PISTOL SHOTS END BUSINESS MEETING

Alexandria Police Look for Person Who Fired Twice Into Room.

DIVORCE SUITS ARE FILED

Sergt. A. L. Uhler, of Light Infantry, Home After Short Time in Hospital.

ALEXANDRIA, Jan. 25.—As a result of a called meeting of Columbia steam fire engine company being disturbed by the firing of two pistol shots in or near the room in which the meeting was being held last night about 9 o'clock, Chief Goods, of the police department, is making an investigation.

The company had been called together to discuss matters in connection with recent appointments made by the fire committee of the city council for the company, and the session turned into a sort of indignation meeting, at which it is stated that some very plain language was used by the various speakers. In the midst of the excitement the door leading to the room was opened and a pistol shot rang out which nearly precipitated a riot.

It was found that the bullet had penetrated the ceiling. Efforts to discover who fired the shot were unavailing. In about ten minutes, when normal conditions had been resumed, another shot was heard. A motion to adjourn was pending, but the company did not wait for the question to be formally carried. All made a hasty exit from the place and further particulars concerning the affair await the investigation of Chief Goods.

Suits for divorce have been filed in the circuit court as follows: Mabel Lloyd Costin against William Custis Costin; Lillian Jones Buchholz against Bruno Buchholz; Viola Kemberger against Louis Kemberger. In each case desertion is alleged as the grounds for which divorce is asked.

Sergeant Uhler Home.

Sergt. A. L. Uhler, of the Alexandria Light Infantry, whom the company was obliged to leave in the hospital in Richmond on its return home, owing to a sprained knee, arrived in the city yesterday afternoon, where he is the guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Uhler, on North Washington street.

"Mary Magdalene," will be the subject of the sermon to be delivered by the Rev. E. T. Kirkley at the revival service at the Methodist Protestant Church tonight.

Mrs. Frazier Baldwin and daughter Betty left yesterday to join Mr. Baldwin in Ontario, Canada.

The house and lot at 730 North Columbus street, was yesterday conveyed by deed filed in the corporation clerk's office from the late Jonathan Matthews to Bertha V. Monroe.

Robert E. and Sophronia M. Matthews have sold a house and lot on the west side of Alfred street, between Queen and Princess, to William F. Smith.

The wedding of Miss Mary Rose Lash, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lee Lash, of this city, and Charles Riston Schroth, of Washington, was celebrated yesterday at St. Mary's Catholic Church with a nuptial mass, the Rev. Louis Smet officiating. The couple left on a honeymoon trip through the Northern States shortly after the ceremony.

Re-elected Church Superintendent.

George K. Bender has been re-elected superintendent of the Second Baptist Church for the twelfth consecutive year. The other officers are J. A. Hulfish, assistant; Raymond Simms, second assistant; E. L. Cornell, third assistant; C. B. Bender, secretary; J. C. Bowie, assistant; Mrs. J. A. Hulfish, treasurer; Miss Louise Bender, pianist; Miss Elsie Cornwell, assistant.

The annual election of officers of the church resulted as follows: Board of Deacons, G. K. Bender, H. W. Kerrick, J. E. Mills, W. C. Dameron, A. L. Howard, C. A. Purvis, J. G. Perry, E. L. Cornell; clerk, Raymond Simms; treasurer, J. A. Hulfish; financial secretary, H. W. Kerrick; assistant, J. C. Bowie; chairman finance committee, W. C. Dameron; organist, Mrs. Elsie Mueller; assistant, Mrs. J. L. Kimball; chorister, A. L. Jones.

FUNERAL RITES FOR CAPITAL RESIDENTS

Places and Times of Services Arranged by Bereaved Families.

Mrs. Sallie R. Bailey.

Funeral services for Mrs. Sallie R. Bailey, who died Wednesday, will be held at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. P. C. Schaefer, 139 B street southeast, tomorrow at 2 o'clock.

Mrs. Ann Virginia R. Bassett.

Funeral services for Mrs. Ann Virginia R. Bassett, who died Wednesday, will be held at her late residence, 1622 Hobart street northwest, tomorrow at 2 o'clock.

Charles B. Cookman.

Funeral services for Charles B. Cookman, who died Wednesday, will be held at the residence of his parents, 1123 Euclid street northwest, tomorrow at 2 o'clock.

Mrs. Margaret Geier.

Funeral services for Mrs. Margaret Geier, who died Wednesday, will be held at her late residence, 619 F street northeast, tomorrow at 8:30 o'clock.

Mathias T. Houx.

Funeral services for Mathias T. Houx, who died Tuesday, will be held at the chapel of Frank Geier's Sons Company, 1113 Seventh street northwest, tomorrow at 3 o'clock.

Mrs. Elizabeth A. Skelly.

Funeral services for Mrs. Elizabeth A. Skelly, who died Wednesday, will be held at her late residence, 116 C street northwest, tomorrow at 8:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Augusta Pellew.

Funeral services for Mrs. Augusta Pellew, who died Wednesday, will be held at St. John's Church, tomorrow at 2:30 o'clock.

STEEL MAGNATE TO HEAD TRADE BOARD

Alba B. Johnson, President of Bethlehem Steel Corporation, Elected Today.

Alba B. Johnson, of Philadelphia, president of the Baldwin Locomotive Works, was elected chairman of the fourth annual convention of the National Foreign Trade Council here today. He succeeds James J. Farrell, president of the United States Steel Corporation.

Losses $5,985,000,000.

That the financial loss to public and private European property, exclusive of shipping, since the beginning of the war, represents a sum estimated at $5,985,000,000 was the declaration contained in a report on world trade conditions after the European war, submitted today.

Much of this destruction is in such shape that easy rebuilding will be possible, the report stated. Foundations in many cases, have remained intact. Road repair, however, the report states, will be found extremely difficult.

Predicts No German Exports.

The report also gives attention to the probability that Germany will not be able to resume export trade until raw materials have been imported for domestic needs. The belief is expressed that Germany will restrict importations at first to essential articles.

W. W. Nichols, of the Allis-Chalmers Company, New York, who was chairman of the United States Industrial Commission to France, declared in a speech before the convention that France had been found willing to cooperate at the end of the war to restore commercial reciprocity with the United States.

France Looks to Us.

"France looks to us as the superior exploiter of labor saving machinery to help her deal with what she expects to be the most difficult phase of her reconstruction, namely, to find adequate means to offset a great deficiency in her former manual labor," he said.

B. F. Harris, a farmer of Champaign, Ill., pleaded for national study of exportation for farmers.

Discusses Tariff Effect.

Willard Straight, of New York, president of the American International Company, discussed the tariff laws as he now finds them affecting United States commerce, and their probable effect at the end of the war.

ASYLUM CALLED DISGRACE

Board of Trade Member Scores Washington Hospital.

Describing conditions now existing in Washington Asylum Hospital as a disgrace to civilization and a shame to the National Capital, W. R. Rodgers, member of the newly appointed committee on charities and corrections, of the Board of trade, urged his fellow members, at a meeting late yesterday, to do all in their power to bring about settlement of difficulties regarding a site for the new municipal hospital, in order that it may be made available at the earliest possible time.

"This committee can find no more worthy cause," Mr. Rodgers declared, "than to strive for the speedy erection of this much needed hospital. I wish every member of this committee—yes, everybody in Washington—could visit the present old asylum building, as I have visited it, and see the appalling conditions that exist there. I was down there only the other day, and it is disgraceful. There is nothing in the United States, I believe, as bad as this hospital at present."

Ask For Report.

Mr. Rodgers was asked to submit a special report on conditions for consideration at the next meeting of the committee. In the meantime, Chairman William McK. Clayton said he thought it would be an excellent idea to have each member of the committee visit the hospital so as to have first hand information regarding it.

W. H. Whittaker suggested that the committee strive to have the present District jail torn down and a house of detention erected near the police court.

It was desided to hold future meetings of the committee on Wednesdays at 4:30, subject to call of the chairman.

TO ATTEND CEREMONIAL.

Washington Shriners are preparing to attend a ceremonial in the Oasis of Lulu Temple, Philadelphia, February 7. Potentate L. Whiting Estes will lead the caravan to Philadelphia. The committee in charge of Arab Patrol of Almas Temple delegation is headed by Nobles Fookes and Odenwald.

"MODEL" MATINEES TO END THIS WEEK

Last Children's Movie Program to Be Given Tomorrow and Saturday.

SUCCESS OF IDEA AT STAKE

Mothers Not Co-operating With Clubs in Campaign, Says Mrs. Locher.

The last of the motion picture matinees with specially selected children's programs of the series being held under the auspices of the District Federation of Women's Clubs in the "model movies" campaign, will be held tomorrow and Saturday. Six theaters will hold matinees on each of the days, and a 5-cent admission fee will be charged.

The programs for the last of the trial matinees as announced by the motion picture committee of the federation are:

Friday—Avenue Grand, "Gloriana," Blue Bird feature; Lyric, "The Dawn of Freedom," Hy-Art; Apollo, "Cinderella," Mary Pickford, Paramount; Olympic, "Prince and Pauper," Marguerite Clark, Paramount; Victoria, "Patchwork Girl of Oz," Paramount; Howard (colored), "The Bugle Call," Triangle.

Saturday—Masonic Temple Auditorium, "Gloriana;" Circle, "Snow White," Hy-Art; Dumbarton, "Cinderella;" Truxton, "Hulda from Holland," Mary Pickford, Paramount; Home, "Prince and Pauper;" Blue Mouse (colored), "The Fondling," Pickford.

"Mothers Not Co-operating."

The clubs and organizations behind the movement for cleaner pictures believe these last two days will settle definitely the success or failure of the present campaign. But they have expressed a determination to go as far as necessary to procure the active co-operation of the mothers of the city.

"That the mothers are not co-operating with us is evidenced by attendance figures at one of the theaters where we had a special program last Saturday," said Mrs. J. J. Locher, chairman of the picture committee of the federation.

Vicious Movies Overworked.

"There were 116 children attending the special children's program matinee in the afternoon. That night there were 283 children attending the performance to view the exhibition of a 'loud poster "thriller."' Of these 283 at least 207 were counted who were without a parent or guardian."

Mrs. Locher read a portion of a letter recently received from the Illinois Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teachers' Association:

"It is appalling to find that while parents are guiding their children in their choice of books and companions, they are absolutely indifferent to the effect the vicious motion picture has on the child's mind. They would not allow their fourteen-year-old child to read Shaw, Zola, Ibsen, Hardy, Meredith, etc., yet that same child is witnessing almost every unconventionality known to society through the medium of the average motion picture."

QUARTET GIVES RECITAL.

The first of a series of concerts to be given this winter in nearby cities by the National Quartet was the recital in the artists' course of Hood College at Frederick, Md. The quartet has a number of engagements with educational institutions and musical organizations. The personnel of the quartet is Elizabeth S. Maxwell, soprano; Lillian Chenoweth, contralto; W. E. Braithwaite, tenor; Harry M. Forker, bass, and Ethel Garrett, pianist.

SAYS PLANT JUICE IS SO WONDERFUL

Washington Man Claims Since He Took Plant Juice Life Is Worth Living.

Plant Juice, the new herbal stomach remedy, brings the sunshine of health to a poor body that has long lingered in the winter of sickness. Many local men and women who have been suffering from stomach disorder, with its accompanying, distressing symptoms, have felt the sunshine of health, as their numerous testimonials show.

Mr. F. C. Crampton, of No. 1405½ 14th Street N. W., who is a well-known Washington citizen, recently gave the following signed statement:

"For two years I have suffered with stomach trouble and all the food I ate would ferment in my stomach and cause gas to form; I was in the worst kind of misery and was so nervous and restless I could not sleep at night; my liver was affected and I was very dizzy at times, and had headaches all of the time. My whole system was badly run down and I did not seem to have any ambition or energy to do anything. I had read so much about your Plant Juice in our home papers, that I finally decided to try it myself. Two bottles have made me feel fine; I can eat my meals and enjoy them; I sleep well and am not nervous, and do not have any more dizzy spells or headaches. I feel that life is worth living again, and I am recommending Plant Juice to everyone I meet, for I think it is the most wonderful medicine in the world. My wife has taken it for constipation, with the same good results I had. I am glad to give this public indorsement for it."

Such words as these and those of many others which have been printed, have wide influence, for they come from men of standing and integrity, who have given Plant Juice a fair trial and have been greatly benefited thereby.

The Plant Juice Man is at The People's Drug Store, corner of 7th and E Streets N. W., where he is daily meeting the local public, and introducing and explaining the merits of this remedy.—Advt.

PATRIOTIC MEETING OPENS HERE TODAY

Congress Aims at Campaign for Preparedness—Root to Be a Speaker.

More than 1,000 delegates, representing the governors of 17 States, the mayors of 63 cities and 350 patriotic, commercial, industrial and educational institutions in the United States are assembling in Washington today for the opening this afternoon in the New Willard Hotel of the Congress of Constructive Patriotism, under the auspices of the National Security League.

The delegates will convene in the large ballroom of the New Willard Hotel.

Admission by Card Only.

Admission to the first session will be by card only. The rules of procedure of the congress contains a provision that "the floor of the Congress of Constructive Patriotism is open only to those believing in preparedness through the creation of a military and naval establishment capable of successfully defending this country, and to advocates of that constructive patriotism of personal service which will create in America an undivided and effective national spirit. The congress is an open forum for those believing in these principles."

The meeting will be called to order by Robert Bacon, president of the National Security League. He will introduce the presiding officer for the afternoon's session, Alton B. Parker, chairman of the league and honorary vice president. Following will be the invocation by the Rev. Alfred Harding, Bishop of Washington. Mr. Bacon will make the opening address.

Other speakers at this afternoon's session will be S. Stanwood Menken, chairman of the committee on Congress; Lawrence F. Abbott, member of the committee on Congress, and Elihu Root, former Secretary of State, who will speak on "America's Present Needs."

Tonight's session will convene in the D. A. R. Memorial Hall at 8 o'clock. The general subject for discussion will be "America's International Position." Senator George Sutherland of Utah will preside.

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Total	$300,000,000

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