

SOUNDS NOTE OF WARNING

President of du Pont C.
Makes References to
Hopewell
AT HIGH WATER MARK
Not More Than One-Tenth of 20,000
Men Will Be Utilized After the
Close of the War

We have received the following communication from the E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, Wilmington, Del., in regard to the future of Hopewell, the new Prince George county city:
E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., Wilmington, Delaware, April 1st, 1916.
Editor of the Alexandria Gazette:
Dear Sir:—This company has seen with very deep concern the efforts of land speculators to profit by the credulity of wage earners and small investors whom they have led to believe that Hopewell, Virginia, the town which has grown up around the du Pont munitions plant is to be a permanent town with a bright business future.
President P. S. du Pont, of E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Company, sounded a note of warning in his annual report to the stockholders when, after reviewing this phenomenal growth he said, referring to the future:—

"It is hoped that new manufactures will be developed to take the place of the abnormal military business, but we cannot expect to employ all of the large explosive plants recently built."
Of course we are conducting many investigations in the hope that we will be able to make commercial use of a large part of our present plant, but it would be foolish for anyone to even dream that it will be possible to keep up the present high water mark of activity.

Hopewell was built as an isolated plant for the making of high explosives. About 200 men were employed, but since the war demands came this number has been increased to 20,000. We have reviewed the situation very carefully, and, looking at it from the most optimistic standpoint, it seems to us that even with our best efforts probably not more than one-tenth of this number at the outside can be utilized after the close of the war.

This will mean many vacant houses and the passing away of nine-tenths of the business demands of the present population.

Every move that the du Ponts have made has been capitalized by these money-seeking boomers. They have tried to impress upon the small investors that Hopewell would be a permanent city.

We have not felt called upon to deny all kinds of rumors, but this thing has become so serious that we now feel it is due to the wage earner and the small investor to warn him of exact conditions, so far as the du Pont company is concerned.

Recently when this company joined with the State of Virginia in lending money to put the new town on its feet, this fact was shouted from the housetops as an evidence that permanency on the present large scale was assured. As a matter of fact this loan was made because of the immediate requirements of the town and its workers. The company made this investment in the same way that it helped along with sanitation and other immediate needs.

Just now the fact that the company is building more cottages in South Hopewell is being advertised extensively by real estate agents who point out in their own peculiar way that this insures good returns to anyone who will purchase vacant land in that vicinity. The company is putting up cottages because it has immediate need for them, and the need is urgent enough to warrant the expenditure, but they are all of the lightest, temporary character. The company certainly does not regard this building operation as anything more than a meeting of present re-

quirements, and it would regret very much if the construction placed on its action should lead to loss by those before whose eyes the real estate people are dangling such glittering prospects.

In making this statement, the company has no thought of putting a damper on such legitimate business and such legitimate investments as necessarily follow its great activities, but it does feel seriously its duty, to the less well informed.

Very truly yours,
H. Fletcher Brown, Vice-Pres.
(In charge of the Hopewell Operations).

WILSON AT CRISFIELD.

President and Wife Breaks Yacht Trip to Spend Two Hours in Town.

Crisfield, Md., April 3.—President and Mrs. Wilson, who are on a cruise down the Chesapeake Bay, stopped here yesterday. They arrived at about 2:30 p. m. The Presidential yacht Mayflower was anchored in Tangier Sound and the President and his wife came ashore in the tender of the yacht.

President Wilson was dressed in an English walking suit, and Mrs. Wilson in a light blue English walking suit. They were accompanied by two Secret Service men. They spent about two hours here walking through Crisfield, and its suburbs and left for the yacht about 4:45 o'clock. They were greeted by a crowd of about 5,000 who cheered them on their walk through the town.

The President was continually smiling and doffing his hat to the crowd. His wife was presented with a bouquet of sweetpeas and violets. The chief of police, accompanied by the entire police force of Crisfield, acted as a special escort during their visit.

ADDRESS BY R. E. LOOKER
Attache of Ambulance Service to Speak Wednesday Morning

The Alexandria Relief Society which has been doing such effective work for the soldiers in Belgium have arranged a most interesting program for the Wednesday morning meeting, April 5th, at 10:30 o'clock. The address will be given by Mr. R. E. Looker, recently returned from service with the American Ambulance Service in France.

Mr. Looker, was in Paris at the University when war was declared but he immediately resigned, to accept a position at the front. He has just returned to the U. S. and has many interesting personal experiences to relate. Apart from his war record Mr. Looker is beginning a literary career, which promises great success. A number of his stories have already appeared in the Saturday Evening Post, Harper's and other periodicals. Mr. Looker is a grandson of Admiral Looker and was reared in Georgetown. The public is cordially invited to the meeting.

LATE MRS. CARTER

Mrs. Sarah Taliaferro Carter, 86 years old, who died yesterday will be buried from her home 1026 King street, this afternoon at 5 o'clock and the services will be conducted by the Rev. William J. Morton, rector of Christ Episcopal Church assisted by the Rev. S. A. Wallis. Mrs. Carter is survived by the following children: Thomas L. and J. Brooke Carter, and Miss Elizabeth Carter, of this city; Mrs. Ludwell Lee, of Chantilly, Fairfax county; R. C. Carter, of Falls Church; C. C. Carter, of Manassas, and Robert Carter, of Texas.

"BENTZTOWN BARD"

An entertainment for the benefit of the Alexandria Free Kindergarten will be given tonight, April 3, at Westminster Building. It will be in the nature of a musical, and the "Bentztown Bard (Folger McKensy)" will be present and contribute to the interest of the entertainment.

MASONIC NOTICE

A called communication of Alexandria Washington Lodge, No. 22 A. F. and A. M. will be held Wednesday, April 5th, at 10 a. m. to attend the funeral of our late brother, Robert F. Knox.

By order of the W. M.
A. G. UHLER, Secy.

NORFOLK OYSTERS A SPECIALTY
STEAMED OYSTERS AT JACOB
BRILL'S FOOT OF KING STREET.

CONFLICTS FOUND IN NEW FEE LAW

Attorneys in Some Counties
and Cities Get No
Increases

HASTY LEGISLATION

James City and York Counties Work
at Expense of Other Officeholders
in The State

Richmond, April 3.—In the haste of the General Assembly to meet an extraordinary situation that was anticipated in James City and York counties because of the Du Pont activities in the vicinity of Williamsburg, it passed Senate bill No. 443 which, while it takes care of the expected increase in work that will fall to the share of the Commonwealth's attorneys of these two counties, provides unexpected, and even embarrassing, changes in the law affecting a number of other Commonwealth's attorneys in the State. The discrepancies were discovered by State Auditor Moore in checking up the new legislation.

The bill was passed in the dying hours of the session, under a suspension of the rule requiring it to be read on three separate calendar days, and did not, therefore, receive the careful scrutiny that was given measures passed with less haste.

Senate bill No. 107, passed earlier in the session, revised the schedule of fees allowed to the various Commonwealth's attorneys, to meet special conditions then existing. When the Williamsburg contingency arose, another bill was introduced increasing the fee limit of the attorneys in York and other James River counties, and inadvertently decreasing the fees of other Commonwealth's attorneys. Since the second bill was the last one to be approved, it supersedes the first bill, and becomes the law in force.

This bill increases from \$150 to \$500 the fee limit now fixed for the Commonwealth's attorneys, of York and James City Counties. It reduces Accomac county from \$450 to \$350, and cuts in half the \$500 formerly fixed for Buchanan county.

In Charles City county, where the Commonwealth's attorney's fee limit was only \$150, the bill establishes \$100 as the new figure—a change, as far as could be learned yesterday, which is not warranted by any special conditions. Equally as inexplicable is the reduction made in Dickenson county, where the fees are cut from \$500 to \$250.

One of the most startling changes however, is in the case of Prince George county. While the first bill increased the Commonwealth's attorney's fees from \$150 to \$900, the second bill put it back to \$150, where it now stands. It will be conducted by the new Commonwealth's attorney of Hopewell for whom special provision is made, but it is expected, nevertheless, that the prosecutions in the county itself will be greatly augmented by reason of the location of Hopewell near-by.

Princess Anne County is cut by the new law from \$400 to \$200, and the county of Wise is reduced from \$800 to \$500. The city of Danville was increased from \$700 to \$1,200 by the first bill, but is put back to \$700 by the second bill. The city of Petersburg, increased by the first bill, from \$600 to \$1,500, is likewise put back to the original amount.

The new law cuts in half the fees in the city of Portsmouth, reducing them from \$1,000 to \$500. The city of Roanoke is reduced from \$1,500 to \$1,000, while the city of Suffolk is omitted altogether from the fee schedule of the new bill, and the Commonwealth's attorney of that city, under the new law, will not be limited at all in the amount of fees he can collect from the Commonwealth for prosecutions in his court.

Commonwealth's attorneys, under the general law, receive for convictions a fee of \$5 for every misdemeanor case, and a fee of \$10 for every felony case. These fees are assessed in the form of costs against the convicted person. If the defendant is without means and has no property

against which the fee can be levied, the Commonwealth's attorney is paid for his services out the State treasury, not, however, exceeding in any single year the fee limit fixed by law. Since no limit at all is fixed for the Commonwealth's attorney of Suffolk, he will be free, if he chooses, to collect from the State the fees payable to him for prosecutions, without any limitation whatever. The present law, as well as Senate bill No. 107, limited the Commonwealth's attorney of Suffolk to \$200.

CADET OFFICERS

Heads for Alexandria High School Companies Named.

An interesting ceremony took place at 2 o'clock this afternoon in the auditorium of the Alexandria High School when in the presence of the faculty and pupils of the school, the superintendent of schools, the chairman and clerk of the school board and others, Conrad Johnson, principal of the school, announced the following officers of the two companies that have been organized:

Captains: John M. Leadbeater and Ashby E. Bladen.
First lieutenants: Albert V. Bryan and William Schaffer.
Second Lieutenant and Q. M.: Roland Gaines.
Second lieutenants: Vernon Warfield and J. M. Duncanson, jr.
First sergeants: Thos. L. Wattles and Robert Hancock.
Sergeant and color bearer: Francis L. Summers.
Sergeants: Merrill Lynch, Aubrey Barnett, John L. Curtin, Reginald Dyson, William H. Meeks, and Brouse Burke.
Corporals: A. J. Pohl, jr., Leo Pohl, Wesley Bitzer, Frederick Schwab, Willard K. Blewett, Raymond Peverill, Leon Eddington, Herbert Allen, Julian Chauncey, and John Nugent.

LOCAL BREVITIES

Canton Alexandria No. 1, Patriarchs Militant, will hold a special drill at Odd Fellows Hall tonight at 7:30 o'clock.

The annual meeting and election of officers of R. E. Lee Camp of Confederate Veterans will take place tonight in Lee Camp Hall.

Fire at 1:40 o'clock yesterday afternoon, which started in the hall way of the two story frame building at 1103 Queen street, caused the stock of goods in the store of W. P. Wools, 1101 Queen street to be badly damaged with water.

There will be a called meeting of the Allison W. C. T. U. at the Children's Home tonight at 7:30 p. m.

The Mary Custis Chapter, U. D. C. will hold their regular monthly meeting tomorrow afternoon at 3 p. m. in Lee Camp Hall.

The Woman's Auxiliary to R. E. Lee Camp will meet tomorrow night, 7:30 o'clock in Confederate Veteran's Building.

ELECTION TOMORROW.

Mayor and Members of City Council Will be Selected at Democratic Primary.

The polls at tomorrow's Democratic primary for mayor and members of city council, will open at 5:41 a. m. and close at 6:25 p. m. There are two candidates for mayor, Thomas A. Fisher, and James M. Duncan, and three candidates for common council from the second ward, R. D. Brumback, Jerome Kaufmann and Henry K. Field. The saloons of the city will close tonight at 6 o'clock and remain closed until 6 a. m. Wednesday morning.

MARRIED—On Saturday April 1st, at the rectory of Christ Episcopal Church, by the Rev. Wm. J. Morton, Rector, Miss Dorothy I. Henry and Edward G. Wells. Both of Alexandria, Va., Washington Papers please copy.

DEATH NOTICE

KNOX—On Sunday, April 2nd, 1916, at his residence, 521 Duke Street, ROBERT FITZGERALD KNOX, beloved husband of Lucy Daingerfield Knox. Funeral from St. Paul's Church, Wednesday morning, April 5th, at eleven o'clock. Interment private.

VILLISTAS WERE CARRANZISTAS

Colonel Cano Reported to
Have Deserted and Joined
Bandits

DISTURBING FACTOR

Orders Sent to General Funston Not
to Use Unsafe Aeroplanes in Operations in Mexico.

Washington, April 3.—Information has reached Washington indicating that some of the 500 Villista troops defeated by Colonel Dodd's cavalry at Guerrero were former Carranzistas.

In connection with reports received at Major General Funston's headquarters, in San Antonio, that Col. Cano, leading one of the large Carranza forces in the search for Villa, had revolted against Carranza and joined the bandit, it is admitted by officials today that information of this character had reached Washington.

It is further said that reports previously received indicated that a part of Col. Cano's command joined Villa forces before the battle at Guerrero.

From a high official source, it is said that it is highly probable that part of the 500 Villa column routed at Guerrero was made up of these revolting Carranza forces.

These reports created a disturbing situation today. Officials are not inclined to believe that any complications with Carranza will result, but they say that the desert and possible death of former Carranzistas might tend to influence the desertion of other bodies of Carranza troops to join Villa.

In connection with reports from San Antonio that army aviators had protested against the orders to make flights in condemned aeroplanes, it is said at the War Department that orders have been sent to Funston not to use unsafe machines.

War Department officials say that no army aeroplanes in use in Mexico have been condemned. The objection raised against army machines is that they are underpowered. Secretary Baker said that this objection will be overcome in the new high-powered machines ordered last week for use in Mexico.

PREACHING MISSION ENDS

Large Congregations Hear Dr. Hall—
Visiting Preachers

The preaching mission under the auspices of the three Episcopal Churches of Alexandria, which has been held during the past week was brought to a close last night with a monster meeting in St. Paul's church. No services were held in Grace and Christ Churches. Yesterday morning the services were held in Grace Church, and in the afternoon at 1 o'clock the services were held in Christ Episcopal Church, and were for men only.

The preacher at the services has been the Rev. J. J. D. Hall, of the Galilee Mission, Philadelphia, and Episcopal circles in Alexandria have been stirred to the utmost. Dr. Hall preaches after the evangelistic style and is unconventional at times.

Visiting preachers occupied two other pulpits in Alexandria yesterday. At the Second Presbyterian Church the Rev. A. C. Bridgeman, secretary of Hampton Sydney College, preached on "Christian Education."

The Rev. H. V. Deale, of Baltimore, preached at the morning services at Trinity Methodist Church and in the evening the Rev. William Lewis, formerly of Wales, preached.

Members of the Trinity Methodist Church have expressed the hope that the Rev. L. M. Fergusson, the pastor, will be returned here for another year. The appointments of the Baltimore conference, of which Mr. Fergusson is a member, will be announced tomorrow.

Oysters in All Styles at the Raimel Cafe.

WAITE'S FULL CONFESSION

Says He Also Intended Killing His
Wife to Get Her Money

New York April 3.—Dr. Arthur Warren Waite abandoned yesterday every hope of avoiding the electric chair for the murder of John E. Peck his millionaire father-in-law.

According to Walter R. Deuel, his attorney, Waite said:

"I'm tired of all this delay and pretense. The sooner it's over the better. I have nothing to hide. I'm not afraid to die. I've played the game and lost. I'm through."

"I'm not insane. That's all bosh you know. I wanted to live luxuriously. I wanted money—lots of it. I wanted it so much that I took this chance. I'd rather be dead than live the life of a piker."

"I have already confessed that I killed Mr. and Mrs. John E. Peck—my father-in-law and mother-in-law. Well I'll go further now. I intended killing my wife too poor little thing. God help me! I'm sorry for that little girl back in Grand Rapids."

"Now I want to atone. I am willing to die like any murderer should, and I'm ready to face my Creator and take my punishment."

"If people ask why a young man of my opportunities in life, of my education and social position, fell so low as to kill his benefactors, they can be told that it was solely and simply for the greed of money. I wanted money, a lot of it, and I was not willing to wait until it came to me naturally and honorably. The trouble with me was that I had too easy a time. I made friends too easily. I had got out of the habit of work. I had acquired expensive tastes. I wanted automobiles and luxurious living. I wanted to travel. I wanted to be able to sign checks for big sums. I wanted to feel the crinkle of bank bills."

"When I look back now it is hard for me to realize that I could have sent Mrs. Peck and Mr. Peck out of life without a twinge of remorse. But all I could see was the \$500,000, or so that they were preventing me from having by staying alive. With them out of the way, there was only my wife between me and half of the Peck estate. I knew to a dollar what that estate was worth, and I knew that my wife's share must come to me."

ALEXANDRIA HOSPITAL.
Forty-Third Annual Report of Institution Distributed.

The 43rd annual report of the Alexandria Hospital for the year ending January 31, 1916, together with reports of managers, treasurer, superintendent and auxiliary societies, was distributed yesterday in different churches in the city.

The report is a handsomely printed volume from the office of the Barrett Press and contains a number of pictures of the hospital staff.

According to the report of Arthur Herbert, jr., treasurer, the receipts during the year amounted to \$12,393.33 and the expenses \$12,245.67, leaving a balance of \$147.66.

The report of the superintendent, (Miss Elton V. Bowling, now Mrs. Saum), shows that the total number of patients admitted during the year was 590; total number treated 755; dispensary cases treated, 150; largest number in any one day, 37; number of free patients registered, 220; number of children born at hospital, 28; surgical operations, major, 144; minor, 200; total operations, 344; number of patients a day not including dispensary, 23; number of deaths during the year, 50.

Mrs. R. N. Ballenger, president, says in her report that the most notable event during the year was the gift of a site for the new hospital by Edward L. Daingerfield.

REV DR. BOND PREACHES.
The Rev. Dr. B. W. Bond, recently appointed presiding elder of the Alexandria District of the Methodist Church South, to succeed the Rev. Dr. D. H. Kern, transferred to the Baltimore District, preached last night in the Washington Street M. E. Church South. Dr. Bond will move here with his wife this week.

DEBATERS' CONTEST
The team of readers and debaters representing the Alexandria High School Literary Society will meet the teams of the Herndon school at a contest to be held on Friday night at the Young People's Building and the winners will be sent to Charlottesville to enter a state contest next month.

IN SHADOW OF THE OUSTER LAW

County and City Treasurers
Must Enforce Collections

\$659,793.54 ARE DUE

Delinquent Officials Will Be Separated
from their Jobs and Bondsmen
Made to Pay

Richmond, April 3.—Treasurers in the counties and cities of Virginia will under the new law have to collect all omitted taxes reported for previous years at once.

The State Auditor's report shows that for the years prior to 1915 there is due to the State back taxes, or omitted taxes, to the amount of \$659,793.54.

Failure on the part of the treasurers to collect—either by distress, levy, garnishee, rent of property or sale of timber—will result in such delinquent officials being subjected to the new "ouster" law. That measure applies to them and to all other officers who fail to do their full duty.

It is expected that in many cases the treasurers will be compelled to resort to court proceedings to make the collections, and they have no objection to that to enforce the law.

Auditor Moore, in a letter to the treasurers, calls attention to the fact that failure to collect the taxes that have been put into their hands makes them liable to the State on their bonds as officers.

The gross amount referred to as due the State for years prior to 1915 does not include the sum of \$190,875.81, claimed from the Marie Marshall estate in Williamsburg. That is omitted from the list given by Auditor Moore, for the reason that the matter is in litigation in the Federal courts. The committee of Miss Marshall is resisting the payments on the ground that she is not a resident of the State of Virginia. He also resisted the payments in New York on the ground that Miss Marshall was a resident of the State of Virginia.

In a letter sent to Auditor Moore on March 1, 1916, H. W. Wyant, examiner for the Twenty-fifth Circuit, says: "I reported \$1,180,000 of omitted assessments for the years prior to 1915 to the local board of review of Page county, and the board refused to act on the report, and as a result of their action in refusing to pass on my report the assessments are not on the property books."

Other local boards of review have done the same thing—held up the reports of the examiners of record, thereby preventing the listing of the property for taxation. Just how many such counties there may be which have held up the reports of the examiners is not known and the members of the local boards have not reported to the State Tax Board in the matter.

If the money owing and all of it prior to 1915, shall be collected and covered into the State treasury, and that for years from 1915 to date is included, the State would not have any deficit whatever.

Under the laws as they exist today, the treasurers will be forced to come up with their settlements, and compelled to force collections, or their bondsmen will be asked to make good the amount for which they are short—have failed to collect.

A table prepared by Auditor Moore, shows just exactly what the several county and city treasurers will have to do this year, the total amount due in each county and city being taxes on intangibles, money, merchants' licenses, tax on property in hands of fiduciaries and tax on incomes in hands of fiduciaries.

Alexandria county must pay \$20,008.99 and Alexandria City, \$35,396.09.

Large Chesapeake clams, 15c a dozen; Salt water oysters, 25c a quart; sold by the Reliable Sea Food Dealer, J. H. Massey, 1211 King street. All orders delivered. Bell phone 704J.

Martha Washington Candies. Fresh every day, at P. O. Cockey's 325 King.