

POLICEMEN AND FIREMEN INVITED TO ATTEND SERVICES AT TENT TONIGHT

Personal Sketches of members of the Evangelistic Party —Comment on Fine Weather Which Has Prevailed During Revival Campaign.

Josephus tells us that during the seven years in which Solomon was building the great temple at Jerusalem that it did not rain in the daytime lest the workmen be impeded in their labor. It is suggested that during the time the Gypsy Smith evangelistic services have been in progress in Alexandria virtually no rain has fallen during the time the meetings were being held. There have been several heavy showers during the present month, but they have fallen either before or after the services.

Yesterday was a quiet day in the gospel work, Monday being observed as a day of rest by the evangelist and his coadjutors. Prayer meetings, however, were held yesterday and last night in churches and other places. At the close of the day heavy clouds loomed up in the western heavens and rain, thunder and lightning followed, lowering the temperature considerably. The services at the tent will be resumed tonight, when, from present indications, clear and cool conditions will prevail.

The policemen will attend the services in a body tonight. John W. Herndon, secretary of the laymen's committee, has sent an invitation to these guardians of the peace to be present. Mr. Herndon also tendered thanks to the officers on behalf of the committee for the excellent order which has been preserved both within and without the tent, during the time the meetings have been in progress.

When John the Baptist was preaching and baptizing at the river Jordan Roman soldiers (the policemen of that day) resorted to him, and asked, "And what shall we do?" The Baptist replied, "Do violence to no man, and be content with your wages." We have reason to believe that Alexandria conservators of the peace strive to refrain from violence, although their patience is often tried, and it is hoped they will adopt the other suggestion of the forerunner of the Messiah until the city finds itself in a position to show its appreciation of their services in a more substantial manner.

The firemen of the city will also attend the meeting in a body tonight. The members of the different companies have been on hand nightly with extinguishers ready to render service at any time. While the services have been in progress their ears have been attentive to all that has been said, while their argus eyes have been directed here and there watching for the slightest suspicion of fire. Their services have been duly appreciated not only by the church committee, the evangelist and his coadjutors, but by the many who attend nightly.

Those who have attended the revival meetings at the tent and have enjoyed the excellent music rendered by the splendid choir of nearly 500 voices, may be interested to learn something concerning Prof. Forest Cole, the efficient director in charge, who constitutes one of the evangelistic party.

Mr. Cole is a native of Pennsylvania. He attended the public schools and later graduated from the State Normal at Edinboro, Pa. He then went to Illinois where he taught for some time, returning later to Erie, and engaging in business, studying music on the side. He had always taken an active part in all church work and the desire becoming very strong to take up evangelistic work, he went to the Moody Bible Institute at Chicago, and then joined the late Rev. J. M. Wood, of Decatur, Ill., with whom he was associated for a year in revivals in Illinois. A call came to him from one of the largest churches of Memphis, Tenn., to become director of music and assistant to the pastor. He was very successful there and remained nearly three years, until November last, when Gypsy Smith, Jr., went there to conduct a revival. Since that time he has been associated with Mr. Smith.

Gypsy Smith, Jr. Epigrams

Our cemeteries are full of people under 30 years of age who would not be there but for sin.

God save us from the boys and men who can talk of nothing but dances and pleasure and girls who talk of nothing but clothes.

You can't feed your soul on pink tea and the frivolities of fashion.

Woe to the man or woman who meets a disappointed God.

The shores of time are strewn with women of wrecked lives.

It takes a real man or woman to kneel to Christ.

It's a libel on God to say you can't become a Christian.

It is not more light, but backbone, that you need.

Many choose darkness rather than light.

Prof. Cole seems especially adapted for the work in which he is engaged. Whoever gave him the good natured face he wears under the front of his hat evidently wreathed it in the kind of smiles rain can't wash off, just before they handed it to him. He has the happy faculty of keeping every one in a cheerful mood, which aids not a little in making things run smoothly, and is particularly strong in his work with the children, using effective illustrations in riveting their attention to the lessons he wishes to impart. The children's choir which was heard at the Saturday night service furnished an example of his ability by the splendid manner in which they acquitted themselves. The Gazette man knows another interesting little fact concerning him but can't tell it just yet.

Miss Laura E. Hoagland, the accomplished pianist of Evangelist Smith's party, is another whose work has merited and received much commendation. Miss Hoagland comes from Somerville, New Jersey, where she was organist at the First Reformed Church and actively prominent in musical circles. She aided Mr. Smith during a revival campaign in Somerville, also at Princeton, in the same state, and resigned her position as organist to join the evangelistic party when they opened here two weeks ago. She has had experience in chorus and oratorio work and possesses the natural musical temperament which enables her to execute with that charming expression so pleasing to all. Miss Hoagland is under contract with Mr. Smith for the present year.

Bulgarians Defeated.

London, September 9.—An Athens dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company says that information received there indicates that the Bulgarians are beginning the evacuation of Monastir. It is said that the Bulgarian archives are being hastily transported to Uskub.

The whole Bulgarian right wing fell back and the entente allies obtained command of the ranges dominating the Florina plain.

Cherry Stone Oysters on half shell at Rammel Cafe.

Alexandria City News Condensed

The Willard W. C. T. U. will meet at the Trinity Methodist church tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Miss Julia Boswell has returned to her home in north Washington street after spending her vacation at Mountain Lake, Va.

A large box of good things will be sent from the city today to the members of Alexandria Light Infantry, stationed at Brownsville, Texas.

Some of Washington's best talent has been engaged to appear at the musicale to be given on the evening of Oct. 4 at the Elks' home in this city for the benefit of St. Mary's Parochial school.

Lieutenant Baldwin, with thirty men of the machine gun company at Fort Myer came to Alexandria this morning on a hike. They left the city about ten o'clock on the return trip.

The Alexandria Gun Club held a meeting last night in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce to arrange for a shooting tournament to be held here in the near future.

OPINION ON TAX QUESTION

Goods Bought Outside of State and Shipped Direct to Customers Outside of State Part of Purchases.

Richmond, Sept. 19.—Christopher B. Garnett, executive assistant of the State Tax Board, yesterday rendered an opinion to Auditor C. Lee Moore, in which he stated that merchants doing business in Virginia will be required to pay a tax on all purchases made by them from firms out of the State for shipment direct to customer also outside of Virginia, such goods not having entered the State or having been handled by the merchant. When the matter was brought to the attention of Mr. Garnett for an opinion, it was claimed that since the purchases did not enter the State they were not subject to the license tax. In his opinion Mr. Garnett stated that purchases by a Virginia merchant were as much liable to taxation when shipped direct to purchaser as when shipped into the State and then re-shipped. "My opinion is that merchants whose place of business is in Virginia should return for taxation as purchased goods all goods purchased outside of the State, whether those goods are shipped direct to cities in Virginia and there resold or whether they are shipped direct to purchasers thereof."

When will John Barleycorn die in Virginia? That is the latest question that has arisen in connection with the prohibition law, although it has escaped many readers of that statute. It has been discovered that through inadvertence or oversight that in one instance in the law it is stated that prohibition shall become effective "after November 1." In another place it reads "on and after November 1." As a consequence it is being asked whether October 31 will see the ushering out of the liquors, or whether November 1, will be the day for the funeral march.

Attorney-General John Garland Pollard is the man who will decide the question, although he has not been asked as yet to give his opinion. This important decision will have to be made and it is expected that he will be asked for an expression in a short time. It is understood, however, that the law intends that November 1, shall be the first day of prohibition, and it is believed that Mr. Pollard will, when he renders an opinion declare that since the intention of the law is plain, October 31, will be the last day that spirits of the ardent variety will roam unmolested.

For Sale.

The choicest building sites around Alexandria, situated on Braddock Heights, fine roads and accessible to the Electric Line. Prices moderate. It will pay you to look them over before deciding upon the location of your home. For particulars see your local Real Estate Agent or N. Lindsey and Co., Inc. 1-218-121.

Norfolk Oysters on sale at the Rammel Cafe.

Mr. and Mrs. William J. May, have returned from their wedding trip and are at home in north Washington street.

At a meeting of the ladies' auxiliary to the Old Dominion Boat Club held last night final arrangements were made for the dance to be given next Monday evening at the boat house for the benefit of furnishing the club-room of the organization.

E. Lawrence Phillips is arranging to open the New Opera House for the season on the evening of October 9th, instead of Sept. 18th as first planned. Mr. Phillips stated that he had deferred the opening until the later date in order not to conflict with the revival services now in progress here.

Mrs. John T. Pryor and daughter, Miss Frances Pryor of Pacific Grove, Cal., who for several weeks have been visiting Mrs. Pryor's brother and sister-in-law Mr. and Mrs. James Smyth, in north Washington street, left today for Staunton, Va., where Miss Pryor will enroll as a student at Stuart Hall. Mrs. Pryor will remain in Staunton until Saturday, when she will leave for El Paso, Texas, where she will visit before returning to California.

BULGARIANS FLEE

Defeated by French, Who Carry Florina by Assault, They Retire in Disorder

Athens, Sept. 19.—French-Serbian troops have surrounded the Bulgarian forces in Northwestern Macedonia, according to reports reaching here. The Bulgarians are said to be falling back precipitately on Monastir.

Paris, Sept. 19.—Florina, an important town in Northwestern Macedonia, was carried by assault by French troops today, according to an official statement issued here. The Bulgarians are retiring in disorder in the direction of Monastir, the statement adds. Serbian troops also gained successes in the region of Lake Ostrovo.

London, Sept. 19.—A further advance for the Serbians on the western end of the Macedonian front is reported in a dispatch sent out under a Saloniki date. It says the first second line trenches of the Bulgarians at Kaimakalea have been taken by the Serbians, who have crossed the Broda river. Heavy fighting continued on the farther bank of the river.

The Serbians are reported to have taken four field guns and eight machine guns, bringing up to 36 the number of prisoners, the exact number of which is unknown, also are said to have fallen into the hands of the Serbians. Heavy fighting continues.

Berlin, Sept. 19.—The allied (Entente) forces in Eastern Roumania have received reinforcements, the War Office announces. They have taken up a line across Dobrudja, a few miles south of the railroad running from Constanza to the Danube.

The positions taken up by the reinforced Russian and Roumanian troops are on the line extending from Rachova, on the Danube, nine miles below the railroad crossing through Tropanid, 17 miles southeast of Rachova.

Sofia, Sept. 19.—"Our advance in Dobrudja continues," says an official announcement issued here.

Athens, Sept. 19.—The first boat load of Greek soldiers from Kavala arrived yesterday. The men marched through the streets cheering King Constantine and crying: "Down with the Bulgars!"

The demand for was is growing rapidly among the people. Even the anti-Venezelos press plans an active pro-war campaign.

GREEK KILLS WIFE

Michael Sliatigacos Sends Bullet Into Woman and Attempts Suicide

Washington, Sept. 19.—Michael Sliatigacos, a Greek, thirty-two years old, shortly before 10 o'clock this morning shot and killed his wife, Vasiliki Sliatigacos, at their home, 620 Sixth street northwest.

The woman died at the Casualty Hospital a short time later.

The man, after shooting the woman, turned the gun on himself, and shot himself through the head. He is in a dangerous condition at the Casualty Hospital.

Miss Mary V. Douglas, of Aldie, Loudoun county, was elected a teacher last night at a called meeting of the city school board, in place of Miss Rubie L. Broadus, who recently resigned on account of her health.

The first aid class of the local Red Cross organization held a meeting last evening for instruction, Dr. Gorman being in attendance.

The following unconfirmed story has caused not a little amusement around the city, the last few days. There is a small tent near the Gypsy Smith revival campaign tent where mothers may "check" their infants. Several evenings ago, as the story goes, a mother left her baby with the ladies in charge of the nursery and went away, apparently to enjoy the evangelist's sermon. She returned before the services in the big tent were over and was told by the nurse that her baby was sleeping sweetly and they expressed regret that she had hurried away before the conclusion of the meeting. To the surprise of the attendants, she is reported to have replied, "Oh, I have been to the movies!" Thanking those who had made her evening's entertainment possible she left the tent.

HIGH PRAISE FOR V. M. I.

Virginia's Great Institution at Lexington Officially Recognized as Second Only to West Point

Virginians are proud of the Virginia Military Institute, the West Point of the South.

Captain S. J. B. Schundel, of the United States army, has recently made an inspection of the Virginia Military Institute and his report based thereon places the school second only to West Point, there being only one other Class A school in the country. The report says:

"After having inspected the institute for the last four years, I am convinced that the government has a wonderful asset so far as the output of this institution is concerned. There can be no reason why at least ten of these cadets annually should not be appointed as second lieutenants in the regular army, while the increase of the regular service is going on pursuant to the act of June 3, 1916.

"Issues of machine guns is recommended, provided the War Department under the new regulations for the reserve officers' training corps approves the organization of machine gun units in connection with the infantry battalion.

"Inspection of the institute for the past four years leads me to the belief that the subject prescribed in the courses for training of members of the reserve officers' training corps can, without doubt, be taught here. The new regulations prescribe a camp in place of a practice march, the latter not being considered as essential; besides this more tactical instruction can be given in camp of equal duration. Within a day's march of Lexington can be found many suitable places, and the new law permits of the issue of the necessary equipment for these camps. Instruction at the camps will supplement the theoretical work within barracks.

"Opportunities for making effective these changes are many, and with the energy which has characterized its past history the institute can be made a model for all military colleges."

DECLARED SANE.

William Thomas, colored, who for several months has been an inmate of the Central State Asylum, Petersburg, Va., because he was declared to be of unsound mind, thereby escaping trial on a charge of having robbed the store of Sands and Co., has recovered, according to a letter received by Commonwealth's Attorney S. G. Brent, from Dr. W. F. Drewry, superintendent of that institution. Thomas will shortly be brought to this city and placed on trial for the offense.

Notice.

All members of the Columbia Steam Fire Engine Company are requested to be at the house of the Company Tuesday, (today), September 19, 1916, at 7:00 o'clock, to attend the Gypsy Smith Services.

E. J. McINTOSH, Secretary.

ALEXANDRIA'S ARMOR PLANT CLAIMS

SECRETARY DANIELS TO HEAR ARGUMENTS ON FRIDAY NEXT.

Congressman Carlin Will Head Delegation of Citizens' Committee Which Will Submit Reasons for Locating Government's Armor Plate Factory Near This City.

The claims of Alexandria to the \$11,000,000 armor plate plant, authorized in the navy bill, will be heard by Secretary of the Navy Daniels at a special hearing Friday morning. At the same time Jersey City and probably a few other cities may be heard.

Congressman Carlin arranged the hearing for Alexandria when it was found the naval board had not sufficient time at its recent public hearing to give the Virginia city the audience its claims entitled it to.

Besides Congressman Carlin, other members of the Alexandria committee will present arguments for location of the plant on the Potomac river below Washington, and near this city, where it will be under direct control of the Navy Department and easy of access for ordnance officials who will have charge of the Government's new Manufacturing venture.

Alexandrians are prepared to set forth arguments that this city meets all the Government requirements of facilities for manufacture and safety from attack. A brief will be filed on behalf of Alexandria.

Alexandrians have from the first set forth the fact that the reclaimed ground, in what was formerly Battery Rodgers cove, is the ideal spot for the location of this plant.

This tract contains nearly forty acres, all of which is on the channel bank of the Potomac river. An abundance of land can be acquired west and southwest of this point, while all the area necessary for the future enlargement of the plant could be obtained by reclaiming Hunting creek or as much as might be desired. The government also owns the strip of land on which Jones's Joint lighthouse is situated. This adjoins the reclaimed land in Battery Rodgers cove.

The continuity of this area to Washington navy yard should be a great inducement to the government officials to place the plant here.

ANN LEE MEMORIAL HOME

Old Alexandria Institution to be Reopened Under its New Name October 1.

All the repairs and alterations to the building at the northeast corner of Cameron and Fairfax streets, heretofore used as a home for aged women will be reopened on the 1st proximo under the name of Ann Lee Memorial Home, when it will be utilized as the home for the aged of this city without regard to sex.

This old structure, erected in colonial days, has been practically metamorphosed lately. It has been provided with modern conveniences, and the building, so long a landmark of Alexandria, is now an imposing structure after having been remodeled in the interior and beautified on the exterior.

Formal dedicatory services will be held October 24. A pound party will be held on the 28th instant for the benefit of the institution.

There are twenty-nine rooms in the home, and it is planned to accommodate between twenty-five and thirty guests. Some of the rooms have already been furnished by city organizations and individuals, and it is expected others will receive like attention from the good people of the city. The Boy Scouts of Alexandria have been quick to take part in this work, and they have also furnished a room. Several of the large rooms will be converted into dormitories. It is proposed to install a hot water plant in the home, funds for which will be raised by popular subscription.

The managers are to be congratulated upon their success in rendering this old structure so comfortable and attractive.

The oyster season having opened, I am now prepared to furnish the best oysters in the city, at 25c a quart, a trial will convince you. J. L. DELLA, 325 Queen street, Cor. Royal Bell Phone 370 J. 218-3t.

NEW WAR TERROR

"Tanks" With Which British Hurdled German Trenches Originally Used on American Farms

Washington, Sept. 19.—The British "tanks", the armored motor cars used in recent assaults on German trenches in Northern France so successfully as to attract world wide attention, were built for the most part in Peoria, Ill., in the form of caterpillar tractor designed many years before the war began to meet some of the difficult problems of modern farming. Except for their armor, their machine guns and their crews, thousands like them are in use today in the United States, plowing, digging ditches and performing other labors less heroic than war.

M. M. Baker, vice-president of the Holt Manufacturing Company, explained here today that it was machines made by his company at its Peoria plant that had hurdled German trenches, walked through forests and crawled over shell craters in the face of intense gun fire.

"We have sold about 1,000 caterpillar tractors to the British Government," said Mr. Baker. "We have nothing to do with putting armor on them or placing machine guns, but some of our men at Aldershot, England, recently were notified that the British intended to armor some of the tractors and use them for work other than the usual towing of big guns. ground recently won and made further."

FRENCH IN DENIECOURT

Paris, Sept. 19.—South of Comblès, on the Somme front, the French have carried another group of German trenches, according to the official statement from the War Office. Desperate fighting continues around Deniecourt, while actions both in the Champagne district and on the Verdun front, where the French captured a trench on Dead Man Hill, are recorded. The Germans lost heavily in several counter-attacks north and south of the Somme Sunday night. The French maintained the progress near Clerly and Berny and on the eastern edge of Deniecourt.

Prisoners report that enormous losses have been sustained by some of the German formations. The statement says two battalions were almost annihilated by the French artillery.

Berlin, Sept. 19.—Abandonment by the Germans of the village of Vervy and Deniecourt, together with positions between Barleux and Vermandovillers, south of the River Somme, is reported in an official statement. North of the river, the statement says, the fighting developed favorably to the Germans.

London, Sept. 19.—In small operations on the Somme front Sunday night the British gained further ground, the War Office announces.

WOMEN'S PRAYER COMMITTEE.

For the information of church workers and others who may wish to know, a list of the members of the Women's prayer meeting committee is given herewith:

First Baptist Church, Mrs. S. W. Pitts, 216 south Royal; Second Baptist Church, Mrs. J. A. Hulfish, 616 north Washington; M. E. Church South, Mrs. C. E. Outcalt, George Washington Park; Trinity Church, Mrs. F. S. Lucas, 610 south Fairfax; Methodist Protestant Church, Mrs. J. Glasgow, 206 south Royal; Second Presbyterian Church, Mrs. G. T. Klipstein, 607 Prince; Christ Church, Miss Katherine Stuart, 719 King; Grace Church, Mrs. Charles J. Deahl, 813 Prince; St. Paul's Church, Mrs. E. S. Fawcett, 517 Prince.

Mrs. Fawcett is chairman of the committee. The committee will be glad to know of those who are willing to have prayer-meetings in their homes and the names of those who will act as leaders.