

The Balking Muse

Oh, it's hard to keep on singing, when the muse won't work; when your brow with sweat is wringing, and the muse won't work; then I'd throw away my fader, and go forth to honest labor, at the woodpile, like my neighbor, when the muse won't work. It is hard to keep on harping, when the muse won't work; and the critics all are carping, if the muse won't work; "Yonder bard his grip is losing," say the critics, him abusing; "Homer nods, but he is snoozing, and his muse won't work." I would like to be a baker, for my muse won't work; or the village undertaker, for my muse won't work; I would like to be a tinner, or a butcher, or a spinner, or a fuller, or a skinner, while my muse won't work. Oh, to earn a tailor's wages, for my muse won't work; I have walked the floor for ages, but my muse won't work; with my fountain pen I potter, but my brain begins to totter, though I've soaked my head in water, and the muse won't work. WALT MASON.



By POP.

FINE WEATHER LURES THE WANDERLUSTERS

Four-Mile Run Section Explored by a Company Numbering 176.

Yesterday's balmy weather brought out 176 wanderlusts to tramp in the Four-Mile Run section and the vicinity of old Luna Park. The "official" account of the trip is as follows: "One hundred and seventy-six was the official count of the wanderlusts yesterday. The walk, as led by John Boyle, Jr., covered five and a half miles in the Four-Mile Run section, about half-way between Washington and Alexandria. Just north of Luna Park a trail was followed up over the hill, and not far distant is Fort Scott, where the first expedition halted and waited for the second crowd from the city.

From the brow of the first hill the vista of Washington was exceptionally fine, with the sun just striking the tops of the buildings. Just beyond the fort, almost in the opposite direction, a wonderful view of Four-Mile Run valley was to be obtained, with the wireless towers, Arlington and Knights of Columbus Club grounds, with Fort Berry hidden just beyond as a background. Much of the walking of yesterday was over country roads, and these were found to be in excellent condition. Four Mile Run or its tributaries was crossed a number of times and the stream followed on the north for some half a mile near the ending. Of interest, also, was the old Anthony trapper, sometimes known as Green Valley, and situated south of Arlington. An excellent picture of the house is shown in the new pictorial section of yesterday's Star, as to obtain a comprehensive idea as to the beauty of nature in the neighborhood in reality. There are five or six buildings in the group, and these are the remains of a once thriving settlement. The hill, where from a distance a slight bend is noted in the contour of the rising land.

Pastime Club Formed. "A number of the hikers have organized the 'Ramblers' Pastime Club, which is aimed to appeal more strictly to the social side and enable some of those to participate who like the spirit of the walkers but are not able physically to undertake the more strenuous trip. A meeting is to be held at the Masonic Temple, northeast, Saturday evening at 8 o'clock for the purpose of completing the organization."

Arrivals. The schooner Northland, from Norfolk and Old Point; steamer Northumberland, from Baltimore and landings along the river; steamer Wakefield, from Mattox creek, Colonial Beach and Potomac; schooner, from Alexandria; schooner for a Potomac point to load merchandise; schooner Lottie Thomas, Edith Marcy and E. U. Wills, yachts from Potomac beach at 11th street wharf for the market; schooner J. A. Holland, lumber from a Potomac shore for dealers.

Departures. Schooner Josephine Keas, light from Alexandria to Ocequan, to load lumber or wood for this market; power boat Raymond, from Alexandria for the lower Potomac after oyster shells, to return; schooner Beattie Reed, light, from Alexandria for a Potomac point to load oysters for the market; steamer Newport News, for Old Point and Norfolk by the Norfolk and Washington Steamboat Company; power boat, no name, from Alexandria with merchandise for a down-river point.

Tugs and Tows. Tug James O. Carter arrived towing oyster-laden craft for this market; schooner John Miller left the Eastern branch for Swan creek with lighters to load brick-making clay; schooner Eugenia arrived with sand and gravel laden lighters from Potomac sand beds; tug Capt. Toby arrived with sand from Alexandria; tug Walter F. Meade arrived at Georgetown with lighters laden with sand and gravel from the beds opposite Alexandria; tug General Warren arrived with lighters from the Ocequan workhouse for the District.

Memoranda. Schooner Mildred has arrived in Nomini creek to load pulp wood to Alexandria; schooner Mary Ann Shea is due here from Aquia creek with wood for lumber; schooner L. J. Stewart is at a Potomac point to load oysters for this market; schooner John Bradford is reported due here with lumber from a Potomac shore; schooner Bertha May is due to sail from Maryland point for this city with cord wood; schooner Kathleen is reported on her way to this port from a Potomac point with lumber; schooner Elizabeth Carter is in Mattox creek to load cord wood for this market.

Favors Sale of Obsolete Ships. "Sell the obsolete ships of the navy," is the advice given to Congress by Representative Louie of Michigan, when resolution to authorize this sale has been referred to the naval affairs committee of the House. An explanation of Representative Louie's advice is found in the fact that thirty auxiliary naval vessels are over eight years old, most of them were purchased during the Spanish-American war, and that naval officers have been extremely expensive to operate and ill-fitted for service.

NEW MEMBERS OF HOUSE TO BE GUESTS OF HONOR

National Press Club to Hold "Baby Congressmen Night" Thursday.

The success and public interest in the baby show and in baby week has had its influence upon the entertainment committee of the National Press Club, which is to be converted into a nursery Thursday night, with Speaker Clark in the role of head nurse. The occasion will be known as "baby congressmen night." Twelve members of the House of Representatives, serving their first term in Congress, will be present and, to order, set up their infant legislative wail.

The waiters are to be Representatives Jeff McLemore of Texas, Joseph Walsh of Massachusetts, W. W. Venable of Mississippi, Jacob E. Meeker of Missouri, Harry L. Gandy of South Dakota, C. C. Dill of Washington, Roland Sanford of New York, John A. Elyton of California, Clifton N. McArthur of Oregon, James J. Britt of North Carolina, Frank P. Scott of Michigan and George Huddleston of Alabama. Four of these, McLemore, Meeker, Gandy and Dill have been newspaper men. The Press Club's banjo club will play.

ALL PARTIES PRAISED IN STREET CAR STRIKE

Rev. D. H. Martin Says It Shows Need of Laboring Element in National Life.

Praising labor and capital alike, Rev. D. H. Martin, pastor of the Dumbarton Avenue M. E. Church, yesterday considered the recent street car strike. He said, in part: "The papers of our city have given us full and accurate accounts of the strike. They have been fair to all parties concerned. They have handled the situation without prejudice or partiality, and the public, together with employer and employe, owe them a debt of gratitude for the part they have taken in the final settlement of the whole matter. Too much praise cannot be given to the Commissioners and the men associated with them for their intelligent and painstaking work.

Laboring Man Indispensable. "This strike is simply another incident that shows us that the laboring man is an indispensable element of our national life. The fact that the laboring man is indispensable is proof that he grows. He is learning the necessity of looking out for himself. He has a right to organize. He has no capital, so he must depend on organization to get his rights. He also has the right to strike, but he has no right to strike unless he has exhausted every other means of settling his dispute. An employe is to get better hours and more pay. In return the public shall expect courteous service from him.

Magistrate Joyce Conducts Trials on Premises of Accused Parties. Special Correspondence of The Star. UPPER MARLBORO, Md., March 13.—Sheriff Robert F. Gates and his deputy yesterday visited two drinking places on the pike between this place and Washington and instituted proceedings against the proprietors. Magistrate Robert E. Joyce of Mount Rainier accompanied the officers, held court on the premises where violations of law were charged and imposed fines. The first place visited was the Maryland Club, only a short distance from the District line, conducted by William H. Bobinger, where, it is stated, a diner was found with a bottle of beer on the table.

Escaping Smoke in Barber Shop Is One That Calls Engine Company. Smoke escaping from a pipe in a barber shop at 434 North Capitol street last night about 12 o'clock prompted the sending of a message to No. 6 engine company for assistance. Firemen responded, made an examination of the premises, learned their services were not needed and returned to their quarters.

Hot ashes thrown from the furnace at Florence Crittenton Mission, 218 3d street northwest, yesterday about noon started a small fire that caused excitement in the vicinity of the institution. The fire did \$10 damage.

Stolen Jewelry Valued at \$115. Numerous articles of jewelry, valued at \$115, were stolen from the residence of William F. Ruckert, 317 5th street southeast, last night during the absence of the family. The stolen property consisted of two watches, several stickpins and chains. Entrance was gained by forcing the dining room door open.

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PLANS FOR BETTERMENT OF CLASSIFIED SERVICE

Federal Employment Union to Work for Retirement Provision and New Salary System.

Every effort toward a unified movement for the classified service and toward the adoption by Congress of a new classification of salaries by which pay will be given according to the class of work done is promised by the president and membership of Federal Civil Service Employees' Union, No. 15,007, according to announcement made today. Consideration should be given to seniority in the salary question, state the officials of the union, but not to the extent that, of two clerks seated side by side and doing exactly the same work, one should receive several hundred dollars more a year than the other.

Benefits of Proposed System. If increases of pay were more frequent and smaller, it is pointed out, employes would be encouraged and officials would be able to regulate the salaries paid more in accordance with the value of work done. The union is to stand for this method of making increases and it is believed that the end will be accomplished by united effort. The president of the union states that its constitution will be so arranged as to make the organization as a whole support the will of its majority, and in this way avoid the recurrence of strikes.

Expets Adoption. The union feels that a provision therefore for an and which will be fair to all employes, care for those who have devoted their lives to the government service, and, at the same time, save the United States dollars and cents every year. A meeting of the constitutional committee is scheduled for tonight at 8 o'clock at the temporary union headquarters, 211 O'Connell building.

To Begin Work Wednesday. Dredging Company Ready to Clear Eastern Branch Channel. It is stated at the United States engineering office that the Maryland Dredging and Contracting Company, which has been contracted for digging and pumping ashore 400,000 cubic yards of mud from the bottom of the Eastern branch, will start work about Wednesday.

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The building is to have a frontage of eighty feet on Massachusetts avenue and 128 feet on 9th street. It is to be completed in May, but the dedication ceremonies are not to be held until July 1. Total cost of the building under the revised plans is to be approximately \$190,000. The architects are the Milburn-Heister Company of this city.

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MUTT AND JEFF "GREAT" IN VIEW OF CANADIANS

Troops "Somewhere in Flanders" Want Notables to Appear in the Dominion Uniform.

Bud Fisher has received from a soldier "somewhere in Flanders" the envelope inscribed, "Passed, Field Censor, 992," the following: "Dear Bud: 'We have just had an indignation meeting, and I have been commended upon pain of death, to dedicate to you a few words of appreciation from some of the Canadian boys in Flanders. 'Every Canadian mail brings us a budget of your Mut and Jeff series. They're great. Absolutely great. 'It would do your heart good to see the fellows back in billet gathered round the table six deep, all clamoring to know 'what in hell those two ginks are up to now. 'Much as we enjoy their ludicrous antics in the English, French and German armies, we can never be quite happy about them, when wearing the Canadian uniform. You see, we are very much like the 'little boy of twelve' in that respect.

"Would Heighten Effect." "If you should decide to put the two redoubtable into the Canadian forces, for heaven's sake mess up their uniforms a bit. A few buttons less than the required number, or a missing puttee, and, above all, plenty of mud, would greatly heighten the effect. 'The fellows in my company send you their very best wishes and heartiest thanks for many a damn good laugh. 'You're very cheerfully, (Sapper) NODS (Sapper) MOWAT, 619, 6th Field Corps, Canadian Engineers, 2d Canadian Division, Army P. O., London, England. 'P. O. London, England. (The above named Angus Mowat is commonly known as 'Squib' owing to his constant blowing of his nose. Without doubt one of the most cheerful souls in the Canadian army. Put him in the background of one of your sketches. He sure is the life of the company. 'C. B. HOECK. 'P. S.—Tell Mr. Ford that we're going to end the war all right, peace ship or no peace ship."

FEDERATION OF LABOR BUILDING TO BE LARGER

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Congress Asked to Lay Aside All Other Business for Chamberlain Measure.

Urging that Congress lay aside all other business and confine itself for the present to action on the Chamberlain bill now pending before the Senate committee on military affairs, thereby giving the President an adequate military force to deal with the Mexican situation, the Army League of the United States adopted a resolution at a special meeting here Saturday night. The resolution follows: "To give the President an adequate military force to deal with the Mexican situation Congress should lay aside all other business and pass the Chamberlain bill as it is now pending before the Senate committee on military affairs. No important amendment is needed to make this bill the basis of a sound military policy as far as the regular army is concerned. At the same time the bill authorizes the President immediately to increase the regular army to a peace strength of 175,000 and a war strength of 248,000. It reorganizes the army and recommends the general staff, into a fighting machine ready to take the field. "If the bill is to be passed immediately it will require at least six months to equip, train and enlist the new recruits provided for in the bill. In the event that the President should be forced to pacify all of Mexico, it would be necessary to have at least 250,000 regulars and 200,000 volunteers. According to the military authorities this is the smallest force with which it would be safe to undertake the occupation of such a vast country as Mexico. It is generally believed that the present force of the United States is the smallest part of the problem which the President may be called upon to solve."

Representative Miller to Speak. Representative Clarence B. Miller of Minnesota is announced to speak on "The Hawaiian Islands" tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock at the Berean Baptist Church. The lecture is to be illustrated with stereopticon views.

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Masonic Auditorium. Tonight: "THE FELLOWSHIP PACKET" (First Showing) a Pathetic Story. Play in Five acts, by LOUIS BRUNEL. DURING RALPH RICHARDS. Three performances.

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