

CLOSING DAY OF THE COUNCIL

Considerable Business Tran-
sacted Thursday and
Yesterday

DELEGATES ELECTED

Council Will Meet in Fredericksburg
Next May—Delegates Returning
Home Today

Second Day—Morning Session.

Warrenton, Va., May 19. — The council of the Episcopal diocese of Virginia met at 10 o'clock in St. James' Church with Bishop Gibson in the chair. After the reading of the minutes of the previous day, the Rev. J. J. Gravatt, D. D., read the report of the Standing Committee of the diocese. Judge Carter Scott as the premier lay delegate to the General Convention which meets in St. Louis next fall, asked that his resignation as lay delegate be unanimously accepted in favor of Mr. P. H. Mayo of Richmond who has been a lay delegate from Virginia for five General Conventions last past. The resignation of Judge Scott was then accepted by an overwhelming vote of the council and Mr. P. H. Mayo, was elected in his stead, the ballot being cast by the Secretary. After this was done, it was the desire of the council that Judge Scott take the place as first alternate deputy, but as this together with the election of Mr. Mayo, just taken place, might cause some canonical difficulties it was agreed on motion of Mr. Browning, of Culpeper, that the election of lay delegates which was held yesterday, be reconsidered. This was done and it was ordered that a new election of lay delegates to the General Convention take place at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon.

The council then adjourned for luncheon at the Country Club, where a generous repast had been prepared by the ladies of St. James' Church.

Evening Session 3 o'clock

The council met for business at the above hour with Bishop Coadjutor Brown in the chair. A resolution was brought in by the Rev. J. J. Gravatt, D. D., congratulating the council on the partial restoration of the Bishop of the diocese to health, enabling him to preside at the meeting of the council with so much efficiency. For this condition, which gives the council and diocese so much pleasure, thanksgiving is kindly rendered to Almighty God, and it is hoped that the Bishop may in due time be restored to full health and strength. This resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Bishop Gibson then entered and took the chair.

The Executive Committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society was then re-elected. The Rev. W. J. Morton of Christ Church, Alexandria is a member of this committee. The Social Service Commission was also re-elected. The Rev. Berryman Green, D. D., of the Theological Seminary is a member of this committee.

The Rev. S. Roger Tyler next read the report of the Committee on the Increase of the Ministry. In the beginning of the report he stated that the late Rev. Frank Stringfellow of the diocese of Virginia, had induced sixty-three young men to enter the ministry. This shows that the responsibility of getting young men into the ministry of the church rests largely with the clergy themselves. Religion in the home is one of the chief factors, with family prayer, and regular attendance at church on the part of christian families should be insisted upon by the pastors of the various congregations in the diocese. The committee on the Increase of the Ministry was continued so that it might prepare and issue a paper to the diocese on this subject.

The report of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions of the diocese was read by the Rev. Mr. Barkhardt, for the secretary. The Auxiliary has had a prosperous year and the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the existence of the so-

ciety under its honored secretary, Miss Sallie Stuart, took place in Alexandria last fall. The Church Periodical Club for sending periodicals, and books if possible, to clergymen and missionaries in the smaller parishes and missions is increasing each year in the development of its great work.

The report of the Theological Seminary of Virginia was read by Dean Crawford. There are forty-six students at the Seminary, distributed among twenty dioceses. The Education Society has supported the greater number of these. It closes this year with a debt of \$2,000, which was fortunately made up to a large extent by a reserve fund which is now exhausted, so for this year there must be an increase in the contributions to this society that the coming deficiency may be met. There were 14 students on the Skinner Scholarships at the University of Virginia, during the past session. Hereafter the Hebrew language will be made optional for graduation. This regulation will take effect during the next session of the Seminary. The election of the lay delegates on the vote of reconsideration now took place. The following gentlemen were nominated as delegates: Messrs. Peter H. Mayo, Judge Norton, J. Stewart Bryan, Roswell Page, Robert Beverley, H. L. Lyman, L. C. Wil-

(Continued on fourth page)

MISS WHITTON IS QUEEN

Eight Girls Who Received Next Largest Votes Will Be Her Attendants

Miss Mary Whitton was the winner of the contest held by the children of the public schools for the honor of being May Queen at the festival to be held next Friday on the grounds of the Alexandria High School.

The contest closed last night and Miss Whitton received 2944 votes. Miss Whitten's election was the result of a two days campaign. Her nearest competitor was Miss Rosa Murphy who received 2,341 votes and will be the crown bearer.

The queen's attendants will be the eight who received the next highest number of votes and they are as follows: Miss Eliza Crump, 2308; Miss Nancy King, 1,809; Miss Pechla Drefius, 1,806; Miss Ruth Bragg, 1,242; Miss Augusta Bode, 650; Miss Carroll Johnson, 482. Miss Frances Rose, 334; Miss Hilda Noonan.

SOUTHERN ASSEMBLY

Net Gain in Membership for Year is 36,000 With Excellent Financial Returns

Orlando, Fla., May 20—Clergy-men-delegates to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church for the Southern District yielded one point in favor of woman's rights yesterday.

A majority report on the work of women in the church read: "The majority recommend that authority leadership in the church, in keeping with the Scriptures, is vested in man, but that women could be used as 'deaconesses.'"

The minority report would remove every ban and place women on an equal standing with man, permitting her to hold all offices.

The reports from the presbyteries covering all departments of the church's work are very encouraging and show growth and advance along all lines. The contributions have been much greater than ever before. During the year more than 21,000 members were received into the church on profession of faith. Including those received by letter, the net gain for the year is over 36,000. The total membership is 368,000.

The assembly declined to appoint a general educational secretary, who was to give his time disseminating information in regard to all departments of church work.

Alexandria-Washington Lodge, No. 22, A. F. and A. M., will pay a fraternal visit to Washington Centennial Lodge tonight. They will leave at 7 o'clock.

BANDITS RAID BORDER AGAIN

Led By Placido Villaneva,
They Carry Off Many
Horses

CRIES OF 'VIVA VILLA'

Border Troops Said to be Slow in
Movement, Which is Bringing Forth
Some Criticism

Marfa, Texas, May 20—Another border bandit, Placido Villaneva, former Villa lieutenant, broke loose yesterday across the international boundary line and with a party raided the isolated ranches of Buck Poole and Felipe Valdez, both American citizens.

The bandits according to the first meagre reports that were brought here from Presidio yesterday afternoon, secured many horses and supplies. Poole's ranch lost a score of cow ponies.

The raiders swooped down on the defenseless ranches, yelling "Viva Villa!" They threatened the employes with death if they resisted, and ran off the horses.

All along the river, a distance of 10 miles on either side, they raided American and Mexican properties indiscriminately. They were principally after horses.

The bandits are said to have been operating on both sides of the Rio Grande in the vicinity of Ojinaga. The total force is estimated at 500 men. It is generally believed the bandits are stealing new mounts with which to commit further raids on Texas towns.

El Paso, Texas, May 20—Francisco Villa is operating south of Parral under an assumed name, according to a story current in Chihuahua City and brought here by travelers.

They said the bandit, using the name of Augustin Garcia, which he employed at times in the days before he became a military leader, had gathered a force of 200 men in the neighborhood of Borjas.

Washington, May 20—General Funston's realignment of the border patrol is being delayed, War Department officials say, by slow mobilization of the Arizona and New Mexico National Guard and by the disappointing showing in number and equipment of some of the guard companies that have reported for service.

Although it has been 10 days since President Wilson called out the Texas Arizona and New Mexico guardsmen for patrol duty along the border their mobilization and assignment is far from complete. The Texas companies responded promptly, but in the other two States the call has not met with as quick a response as officials expected.

THREE SHOT IN STRIKE RIOT.

Guards in Factory Fire When Building is Stoned.

Ansonia, Conn., May 19.—Three men were shot, one probably fatally, in a riot yesterday at the plant of the Ansonia Manufacturing Company, where between 150 and 200 men are on strike. One man was shot through the lungs and was taken to a hospital in a serious condition.

The strikers are said to have been aroused by a report that strike breakers were being brought into town. They marched to the factory and began throwing stones through the windows of the building. Guards stationed inside then fired into the crowd. The police force and fire department were called to the scene and restored order.

Officials at the factory stated that little damage was done there and no one inside the building had been hurt.

MAY DANCE

To be Given by
MISS EMERITA WARNOCK
in the Elk's Auditorium
May 23, 1916
\$1.00 a couple. Dancing 8 to 12.
Refreshments free.

DEVILED & HARD SHELL CRABS
AT JACOB BRILL'S FOOT KING ST.

CASE OF J. G. LYNCH

Naturalized American Citizen Said to be Alive in Dublin

London, May 20—From all that could be learned up to a late hour last night from official quarters with regard to the status of Jeremiah G. Lynch, of New York, a naturalized American citizen convicted by a court martial of participation in the Dublin rebellion and sentenced to death, he is still alive, and the war office and Gen. Sir John Maxwell, Commander of the British troops in Ireland, are considering his case, as a result of an appeal in his behalf sent by the American State Department. Lynch, it was reported Thursday night, was to be executed at 4 o'clock yesterday morning.

The American Embassy gave out a statement yesterday afternoon saying that it had received an inquiry from Washington regarding Lynch's offense requesting that he be not executed until the facts have been forwarded to Washington. The Embassy adds that it was awaiting the reply of the war office.

At the war office it was learned that a telegram had been sent to Gen. Sir John Maxwell, reading: "If the facts are as stated the execution is to be postponed."

Later in the afternoon the foreign office forwarded the State Department's request concerning Lynch to Gen. Maxwell at Dublin.

SPECIAL GRAND JURY

Case of Joseph Clark, Charged With Murdering His Wife Will Be Considered

Judge Louis C. Barley of the corporation court issued orders today for the convening of a special grand jury on next Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock for the purpose of considering an indictment which will be presented by Samuel G. Brent, commonwealth attorney, charging Joseph Clark with the murder of his wife. Clark was expected to appear before Police Justice Caton for a preliminary hearing this morning, but through his attorney, Robinson Moncreur he waived the examination and was held for the action of the grand jury.

The grand jury will also consider one of the following: B. Baer, Jr., W. E. Bain, William H. Sweeney, Captain Albert Bryan, Henry B. Steiner, Louis Bendheim, William A. Smoot, Jr., Richard E. Acton and Clinton S. Ballenger.

The grand jury will also consider an indictment against Robert Johnson, colored, charged with burglary.

LOCAL BREVITIES

Henry Wise, formerly a tailor in this city and now engaged in fishing at Wellington, Fairfax county, broke his arm this morning while cranking the motor boat "Vivamos," owned by Frank M. Hill, at the fish wharf in Washington. He was taken to the Emergency Hospital.

There will be a called meeting of the Woman's Missionary of the M. E. Church South, on Thursday at 3 p. m. to hear the reports of the delegates to the annual conference at Roanoke of the Woman's Missionary Society of Baltimore Conference of the M. E. Church South.

Services will be conducted in the Second Presbyterian Church tomorrow morning and evening by Rev. Jno. Lee Allison. His subject in the morning will be "The Country Church" and in the evening his theme will be evangelistic.

AT THE CHURCHES

At Trinity tomorrow Decision Day service will be held in the Sunday school. The pastor will preach 11 a. m. on "The One Perfect Law," and at 8 p. m. the subject will be "Ignorance God Winked at."

The topics of the Rev. E. T. Kirkley at the M. P. Church tomorrow will be: 11 a. m. "The Dwelling place of God; 8 p. m. "The Compassion of the Father."

Lankford Sanderlin, a white man, was beaten to death in a race riot at Lamberts Point, Norfolk yesterday.

FIGHTING IN THE HEAVENS

Five German Aeroplanes
Are Brought Down by
The Allies

BLOCK TEUTON DRIVE

French City of Dunkirk Bombarded—
Belgian and French Aviators Join
in Reprisals

Paris, May 20—The greatest aerial activity on both sides is reported in today's official statement from the war office, announcing unsuccessful German attacks on the Belgian front and in the Champagne, but no infantry fighting at Verdun.

German aeroplanes bombarded the French seaport town of Dunkirk, and the town of Bergues, south of Dunkirk, killing six persons and wounding 38.

In reprisal a French air squadron attacked enemy camps at Wyfwegen, Zarnen, and Handzaem and a Belgian squadron bombarded the Ghiffelles aerodrome, many bombs reaching the mark.

Lieutenant Navarre, French air hero, brought down his eleventh German aeroplane which fell behind the French lines near Chattancourt, northwest of Verdun. Both German occupants were captured. This was the second plane brought down by Navarre in 24 hours.

Lieutenant Nungessen brought down his fifth German plane which fell behind their own lines.

The attack on the Belgian front was made by German groups which attempted to cross the Yser between Stenstraete and Hetsas. The advance was checked by Belgian infantry. In the Champagne, the Germans sent great gas clouds rolling down upon the French lines in preparation for an attack. The first German troops appearing behind the gas clouds were met with such a hot fire that no further attempt to advance was made.

West of the Meuse, the Germans continued to bombard with great violence the northwestern front of Verdun, but there was no infantry actions.

London, May 20.—The Germans are preparing for a big offensive on the Belgian front, according to several dispatches from Holland.

Trainloads of men and ammunition have been moving toward the Belgian front for the past three days. Heavy guns are reported to have been concentrated on the line from the coast to Ypres, as if for a renewal of the attempt to reach Calais. Air scouts are becoming increasingly active.

POPE'S MESSAGE TO GERMANY

A Similar Message to That Sent The United States

Washington, May 19—Confidential advices received here from Berlin tell of a message being sent to the German government by the Vatican, but it is described as being similar to the one recently sent to President Wilson when the severance of diplomatic relations between the United States and Germany appeared imminent.

The message was presented as expressing the hope that there would be no breach of relations and offering the good offices of the Pope to prevent one. Germany has since replied to the Vatican, expressing appreciation of the sentiments contained in the note, and adding that at this time the good offices of the Pope were not needed.

It is denied here that the message to Berlin contained any request for an abandonment of submarine warfare, and the opinion was expressed in diplomatic quarters that no more than one message had been sent. Diplomats friendly to the Central Powers consider it probable that the note referred to in the British Parliament was the communication similar in purport to that sent to President Wilson.

GAZETTE One Week 10c

CONTINUE ALL DAY SERVICE

Old Dominion Railway Officials Say They Have All The Men They Need

Continued all-day service of cars on both the Bluemont and Great Falls divisions of the Washington and Old Dominion Railway, with now and then a lapse in the schedule, was held again yesterday in the face of the persistent stand taken by 150 former employes of the line to "stay out" for better wages, better hours and improved working conditions.

Between 6 o'clock in the morning and 6 o'clock yesterday evening cars ran on the Great Falls division on a 30 minute headway. Four passenger trains ran each way on the Bluemont division. This was an increase on the schedule of the day previous. Freight and milk train service was normal.

Again last night no attempt was made to have night service, nor will this be resumed until more tangible developments occur to establish what relations the company is to have with its employes now on strike, company officials say.

Company officials say they have all the men they need to operate a full service, and that some of the applicants for jobs were men who had been with the strikers, but had turned over to the company's side.

AN INTERESTING RELIC

Philadelphian Sends Articles and Rules of Hook and Ladder Company in 1800

The regular monthly meeting of the Relief Hook and Ladder Company was held last night. Two new members were elected and the usual routine business transacted. An interesting relic of by-gone years was received from John Douglass Brown, of Philadelphia, whose grandfather, John D. Brown, was a member of the Relief Company in the year 1800. The relic is a copy of the "Articles of the Relief Fire Company, formulated January 23, 1788, and revised April 2, 1795 and December, 1800." The members had been placed in a frame and will be kept with other archives of the company (minute books, etc.) a century and more old.

The members of the company in 1800 are appended to the articles. They were: Thomas Vowell, William Harper, Joshua Riddle, Thomas Preston, Mark Butts, John Johnson, Charles Slade, Robert Anderson, John A. Stewart, Charles Bradford, Joseph Harris, James R. Riddle, Henry Bayne, William Weston, Isaac Entwistle, Thomas Triplett, John D. Brown, Samuel Wheeler, John Gird, Joseph Spears, John Parker, James Spillman, James Shethar, Henry B. Deagen, Robert Hunter, John Grinnalls, William A. Williams, Henry Williams, Horace Field, Robert Conway, Richard Rock, Anthony, Hodgkinson, John Suter, Jonathan C. May, Joseph E. Gird, James Bloxham, Silas Reed, Septimus Levering, Jeremiah Booth, John West, William Wilson, Benjamin G. Thornton, Nicholas F. Blacklock, John B. Swann and William E. Thornton.

The descendants of some of the above are among us today in Alexandria.

EVANS A CANDIDATE

George H. Evans today filed his name with Clerk Nevell S. Greenaway of the corporation court as a candidate for the common council from the first ward in the general election to be held on June 13th. Taylor Burke who was nominated for the office in the Democratic primary held in April will not be a candidate on account of having moved from the ward. It is understood that Mr. Evans candidacy will be subject to the action of the city democratic committee which will hold a meeting at the office of Howard W. Smith on Monday night at 8 o'clock.

DANCE

Benefit
BOY'S ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
New High School
SATURDAY NIGHT, MAY 20
8:00 P. M.

Admission, 25c

RUIN WROUGHT BY BIG GUNS

Horrors About Verdun
More Appalling than
Any in History

POURING IN TROOPS

Never-Ending Slaughter at the Two
Hills—French Are Praised For
Their Bravery

London, May 20—Thousands upon thousands of fresh troops are being brought to the front on both the French and the German lines in the long and bloody battle of Verdun. There is no longer any doubt that the losses on both sides have been the greatest of any battle in this war or in any other war in the world's history.

Many thousands of dead have been buried in long trenches behind the lines, and thousands more have been carried further back and interred. A correspondent returning from the scene says the ruin and destruction wrought by the biggest German guns beggars description. The struggle is no nearer an end now than a month ago. While the Germans have made gains and increased their hold upon certain positions the French, on the other hand, have strengthened their inner lines of defenses.

Berlin, May 20.—Heavy losses are being suffered by the French at Verdun, despite the protection of their earthworks, because of the enormous numbers of troops they have concentrated within a comparatively small area there, according to a correspondent at the Verdun front.

French prisoners, say the correspondent, declare that the destruction wrought by the German artillery is not only appalling among the troops on the firing line, but also among the reserves closely grouped in territory which the German guns are able to reach effectively.

The writer praises the bravery of the French soldiers, who defend themselves with the utmost intrepidity and are continuously counter-attacking, and remarks on the notable lines of earthworks which they have constructed, not only before the battle, but even to a greater degree during its progress.

Berlin, May 20.—French trenches on both sides of the Haucourt-Esnes high road, on the Verdun front, west of the Meuse, have been captured by the Germans, the War Office announces.

Paris, May 20.—Violent fighting on a largescale was resumed on the Verdun front Thursday night. Two fresh divisions of German troops attacked French positions at Avocourt Wood and Hill 304, west of the Meuse. The War Office announces the attacks in the main, were unsuccessful, although the Germans obtained a footing in a small post south of Hill 287.

ST PAUL'S CONCERT

At the concert next Tuesday evening by the choir of St. Paul's Church each member of the quartet will be heard in a solo, and they will sing the "Goodnight" quartet from "Martha." Mr. Stanley Blanton will sing "Today" by Carrie Jacobs Bond and Mrs. Marie Langdon Fisher will sing "A Spirit Flower" by Campbell Tipton. Mrs. Fisher has sung at the offertory at St. Paul's on several occasions to the delight of the congregation. There will be a semi chorus of twelve ladies of the choir who will render Parlow's arrangement of "Amaryllis," and an octette will sing the popular "Mummy's Lullaby" by Dorak. The last number on the program will be the "Tower scene" from "Il Trovatore" the solos being sung by Mrs. White and Mr. Ogden.

A number of prominent speakers have been secured for the patriotic banquet to be held the evening of May 25 by Seminole Tribe of Red men. The dinner will take place in the Young People's Building, program to be announced later.

GAZETTE One Month 43c