

RATHER UNUSUAL SIGHT

British Steamer Eva Decorated in Honor of Washington.

DRAWNS MUCH ATTENTION

First Time in Port's History That Vessel Flying British Flag Has Recognized General's Birthday—Day Quietly Observed.

The unusual sight of a British steamer gaily decorated with flags in honor of the anniversary of the birth of General George Washington was seen in the harbor yesterday.

A line of signal flags floated from each of the vessel's two masts and the ship attracted a great deal of attention from shipping men, the crews of the American boats in the harbor and others in shipping circles.

Owned by Americans. The Eva is owned by the A. H. Bull Company, of New York, an American concern, but is manned by a foreign crew, mostly Englishmen.

The United States naval coiler Sterling and the government survey boat Endeavor also were gaily decorated during the occasion.

Quietly Observed. Washington's birthday was quietly observed in the city, the city public schools, banks and customs house only being closed.

There were few attractions out of the regular routine. The matinee performance of "Fete in Flowerland" drew a good crowd and many of those who took a holiday "pushed" the morning pictures.

SWATS NEGRO WITH STICK.

Charles Carrington Inflicts Two Wounds on Charles Burns' Head. Charles Burns, a negro, was painfully injured about 10:45 o'clock last night by Charles Carrington, also colored, in the latter's cook shop at 518 Twenty-third street.

Burns was moved to the police station, where Dr. J. W. Ayler, surgeon to the police, dressed his wounds. The negro had two ugly gashes on his scalp. Carrington was arrested and jailed on the charge of felonious assault.

According to Carrington Burns attacked Lena Tate, a negro, in the cook shop and the woman screamed "murder." He ordered Burns out of the place, but the man refused to go and again attacked the woman. Carrington then took a hand in the fight with a broom stick. The woman also was arrested on the charge of disorderly conduct.

CRIMINAL CASE TOMORROW.

Remaining Cases on Docket for This Term to be Disposed Of. Judge Barham did not hold a session of the Corporation Court yesterday as the day was a national holiday. No regular court will be held today, but two of the remaining three criminal cases will be taken up tomorrow.

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SOCIAL-PERSONAL.

Mrs. R. W. Newsome and little daughter are the guests of relatives in Norfolk.

Miss Virginia Harvey, who has been ill at the Elizabeth Buxton Hospital, is able to be out again.

Mr. W. L. Cott has returned from a business trip in the North.

Mr. Sol Nachman has gone North on a business trip.

Miss Sadie Robertson, who has been visiting her cousins, the Misses Robertson, on Huntington avenue, has returned to her home in Raleigh, N. C.

Mrs. Perry Hicks, who has been visiting relatives in this city, has returned to her home in Mathews county.

Miss Phyllis Applewhite, of Suffolk, is the guest of Dr. and Mrs. E. J. Applewhite, 129 Thirty-third street.

Miss Nannie Reynolds has returned from Norfolk, where she visited friends.

Mrs. M. G. Cannon, of Norfolk, is the guest of relatives in this city.

OFFICERS REELECTED.

Tidewater Teachers' Association Hold Its Annual Meeting.

The Tidewater Teachers' Association, composed of all of the negro teachers in this city, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Berkeley, Suffolk and the counties of Norfolk, Princess Anne, Nansemond, Isle of Wight, Warwick and Elizabeth City, held its annual meeting at Norfolk this week and re-elected all of the officers for another year.

H. E. Bennett, professor of history at William and Mary College and Superintendents H. A. Hunt, of Portsmouth; A. H. Foreman, of Norfolk county; and R. A. Doble, of Norfolk, addressed the meeting.

PROF. SHAWEN CHOSEN.

Principal of Norfolk School to Head Teachers' Institute Here.

Prof. Ernest Shawen, principal of Brambleton school No. 2, Norfolk, has been chosen as the head of the State summer normal school which is to be held in this city this summer under the auspices of the State board of education. Supp. Willis A. Jenkins will be the business manager of the school.

Mr. Shawen will be at the head of the institute held at Oceana last year. He is now selecting his staff of teachers for the various classes that are to be taught.

Owen Price Dead.

ROCKY MOUNT, VA., Feb. 22.—Mr. Owen Price, clerk of the Circuit Court of Franklin county, who has been suffering from Bright's disease for the last year, though able in a measure to attend to the duties of the office, died at noon today at his home in Rocky Mount. He was sheriff of the county many years previous of being elected clerk. Mr. Price was about seventy years old. He leaves a wife and two children of a former marriage—Miss Lucy Price, of Rocky Mount, and Dr. C. C. Price, of Arkansas.

REFUSES RECEIVERSHIP.

Judge Ingram Rules Against Application in R. & H. Railway Suit.

RICHMOND, VA., Feb. 22.—Judge John H. Ingram, of the Law and Equity Court, sitting in chambers today, denied the application for a receiver for the Richmond and Henrico Railway Company.

The application was made in connection with the suit brought against the Richmond Rapid Transit Company and the Richmond and Henrico by Marshall and Robertson, creditors, who held claims dating back to about five years ago, when the railway company was known by its original name, the Citizens' Rapid Transit Company.

This claim, amounting to about \$500, was ordered paid by the directors of the company several days ago.

COBWEBS CAUSE BLAZE.

Heat From Stove Ignites Webs on Kitchen Wall.

Cobwebs on the wall over a stove at 511 Twenty-fourth street became ignited by the heat from the stove about 5:05 o'clock yesterday afternoon, causing a small blaze.

An alarm was sent in and the East End company responded. The firemen extinguished the flames before much damage had been done to the walls.

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BOND ISSUE FOR HARBOR

Chamber of Commerce Committee Preparing Bill.

NO DEFINITE PLAN IN VIEW

Directors Merely Want Authority to Have Vote of People Taken in Event Such a Step Should be Deemed Advisable in Two Years.

Acting under instructions from the board of directors, the Chamber of Commerce committee on taxation and legislation is now having a bill prepared for presentation to the legislature giving Newport News authority to have an election on a bond issue for the construction of a small boat harbor in or near this city.

Chairman George Nelms Wise, of the committee, said yesterday that in trying to get the proposed act through the legislature, the chamber has no desire to go over the head of the city council in the matter.

At the present time there are no plans relative to the harbor. Congress has been asked to survey Newport News creek to ascertain the cost of the making of a harbor in that creek and nothing will be done until that survey is completed and the cost estimated.

It is understood that both Senator Holt and Mr. Starnes have been approached regarding the proposed bill and that both favor it. As it is a local measure it probably will be enacted without opposition.

Unless such an act is passed by this legislature, this city could not have a bond issue election for this purpose until the next legislature as authority for the election must be had from that body.

VAUDEVILLE AND PICTURES

Practically capacity houses at both shows last night at the Academy witnessed a vaudeville program that would be hard to beat. The Sugimoto Troupe of five Japanese demonstrated the wonderful ability this little race has in acrobatics and their tumbling and contortion work brought rounds of applause.

Jack Owen offers a black-face specialty that made a big hit, while Ethel Talbot, in child impersonations, singing and dancing, is a comedienne whose efforts were well received. New motion pictures go on today at the Academy.

At Dreamland Theater. The Matthes Duo continues to please the crowds at the Dreamland theater in its singing and dancing act. The team will make complete change of its act tonight and another change on Friday, thus presenting three different sketches for the week. The skit for



The Matthes Duo, at Dreamland all this week.

today and tomorrow is said to be a clever one and the management feels sure that it will be even better than that presented during the past two days.

Two new acts will be put on tomorrow for the remainder of the week. The Dr. Chastal Twins will appear in a novelty singing act that is represented to be first class. Ed Leo Zelle will appear in a novelty slack wire and juggling act that is said to be above the average. A good line of motion pictures will complete the bill.

The management promises another good show for next week at Dreamland.

Defined. Willie—Pa, what are "conversational powers"? Pa—Oh, any of the South American republics.—Pack.

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MR. GROOME DEAD AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Venerable and Widely Known Citizen Passes Away—Funeral at St. John's.

Charles E. Groome, one of Newport News' oldest and best known citizens, died yesterday morning at 4:30 o'clock at his home, 4915 Huntington avenue, after a long illness. Mr. Groome's condition had been critical for several weeks and the end came not unexpectedly.

Mr. Groome was born in Suffolk county, England, on May 1, 1838, and came to Newport News in 1862. He married Miss Emma D. Smith on May 1, 1866, and resided in Warwick county until 1901, when he moved his family to this city.

Besides his widow, Mr. Groome is survived by six children: Col Nelson S. Groome, of Hampton; Dr. Frederick Groome, of West Virginia; Mrs. Anna D. Kirk, Mrs. George C. Blann and Misses Louise and Catherine Groome, of this city.

Mr. Groome was a member of the local lodge of Elks and the lodge will attend the funeral in a body this afternoon. The Hampton lodge of Elks will join with the local lodge.

The following will act as pallbearers: George F. Barner, J. Winston Read, D. S. Jones, J. W. Davis, Abe Horwitz, George W. Burcher, H. B. Booker, Henry Lane Schmeiz, Fred Read, E. S. Blanton, Sol Miller and J. E. B. Stuart.

Mrs. Lucy Hubbard Dies Suddenly. Mrs. Lucy Hubbard, aged 60 years, died suddenly yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock at her home, 357 Twenty-sixth street from a stroke of apoplexy.

Death of Miss Grubs. Miss Mamie L. Grubs, the thirteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hammett Grubs, died yesterday morning at the home of her parents.

Do farmers eat the proper sort of food?

The farmer of today buys a much larger proportion of the food that goes on the table than he did ten years ago. It's a good thing that this is so because he has a great variety to select from.

The widespread tendency in the city to increase the amount of Quaker Oats eaten is due very largely to the recent demonstrations by scientific men that the Quaker Oats fed man is the man with greatest physical endurance and greatest mental vigor.

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Dr. Williams' Father Dead. A telegram was received here yesterday announcing the death of Dr. George J. Williams' father at his home

in Tazewell county. Mr. Williams had been ill several weeks and Dr. Williams was called to the bedside a week or more ago. Mr. Williams was 82 years old and was a civil engineer by profession.

Negro Steals Hat. An unknown negro man stole a hat from Wertheimer's store, Washington avenue and Twenty-sixth street, about 4:40 o'clock yesterday afternoon and made his escape.

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