

COLONIAL DAMES DONATE TABLET

Impressive Scenes in Front of City Hall Yesterday Evening.

W.J. BRYAN IS PRESENT.

Interesting Addresses, Inspiring Music and Considerable Enthusiasm Manifested by All Present.

The presentation of a tablet chronicling notes from the history of Alexandria in colonial and subsequent days and the unveiling of the same late yesterday afternoon attracted many people to the intersection of Cameron and Royal streets.

The weather during most of the day had been rainy and threatening and had conditions been unpropitious for outdoor exercises, the Corporation Court room was to have been used.

The donors of the tablet, the Colonial Dames of Virginia, occupied seats on the stand, and, unexpectedly, William Jennings Bryan, secretary of State, who has ever been proud of the fact that Virginia blood courses in his veins, was seen to take a seat on the stand.

Many chairs had been placed on the Cameron street side of the City Hall and they were occupied by Alexandrians and people from Washington and others living in the vicinity of this city.

Rev. P. P. Phillips, rector of St. Paul's Church, opened the exercises with the Lord's Prayer, after which Miss Rose M. McDonald, chairman of the local committee, introduced Mrs. Wm. Ruffin Cox, of Richmond, president of the National Society of Colonial Dames and of the Virginia branch of the society.

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Mr. Machen's address was historical in its nature and punctuated with much pleasantry. The speaker made apt references to chapters in Alexandria and national annals, and he was listened to with close attention.

At the conclusion of Mr. Machen's remarks Rev. Mr. Phillips pronounced the benediction, after which Mr. Bryan and other distinguished persons who were on the stand received an ovation from the large gathering.

Later Mr. Bryan was entertained at a tea given by the Dames, and between six and seven o'clock he and the Washingtonians accompanying him boarded the palace car Mount Vernon and proceeded to the Capital city.

content that I shall sit like a town sparrow on your window sill and twitter of home." Alexandria is nothing if not historical and patriotic. To borrow Mr. Carne's words, not as to centuries, I also "esteem it a high honor to speak," as your choice has decreed between the Masonic lodge that Washington has made historical, and the old church made sacred to Alexandrians because Washington and Lee were enrolled among its members, two names prominent in all great things connected with colonial and later Virginia history.

It is only a few years ago that the Daughters of the American Revolution placed on the outer walls of the old church the pioneer tablet of the city, relative, as it is, to the funeral of the first citizens of the nation—the state—and our town. This line of thought and recital may seem to some unnecessary, and to others only a trifling digression, but still foreign to what should be, and what could be said upon this occasion, however, consider them closely related, one with the other, by reason that both represent, in addition to their historical character, the patriotism of two societies, and both are silent witnesses of the energy, determination and liberality of the good women of our community.

After the Mayor had taken his seat, Andrew Stewart and Frederick D. Owens, of Washington, bearing the flags of the Society of Colonial Wars, marched from the speaker's stand toward the wall of the City Hall opposite, the flag of Virginia veiling the tablet, and the veil was drawn aside by little Miss Dorothy Ashby Morton and Master Armistead Bothe.

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The tablet bears the following inscription: Alexandria, Virginia. County seat of Fairfax, 1721-1800; organized July 13, 1749; incorporated by Act of the Assembly of Virginia, 1799; ceded to the Federal Government, 1789; first boundary stone of the Federal District laid 15 April, 1791; capitulated to the British 28 August, 1814; retroced-

HUERTA RECEIVES CARGO OF ARMS

German Ship Lands Freight Unhindered by American Vessels.

OTHER SHIPS ARE DUE.

Secretary Garrison Favored Halting Ship, But Secretary Bryan Said Such Step Would Mean War.

Washington, May 9.—Rear Admiral Badger has advised the Navy Department that he was reliably informed the Hamburg-American liner Kronprinzessin Cecelie had landed arms and ammunition at Puerto Mexico, and that they were now on their way to Mexico City, consigned to General Huerta.

The arms and ammunition, it is said, were taken out on the same train that brought in the American refugees from the Mexican capital. Admiral Badger also reported that a second steamer, name not given, is on the way to Puerto Mexico with a cargo of munitions of war for the Huerta government.

Puerto Mexico is at the eastern terminus of the Tehuantepec Railroad, and is the only eastern Mexican port in direct railroad communication with Mexico City since the American occupation of Vera Cruz.

The government is today also investigating a report that a large consignment of arms and ammunition, purchased from a Japanese firm, was landed Thursday at Salina Cruz, Mexico, and rushed to the Mexican capital. This consignment was said to be the final shipment of the arms and ammunition contracted for by Huerta last December. It includes rapid-fire guns with ammunition, and several pieces of siege artillery, according to reports.

On Monday afternoon Secretary Bryan was notified by the American consul at Hamburg, Germany, that the Kronprinzessin Cecelie had started for Mexico with a cargo of arms and ammunition for Huerta. Another message followed the same afternoon stating that a second merchantman was loading with a similar cargo for a Mexican port.

The mediators are reported to have notified Huerta that the arrival of the arms and ammunition would be in violation of the terms under which they offered to use their good offices, and that they will be compelled to withdraw if he accepts the cargo.

There is no American war vessel at Puerto Mexico, and none has been ordered to that point.

Mr. Bryan opposed the suggestion of Secretary Garrison that the cargo should be stopped at all hazards, because the ammunition and guns probably would add to the American death list in the event that troops go to Mexico City.

So far as could be ascertained Mr. Bryan took the position that a blockade of Puerto Mexico or a seizure of the custom house might cause Huerta to withdraw from the mediation conference. The first stipulation to the mediation program was that the military forces of the two nations should be held "in statu quo."

When Secretary Garrison pointed out that Huerta had violated his agreement by ordering the cargo, Mr. Bryan insisted that this government could afford to allow his act to go unnoticed rather than put more forces in Mexico.

Washington, May 9.—Munitions of war aboard the steamer Cecelie which arrived at Puerto Mexico yesterday will not be delivered to Huerta.

Washington, May 9.—Secretary Daniels announced last night that a full investigation had resulted in complete refutation of charges that difficulties between Lieutenant Commander Charles P. Huff and J. P. Keisecker, an employee of the Newport News Ship Building and Dry Dock Company, were connected with the official relations between Commander Huff and the shipyard.

AT THE CHURCHES.

At the morning service tomorrow, at Trinity, Mother's day will be observed, with an appropriate sermon by the pastor, on the subject, "The Mother of Jesus." At 7:45 p. m., a song service will be held, and at 8, there will be a sermon on the subject, "Jesus Way With Men." Both sermons are to be preached by Rev. C. A. Luttrell, the pastor.

Rev. J. L. Allison, D. D., will preach at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning on "Abundant Grace." In the evening his subject will be evangelizing. Sunday School at 9:30 and men's Bible class at 10:00 a. m.

"Our Mother's" will be the subject of the sermon at the First Baptist Church tomorrow morning. At 8 o'clock tomorrow night the Rev. H. M. Hoge, of Richmond, will deliver an address on W. C. T. U. work.

"Mother's Day" will be observed at the Methodist Protestant Church tomorrow at 11 a. m. Rev. C. R. Strusburg will preach the sermon. Special service at 8 p. m. Mrs. Hoge, president of the W. C. T. U. of the State of Virginia, will make an address. Mrs. Hoge is a speaker of unusual ability, and a large congregation will hear her.

The annual offering for the Alexandria Hospital will be taken at the 11 o'clock service at Christ Church tomorrow.

The cottage prayer meeting to be held at 1013 Gibson street, Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock, will be under the auspices of the Second Baptist Church, and conducted by H. E. Webb, Sr.

Christ Church. Rev. William J. Morton, rector. Sunday school 9:30 a. m. Services at 11 a. m., and 8 p. m.

Grace Church. Rev. Edgar Carpenter, rector. Services at 11 a. m., and 8 p. m. Sunday school 9:30 a. m.

St. Paul's Church. Rev. P. P. Phillips, rector. Sunday school 9:30 a. m. Services at 11:00 a. m., and 7:30 p. m.

Second Presbyterian Church. Rev. J. L. Allison, D. D., pastor. Sunday School, 9:30 a. m. Services, 11 a. m., and 8 p. m.

Young men's service in Westminster Building at 7:30 o'clock. Catholic Church—Mass Sunday at 7 o'clock; children's mass, 9 o'clock. Sunday School 9:30. Late mass and sermon 10:30. Baptism, 3:30. Evening service and benediction at 4 o'clock at Mt. Ida (St. Rita's chapel.) Sunday school 2:30 p. m.

Lutheran Church. Rev. C. F. Brandt, pastor. Services at 11 a. m. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.

Methodist Episcopal Church South. Rev. J. W. Duffey, pastor. Sunday school 9:30 a. m. Epworth League services at 7:00 p. m. Services and sermon 11 a. m., and 8:00 p. m. Endeavor 7:45.

Methodist Protestant Church. Rev. C. R. Strausburg, pastor. Services at 11:00 a. m., and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School, 9:30 a. m., Christian Endeavor 6:45.

Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church. Rev. G. A. Luttrell, pastor. Sabbath School, 9:30 a. m. Services at 11 a. m., and 8:00 p. m. Epworth League 6:30 p. m.

First Baptist Church. Rev. W. F. Watson, pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Services at 11 a. m., and 8 p. m.

Second Baptist Church. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m., George K. Bender, superintendent. Services and sermon at 11 a. m., and 8 p. m.

Infant Baptist Church, 1014 Prince street, Rev. A. T. Lynn, pastor. Services and preaching at 11 a. m., and 8:00 p. m. Sunday school at 2:30 p. m.

Desperado Shot to Death. St. James, La., May 9.—Driven from his place of refuge when a posse followed a barn in which he was hiding, Sylvester Washington, a negro desperado, was shot to death late yesterday.

Before he was driven from the cover the negro shot two of the posse, fatally wounding one. Washington was wanted for slaying one white man and wounding another.

Norfolk Fried Oysters at Rammel's Cafe.

SICILY SUFFERS FROM EARTHQUAKE

Disturbance Kills One Hundred Persons and Injures Many.

TOWNS ARE WRECKED.

Thousands of Panic-Stricken People Flee Towards Fields and Sea—The Priests Lead Refugees.

Acireale, Sicily, May 9.—At least 100 persons were killed and as many more injured as a result of the terrific earthquake which shook a score of towns and villages in this section last night.

Reports of dead and injured poured in upon the authorities today, and every effort is being made to care for the refugees.

The village of Bougiardo alone reports ten dead and twenty injured. Two towns, with a population of 1,000 or more, were destroyed. Hundreds of houses in other towns were wrecked.

The first earthquake was felt at 6 o'clock last evening. It continued several minutes, and was followed by a second and more severe shock an hour later. It was the second shock that sent houses tumbling from their foundations, buried victims in the ruins, and jarred the entire district in the vicinity of Mount Etna.

In every village at the base of the famous volcano the streets were soon jammed with men, women and children, rushing for the open country. Women ran screaming from the tottering walls of houses with their children clinging to their skirts and crying piteously.

The population poured into the open country with only such possessions as they could gather together as they ran from their homes, all those who escaped death spent the night in the open fields.

Acireale, a seaport town, is well built on a height at the base of Mt. Etna, and every road leading to the city today is choked with sobbing, praying refugees fleeing from the homes.

Linera, with a population of 952 and Venerina, a town of 2,183, were destroyed. Hundreds of houses were wrecked in the villages of Zerbati, Pennisi, Belpasso, Maria, Vergine Mangano, and Zafferano.

Mount Etna, which showed signs of an eruption about two weeks ago, was still active today.

The population of hundreds of villages at the base of the volcano had deserted the town today and fled to the open country, fearing a disastrous eruption of the volcano as well as further earthquakes.

Before every wayside shrine priests gathered today with hundreds of refugees who petitioned the intervention of the Virgin Mary in the calamity falling upon them.

The first report of the authorities here estimated the dead at thirty and the injured at 120, though it was later admitted that the toll probably would be increased. Within a short time reports were received which increased the death list to 100 and swelled the reports of the injured to greater figures.

REINICKER CONTEST.

George E. Kagey Declared to be Best Reader in Seminary.

The Reinicker reading contest took place last night in the chapel of the Episcopal Theological Seminary near this city at half past seven o'clock.

The judges were Messrs. Edward L. Leadbeater and John M. Herndon, of this city, and Principal Hoxton and Professors Reade and Seamorse, of the Episcopal High School. Only two members of the Senior Class participated in this contest, Messrs. Guy E. Kagey and R. L. Merryman. The prize amounting to \$25.00, was adjudged to Mr. Kagey, but the judges in announcing their decision spoke highly of the quality of the reading of both gentlemen.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

The committee named by the Board of Supervisors of Alexandria county to decide upon a comprehensive plan for street and road improvements in the county, have organized and are preparing to have a map made showing all the present roads in the county.

Forty members of the Odd Fellow lodges and allied organizations will leave here tomorrow morning on a special car on the Southern Railway for Lynchburg, where they will attend the meeting of the grand lodge of the state.

The pictures at the Surprise tonight will be as usual, of the best shown. The features tonight: Grass County Goes Dry. This production is in two reels by the Essanay Company.

The Game of Politics, two reels, by the Lubin Company. If you want an hour and a half of solid amusement, attend the show. See advertisement on page 2 of today's Gazette.

Judge J. B. T. Thornton, in the Circuit Court yesterday refused to confirm the sale of the property of the Emerson Engine Co., which was sold at public auction two weeks ago. An order will be issued directing the commissioners to readvertise the property.

Thomas McDaniels, a wild west rider, connected with a carnival company, was fined \$20 in police court today for carrying a concealed pistol. The man became disorderly in a room in the northeastern section of the city and threatened to shoot up the place when he was arrested by Policeman Kerns.

WHY A FORD?—Because it has made good all over the world.

Mr. S. H. Sayre, Grand Regent of the Royal Arcanum, will pay a fraternal visit to George Mason Council on next Monday night. The meeting will be in Sarepta Hall at 8 o'clock.

Mrs. J. Taylor Ellyson, of Richmond, and Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Sale, of Lynchburg, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert D. Brockett, in north Washington street.

There will be a called meeting of the Daughters of Rebekah tonight at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Lindner, 820 King street, to make returns for the entertainment given on May 4th.

Mrs. George R. Hill and her cousin, Mrs. Daniel Gordon, have returned to their home in south Washington street, after spending several months in Baltimore.

Among the country produce brought to market by a colored woman this morning were two dozen eggs. She left her wagon for a few minutes and upon her return found that all save one had been stolen.

BALL-PLAYING IN STREETS.

Juvenile Diversion Brings Fort Complaints From All Sections.

The baseball season is, as usual, bringing its annoyances to people in all quarters in Alexandria. It seems that youngsters have ignored every other source of amusement and become baseball enthusiasts, throwing and knocking balls in the public streets all day.

People residing in the vicinity of Duke and Lee streets have made complaint and requested the Gazette to call attention to the fact that in some cases it is literally necessary to barricade the houses in order to keep windows from being smashed by the players.

The police generally stop the pastime when they come along, but it is like driving a swarm of flies from a molasses barrel, as the youngsters reappear as soon as the officers disappear.

There seems to be but one resource—and that is to procure the names of the principal offenders and turn them over to the police.

The squares upon which modern improvements have been placed in recent years seem to be chosen for throwing and knocking balls. It will be remembered that a young woman was seriously injured by being struck in the face by a ball recently.

\$1,700 ADDED TO HOSPITAL FUND

Washington-Virginia Railway Contributed \$1,000 Today.

TOTAL NOW \$27,274.68.

Arthur H. Bryant Gives \$500—Committee Will be Active From Now on Completing Fund.

Another big jump was made in the Alexandria hospital building fund today. Since the closing of the list yesterday practically \$1,700 was added bringing the total well over the \$27,000 mark. The biggest subscription was made by the Washington-Virginia Railway Company, who gave \$1,000 to the fund. Another large subscription was from Arthur H. Bryant, who sent in \$500.

Organizations and societies are still being heard from and today's list will be found of the St. Luke's Circle of the King's Daughter's who have subscribed \$100, and the Carpenters and Joiners' Union, \$25.

Several of the committee who have charge of the collecting of the fund will be busy next week in attending to their political fences but they have promised to renew their efforts as soon as the election is over.

In the meanwhile all subscriptions will be appreciated. They can be sent direct to Arthur Herbert, Jr., treasurer, or any business house in Alexandria will be glad to receive same and forward to the treasurer.

Table listing donors and amounts: Amount previously published \$25,605.28. Received today: Washington-Virginia Ry. Co. \$1,000, Arthur H. Bryant 500.00, St. Luke's Circle King's Daughters 100.00, H. Friedlander 25.00, Local Union 1665 Carpenters and Joiners 25.00, H. T. Beach & Bros 5.00, Jas. S. Douglass, Jr. 5.00, Washington School, additional contributions 3.70, Two Unknown Parties 2.00, Through J. R. Caton 1.00, Wm. Woodfield 1.00, John Ralph 1.00, Hannah Lomax .50, Lee School .20. Total \$27,274.68.

TRY IT OUT.

The success of a business depends much on the "drive and push" you put into it. Continual efforts count. Spasmodic flurries soon expire, and the man who relinquishes his grasp a particle will lose more in a month than three months booming will make up. Keep things moving and judicious advertising will do it, and we offer you more for your money than the combined opposition. —Exchange.

C. W. POST ENDS HIS LIFE.

Noted Foe to Union Labor Dead in Santa Barbara.

Santa Barbara, Cal., May 9.—C. W. Post, the Battle Creek, Mich., manufacturer of cereal foods, noted as an uncompromising foe to union labor, committed suicide here today by shooting himself.

TABLET UNVEILING PHOTOS. Handsome 8 x 10 prints covering the entire event on sale at our studio, at 50c each. The Jameson Studio, 425 King street. 9 ct.

The Citizens' National bank through its officers will be glad to receive subscriptions from its patrons and friends to the Hospital fund, delivering the same to the committee daily.

Hard Shelled Crabs at the Rammel's Cafe.