

Alexandria Gazette

WEATHER REPORT.
Generally cloudy tonight and Wednesday; moderate winds.
High tide today 750 a. m., and 825 p. m.

FRIENDS OF LITTLE KIDS ASSEMBLE

Annual Meeting of Free Kindergarten Association Held.

A LARGE AUDIENCE.

Dr. P. P. Claxton, Commissioner of Education Makes Plea For Children—Songs and Stories Please.

The meeting last evening at the Young People's Building of the Alexandria Free Kindergarten Association was well attended and the spirit of the meeting was enthusiastically entered into by those who were present.

The program was preceded by the reports of the officers of the Association. The President, Mrs. Matthew O'Brien read a most interesting report of the work concluding with the subscription of the Alexandria Kindergarten to the memorial of Froebel in appreciation of what his founding means to these little ones as well as the millions of other children, in starting their eager feet on the proper road of life's journey. Mr. Robert S. Jones read the report of the secretary, Miss Loula Smoot, following with Mr. Jones' report as treasurer.

Twenty graduates of the Normal School, of Washington, lead by Miss Keen sang a number of Kindergarten selections, showing how beautifully interesting nature is taught to the pupils in appealing to their hearts as well as to their minds. Miss Watkins, general supervisor of the Washington Kindergarten, addressed the audience and gave clear statistics in regard to the expense in undertaking the work. She showed by satisfactory comparison of the expense of the primary graded the exaggerated idea that existed.

One of the most attractive numbers of the evening was the "Story of Billy Bodkins," as told by Miss Brown, illustrated by paper cut-outs which brought forth exclamations from the children in the audience. The grown-ups, present knew that each little child-heart that ever listened to just such kind of a play-lesson would plead, "tell it again."

A second series of songs was rendered by the Kindergarten graduates and their

"God's in the Heaven All's right with the World" brought forth genuine applause.

Dr. P. P. Claxton, Commissioner of the Bureau of Education, of Washington, was introduced by Mr. Jones. His address was most convincing, proving how little value everything in the world was without the knowledge to use it correctly and to the best advantage. In the present science of the conservation of all things useful, why not consider the most important of all—the conservation of the activity of childhood. Our responsibility fulfilled of startling the yearning heart and inquisitive mind aright means the betterment of the whole universe. As proof of this, Mr. Claxton stated that no one of Kindergarten training had ever been confined in a jail. In the training of the Kindergarten is found the most uplifting of all trainers and, therefore of much benefit to all humanity. No amount of money, garnered by an anxious parent for presentation to a child in maturer years, can compensate for a lack of joy during the period of childhood—as that joy is the foundation of his or her life's career. Therefore, he said, give the little one the joy of activity and not the sadness of idleness.

At the conclusion of the lecture the following directors were elected: Mrs. John Leadbeater, Mrs. Clarence Keith, Mrs. L. E. Uhler, Mrs. Chas. P. Lindsey, Mrs. Carroll Pierce, Miss Fanny Burke, Miss Constance Boush, Miss Elizabeth Slaymaker, Miss Mary E. Carlin, Miss Lulu Smoot, Miss Anna M. Roberts, Mrs. M. W. O'Brien, Mr. R. S. Jones, Mr. R. M. Green, Mr. A. L. Jamieson and Mr. Worth Hulfish. At the next regular meeting of the board of directors officers to serve the ensuing year will be elected.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The torpedo boat Vesuvius was struck by one of its own torpedoes late yesterday, and was beached on Hope Island, Narragansett Bay. The hole, two inch, was patched and late last night the Vesuvius worked herself off the beach and proceeded to the torpedo station under her own steam. The Vesuvius was being used for torpedo instruction in Narragansett Bay. As a practice Whitehead torpedo left her side the mechanism went awry in some manner not yet determined. The torpedo turned like a boomerang and crashed into the Vesuvius astern below the water line.

Protecting from the mob the chauffeur who had run down and killed her little brother, Rose Galle, 19 years old, of Cleveland, Ohio, yesterday fought off even her mother until a policeman could arrive. Raymond Galle, aged 5, fell under the rear wheel of a heavy lumber truck, driven by Robert G. Thomas, and the letter was killed. His sister, the only witness to the accident, saw that the chauffeur was not to blame, and fought off a crowd which tried to reach Thomas until a policeman came to her assistance.

A lusty 12-pound baby boy arrived yesterday at the home of Leo Quadenfield, the 70-year-old Philadelphia contractor, who was married last August to Mari di Giacomo, a 15-year-old Italian girl who was adopted by his first wife, now dead. When they married last summer, the neighbors mobbed the contractor's home. Police were called to protect Quadenfield. His children sought to have him declared incompetent.

An agreement, which is expected, will end the street car strike that has disturbed the peace of Cincinnati, for the last ten days, has been reached between representatives of the strikers and street car company.

From the window of her apartment at Williamsburg, New York, yesterday afternoon, Mrs. Sarah Septoff, wife of Samuel Septoff saw her 12-year-old son, Samuel, Jr., playing ball in the middle of the street with three playmates. Mrs. Septoff was worried by the automobiles which frequently interrupted the game, and she opened the window and shouted a warning to her son. The boys promised to be careful and continued to play. An auto owned and driven by M. J. Colton, a contractor, came along. Colton blew his horn several times, but the little boy, standing with his back to the machine, was too intent on the ball to hear. Before the automobile could be stopped Septoff was knocked down and instantly killed. The boy's mother, seeing the accident, rushed to the street, and fell fainting beside the body of her son.

Miss Doris Underwood, the Hartford, Ind., school teacher, tried on the charge of attempting to kill Otis Fisher, the Muncie drug clerk, who, she alleges wronged her young sister, Ada, was found not guilty by a jury late yesterday. The jury was out only a short time and but one ballot was taken. There was a big demonstration in the court room when the verdict was read and Judge Sturgis and the bailiffs were unable to silence the applause. The room was crowded, many persons having come from Hartford City and practically all seemed to be friends of the girl. Fisher will be placed on trial on a charge filed by Ada Underwood. She alleged he promised to marry her and then refused.

Her skull crushed by an axe, the body of Mrs. Mary Prosser, 40 years old, was discovered on the floor of her home in South Camden, N. J., by an 11-year-old daughter, on the latter's return from school late yesterday afternoon. The house had been ransacked and \$160 the savings of the family had been taken from its hiding place between the mattress. Another daughter, Mary, 18 years old, and her sweetheart, Dominick Conrick, did not appear at their places of employment Friday. Late last night they were located by the police in a house some distance from the crime, and were taken to police headquarters. Both denied any knowledge of the tragedy.

BANKER BATTLES FOR HIS LIFE

B. Sanders Walker Still Keeping Off Grim Destroyer.

ASKS FOR BALL SCORE.

Subsequently Becomes Despondent and Asks for End—Fifth Day Since He Took Deadly Tablet.

Macon, Ga., May 20.—B. Sanders Walker is still fighting the death from poison which physicians say must conquer his indomitable will. Today he was slightly better, though weaker, but he lost some of his fighting spirit, expressing to nurses that he hoped death would soon come to relieve his suffering.

This is the fifth day since Walker took a bichloride of mercury tablet by mistake for a headache cure. No case in medical annals, parallels his the usual experience with bichloride being death of the victim within forty-eight hours.

In Walker's case the expected paralysis of the kidneys set in early, but to the surprise of the physicians this condition was apparently relieved today. The young banker suffers intense pain, as the poison consumes his tissue, and the physicians order against food or drink adds to these sufferings.

Early this morning after the patient had slept peacefully for a number of hours, he awakened smiling and wanted to know the "score of the Georgia Tech baseball game."

Georgia Tech was Walker's Alma Mater. When told his team had won, the patient expressed pleasure, and immediately went back to sleep.

Walker said early today that he had confidently expected death last night, and was even more certain of it today, but physicians think if he can keep up his strength there is a fighting chance.

PORTER BADLY CUT.

Three Colored Men Make Fierce Attack on Railroad Employee.

Sunday morning the porters on R. F. & P. No. 9 train, which is scheduled to arrive in this city from Washington at 9:24 was severely cut by another colored man when the latter was getting off the train at Penola.

The brothers, Rue Ridgley and Bertran Mosby got on the train at Alexandria and commenced giving trouble shortly after.

They went into the woman's department, and commenced smoking, when the colored porter was sent to tell them to move somewhere else.

This they would not do, and Captain Bresnahan made them move.

When the train reached Penola, the home of the Mosbys, they started to jump off while the train was still running, and the porter told them to wait until the train stopped.

They replied to his advice by suddenly knocking him down, and when he got up again they knocked him down.

When he again got on his feet one had drawn a knife which he used with terrible effect, cutting a gash in the porter which took twenty stitches to close. The negroes then jumped off the train and disappeared.

Later in the day some detectives arrived and commenced searching for the three and on Monday captured Bertran Mosby.

This one is not thought to have had much to do with the affair as it was Ridgley Mosby who is supposed to have done the cutting.

NOT TO PROSECUTE.

No steps were taken today looking to the extradition of T. Walton Taylor who is under arrest in Toronto and who is wanted in this city for forgery. After making all arrangements yesterday to secure requisition papers, the merchants who were victimized did not like the idea of putting up the money to pay the expenses of an officer to Canada to bring Taylor back here. Unless some further action is taken he will be released on Friday, he being held until that date on a charge of vagrancy.

SNOWDEN HOUSE SOLD.

Richard B. Washington Purchases Old Landmark.

The three-story brick residence on the west side of Lee street, between Gibbon and Franklin, has been sold, through the agency of Monroe & Marbury, to Richard B. Washington. The consideration was \$2,900.

This house was erected more than one hundred years ago, at a time when it was supposed the southeastern section of the city was destined to become the residential quarter. The late Joseph Harris, a retired merchant, occupied the house for a time, and while it was in his possession he acquired the lot opposite and planted mulberry trees at the time the silk worm craze was at its height. This enclosure has ever since been known as "Mulberry Lot."

In the forties the house and adjoining grounds were purchased by the late Edgar Snowden, whose family occupied it up to the early part of 1911.

It is understood that Mr. Washington will, after making certain alterations, use it as his residence.

PAN PRESBYTERIANISM.

Movement for Organic Union of the Three Bodies.

Atlanta, Ga. May 20.—Spirited discussion, which at times approached acrimonious debate yesterday caused furies of excitement at sessions of the three Presbyterian assemblies convening here, but while there was discord in the individual bodies, added impetus was given to the movement for an organic union of the various Presbyterian organizations.

The most important development tending toward a crystallization of this plan was the unanimous adoption by the Northern Assembly of a resolution authorizing the transmission of proposals of an organic union to the supreme judiciaries of all the Presbyterian churches in America.

The Northern Assembly opened the day in a turmoil, resulting from the reproduction in this city of a New York newspaper story charging that Dr. J. T. Stone's election as moderator of that body was brought about through a "deep-laid political scheme." No less excitement prevailed during the afternoon session when poignant charges were made in discussing the report of the special committee on the Union Theological Seminary of New York.

Resolutions of previous relations between the Seminary and the Northern Church was favored in the majority report, but was opposed in two minority reports. In presenting one, the Rev. F. C. Montfort, of Cincinnati declared:

"The time has come for the church to draw the line. The issue lies between true faith and a Hindu philosophy masquerading in the guise of Christianity."

Interest in this morning's session of the Southern Assembly centered in a renewal of the activities directed toward changing the much discussed elect-infant clause of the confession of faith. By a substantial majority the recommendation of the committee on overtures and bills, that no amendment's seeking to change the form of this clause be sent to the Presbyteries, was adopted.

TO ERECT GARAGE.

Thomas C. Rawlett is to erect a garage on the large lot that he purchased sometime ago on Pitt street, between Queen and Princess. It has a frontage of 176 feet and it is probable that Mr. Rawlett will erect one or two small apartments or flats on the same property after the garage is built. The garage will be constructed of concrete by the Morrell system, if that style of construction is found suitable. After completion the structure will be leased to Moore Bros., who are to operate the garage and repair shop. They will be local agents for the Palmer, Singer and Reed cars, and possibly the Studebaker, for which car Mr. Rawlett is the Alexandria agent.

Work will commence on the garage immediately after the city removes the street material now on the lot, sometime between now and July 1st.

Wanted—White women for laundry work, steady work. Apply at Alexandria Laundry, Corner Fairfax and Prince.

MAINTAINS SILENCE ON JAPANESE ISSUE

Ambassador Chinda Holds Conference With Secretary Bryan.

CABLES TEXT OF REPLY

Will Not be Made Public For Some Time—Both Governments to Avoid Newspaper Controversy.

Washington, May 20.—Silence was maintained in Washington official circles today on the Japanese situation, which was brought nearer a crisis by the signing of the California anti-alien land law by Governor Johnson and the communication of this government's reply to the Japanese protest against that legislation.

Following unofficial telegraphic advice that Governor Johnson had signed the bill, Secretary of State Bryan telephoned Viscount Chinda, the Japanese ambassador, yesterday afternoon, asking him to call at the State Department. The Japanese representative responded and held an hour's conference with the Secretary.

Viscount Chinda then cabled to the government the text of this government's reply to Japan's protest. It was indicated by both the Secretary and the Ambassador that neither the Japanese note nor the reply would be made public for some time, as both governments hope to avoid the newspaper controversy that might arise and the delay this might occasion in settling the affair, so far as it can be settled by diplomatic interchanges.

The delay in deciding upon a further step will give an opportunity to see the result of the referendum campaign which will be carried on in California. There are several factions working together, though with different ends in view, in efforts to gain submission of the alien land ownership question to the people of California.

The Democratic organization has been lined up against this legislation as a matter of party regularity.

SPECIAL AGENTS TO MEET.

Fire Prevention Committee To Assemble in This City May 23.

A meeting of the Fire Prevention Committee composed of special insurance agents will meet in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce on the 23d instant. About forty members will be in attendance. The object of the committee is to examine all special hazards and mercantile risks which is being extensively prosecuted in the southern country. Cellars and other places will be inspected and other means instituted looking to the prevention of fires.

The committee holds occasional meetings in cities throughout this section of the country.

GOES UNDER THE KNIFE.

Senator R. C. L. Moncure, brother of Robinson Moncure, was operated on Sunday at the Mary Washington hospital in Fredericksburg, for appendicitis.

Senator Moncure came to Alexandria last Saturday and went to Washington, where he was examined by Dr. Morgan. He stood the operation well and his condition was favorable this morning.

A HANDSOME CATALOGUE.

The Gazette has received a copy of a very handsome catalogue which has just been issued by Leo P. Harlow and Carroll Pierce, receivers of the Emerson Engine Company. It contains a number of pictures of the boats which have equipped with Emerson engines and which have made records in motor boat speeding. The catalogue was printed by the Barrett Press.

Owin Goggin, colored, sentenced to be electrocuted June 6, for attempted assault on Mrs. Ras Nance, was taken to the jail at Lynchburg, Va. for safe keeping.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

A meeting of the Reliance Steam Fire Engine Company will be held tonight at 7:30 o'clock. Business of interest will be presented and a full attendance is expected.

A charter was granted yesterday by the State Corporation Commission in Richmond to the Walter Radiator Vent Company, with offices in Roslyn, Va. The capital is to be \$50,000 maximum; \$30,000 minimum. The officers are: Adam Brandt, president; Louis M. Mueller, secretary; Florence Walter, treasurer, all of Washington, D. C.

There was but one case before the Police Court this morning. Edward Smith, colored, was charged with assaulting Bettie McPherson, colored. He was fined \$5.

Judge L. C. Barley, in the Corporation Court, entered a decree in favor of the plaintiff in the suit of Mrs. Fannie J. Robinson against Joseph T. Jones, removed from a justice of the peace.

On account of lack of shipments of fruits from the south, a number of the employees of the Armour car repairing plant have been given a furlough.

A final decree of divorce was granted Valerous Ross from Anderson Ross in the Corporation Court today. The woman was given custody of her child, Edna.

Walter C. Nicklin, Past Great Sachem of Red Men of Virginia; J. William May, Past Sachem of Seminole Tribe; A. D. Deaton, representing Osceola Tribe; R. C. Sullivan, representing Seminole Tribe, and Miss Cora L. Pettit, representing Silver Moon Council, will leave tonight on the Norfolk boat for Hampton to attend the Great Council of Red Men which commences its sessions tomorrow morning.

There will be a called meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Alexandria Hospital at the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Important business is to be discussed.

The Mount Vernon Avenue Association is to meet at the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Important business connected with the construction of the boulevard between Washington and Mount Vernon will be considered.

ORGAN RECITAL THURSDAY.

Program of Interesting Musical Event at Second Presbyterian Church.

The organ recital to be given at the Second Presbyterian Church, on Thursday night, promises to be a treat to those who are fond of good music. Harry Patterson Hopkins, the organist, will be assisted by the quartette choir from Franklin Street Presbyterian Church, of Baltimore. The last recital given by Mr. Hopkins and his quartette in Alexandria, was considered by those who had the pleasure of hearing them, the greatest musical success of the season—and this will no doubt be even better.

There will be no admission charge but an offering will be taken to defray the expense necessary to bring the talented musicians from Baltimore. It will be remembered that the collection taken at the last recital amounted to nearly \$50.00, and the entire amount was turned over to the flood sufferers of the Western States.

The program is as follows:
Maily, Toccata in D Minor
..... (Attaca)
Schnecker, Awake my Soul in joyful lays..... Quartette Anthem
Offenbach, Barcarolle (requested).
Batisse, Fourth Grand Offertory to St. Cecilia.
Spicker, Fear Not, O Israel.....
..... Quartette Anthem
Offertory:
Guilmant, Prayer and Cradle Song.
Gounod, Lend my Thine Aid.....
Soprano Solo..... Mrs. Crommer
Sullivan, Triumphal March.
St. Saens, Rhapsody in a Minor.
Gounod, By Babylon's Wave.....
..... Quartette Anthem

VICTORY FOR THE KEAN RESOLUTION

Through Probe of West Virginia Conditions to be Made.

TO BE PUT ON GRILL.

Senator Swanson, of Virginia, Will be Member of Sub-Committee of Labor and Education.

Washington, May 20.—Victory for the Kern resolution in the senate last evening insures an investigation into the charges of gross abuses and peonage in the Paint Creek and Cabin Creek regions of West Virginia.

Governor Hatfield and high state officials will be called before a committee of the Senate and grilled as to their part in the alleged unlawful methods they have taken to create a military tribunal which tried men and sent them to prison for long terms while the civil courts were open.

Through an understanding reached yesterday afternoon, the Kern resolution was not passed, but was sent to the education and labor committee to be reported back in a few days. The resolution will be reported back before the end of the week. It will be passed by the Senate without delay. Senator Kern has the votes. The investigation into conditions in West Virginia will be conducted by a subcommittee of the Education and Labor Committee. Its probable members are Senator Swanson, of Virginia; Shields, of Tennessee, and Borah, of Idaho.

In the course of the debate yesterday Senator Goff appealed to the Senate not to interfere with the situation in West Virginia. He turned Mother Jones as the grandmother of all the forces working to incite riot in West Virginia.

He added "I say it even if she be in the galleries now looking down on this scene. I care not how old she be, how white-haired she may be, the fact is that she makes speeches that are calculated to incite to riot. She is an expert, takes pride in it, and can make a speech that will move a crowd."

TWO BOYS CRUSHED TO DEATH

Killed in Sight of Mother Who Falls In Swoon.

Philadelphia, Pa., May 20.—Before the eyes of his mother and a score of playmates, Samuel Beck, 4 years old, was crushed to death by a trolley car last night in front of his home at 809 Dickinson street. It was fully an hour after the accident that his mangled body was extricated from between the wheels and the trucks. When placed in the arms of his mother the little boy still clutched a penny that she had given him to purchase candy. It was while on his way to the shop that he met his death.

Mrs. Beck swooned soon after witnessing the accident, and it required the services of a physician. While the crew of the repair wagon was attempting to extricate the body of the child, the mother pleaded to be permitted to go to the scene and assist in the work.

Playing on Marshall street, above Thompson, with a number of companions, 7-year-old Phillip Fisher, of No. 1801 North Marshall street, was run down last night and instantly killed by an automobile driven by Harry Freeman, of Lindsey street.

The Fisher boy, with his friends, was participating in a jumping contest, each trying to out-do his fellows in leaping from the curb upon the street. When his turn came Fisher did not notice the marching of Freeman, which was south-bound on Marshall street, and leaped directly in its path. He was caught beneath the wheels and his skull was crushed, causing instant death.

Prof. Alvin M. Thatcher, a basso profundo of national reputation here, said to be the greatest campaign singer in America, will give an evening of song in Trinity M. E. Church, Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.