

### THE TIMES IS AIDING PLAYGROUNDS PLAN

Public Is Urged to Contribute Its Mite Toward Movement.

### SCORES OF BOYS VOLUNTEER TO AID

Extra Papers Printed That the Public May Swell the Fund for Children.

Inasmuch as the Congressional appropriation for the work of the Washington Playground Association will not be available until July, it is impossible to open the playgrounds here to the children before that late date in summer unless funds are raised at once.

Others Are Aided. Therefore, when Commissioner Cuno H. Rudolph, A. C. Moses, and other prominent officers of the Playground Association asked that The Times give the proceeds of a day's sales to the playgrounds of the city, the management of the paper gladly acceded. The proceeds of previous successful sales, given to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, the Home for the Blind, and other worthy causes, has enabled these organizations to greatly enlarge the scope of their activity and usefulness.

Those Who Are Helping. The officers of the Playground Association who have interested themselves in the success of the sale are: Frank H. Hitchcock, president; Arthur C. Moses, vice president; John E. Slemmon, Jr., treasurer; James E. West, secretary.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS. Allen D. Albert, Jr., E. W. Murch, William H. Bald, Thomas C. Noes, Miss Elizabeth V. Rafter, Ernest F. Bicknell, Mrs. Henry T. Brown, Mrs. Cuno H. Rudolph, D. J. Callahan, Dr. W. J. Seaman, Fred G. Coldren, John B. Egan, Jr., William H. De Eugene E. Stevens, Lucy, Dr. Rebecca Stone, John B. Dickman, road, Dr. Merrill E. Richard Sylvester, Dr. Gates, Rev. John Van R. T. Janney, Schack, Jr., William V. Judson, James E. West, Dr. George Kober, Miss Edith C. Otto, Lucbert, Westcott, W. S. Montgomery, Dr. D. E. Wiber, Arthur C. Moses.

REPORT ANGERS GERMAN. BERLIN, Feb. 12.—Because George N. Ifft, the American consul at Nuremberg, recently remarked that the inhabitants of that town spent half of their incomes in eating and drinking, and ten per cent for beer alone, he has been subjected to a boycott. The German-American National Union in the United States took the matter up, and it is reported that the American consul has been ordered to make another investigation and submit a fresh report.

### FIGHT WITH THUGS IN CHICAGO STREETS

Wounded Detectives Capture One of Two Suspected Burglars.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 12.—In a fight in which all four participants used revolvers freely, in the fashionable Lake View district, early this morning, Detective Sergeants H. G. McKenna and Charles Griffin, and Gus Cunningham, a supposed burglar, were wounded. Later they were removed to a hospital, where Cunningham, it was said, would die.

Following an attempt to rob the home of L. A. Foster, McKenna and Griffin were assigned to the district. About 12 o'clock a saloon near by was held up by two men.

A half hour later the detectives met two men and halted them with an inquiry. For reply the man who gave his name afterward as Cunningham, opened fire, the bullet shattering Griffin's knee. A running fight at once ensued. Detective McKenna was shot in his right arm. His man escaped.

Griffin fought a hand-to-hand duel with Cunningham in which the detective in clubbing his opponent with the revolver probably fractured the man's skull.

### CHANCE INVESTMENT RESULTS IN FORTUNE

General Johnston's Heirs to Divide \$300,000 as Result of His Luck.

PASADENA, Cal., Feb. 12.—A great fortune is to be distributed among the heirs of an army officer as the result of a casual small investment he made in real estate near here, over a generation ago. Many years ago, General Albert Sidney Johnston, then a young officer, was stationed in California and he bought as a bargain a ranch of 28 acres near here for \$2,000. The ranch has just been sold for \$300,000, which will go to his heirs.

### WILL MAKE HOME IN RICHMOND, VA.

Upon their return from Boston, Mr. and Mrs. Louis A. MacMahon, formerly of Washington, who were quietly wedded here yesterday, will make their home in Richmond, Va., where Mr. MacMahon is engaged in newspaper work. Mrs. MacMahon was Mrs. Myrtle Willcox, daughter of Victor H. Olmstead, United States statistician.

### MINERS EXPECT RAISE.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 12.—The bituminous miners of this country will demand an increase of wages in the spring, and, according to the opinion of President Lewis, of the United Mine Workers, a 15 per cent raise will be granted without any suspension of business. Wage contracts which have been in force for the last two years will expire March 31.

### TAFT CALLED UPON TO SAVE ROBBETT

Personal Appeal Made to President in Behalf of Officer.

BOSTON, Feb. 12.—A personal appeal to President Taft will be made tomorrow to save from punishment Passed Assistant Surgeon Ansey H. Robnett, who was convicted at a court-martial in the Charlestown navy yard of using abusive language to Dr. Edward E. Cowles of the Back Bay. Dr. Cowles admitted having taken a picture of Dr. Robnett's fiancée, Miss Dorothy Heiler. The letter of appeal was written and forwarded yesterday by Dr. Robnett himself, after consultation with his counsel, Major Henry Leonard of the Marine Corps and Capt. A. J. Hirschinger.

Influence of every kind will be brought to bear on the President to have the sentence of the Secretary of the Navy set aside. Dr. Robnett comes from Texas, the home of Senators Culler and Bailey. He is also acquainted with Champ Clark, leader of the Democratic minority in Congress.

The wheels of the Navy Department are moving slowly for both Paymaster Auld and Dr. Robnett. Late yesterday afternoon both were still under technical arrest and had received no official notification of their discharge from custody. Both will be away from the yard soon, and the "naval set" which found Dr. Cowles objectionable, will be pretty thoroughly broken up. Miss Virginia Swift, who sided with Auld in the matter, has left the yard with the departure of her father for Washington. Dr. Robnett is to be at the Navyganesti station and Paymaster Auld does not know where he is going.

### SUPPOSED DEAD BOY SHOWS HE IS ALIVE

Returns From Wanderings After Supposedly Being Buried Last July in Family Lot.

RANDOLPH, Mass., Feb. 12.—William Dyer Adams, while officially dead in this town and in Providence, R. I., is very much alive today and he is telling his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest E. Simmons, of his wanderings. With them he is speculating upon who the unknown man was who, last July, was identified, mourned and buried as himself in the Simmons family plot here.

He told his family he had come to New York from Boston to the Bronx School for Boys, fell sick, recovered, went to Texas, worked for J. N. Newlands and others, joined the State militia and in September was working for Frank Jones at Howland, Texas. He then started home, working his way.

### COLUMBIA IN LEAD.

By defeating the George Washington University sharpshooters, the team representing Columbia University of New York has increased its lead in the Intercollegiate Rifle Shooting League. Washington State College and the University of Iowa are tied for second place.

### POSTS DIRECTOR MAY BE SELECTED

Plan to Put Postoffice Department on Businesslike Base Urged.

As a result of the agitation over the increase of rates on second class mail, it is probable that Congress will force important reforms in the Postoffice Department. At least, inquiry will be made into alleged extravagances of the Postoffice Department for the purpose of finding out whether there are not other reasons for the deficit than the one which the Postmaster General has laid to the door of the second class mail matter.

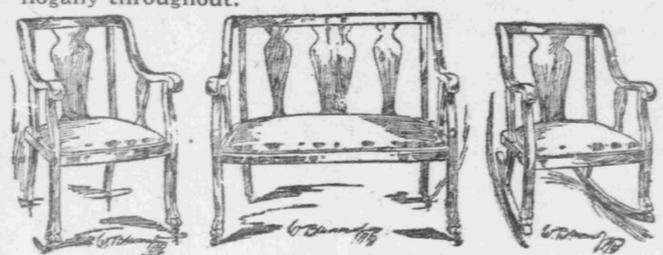
Chairman Weeks, of the House Committee on Postoffices, is going into the question whether the Postoffice Department is extravagant. Now that the postoffice appropriation bill is about out of the way, the committee will be in position to turn round and do something. Not only is it going to study the cost of transporting the mail, but the inquiry will be broader than that, and will ramify into the all-important features of the postal service.

Out of this investigation there may grow a strong renewal of the movement for a director of posts. This was the plan proposed in the Overstreet bill of two years ago. It was the purpose of the Overstreet bill to have the director rank next to the Postmaster General, and to continue in office indefinitely, thus making him nonpartisan, and, presumably, an efficient business manager. Many postal experts have commended this idea, believing that it would result in less extravagant management. The country would be divided into postal districts, each headed by a superintendent. The business of the director would be done by the superintendent. Most of the business of postmasters in any postal district would be with the superintendent, and only in exceptional cases would the business be sent on to Washington.

It is thought that this system of having the district superintendents look after a large number of reports and other business that now is looked after from Washington would effect economies. A large number of clerks from the Washington office could be let out under this arrangement. It has been pretty certain for some time that the Postoffice Department would have its methods inquired into before the second class mail question was disposed of. Senator Dooliver gave warning of this in his speech before the Periodical Publishers' Association. But, for various reasons, Chairman Weeks is going to do the probing with his committee. One reason more or less gossiped about at the Capitol is that the Postoffice Department would rather be investigated by the House Committee on Postoffices than to let the matter drift into more unfriendly hands, as might happen if an investigation were ordered by resolution in either house.

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