

ALEXANDRIA SUBMITS PROPOSITION

ON LOCATION OF GOVERNMENT ARMOR PLANT

Presented to Secretary Daniels and the General Board of the United States Navy Today by the Citizens' Committee—Congressman Carlin Heads Delegation

Alexandria's Armor Plant Committee, consisting of upwards of seventy-five of the representative business men of the city, headed by Congressman Carlin, proceeded to Washington at ten o'clock this morning, going with automobiles, as per previous arrangement, and at eleven o'clock were granted a hearing by Secretary Daniels and the General Board of the Navy at the Army and Navy building.

Congressman Carlin submitted Alexandria's formal proposal to have the armor plant located here and in a short address called attention to the salient points contained in the printed brief which set forth the terms of the offer in full as appears below. His arguments were direct and forceful and commanded the close attention of the Secretary and members of the naval board. He was followed by Hon. J. R. Caton who also spoke in a convincing manner.

At the conclusion of the hearing Secretary Daniels informed the delegation that their proposal would be given careful consideration and complimented the city of Alexandria upon having such a representative body of men to present its claims.

After the hearing and the Alexandria delegation had departed Mr. Carlin, who with M. B. Harlow had tarried, approached Secretary Daniels and said: "Mr. Secretary, what impression has our delegation made concerning the location of the armor plant in Alexandria?" The secretary replied: "Mr. Carlin, you and the representative business men of your city have made as favorable, if not a more favorable presentation of your case as any that has appeared before me."

Mr. Harlow subsequently asked Mr. Daniels if he recalled an interview he had with him shortly after the suggestion was made that the government should have an armor plant of its own. The secretary said he remembered the interview well.

Mr. Harlow, proceeding, asked him if he recalled having told him on that occasion that he would give Alexandria's claims the closest investigation. Mr. Daniels said he did and that he intended to carry out all his promises to the letter.

The Brief.

To the Secretary of the Navy, and to the General Board of the Navy of the United States of America:

The undersigned, a committee selected by the citizens of Alexandria, Virginia, beg leave to present that city as the proper, suitable and convenient location for the proposed armor plant to be erected under the provisions of the Act of the Sixty-fourth Congress of the United States approved August 29th, 1916, entitled "An Act making appropriations for the naval service for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and seventeen, and for other purposes," and to submit an offer of a tract of land of any quantity up to eighty acres, as a site for said plant, free of cost to the Government of the United States, and to offer for your consideration the following brief statement of the advantages and facilities possessed by said city for the location of such a plant:

City of Alexandria, Va.

Is located seven miles south of Washington, D. C., on the Potomac River, and connected with the National Capital by 205 daily electric and steam trains between the cities. It has a population of 17,000 inhabitants within the city limits, and including its suburbs, 20,000. It has nineteen white and eighteen colored churches, practically representing all denominations of every religious faith, and has four white and three colored public schools. It has an unlimited supply of pure water and is well sewered, well cleaned, and its streets modernly paved and lighted by electricity. Its sanitation and health conditions are excellent and its mortality rate 1.7 per cent. It has a large up-to-date electric plant with ample capacity to supply electric power for manufacturing and other purposes at reasonable rates, the power to be increased as occasion demands; a large municipally owned gas plant with a present capacity of 300,000 feet per day (with facilities for increasing its output as may be required), which is furnished at reasonable rates for heating, illuminating and cooking purposes. It has an adequate, efficient, up-to-date fire department, and compares favorably with other cities in proportion to its population. There are no smoke laws. The city is bountifully supplied with fresh vegetables, poultry, butter, eggs and milk from the surrounding country and has a large center market for the sale of these necessities of life, and the prices of all supplies for family consumption, including fuel, compares favorably with other cities.

Proposed Free Site.

A site of any quality of land up to eighty acres, situated within the corporate limits, of the City of Alexandria at the southeastern boundary thereof, fronting on the Potomac River approximately 2,700 feet, with a depth of water of 30 feet, and adjacent to a water front extending a mile or more accessible for Government use, and on Great Hunting Creek a frontage of approximately 1,800 feet, which can be dredged to

afford wharf facilities on the south side if required.

The Southern Railway, which is the switching line for all the steam railway lines centering at Alexandria, passes through this site, thus affording both rail and water facilities. There is a sufficient depth of water on the river front to dock any vessel that can ascend the Potomac River, and the character of the soil is such as to furnish substantial and necessary foundation for the works and machinery for the proposed plant. The United States now claims approximately forty-eight acres of the land included in this site, which is in litigation, and the ownership of which is undetermined, and the remainder thereof will be donated and paid for by the citizens of Alexandria, so that the site shall be absolutely free to the Government. The individual claimants of the land now claimed by the Government will release and quit claim any and all rights asserted by them in said forty-eight acres without consideration or compensation. A plat of the proposed site is filed herewith.

Transportation Facilities.

There is direct connection and through billing arrangement with ten railways, viz: Southern Railway, Washington Southern Railway, Pennsylvania R. R., Baltimore and Ohio R. R., Seaboard Air Line Ry., Atlantic Coast Line R. R., Chesapeake and Ohio Ry., Washington and Old Dominion Railway, Norfolk and Western Ry. and Virginian Ry., and with the Washington-Virginia Electric Ry. There are five steamboat lines, viz: Norfolk and Washington Steamboat Co., connecting at Norfolk with the Old Dominion Steamship Co., for New York, and with the Merchants and Miners Transportation Co. for Boston, Providence, Savannah and Jacksonville; the Maryland, Delaware and Virginia Ry. Steamboat Line, connecting at Baltimore with the Baltimore and Philadelphia Steamboat Co. for Philadelphia; the Potomac and Chesapeake Steamboat Co. for Philadelphia; the M. V. Vernon and Marshall Hall Steamboat Co., and the Piscataway Creek Line. The steamers of all these lines land at the wharves of Alexandria for both freight and passengers and its water front is also served by cargo vessels of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, coast-wise vessels and a large fleet of small craft. The Chesapeake and Ohio Canal reaches the inland territory comprising the coal fields of Maryland, West Virginia and Pennsylvania, and the industrial sections immediately contiguous thereto; these facilities furnishing to the city un-
limited and the volume of shipments, of freight and commodities. The freight rates are controlled by distance and the volume of shipments, and are as reasonable as those of other cities like situated. Having both rail and water lines, it makes the city a highly competitive freight point and, as a consequence, insures reasonable freight rates.

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Alexandria City and Suburbs

Osceola Tribe, Improved Order of Red Men, held a largely attended meeting and transacted much business of importance last night. The next meeting date will be the evening of October 18.

The funeral services for the late William W. Cogan were held yesterday afternoon in Wheatley's Chapel by the Rev. Dr. J. W. Duffey. Interment was made in the Presbyterian Cemetery. Only relatives and close friends were present.

The services held in the Reformed and Orthodox Jewish congregations, in celebration of the Succoth or Feast of Tabernacles, were largely attended last night. Benedict Weil, conducted those of the Reformed Faith; those of the Orthodox denomination were led by Rev. Dr. Abram Finklestein, of Philadelphia.

The Knights of Columbus held their routing meeting in St. Mary's Hall, last night. The annual Columbus Day meeting, which was to have been held tonight, has been cancelled because of a pressure of other business.

The members of the Social Union of the First Baptist Church held their last meeting in the residence of Mrs. Walter Nalls, 227 south Fairfax St. Following a business session, at which about 30 women were present, the hostess served her guests with refreshments.

The regular weekly meeting of the High School, Wednesday afternoon Bible Class was held in the Christ Church Parish Hall, yesterday. The subject for the day was the Genealogy as given in the first chapter of Matthew.

Miss Vallette Jones, of High Point, N. C., who has been visiting in this city has left to attend school in Washington.

FOLLOWED MASSA BOB.

Former Member of Army of Northern Virginia Before the Police Court.

"What is your name?" demanded Chief Goods of a silver-haired man who stood before the bar of the Police Court this morning to answer the charge of drunkenness. "Harry Lee," was the reply. "Where's your home?" was the next query. The reply was quick: "Harford county, Md. I'm no kin to Bob, but have as much sand as if I was one of his followers."

Upon being further questioned, Lee said he came to Alexandria and drank himself drunk, having depleted his exchequer in doing so, and would now be forced to shell corn until he earned enough to pay for transportation back to his native heath.

After Officer Talbot, who had arraigned the Marylander, had stated that he found him drunk in the street, Chief Goods augmented his testimony by saying Lee had been around town for several days, and had been brought to the station house a few days ago and allowed to sleep off his drunk.

Justice Caton dismissed the prisoner with the assurance that should he reappear at the bar he would "change his scenery." Lee left after extending thanks and making promises.

NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Alexandria Water Company will be held at the office of the Company, 111 North St. Asaph St., on Monday, November 6th, 1916, at 10:00 o'clock for the election of officers and to transact such other business as may come before the meeting.

GEO. UHLER, Secretary.

FISH

Tomorrow, fish day, blue fish, rock fish, salt water taylors, white perch, large and medium trout, large oysters 25c quart. Sanitary Fish Market, Stall No. 2, City Market, Phone No. 735. 239-1t.

Supper will be served at Armory Hall each evening during the bazaar at 6 o'clock. There will also be dancing every night. 237-3t.

John Butler and Richard Wormly, both colored forfeited their collateral in the Police Court this morning by failing to appear and answering the charge of fighting.

There will be a Woman's Prayer Meeting in the Ann Lee Memorial Home for the aged at three o'clock tomorrow afternoon. The public is invited and ladies are requested to bring their hymnals.

The members of the Ladies Aid Society of Del Ray M. E. Church are planning to hold a Bake Sale in the City Market on Saturday morning.

"Maroon and White", the High School magazine, will make its first appearance of the season, in a few days. The editors and managers are as follows: Editor-in-chief, Marion Greenaway; Associate editors, Anna J. Haslett and Merrill Lynch; Athletics, Walter Barrett; School Notes and Alumni, Ruth Deahl; "As You Like It," Louise Abbott; Business Manager, Elmer Brawner; Advertising Manager, William Meeks; Assistant advertising manager, Caroline Gates. The artist of the publication is to be John Dinwiddie.

The meeting of the Willard W. C. T. U. in Trinity M. E. Church yesterday afternoon was largely attended. Mrs. Alice DuVall presided and Mrs. Lillian Henderson read a report of her visit to the State Convention in Tazewell. Following their own regular meeting members of the Allison W. C. T. U. repaired to Trinity Church to hear Mrs. Henderson's report.

The recruiting officers of the United States Army, who have been staying at 220 south Washington street, have been recalled to Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Griffith and Miss Elizabeth Griffith are visiting in Ridgeville, Md.

H. S. LITERARY SOCIETY

To Give Entertainment And Reception on Friday Night

On Friday night, at 8 o'clock, in the High School auditorium, the High School Literary Society will give an entertainment to which all students and alumnae are invited. The officers of the society will receive the guests. They are: President, Elwin Brawner; Vice President, Marion Greenaway; secretary, C. Waller Barrett; Treasurer, Anna Haslett; sergeant at arms, Willard Blewett. The program will be varied and entertaining.

COLUMBUS-DAY CELEBRATION

Amid decorations of flags and flowers that bespoke artistic taste, the little ladies of the fifth and sixth grades of St. Mary's Academy, rendered the following program, today, in honor of Columbus.

Life and Voyages of Columbus, Miss May McWilliams.
Song "Columbus Sailed Across the Sea," Class.

The Discovery of America, Miss Dorothy Grace.

A Columbus Day Reading, Miss M. Shreve.

Columbus Quotations, Class.
Song, Class.

THE CHRISTIAN REVIVAL

Evangelist Robert W. Stancill is still conducting his meetings, under the auspices of the Disciples Union of the Christian Church of Washington and Maryland. In the Old Presbyterian Church, on south Fairfax street.

It is said that a sufficient number of people to form a nucleus for the church of the Christian denomination, which it is proposed to establish here, have been gathered together. Mr. Stancill preaches each evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Red salmon, halibut, rock fish, white perch, salt water taylors, blue fish, croakers, Potomac bass, and trout will be for sale all week by Geo. E. Price, City market, phone 321.

It will Pay Advertisers to Watch The Gazette—Its Circulation is Climbing each day.

Last night the sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth degrees of the order were conferred on a class of candidates by Washington Memorial Lodge of Perfection, No. 7, Scottish Rite Masons. The participants in the work included William Lewis Allen, Frank W. Latham, H. Noel Garner, Arthur A. Paul, Percy E. Cliff, J. William May, Llewellyn Chauncey, Leopold Ruben, Boyd J. Richards, Lewis O. Hardin, Coleman C. Batcheller, Vance H. Peele, William S. Connelly, and Henry W. Wildt.

At a special meeting of the lady board of managers, of the Alexandria Hospital, held this morning, the resignation of Miss Bertha Stultz the present superintendent was accepted. The members of the board, headed by Mrs. Frank T. King, have selected Miss Fannie Carter, registered nurse, as the successor to Miss Stultz. Miss Carter, who will enter upon her duties on November 1st, comes to Alexandria with splendid recommendations. She has for five years been superintendent of the Emergency Hospital, in Washington, and is at present taking a special course of study in the Polyclinic Hospital of New York City.

Rev. Dr. E. B. Jackson, pastor of the First Baptist Church in this city, will speak in the Fifth Baptist Church of Washington tonight on the recent Gypsy Smith campaign in Alexandria.

There will be a meeting of the Alexandria Chapter of the Red Cross Society in the Chamber of Commerce Rooms tonight at 8 o'clock. It is proposed to form two separate classes for First Aid instruction for men and women. Application for membership in these may be addressed to the Red Cross, in care of the Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. J. M. Love is visiting her mother, Mrs. W. B. Daingerfield, of this city.

CHARLOTTESVILLE MEETINGS.

Despite Chilly Weather the Tabernacle is Filled to Overflowing Each Night

Gynsey Smith, Jr. according to "The Daily Progress," of Charlottesville, has been praising the attendance of the Alexandria women at the Prayer Meetings held in this city. Also he has been condemning the Charlottesville people for their biggishly giving.

The Sunday evening collection, Mr. Smith told them averaged only three cents per person present, "Whereas," he said, "you willingly give ten cents to get into the movies."

At the recent Episcopalian night, a Charlottesville observer said he saw infinitely more people of that creed in the tent than he had ever seen in church.

Despite the chilly weather the Tabernacle has been filled to its capacity with people being turned away each night.

Strong Productions

Anita Stewart, who has almost as large a coterie of admirers as Mary Pickford, will star tomorrow night in "The Combat" in the Richmond Theatre. "The Combat" is an absorbingly thrilling production of which the Vitagraph people are justly proud.

"The Crimson Stain Mystery" in which the very well-known Maurice Costello and Ethel Grandin also are to appear is a mystery which is really and truly a mystery until the very end.

In "The Aryan" at the Surprise Theatre, W. S. Hart will tomorrow night appear in another of those spectacular roles in which he has made himself famous. This is a Mutual Film.

The management of these theatres is putting on productions unsurpassed by the best Washington Theatres and at half the price charged in that city.

Junior Guard I. O. R. M.

All boys between the ages of 12 and 18 years, five feet tall and over wishing to join the Junior Guard, will meet Mr. Nicklin, at his residence 319 south Pitt street, Friday evening, October 13, at 7:30 o'clock. 237-3t.

SPHINX ON PENNY HILL

Another Female Stranger's Tomb Has Caused as Much Speculation as That Described in Yesterday's Gazette.

What is known as "Penny Hill" cemetery in the southwestern section of the city, was laid out in colonial days. It was for a long time the only abode of the dead in Alexandria, and for years the remains of some of the most prominent and opulent people of our historic city were interred there. As the town grew in importance and the population increased other grave yards were laid out and it finally became necessary for Alexandria to have its "Potter Field." Interments in the old enclosure became less frequent, and in time it became the resting place of people whose relatives were unable to purchase lots in the new burial grounds.

Our English ancestors finched at the name of "Potter's Field," and it was determined to make a charge for opening graves in the cemetery in order that it might not bear the name of the plot purchased by money Judas Iscariot cast down in the temple. It was accordingly decided to charge one penny (two cents of our money) for single lots. Hence the name "Penny Hill," which it immediately took and which is retained until the present day.

During the past one hundred or more years strangers, paupers, negroes and bodies from morgues have been deposited there, until the enclosure has been dug over and over and the dust of hundreds of whites and blacks mingle awaiting the sound of the archangel's clarion.

There is a tomb in "Penny Hill" which for over a century has caused more speculation than the resting place of the "Female Stranger"; the anniversary of whose death was mentioned in yesterday's Gazette. It is a curious conception—a monolith of red sandstone, in the shape of an old-fashioned "elbow coffin," although much larger than that ancient receptacle of the dead. It bears no inscription, nor was any ever placed upon it. Herodotus tells us that he visited the Great Pyramid of Egypt several centuries before the Christian era, and that in his day the priests knew nothing of the history of that huge monument of stone. Alexandrians have passed and repassed the curious tomb here in our city for over a century, and no one has been able to tell anything about it. Like the Pyramid of Gizeh, its origin is unknown.

Situated as it is in a cemetery seldom visited by strangers, it is of course unknown to them. In fact, it is unknown to the larger number of our own people. It is covered most of the year by tall grass or weeds, and those who find it generally stumble over it accidentally.

The person who placed the stone there must have been of some means, as such a marker must have been costly. That it denoted the resting place of some person of wealth is apparent, but why no inscription? This is the query which many have propounded.

There is an old story to the effect that an actress, prominent in her day, is buried beneath the stone. This is unlikely as an inscription would undoubtedly have been placed upon it to perpetuate her name.

Our old and esteemed fellow-citizen, William Phillips, who is approaching the nonagenarian milestone, when asked recently concerning this grave yard puzzle, said his mother always told him that the stone was placed over the grave by a stonecutter to mark the resting place of his wife. The woman is said to have been of the type of Xantippe, who never was in a good humor with Socrates, her husband. At times the wife of the stonecutter, while in her wrath, would tell her husband, "Should I die first, I'll haunt you."

There was a general belief in ghosts in those days. Witches, it was alleged, sailed through the air on broomsticks on moonlight nights, and the stonecutter after the death of his wife, firmly believing that the shades of the departed revisited the earth, ad libitum, and convinced that his late wife would surely come back, if possible, conceived the idea of preparing this heavy monolith which he intended placing over her remains

LADIES' NIGHT SUCCESS

Eastern Star and Lamb's Skin Band Divided Honors of Entertainment at Masonic Bazaar in Armory Hall Last Night.

The members of the Order of the Eastern Star of this city joined hands with the men Masons in making last night one of the most successful since the opening of the bazaar. The ladies, whose attractive and energetic management of the booths is adding so greatly to the attractiveness of the Bazaar were indefatigable and charming last night as usual and the Fraternity Band of the Lamb's Skin Club, of Washington rendered a notable musical program.

Much interest continues to center about the contest for the silver loving cup presented by President Fairfax Harrison, of the Southern Railroad. The vote last night stood:

L. O. Hardin, 65; E. F. Ticer, 65; E. H. Kemper, 21; S. L. McEster, 19; K. L. Lambeth, 19; W. Y. Finks, 13; R. W. Goldsworthy, 13; E. Fuller, 6; W. H. Fink, 4; C. E. Dare, 3; C. R. Keith, 2; J. W. Garber, 1.

Donations recently received for the Bazaar, are: Parker and Bridgett Co., Washington, D. C., 6 boxes neckties; Saks and Co., Washington mens collars and sweaters; Woodward and Lathrop, 2 boxes assorted china articles; Mrs. Jennie Kafka, Washington, Cammasole; Armor and Co., two pairs of lard; Cudahy Brothers, two pairs of lard; Palais Royal, Washington, one dressed infant's doll; Manassas Lodge, No. 182, check for \$5.; Farmville Lodge, No. 41, check for \$3.; Liberty Lodge, Bradford City, check for \$5.; Barbourville Lodge, check for \$5.; Bremond Lodge Newport News, 5 gallons oysters; Ashburn Lodge, Ashburn, check for \$5.; one half dozen dressed chickens and a crate of eggs.

One of the features of the mid-day events will be the luncheon to be served by the ladies of Alexandria-Washington Lodge on Friday and Saturday. This is primarily for business men and will be given from 11:30 o'clock to 2 o'clock. The ladies of the booth also serve a delicious supper every evening at 6 o'clock. Tonight is designated at Odd Fellows Night. There will be a number of special features tonight also. And there will be dancing as usual during the later part of the evening.

CARGO OF PHOSPHATE ROCK

Bull Line Steamer Jean Reaches This Port From Boca Grande, Florida

The Bull Line steamship Jean, with 4559 tons of phosphate rock for the Alexandria Fertilizer and Chemical Company, arrived yesterday from Boca Grande, Florida. The work of unloading the steamer began at once.

The vessel has upon both sides the following: "Jean, New York, U. S. A." The letters are in white and are as long as walking canes. This has been done for safety in case a German submarine suddenly emerges in the steamer's path.

The Jean is the first ship to reach this port with her name painted so conspicuously upon her sides, and reminded all who watched the work of warping her into her dock of the perilous times in which we live.

The twenty-first annual meeting of the Virginia Division, United Daughters of the Confederacy, convened last night in Lynchburg. In Centenary Methodist Church greetings were extended by Mayor Jester, Mrs. R. D. Yancey, and Mrs. J. H. Davis, of the local chapters, and responses were made by Mrs. C. P. Odenheimer, president-general, and Miss Nell C. Preston, president of the division. Following this the visitors were given a reception at the Piedmont Club.

Immediately after they were lowered into the earth. He carried out his purpose and having no desire to retain her in his memory no inscription was placed upon the tomb. Death eventually overtook the stonecutter and his remains were undoubtedly placed alongside those of his wife, and the stone, wide enough to cover both bodies, has long since marked the resting place of the unhappy couple.