

Alexandria Gazette

WEST VIRGINIA ABOUT TO SETTLE

Recognizes Claim of Old Dominion For Payment of Part of Debt.

TO HOLD CONFERENCE

Commissioners Agree to Meet Virginia Representatives in Washington on the 25th Instant.

Richmond, Va., July 10.—For the first time West Virginia has officially recognized its debt to Virginia and has agreed to negotiate in regard to a settlement. Commissioners representing the two States will meet at the New Willard Hotel in Washington on July 25. For years Virginia has been urging a settlement of its claims against West Virginia, aided by a committee of bond-holders. The matter was finally referred to the United States Supreme Court at Washington, where a decision as to the principal was rendered in favor of Virginia, it being suggested that the two states might get together and compromise as to the interest claims.

West Virginia after years of delay has appointed a commission of public men to treat with Virginia for a settlement. John W. Mason, of Fairmont, W. Va., is chairman of the commission. After correspondence with John B. Moon, of Charlottesville, chairman of the Virginia commission, and with Attorney General Williams, Mr. Mason has announced that the West Virginia debt commission would meet in Charleson, W. Va., on July 22, for a conference, and would go on to Washington to meet the Virginia commission on July 25. It is the general understanding that West Virginia will have something to propose in regard to a compromise settlement of the interest claims, or possibly a method of refunding or financing the payment of the debt over a period of years. The Virginia commissioners regard the appointment of a West Va. debt commission with authority to negotiate in regard to a settlement, as a distinct forward step toward a financial solution of the long drawn out controversy.

BOILER TURNS ROCKET.

Tears Through Walls as Though Paper, But Spares 15 Lives.

Pottstown, Pa., July 10.—Fifteen workmen were in the shadow of death when a 35-ton boiler rendering boiler blew out at the Keck abattoir plant yesterday afternoon. Sixteen inch joints were ripped apart like cardboard as the top of the boiler crashed through the end of the strong-room and pieces of lumber were hurled hundreds of feet into the air. Some of the debris was picked up two squares away. The damage is \$2,000. The bottom of the boiler crashed through the bottom of a 12-inch concrete base supported by iron rails and two of the sides of the building, 16 inches in thickness, constructed of brick were blown out.

Thomas Hartenstein, who was seated 10 feet away from the boiler, was buried in the debris, but escaped without a scratch. The boiler was practically new, having been installed only last fall. The explosion was heard a half a mile away.

NOTICE.

(Advertisement.)

Owing to my inability to thank individually those who supported me in my campaign for member of the House of Delegates, I take this method of expressing my heartfelt thanks for their assistance, and promise to use my best endeavors for the up-building of Alexandria County and City and the Old Dominion. I also wish to thank Mr. Anglo for his many and kindly expressions for my future success.

J. FRED BIRRELL.

Hard and Soft Shell Crabs at Ramo's Cafe.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Quincy, Ill.—Ray Pfanschmidt, slayer of his father, mother, sister, and Miss Emma Kampen, a young school teacher, was sentenced to be hanged October 18.

New York.—"If necessary, I will spend every cent of my legacy to get the vote," said Mrs. Ida Craft, the suffrage worker, who inherited \$100,000.

Miss Elizabeth Blake, owner of the famous Castle Renald, at Newton, Conn., is mourning the loss by death of her pet Japanese poodle, which recently won the world's championship at the Waldorf-Astoria dog show. The animal was valued at \$6,000. Miss Blake fed the dog on the choicest of food and provided a maid for his care. Two veterinary surgeons and the family physician attended the dog, which had been seized with a fatal malady. The body of the animal was embalmed, and with the ceremonies usually attending the burial of the dead, a handsome coffin was lowered into a grave beneath the castle walls.

The Paris Figaro publishes a Rome special stating that the tribunal of the Rota has reversed the refusal of the court of first instance to nullify Comte Boni de Castellane's marriage to Miss Anna Gould, now the Duchess de Tallyrand. The new decision declares that the marriage was null.

Suspecting his wife of infidelity and also of leading his young daughters astray, W. H. Hodges, a well known white man and tug boat master, of Wilmington, N. C., early yesterday morning muffled the sound of his boat as it approached his home on the river, and by this means surprised a man at his house. Incensed, he seized a shot gun presumably to kill the intruder, but he stumbled and fell, the gun being discharged, and retribution in that way was meted out to his wife. The shot hit the woman in the stomach, killing her instantly. The man, whose identity so far has not been discovered, ran away and made his escape.

Several lives were lost and a number of persons were injured, houses were set afire, cities were left in darkness and hundreds of farm buildings were flattened by the gale which swept across sections of Aurora, Ill. yesterday afternoon.

Thirty Elks narrowly escaped a drop of 175 feet into the Genesee river last night when a sightseeing car on which they were passengers crashed through a bridge railing.

At the highest point the bridge is 212 feet above the river. The accident was due to the attempt of the chauffeur to avert a collision with a runaway driven by a woman. When the big machine hit the railing ten feet of the guard crashed into the river.

The right front wheel of the sightseeing machine hung over the bridge, and the car had to be jacked up before the party could get on.

General Armando Rivas, chief of the Cuban National Police, was shot and mortally wounded during a political argument on the Pza in Havana, Monday night, by yesterday. A charge of murder was subsequently lodged against Generalissimo Asbert, Governor of the province of Havana, and two other

Yesterday was the twentieth anniversary of the levy by General Jubal Early of a ransom of \$200,000 upon Frederick, Md. The money was paid under threat of burning the town. General Eas command numbered about 30,000 cavalry, artillery and infantry, after levying and securing \$20,000 Hagerstown, marched to Frederick. The request for the money was in a note to the Mayor, signed W. J. H.

Chief commander Celerate States Army of Virginia. Mayor called together the Town Council, which acceded to the demand the money was taken from the bar of the city in greenbacks and put in baskets and delivered to officers, who gave a receipt for it. The debt has never been repaid. It remains a burden to taxpayers. The Government supplies aggregate \$1,000,000 stored in warehouse in the city the time, were so. For years effort has been made to have Congress refund the principal, but the far without avail.

VIRGINIAN MAY BE ON COMMITTEE

Representative Carlin or Hay Likely to Take Part in Inquiry.

MAY BE CHAIRMAN

Mr. Hay Wants Close Investigation of Alleged Manipulation of Congressional Lobby.

Washington, July 10.—A Virginian may become a member of the important House Lobby investigation committee, which will be appointed by Speaker Clark within the next few days. Gossip here is that either Representative Carlin, of Alexandria, a member of the Judiciary Committee, or Representative Hay may be named to this committee by the Speaker.

There will be seven members of this committee, four from the Democratic side and three from the Republicans, and from the Progressive, according to what is said at the Capitol. It is quite likely that Representative Carlin, of Tennessee, will be the chairman, although there is a possibility that if Representative Hay or Carlin go on the committee, they may be chairman.

Gossip states that Mr. Hay is most likely to be asked to serve. During the debate on the resolution in the House day or two ago, Mr. Hay was pronounced in his stand not only for a board and thorough investigation into the Mulhall charge but he also insisted upon the investigation being made at once, in the House that the integrity of the members might be sustained. Where there was more or less disposition on the part of some of the members for delay, Mr. Hay insisted that anything was to be done, it will be done quickly.

It is noted that this is not a position to any one is seeking. The duty devolving into the affairs of the House members is not likely to be a pleasant one, but at the same time, it is not believed that any member whom Speaker Clark would decline to serve.

MORE IN STOMACH.

Discovery Leads to Bear Out Accusation by Heirs of Joshua Crawford.

Atlanta, July 10.—Testimony that traces morphine and an element of it was found in the stomach of late Joshua B. Crawford, Atlanta capitalist, reported to have died pneumonia, was given here yesterday by Dr. H. F. Harris, secretary of the State Board of Health.

The testimony was introduced at a hearing before Auditor James N. Anderson, whose heirs are seeking to have the will of Crawford set aside. Itakes Mrs. Mary Bell Crawford's wife of a few weeks, the chief beneficiary of his estate, which is valued at \$250,000.

Allegati was made by the plaintiff in his petition to have the will set aside. Mrs. Mary Belle Crawford produced the death of the deceased by the continued administration of narcotics and "poisonous."

Dr. Haas recently made an examination of the organs of Crawford, the body being exhumed after having been buried four years.

Milano Respected.

Washington, July 10.—Tony Milano, the Italian shoemaker, condemned to die on the gallows at the District Jail Monday, for the murder of Harriet Elton Smith, eleven years old, September 21, 1911, was today granted a respite by the President until July 28th.

The respite was allowed because of the fact that President Wilson will not return to Washington until next week, unless there is some emergency calling him back before then. The suggestion of execution was granted at the suggestion of the Department of Justice.

WAR NEARING END

Fighting in Balkan States About to Cease.

St. Petersburg, July 10.—The early cessation of fighting in the Balkan states was forecast here today when the Bulgarian minister informed the foreign office that King Ferdinand had ordered the withdrawal of the entire Bulgarian line which has been engaging Greek and Servian troops. According to the minister, King Ferdinand has removed General Savoff as commanding officer of the army on account of his precipitating the war. He has also decided not to accept the Greek and Servian declarations of war.

CHIEF ASSAULTED.

Head of Danville Police and Attorney Have Brisk Bout.

Danville, Va., July 10.—Chief of Police James R. Bell was assaulted yesterday morning while at his desk in his private office in the courthouse by Attorney Roy C. Coleman, in the presence of the Mayor and two other city officials, who were able to separate the combatants before any serious damage had been inflicted. Coleman was unmolested during the day, but a warrant charging him with assault was issued in the evening, but has not been served, his whereabouts being unknown.

Coleman entered the courthouse and requested the Mayor to produce a search warrant used by officers raiding a negro's house on July 4, and which Coleman has openly charged was not issued until after the raid had taken place. The Mayor withdrew from his office to that occupied by the chief of police, in order to comply with the request Coleman following him.

As the chief produced the document, Coleman, it is alleged, declared that the warrant had been issued after he had made his charges against the police officers making the raid. Mr. Bell quickly replied that the document was in the officer's possession before they entered the dwelling. "Oh you'd say anything," retorted Coleman, and as the chief rose from his seat, protesting against the insinuation, Coleman struck him full in the face. The two grappled and two or three blows were passed before the others in the room threw themselves between the two men. Coleman sustained a slight abrasion upon the cheek, but the officer showed no signs of bad usage. Coleman, after washing himself in another office in the courthouse, was allowed to leave without being summoned or bonded. Mayor Wooding has declined to sit on the case because he is related to Coleman. Police Justice C. R. Raine will preside at the trial.

CARPENTIER MURDERED.

Paris, France, July 10.—A report has been received here that George Carpentier, middleweight champion of France, had been murdered in London.

Carpentier has been in London since his flight with Bombardier Wells, light heavy-weight champion of England, in Belgium, last month, when Wells was knocked out.

OFFICERS INSTALLED.

Meetings of Junior Order of Mechanics and Red Men.

R. L. Merchant, deputy state counselor, last night installed the following recently elected officers of United Council, Junior Order of United American Mechanics; B. J. Harbin, past counselor; Edward S. Dey, counselor; V. E. Golden, vice counselor; G. Adolph Hoffman, recording secretary; Edward B. Carr, assistant recording secretary; George H. Harris, financial secretary; A. C. Putnam, treasurer; E. L. Bouton, conductor; L. Knott, warden; H. Smoot, inside sentinel; P. M. Pettit, outside sentinel; Edward O. Brooks, trustee for eighteen months; Howard Smoot, representative to State Council, and R. J. Harbin, alternate.

The following recently elected officers of Osceola Tribe, No. 1, Improved Order of Red Men, were installed last night by Past Sachem Charles Nagel, chief of records; A. Saschem; E. L. Crumbaugh, senior sagamore; Henry Sisson, junior sagamore; Henry Callan, prophet; Charles Nagel, chief of records; A. J. Butcher, keeper of wampum; E. F. Downham, collector of wampum; E. L. Crumbaugh, trustee for eighteen months.

HOME WILL REMAIN AT BEDFORD CITY

Rochester Convention of Elks Vote Down Project to Move It.

THE ISSUE UP BEFORE.

Virginia Institution Only Home Maintained by Order in Country—Has About Eighty Inmates.

Richmond, July 10.—The Elks' National Home will remain at Bedford City. This information came last night in a telegram from N. S. Richter, delegate from the local Elks' lodge to the national Elks' convention at Rochester, addressed to Exalted Ruler Eugene Brauer. The message states that the convention voted yesterday to maintain the national home in the Virginia town, and brings the additional information that the next annual convention will be held at Denver.

To Virginia Elks the action of the order in the matter of the national home is particularly gratifying. An organized effort has been made at the past two or three national meetings to secure the removal of the home from Virginia to points variously suggested in the North and West. The movement was strenuously opposed by the Virginia delegations, which succeeded year after year in mustering enough strength to defeat it.

The Elks' National Home was established at Bedford City about twelve years ago, and is the only home maintained by the order in the United States. For the past several years it has been caring for about eighty inmates. It is designed to take care of aged and indigent members of the order.

With the matter finally settled the way is left clear for the enlargement of the home provided for by a \$250,000 appropriation made by the order for that purpose several years ago. The improvement was halted pending the adjustment of the conflicting sentiment as to the home's permanent location.

Rochester, N. Y., July 10.—The Grand Lodge of Elks has accepted the \$250,000 bid of a Salt Lake contractor, and will build a new national home. Whether the home shall be on the site of the present home in Bedford, Va., or elsewhere, rests with the National Home commission, of which Garry Herrmann, of Cincinnati, is chairman.

Discussion of the report by Mr. Herrmann, on plans for the home occupied last yesterday afternoon's session. For three years the commission has reported in favor of erecting the home on the old site. This year a movement was launched in favor of its erection at some other place. The only expressed objection to the present site is that the inmates are isolated and become lonesome. The Bedford Home has been in existence ten years. Bedford, Ind., today offered a \$25,000 site to the grand lodge.

Charles A. White, of Chicago, was elected treasurer of the Grand Lodge.

REFRESHING RAIN.

Parched Earth Drinks in Refreshing Showers of Last Night.

The weather at the close of yesterday became humid and early in the night rain began to fall. Later the wind became fresh and there were heavy downpours accompanied by considerable thunder and lightning. The showers seemed to extend over a large area, and were much needed, as vegetation in this vicinity had been withering for want of rain.

CHARTER GRANTED.

The Arlington Trust Company, Incorporated, of Rosslyn, Alexandria County, has been granted a charter by the State Corporation Commission with a capital stock of from \$50,000 to \$100,000. Officers are: E. Wiley Stearns, president, Washington; W. C. Wibert, vice president, Arlington, Va.; C. T. Merchant, secretary and treasurer, Washington.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

There were no cases on the docket of the Police Court this morning.

Brakeman Simpson, of the Southern Railway, fell from a car at the intersection of Duke and Union streets last night and was painfully injured.

George E. Price & Co., will have for sale at their stand in the market tomorrow salt water tailors, rockfish, fresh mackerel and salt water trout.

There will be a lawn fete tonight, Friday night and Saturday nights on the lawn of Odd Fellows Hall, under the auspices of the Holy Name Band.

A telephone, 112 L, has been placed in the new freight depot of the Washington Utilities Company near the intersection of Royal and Franklin streets.

It is expected that the Alexandria Automobile Association, at its meeting tonight at the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce, will revise its by-laws, and also transact other business of importance.

Members of the Automobile Association of this city today gave an outing to the orphans at the Children's Home.

WILL OF HARRISON KIRK.

The will of the late Harrison Kirk was admitted to probate in the clerk's office on and held in the clerk's office of the Corporation Court today. The deceased leaves his estate to his widow, Mrs. Addie R. Kirk, and his children, O. H. and Harry D. Kirk, and Mrs. Addie May and Mrs. Edith Rishon. O. H. and H. D. Kirk are the executors and trustees of the estate.

GAME SUNDAY.

Cardinals Will Play The Fort Hunt Team.

The Cardinals will have as their opponents Sunday, July 13, at the baseball park, the strong Fort Hunt baseball team. "The Fighting Lads of Uncle Sam" have been playing great baseball games recently and will do their best to win from the Cardinals. Game called at 4 P. M.

CARDINALS VS. SPARTANS.

Next Sunday, July 13, at 2:30 P. M., on the Light House Cove diamond, the Cardinals will play the first class Spartan Athletic Club of Washington. Their star wriker, who pitched a no-hit game against the Leesburg team, on July 4th, will try to perform the trick again against the Cardinals.

CAPTAIN POTTS WILL APPEAL.

Retired by Navy "Plucking Board," He Would Be Reinstated.

Washington, July 10.—In an effort to have his case reconsidered, Capt. T. M. Potts, U. S. N., who was retired last week by the "plucking board" will make a final appeal to President Wilson. Captain Potts arrived in Washington yesterday and discussed his case with friends in this city, among whom were several Congressmen.

Friends of Captain Potts will urge the President to nullify the action of the "plucking board" and to send to the Senate the name of Captain Potts for promotion to rear-admiral. He was due for promotion to this rank on March 25 of this year. The fact that he had not seen sufficient sea service led Secretary of the Navy Daniels to recommend that he go to sea. Subsequently Captain Potts was placed in charge of the Louisiana and remained in command of that vessel until he was "plucked."

Referring to the case, Secretary Daniels stated today that as far as he was concerned the case was closed. The decision of the "plucking board," he declared, was final, unless the President saw fit to intervene.

Captain Potts is a brother of Miss Elizabeth Potts, of Alexandria, and also prominently connected in other sections of the state. Providence—Rear Admiral Thomas Thompson Caswell, U. S. N., retired, is dead at Weekpaugh. After 39 years' continuous service in the navy he was retired in 1899.

SHANKS' CASE GOES OVER TILL JANUARY

Jury Unable to Agree and Judge Waddill Orders Their Discharge.

EVIDENCE IS PRIVATE.

Many Witnesses Placed on Stand to Testify in the Charges Against Government Engineer.

The defense in the case of Arthur Shanks, alias Arthur West, on trial in the United States Court for the eastern district of Virginia, Judge Edmund Waddill, Jr., on indictments charging him with improper conduct with young girls on the government reservation at Rosslyn, rested yesterday afternoon, when the Gazette report closed, and when counsel for the government announced that they could sum up in fifteen minutes, the attorney for the prisoner stated that they could conclude in an equally brief period. At the end of an hour the jury through Foreman Mark R. Norris, notified the court that a decision had not been reached, and Judge Waddill ordered the jurors sequestered until 10:30 o'clock this morning.

Several witnesses were on the stand yesterday including some of Shanks' alleged victims and representatives of the Department of Justice. During the trial persons not interested in the case were excluded from the courtroom.

The case has attracted considerable attention in Alexandria and vicinity. After the court had been adjourned this morning the foreman announced that the jury was unable to agree, whereupon Judge Waddill ordered them to be discharged. The case will go over until the January term.

Several minor cases will be called today. They will either be continued or transferred to Norfolk or Richmond, and the court is expected to adjourn today.

On the statements of nine young girls, of ages ranging from 10 to 16 years, Arthur Shanks, 47 years old, chief engineer at the United States pumping station at Rosslyn, Alexandria, county, was arrested several months ago in Washington and held on serious charges.

The investigation, which resulted in the man's arrest began with the arrest on November 14th of Marie Merritt, of Washington, charged with incorrigibility. The girl was finally taken before the juvenile court and committed to the custody of the board of children's guardians for one year. She was sent to the Industrial Home School.

The child is said to have mentioned Shanks. She also furnished the police with the names of girls who, she asserted, could tell stories similar to that she related. The matter was reported to the Department of Justice, and Mr. Ambrose went to work immediately on the case.

Confesses to Outrages.

Liverpool, July 10.—A sensation was sprung in the police court here today when Mrs. Edith Rigby, wife of a prominent physician of Preston confessed to two of the most recent suffragette outrages.

Mrs. Rigby admitted that she planted the bomb which wrecked a portion of the cellar of the stock exchange here, and also that she got fire to the magnificent home of Sir W. H. Lever, which was destroyed Monday. Mrs. Rigby declared that she acted without directions from the Woman's Political Union.

NOTICE.

Washington Memorial Lodge.

Regular meeting of Washington Memorial Lodge of Perfection, No. 7, will be held at Masonic Temple, Friday evening, July 11, at 7:30 o'clock sharp. Business—routine.

J. E. KING, 32. Recorder.

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