



THURSDAY EVENING, FEB. 22, 1906.

FINE weather always favors Alexandria on the occasion of a Twenty-second of February parade.

AS HAD been anticipated, the celebration of Washington's birthday in Alexandria this year was successful in every particular and it has given general satisfaction to those who had for weeks been planning the various features, as well as to the participants, spectators and visitors to the city.

GEORGE WASHINGTON was born, according to accepted chronology, 174 years ago, and the celebration in this city today was in commemoration of that event. Alexandria has ever regarded the 22nd of February as one of its most interesting holidays, as Washington was more closely identified with it than with any other place save Mount Vernon.

CAREFULLY study of the decision made by the U. S. Supreme Court Monday, declaring that railroads may not discriminate in favor of themselves as carriers in coal and other commodities which they transport, has convinced members of Congress and the administration that an inevitable result will be absolute prohibition of dealings such as the railroads are now engaged in.

THE defeat for renomination of Congressman Grosvenor by the republican convention held in Lancaster, Ohio, announcement of which was made yesterday, will be pleasant news to all democrats, especially those in the South.

GOVERNOR SWANSON has signed the bill continuing the office of Secretary of Military Records and issued a commission to Major Robert W. Hunter, who had the endorsement of the Confederate Veterans of Virginia.

IT was stated in the Gazette last week that since many thousand bogus names had been stricken from the registration list in Philadelphia, the democrats would have a chance of carrying that city.

From Washington.

Washington's birthday was generally observed in the Government Departments and places of business today with the exception of Congress which met as usual. Senator McCrory of Kentucky read President Washington's farewell address in the Senate.

When the men at the congress on uniform divorce laws get in a tight hole and need a few votes to sanction some restriction on divorce they invariably make a speech appealing to the chivalry of their fellow men sent here by the various governors of the states and territories to draft a model code of divorce laws.

THE first organization of the Virginia Alumni of Johns Hopkins University will take place in Richmond Saturday night. Dr. Ira Remsen, president of Johns Hopkins, will be the guest of honor and principal speaker.

ONE of the most remarkable dinners given in New York of gastronomic freaks was that last night in the Hotel Astor, given by Prof. Thomas A. Stillman, director of the chemical laboratory of the Stevens Institute of Technology.

THE mangled remains of three men were found yesterday morning beneath a high trestle of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, leading to the bridge across the Tennessee river.

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News of the Day.

Congressman Spencer Blackburn, of North Carolina, has been indicted, charged with practicing before the Treasury Department and accepting fees for such service.

THE resignations of Midshipmen Christopher A. Russell, of Boston; B. Maupin, of Baltimore, and Edgar N. Caldwell, of Glasgow, Ky., of the fourth class, have been accepted.

THE wreck of the southbound Oregon express train on the Southern Pacific Railway by a landslide, near Delta, Cal., Tuesday night, resulted in the death of at least four persons, and the injury of several others.

AN amendment to the address replying to the King's speech proposing changes in the government of Ireland was defeated in the British House of Commons yesterday, the government scoring a decided victory.

THE Pope held a consistory yesterday, chiefly to create 17 French bishops in the dioceses made vacant by the Franco-Vatican struggle. He also recognized the Right Rev. W. H. O'Connell, coadjutor to the Archbishop of Boston, as Archbishop of Constance and the Right Rev. A. S. Bernard as Bishop of St. Hyacinth, Canada.

IN the House yesterday the resolution to investigate the relations of railroads to the coal and oil industry was introduced. Representative Esch introduced a bill prohibiting the ownership of commodities by railroads.

SCENES of a lively character were enacted yesterday at the sessions in Washington of the congress for uniform divorce laws. Dr. Fanny Leake Cummings, the only delegate from the State of Washington, in speaking on the subject of remarriage after divorce, made use of language that several of the women present so strongly disapproved that they left the hall.

THE body of a well-dressed man, apparently about forty-five years of age, was found yesterday in the gutter at the corner of Twenty-first street and Calumet avenue, in the heart of one of the fashionable residence districts on the south side of Chicago.

THE general appropriation bill had plain sailing until it reached the University of Virginia. The appropriation called for \$75,000, which is \$25,000 more than heretofore allowed in the budget.

THE bill was completed at the afternoon session, breaking the record for the passage of the annual budget. The Old anti-pipe-cigarette bill was returned to the House with the recommendations that "it do not pass."

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THE LEGISLATURE.

THE Sale-Holt congressional re-appointment bill, which Tuesday passed the House, was recommitted in the Senate after a hard fight by Senator Slosser for immediate action.

THE Senate spent a half hour in the morning in honoring the memory of its old and faithful librarian, William Wilson, who died Tuesday night. Senator Keizer offered resolutions and he and Senators Wickham, Echols and Chapman passed eulogies on the character and worth of the librarian.

THE several bills affecting the charge of charter in the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad, which were the special order at 12:30 o'clock, were, at the request of Senator Wickham, continued until today, to allow the members time to examine them.

THE Patterson bill, relating to demurrer to evidence, was passed without objection. Senator MacKen presented a bill designed to improve the efficiency of railroad employes, particularly those concerned in operating trains, with a view of affording better safeguards for the traveling public.

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A ripple of excitement swept the House when a rather indignant protest against admitting lobbyists to the floor was offered in the shape of a resolution by Mr. Moncure. The lobbyists were denounced as nuisances, and it was declared that they had grown more numerous daily until they interfered with the peace of members and the proceedings in the House.

THE following institutions received appropriations without opposition in the sums named: The Medical College of Virginia, \$5,000; the State Female Normal, at Farmville, \$40,000; the Virginia Military Institute, for support, \$35,000; Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind at Staunton, \$45,000; \$1,500 additional for the treatment of inmates by the Richmond Eye Infirmary; Virginia Polytechnic Institute, \$61,750; Virginia Normal and Collegiate Institute, at Petersburg, for support, \$15,000.

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WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.

Gala Day in Alexandria—Large and Impressive Pageant—City Thronged with Visitors—Ideal Weather.

All anticipations of the celebration this year of the anniversary of George Washington's birthday have been realized, and it is generally admitted that the event of 1906 has been one of the most notable that has occurred in the history of Alexandria.

THE 22d of February, almost from the time Washington was gathered to his fathers, has been peculiarly an Alexandria holiday. The reason for this is apparent—it was Washington's city, in whose welfare he was always interested and toward the enhancement of which he labored in many ways.

THE general committee headquarters was in the Friendship engine house. R. E. Lee Camp Hall, on Prince street, was used as the executive office and a reception was tendered the distinguished guests between 12 and 2 o'clock.

THE visiting military and firemen were served with lunch at the Armory Hall on south Royal street. Luncheon was served to the Washington High School Cadets at the office of Mr. A. D. Brockett, on Prince street, near the river front, shortly after they reached the city on the Norfolk and Washington steamer.

AS the day advanced visitors began to reach the city. The ferry steamer Woodbury brought large crowds from Washington while trains on the electric railway were running in sections. There were ample transportation accommodations.

THE various organizations from other places which had been invited to participate in the parade began to reach the city shortly before noon, and as soon as they landed were met by members of the reception committee.

THE crowds in the streets had been increasing in the meantime to a great extent. King street, which was profusely decorated, was thronged with people throughout its entire length, while numbers were being massed on Duke and Fairfax streets, the point where the procession formed.

THE United States dispatch steamer Dolphin, which anchored off the city yesterday, was bedecked with flags from stern to stern and made a fine appearance, and many national and other emblems appeared on the river front and floated from buildings throughout the city.

SHORTLY before 2 o'clock everything was well in hand. Major W. M. Smith, chief marshal, and his staff of aides had anticipated everything in connection with the formation of the procession, and when the hour arrived for it to move the various organizations formed in line with alacrity and perfection.

THE formation of the parade was as follows: Platoon mounted police, commanded by Lieutenant James Smith; Chief Marshal, Maj. W. M. Smith; Chief of Staff, Marshall L. King; Military Aide, Capt. T. B. Cochran; Civic Aide, Lieut. J. Y. Williams; Fire Department Aide, John H. Trimmer; Secretaries, J. O. A. M., R. W. Washington, William MacA. Green.

MEMBERS of Staff from Alexandria city, commanded by Hon. Park Agnew; Members of Staff from Fairfax county, commanded by Capt. George K. Pickett; Distinguished guests in carriages and officers of the Washington Birthday Celebration Association.

THE procession which formed on Fairfax street, right resting on Duke, moved over the following route: To Duke to Payne; thence to Prince; down Prince to Fairfax; thence to King; up King to Henry; thence to Cameron; down Cameron to Columbus; thence to Queen; down Queen to Washington; thence to Cameron; down Cameron to St. Asaph, the place of disembarkment.

THE Thirtieth cavalry from Fort Myer was commanded by Captains Phillips and Corcoran and Lieutenants Davidson, Detrich, Bristol and Merchant. The Field Artillery was commanded by Lieutenants Spaulding and Kilbourne.

THE marines were commanded by Maj. "Jack" Myers. Maj. J. E. King, of this city, of the 70th Regiment, the ranking officer present was in command of the Virginia troops.

THE headquarters of the press committee was in the Business Men's League rooms, and during the day a large number of visiting newspaper men were entertained there.

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AMONG the distinguished visitors present were Lieut. Geo. Elyson, of Virginia; Commissioners Macfarland, West and Biddle, of the District of Columbia; Senators Martin and Daniel and Congressman Rixey, of Virginia.

THE decorations on many of the business houses are the most elaborate ever seen here. A cash prize has been offered for the most attractively decorated building, and competition is strong.

THE trades display was most creditable, a large number of Alexandria and Washington houses being represented. The steam fire engines and the hook and ladder truck, always kept in good condition, had been burnished to perfection and formed dazzling features of the pageant as it moved from street to street.

THE Columbia, Reliance, Hook and Ladder and Friendship houses were decorated in a tasteful manner. Great care and labor had been bestowed on the steamers and the truck, while the old Friendship had been metamorphosed into usefulness as well as beauty.

THE officers of the Washington Birthday Association are: A. D. Brockett, president; W. A. Smeot, Jr., J. H. Trimmer, T. C. Howard, R. M. Graham and P. von Westelaken, vice presidents; Harry Hammond, treasurer; R. F. Green, assistant treasurer; J. Y. Williams, secretary; R. McA. Green, assistant secretary.

THE following were the committee in charge of the celebration: Reception—E. E. Downham, chairman; Charles B. Marshall, William A. Smeot, C. C. Carlin, John A. Marshall, A. H. Oehlert, J. M. Hill, L. Ruben, S. G. Brent, Julian T. Burke, George K. Pickett, George T. Caton, Judge L. C. Barley, Judge J. K. M. Norton and Gardner L. Booth.

ENTERTAINMENT—Peter von Westelaken, chairman; Charles B. Paff, Martin P. Green, F. M. Hill, Samuel P. Fisher, W. L. Phillips, R. Lee Field, T. A. Stoutenburg, Martin Quinn, Thos. W. Robinson, A. A. Paul, Lewis Bendheim, C. M. Cuvillier, J. P. Steiner, Alton Moore, F. C. Spinks, Jr., Marshall L. King, J. G. Peverill, E. E. Padgett, Horace A. Schwartz, Albert Aitcheson and Courtney Acton.

TRANSPORTATION—Robert M. Graham, chairman; T. C. Howard, Harry A. Reles, Urban S. Lambert, B. H. Kelley, E. C. Joyce, H. Kirk, J. G. Peverill and J. T. Preston.

SECRET organizations—W. H. Hamilton, chairman; M. R. O'Sullivan, Thomas Chaucey, G. T. Caton, Frank Quinn, Frank Elliott, Samuel Bendheim, Charles Hellmuth, Michael Schwab and K. Griffith.

CIVIC organizations—O. H. Kirk, chairman; H. Leonard Reed, Robert M. Graham, William McA. Green, Frank Baylies, Mark L. Price, Jr., Robert F. Downham, John H. Trimmer, Charles Nicholson, Henry Carlin, J. Roland Goode, Robert E. Miller and John Leadbeater.

CARRIAGES—Thomas Chaucey, chairman; James Patterson, Thomas L. Hall, Peter T. Harrington. Press—James F. Peyton, chairman; Hubert Snowden, Luther H. Thompson, Lucius C. Smith, Harry Smith, William F. Carne, Richard L. Carne, W. S. Lerner, Isaac Gregg, A. J. Wedderburn, Harry A. Bales, F. G. Grimes and Delancy Gill.

MUSIC—George P. Aitcheson, chairman; Charles Geisendaff, J. William May, Oscar Robbins, A. K. Warfield, E. S. Smith, Douglas Lindsey, William Luckett, J. A. Stoutenburg, B. H. Kelly and Robert F. Green.

A BAND concert by the Naval Gun Factory Band, under the direction of Prof. Moody, will be given at 7:30 o'clock this evening at the reviewing stand, located on the south side of King street in front of the Peabody school building.

THE Longworths in Cuba. Havana, Feb. 22.—Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth were given a cordial reception on their arrival here on their honeymoon. They seemed pleased with the welcome extended to them and the young couple set for a quarter of an hour in an automobile on the wharf, smilingly returning the inquisitive stares of hundreds of Cubans and American tourists who had gathered to get a glimpse of them.

THE Algeiras Conference. Berlin, Feb. 22.—The opinion prevails here that only the mediation of Henry White, the ranking American representative at the Algeiras conference on Moroccan affairs, can bring about an agreement. There is a general feeling in favor of appealing to the United States to smooth over the dangerous rivalries which keep the European nations apart.

THE Oyster Committee. The committee from the Maryland legislature which went to Richmond to secure concurrent oyster legislation with Virginia in reference to the Potomac river convened for final action yesterday morning with the Virginia legislative committee.

THE complete report of the Armstrong insurance investigating committee, was presented to the New York legislature today, and embodies drastic remedial legislation which will serve to correct the abuses in the conduct of life insurance companies.

THE next suggestion from the chair was for a uniform law treating on fines and penalties to be imposed for illegal oyster-dredging.

THE Senator Linticum, of Maryland, presided, and in a brief speech recommended the closing of the river for two years, and that during that time oyster-dredging should not be tolerated. The motion was adopted.

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THE distressing ailment results from a disordered condition of the stomach. All that is needed to effect a cure is a dose or two of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. In fact, the attack may be warded off, or greatly lessened, in severity, by taking a dose of these Tablets as soon as the first symptom of an attack appears. Sold by Gibson & Timberman and W. F. Creighton & Co.