COMMITTEE ORGANIZED TO FIGHT FAKE "ADS"

Campaign of Citizens' Body Indorsed by Delegates From Civic Organizations.

Law May Be Sought Providing Penalty for Making Misleading Statements.

The citizens' advertising vigilance committee to be conducted under the auspices of the Retail Merchants' Association was organized at a meeting last night at the Raleigh Hotel. Representatives of a number of citizens' associations were present.

The campaign to eliminate false and misleading statements from advertising matter was indorsed by the delegates from the various associations. They adopted in their individual capacities a resolution introduced by William R. Harr, president of Columbia Heights Citizens' Association, which declared:

"That the representatives of the various citizens' associations present at this conference, acting in their individual capacity, heartily indorse the movement to suppreess improper advertising inaugurated by the Retail Merchants' Association and commend said association for its public-spiritedness in this respect.

"That those associations that have not already done so be requested to appoint delegates to co-operate with said 'ad' vigilance committee' in furtherance of said work."

Want Law to Provide Penalty.

That the committee should not depend on moral suasion entirely for the elimination of false advertising statements, but should work for the enactment of a law by Congress providing a penalty for making such statements, was the suggestion made by John Hadley Doyle of the Georgetown Citizens' Association.

Announcement was made that Dr. L. F. Kebler of the bureau of chemistry of the Department of Agriculture has been appointed a member of the committee. It is expected he will be of valuable assistance to the committee in the fight against false statements made in advertising matter pertaining to patent medicines.

A. J. Driscoll of the Mid-City Citizens' Association urged that the campaign be widened so as to protect the people of nearby Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania. Mr. Berberich announced the following plan of procedure will be adopted by the committee in handling cases reported to it:

"The committee shall consist of six members of the Retail Merchants' Association and forty-five representatives of citizens' associations of the District of Columbia and will meet every month on the call of the chair.

"Complaints shall be first filed with a subcommittee on investigation, which shall consist of five merchants and ten citizens.

"This committee shall receive complaints, either at its meetings, which shall be held at stated and regular periods, or through letters filed with the committee.

Citizens to Investigate.

"After said complaints have been filed the committee shall designate citizen members of the advertising vigilance committee to investigate the same and report their findings to the subcommittee on investigating.

"Where the investigation proves the justice of a complaint the said case shall then be acted upon at the next regular meeting of the entire committee, and a report of the judgment so rendered shall be made to all the bodies represented in the advertising vigilance committee of the Retail Merchants' Association through their representatives.

"All cases shall be held in strict confidence within the committee until finally disposed of on formal motion of the entire body."

These citizens' associations were represented: Bradbury Heights, Central, Columbia Heights, Petworth, Mount Pleasant, Connecticut Avenue, Northeastern, Suburban, Park View, Mid-City, Georgetown, North Washington, Northeast Washington and the Federation of Citizens' Associations.

SCORES ARE PURCHASING RED CROSS XMAS SEALS

No Gift Complete Without Them, Is Motto of Sellers—Represents Right Spirit.

With just two weeks more before Christmas scores of persons doing their shopping today purchased quantities of the Red Cross Christmas seals. Steadily and surely the total number of seals sold is mounting upward, and when Christmas arrives it is anticipated Washington will have contributed a good share to the work of carrying on war against tuberculosis.

"Remember, no Christmas gift is complete without a Red Cross seal."

That is the motto of the sellers of the little stickers. The Red Cross seal, they say, represents the Christmas spirit, embodying the idea of service, love and thoughtfulness for others.

The jolly face of old Santa Claus, beaming from a wreath of holly, is already adding charm to thousands of Christmas packages and cards and at the same time helping in a work the usefulness of which is recognized throughout the entire country.

Rheumatism
A Cure

This wonderful private cure for Rheumatism should be tried by every sufferer. It will cost you nothing to try it. So sure are we of its power to cure you that we do not ask you to send a cent. Just mail us your name and address and we will send this great remedy to you to try. After you have used it and experienced its wonderful benefits you may send us one dollar. But if you are not satisfied you owe us nothing. We leave it entirely to you. We take your word. We could not make this offer except that we know you will be benefited. Then why not cure your Rheumatism?

The longer you delay the worse you suffer. Write today. After you have tried this remedy you will be only too glad to tell every one of your wonderful recovery. Read this advertisement over again. All we ask is a trial. Address

Baltimore Medicine Co.
339a Title Bldg., Balto., Md.
Cut This Out

MANY INVITED TO SEE PHOTO SPECTACLE

Picture Said to Show Need of National Defenses Will Be Shown by D. A. R.

High officials of the government, members of Congress and officers of the army and navy have been invited to see the photoplay spectacle, "The Battle Cry of Peace," which is to be shown next Friday, at 8:30 p.m., in Memorial Continental Hall. The picture, which is said to show the alleged defenseless condition of America, will be presented under the auspices of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The details of the arrangements for the production are in charge of a committee consisting of Mrs. Robert Lansing, wife of the Secretary of State; Mrs. John W. Foster, Mrs. Samuel Spencer, Mrs. Delos Blodgett, Mrs. Champe C. McCullough, Mrs. Ernest Allan, Mrs. Vida Clementson, Mrs. Lisle L. Lipscomb, and the national officers of the D. A. R. Mrs. Frank Foster Greenawalt, state regent of the District of Columbia, will be active chairman of the committee in charge, and Mrs. William Cumming Story, president general of the D. A. R., will be the presiding officer of the occasion.

Some Short Addresses.

Besides the senators and representatives, the cabinet officers and their wives, the general staff of the army and the general staff of the navy, and all prominent officers and officials of the national government and members of resident society will be invited. All members of the D. A. R. and other patriotic societies are invited to attend, and will be admitted upon displaying the insignia of the society to which they belong.

Preceding the production Dudley Field Malone, collector of the port of New York, and Commodore J. Stewart Blackton, who created the scenario for the "Battle Cry of Peace," will deliver short addresses.

Delegations from New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Richmond and nearby states will be present and special boxes have been arranged for the national officers and the distinguished guests. Music for the occasion will be furnished by an orchestra from New York.

NEUTRAL COMMERCE ISSUE.

British Council to Consider Detention of American-Owned Goods.

The special council recently created by the British government to sit in London and deal with questions arising out of restrictions upon neutral commerce will not be limited, as was at first supposed, to cases arising out of the detention of American-owned goods of German make sought to be exported from Holland and other neutral countries of north Europe.

It is stated at the British embassy that in addition to acting on cases of that character the council will be prepared to entertain any complaints made through the ambassador of the United States or the diplomatic representatives of other neutral powers regarding detention of ships, exercise of the right of search, and, in fact, all questions touching the rights of neutral commerce as affected by the British orders in council and other measures incident to the war.

PROBING STEAMER FIRE.

U. S. Inspectors Investigating the Recent Tivoli Disaster.

Investigating the burning, about two weeks ago, of the Baltimore, Chesapeake and Atlantic line steamer Tivoli on Chesapeake bay and the consequent loss of eight lives, Inspectors Charles W. Wright and Edmund F. White, in charge of the local steamboat inspection service district, were in Crisfield, Md., Thursday and yesterday.

A number of the survivors of the burned vessel are at that port and to expedite the investigation the inspectors went to the witnesses instead of bringing them to Baltimore. After gathering all possible data as to the causes of the fire, the conduct of the officers of the steamer and other matters, the inspectors will render their decision.

DRIVING PILES ABOUT PIER.

Clarke & Winston Co. Doing Work at Alexandria.

Clarke & Winston Co. of this city have a pile driver at Alexandria rebuilding the pier of the Mutual Ice Company, and driving fender piles about the structure. This pier is used as a landing place by both the Potomac and Chesapeake line steamers to and from river points and the Maryland, Delaware and Virginia line boats to river landings and Baltimore.

Work has been started on repairs to the old ice wharf office at the foot of 10th street southwest, which the Elm City Lumber Company recently leased from the District. The company has taken possession of the 10th street wharf and this morning started unloading there a lumber-laden schooner from North Carolina. The fish wharf authorities, who had possession of the 10th street wharf are now having it cleaned of oyster shells and other stuff left on it.

ASK CAR SERVICE INQUIRY.

Cleveland Park Citizens Appeal to Public Utilities Commission.

Resolutions asking the public utilities commission to investigate the car service of the Washington Railway and Electric Company on the Georgetown and Tenleytown line were adopted at a meeting last night of the Cleveland Park School and Community Association.

A copy of the resolution will be sent to the Federation of Citizens' Associations and its co-operation in betteroing conditions will be asked.

An illustrated lecture on the introduction of date palms into this country was given by Thomas H. Kearney of the Department of Agriculture.

Wants McKinley Dollar Coined.

Representative Ashbrook of Ohio, chairman of the committee on coinage, weights and measures, has introduced a bill for the coinage of a McKinley souvenir dollar and also for the erection of a memorial to the martyred President at Niles, Ohio. The measure has been referred to Representative Ashbrook's committee. The city of Niles was the birthplace of President McKinley.

One-Term Resolution Introduced.

A presidential one-term amendment to the Constitution is proposed in the resolution introduced by Representative Beakes of Michigan. He suggests that the President should be elected for six years and be ineligible for re-election, the same term being outlined for the Vice President. The administration would begin Tuesday after the first Monday in January of the year following the election.

No Nobel Peace Prize This Year.

CHRISTIANIA, Norway, December 10, via London, December 11.—The Norwegian parliament will not award the Nobel peace prize this year, following the course adopted last year when no award was made.

"THE THIN DARK LINE OF VICTORY—AND DEATH."

Photograph taken along the Isonzo front, where what have been called the most fearful battles of the war have taken place, shows Italian troops moving up the slopes of a snow-clad mountain against Austrian defenses erected at the top. The picture gives a vivid idea of the nature of the difficulties over which the troops of King Victor Emmanuel are making their way.

Federal inspectors and state game wardens are giving attention to the matter of enforcing federal and state game laws. Their enforcement of the laws in nearby states is of interest to the hundreds of gunners who reside in and about this city.

"So many gunners have become accustomed to shooting under the provisions of old laws," remarked an interested one, "that they are unable to learn the new laws' requirements.

"And," he added, "some of them probably will land in a county jail of the kind that the warden throws the keys away."

One of the more enthusiastic sportsmen, discussing the question of laws relating to gunning, said there are many gunners who seem to neglect to respect the provisions of the anti-shipping laws and those relating to bag limit.

"For instance," he said, "the laws of Virginia require non-resident gunners to bring their game out of the state openly and without crating or even putting it in a suit case or grip of any kind. It also requires that birds shall be tagged with the name and address of their owner, and still there are many gunners who neglect to so tag their game."

Inspectors are looking about steamboats and railroad trains for violators of the laws. They also are looking after persons who are alleged to have violated the provision of law preventing the shooting of ducks from motor boats. Complaint has been made of violations of that provision of law by persons on some of the lower tributaries of the Potomac.

Andrew J. Beyer, said to be one of the best shots in this city and one of the most successful gunners, has returned from a trip to Charles and St. Marys counties, Md., where he hunted single-handed and enjoyed splendid sport. Friends of the sportsman recall the days many years ago when Beyer attended turkey shoots and carried home enough of the king birds to remember several branches of his family.

"And," commented a friend, "he still remembers how to bring down the game."

Beyer went from here to Mechanicsville by bus and train, and drove fourteen miles to the home of Brent Davis, where he found the latter too busy to even think about gunning.

"And so I had to go it alone," said the sportsman, "the most enjoyable and successful way to gun."

With the aid of good bird dogs Beyer succeeded in bagging seventy-three quail and a few rabbits. He does not care to shoot rabbits, however, and only got the few that insisted in getting in his way.

Two gray foxes made his gamebag heavy enough for an express package. It is Beyer's intention to indulge in a ducking trip to Rock Point about the Christmas holidays.

"Donald A. De Lashmutt put one over on the boys in the fishing line," commented W. P. Bowie.

"He caught a fish in the Potomac river in sight of the Capitol that weighed about 200 pounds—something unusual—but he did it, nevertheless."

The big fish was a sturgeon that probably had been disabled by the propeller of a tug or other boat—possibly the police boat—and it required much strength to get it ashore.

It is related that De Lashmutt was with a party of friends at what is called "Krazy Kamp," and a big object in the river attracted his attention. His first thought was that the object was the body of a drowned person, but soon after starting in the direction of it he discovered it was the carcass of a fish.

"And when pulled ashore," said Bowie, "it proved to be a 200-pound sturgeon."

The fish was opened, it was explained, and found to contain fifteen catfish weighing from one to one and one-half pounds.

"Some fish," remarked Bowie.

"A string of fish last week displayed in the window of a New York avenue lunchroom were not whales," commented an interested spectator. "They were not even sturgeons, such as our friend De Lashmutt caught, but were big-mouth bass from Florida."

F. C. Gideon and J. C. Thomas made the catch. The largest of the four fish weighed fourteen pounds, one weighed twelve and one-half pounds and two weighed eleven pounds each. The anglers caught them fishing in Lucas' pond, not far from Tampa.

They enjoyed the double sport of catching the bait, skipjacks, on spoon, and then fishing for the big bass. Another angler fishing near them landed a nineteen-pounder.

Theodore F. Langley, one of the few gunners to meet with an accident in this vicinity this season, suffered the loss of two toes.

Accompanied by J. E. Graham, Langley went to the vicinity of Bluemont, Va., for an outing. He had anticipated a well filled game bag, but the accident caused him much pain and disappointment.

The two young men left for the woods early in the morning. They had been told rabbits and birds were numerous, and that they might get a shot at a turkey.

"But before they had reached the place where they expected to get game," said a friend, "the accident happened, and the maimed gunner had to be brought home."

Cold weather and rough water did not serve to keep some of the "faithful" off the river on a week-end outing. Patrick Riordan, one of the number, received a drenching.

"And," remarked John W. Hurley, "it came near being worse than that.

"But," added Hurley, "he thinks he must go fishing unless the ice is so thick that it is impossible for him to get the bait to the bass."

Accompanied by Charlie Mills, better known as "Angler," the veteran sportsman made an early start for Great Falls. The water was higher than usual and the slime on the dam made the going dangerous, but Riordan had been over it many times before and he thought he could go over it again and fish in a favorite hole.

He failed to get safely over, however, and was given a drenching. Then he waded to a small island, where his companion, who had not met with an accident, started a campfire to warm him and dry his clothing. The two sportsmen feared bait to the bass, but failed to land a fish.

Marion F. Goode and Hugh Reed last week went to Bryantown, Charles county, Md., where they were guests of George P. Goode, brother of one of the sportsmen.

"Bryantown is not many miles from the city," said one of the gunners, "but it takes a long time to get there, requiring the greater part of a day, but when one reaches there he is at a place where game is plentiful and the game is worth the effort."

The gunners went to Charles county expecting to shoot nothing but rabbits, being without bird dogs, and that was all they got, with the exception of one squirrel.

"Birds were plentiful," said Goode, "and had we had bird dogs we could easily have killed three or four dozen."

Next month the sportsmen are going duck shooting on the Wicomico.

Joe Sanburn had his usual week-end outing. He went to the vicinity of Chain bridge, fished all day and returned without what he started—an assortment of bait.

"Joe knows the location of a hole in the river that usually is filled with fish," said Austin Savage, "but last Sunday it contained more ice than fish. Joe did not reckon with the ice proposition, however, and when he became aware of the temperature it was too late—time to come home."

Sanburn got in a position where he was shielded from the wind, cast his line from the shore and awaited developments, and when he became tired of waiting he pulled in his line.

"And found it contained ice and not a fish," said Savage.

Phil J. Stubener this week left two live decoys at Rock Point for the accommodation of friends who may go there during the ducking season.

"The decoys did splendid work for members of our party," said the sportsman, "and there's no reason why others should not enjoy sport with them."

Stubener, William Holmead, Clarence Turner and Brother Lohman were members of the gunning party on the Wicomico river this week. Ducks and geese were plentiful, although the geese, following safety-first rules, remained beyond range of the guns. A score of ducks were captured, however, and the sportsmen spent time enough in the woods and fields on their homeward journey to bag twenty rabbits and a dozen birds. The trip was made in Jockey Turner's automobile.

W. T. Reynolds, William Birkigt, George Turvey and Charles Birkigt this week had an enjoyable outing aboard Reynolds' launch as far as Pohick creek.

"The flats below Mount Vernon were literally covered with ducks," said Reynolds, "but they managed to keep beyond the danger line."

Ice formed on the creek and made the getting away a trifle difficult. The sportsmen were not satisfied with their luck. They failed to get any ducks and only killed a dozen birds and eight rabbits. They captured two coons and a possum.

John Souder has not given up perch fishing. He finds much sport in the quest for yellow perch in Little river, using minnows for bait. The cool weather has not kept him off the water.

Thursday he was on Little river part of the day and when he returned ashore in the afternoon he had twenty pounds of fish.

J. C. Bailey and E. L. McAleer, inspectors in the District electrical department, fully appreciated the advantage of an automobile on recent trips to nearby counties of Maryland. The machine enabled them to go from place to place without the loss of much time and gave them an opportunity to enjoy practically every hour during the four days they were off.

Part of the four days was spent near Indian Head, twenty-five miles below the city, while another part was spent in the vicinity of Spencerville, about the same distance north of the city.

The gunners found rabbits plentiful and succeeded in bagging ninety-two of them. They killed forty-nine squirrels and eight quail.

W. T. Adkins has succeeded in solving a problem that gave trouble to many anglers and caused them to lose portions of tackle from time to time. Dozens of anglers had been in the habit of trying their luck from a wharf a short distance east of the railroad bridge over the Potomac, and many of them had struck a troublesome snag in the water.

It fell to the lot of Adkins to discover just what kind of a snag it was. He had fished there an hour or more without doing a thing but getting his line snagged, he said, and finally his hook became embedded in something in the river.

A long and steady pull brought from the river a long log. Four spoons were securely fastened to it," said Adkins. Two bass were caught before the angler left the river with his supply of spoons.

Richard Worthen and Daniel Crovo went to Aquia creek on an early morning train for a week-end outing, the train pulling away from Union station long before daybreak.

"Just in time to reach the resort and finish breakfast before going fishing," remarked Crovo.

The anglers spent part of the day on the river, and landed eight pike and six bass, all large fish. They saw plenty ducks on the river, they stated, but the implements they had were only for fishing.

Having experienced splendid luck on a gunning trip to the Cheltenham, Prince Georges county, neighborhood, some time ago, John A. Ruppert last week returned there and made an effort to fill his gamebag.

"The going was as good as on the former occasion," said the gunner, "but the stopping was entirely different."

Although he is an expert with gun, his friends say, he was able to kill only two birds and one rabbit.

"I'm willing to admit it," said the sportsman.

The democratic state central committee of Arkansas has adopted a resolution indorsing the administration of President Wilson and urging his renomination.

SCREAM.

Editor—"At last Dobson, the humorist, has written us something that is genuinely funny."
Assistant—"What is it?"
Editor—"He wants to know why we don't take any of his stuff."

THE COURTS.

Court of Appeals.

Present: The chief justice, Mr. Justice Robb and Mr. Justice Van Orsdel.

Henry F. Cochems was admitted to practice.

No. 2861. Kinney agt. McNabb; argument continued by Mr. Charles Poe and Mr. Henry F. Cochems, for appellee, and concluded by Miss Harriet Freebey, for appellant.

Adjourned from day today.

(Proceedings after The Star's report closed yesterday:)

No. 2861. Kinney agt. McNabb; argument commenced by Mr. Frank J. Hogan, for appellant, and continued by Mr. Charles Poe, for appellee.

Mr. William Henry Dennis, on behalf of the bar association, announced the death of W. H. Singleton, R. Ross Perry, J. Nota McGill and Edward H Thomas. Out of respect to their memories the court adjourned.

District Supreme Court.

EQUITY DIVISION 1—Justice Anderson.

Mahoney agt. Donovan; order extending time for filing transcript; plaintiff's attorney, George C. Gertman; defendant's attorney, J. S. Easby-Smith.

Muncaster agt. Muncaster; decree annulling marriage; plaintiff's attorneys, Shinn & Owen; defendant's attorney, R. E. Mattingly.

EQUITY DIVISION 2—Justice McCoy.

Farmer agt. Farmer; rule discharged with costs; plaintiff's attorney, Webster Ballinger; defendant's attorney, M. S. Farmer, jr.

Holmes agt. Holmes; adjudication of contempt and marshal directed to take defendant into custody; plaintiff's attorney, George F. Collins; defendant's attoreny, A. W. Scott.

Guerin agt. Guerin; hearing on rule continued to January 7; plaintiff's attorney, W. H. De Lacy; defendant's attorney, L. A. Rover.

Johnson agt. McAdoo; decree of November 19 vacated; amended bill dismissed with costs; appeal noted; bond, $100, or deposit $50; plaintiff's attorneys, C. J. Jones and H. A. Guess; defendant's attorneys, J. E. Laskey and J. B. Archer.

Ellis agt. Ellis; order for alimony pendente lite; plaintiff's attorneys, George A. Berry and R. F. Downing.

Industrial Finance Corporation agt. Community Savings and Loan Company; bill dismissed, with leave to plaintiff to amend in ten days; plaintiff's attorney, Frank J. Hogan; defendant's attorneys, H. H. Moss and R. H. McNeill.

CIRCUIT DIVISION 2—Justice Stafford.

Hurwitz agt. Commercial Garage Company; motion to strike out first count of declaration and motion to strike out particulars of demand overruled without prejudice, with ten days to defendant to plead; plaintiff's attorneys, E. L. Gies and E. B. Frey.

Sanders & Stayman agt. Staples; motion for judgment overruled; plaintiff's attorney, W. C. English; defendant's attorneys, W. H. Sholes and Bates Warren.

John T. Walker & Son agt. Carnahan; exceptions to auditor's report overruled except Nos. 16 and 17 reserved for rehearing; plaintiff's attorney, W. C. Clephane; defendant's attorney, R. B. Dickey.

Horner Hardware Company agt. Justice; judgment by default for $1,400; plaintiff's attorneys, V. O. Hill and H. T. Thayer.

Pearce agt. Capital Traction Company; motion for new trial overruled and judgment on verdict for defendant against plaintiff for costs; plaintiff's attorney, C. L. Fralley; defendant's attorney, Frank J. Hogan.

Morton agt. Pacific Mutual Insurance Company; motion for judgment overruled; order for security for costs set aside; plaintiff's attorneys, Wright & Wampler; defendant's attorney, W. C. Clephane.

Bokandan agt. District of Columbia; motion for new trial overruled and judgment on verdict for plaintiff for $250; plaintiff's attorneys, D. W. Baker, J. W. Staggers and H. A. Grant; defendant's attorney, R. L. Williams.

Chapman agt. Washington Railway and Electric Company; motion for new trial overruled and judgment on verdict; appeal noted; cost bond, $100; or deposit, $50; plaintiff's attorneys, Lambert & Yeatman; defendant's attorney, George P. Hoover.

Hall agt. Lappin; plaintiff granted leave to withdraw joinder, etc., and given leave to plead in ten days; plaintiff's attorneys, Ottenberg & Jacobi; defendant's attorney, George H. Macdonald.

Fillius agt Velati; motion to strike out amendment to additional particulars of demand to plea of set-off overruled; plaintiff's attorneys, C. R. Ahalt and E. A. Jones; defendant's attorneys, Lambert and Yeatman.

Chaillett agt. Washington Railway and Electric Company; demurrer to amended declaration overruled, with ten days to plead; plaintiff's attorneys, Baker & Staggers; defendant's attorney, J. S. Barbour.

Larcombe agt. Rothfuss Garage Company; motion for new trial overruled and judgment on verdict for plaintiff for $800; plaintiff's attorney, I. J. Costigan; defendant's attorneys, Faust & Wilson.

Carusi agt. Mertens; motion to amend declaration granted; motion for bill of particulars overruled; plaintiff's attorneys, W. G. Johnson and J. J. Darlington; defendant's attorneys, Douglas, Ruffin & Obear.

CRIMINAL DIVISION 1—Chief Justice Covington.

United States agt. Morgan Stewart, non-support; bench warrant issued.

United States agt. Lewis O. Bowie, non-support; bench warrant issued.

United States agt. Joseph Neyberg, non-support; bench warrant issued.

United States agt. Charles H. Ennis, non-support; bench warrant issued.

United States agt. Raymond O. Kleindienst, adultery; time extended to submit bill of exceptions to January 15 and to file transcript to January 31; attorneys, Wright & Wampler.

CRIMINAL DIVISION 2—Justice Siddons.

Westcott agt. Harding; motion for new trial and in arrest of judgment argued and submitted; plaintiff's attorney, L. R. Mason; defendant's attorney, M. E. O'Brien.

United States agt. Lillian Mayberry, second offense petit larceny; sentenced to penitentiary for eighteen months; placed on probation; attorneys, I. D. Porter and J. C. Foster.

DISTRICT DIVISION—Justice Siddons.

In re condemnation of alley in square 3131; verdict of jury filed.

By Justice Anderson.

In re Meigs place; order confirming verdict.

In re Girard street; order overruling motion and sustaining demurrer.

In re Georgia avenue; order overruling motion.

PROBATE DIVISION—Justice McCoy.

Estate of Mary E. Wynne; will admitted to probate and letters testamentary granted to Robert J. Wynne, Henry B. Wynne and Charles M. Bart; bond, $7,500; attorneys, J. B. Archer and John Lewis Smith.

Estate of Henry Edwards; order to make advance to heir; attorney, S. J. Davidson.

Estate of Thomas W. Rutledge; will admitted to probate and letters testamentary granted to Raymond Smith; bond, $900; attorney, J. C. Rogers.

Estate of Almos P. Bogue; will admitted to probate and letters testamentary granted to Harriet Bogue; bond, $300; attorney, L Cabell Williamson.

Estate of Thomas Miller; letters of administration granted to Thomas Miller, jr.; bond, $8,000; attorney, J. P. Schick.

Estate of William H. Bolen; will admitted to probate and letters testamentary granted to John A. Massie; bond, $10,000; attorney, E. H. McLachlen.

Estate of Benjamin F. Butler; letters of administration granted to James I. Parker; bond, $5,000; attorney, J. I. Parker.

Estate of Elizabeth Grimm; will admitted to probate and letters testamentary granted to Josephine V. Byrns; bond, $5,000; attorneys, J. J. McInerney and J. E. Albinson.

Estate of George W. Osborn; order authorizing sale of bonds; attorney, Irving Williamson.

In re Isabel L. Keen; order authorizing investment; attorney, J. Arthur Lynham.

In re Leonora T. Eidler; report of guardian ratified; attorneys, Wolf & Cohen.

Estate of Charles M. Jones; order of publication; attorney, A. B. Keefer.

Estate of Eliza D. Harrell; report of sale of real estate filed; attorney, J. H. Lichliter.

Estate of Warwick Evans; compromise agreement filed; attorney, L. A. Dent.

Estate of Mary F. Johnson; answer filed; attorneys, Richardson & Shreve and E. L. Winters.

Estate of Milton C. Mitchell; petition for probate of will filed; attorney, C. I. Simms.

Estate of James F. Brown; petition for letters of administration filed; attorney, W. C. English.

Estate of Charles M. Jones; petition to amend filed; attorney, A. B. Keefer.

Estate of Mary F. Newman; petition for letters of administration filed; attorney, E. C. Dutton.

Estate of Thomas W. Rutledge; petition for probate of will filed; attorney, J. Rogers.

Estate of Elizabeth Grimm; petition for probate of will filed; attorneys, McInerney & Albinson.

Estate of Thomas Miller; petition for letters of administration filed; attorney, J. P. Schick.

Estate of Frank Sewall; will dated October 29, 1915, filed.

Estate of John T. Webster; will dated May 14, 1913, filed.

GOVERNMENT PLANT IN VIEW.

Bills Introduced Appropriating $11,000,000 for Armor Plate Factory.

Appropriation of $11,000,000 for a government armor plate factory and gun forging plant, at a site to be selected by the Navy Department, is proposed in bills introduced yesterday in the Senate by Senator Tillman and in the House by Representative Tavenner of Illinois.

Mr. Tavenner asserted advocates of the proposition, backed by Secretary Daniels, would insist upon a hearing before the naval committees and that Congress would enact legislation along this line as part of the preparedness plan. The bill is practically similar to the measure introduced by Chairman Tillman of the Senate naval committee. The question will be up for a fight in the House naval committee later on.

Open House at Yacht Club.

At the meeting of the National Yacht Club, held in the clubhouse, foot of 6th street southwest, Thursday night, it was determined to keep open house New Year day, and to invite the members of the other yacht clubs and other friends to visit the club members, who will receive and entertain them. Officers for the ensuing year were placed in nomination and will be elected at the January meeting. As there will be contests for a number of the offices, the election promises to be an interesting one.

Citizens' Association Program.

A resolution indorsing the half-and-half plan and condemning the Works plan for governing the District of Columbia is to be presented at a meeting of the Northeast Washington Citizens' Association Monday night. The association will consider a resolution favoring a continuance of the citizens' joint committee, and one favoring the adoption of a law punishing drivers of vehicles who fail to stop after colliding with a pedestrian. The meeting will be held at Northeast Temple.

Denies U. S. Waters Were Entered.

In reply to an inquiry made by the State Department, Sir Cecil Spring Rice, the British ambassador, yesterday informed Counsellor Folk that the British cruiser which pursued the steamship Vineland into Hampton Roads, Va., had never come within a mile and a half of the territorial waters of the United States. The captain of the Vineland in reporting the occurrence charged that the war vessel had chased his ship inside the three-mile limit.

Examinations for Teacherships.

Examinations for teacherships in all colored day high school subjects, except Greek, and all subjects in the night high and elementary schools, including industrial classes, are to be held at the Franklin School Tuesday and Wednesday, beginning at 9 a.m.

ASK COURT TO SET ASIDE BIG VERDICT

Appeal Argued in McNabb-Kinney $30,000 Breach of Promise Case.

The District Court of Appeals, contrary to custom, sat today to hear the closing arguments of counsel on the appeal of John S. Kinney, millionaire mine owner of Escanaba, Mich., from the verdict for $30,000 damages for alleged breach of a contract to marry, which was awarded by a jury in the District Supreme Court some months ago in favor of Mrs. Ida M. McNabb, a widow, of Milwaukee, Wis. The court took the matter under advisement and may render an opinion early in January.

Arguments for the appellant were made by Attorneys Frank J. Hogan and Harriet Freebey. Mr. Hogan was not in the case in the lower court, but was retained specially to prosecute the appeal. The verdict of the jury was upheld by Attorney Charles Poe of the local bar, and Attorney Henry F. Cochems of Milwaukee as counsel for Mrs. McNabb.

Termed a Great Injustice.

Attorney Hogan declared that the judgment rendered against Mr. Kinney represented "a perpetration of a great injustice." He drew a picture of the plaintiff, a prepossessing widow of thirty-seven years, and the defendant, a man of seventy-seven years when the contract was signed. He told the court that Mr. Kinney first came into possession of a considerable amount of money in 1912 and was almost immediately "ensnared by Mrs. McNabb and tied up with a contract of marriage, which on its face reads like a cold-blooded business proposition."

The charge of the trial justice, he contended, struck down the effect of testimony offered from hotel registers and otherwise, which questioned the fitness of the plaintiff to enter into a marriage contract. The refusal of the trial judge to allow Miss Freebey, as attorney for the defendant, to make certain statements of evidence which she expected to offer in behalf of the defendant greatly prejudiced the interests of the defendant before the jury, Mr. Hogan asserted.

Attorney Charles Poe and Attorney Henry F. Cochems, for Mrs. McNabb, argued that the verdict should not be disturbed.

Claim Trial Was Fair.

They urged that the trial had been fair and that the only evidence reflecting on the character of Mrs. McNabb came from impeachable sources and was evidently disbelieved by the jury. Counsel defended the action of the trial judge and declared that the act of which counsel for Mr. Kinney complained was merely the proper exercise of the power of the trial judge over the conduct of a case. They denounced the attempt to besmirch the plaintiff as "fabricated."

Miss Freebey concluded the argument. She pointed out that when the defendant's family learned that he had been "trapped" into making the contract they sent for her and under her advice Mrs. McNabb was notified of the repudiation of the contract. Miss Freebey spiritedly defended what she termed "Mr. Kinney's legal and moral right to refuse to marry Mrs. McNabb." She urged that the judgment should be reversed and a new trial of the case awarded.

NO EVIDENCE FOUND OF ANY STEEL REBATES

No basis for the charge that the United States Steel Corporation has received enormous rebates from railroads during the last six years has been found in the interstate commerce commission's investigation.

Bill Provides New Dormitory.

Ninety thousand dollars is asked by Representative Raker of California in a bill introduced yesterday providing for certain changes at the Columbia Institution for the Deaf in the District of Columbia. The Raker bill calls for removal of the college woman's dormitory and the construction and equipment and furnishing of a new dormitory. The bill was referred to the appropriation committee.

Resolution by Senator Cummins.

Senator Cummins has introduced a resolution providing for the appointment of a committee of five senators to investigate the whole question of having the government manufacture all materials for the use of the army and navy. His resolution sets forth objections to the present system of private manufacture and sale to the government, one of which is that it tends to promote war.

Creditors of Isaac Miller Act.

Creditors of Isaac Miller, dealer in second-hand furniture at 639 Louisiana avenue northwest, have asked the District Supreme Court to declare him bankrupt. They allege the merchant is insolvent and said he committed an act of bankruptcy by making an assignment December 6 to Mark Stearman. Attorneys L. P. Loving and L. L. Hamner represent the creditors.

Justice Anderson cited the merchant to show cause December 17 why he should not be adjudged bankrupt.

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