000 inhabitants of this city.

"There is no such pride of city prevailing here as is found in many of the small cities of the east and in the towns of the middle west and west. The citizens of these cities have stirring within them a spirit to serve their towns."

Here Mr. Dawe cited examples of small Pennsylvania towns striving for and attaining prosperity which came under his observation during the summer months.

"I came back to Washington more convinced than ever," he continued, "that we fellows who happen to be here ought, because we are here, to have it on our hearts—truly on our hearts. It is beautiful to catch the spirit of the small town.

"Now, Washington is your town. It is you who will have to do the work for your town. And we have hurdles to overcome here. We have the two committees in Congress; we have the commission form of government. And if we are to take our city more seriously, as I have said, the only place we can do it is in our citizens' associations, by looking after the small matters as they arise.

Lack of School Facilities.

"I'll wager," continued the speaker, referring to the school committee report heard previously in the meeting, "that the Commissioners are not aware that many of our children in Mount Pleasant are only getting half a day of schooling owing to crowded conditions of our school buildings. Such matters as these can be righted by our association.

"We haven't got enough civic devotion in Washington—we surely haven't. And yet we have great opportunities. Our hearts must be right where our families live. We have the opportunity to make this sort of 'town meeting' a counterpart of the endeavors of those devoted souls in the small towns of the middle west. As it is now, it seems to me, Washington is not a great doer of things. Here we are taking it too easy."

Address by Mr. Watrous.

Richard B. Watrous, secretary of the American Civic Association, followed Mr. Dawe with an address in which he declared that "Washington is a city of more perfection than we realize," dwelling upon the material improvements of the city during recent years. The city's street lighting system is a model for the whole country, he declared, and Rock Creek Park a thing of tremendous beauty. The "technique of Washington's physical improvements" was cited at length.

Dr. L. P. Thomson told of the dust on 16th street, saying that the thoroughfare is still very dusty, despite the fact that he has had two citizens' associations to take up the matter. He then introduced to the association B. W. Holman, who asked for the "potent influence" of the association toward getting the Commissioners to do something about making an entrance to Rock Creek Park at 16th street and Piney Branch. Following discussion by the citizens the matter was referred to a committee.

Not Awake to Possibilities.

In the discussion of this question William Edgar Rogers was of the opinion that "the authorities who have had Rock Creek Park in charge have not been awake to all the possibilities of the park."

Prof. H. H. Burroughs, giving the report of the school committee of the association, said that work upon the Powell School annex, so badly needed, has not yet been started, and as a consequence some of the grades there are having only half-day sessions. He reported that commencement of construction on the annex probably would begin next month.

Dr. Dwight Marsh declared "the more entrances to Rock Creek Park the better."

It was moved to invite the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company to give its lecture, "The Girl Behind the Telephone," illustrated with moving pictures, at the next meeting of the association.

Dr. Charles B. Campbell presided, with James M. Proctor at the secretary's desk.

Committees Appointed.

President Campbell announced the following committees for the year:

Membership and entertainment—C. Melvin Sharpe, F. W. Crocker, William F. Mahony, W. G. Dawe, Richard B. Watrous.

Public service and utilities—Charles Schafer, John De L. Mater, L. A. Stanley, J. T. Miller, E. F. Wilson.

Streets and alleys—William Edgar Rogers, M. J. Falvey, J. Edward Lewis, Mason B. Lawton, H. G. Shaffer.

Parks and parkings—Charles G. Stott, Fred G. Coldren, William E. Safford, George B. Selden and William Henry White.

Schools—Prof. H. H. Burroughs, Dr. A. A. Chenay, John G. Williams, D. E. Winstead and Dr. A. J. McKelway.

Public health—Dr. A. C. Merriam, Dr. W. D. Bigelow, Dr. William T. Heyer, Dr. F. S. Machen and Dr. Paul B. Johnson.

Port Royal to Be Depot.

The Marine Corps recruit depot will be moved from Norfolk to Port Royal, S. C., and the School for Instruction of Field Music from the Washington barracks to Port Royal.

WAR OFFICIALLY REPORTED

BELGIAN STATEMENT.

PARIS, October 16:

The night and morning were calm. This afternoon a feeble cannonade on both sides occurred to the south of Nieuport, in the neighborhood of Dixmude and near Steenstraste. There was no infantry action.

FRENCH STATEMENT.

PARIS, October 16:

In Artois we completely repulsed a new German attack in "Le Bois En Hache," and on the slope west of the valley of La Souchez.

The fighting from trench to trench, supported by cannonading on both sides, has continued to the south of the Somme, in the region of Lihons and Quesnoy En Santerre.

The enemy renewed his bombardment of the regions behind our Champagne front, employing shells causing irritation of the eyes. Our artillery replied against the enemy batteries and trenches.

A struggle with bombs and grenades has occurred in the Argonne, to the north of Houyette, as well as at Vauqois.

In the Vosges a vigorous counter attack has enabled us to recapture all our positions on the summit of Hartmanns-Weilerkopf, and to take in addition a small fort previously occupied by the enemy. We took about 100 prisoners.

A group of aeroplanes today bombarded the Sablons station at Metz. A number of explosions were observed to have taken place around the station and a moving train, which was compelled to stop. A switching post was blown up.

GERMAN STATEMENT.

BERLIN, October 16:

Eastern theater of war: Army group of Field Marshal von Hindenburg: A Russian attack west of Dvinsk failed. Northeast of Wessolowc two attacks were suppressed at the outset by our artillery fire. In this region, during the afternoon and night, renewed attacks were beaten off. We took one officer and 444 men prisoners and captured a machine gun. Also northeast and south of Smorgon the Russians repeatedly attacked, but were everywhere repulsed.

Army groups of Prince Leopold and Gen. von Linsingen: There is nothing to report.

Western theater of war: An enemy attack against a position northeast of Vermelles was repulsed.

In the Champagne, after clearing the French out of Place d'Armes, east of Auberive, after an unsuccessful counter attack had been made by the enemy, there remained a total of eleven officers, 600 men, three machine guns and one mine thrower in the hands of the Saxons.

Small local attacks against our position northwest of Souain and north of Le Mesnil, where the enemy used a plentiful supply of gas grenades, failed.

A French attempt to retake positions south of Leintrey failed. These positions were wrested from them the 8th instant, and they had officially reported their recapture as having taken place at 4 p.m. the 10th. They were repulsed with severe loss, and three officers and forty men were taken prisoner.

An attack made with the object of improving our positions on Hartmanns-Weilerkopf was quite successful. The enemy suffered severe losses, besides losing five officers and 225 men as our prisoners. He also lost a revolver cannon, six machine guns and three mine throwers.

Enemy attacks on Schratzmannele were foiled.

Balkan theater: The army group of Field Marshal von Mackensen is further progressing. We stormed Vranova mountain, south of Semendria; also Berg mountain, east of Pozarevac, and the village of Smoljiano, east of Pozarevac.

After fighting, Bulgarain troops forced passes over the frontier range of hills at several points between Negotin and Strumika. The eastern forts at Zajecar have been taken.

AUSTRIAN STATEMENT.

VIENNA, October 16, via London, October 17, 2:54 a.m.:

Austro-Hungarian troops, pursuing the Serbians southeast of Belgrade, have reached the Avala fortifications and captured strongly intrenched positions south of Vinca. The Bulgarians have forced the frontier mountains at several points between Negotin and Stroumitza and have captured the eastern forts of Zajecar.

Austro-Hungarian troops fighting in the region of the lower Styr threw the enemy twenty kilometers (about twelve and one-half miles) north of Rafalowka from several stubbornly defended positions, and repulsed a counter attack. Otherwise there were no events in the northeastern war theater.

Italian front: An Italian attack was repulsed on the northern slopes of Monte Altissimo, southeast of Riva, in the Tyrol. In the Dolomites the enemy's artillery yesterday kept the region of Corte and Montepiano under a lively fire.

In the coastal district some sections of the Doberdo plateau were shelled by the Italian heavy artillery. There were no infantry engagements.

RUSSIAN STATEMENT.

PETROGRAD, October 16, via London, October 17, 1:42 a.m.:

On the western front, in the district of Kalutzen, south of Shlok, there has been an artillery duel. West of Grundyald, east of Mitau, the Germans, after a nocturnal cannonade, crossed the River Ekau Thursday night, but a counter attack drove them back across the river. A somewhat violent artillery action was fought in the region west of the farm of Mishof, on the railway southeast of Riga. German attempts to cross to the left bank of the Missa, southwest of Mishof, were repulsed by our artillery and rifle fire. An enemy aeroplane again threw bombs on the railway station at Romershof, north of Friedrichstadt.

The Germans in the Dvinsk region delivered several attacks along the Illoukst road and south of Lake Medim. All the attacks were repulsed. In a desperate fight yesterday between Lakes Demmen and Dreswiaty our troops captured the farm of Gateri and took prisoners and machine guns. Good reports have been received regarding the enemy's very heavy losses in the recent fighting on the Dvinsk front and in the region of Lakes Demmen, Dreswiaty and Boghne.

South of the Dvinsk region, and as far as Pripet, the position remains stationary.

A Zeppelin Thursday night threw fifteen bombs on Minsk. Our artillery immediately drove the Zeppelin off.

Near the village of Novo Selki, on the Styr above Czartorysk, the enemy, after artillery preparations, took the offensive. At first he pressed our troops back a little, but shortly afterward was dislodged and forced to return to his starting point.

ANOTHER DRY SUNDAY PROMISED IN CHICAGO

Suburban Saloons Make Extra Preparations to Care for Anticipated Crowds.

CHICAGO, October 16.—Indications tonight were that Chicago would be as "dry" tomorrow as it was last Sunday, when Mayor Thompson's saloon closing order went into effect. Chief of Police Healey said the police activities would be restricted to reporting violations of the order for later action. Reform leaders made preparations for vigilant watch, not only in the city, but on saloon men in the county towns outside the city limits.

These latter were warned that prosecution would follow should they keep their places open. The notice was sent by Arthur B. McCord, head of the Citizens' League.

Telegraphic communication with the principal places outside the city resulted in the information that only the town of Niles would heed the warning. President Max said that he had given the nine dramshop keepers in his village strict orders to close, and had instructed constables to see that they remained closed.

Cicero, Forest Park, Blue Island and others of the larger places reported that extra preparations had been made for accommodating the crowds expected from here Sunday.

NO TOWERS NECESSARY.

Short Wire Projected Along Ground for Wireless Messages.

SAN FRANCISCO, October 16.—A wireless telegraph invention eliminating the present towering steel structures for sending and receiving by simply projecting a short wire along the ground was announced here today by R. B. Woolverton, United States radio inspector. In collaboration with Palmer B. Hewlitt of Hollister, Cal., Mr. Woolverton has been experimenting for months with the new apparatus.

Its discoverers assert that the new method had proved eminently successful in receiving messages from Honolulu, Sayville and Arlington, Va. Freedom from static conditions had been achieved in the reception of messages, but lesser success has been attained in transmitting messages.

BOSTON SUFFRAGISTS PARADE.

Sixteen Thousand Advocates of Amendment Celebrate in City.

BOSTON, October 16.—A so-called "victory" parade of 16,000 advocates of the woman suffrage amendment to be voted on in the November election in this state was held in the business section today. The suffragists, including both men and women, were reviewed by Gov. Walsh and Mayor Curley.

Among the thousands of spectators were many wearing red roses, the badge of the anti-suffragists, but no other counter demonstration of any consequence was attempted. As the head of the procession reached the statehouse a letter from Miss Helen Keller thanking Gov. Walsh for his interest in "the cause" was handed to him.

Tonight there was a mass meeting, while on various street corners suffrage leaders addressed the crowds.

PEACE CONFERENCE GOES ON.

Demands of Arizona Strikers to Be Given Consideration This Week.

EL PASO, Tex., October 16.—The Arizona strike peace conference adjourned after a brief preliminary session, to reconvene Monday. It was agreed that next week the demands of the strikers shall be taken separately.

Adjt. Gen. Harris, who asked to be permitted to remain in the room as representative of Gov. Hunt of Arizona, withdrew when the mine managers objected. Attorneys for the mine managers also were barred.

WAS IN JOHN BROWN'S RAID.

Probably Last Survivor of Historic Event Dies at Sandy Hook, Md.

FREDERICK, Md., October 16.—Patrick Higgins, eighty-four years old, a native of Ireland and probably the last survivor of those who were connected with the John Brown raid at Harpers Ferry, W. Va., died last night at Sandy Hook, Md. Higgins, who was a government watchman at the time, was captured by the raiders, but escaped in the darkness amid a shower of bullets. He served in the civil war, and afterward was employed as a railroad laborer for many years. He accumulated $25,000.

HELD IN EXPLOSION MYSTERY.

Chief Electrician of Aetna Company and Assistant Arrested.

KANE, Pa., October 16.—Louis Subiskiew, chief electrician, and A. Fronhotz, assistant chief electrician at the plant of the Aetna Explosive Company at Emporium, Pa., were arrested last night at Emporium and taken to the jail at Ridgway. The men were arrested following an investigation of the recent explosion at the plant, which resulted in the deaths of five employes and the serious injury of one. They will be given a hearing Monday. The explosion of 285,000 pounds of smokeless powder, which was ready for shipment to the allies, is now thought to have been caused by electricity.

Extra guards have been placed on duty at the works since the explosion, and the big plant is going at full capacity again.

EARTHQUAKE FELT IN ALASKA.

Shock Accompanied by Roar As If From Subterranean Explosion.

SEWARD, Alaska, October 16.—A severe earthquake shock was felt throughout Kanai peninsula at 8:10 last night. The shock continued ten seconds, but as far as is known no damage was done.

In Seward the earthquake was accompanied by a roar as if there had been a tremendous explosion within the earth. Buildings trembled and people rushed into the streets.

Immediately after the earthquake a strong north wind arose, bringing the first snowstorm of the season. The wind blew all night and snow began falling this morning.

Some believe that the noise which accompanied the earthquake heralded an eruption of one of the volcanoes west of here.

ELECT WASHINGTON MAN.

M. V. Richards on Committee of Appalachian Goods Roads Body.

BLUEFIELD, W. Va., October 16.—The Weeks' bill for the preservation of the Allegheny forest system was indorsed here today at the closing session of the Southern Appalachian Good Roads Association, which has been in convention three days, with delegates from nine states attending. Reports of various state subassociations telling of road progress in their districts were received today.

The executive committee of the association was announced as follows:

George S. Towell, W. S. Fallis, H. B. Varner, North Carolina; E. J. Watson, South Carolina; Prof. S. B. Slack, Georgia; W. E. Myer, Tennessee; S. L. Von Gemmingen and G. P. Coleman, Virginia; A. D. Williams, West Virginia; C. C. Crabb, Kentucky; W. S. Keller, Alabama; H. G. Sherley, Maryland, and M. V. Richards, Washington, D. C.

New Steamer Schedule to Hawaii.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., October 16.—The Great Northern Pacific Steamship Company today announced that the steamer Great Northern will leave San Pedro November 26 for Hilo, T. H., and Honolulu and return to San Francisco, the first trip of a regular twenty-day schedule to be maintained between Los Angeles, Hilo, Honolulu and San Francisco.

OYSTER ROAST ENJOYED BY EMPLOYING PRINTERS

Weather Fails to Interfere With Fall Outing of Washington Typothetae at Upper Marlboro.

Afternoon of Pleasure Brought to a Reluctant Close With Maryland Fried Chicken Dinner.

Washington employing printers were made happy yesterday, on the annual fall outing of the Typothetae of Washington. Despite the unfavorable weather there was a large turnout of members, who participated in the automobile run to Upper Marlboro, Md.

The start was made from The Star building, 11th street and Pennsylvania avenue northwest, at 1:25 o'clock. At the head of the long caravan of motor cars were Lew M. Thayer and Howard S. Fisk, who acted as official pilots for the organization. The route was out Pennsylvania avenue southeast to the Marlboro road, the motorists arriving at their destination at 2:25 o'clock.

The outing opened with an oyster roast on the grounds of the Farmers' Hotel, where B. F. Duckett had arranged a large fire, with an ample supply of bivalves, which were served on the lawn in front of the hostelry. Later the members of the organization participated in bowling, dancing and other features. The Knights of St. John Band of Upper Marlboro, Md., played throughout the afternoon and evening. There was ample amusement for every one, and when the time to start for home last night was announced there was a hesitancy on the part of many to leave that section of Maryland, where hospitality had played such an important part in the outing. No accidents marred the pleasure of the affair, all of the automobiles arriving home on schedule time last night.

At 6:30 o'clock the members enjoyed a Maryland fried chicken dinner. At each plate in the banquet room was a paper oyster bucket, which the members present retained as souvenirs of the occasion.

Committees in Charge.

The committees in charge of the outing were as follows:

General outing committee—Golden Rule, chairman; Lewis M. Thayer, Marvin S. Young, H. C. C. Stiles.

Menu committee—Maurice Joyce Engraving Company, McGill & Denham, Franklin Press, Judd & Detweiler.

Press committee—The Crane Company, National Publishing Company, Francis R. Hughes, Franc E. Sheiry.

Automobiles committee—Lewis M. Thayer, C. C. Curtis, R. P. Andrews Paper Company, Lanman Engraving Company.

Atletic events committee—E. D. Williams, Byron S. Adams, Gibson Brothers, Rose & Morris.

Reception committee—Angels & Nobles, Fred S. Boorman, William J. Brewer, Cockerell Transcript Company, Commonwealth Printing Company.

Entertainment committee—J. L. Pearson Company, Stoner & Co., Washington Printing Company, Shaw Brothers.

Commissary committee—Potomac Electrotype Foundry, B. F. Bond Paper Company, Mathers-Lamm Paper Company, D. C. Paper Manufacturing Company.

Prizes committee—W. H. Delaney, R. Beresford, T. J. Alleger, Henry Brewood, Barnhart Bros. & Spindler.

TO DEBATE CONDITIONS EUROPE'S WAR CREATED

Business and Financial Questions Before U. S. Commerce Chamber at Coming Meeting.

At the fourth annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, to be held in this city February 8, 9 and 10, it is expected that much consideration will be given to business and financial conditions created by the European war. The largest attendance of any annual meeting of the body is expected at the meeting in February, which, it is predicted, is to be the most important ever held since the formation of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

Unable to Forecast Changes.

Business men all over the country, it is said, find it next to impossible to forecast from month to month—scarcely even from day to day—the changes which affect business. Under those circumstances, Secretary Goodwin of the national chamber believes every business man in the country who is able to do so will want to attend this great convention, if only for the reason that Congress, which has so much important business legislation ahead of it, will then be in session.

John H. Fahey of Boston, president of the organization, will preside. Every commercial body affiliated with the Chamber of Commerce of the United States—and there are now nearly 700 of them, representing not only every state in the Union, but Alaska, Porto Rico, Hawaii and the Philippines—is urged in connection with the meeting to provide for the attendance not only of a full number of the delegates to which it is entitled, but of a like number of alternates as well.

Foreign Delegates Expected.

There will be representatives present from the American Chamber of Commerce in Paris, Rome, Milan, and even as far away as Constantinople. Already extensive plans are under way to make the convention memorable and there are early indications of a strong program.

As usual, the national council will assemble a day in advance, which falls this year on Monday afternoon, February 7.

STRIKE IS SETTLED.

Department of Labor Conciliators Bring Employers and Men Together.

TORRINGTON, Conn., October 16.—Differences between the Hendey Machine Company and its employes have been settled and the men will return to their work Monday. The settlement was brought about through two conciliators from the Department of Labor, Clifton Reeves of Trenton, N. J., and James A. Smyth of Renovo, Pa. The basis of settlement is a fifty-four-hour week, 15 per cent increase in the hourly wage rate and time and a half for overtime.

The strike began six weeks ago and the factory, which manufactures machinery, has been idle for that entire period. The company has foreign contracts. Between 800 and 900 men were in the strike.

Open Naval Bids Tomorrow.

Bids for sixteen coast defense submarines and six destroyers will be awarded by the Navy Department tomorrow. The vessels were authorized at the last session of Congress. Bids for two fleet submarines, the largest submersibles ever designed, will be opened next month.

FEDERATION WOULD EXTEND EFFICIENCY

Central Organization of Citizens' Associations to Vote on New Constitution.

BODY HOPES TO BECOME MORE REPRESENTATIVE

Frequent Meetings in Winter Months to Keep Congress Advised of Wishes of Citizens.

With the object of increasing the efficiency of the Federation of Citizens' Associations as a clearing house for the activities of Washington's civic bodies, Edward F. Colladay, president of the federation, at a special meeting of that organization last night, in the Chamber of Commerce, gave notice of radical amendments to the constitution which he will propose at the November session.

Because the federation has been criticised as not being truly representative of the individual associations affiliated with it, President Colladay has worked out a plan designed to reduce the expression of individual opinion in the organization and to gauge its actions more largely through votes cast in accordance with instructions from the various associations.

His amendments will provide for two meetings a month instead of one during the months of January, February, March and April, at which time Congress usually is busiest and things are apt to happen over night that require immediate action if the citizens of the capital are to express any opinion concerning them. One of the recognized shortcomings of the federation has been the fact that its meetings were so far apart many important matters affecting the District would be disposed of before it could register an opinion or take a hand in influencing the result.

Members to Be Informed.

In addition, the Colladay plan provides that every resolution passed by an individual association and forwarded to the federation shall be immediately referred by the president to the proper standing committee, and that copies of the resolution also shall be sent ot each delegate and alternate, and each association having membership in the affiliated body. This will make it possible for the delegates to attend the meetings, with a knowledge of what is to be voted upon and with instructions from his association as to how he shall vote.

There is believed to be every likelihood of the Colladay amendments being adopted, but they will not be voted upon until December. In the event of their adoption, the federation probably will inaugurate an active campaign for increasing its membership, as it is thought that the proposed changes will remove objections that have served to keep a number of associations from joining the central organizations.

Engineer Commissioner Kutz, in addresses before the federation and other civic societies, has urged that this body become the mouthpiece of the individual associations, and the Colladay amendments are regarded as the beginning of an effort to increase its usefulness to a degree unprecedented in its history.

Will Vote on Prohibition.

Delegates from more than a dozen associations attended last night's meeting, to dispose of a considerable amount of unfinished business left over from last spring.

The question of declaring for or against prohibition of the liquor traffic in the District, a question which has been before the federation for about a year, was brought up, and a lively argument ensued as to why it had not been disposed of sooner. W. H. Richardson, delegate from the Benning association, took his colleagues to task for having failed to obtain instructions from their associations as to how to vote on this question, declaring that action had been purposely delayed. The result of the discussion was a decision to take a vote on the matter at the December meeting, prior to which time the delegates will get a line on the prohibition sentiment in their respective organizations.

At its meeting next month the federation will enter upon a new year's work and will hold its annual election of officers. Notice will be sent to the associations to elect their delegates before the next meeting in order that a full vote may be cast.

Births Reported.

The following births have been reported to the health department in the last twenty-four hours:

Harry B. and Grace A. White, girl.
A. Earl and Ruth C. Saunders, girl.
Albert L. and Maria Mavars, girl.
John C. and Annie P. Keane, girl.
Herbert C. and Nellie A. Hopkins, boy.
Frederick F. and Frances V. Fuller, girl.
Edward J. and Elizabeth Ehrmantraut, boy.
Robert and Charlotte Hall, girl.
Oliver and Daisey Butler, boy.

Deaths Reported.

The following deaths have been reported to the health department in the last twenty-four hours:

Walter J. Higgins, 50 years, Emergency Hospital.
Elizabeth F. Wood, 76 years, 1619 Minnesota avenue southeast.
William Naughton, 61 years, Government Hospital for the Insane.
Agnes L. Vollton, 78 years, 1251 Morse street northeast.
Mary E. Roberts, 45 years, 1840 3d street northeast.
Gerard A. Wynkoop, 79 years, Georgetown University Hospital.
David Stern, 51 years, 625 4½ street southwest.
John Condon, 37 years, Georgetown University Hospital.
William H. Pike, 78 years, 2254 Ontario road northwest.
Maggie L. Taylor, 52 years, 2406 Pennsylvania avenue northwest.
Helen L. Claxton, 2 years, 1015 Otis place.
William Robinson, 75 years, 470 Washington street northwest.
Alma B. Williams, 1 year, 2254 12th street northwest.
William Mundy, 51 years, Garfield Hospital.
Ruth T. Rouser, 8 years, 1465 Florida avenue northwest.
Annie Marshall, 31 years, 1115 Delaware avenue southwest.
Ralph E. Banks, 1 year, 2623 I street northwest.
Martha A. Addison, 39 years, 715 Greens court northeast.

Brown Blanks Williams.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., October 16.—Williams' light team was unable to make headway against the heavier Brown eleven today, and the latter won, 33 to 0. Brown scored 26 points in the first half, mainly on old-style foot ball. The only score in the second half came when the visitors fumbled the ball on their own 17-yard line and Brown pushed it over for a touchdown in three rushes.

ALEXANDRIA AFFAIRS

Unusually Heavy Vote Expected at November Election. ALL CANDIDATES ACTIVE

One Thousand Dollars Bequeathed to Hospital—Board of Tax Review to Meet.

Special Correspondence of The Star.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., October 16.—Probably never before in the history of Alexandria county has there been such activity in politics as there is at the present time. This is due to the fact that nearly every officeholder coming up for election November 2 has opposition. Candidates for the various offices are numerous, including constables and magistrates in the various districts.

All of the candidates are busy, as are their friends. Indications are that an unusually heavy vote will be polled election day, regardless of weather conditions. Many of the candidates are engaged in holding public meetings.

The withdrawal of Crandal Mackey from the race for the office of commonwealth's attorney leaves the fight in the hands of Frank Ball, Charles Jesse and Gordon Finney. All have been active since Mr. Mackey withdrew from the race Thursday night.

Plans Social Meetings.

Members of the Westminster Club of the Second Presbyterian Church are planning a series of entertainments and social sessions for the fall and winter months. Banquets and addresses by a number of prominent speakers will be features of monthly meetings which will be held.

The Alexandria Hospital is bequeathed the sum of $1,000 by the will of Miss Ellen Thompson, dated September 13, 1915, which was filed for probate today in Washington.

Arrangements are being made by the board of governors of the Alexandria Library for fitting up its free reading rooms in that institution. New equipment is to be added. A euchre party, to raise funds, will be held Wednesday afternoon in the Wagar apartment.

Miss Blanche Stansbury of this city has been selected as maid from the eighth district representing the Sons of Confederate Veterans at the reunion in Fredericksburg next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Assembly Officers Chosen.

The Alexandria Assembly has reorganized for the season with the election of these officers: C. W. Wattles, chairman; John Leadbeater, secretary; E. G. Dunn, George H. Evans, Dr. J. Stewart Jamieson, W. Albert Smoot, Laurence Stabler, Richard H. Green and Eugene B. Taylor, executive committee.

Dates arranged for dances are as follows: October 29, November 12 and 26 and December 17 and 31.

The board of police commissioners will hold a meeting Wednesday night.

The local board of tax review is to meet Wednesday beginning at 9:30 o'clock, at which time contests affecting assessments will be taken up for consideration.

Rev. W. H. Van Ness, the newly appointed pastor of the Free Methodist Church, has arranged to hold services at King and Pitt streets at 6:30 o'clock every Sunday night, in addition to his regular Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

BOY SCOUTS "PREPARED."

National Council, However, Refuses to Act on Military Problem.

NEW YORK, October 16.—The National Council of the Boy Scouts of America announced today that the executive board, at its October meeting, adopted a resolution stating it would be inappropriate for the organization to take any official action upon the question of military preparedness of the nation.

The resolution made clear that the Boy Scout movement neither promotes nor discourages military training, and added that the method of training used by the organization is one of the strong factors in the preparedness of the country. Furthermore, it states that one of the mottoes of the movement is "be prepared," and for this reason boys who have been scouts will prove themselves efficient in an emergency.

URGES UNION OF CHURCHES.

Conference in Tennessee Declares for Combining Branches.

ATHENS, Tenn., October 16.—Members of the Holston conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, which is in session here, today adopted a memorial to the general conference urging the union of all Methodist churches. Bishop Henderson, addressing the conference over which he is presiding, said he believed the day would come when he would "have the pleasure of presiding over, or voting in, conferences of united Methodism." This statement was applauded.

The memorial adopted refers to consolidation of the Methodist Episcopal Church with the Methodist Episcopal Church South and the Methodist Protestant Church.

WILL ORGANIZE MINERS.

Officials From Pittsburgh and Springfield, Ill., Busy in Arizona.

PHOENIX, Ariz., October 16.—Van Bittner, president of the Pittsburgh, Pa., district of the United Mine Workers of America, and Frank Hughes of Springfield, Ill., international organizer for the same organization, today spent several hours with Charles H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners. Afterward it was stated that they had come to Arizona to conduct a campaign of organization among the miners.

"We came to Phoenix from Denver and are in Arizona to give what assistance we can to Mr. Moyer and the Western Federation of Miners," said Bittner. "We are going to try to build up Western Federation organizations by a campaign of speaking in various parts of the state. The first will be in Globe tomorrow."

Guy Miller, executive board member of the federation who organized the Clifton strike, is in Globe. Guiterrez de Lara and George Powell, organizers, went to Bisbee.

HENRY MANN, VETERAN, DIES.

Served in Civil War and Indian Campaigns and Was Writer of Note.

NEW YORK, October 16.—Henry Mann, widely known as a civil war veteran, journalist and politician, died in a hospital here today at the age of sixty-seven years. Mr. Mann came to this country from Scotland when sixteen years old. After the civil war he served in the regular army and in Indian campaigns. Later he became a reporter on the staffs of New York newspapers. He was the author of many historical works dealing chiefly with the early days of the American republic.

Find Bomb in Courthouse.

OTTAWA, Ill., October 16.—A bomb weighing three pounds was found today in the basement of the La Salle county courthouse here. The sheriff's office said that the bomb contained enough nitroglycerin to wreck the building. The fuse had been lighted, but had gone out.

LARGE, NEW QUARTERS FOR CLINIC AUXILIARY

Increased Membership Necessitates Shifting to Rooms at 720 13th Street Northwest.

Its membership having more than doubled in the last year, with a corresponding increase of work and in the number of patients treated, the Woman's Clinic Auxiliary, formerly located at 716 13th street northwest, has been compelled to move to larger quarters at 720 13th street northwest, and is now installed in the new rooms. At its present location the clinic has four additional rooms, all of the rooms having outside light and ventilation.

Membership in the organization, it is stated, has grown from 226 last year to 557 at this time, and a campaign is being conducted by the secretary of the clinic auxiliary, Mrs. Julius Lansburgh, for a membership of 600, which number, it is stated, will make the clinic self supporting on its present basis of work.

354 New Patients Enrolled.

During the past year the clinic has enrolled 354 new patients, who made 2,470 visits to the clinic, while twenty-seven cases were treated at Sibley Hospital, the clinicians making more than 400 visits to that institution. The large increase in number of hospital cases, it is stated, was made possible by the endowment by Mrs. John Hays Hammond, president of the clinic auxiliary, of a free bed at Sibley Hospital. Free bed service here, it is stated, has totaled 450 days, the clinic bed being occupied 94 days by maternity cases, 41 days by medical cases and 224 days by surgical cases.

Much new apparatus has been installed in the clinic's new quarters, this including a static machine, a high-grade high frequency machine, a sinusoidal machine, two wall plates for galvanic and faradic currents, an electric vibrator and a 500-candlepower leucodescent lamp. New departments of work added during the last year include a dental department, at which 196 patients were treated, and an electro-therapeutic department, the latter being made possible by gifts from Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Parsons, Mrs. S. G. Cornwall, Mrs. Seaton Perry, Mrs. John Duffy, Mrs. Samuel Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Pope, Miss Georgia Robertson, Mrs. Ella Moors and John B. Henderson, jr.

Patients Pay Part of Expense.

The Woman's Clinic Auxiliary is supported for the greater part by membership dues ranging from $1 to $25 a year, according to the class of membership. Fees received from such patients as are able to pay for at least a part of the treatment they receive amounted during the last year to about one-fourth of the total expense, the fees totaling $624. Clinics are held four afternoons and four evenings each week. Monday and Thursday evenings there is a general medical clinic, Dr. Alice Winans Downey in charge, and a dental clinic, Dr. Centennella C. Smith in charge. Tuesday and Friday evenings there is a clinic in electro-therapeutics, surgery and gynecology, Dr. Elnora C. Folkmar, superintendent, and Dr. Evelyn Mitchell in charge. Tuesday and Friday there is an electro-therapeutic and gynecological clinic, Dr. Cora Smith King in charge. Wednesday and Saturday there is a general clinic for women and children, Dr. Isabel H. Lamb in charge.

The total attendance for the midday services during the past year was 696, and for the evening services 1,704. Most of the children and housewives attend the midday services. The evening services are attended almost wholly by wage earners. The evening hours are from 5:30 to 8 o'clock. The midday hours are from noon to 1:30 p.m.

SHOW OF CAVALRY MOUNTS.

Crack Riders to Be Picked for Madison Square Garden.

NEW YORK, October 16.—The War Department has notified the National Horse Show Association that twenty-six picked cavalry officers will be designated to represent the United States Army in the military riding competitions at the annual horse show beginning Saturday, November 6, at Madison Square Garden. The men are to be selected from crack cavalry regiments stationed at various army posts throughout the country.

Because of the war the British, French and other army officers who came from Europe in former years to compete will be absent, so that the military feature this year will be entirely American.

Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood, it is announced, has accepted an invitation to judge all of the military classes at this year's show.

FURTHER DELAY ASKED.

Expert Joins Charlton's Counsel in Request for Postponement of Trial.

COMO, Italy, October 16, via Paris, 4:10 p.m.—In addition to the request of Micelli Picardi, counsel for Porter Charlton, for a postponement of Charlton's trial on the charge of murdering his wife at Lake Como, Dr. de Dominicis, who had been asked to give an opinion regarding the autopsy on the body of the alleged victim, also will ask for a postponement, it was learned today. The expert desires additional time to complete his work.

The trial already has been postponed once, the new date set being October 18. The request of Charlton's attorneys for additional time to prepare his case was announced yesterday.

BODIES BLOWN TO PIECES.

Man and His Son Killed by Explosion of Dynamite.

HIGH POINT, N. C., October 16.—W. L. Kivitt, forty-nine years old, a farmer, and his son, Burns Kivitt, ten years old, were literally blown to pieces in an explosion of dynamite near here today. The man and boy went to a field to blast stumps.

The bodies were blown in opposite directions. Small bits of flesh were found among limbs and on trunks of trees some distance from where the explosion occurred.

ARREST JESSE SMITH.

Believed to Be Leader in Auto Insurance Swindle.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., October 16.—With the arrest here today of Jesse Smith, who is said to be wanted by the Chicago police, local authorities believe that they have in custody a ring leader in an extensive conspiracy to swindle automobile insurance companies. The scheme, according to the police, is for one of the confidence men to insure his automobile for its full value, then "steal" it and ship it to a "fence" at a distant point. The owner then collects the insurance.

Five-Passenger Car Stolen.

Search is being made by the police for a five-passenger automobile belonging to W. L. Post of McLean, Va., which was stolen about 8:30 o'clock last night from in front of an F street theater.

ATTACKS SYSTEM OF HALF AND HALF

Herbert J. Browne Says District Should Be Denied Aid of Federal Government.

ALLEGES THE ASSESSOR DEFIES "INTENT OF LAW"

Declares Local Land Values Total $500,000,000, and Should Be Assessed at That Amount.

Demanding the repeal of the half-and-half principle of appropriating for the District of Columbia and asserting that a "properly adjusted tax rate and assessment" will meet the requirements of a liberal budget without recourse to the federal government for a dollar in aid, Herbert J. Browne has filed a brief, stating his views, with the joint select committee of Congress which will begin hearings on the fiscal relations between the District and the federal government Wednesday.

Mr. Browne was employed by the House District committee of the Sixty-second Congress to aid in drafting the so-called George report on assessment and taxation in the District.

Mr. Browne's Contentions.

His brief, which is seventy-one pages long, he claims, sustains and demonstrates the following contentions:

"That the federal government is neither as a matter of principle, policy nor necessity bound to extend direct financial aid to the support of the District government.

"That the federal government in its regular and usual expenditures other than the District subsidy provides most liberally the main fund which sustains the great body of taxable values in the District.

"That the District values are very lightly taxed.

"That the District has ample resources for its own support, in proper taxation of real estate values, utilities and