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ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA, TUESDAY, JULY 30, 1912.

WEATHER REPORT.

Tomorrow—High tide 9:25 a. m. and 9:50 p. m.; low tide 3:23 a. m. and 3:50 p. m.

TIDE TABLE

Generally fair today and Wednesday; slightly cooler Wednesday.

PRICE, 2 CENTS

ELKS EXPECT BIG CROWD TONIGHT

Threatening Weather Last Night Postponed Real Opening.

PLANS FOR TONIGHT

Greater Washington Band Furnishes Inspiring Music Despite Bad Weather. Dancing is Popular.

The dark, black clouds that gathered in the heavens shortly after seven o'clock last night were a sad blow to the Elks who had worked hard to complete the arrangements for the opening of their big festival at Luna Park last night. In Washington it rained in torrents between the hours of seven and eight and in consequence the crowd that visited the park were not as large as had been expected. But despite the rain those who were present enjoyed a most pleasant evening. The Greater Washington Band furnished the music between showers and Director Bovelto ordered that the most cheerful pieces be played in order that the crowd might be enlivened to the fullest extent.

The members of the Washington and Alexandria lodges were on the grounds promptly at seven o'clock and took charge of the various concessions which were operated by them. The returns however were not as large as had been expected owing to the inclement weather.

There was a bright spot at Luna Park, however, and that was the dancing pavilion. Here, Col. Charles B. Marshall was in charge, assisted by the committee that has made such a success of the dances at the Elks Home during the past winter. It was one of the dry spots in the park where the rain could not enter, and in consequence there was a large crowd of dancers and spectators.

Tonight will mark the real opening of the festival, on account of last night's weather, and the Elks expect a large crowd. There is the greatest amount of amusements for everyone and all are invited to join the Elks in their big undertaking.

EX-SLAVE PENSION CLUB.

The Ex-Slave Pension Club, of Alexandria, Va., has arranged for a public mass meeting to be held in Liberty Baptist Church on north Alfred street tomorrow evening, to arrange for the national ex-slave convention to be held in the Second Baptist Church, Third street, between H and I streets northwest, Washington, D. C., on September 26, 27 and 28, to formulate a petition to the President of the United States and Congress to place aged ex-slaves on a special pension roll of the United States. James W. Poe, of Washington, a former member of the North Carolina legislature, will address the meeting on the subject, "To Pension the Aged Ex-Slave a Moral Obligation." This meeting will elect delegates to the convention at Washington.

The Alexandria committee in charge of the arrangements are Jackson Beckham, chairman; Yancey Miller, secretary; Robert Buckner, Frank Bell, Henry Willis, John Holland, Jane Melchier, Annie Ashby, and Walter Middleton. Henry Willis will preside. Rev. L. H. Lawrence, pastor of the church, will call the meeting to order, conduct the devotional exercises and introduce the speaker.

Magazine Explodes.

Cleveland, O., July 30.—Three persons were injured, when the explosion of a magazine of the Austin Powder Company, near Newburg, a suburb early today, wrecked the plant and rocked the city. Windows were shattered at a distance of several miles from the scene.

Men, women and children on the streets a half mile away from the magazine were knocked flat to the ground by the shock.

Hundreds were temporarily deafened by the detonation in that vicinity.

Doors were blown from their hinges and roofs were shifted from the walls that held them. The magazine was a small building, 35 by 40 feet, and held several tons of high explosive.

Police Court

Justice H. B. Caton presiding

Wilson Hayden, colored, charged with carrying a pistol, was fined \$25. John Courtney, colored, charged with assaulting Rose Courtney, forfeited his collateral by failing to appear.

Harry Robinson, colored, charged with assaulting Gertrude Stewart with a bottle, was fined \$10.

Herbert Willis, colored, charged with assaulting Lena Stewart with a knife, was fined \$50.

Rastus Brent and Phillis Rawlings, both colored, charged with improper conduct, were fined \$5 each.

Lena Stewart, Frank Jackson, Lewis Burrell and Lawrence Baker, all colored, charged with gambling, were fined \$5 each.

A saloonkeeper, charged with furnishing liquor to women, was dismissed.

Malvin Johnson, colored, charged with stealing watermelons from a car, was dismissed.

Mike Cronin, colored, charged with disorderly conduct, was fined \$5.

John Trigger, charged with being drunk in the court room, was fined \$5.

Reprisals Threatened.

Talapoosa, Ga., July 30.—The action of certain men in turning the fire hose on Mrs. Cates O'Hare of St. Louis because she denounced the employment of children of tender years in the cotton mills of the south has stirred this city and threats of reprisals were being freely made today.

Ends Long Prison Term.

Columbus, O., July 30.—After forty-two years inside the walls of Ohio penitentiary, John Taborn, oldest state prisoner in years of servitude is today taking his first glimpse of the outside world. He is at Morgan station, a prison farm, and will be permitted to end his days there if he desires. The sights of the new world are beyond his comprehension and at times he shows a preference for the cell that for almost half a century has been his home.

Richardson Appointed Judge.

Richmond, Va., July 30.—It is known that Governor Mann will name Mayor David Crockett Richardson as Judge of the Corporation Court to succeed the late Judge Samuel B. Witt.

The governor will not wait for the recommendation of the city bar association. Mayor Richardson will accept the place.

D. C. Richardson was for a number of years mayor of this city.

STRIKERS RETURN TO WORK

Boston, Mass., July 30.—The 53 day strike of the employees of the Boston elevated and street railways came to an end today when all of the strikers were given their old runs and the company agreed that hereafter no discrimination should be made against union men.

The cost of the strike will total \$1,500,000, of which the men lost at least one-third in wages.

COAL MINERS ARMING

Charleston, W. Va., July 30.—With the striking coal miners reported to be arming themselves to march up Paint Creek and rid the valley of every private detective, extraordinary precautions were taken today by Adjutant General Elliott in charge of the 60 national guardsmen on the scene to prevent further bloodshed. The miners claim that the necessity for the private guards is gone, now that the state militia is here. The operators on the other hand refuse to discharge the detectives until Governor Glascock guarantees the employees protection when they resume operations with strikebreakers.

As long as the private guards are in the neighborhood there is danger of serious trouble, say the strikers.

Death of Miss Snodgrass.

Catskill, N. Y., July 30.—While Sheriff Abraham Post of Green county and District Attorney Wilbur are investigating the circumstances surrounding the death of Dorcas I. Snodgrass, the Mount Vernon nurse found dead in Dubois Creek, they agreed today that she probably committed suicide. Wilbur stated that a chemical analysis was being made of her stomach to decide whether she took poison, but that he took no stock in the cries that she had been murdered on a yacht on the Hudson and her body thrown where it was later found.

POLICE OFFICIALS FACE INDICTMENTS

Charge of Receiving Money From Violators of Law in New York.

LIEUT. BECKER IN CELL

Three Confessed Accomplices of the Latter Tell How Slaying of Rosenthal Was Planned.

New York, July 30.—A score of police officials, all above the rank of Sergeant, were facing indictment for permitting law-breaking in return for a price when the Grand Jury went into session today. A number of citizens, including some high in political life and well known throughout the country, were also involved. More than a dozen men of nation-wide repute in the sporting world had fled the city over night and others were going. In a cell in the Tombs, restless pacing up and down like a caged animal, was the central figure in a scandal, one of the worst in the history of New York. Charles Becker, indicted directly for the amazing murder of gambler Herman Rosenthal, two weeks today in the very heart of New York's great white light district.

When the grand jury reconvened today it resumed the consideration of the story of graft told by the three confessed accomplices who said they had arranged the slaying of Rosenthal at Becker's behest and because he told them every resource of the police department would be exerted to protect them and the actual slayers after the killing. Rose admitted acting as Becker's collector of tribute from lawbreakers for years and Weber and Vallon corroborated him in all of his statements. He detailed how the police graft was split and involved by name three inspectors and a host of minor officials. Also involved a former city official and several politicians and it was to probe these charges that the grand jury reassembled today.

District Attorney Whitman insisted today that the indictment of Becker should not be considered an indictment of the police department and defended the rank and file of the police from the graft charges. He refused to discuss what promises had been made to the men who confessed other than to positively assert that under no circumstances would immunity be granted to any one who fired a shot at Rosenthal. It was intimated at the district attorney's office that the state had a strong case against Rose and that it could show that he and Becker were the only two men now under arrest who could have had any motive to kill Rosenthal.

PORTER ATTACKS WOMAN.

When Jack Williams, aged 40, a negro porter on the Northern Pacific Railroad, arrived in Duluth yesterday, he was arrested on a charge of attempted criminal assault. The complaint was sworn out by Mrs. Thad Williams, wife of the proprietor of a theater at Eveleth. Shortly after the train left Duluth, a few evenings ago, Mrs. Williams retired. There was only one passenger and he left the car an hour or two later. It was charged by Mrs. Williams that the negro then locked the doors and made an attack on her. Mrs. Williams says she fought for two hours with the black. She finally promised to give him her address and correspond with him. She gave him the address and he wrote her a letter, which she turned over to her husband. The arrest followed. Williams declared he would fight the case. He denied that he made any advances.

Ready to Discuss Peace.

Constantinople, July 30.—The government's spokesmen in parliament told the deputies today that Turkey is willing to discuss peace with Italy if Turkish honor and dignity are not sacrificed.

Mr. J. D. Normoyle left Sunday last for an automobile trip through New Jersey and New York. Mr. Normoyle is now at Atlantic City, where he will spend a part of the trip.

Local Brevities

The committee in charge of the lawn party, which was given on Friday at 207 south Washington street, wish to thank the general public for their generous patronage. Twenty-five dollars were taken in and will be used for painting the outside of the Children's Home.

Raymond Roland, son of Officer Roland, fell from a wagon on Wolfe street, between Washington and St. Asaph, yesterday and broke his right arm above the wrist. He was attended by Drs. Gorman and Wilkins.

William Woodlawn and Samuel Marlow, both colored, were arrested today on the charge of ill-treatment of a horse belonging to William Duncan. They were turned over to the authorities of Alexandria county.

WESTON'S RIVAL HERE.

John Walsh, aged sixty-two years, a retired sergeant of the United States army, is in the city after a walk across the continent. Walsh is an Elk, and in all the towns along the route he took he visited the Elk lodges.

He left Oakland, Cal. on April 8 to walk to New York in less than 100 days, breaking the record of 105, held by Edward Payson Weston, the veteran pedestrian. He beat Weston's record by nineteen days, making the trip in eighty-six days eleven hours. He walked from New York here.

Today he visited the Elks' home and leaves tonight, taking the Southern route.

FIRE LAST NIGHT.

A small frame house on the west side of Fayette street, between Cameron and Queen, was found to be burning about three o'clock this morning. An alarm was sounded and the department soon appeared on the scene, but owing to the inflammable nature of the structure, it was virtually destroyed before the flames were subdued. The house was unoccupied at the time.

FINED FIFTY DOLLARS.

Herbert Willis, colored, was before the Police Court this morning charged with attacking Lena Stewart, colored, with a knife. The woman exhibited cuts on the left side and top of her head. It was also shown that Willis had armed himself with a musket and terrified the neighborhood. Justice Caton fined him \$50.

Steamer Strikes Ice Pier.

Wilmington, Del., July 30.—Striking an ice pier at New Castle on its way up the Delaware river after midnight with 800 members and friends of the Knickerbocker Club aboard on a moonlight excursion, the steamer Columbia of Philadelphia was in a bad way for several hours and was compelled to lay at anchor at the ancient town while repairs were made to the starboard wheel a number of paddles having been broken in the collision. There was considerable excitement aboard the vessel but the excursionists were quickly informed that there was no danger. Dancing was then resumed and it was 4 o'clock before the steamer limped in to this port.

Sent to Insane Asylum.

Lisbon, July 30.—Banker Pedro Silva, who, as Othello in an amateur performance, killed his wife, playing Desdemona, last night, was sent to an asylum today. Silva was jealous, and took advantage of the play to commit real murder. He also stabbed Alfonso Antunes Iago, whom he suspected. Then he went mad.

Young Women Burn to Death.

Fairlee, Vermont, July 30.—Miss Effie Perkins of Flushing, Long Island, N. Y., and Miss Florence Albee, of Springfield, Mass., were burned to death, and the father, mother, and sister of the Perkins girl badly hurt in a fire that today destroyed the Danforth House in this village.

The Perkins family were in a wing of the building and were entirely cut off by the fire. C. F. Perkins, his wife and daughter, jumped into a small lake and suffered greatly from immersion before they were rescued. Miss Albee and Miss Effie Perkins were overcome by smoke and burned to death in their rooms.

Steamed Crabs at Rammel Cafe tonight.

EXCESSIVE SPEED CAUSED DISASTER

Report of Commission of Inquiry Into Sinking of the Titanic.

ISMAY IS JUSTIFIED

Believe Lights Sighted by Californian Were the Titanic's and Former Ship Could Have Made Rescues.

London, July 30.—Excessive speed caused the loss of the Titanic, in the opinion of Lord Mersey, who, as Chairman of the English Commission of Inquiry into the disaster, made his report public today.

Arrangements for launching and manning the great liner's lifeboats were improper, insufficient and inadequate, his lordship said, and though the boat drill itself was good, as was discipline at the time of the wreck, more lives would have been saved had the organization been better.

The charge that Sir Cosmo Duff Gordon bribed the crew of his lifeboat to row away from the drowning was held to be unfounded.

Managing Director Bruce Ismay of the White Star Company was under no moral obligation to remain aboard the Titanic until the vessel sank, according to the commissioner's findings, and had he done so, the only result would have been the needless loss of another life. The handling of the Baltic's ice message by Captain Smith to Ismay is held to have been irregular and Ismay's retention of it improper, but, under the circumstances, the commission thinks the incident had nothing to do with the subsequent navigation of the ship.

The lookout for ice was inadequate, the report says. Extra lookouts should have been stationed at the mast head and at both ends of the bridge.

The evidence shows, the report continues, that the practice of steaming full speed ahead through an ice field at night was bad, but under the circumstances the Commission feels unable to blame Captain Smith, who, though he made a grievous mistake, cannot be held guilty of negligence.

In the commissioner's judgment the third class passengers of the Titanic were fairly treated. The conduct of Captain Rostron and the crew of the Carpathia, in rescuing the Titanic's survivors, is commended as admirable. The investigators are convinced that the lights sighted by the Californian were the Titanic's and the opinion is expressed that the Californian should have pushed through the ice without serious risk and saved many, if not all, of those on board the sinking vessel.

Regret is expressed that lifeboat No. 1, from the Titanic, failed to attempt rescue of the drowning when it could. The commission recommends the basing of lifesaving accommodations on steamships on the number of passengers rather than upon the vessel's tonnage.

Fire and water-tight door drills, the recommendations continue, should be held immediately after leaving port and whenever ice has been reported, speed should be reduced to take it out of the path of danger.

Recommendations were also made for an international conference to agree on regulations for life saving appliances and wireless equipment, sight tests for lookouts, police system aboard ship to enforce order and obedience, and day and night reliefs of wireless operators.

The board of trade's failure to revise life boat regulations since 1894 was declared most culpable, despite Sir Alfred Chalmers' excuses and explanations.

Lord Mersey is anxious for a report from the committee investigating the subject, concerning the desirability of longitudinal and vertical bulkheads and water tight decks above the water line.

FINE LARGE ROOM on second floor with board, suitable for two gentlemen. H. F. RAMSAY, 517 Cameron street. jul30-6t-pd.

Steamed Crabs at Rammel Cafe tonight.

News of the Day

Three men were killed and three others received fatal injuries by an explosion of dynamite 250 feet below the street surface yesterday in Shaft 13 of the new Catskill waterworks aqueduct in Central Park, at Ninety-third Street, near Central Park West New York. Another man at work in the shaft sustained painful injuries, but will recover.

The judicial committee of the privy council decided the Quebec "ne Temere" marriage question in favor of the Protestant, must be performed before or with the sanction of the Catholic parish priest. The Lord Chancellor, in delivering judgment today, said that the proposed bill was beyond the powers of the Dominion Parliament.

The 5-month-old son of Mrs. Carrie Cobb, of Grafton, W. Va., was attacked by a pet ferret while lying in its crib yesterday. The family heard the child scream and found the ferret sucking blood from the baby's face. The child's nose was partly eaten, one cheek badly lacerated, one eyeball punctured and the back of the head was scratched and torn. The animal was killed. The baby's eye is permanently blinded.

Two men were injured fatally, 10 seriously shocked and burned and more than a score others knocked down and bruised late yesterday by a bolt of lightning which struck the towboat Ironsides, at the marine way, Elizabeth, Pa., near Pittsburgh. All the men were working under the boat when the lightning struck.

The strike of the conductors and motormen of the Boston Elevated Railway Company, which has lasted for 53 days and is estimated to have cost \$1,028,000, was ended last night by the agreement of the company officials to the terms of settlement. The strikers will begin to go back to work today. The terms of settlement state that the company will show no discrimination between union and nonunion employes, and will meet their employes individually or as committee from any organization to discuss grievances.

Steamers Crash.

Portsmouth, N. H., July 30.—The Eastern Steamship City of Rockland and the giant collier Chisholm of New York, crashed in a fog shortly after two o'clock this morning 25 miles east of Thatcher's Light. The bow of the steamer was crumpled and the 250 passengers, among whom were a dozen women and children were thrown into a panic. All were quieted shortly after and an hour later were transferred to the steamer Belfast of the same line. The Belfast, which was going from Boston to Rockland, took the damaged ship in tow and is taking her to Boston. Three tugs have put out from that port to meet the two ships.

Disastrous Fire Averted.

Wilmington, Del., July 30.—It was only by modern methods for extinguishing burning oil that another disastrous oil fire was averted at Marcus Hook above this city, late yesterday when a severe storm broke over the place and lightning struck a tank of petroleum belonging to the Pure Oil Company. There was a deafening crash and a great puff of dark smoke. The new method of fighting oil fires was then applied. It consisted of filling the tank above the oil with steam from the boilers, which effectually choked the flames and in a comparatively short time the blaze was extinguished. There were two million gallons of oil in the tank.

Johnson Done With Ring.

Chicago, July 30.—In a statement today Jack Johnson said he was forever through with the fight game. No inducement—not even the offer of a \$100,000 purse—the champion declared, could lure him into the arena. He said positively he would never again don the gloves for anything more than a little exhibition.

Soft shell and deviled crabs at Rammel Cafe.

SECOND DAY OF MRS GRACE'S TRIAL

Little Georgia Courtroom Packed to Overflowing. Many on Sidewalk.

GRACE ON STRETCHER

Scenes of Yesterday Re-Enacted—Prisoner Strives to Avoid Wounded Husband's Eyes.

Atlanta, Ga., July 30.—The second day of Mrs. Daisy Opie Grace's ordeal began today with a jostling, curious mob that engulfed all the corridors of the courthouse and overflowed out on the sidewalks.

Despite the pathetic figure presented in the paralyzed specter that once was Eugene H. Grace, hail-fellow-well-met and scion of an old Georgia family, as he lies on a stretcher in the courtroom, his vengeful eyes never leaving the face of the wife he accuses of attempted murder, public opinion is emphatically with Mrs. Grace. The defendant is not worrying over the outcome of the trial. But she does her best to avoid the baleful gaze of her husband. The dramatic scene of yesterday, when the wounded man was carried into the courtroom and Mrs. Grace nearly swooned was re-enacted again today.

The heat in the little courtroom was intense. Two hundred people jammed every seat and were packed in the aisles. The ventilation was abominable and council on both sides protested against crowding of the room, fearing interruption of the trial by fainting women.

Grace spent the night at a private sanitarium and was taken to the court house early this morning. Mrs. Grace was among the first persons in the courtroom arriving before the doors were opened to the spectators. She took the same seat she occupied yesterday, but pushed the chair back further from the place where her husband's cot lay evidently desirous of avoiding his eyes.

The prosecution today made plain the theory on which they are charging the former Philadelphian with attempted murder of her husband.

As outlined by Solicitor Dorsey, to the court, the prosecution claims the murder was planned long in advance. Mrs. Grace, they charge, made arrangements with Mrs. Hill, mother of Eugene H. Grace, to return to Atlanta, from Newnan, Ga., on March 8. Grace planned to go to Philadelphia on March 5, and the state claims that the wife plotted to shoot him early that morning, lock up the house, go to Newnan, and on returning with Mrs. Hill on March 8, discover the dead body of her husband in his room. Grace's absence, they said, would be believed due to his Philadelphia trip.

Solicitor Dorsey charges that Mrs. Grace took a black dress to Newnan with her with the specific idea that if Grace's death were discovered during her absence, that she would have proper mourning apparel to put on at once.

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