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ECHO OF HALF A CENTURY AGO.

The Richmond Times-Dispatch in clippings from its files of April 23, 1866, reproduces the following:

The proposition of United States Senator Wade, of Ohio, to take the city and County of Alexandria back into the District of Columbia has greatly alarmed the people of Alexandria, and the Common Council has appointed a committee to go to Washington and make earnest protest before the Senate committee to whom the matter has been referred.

Senator Wade was what was known in his day as a radical, on the order of Owen Lovejoy, Charles Sumner, Thaddeus Stevens and others. This movement for retrocession in 1866 was conceived in Alexandria by a number of men, mostly carpetbaggers, who had come here at the beginning of the civil war and who held certain positions. Alexandrians who had been south during the four years conflict having returned the previous year, at the election in 1866, (elections were held yearly at that time) ousted every one from his position. This class was naturally sore at being relegated to private life, and a retrocession movement was hatched at one of their lodges of sorrow. A number of Alexandrians who had affiliated with the carpet baggers during the war mingled with those who sought revenge in retrocession, but the movement, though espoused by such men as Senator Wade, died aborting, as it has periodically ever since.

There are still a few people in this city who dream Alexandria would improve under the government of the District of Columbia. From the formation of the Federal government up to 1846 it composed part of the District, and was of no commercial importance until it was returned to the Old Dominion from which it was taken.

Several years have elapsed since retrocession was epidemic hereabouts. A few sporadic cases were observable a year ago in parts of the territory annexed to the city, but the cases were mild and the disease did not spread.

ROOSEVELT'S WANING CHANCES

Now that Massachusetts, Ohio and New Jersey have held their primaries it becomes possible to form a rough conception of how the Republican National Convention will stand, so far as Presidential honors are concerned without attempting to go into details with exact figures. The defeat of the Roosevelt candidates for delegates at large in Massachusetts means that the Colonel will receive comparatively little support in New England, where Hughes sentiment is more generally prevalent. The great majority of the New York delegates are also in opposition to the man from Oyster Bay, and will divide their votes between Root and Hughes. This seems to be the case also in New Jersey. A battle royal is to be fought out in Pennsylvania, with the probability that the delegation will be split between the Roosevelt and anti-Roosevelt forces.

This is the last of the really important States to make a choice, Burton will be supported by Ohio, Fairbanks by Indiana and Kentucky, Sherman by Illinois, Ford by Michigan, LaFollette by Wisconsin and North Dakota, Cummins by Iowa, Minnesota and some small Western delegations. The Southern States, whose representation has been largely reduced, will peddle out their votes to their best advantage, and the Far West will scatter its strength not great numerically among all the favorites.

As the Philadelphia Record suggests, there is nothing in this outlook that seems particularly favorable to the Colonel. Rejected by his own State and New England, where his clamorous campaign has been most forcibly waged, he is not likely to develop any great strength in the Middle West, if one may judge by recent occurrences. Either Justice Hughes or some unobjectionable Western favorite son, too colorless to have excited any violent antagonism thus seems to be a more likely outcome of the convention. Apparently the Old Guard has the situation well in hand, and there will be no stampeding of the very hard-headed bosses who are now guiding the G. O. P. destinies just as they did in 1912.

THE REVOLT IN IRELAND.

Dispatches from London received early yesterday were to the effect that the revolt in Dublin had collapsed. Later telegrams, however, dissipated such hopes, as it was shown that conditions were as serious as ever in the capital city.

Despite the assertions of John Redmond and other Nationalist leaders that their organization has nothing to do with the revolt in Ireland, the revolution seems to be gaining strength. The placing of the entire island under martial law shows the seriousness of the situation, and Premier Asquith admitted in the House of Commons last night that the movement was spreading in the west and that Dublin was still cut off from communication. The Premier also stated that the rebels still hold important buildings in Dublin.

British men-of-war are now off the city ready to bombard it if such a desperate course becomes necessary.

Ireland has for centuries smarted under British rule. Some place the blame upon agitators in the Emerald Isle, while others are convinced that England has ever been responsible for the discontent in Erin. Macaulay in his introduction to his history of England calls Ireland a withered branch of the British Empire, made so by unwise legislation. He also attributes the loss of North America to a weak ministry.

AMERICAN NEUTRALITY.

(Richmond Times-Dispatch) Assertions made by sympathizers in this country with the Irish revolution now sporadically in progress, that details of the plot, discovered by officers of the Secret Service when they arrested Wolf von Igel and seized his papers, were revealed by this government to the British embassy, are not yet verified. If they are true however, the administration followed exactly the proper course.

To use the soil of the United States for initiating or supporting armed expeditions against a nation with which the United States is at peace is a crime, punishable by fine and imprisonment under the Federal laws. For this government itself to encourage such activities, or tolerate them, or protect those who engage in them, would be to make itself a party to the offense, which in Von Igel's case it was undertaking to punish.

And another thing. If Von Igel's papers reveal the complicity of any persons in conspiracies to violate the neutrality laws, these persons should be apprehended promptly. We do not believe such activities are approved by the great mass of Irish-Americans in this country, but in any event they must be suppressed.

Threats of political opposition will not sway the President. He has proclaimed the neutrality of the United States. To wink at violations of that neutrality would make him false to his duty, false to his official oath and false to his country's interests and honor. It is inconceivable that threats or any considerations whatever could lead him into such a course.

Russian aeroplanes have bombarded Constantinople destroying a powder factory.

THE JAPANESE PROTEST.

(Baltimore American)

Registered and active, although not violent, the Japanese protest against the immigration bill that would discriminate against the yellow races, is something that should be faced in a fair spirit by the American Congress. This is no petulant protest, no effort to embarrass the government at a time when it has weighty international problems to solve. It is the protest of a self-respecting people against needless humiliation by legislation to the prejudice of them as a race.

The Japanese government does not seek to have the doors of the United States thrown wide open. It does not even seek to stimulate Japanese immigration to America. It simply asks that the agreement under which it has honorably worked in accord with the United States, still be held sufficient. This is to limit immigration from the Japanese side—not from this.

Japan has faithfully performed its obligation and the gentlemen's agreement has been wholly satisfactory. It should continue to be so, and discrimination against the Japanese should be avoided.

NEWS OF THE DAY

The blowing up of three ships, two Dutch and one Norwegian, is reported in dispatches to London.

The latest official casualty lists published in Germany increases to 2,518,264 the total of Prussian losses during the war. This total includes killed, wounded and missing. It does not comprise the losses of the Saxon, Bavarian or Wurttemberg armies.

Thrown from a motorcycle as it swerved sharply in front of a south-bound Ninth street car at the corner of H street, Washington late yesterday afternoon, Ollie T. Moore, a young white man, died less than two hours afterward at the Emergency Hospital, without regaining consciousness.

Turkish patrols have penetrated to a point within 20 miles of the Suez Canal, according to information received in Zurich. German soldiers are fighting with the Turks in Egypt. An army of picked Turkish troops, reinforced by Germans, has invaded Egypt. The fighting around Quatia is regarded as the forerunner of the long-expected drive against the Suez Canal.

Dr. Eugene Caldwell, of Richmond will be tendered the position of president of the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, it is announced in Austin, Tex., succeeding Dr. R. E. Vinson, recently elected president of the University of Texas. Dr. Caldwell is a member of the faculty of the Princeton Theological Seminary, Richmond, and is one of the most prominent men in the Southern Presbyterian Church.

Engineer Charles H. Mansfield, of the Gilt Edge flyer, on the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, which was wrecked on April 14, was twice indicted yesterday for manslaughter by the Washington county R. I., grand jury. He is charged with causing the death of Miss Janet Clarke, of Westerly, R. I., and Mrs. Olivia Martell, of South Bridge, Mass., two of the victims of the wreck.

Thirty-five Democrats, led by members of the Tammany delegation, in the majority caucus of the House of Representatives last night put a quietus upon the administration's plan for turning loose the Philippine Islands within four years. The Jones resolution approving the pending bill with the Clarke amendment, but leaving Democrats free to vote as they choose on the prohibition provision for the Philippines, was adopted, 140 to 35.

The recent crisis in Holland, when troops were mobilized and preparations made for war, was due to the fact that the British had sunk a Dutch warship, according to reports received in Berlin. The fact was concealed from the Dutch public and the incident was closed after England had made suitable apology and had promised indemnities. The Dutch newspapers De Tribune declares that the English sent the crew of the Dutch warship to India to prevent the news from becoming public and arousing popular indignation in Holland.

The Amsterdam Gazette de Holland, for April 25, tells of the sinking of a German submarine by a British patrol boat between the Shetland Islands and the Irish coast on April 17. The incident was witnessed by two Dutch vessels, one of which had been summoned to stop by the submarine. The Dutch paper's account says: "The shots were fired by a British trawler, presumably in the naval service. The trawler asked the Dutch ships whether they wanted

help and they replied in the negative. The officers of the trawler said that the submarine was one of the newest German U-boats, with a crew of 60 men, for which the British had been waiting for four days. The Dutch vessel arrived in Holland safely."

A double-truck Vine-Burnet street car, crowded with men, women and children, became unmanageable as it was approaching McMillan street, yesterday in Cincinnati, ran wild on a down grade for six blocks, jumped the track, crashed into a telegraph pole, which almost demolished it and caused the death of one woman and injury to 38 other persons. Miss Carrie Stilger, aged 31, an attendant at the Cincinnati General Hospital, was beheaded. She was to have been a bridesmaid last night at the wedding of Miss Carrie Geisler, who was with her on the car. Miss Geisler was seriously, although not necessarily fatally injured.

VIRGINIA NEWS

Mrs. W. F. Creasy, wife of Dr. W. F. Creasy, and one of the most widely-known residents of Newport News, committed suicide Wednesday in her husband's office by inhaling illuminating gas.

Southern Railway has just purchased 45 locomotives, sixty all-steel passenger train cars, 1,500 all-steel coal cars, 1,507 steel center still box cars and 100 steel center still caboose cars.

News has been received from the adjutant general of Canada by Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Thurston, of Richmond that their son, John Thurston, who was fighting with the Canadian army in Flanders, was killed in action on April 3.

George Albert Walker, 52 years old, formerly a merchant of Highland Springs, committed suicide in his home early yesterday afternoon in Richmond by firing a bullet through his temple. Walker is said to have been suffering from profound melancholia, as a result of losing a position a short time ago.

Dr. R. A. Robinson, pastor of Colley Memorial Presbyterian Church, Norfolk, one of the best beloved ministers of that city and with a State-wide reputation in moral uplift work, was stricken with paralysis last night. His condition is said to be serious. He has been in the pastoral work of Norfolk for nearly 20 years.

Fired upon as he and his companion were going to the assistance of two of their friends who had been held up, Tomasso Allosi, of the crew of the British steamer Livingston Court, was shot and almost instantly killed Wednesday night by one of three colored highwaymen in the Lambert's Point yards of the Norfolk and Western Railroad at Norfolk. The murderers escaped.

Missing from his room at day-break yesterday, with his clothing still beside the bed, Dr. John P. Rhea, a well-known physician of Em-mets, six miles east of Bristol, was found dead under the stairway at noon yesterday. He had jumped from an upper story window at his home and after wading Beaver creek, died from exposure coupled with injuries. He was 50 years old.

Miss Marian Lecky, of Richmond, and Miss Bessie Good Jeffreys, of Chase City, have been appointed sponsor and maid-of-honor, respectively, for the First Brigade, United Confederate Veterans, at the annual reunion in Birmingham, Ala., in May by Brigadier General Freeman, commanding. Virginia will be represented at the reunion by four brigades, with Major General J. Thompson Brown commander-in-chief.

J. A. Roberts, 30 years old treasurer of the coal operations of the Virginia Iron, Coal and Coke Company, at Inman, Wise county, was shot to death yesterday by Ezra Craft, a miner. The men are said to have had a dispute concerning certain credits of Craft's account, and when the treasurer turned his back Craft is alleged to have sent bullet through his body. Craft was arrested and sent to jail at Wise.

Harry M. Bassett, carpenter, 55 years old, of Richmond, will probably lose the sight of his right eye as a result of being knocked down by a negro beggar at Monroe and Broad streets early yesterday morning. The negro approached Bassett and asked him for a nickel. When the carpenter turned him down, he struck him a stiff blow with his fist in the face, knocking him to the pavement. Bassett was taken to Virginia Hospital in the city ambulance. It was stated there today that the surgeons had but little hope of saving the right eye. The negro escaped in the darkness and is now being sought by the police. His name is not known.



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