

NORTON IS NOT LIABLE MEETING OF TEACHERS

Judge Chichester Enters Order Dismissing Suit Against Former Director of Defunct Bank.

Judge Chichester, of Fredericksburg, who presided in the corporation court of this city during the trial of the case of Howard W. Smith, Receiver of the Virginia Safe Deposit and Trust Corporation, vs. C. J. Rixey et al., has entered an order dismissing further proceedings against former Judge J. K. M. Norton, one of the directors of the institution.

Some time after the bank closed its doors and had passed into the hands of receivers, the receiver instituted suit against the directors, it being alleged that they should have exercised closer surveillance over the affairs of the bank. Most of the directors subsequently proposed to the depositors that the former raise a fund of \$20,000 to be divided among those having funds on deposit during the latter part of December, 1910, when the bank's doors were closed. Most of those interested agreed to the proposition, the money was placed on deposit and the receivers declared a dividend payable to the depositors. Judge Norton declined to pay any proportion as a director; hence the suit against him was litigated further.

Judge Chichester holds that this compromise and satisfaction set up in the plea between the plaintiff and some of the defendants is a bar to further prosecution of the suit against former Judge Norton. The following is the opinion:

In the suit of Howard W. Smith, Receiver of Virginia Safe Deposit and Trust Corporation, vs. C. J. Rixey, et al.

Judge R. H. L. Chichester, This cause came on again to be heard this 23rd day of November, 1916, upon the papers formerly read and the motion of the plaintiff to strike out the plea heretofore filed by J. K. M. Norton, one of the defendants, and was argued by counsel; upon consideration whereof, and the Court being of opinion that the compromise and satisfaction set up in said plea, between the plaintiff and some of the defendants, is a bar to the further prosecution of this suit, against said J. K. M. Norton, it is therefore adjudged, ordered and decreed that the said motion be, and it is overruled; and it appearing from the papers in this cause, and the several reports of the plaintiff, as Receiver, filed, herein, that the plaintiff has compromised settled and received satisfaction, from some of the defendants to this cause, it is further adjudged, ordered and decreed that this suit be and it is dismissed as to the said J. K. M. Norton.

ROUMANIA IN NET

Teuton Forces Closing in on Bucharest From Two Sides.

London, Nov. 24—Two things stand out ominously in an objective contemplation of Roumania's plight as brought about by the capture of Craiova her most vital strategic railway city, and the subsequent operations of Gen. von Falkenhayn.

First—Slatina, a railway intersection second in importance only to Craiova, from which it lies only thirty miles to the east, is threatened with capture within the next forty-eight hours. With it the entire railway "barrier" to an invasion of Roumania's interior, the road which runs clear through the Wallachia from Rotherthum to the Danube, is bound to fall into Teuton hands.

Second, the imminence of a crossing of the Danube by Field Marshal von Mackensen's forces with a view to driving on Bucharest from the south while Falkenhayn's deluge pours down upon the kingdom's capital from the north and west.

Either of these two threats of the military situation, if carried out, would definitely seal the doom of Roumania. Both materializing simultaneously, or, in quick succession, would bring about the fall of Bucharest before the elapse of another week. What is recorded between the lines rather than in the terms of today's official reports leaves little doubt that the latter case will come to pass.

Russia is reported to have sent reinforcements to the Roumanians.

Eleventh Annual State Educational Conference to be Held in Richmond Next Week.

The Eleventh Annual Educational Conference of Virginia, which is composed of the State Teachers Association, the Co-operative Education Association, Division Superintendents and School Trustees Association, will open its session in Richmond next Tuesday morning. As is the custom, the public schools of Alexandria will close next Wednesday to reopen on the following Monday in order to afford teachers an opportunity to attend the conference.

The Division Superintendents will convene Tuesday afternoon at John Marshall High School Auditorium. This will be followed on Tuesday night by a visit to the night schools of Richmond by all the visitors. On Wednesday morning the superintendents and trustees will hold a general session, at which time Dr. D. R. Anderson and J. H. Binford will deliver addresses. This will be followed by a drill by the High School cadets. At 12 o'clock the superintendents and trustees will be entertained at a luncheon by the Virginia School Supply Company. All other delegates will be entertained at a luncheon at the High School by merchants of Richmond.

At 3:45 p. m. Wednesday the After School Violin classes of Richmond, will give a concert in the High School Auditorium. This will be followed by the general meeting under the auspices of the State Teachers' Association. Principal speakers at that time will be Dr. Edwin M. Hopkins, University of Kansas, and Dr. Thomas H. Briggs, Columbia University.

Wednesday night a general meeting will be held in the High School Auditorium under the auspices of the Division Superintendents, School Trustees and County Supervisors, R. C. Stearns, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Dr. George H. Denny, President University of Alabama, will deliver addresses.

Thursday morning a general meeting will be held under the auspices of the State Teachers Association. T. S. Settle, Field Secretary of the Playgrounds and Recreation Association of America, and Dr. J. L. McBrien, Washington, will speak. Thursday afternoon the rural, grammar and primary grade teachers will hold a joint meeting and Dr. Hollis, Director of Music, Cornell University, and Miss Marcetta Stockard, of Washington, will speak.

Thursday night at the City Auditorium a public meeting will be held. Gov. H. C. Stuart is expected to preside and Prof. Charles G. Maphis, President of the State Teachers Association, and John Kendrick Bangs, of New York City, will speak. This will be followed by a musical concert by the Philharmonic Association of Richmond, assisted by some of the very best vocalists of the city.

A general meeting will be held Friday morning under the auspices of the Co-operative Education Association and addresses will be delivered by L. C. Hassinger, Konnarock, Va., and Dr. Warren H. Wilson, Columbia University. At 1 o'clock the officers and executive committee of the Co-operative Association will hold their annual business session and be entertained at a luncheon at the Westmoreland Club by the city of Richmond.

The last general meeting of the Conference will be held Friday night under the auspices of the Co-operative Education Association and the principal speakers will be Dr. William McAndrews, Associate Superintendent of the New York City Schools. A concert by negroes of the Richmond tobacco factories will follow.

ADMINISTRATRIX'S NOTICE

The undersigned having qualified as administratrix of the estate of the late James J. Goodwin, requests all persons having claims against the estate to present the same to her. Those indebted to the estate are requested to come forward and settle the same.

ADA D. GOODWIN,
274-106, Administratrix of James J. Goodwin, Deceased.

Alexandria City and Suburbs

Governor H. C. Stuart has appointed Mr. Robert E. Knight as delegate to the eighth annual convention of the Southern Congress to be held in Norfolk from December 11th to 14th.

There were no cases against any specimen of the genus homo in the Police Court this morning, but a charge of trespass had been lodged against a specimen of the bovine creation. The owner of the predatory animal was cited to appear and show cause why he should not be fined for allowing the cow to wander at large in the streets.

The program of the Union Service to be held in the First Baptist Church tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock is as follows: Congregational singing; Prayer by Rev. Edward Kirkley; Solo, Mr. J. T. Preston; Scripture reading, Rev. L. M. Ferguson; Solo, Wm. J. Foster; address, Rev. Dr. J. Lee Allison; Address, Brigadier William Escott; benediction, Rev. Edgar Carpenter. All are requested to bring their Gypsy Smith hymn books.

The Alexandria High School has arranged to play the Eastern College football team in this city on Thanksgiving day. Since the fact has been made public it has created a great deal of interest due to the fact that the College team has three Alexandria boys playing with them. G. Pohl, L. Pohl, and Hassen, who, it will be remembered, played with the High School team up to this season. They have made a great showing with the Eastern College team. This alone should wake up the followers of football in this city to take an interest in this game as well as the fact that the school boys are going up against a college team. The management of the High School football team will, on Monday, have tickets out for the game and it is to be hoped that every lover of the game will be out to cheer our school boys to victory.

AGREEMENT REACHED.

Pershing Punitive Expedition Will be Withdrawn Within Forty Days After Settlement.

Atlantic City, Nov. 25.—An agreement was reached between the American and Mexican delegates to the joint conference here yesterday. It provides:

1. For the withdrawal from Mexico of the Pershing punitive expedition within 40 days of the approval of both governments of the agreement. The provision is made that the time may be extended if conditions in Northern Mexico are such as to constitute a menace to United States soil. The details of the withdrawal are left to Gen. Pershing.

2. That United States troops there- after shall patrol their side of the border and Mexican troops theirs in order to guard against raids. Co-operation between both forces in cases of necessity is provided.

A statement was given out by the commission. It says, in part: "The commission has come to an agreement as to withdrawal of American troops in Mexico and border control which is to go by M. Pani, to Mexico. If it is acceptable the conference will be resumed within two weeks. The troops are to be withdrawn by Gen. Pershing within forty days of the approval of the agreement, but in such manner as will permit the Mexican troops to occupy the evacuated territory, which the Mexicans have agreed to do.

"Should the northern section of Chihuahua be in a state of turmoil such as to threaten our border the American troops may alone or in conjunction with the Mexican troops disperse the marauders, and the time for withdrawal shall be extended by the time necessary for such work.

"The Mexican Commander is to have control of the plan by which occupation of Northern Chihuahua is effected, and Gen. Pershing is to have control of the plan of withdrawal and the right to use the railroad to Juarez if he so desires.

Mrs. Kate Waller Barrett has returned from Massachusetts, where she has been for the past two weeks.

Mrs. C. F. Stevenson of Harrisonburg, is the guest of her son R. W. Miller.

Mr. W. T. O'Neal, manager of the Western Union telegraph office, is enjoying a two weeks' vacation.

Intelligence was received in this city today from the Asylum at Staunton of the death in that institution of S. S. Corson. The deceased was a son of the late Job. Corson.

A lecture by a famous cartoonist will be given in the Westminster building Tuesday evening next under the management of the Westminster club. The Gazette will give further particulars later.

The Rev. Dr. Eugene B. Jackson, pastor of the First Baptist Church, will preach next Thursday (Thanksgiving day) at 11 o'clock in the morning in the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

Harry B. Richards and Randolph Solomon of this city have been granted a patent for an electric signalling device for use at railway crossings, locomotive, engine houses and on automobiles.

Mr. Colin Clarke White of Washington D. C. has been engaged as director of the choir of Christ Episcopal church in this city and will take charge beginning with tomorrow's services. He will render a tenor solo at the eleven o'clock service tomorrow morning. Mr. White studied in New York with Lankow, Mehan and Paul Savage (pupil of Jean De Roske) in Berlin with Lamperli, also with Vogel of the Royal opera, and with Arrigie of the Italian school. Forty years of experience in opera and concert work also, has placed him in the front rank of his profession, both as a singer and instructor. Christ church is to be congratulated upon being able to secure him.

CAST OF CHARACTERS

For the Military Drama "The Girl and the Soldier," to be Produced by Alexandria Young People

The cast of characters for the military drama to be given by the members of the Washington and Lee schools December 7th and 9th, appears herewith. Those taking part in the chorus and specialty acts held a rehearsal this morning at which excellent progress was made. The cast follows:

Inez, Spanish Girl, Miss Katherine Henderson. Mrs. Fairfax, charming widow, Miss Cora Pullman; Dorothy Spotswood, Virginia Belle, Miss Marion Greenaway; Rose Randolph, Belle of Richmond, Miss Anna Hallett; Lieutenant Montrose, The Soldier, Prof. Blanton; Billy Breeze, newspaper correspondent, Prof. Bandy Captain Randolph, Richmond Rifles, Fred Schwab; Lieutenant Fairfax of the U. S. Navy, Wm. Meeks; Sergeant McCarthy, Richmond Rifles, Leslie Devers; Major Spotswood, Confederate Veteran, Waller Barrett; Escarail, Spanish Villain, Wm. A. Baker; Pianist Miss Rosalie Fuller; Violinist, Alvin Friedlander; Chorus of Virginia Belles, Red Cross nurses, soldiers, sailors. The entire cast will include about 200 people.

Famous Pictures.

Alexandrians will have the opportunity of seeing one of the finest productions known to the moving picture world on Monday next at the Richmond theater, for which occasion the management has secured the famous "Romeo and Juliet" with Francis X. Bushman and Beverly Bayne in the leading roles. It cost \$250,000 and required two months time to perfect the play for the screen. In order that all may have the privilege of seeing this masterpiece, continuous performances will be given from 2:30 in the afternoon until 11 o'clock at night. It will be well worth seeing by everyone interested in the best pictures of the day.

Norfolk Oysters at the Rammel Cafe, N. Royal Street.

Mrs. Victor Lee Emerson and Miss Margaret Emerson, of Rosemont, are spending the week-end with Mr. Victor Lee Emerson, in Philadelphia.

Mr. W. P. Wools, has been re-appointed by Governor Henry C. Stuart a notary public for the city of Alexandria.

The first dance of the season of the German Club, always known as the Thanksgiving german, will be held Wednesday evening in the auditorium of the Elks' Home.

The Parent-Teachers' Association will give an oyster supper Monday evening, in the Westminster Building 5:30 to 8 o'clock, for the benefit of the night school.

The male chorus of the J. R. N. Curtin Memorial class of the First Baptist church will furnish the music at the morning service in that church tomorrow. The chorus was but recently organized but is doing excellent work.

The first dance of the season of the Alexandria Assembly given last night, in the auditorium of the Elks' Home, was a delightful affair, though not largely attended. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. C. William Wattles, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wattles, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Carlin, Dr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Cochran, Dr. and Mrs. J. Stewart Jamieson, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett C. Dunn, Mr. and Mrs. Phineas Janney Dempsey, Dr. and Mrs. John Thornton Ashton, Mrs. MacDonald Douglass, Mrs. Edward H. Kemper, Mrs. William Cabell Trueman, Richmond; Miss Rose MacDonald, Miss Philippa Wattles, Miss Bertha Waite, Miss Mary Whitall, Miss Lucy Uhler, Miss Nellie Seldon Uhler, Miss Katherine Waller, Miss Mary Snowden, Miss Christina Kemper, Mr. Eugene B. Taylor, Mr. Wallace Fawcett, Dr. Vivian P. Berry, Mr. William Brooke, Mr. Robert Price, of Washington; Mr. Howell Thomas, and Mr. Stanley G. Blanton.

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PLANS FOR NEW BRIDGE GREECE ENTERS WAR

Residents of Rosslyn Express Fear That Height of New Structure May Injure Property.

Revised plans for the construction of the Key Bridge over the Potomac at Georgetown were submitted for approval yesterday to the National Commission of Fine Arts at a meeting in New York.

The entire structure will be of reinforced concrete and will cross the river at a high elevation in five parabolic ribbed arches, with smaller arches on the shore approaches. The middle arch will have a span of 244 feet. The length of the bridge from shore to shore will be about 1050 feet. The width will be sixty feet, and a clearance of seventy-five feet above the water will be allowed under the middle span.

The Alexandria County Monitor says: Surveys for the new bridge have been made directly through the town of Rosslyn to Murphy and Ames lumber yard with the purpose of straightening the Military road with the approach to the bridge. Plans for the bridge provide for a much higher structure than the old one, and this necessarily means the elevation to the bridge will be higher than the present one and will probably extend beyond the old structure. If this is done there will be a fill on each side. To avoid this situation, the Board of Supervisors of Alexandria County appointed the following committee: Messrs. Walker, Duncan, and Wilbert, and Messrs. Geo. H. Rucker, M. B. Harlow and E. W. Stearns, who with Congressman C. C. Carlin, appeared before the War Department and entered a protest against the plans now contemplated by that department.

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Field Marshal Mackensen Believed to Have Crossed the Danube—Roumanians Said to be Retreating.

Athens, Nov. 26.—The Greek provisional government, headed by former premier Venizelos, today formally declared war against Bulgaria. Venizelos established a revolutionary, or "provisional" government of Greece on the Island of Crete some weeks ago. The former premier first clashed with King Constantine because of Venizelos' vigorous pro-war views and his insistence that Greece cast her lot against Germany.

At the Greek elections Venizelos apparently obtained support in this position from the people, but failed to move the Greek monarch to any change in his attitude of neutrality. The establishment of a Venizelos party, and, finally, of a Venizelos government, with headquarters at Saloniki followed.

London, Nov. 25.—The German drive on Bucharest has apparently started. The Roumanian official statement, detailing an "attempt" to cross the Danube at Simnitza, and the Berlin report that Field Marshal von Mackensen has actually crossed the stream, together with knowledge that the Roumanian line is reformed along the Alt valley, all hinted to military experts here today that forces were being drawn for one of the great military struggles of the Balkan campaign.

The fact that none of the Berlin official statements have made any claims of large captures of men or officers here hope that the Roumanians in Little Wallachia—where Berlin reports capture of Orsova and Turnu-Severin—have escaped von Falkenhayn's encircling movement.

The major portion of this Roumanian army threatened by Falkenhayn's circuitous dash has, it is believed here, retired and joined forces in strength along the Alt river. In the meantime Field Marshal von Mackensen, to whom military critics assign the next step in the Teutonic move at Bucharest is expected to start an offensive movement in Dobrudja.

Alarming Report

El Paso, Tex., Nov. 25.—Roosevelt has started a revolution against President Wilson, according to a dispatch printed in "El Democrats," of Chihuahua City.

The dispatch, under a Mexico City date, reads as follows: "Alarming rumors have been circulated in this city which say that Col. Theodore Roosevelt heads a revolution that has broken out in several States of the American Union with the object of overthrowing President Wilson, who, Roosevelt claims, authorized various electoral frauds in order to triumph in the past election.

"High officials in this city and some diplomats state with confidence that this rumor is a canard of the American yellow press, which is hostile to Wilson. The American Ambassador has telegraphed to Washington to inform himself as to the truth of the report."

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Mrs. Anna C. Chambers, 48 years old living at 1101 K street northwest, Washington, was knocked down and killed by an automobile truck last night. Mrs. Chambers, who was the widow of Walter B. Chambers, was crossing Tenth street at K street, when she was struck.

The British hospital ship Braemar Castle has been sunk by a mine or torpedo in the Aegean Sea. She was the second hospital ship to be sunk in the Aegean this week, the British having been destroyed on Tuesday.

Ambassador Penfield, at Vienna, cabled the State Department yesterday that Thursday, November 20, has been set as the date for the funeral of the late Emperor Francis Joseph. The message said the new Austro-Hungarian ruler would be called Karl I.

Genuine Lynnhaven Bay Oysters, on half shell, steamed or in measure, Jacob Brill foot of King St. -246-4f