

### HORSES BURNED IN STABLE FIRE

#### Five Lost and Much Valuable Harness Burned.

#### DWELLING IN DANGER

First Engine Company Responding Found It Necessary to Telephone for Aid.

Five horses were cremated and about \$500 damage was occasioned by a fire at 1 S. Spalding's stable in the rear of 310 Fifteenth street southeast shortly before 11 o'clock last night. Fredrick Engel's home at 312 Fifteenth street southeast was also damaged to the extent of \$500 or more. Good work on the part of the firemen was all that saved Engel and his relatives from being made homeless by the flames.

The fire was discovered by a policeman from the Fifth precinct. The flames were already leaping out of the left window of the stable, which is located on the northeast corner of a large lot. An alarm was telephoned to No. 5 engine company at 10:41, and four minutes later the command in charge of Captain Hopkins was on the scene and in action.

The horses and a large quantity of feed, as well as a lot of harness used by Mr. Spalding, were burnt in a few moments.

#### Telephoned for Aid.

When Captain Hopkins arrived on the scene he saw his command would be unable to cope with the situation and telephoned to fire alarm headquarters asking that No. 1 engine company in charge of Captain Main be sent as soon as possible. The two companies then played half a dozen or more streams on the flames and worked until 2:30 o'clock this morning, when they gained the mastery.

#### Dwelling Threatened.

Mr. Engel's home in front of the stable was within reach of the flames, and when the firemen saw them threatening the residence they turned their attention that way. The roof and sides of the house were ablaze, and the flames had cracked the glass. Considerable damage was done to the household articles, and it will take \$300 or more to repair the damage to the structure.

While the firemen were fighting the flames, Mr. Engel prepared several gallons of coffee and sandwiches for the Belt's men. Mr. Sherry, of 402 Fifteenth street southeast, also provided coffee and sandwiches for the fire ladders.

### ARMY AND NAVY LEAGUE PROMISES BIG DISPLAY

#### Officers of Two Services in Full Uniform and Gaily Dressed Girls at Monday's Entertainment at Belasco.

The entertainment to be given by the Woman's Army and Navy League on the evening of December 18 and the afternoon and evening of December 19, is promised by the managers to be one of the most brilliant affairs of the kind ever given in Washington.

Well known amateurs from New York and Washington, including Perry Averill, will sing and play.

The officers of the Army and Navy have been asked to appear in uniform. This display with the elaborate decorations, gaily dressed young girls selling programs and military music, is expected to make the event a notable one.

Among the boxholders are Secretary and Mrs. Taft, Assistant Secretary of War and Mrs. Oliver, Assistant Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Newberry, Senator and Miss Kean, Mrs. Hornsby, Senator and Mrs. Alger, the Brazilian Ambassador and Madame Nabuco, General and Mrs. Elliott, General and Mrs. Sternberg, Baroness and Baroness Rosen, Mrs. Southernland, Mrs. Pinchot, Mrs. C. H. Davis, Admiral and Mrs. Cromwell, Mr. and Mrs. Aulick Palmer, Mrs. Stanley Matthews, General and Mrs. Craig, Senator and Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Alfred E. Bates, Admiral and Mrs. Kenney, Admiral and Mrs. Mason, Mrs. Richard Butler.

#### WORK ABOUT TO BEGIN ON MEMORIAL BUILDING

At the ninth annual meeting of the George Washington Memorial Association yesterday at Rauscher's the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, Mrs. Archibald Hopkins; vice presidents, Mrs. Kibbey, Mrs. Charles Bell, Miss O. R. Seward, Mrs. Fred McGuire, Mrs. Henry Mallory, trustees, Mrs. Leslie C. Wend, Mrs. L. M. D. Swift, Mrs. E. Manning, treasurer, Mrs. Frank Northrup, corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. Hubley Ashton; secretary, Mrs. Susanna Phelps Gage; trustee for the permanent building fund, Charles J. Bell, of the American Security and Trust Company.

It was decided at the meeting to apply for a fund which has been raised for the construction of the memorial building of the George Washington Memorial Association to serve the purpose of an administration building. It was announced that work will start without further delay upon the foundation.

### MOUSE IN BONNET ENDS CHURCH SERVICE

#### Ohio Women Also Find New Argument in Episode.

MARION, Ohio, Dec. 15.—A panic was created in the Wesleyan Methodist Church by a mouse in one of the women's bonnets. The women have acquired a fresh argument to meet "hat-boys'" hints that their last year's hats will do for at least another season.

A woman attended a revival service at the church in the afternoon. She had not yet bought her new winter headgear, and it was with inward perturbation that she donned her hat of 1904 vintage. When the choir began to sing the anthem, "Come Forth, Behold the Light," she felt something wriggle in the lining of her hat. She tried to get the hat off without attracting notice, but when she felt a mouse in the coils of her hair she screamed. Her efforts to dislodge the animal were finally successful and the mouse leaped to the floor. There was an immediate scurrying among the female portion of the congregation, and while some made for the door, the majority climbed upon the seats.

An effort was made by the person to restore order, but the women had become so excited by the experience that the meeting dissolved in confusion.

In the meantime the citizens of Marion look with suspicion on any head covering bearing the ear marks of last season.



### Mother and Daughter Guarded in Asylum

#### Kate B. Hayden Says They Are Detained Unlawfully—Declares They Were Kidnaped by Policemen.

The condition of Mrs. Caroline F. Corbett and her daughter, Cornelia L. Corbett, is pitiable, if the statements made by Kate B. Hayden, who seeks their release from St. Elizabeth's Asylum, are true.

According to the petition for a writ of habeas corpus, filed by Kate B. Hayden, she says that the Corbetts were committed to St. Elizabeth's Asylum in June, 1904, in violation of their constitutional rights, and are now unjustly and unlawfully imprisoned and restrained of their liberty.

She further says that Caroline F. Corbett's married life was most unhappy and full of trouble with her husband, who died in Virginia about seven years ago.

Mr. Corbett, it is said, left an estate of such value that the executors of his will were required to give bond in the sum of \$75,000 for the performance of their duties. It is further stated that the estate has not been settled and the petitioner believes that the Corbetts are entitled to an income from this estate.

Justice Barnard, upon the presentation of this petition, directed that a writ of habeas corpus be issued against the superintendent of the asylum, giving him opportunity to secure the same, and where witnesses were present and willing to testify in their behalf were refused a hearing and an examination, and they were not allowed to testify.

As a result of this "pretended trial," it is stated, the Corbetts were adjudged insane and returned to the asylum. The petitioner further states that the circumstances leading up to the confinement of the Corbetts were such she believes as may have induced certain persons to think from motives or mistaken charity it was best that the Corbetts should be sent to the asylum in order that they might have shelter and the necessities of life, as objects of charity rather than persons actually demented or insane.

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### STILLINGS' BIG STICK DOES EXECUTION WORK

#### Two Employees of Government Printing Office Are Permitted to Turn in Resignations.

The new broom of Public Printer Stillings continues to sweep clean. Two compositors have been permitted to hand in their resignations within the past few days. One of them from the third division, because of financial troubles, and the other from the first division, because he had looked upon the wine too often while it was red. Employees who do not pay their debts, as well as those who indulge too freely in intoxicants, will come under the ban of the new regulations at the big printers, in the case within a few days.

It is understood that the Public Printer is giving full consideration to the appeal of Henry M. Allen, the former treasurer of one of the office symposiums, for the privilege to resume his work in the office. Friends who have interceded in Allen's behalf have received no definite information, further than a promise that the case will be given proper consideration.

District Attorney Baker has not responded to the request of William C. Bedlow, president of the symposium, that the indictment against Allen be dismissed. Allen's friends, however, are hopeful that favorable action will be taken in the case within a few days, as the shortage has already been satisfactorily adjusted.

### SWIFTNES OF LOUISIANA TICKLES NAVAL OFFICERS

Officials of the Navy Department are enthusiastic over the showing made by the new battleship Louisiana in her trial at Rockland, Me., when she exceeded her contract speed, indicating that she will be perhaps the fastest battleship in the service.

The gunboat Paduch, which was given her test at sea, from New York to Newport News, showed a speed of 18 knots, by the special board which accompanied the ship has reported that certain repairs will be necessary before the vessel can be commissioned.

### MOUNTED POLICEMEN TO CARRY FOOD FOR BIRDS

Major Sylvester today instructed the mounted policemen to take bread crumbs, corn and other grain to their beats and sprinkle them on the snow for the birds to eat while the ground is hidden.

This is one of Major Sylvester's duties as a member and officer of the Fish and Game Protective Association of the District of Columbia. If the quail and other game birds are not fed with crumbs, corn, oats, and other grain while the ground is covered with snow, they will die of starvation. Major Sylvester considers it little short of heartless and cruel to allow such a state of affairs to exist and will do everything in his power to furnish the feathered tribes with subsistence while they are unable to provide for themselves.

### MACHINERY ON FREE LIST

Representative Byrd of Mississippi has introduced in the House a bill to put on the free list practically every class of machinery used for agricultural purposes.

### HIT THIRTY-TWO DUCKS IN ONE GUN DISCHARGE

#### That Is Story Told by Inspector Sawyer of Treasury About Wisconsin Hunting Trip.

A small group of Treasury officials was gathered around the cheery fire in the office of the assistant superintendent this morning before 9 o'clock listening to a wonderful hunting story related by one of the Nimrods of the department.

Wells M. Sawyer, inspector of furniture, was telling the story. It was a duck yarn, not a fishing story.

The inspector of furniture recently returned from a hunting trip in Wisconsin. One day out on one of the beautiful little Wisconsin lakes, a great flock of the "quacking" birds here down upon the boat in which the watchful hunter was lying concealed.

"Just as they got within good range, I let fly, and to my wonder and amazement thirty-two fowls fell dead or wounded upon the surface of the lake."

One of the group, who had hung upon every word uttered by the hunter, fell forward in a faint. He himself was a great shot, and had told many stories, especially about shooting rabbits, and he saw his laurels fading from him before the advancing fame of the furniture inspector.

Mr. Sawyer quickly added: "Somehow or another both barrels went off, and in this way I account for that wonderful shot."

This is perhaps a record shot. If any man has ever done better than this, Assistant Superintendent Rhodes will give a suitable reward. He is willing to make oath at any time that Inspector Sawyer is a man of his word, who would not say he had killed thirty-two ducks at one shot if it were not true.

### NAVAL MILITIA MEASURE TO BE URGED IN CONGRESS

#### Effort Will Be Made to Place Them on Same Footing With Land Volunteers.

Strong efforts will be made by the Navy Department to secure the passage of the naval militia bill which has been hanging fire in Congress the past two sessions.

The measure was strongly endorsed by the members of the naval militia who attended the convention in this city this week, and Assistant Secretary Newberry states that there is a strong sentiment throughout the ranks of the several thousand naval militiamen to put them on the same footing with the land militia, as provided by the Dick bill. This would put them under absolute Federal control in time of war.

Mr. Newberry has become deeply interested in the measure the short time he has been in office and hopes it will become a law at the present session of Congress.

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### POLITICAL WIZARD MAY SUCCEED GARRETT

Although announcement of that effect has not yet been given out at the White House, it is now practically certain that Alfred L. Sharpe, of El Paso, Texas, will be appointed to succeed "Pat" Garrett as collector of customs for the El Paso district.

Garrett and Sharpe are the only applicants for the place, and everything seems to point to the downfall of the slayer of "Billy the Kid." Garrett has been in Washington for several days, and was at the White House one day in the early part of this week. He saw the President, but came forth with a gloomy countenance. It is understood that he would not be reappointed.

Alfred L. Sharpe is one of the most noted men in Texas. He is the only Republican who was elected to a seat in the Texas Legislature at the last election.

Sharpe is a man of unusually fine character, and is said to have the friendship and support of many leading Democrats in his efforts to become collector of customs.

### AMUSEMENTS.

#### COLUMBIA.

TONIGHT AT 8:15.  
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Tonight at 8:15.  
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**THE PEARL AND THE PUMPKIN**  
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Next Week—Seats now on sale.  
**Thomas Jefferson as Rip Van Winkle**

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ALL THIS WEEK.  
Mats. Wed., Thurs., Fri. and Sat., for Ladies Only.

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See them Unfold the Mysteries of the Mind in  
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If You Want to Know Anything on Earth  
ASK THE FAYS.  
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THE FAYS.  
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Presenting New and Original Unrivalled Only Funny Burlesque in Two Acts. Entitled  
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WRITTEN BY REID & GILBERT.  
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#### CONVENTION HALL

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This afternoon—POWHATAN DRESSING MATINEE. First 20 ladies purchasing tickets receive free a bottle of Pophattan Salad Dressing.  
Tonight—"EGG-O-SEE and E. MORRISON PAPER CO. NIGHT." First 50 ladies purchasing tickets receive free a full-sized 10-cent package of Egg-O-See and a 15-cent box of E. Morrison Paper Co.'s Letter Paper.  
Tonight's souvenirs are valued at 25 cents. Please come early. Doors open tonight sharp at 7 o'clock.

#### NEW NATIONAL

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 4:30.  
SECOND LECTURE.  
**BURR MCINTOSH**  
"WITH SECRETARY TAFT"  
In  
**THE ORIENT**  
TICKETS, \$1.50, \$1.00, on sale at T. ARTHUR SMITH'S, 127 F St., 17 Sanders & Stayman's.

#### BELASCO THEATRE.

Woman's Army and Navy League.  
MONDAY, DEC. 18, 8:45 P. M.  
**THE FALCON**  
PYGMALION AND GALATEA  
MUSIC BY  
TUESDAY, DEC. 19, 8:15 P. M.  
**BARBARA**  
THE LAND OF HEART'S DESIRE  
CINDERELLA  
TUESDAY, DEC. 19, 2:30 P. M.  
**THE FALCON**  
PYGMALION AND GALATEA  
MUSIC BY  
PERRY AVERILL will sing at each performance.  
TICKET SALE at the Theatre begins Monday, Dec. 11, 1905. Reserved seats, 10 cents to \$1.50.

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