

Alexandria Gazette

Fair tonight. Tuesday, partly cloudy; little change in temperature; gentle to moderate shifting winds.
High tides 8:01 a.m.; 8:30 p.m.
Sun rose 5:02 and sets 7:06.

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ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA, MONDAY, MAY 7, 1917.

PRICE ONE CENT.

ALEXANDRIA HONORED

Hon. Arthur J. Balfour and Party Pay Visit to Christ Church Yesterday and Attend Services.

This city was unexpectedly honored with a visit by the Hon. Arthur J. Balfour, British foreign secretary; Ambassador Spring-Rice, Lady Spring-Rice and Sir Eric Drummond yesterday morning when they came over from Washington and attended the eleven o'clock service at Christ Episcopal Church.

The distinguished visitors were on their way to Gunston Hall to spend the day, going by automobile. The party entered the church and were shown to seats but were not recognized by many of the congregation until nearly the close of the service, as one of the secret service men asked that they be seated in the rear, after explaining to vestryman W. D. Wood who they were.

Upon leaving the church the party stopped briefly to admire the Confederate monument on Washington street, before proceeding on their way to Gunston Hall, where they were to meet Secretary Lansing, who was a guest there of Louis Hertle, a Chicago capitalist.

Mr. Lansing had expressed to Mr. Balfour his wish for a quiet conference to sum up the work of the mission to date and plan for what remains to be done, and it was decided that the old Virginia manor house would provide an ideal spot as well as giving Mr. Balfour a view on the old dominion.

The probable length of the stay of the British mission is increasing daily and the original tentative date for departure has been changed to about May 20. The mission probably will go in a body to New York for a two days joint reception with the French on the return of the latter from the west, and then come back here for another week. After that Mr. Balfour and his party will go out through the Middle West and to Canada, where they will spend a few days before sailing for England.

29,000 GERMANS CAPTURED.

French Announce Total of Prisoners Taken in Three Weeks.

Paris, May 7.—Twenty-nine thousand German soldiers have been captured by French forces since General Nivelle's great drive started, April 16, the French official statement announced today.

On Sunday evening and Sunday night, the official statement said, the Germans violently counter attacked, following one of the heaviest periods of artillery bombardment to which the French have yet been subjected. The German attacks covered the region of Soissons and Chemin Des Dames, where four fresh divisions—approximately 60,000 men— took part.

"Everywhere," the war office said, "the French maintain their positions, repulsing all German masses, which were smashed by our artillery and sustained great losses."

"Including yesterday 29,000 Germans have been captured in the course of the battles starting April 16."

CARDINAL FARLEY IMPROVES.

Passes Comfortable Day and Soon Will Take Automobile Outing.

New York, May 7.—Cardinal Farley, who last Wednesday underwent an operation for an abscess, passed a comfortable day yesterday.

He did not go out, but he is expected to take a short ride in his automobile the first clear, warm day.

"Very well," is the way Mgr. Thomas G. Carroll, the cardinal's secretary, described the condition of the prelate's health yesterday.

Petition in Bankruptcy.

Robert P. Aitchison, through his attorneys, Douglass Stuart and E. B. Taylor, has filed a petition in bankruptcy, individually and as surviving partner of Aitchison and Brothers, lumber dealers, in the United States district court.

The assets are given as \$21,288, liabilities \$30,598. It is expected a meeting of creditors will be held within the next two weeks.

THE BACK YARD GARDEN

Warning in Regard to What Not to Plant—When in Doubt Put in Beans.

"Let me suggest that every one who creates or cultivates a garden helps, and helps greatly, to solve the problem of the feeding of the nations."—President Wilson.

"When in doubt plant beans."

This is the advice given today by Carl Vrooman, assistant secretary of agriculture and member of the National Emergency Food Garden Commission of Washington which is co-operating with this newspaper in urging more food gardens this year to cut the high cost of living.

The lesson today is in the nature of a warning to the people of the country because of the shortage of cans and tins for preserving needs and the commission directs special attention to the warning as a result of the condition of the market at this time.

"There is a serious danger," continued Mr. Vrooman, that hundreds of thousands of back yard farmers will plant too many perishable vegetables. It is all right to plant enough fresh vegetables to supply your own needs this summer, and if you can be sure of securing cans or glass jars in which to put up such vegetables as tomatoes, asparagus, etc., then it is safe to plant plenty of them. But beans are absolutely safe.

"Nature has provided beans with their own potatoes or drying apparatus. I refer to the pods in which beans grow. All that is necessary to do at the harvest is to store your pods in a dry, cool place, and let the air do the rest. Most dried beans are exactly as good as green beans and when in doubt, plant beans."

EXPLOSION IN PLANT

Federal Dyestuff and Chemical Co. Blown up.

Kingsport, Tenn., May 7.—One-third of the mammoth munitions plant of the Federal Dyestuff and Chemical Company here was destroyed early today by a terrific explosion.

One man was killed and two others probably fatally burned.

No statement is as yet obtainable as to whether the explosion was incendiary.

Some of the Federal troops stationed outside the inclosure were thrown to the ground by the shock of the explosion. None are reported injured.

Kingsport was rocked as if by an earthquake.

Wildest excitement followed the explosion, and officials feared for the safety of suspects should any be arrested.

Aroused from their slumbers by the thunderous smash of the explosion at 3 o'clock, the populace turned out in an instant, many without stopping to don clothes.

For weeks greatest precautions have been taken to protect the plant. All new employees have been carefully scrutinized. Extra precautions followed the Eddystone, Pa., explosion. The plant has been running twenty-four hours daily with three shifts. The damaged third of the plant will be immediately rebuilt.

The Sting of Victory

David Whiting belongs to a fine old aristocratic family of the south and is an officer in the United States army. He is a calm, wise, deliberate man, upright and just. He believes in the Union and is opposed to slavery. When the civil war breaks out he frees his personal slaves and joins his regiment to fight for the north.

His brother Walker is an honorable man, but hot-headed and impetuous. He joins the southern army, fighting against his brother. See Walthall in the double role of the two brothers at the Richmond tonight.

"Nubby," a pet Rhode Island Red hen, owned by H. Bayliss, is missing from her accustomed place in the city market. The person who finds her can secure a reward if they will "shoo" her back to Mr. Bayliss.

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Alexandria City and Suburbs

Mr. G. Frederick Birrell who recently enlisted in the Hospital Corps of the United States navy, left on Friday for Newport, R. I., to go in training.

Mr. Charles J. Deahl, Jr., has been notified that he has passed the examination of the Officers' Reserve Corps and has been recommended for a commission.

The regular monthly meeting of the Parent Teachers' Association of the West End school will be held in that school building at 3:15 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

The members of the Girls' Club first aid class are requested to call at 421 King street and get their books of Miss Alice Gronau and study the first chapter. Because of conflicting dates at the hall the meeting of the class will be postponed until next week. The day and hour will be published in Saturday's Gazette.

Delegations of Odd Fellows left Alexandria Saturday night for Bristol, Va., where they will attend the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of the state and the Grand Encampment and department council of the Patriarchs Militant. Among those who went were D. R. Stansbury, past grand master; P. M. Bradshaw, trustee of the Odd Fellows' home; W. E. Latham, past grand patriarch; C. E. Remington, representing Potomac lodge; Orlando Studds, delegate from Serepta lodge; Norman L. Williamson, delegate from Marley Encampment; W. L. Martin, captain of Canton Alexandria No. 1; George W. Bontz, W. E. Latham, Jr., and G. R. Gaines, delegates to the department council. Several of the gentlemen were accompanied by their wives.

Mrs. Kate Waller Barrett entertained at dinner yesterday at her home in Duke street, when her guests were the Commissioner General of Immigration and Mrs. Caminetti, Mrs. Hulda Harold Bain, the woman commissioner appointed by California to visit the women of Mexico and assure them of the sympathy of the women of the United States, who has just returned from Mexico; Judge Henry C. Tierce, of Indianapolis, chairman of the commission appointed by the various States of the union to send congratulations to Russia; Mr. William James Martin, secretary to the Secretary of the Treasury, and Mrs. Martin; and Mr. West, editor of the Mexican News, and chairman of the Mexican Bureau in Washington.

REV. O. W. TRIPLETT RESIGNS.

Pastor Second Baptist Church Will go to South Carolina.

The Rev. O. W. Triplett, pastor of the Second Baptist Church, tendered his resignation to his congregation yesterday to take effect the first of June, when he will take up his residence in South Carolina. Rev. Triplett is highly esteemed by his people and the residents of the city generally who will deeply regret his departure to another field. Who his successor will be is not yet known.

It is said that he will go to Sumter, S. C. During his pastorate of four years here the church on King street, between West and Peyton streets, has been erected. A meeting of the church officers will be held on Wednesday evening of this week to take steps to issue a call for a preacher to take his place.

FOR GARDENERS.

Pamphlets Containing Valuable Instructions for Cultivation of Back Yard Gardens to be Given Away. Amateur gardeners and others wishing to obtain instructions for cultivating the crops they desire to raise this season may obtain a pamphlet entitled "The Small Vegetable Garden" issued by the United States department of agriculture, by calling at the Chamber of Commerce and making their wants known to Secretary Preston, corner of King and Washington streets, this city.

There are seventy-five gardens now entered in the contest for the prizes offered by the Chamber of Commerce, and much interest is manifested by their owners as to who will win.

Deviled Crabs, little neck clams and clam chowder at Rammel's Cafe.

Miss Elizabeth Warren Peyton is seriously ill in the University Hospital, Charlottesville, the result of contracting a cold after an attack of tonsillitis.

Samuel Harvey died at his home in Del Ray yesterday. He was 34 years old and is survived by a wife and four children. The remains will be shipped tomorrow to New Haven, Indiana, for burial.

Sister Clotildas died April 30th, at St. Mary's Notre Dame, Indiana. Sister Clotildas will be remembered by a number of former pupils in this vicinity, who will regret to hear of her death.

The county levy for Alexandria county has been fixed by the supervisors at \$1.30 on \$100. The State tax is 10 cents, making \$1.40, against \$1.55 last year. It is apportioned 50 cents for schools; 50 cents for roads; and 30 cents for county funds.

Eliot Wadsworth, the acting chairman of the American Red Cross, will deliver an address at the benefit to be given by the Alexandria branch in this city on the evening of May 17th. The program being arranged promises to bring out some of the best talent in the city.

At the meeting of the Red Cross Chapter held this morning in the Chamber of Commerce Mrs. Herbert Oliver, Miss Esther Fowle Brookes, Mrs. Edward A. Gorman and Mrs. Walter Roberts were elected delegates to attend the dedication of the Memorial to the heroic women of the Civil War, at Continental Memorial Hall, Washington, Saturday afternoon, May 12th, at 3:30 o'clock.

Joseph Reynolds of this city, was struck by an automobile driven by Dr. T. M. Jones, while walking in Rosemont last night about 8 o'clock and sustained several cuts and bruises. The accident was caused through Dr. Jones being blinded by the glare from the lights of an automobile passing in the opposite direction, which prevented him from seeing Mr. Reynolds.

Mr. Charles Calvert Smoot, 3rd, who was operated upon for appendicitis at Providence Hospital, Washington, two weeks ago, returned Saturday to the home of his father-in-law, Mr. George Uhler, in north Washington street, and with Mrs. Smoot and little Miss Katherin Smoot, left yesterday in his automobile to visit in Fayetteville and Charlotte, N. C., before returning to their home in North Wilkesboro.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Cases Which Came up for Hearing in the Circuit and Corporation Courts in This City Today.

The Circuit Court for the city of Alexandria, Judge J. B. Thornton presiding, convened this morning. The docket was called and cases set for trial.

The following final decrees for divorce were granted on the grounds of desertion: Carrie M. Gascoyne vs. David A. Gascoyne, Francis M. Swartley vs. George R. Swartley, Alphonso Carroll vs. Hattie Lewis Carroll and Walter Davis vs. Annie Eliza Ford Davis.

Corporation Court.

In the Corporation Court, Judge Barley presiding, the following final decrees for divorce were entered, on the grounds of desertion: Edwin C. Atkinson vs. Dorothy Willard Atkinson, Clara S. Rose vs. Charles Rose. In the suit of Ruth Hancock vs. Mamie C. Risheill et als, a decree was entered referring same to Jas. R. Caton, Jr., special commissioner in chancery, for report.

The Cure

Charlie Chaplin's million-dollar feat sadly and mistfully guiding him to the healing waters of "The Cure," where with his well-stocked wardrobe trunk he unwittingly causes the resort to resemble a liquor dealers' ball out for recess, are very much the motive power of this tenth Chaplin-Mutual production at the Richmond tonight.

From the moment that Charlie is wheeled into the screenlight until he drops into "The Cure" and out of "The Cure" there is enough joy to keep the spectator choking all of the time.

Fish, Clams, Oysters, Crabs, at Phone 307J. J. BRILL No. 2 King St.

It is stated that the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company has lost seven of its men employees today, for the purpose of entering the Signal Corps Reserve.

Robert E. Lee Camp, Confederate Veterans, will elect delegates to the reunion to be held in Washington next month at their meeting this evening.

A total of 122 members and \$180.10 was secured as the result of the recent campaign for new members and cash by the local Red Cross Chapter.

Mr. Earnest Sevier Cox who has spent the past six months in this city left today for a visit to his home in Louisville, Tenn., before entering the training camp at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., for the Officers' Reserve Corps.

Dr. W. E. Dienelt, wife and two daughters, residing at 112 south Columbus Street, narrowly escaped asphyxiation from coal gas at their home last night, which came from the furnace in the basement. All are still suffering from the effects of it today.

A charter has been granted by the State Corporation Commission to the Potomac Transfer Company, Inc., of this city. The capital stock is \$5,000 and the officers are A. L. Stratton, president, Alexandria; Wm. C. Robertson, secretary and treasurer, Washington.

Mrs. George Schwarzmann, Mrs. Wm. B. Davis, Miss Julia Davis, Mrs. F. J. Paff, Mrs. R. N. Rourke, Mrs. S. A. Smith, Mrs. W. C. Lynch, Mrs. J. M. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Clift and George W. Zachary have returned from Fredericksburg, Va., where they attended the annual meeting of the grand chapter, Order of Eastern Star.

Russel G. Nicklin, son of Walter S. Nicklin, of this city, who is a member of the First Company, Coast Artillery, District of Columbia National Guard, which has been ordered out today to begin a week of rifle practice at the Congress Heights range. Officers of the company say they think that it will be followed with two weeks of training at Fort Howard and that it means a virtual ordering of the company into the regular service.

COOL WEATHER TO CONTINUE.

Forecasters Expect Rain to Fall Wednesday or Thursday.

Weather predictions for the week issued by the Weather Bureau, are: North Atlantic States: Cool weather for the season is probable during the greater part of the coming week, which will be generally fair, except that rain is probable Wednesday or Thursday.

Middle Atlantic States: Cool weather for the season probably will prevail throughout the week; except for rains Wednesday, or Thursday, the week will be one of generally fair weather.

South Atlantic and Gulf States: Cool weather for the season is probable during the week. Generally fair, except that showers are probable Tuesday and Wednesday.

Will Teach Women Farm Work.

Washington, May 7.—The Maryland State College of Agriculture will open its doors during the summer to women who desire to take special courses in practical farm work. This is designed to aid in the solution of the war food problem and was decided upon by Dr. Patterson, acting president, after an appeal had been made to him by Mrs. Flora Macdonald Thompson, president of the Housekeepers' Alliance of Washington.

The plan of instruction is tentative and will be shaped finally as a demand from prospective students determine. The date fixed for opening the school is June 4. There will be a nominal charge for tuition of \$5. The college dormitory will be open for students who wish to live at the college. The charge for a room will be \$1 a week and for board \$4.50.

MAN-TO-MAN STRUGGLE

Germans Cut to Pieces by Hurricane of French Shells—6,100 Prisoners Taken.

London, May 7.—Waves upon waves of Teuton storming columns were flung to the teeth of the French steam-aw north of the Aisne and in the Champagne during the last 24 hours. Shattered and beaten, they floated back in thin lines everywhere.

Those who were not cut to pieces by the hurricane of shells from the French barrier fire leaped on to grapple in the perilous man-to-man conflict. They ran into a gruesome picket line of bayonets and sealed their heroism with death.

The day again belonged to the republic's soldiers. It was the third day to be crowned by absolute victory. Not an inch of the ground conquered by the horizon-blue lines Friday and Saturday was wrested from them.

When dusk settled upon the battlefield Gen. Nivelle was victor in the greatest battle of the year, on a front of nearly eighteen miles. Another thousand prisoners were added to the captures, the total announced by the day communique being 5,800.

By last night, at the time that the second French communique was issued, the number of prisoners had risen to 6,100. One French army corps alone, in a brilliant charge to the north of Braye-en-Laonnois, took 1,800 prisoners.

The French as a result of the last twenty-four hours' operations enlarged their gains of Friday and Saturday. They wrested from the Teutons a series of important strategic positions north of Moulin de Laffaux and north of Braye-en-Laonnois.

All through yesterday the Germans hit back furiously along the whole Aisne Campaign front. Everywhere they were beaten off with heavy losses. One German battalion was caught under the murderous fusillade of the French guns. Only a small part of it returned to the German lines. The remainder was cut to pieces.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Officers of Acca Temple announce that plans for the operation of a special train from Richmond to Minneapolis to the annual convention of the Imperial Council of North America, which was to have been known as the "Virginia Shriners' Special," have been abandoned because of the critical situation facing the United States since the declaration of war with the imperial German government. The annual meeting of the Shriners will be held June 26, 27 and 28, and will be attended only by a limited number of delegates from every temple in North America.

Professor Charles E. Vawter, formerly of the chair of physics at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, on trial at Christiansburg for the murder of Stockton Beth, Jr., is declared to be preparing to offer his services to the government as a military engineer or else take up newspaper work. Mrs. Vawter, his beautiful wife, because of her dramatic talent and inclination, is desirous of entering the motion picture field. Such is the travesty into which the sensational trial is developing as it draws to a close.

Thousands of eligible voters, who failed to pay their poll taxes Saturday, have forfeited the privilege of having a voice in the election of local and state officers this year. They are compelled under the new law affecting the payment of poll taxes to pay the tax later on with a penalty added, yet they have excluded themselves from the polls at the August primary and the November general election.

FT. MYER TO OPEN MAY 14.

Applicants For Camps Are Weeded Out—Notification This Week.

One week from today the training camp at Fort Myer, Va., for candidates for commissions in the Officers' Reserve Corps will open.

Men specially qualified by previous military experience or by other training to become officers will be accepted for enrollment if physically fit, up to the day of the opening of the camp, May 14. After that date no applications of any kind will be considered.

MONEY TO LOAN—On first mortgage in Alexandria and Rosemont. Apply to Howard W. Smith, 107 north Fairfax street. 1-12-17

TRAVELERS' OFFICERS

Alexandrians Honored—Virginia Division Will Meet in This City Next Year.

Petersburg, Va., May 7. — The Virginia Division of the Travelers' Protective Association adjourned Saturday afternoon after electing the following officers for the current year: president, E. M. Stribling, Norfolk; first vice president, William M. Jenkins, Richmond; second vice president, Sydney Ellerson, Staunton; secretary and treasurer (for two years), H. L. Harwood, Richmond; director (for one year), J. H. Self, Martinsville, two years), B. H. Randolph, R. P. Shifflet, Richmond; J. Y. Williams, Alexandria; L. P. Robertson, Petersburg; J. O. Boatwright, Danville; assistant chaplains, Rev. J. J. Gravatt, Richmond, first assistant; Rev. J. Cleveland Hall, Danville, second assistant; Rev. J. L. Allison, Alexandria, third assistant; Rev. Spark W. Milton, Norfolk, fourth assistant, and Rev. G. Otis Meade, of Roanoke, fifth assistant.

A pleasing feature of yesterday afternoon was the presentation to the retiring president, C. S. Johnson, of Roanoke, of a handsome loving cup, the gift of the association in token of esteem and in recognition of his services during the past year, the presentation being made by National President D. W. Sale, of Lynchburg, and Mr. Johnson's acceptance was in terms of deep appreciation.

On the opening of the convention today the delegates sang in chorus, "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," and adopted the following resolution offered by John F. Ryland, of Richmond:

"Whereas, the government of the United States has declared a state of war to exist between it and the imperial German government; and

"Whereas, the President of the United State, Woodrow Wilson, has called upon every American to do his 'bit' for our country; be it

"Resolved, That Virginia Division, Travelers' Protective Association, assembled in convention in the city of Petersburg, this 5th day of May, 1917, call upon its entire membership to individually and collectively do their 'bit' in giving aid and support to our government in every undertaking, military and commercial, to bring a quick and successful conclusion of our country's fight for the destruction of autocracy and the permanent establishment of a world-wide democracy."

Delegates to the National Convention, T. P. A., to be held at Savannah, Ga., on the 11th of June next. The following are from Post F. Alexandria—Delegates: Hunt Russell and A. D. Brockett, alternates, J. William May and T. A. Sommers.

The convention adjourned to meet next year in Alexandria.

In the afternoon the delegates were taken on an automobile parade through the city, and a drive to Hopewell and City Point.

FOR THE LIFE OF BIRDS

Well Known Audubon Society Worker to Attend Convention Here. Miss Katherine Stuart, field secretary of the Virginia Audubon society, will be a guest of the Woman's Club during the session of the Virginia Federation of Woman's Clubs to be held in Lynchburg from May 8 to 11.

Miss Stuart is an enthusiastic worker for the preservation of bird life, both from its aesthetic and economic side. Lynchburg having no Audubon Society, Miss Stuart enrolls herself under the banner of the Woman's Club and comes to beg for the life of the birds. She advises the use of cemeteries as bird sanctuaries for birds already seek sanctuary in these quiet sacred spots, but both numbers and varieties could be greatly increased if the guardians of the homes of the dead would remember to provide for these joyous songsters.

Some of the most beautiful shrubs, vines and shade trees furnish food for birds. The following is a partial list of other fruit-bearing shade trees; sugar maple, flowering dogwood, white and okcupur thorn, native red mulberry, tupelo, black cherry and mountain ash. Some vines furnishing abundant food are the Virginia creeper, bullbrier, fox grape and frost grape.

In planting time it is well to remember our feathered friends. — Lynchburg News.

Maryland spring chickens at Rammel's cafe.