

Alexandria Gazette

ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1914.

Weather Report.

Fair tonight; Sunday rain and warmer; light, variable winds. High tide 5:01 a. m. and 5:07 p. m. Sun rises 6:54; Sun sets 4:42.

PRICE, 2 CENTS

GERMANS LEAVE BELGIAN COAST

Kaiser's Army Now Reported to be Massing at Antwerp.

HEAVY CANNON FIRE.

Allied Warships Resume Bombardment of Teuton Base—Aeroplanes Are Circling Flanders.

London, Nov. 28.—The Germans are withdrawing from the Belgian coast and concentrating at Antwerp, according to a Rotterdam dispatch to the Daily Mail today.

Heavy gun fire was heard at Zeebrugge Friday afternoon, the dispatch states. The allied warships were apparently again bombarding the German naval base.

French and British aeroplanes are now circling Flanders with impunity. The German guns especially designed for attacks upon aircraft have been unable to hit the allied fliers.

RED MEN'S SERVICES.

Rev. C. R. Strausburg to Preach to Seminole Tribe.

The annual giving services of Seminole Tribe, No. 35. Order of Red Men will be held in the Methodist Protestant Church tomorrow night. Rev. C. R. Strausburg, pastor of the church, will deliver the sermon. The officers of the Seminole Tribe of Red Men are as follows: H. H. Newtor Schem.

C. R. Simpson, senior sagamore. N. L. Williamson, junior sagamore. John W. Schofield, prophet. George K. Bender, Chief of Records.

A. L. Sullivan, collector of wampum. The committee which has been making preparations for the service is composed of N. L. Williamson, Clarence Purcell, and C. C. Brawner.

THANKSGIVING DONATIONS.

Almost 100 Baskets Donated to Poor of City.

A committee from the primary and grammar grades of the Parents' and Teachers' Association was appointed to go through the schools and solicit contributions for Thanksgiving offerings. They asked in each room that each child bring on Wednesday one apple, one potato or one penny or any thing else not over the value of 10 cents.

In this way the committee hoped to make the pupils realize how if each one gave his mite the whole would amount to a great deal and by limiting it that no child should feel badly because he didn't bring as much as his neighbor.

These offerings were to be divided between deserving ones and the Children's Home.

The response was most gratifying. At least 100 baskets or boxes were delivered at homes where they were heartily welcomed.

The investigating committee found many heartrending conditions. A widow with six children or a sick father was struggling to keep the little family together until they could become wage earners.

Conditions which made the members of the committee feel that they wished they were able to give more assistance to the home makers were apparent.

The money amounting to over \$20 was sent to the Children's Home, together with clothes and the total contribution from the Peabody School.

At Captain Sweeney's request this same committee visited the colored schools and there was a hearty response. Their donations were distributed by a committee of their own to their own people.

FOR SALE—Coal stove that has been used one year. Price \$4.50. Apply 713 Cameron street.

NEWS OF THE DAY

The London Morning Post's Petrograd correspondent cables: "Russia is awaiting with intense excitement the full details of the magnificent victory of her troops. I am in a position to say that when the story is allowed to be told we shall have a deed to recount that will astonish the world. Russian prowess has already inflicted on Germany's finest troops what the world never has seen since the days of Napoleon. Something very terrible indeed, but no less grand, is happening as I write and possibly I may be allowed to tell it on Monday, but in the meantime I must observe silence."

Announcement was made in New York yesterday that the Lackawanna road has determined to operate all its trains between Hoboken and Buffalo by wireless and to maintain the regular telegraph system only for use in emergency between these points. The perfection of the wireless and its cheapness in operation when compared to the old wire system made its adoption practical. Lackawanna officials agree that the wireless, in addition to reducing the cost of maintenance will insure service at all times of the year.

That the Khedive of Egypt was shot while in Constantinople on July 27, is revealed in the Cri de Paris, which says the Khedive was emerging from the Sublime Porte after a conversation with the grand vizier when a young Egyptian shot him. The bullet penetrated both the Khedive's cheeks. His assailant was kicked to death by the crowd which had witnessed the shooting.

British naval losses, confirmed by the admiralty, now total nineteen warships, including a dreadnought, a battleship, cruisers, submarines and other craft. A statement issued by the admiralty on Wednesday placed the life losses in the navy at 4,327 officers and men killed, 473 wounded, 968 missing and 1,573 captives or interned. To this total must be added 750 lost on the Bulwark Thursday. In addition to the loss of nineteen warships, reports from German sources unconfirmed by the admiralty, tell of the destruction or sinking of three destroyers and four light cruisers.

Addressed to the millions of Mohammedan adherents throughout the world, a proclamation announcing a holy war against Great Britain, Russia and France was issued in Constantinople yesterday by the Sheik ul Islam, head of the Mohammedan faith. The proclamation was signed also by 28 other Mohammedan priests high in church councils. The decree may lose millions of Moslems to war in the name of Allah upon the nations mentioned.

Passengers arriving in New York yesterday on the steamer Lusitania from Liverpool, say the dreadnought Audacious reported sunk off the Irish coast, has been raised and is now in a Harland & Wolff dry dock at Belfast undergoing repairs.

The British admiralty announces that the collier Kharطوم has been blown up by a mine off Grimsby. The crew of the Kharطوم was landed at Grimsby. It is reported that two British steamers were sunk off Havre Thursday by German submarines.

FOR BENEFIT OF TAX PAYERS.

City Treasurer Will be in His Office Next Monday Night.

City Treasurer Thomas W. Robinson will keep his office in the City Hall open next Monday night from 7 to 10 o'clock in order to receive taxes. All who desire to avoid having the usual penalty assessed for non payment of the same can avail themselves of the opportunity which will be afforded. After December 1st the City Treasurer, according to law will be compelled to add the extra amount prescribed.

FOR RENT

Brick Residence 312 South Coumbus St. Six rooms and bath, modern improvements. Key at 517 S. Washington St. Phone 631.

CLOSE OF GREAT STATE CONFERENCE

Thousands of Boys and Girls in Two-room School-houses in Virginia

ALLEGED ILLITERACY

Strong Resolutions Adopted by Educators at Close of Meeting in Richmond Yesterday.

Richmond, Nov. 28.—At least 100,000 boys and girls are being educated—if the word can be used—in one and two room school houses in Virginia declared J. H. Binford, executive secretary of the Cooperative Education Association of Virginia, before the Virginia Education Conference last night, and these are not as efficient as the one room school of thirty years ago. He said that 80 per cent of the rural teachers are without professional training; that 50 per cent of them are in communities new to them, and that 85 per cent of them are teaching for the first time. Though he was hopeful of the outlook, Professor Binford practically brought an indictment against the method of teaching children in the rural communities, and considered it a prime matter of importance that the State should better prepare its young people against the days that they are to become citizens and voters of the Commonwealth.

Mrs. B. B. Munford, president of the association, delivered her annual report on the "Pressing Educational Problems in Virginia" and a stirring address on "The Citizens' Part in Public Education" was delivered by Attorney General John Garland Pollard. Professor Binford spoke on "Closer Supervision of Country Schools," and suggested that the way of improvement lay in building better schools, in having longer school terms and in having teachers who have been trained for one of the greatest and most sacred of all the professions. Further improvement would be gained by having the schools properly supervised by highly trained men and women.

In making her report, Mrs. Munford said that the object of the Association was to have better primary schools, better high schools, better trained teachers, more and improved equipment and the organization of citizens' educational associations. The association went on record as favoring compulsory education.

Richmond, Nov. 28.—The following officers for the ensuing year were elected by the Virginia State Teachers' Association at their meeting yesterday afternoon:

Algar Woolfolk of Richmond, president; George W. Guy of Hampton, treasurer; J. H. Binford of Richmond, secretary; A. B. Chandler of Fredericksburg, first vice president; E. Ames of Driver, second vice president; W. B. Coggin, of Providence Forge, third vice president; F. M. Martin of Petersburg, fourth vice president; Charles Friend of South Boston, fifth vice president; D. E. Mc Quilkin, of Roanoke, 7th vice president; W. T. Mc Manaway of Hillsboro eighth vice president; W. R. Bowers of Rural Retreat, ninth vice president. A. C. Kinler, of Waynesboro tenth vice president.

Resolutions were passed by the association before it adjourned deploring the high per cent of illiteracy in the State and heartily endorsing the adoption of the compulsory education law, but regretting the insufficiency of that law and urging a statewide compulsory statute.

New and Up To Date TONSORIAL PARLOR

Just Opened. Professor Hammond in Charge. 309 Cameron St. Satisfaction Guaranteed

Norfolk Oysters in all-Style at the Hotel Rammel.

AT THE CHURCHES.

The Rev. W. F. Watson, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist Church, will preach tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock on "A Note of Thanksgiving." At 7:45 p. m. his subject will be "A Speechless Man."

Quarterly meeting in charge of District Elder H. Hodge is now in progress, at the Free Methodist Church, 424 south Lee street. Mr. Hodge is announced to preach this evening and at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. on Sunday, and to conduct the love feast at 2:30 p. m.

The subject of the sermon of the Rev. John Lee Allison, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, tomorrow morning will be "A Leper's Gratitude." The evening subject will be evangelical. There will be Sunday School services at 9:30 o'clock and the men's bible class will meet at 10 o'clock in the Assembly Hall of the Westminster Building.

St. Mary's Church.

First mass at 7 a. m., children's mass 9, Sunday School 9:30, late mass and sermon 10:30, baptisms, 3:30, evening services and benediction 4 o'clock p. m. Mass every Sunday morning St. Rita's Chapel. 9 o'clock at Mount Ida. Masses week mornings 6:30 and 7 o'clock.

Christ Church.

Rev. William J. Morton, rector. Sunday school 9:30 a. m. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Grace Church.

Rev. Edgar Carpenter, rector. Holy Communion 7:30 a. m. Sunday School, 9:30. Morning prayer and sermon 11:00. Evening prayer and sermon 7:30 p. m.

St. Paul's Church.

Rev. P. P. Phillips, rector. Sunday school 9:30 a. m. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Lutheran Church.

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

Second Presbyterian Church.

Rev. J. L. Allison, D. D., pastor. Sunday School, 9:30 a. m. Services, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Methodist Episcopal Church South

Rev. J. W. Duffey, pastor. Sunday school 9:30 a. m. Epworth League services at 6:45 p. m. Services and sermon 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Methodist Protestant Church.

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

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 7:45 p. m.

Second Baptist Church.

Rev. O. W. Triplett, pastor—Services at 10 a. m. 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Sunday school 9:30 a. m. Prayer services Wednesday evenings at 7:45 o'clock.

Free Methodist Church—Rev. Geo. Eakins, pastor. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Prayer service at 7:30 p. m. on Thursday.

"THE BIBLE TODAY"

Subject of Dr. Nelms' Lecture in First Baptist Church Next Tuesday Night.

As heretofore stated in the Gazette, Rev. Dr. J. Henning Nelms, of Washington, will deliver an address in the First Baptist Church on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock under the auspices of the Sunday School Teachers' Association of this city. His subject will be "The Bible Today." Special music under the direction of J. T. Preston will be rendered on the occasion. The association is anxious that a large crowd greet Rev. Dr. Nelms.

VILLA MAKES STRANGE MOVE

Said to Have Left Tula and Gone One Hundred Miles Away.

ZAPATA HAS CAPITAL.

Guadalajara, Second City of Importance in Mexico, Captured by Villista Troops—Will Call Congress.

El Paso, Tex., Nov. 28.—General Francisco Villa, commander in chief of the Mexican convention forces has left Tula, a short distance from Mexico City, and has gone to Huichapan, in Hidalgo state, 100 miles away. Villista officials, at Juarez declined to explain this movement, although they had official messages announcing it.

There are unconfirmed rumors that Villa had a disagreement with General Zapata and that this caused him to leave the immediate vicinity of the capital. Several trainloads of Villa's troops, commanded by Colonel Carlos Dominguez, already have joined the Zapatistas in the capital, however, which would seem to discredit the report.

No reports of conditions in Mexico City have been wired to the border. General Margana, one of Zapata's subordinates, commands there.

Guadalajara, second city in importance in Mexico, has been captured by Villista troops.

Washington, Nov. 28.—Reports from Mexico City today show that the permanent committee of the Aguas Calientes convention intends calling Congress to meet in the near future.

MARKET THIS MORNING.

Comparatively few country people attended the market today. The supply of produce was small, but about equal to the demand. Prices for staple articles were stiff with an advancing tendency.

Butter was selling at 35 cents a pound, eggs 45 and 50 cents a quarter peck, cabbage 5 cents and up. Irish potatoes 8 cents a quarter peck, sweet potatoes 8 and 10 cents, kale 5 cents, turnips 5 cents, celery 5 cents a bunch, rabbits 25 cents each, beans 12 cents a quart, blackeyed peas 15 cents a quart.

Fresh meats and fish were unchanged in prices.

KING STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

Contractor Joseph F. Rodgers, today completed the new cornice to the building, occupied by B. Wheatley on King street, between Alfred and Columbus. The improvement adds much to the appearance of the building. The finishing touches have been added to the handsome three story building erected by Mr. Wheatley adjoining his present establishment and it is now occupied by its tenants.

AUTO TRUCK CRUSHES SKATER

Cornelius Daily, 8 Years old, Dead Under Wheel.

Baltimore, Nov. 28.—Grasping the side of a moving automobile truck owned by the Baltimore Bargain House, Cornelius Daily, 8 years old, son of William C. Daily, 1012 South Paca street, fell under the rear wheel yesterday afternoon and was almost instantly killed.

The boy was roller skating on Paca street near his home, and the accident was witnessed by several persons. The boy was taken to the University Hospital in the Southwestern district ambulance, but the child was dead when it arrived.

William H. Steinfort, 925 South Paca street, the driver of the truck was arrested and taken to the Western Police Station, where he was accused of causing the death of the boy. Coroner Jeffers, of the Western district, held an inquiry at the police station late yesterday afternoon and decided that the accident was unavoidable. Steinfort was dismissed.

LOCAL BRIEFS

E. B. Kay, a resident of this city, died at the Sibley Hospital in Washington yesterday. He was a member of Alexandria Lodge of Elks of this city.

The remains of George H. Coryell, who died in Washington Thursday, will be brought to this city tomorrow afternoon and interred in St. Paul's Cemetery.

Graham & Ogden, real estate brokers, have sold for J. Johnston Green to Clyde C. Lamond, two building lots on Madison street, between Columbus and Washington street.

Miss Mary Custis Lee has sold to F. P. Gillingham 600 acres of land lying near Accotink, Fairfax county.

Mrs. Mary T. Walker died at Chevy Chase, Md., yesterday. Mrs. Walker was born in Alexandria Va. in 1814. Her husband, Capt. William H. Walker, died some time ago.

The alarm of fire yesterday afternoon was caused by fire in an ash barrel in the yard of the premises occupied by A. L. Cohen on the south side of King street, between Royal and Pitt, and not by a fire in the store as was stated. No damage resulted.

A lodge of sorrow of Alexandria Lodge of Elks will be held tonight at 8 o'clock in their home on Prince street to take action on the death of E. B. Kay, a member of the lodge, and arrange to attend his funeral tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from Wheatley's Chapel.

Samuel L. Monroe and Luther H. Thompson today qualified before the Clerk of the Corporation Court as School Trustees. Mr. Monroe was elected at the last meeting of Council from the Second ward and Mr. Thompson from the First.

REPEATS HIS INNOCENCE.

Frank Declares He Has Been "Prosecuted Wrongfully And Grotesquely."

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 28.—Leo M. Frank, under sentence of death for the murder here in April, 1913, of Mary Phagan, has given out a statement to the public declaring his innocence of the crime and reviewing the circumstances of his trial, and the legal steps taken to obtain for him a rehearing or the setting aside of the verdict.

Frank's statement was issued from his cell in the Fulton county jail where he has been confined since his arrest two days after the discovery of Mary Phagan's body in the basement of the pencil factory of which Frank was superintendent. He declared he has been "prosecuted wrongfully and grotesquely for a crime of which I have no knowledge," and said that in all the steps taken for a new trial the question of his guilt or innocence never has been reviewed by the higher courts, but only the legality of the proceedings has been considered.

Commenting upon the conditions and circumstances of his trial in Atlanta in July and August, 1913, the prisoner in his statement says "the jurors heard the demonstrations both within and without the courtroom the applause when the prosecution scored a point, the disapproval when the defense won a point; they saw the chief of Atlanta police and the colonel of the militia in conference with the judge."

The statement relates briefly the actions of Frank on the day the murder was committed, and the prisoner then turns to a vigorous denunciation of James Conley, colored, who was employed as a sweeper at the pencil factory, and who was the prosecution's principal witness. Conley now is serving a year's prison sentence upon conviction last February as an accessory after the fact to the Phagan girl's murder.

"It was not shown," the statement declares "that Jim Conley who had a long police court record had neither the motive to conceive the crime nor the opportunity to commit it. Before you can take his word he must show that he himself is innocent."

"Joshua's Apostrophe to the Sun" will be discussed tomorrow night in the M. E. Church South by the Rev. Dr. J. W. Duffey in his series of talks on "Science and the Bible."

FIERCE FIGHTING IN EAST PRUSSIA

Germans Reported Thrown Back Fifty-four Miles From Warsaw.

RUSSIANS PURSUING

Muscovites Capture Six Thousand Prisoners and Many Guns—Report Great Loss to Germans.

Petrograd, Nov. 28.—Russian forces are now vigorously assailing the Germans entrenched in the vicinity of Lodz, Zdunska, and Wola. This is the district in which unofficial dispatches insist a large detachment of the army of General Von Hindenburg has been virtually surrounded and is in danger of destruction or capture. A desperate battle is raging.

An official statement today, based upon a report received from Grand Duke Nicholas, of the operations in Poland, tells of the fighting along the vast Polish front.

The Germans, who advanced along the Vistula by way of Plock, have been thrown back within ten miles of that town, which is fifty four miles from Warsaw.

The report from the grand duke sets up no claims of the rout of the German forces, except upon the southern end of the battle line; where the Austro German army is declared to be retreating toward Cracow in great disorder. The Russians are vigorously pursuing the retreating forces.

In all, more than 6,000 prisoners have been taken by the Russian army, and many guns captured. It is evident that the most desperate fighting has marked the engagements along the entire line, the statement frequently referring to the use of the bayonet in driving out the Germans.

The official Army Messenger makes the following announcement: "The Russian troops have redoubled their offensive. An entire German corps surrendered when cut off from the main army in Poland. Another corps has been surrounded and probably will have to surrender."

A German army corps averages 30,000 men.

The terrific losses suffered by the Germans have compelled them to weaken in their offensive though they have rushed up great numbers of reinforcements. It is expected that formal announcement of a complete and overwhelming victory in Poland will be made by the Grand Duke Nicholas within a short time.

GREAT WAR LOAN TAKEN.

With Nearly 100,000 Applicants Britain's Call for \$1,750,000 is Oversubscribed.

London, Nov. 28.—Chancellor of the Exchequer Lloyd-George announced in the House of Commons yesterday that the war loan of 350,000,000 pounds (\$1,750,000) had been greatly oversubscribed.

The Chancellor gave no figures. He said, however, that a feature of the loan was the enormous number of individuals, totaling nearly 100,000, who had made application for small sums. These, the Chancellor declared, would receive the first allotments.

In the course of a statement concerning financial conditions in the country, the Chancellor stated that the financial deadlock which followed the outbreak of war was due to inability to collect outstanding debts abroad.

As an instance Mr. Lloyd-George referred to the United States which, he said, owed Great Britain about a thousand millions sterling, \$5,000,000,000, "but we could do no business," he added.

NOTICE TO B. P. O. ELKS

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