

Alexandria Gazette

Fair tonight, with frost in west, and low places in northeast portion. Friday fair, continued cool; gentle to moderate northwest to north winds.
High tides 10:15 a. m.; 10:48 p. m.
Sun rose 4:59 and sets 7:09.

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TO SPEAK IN THIS CITY

Gen. E. W. Nichols to Deliver Address Here in Interest of Virginia Council of Defense.

The Gazette is requested to announce that Gen. E. W. Nichols, superintendent of the Virginia Military Institute, who was recently appointed chairman of the Virginia Council of Defense, will deliver an address in this city on Wednesday of next week, on matters pertaining to the subject. Where the meeting will be held or at what hour, is not stated, but that will probably be announced later.

The other members of the Council are L. E. Johnson, president of the Norfolk and Western Railway Company; Homer L. Ferguson, president of the Newport News Shipbuilding Company; James O. Winston, of Louisa; Richard Evelyn Byrd, of Winchester; D. Lawrence Gronor, of Norfolk; R. Walton Moore, of Fairfax; Col. E. B. White, of Leesburg; Dr. Ennion G. Williams, State Health Commissioner, of Richmond; Bishop Collins Denny, of Richmond; Geo. B. Kezell, of Keezletown, and J. H. Crockett, of Wytheville.

The purpose of the Council, as announced by Governor Stuart when he announced the appointments, is "to coordinate the work of the Virginia Agricultural Council of Safety and the Virginia Industrial Council of Safety and all other patriotic organizations and agencies of the State, and to provide means of direct communication and cooperation with the Council of National Defense in Washington."

Speaking of the need of united effort at this time to the end that Virginia may play her proper part in the national defense work, Governor Stuart said:

"The seriousness of the situation in all its aspects is not fully recognized by the masses of people. They must be aroused to a realization of our dangers and our responsibilities. A supreme effort must be made by each State in the use of its governmental machinery and in the dedication of the individual and collective influence and energy of its citizens to the common purpose of strengthening the arm of the nation upon which we must rely for victory and permanent peace.

"Virginia today calls upon every citizen, every man and woman, young and old, to come to the colors, either as a soldier in military rank or as a soldier in the field of production and conservation of the resources which we are to contribute to the sum total of American's fighting strength.

"To the end that Virginia's part may rise to the full height of the inspiration afforded by the great cause to which we are committed, and that her service may know no measure but her opportunity it is necessary that all her potential energies be classified and organized in such a way as to gear into a great national system of defense."

"The council has opened offices in the committee rooms of the Senate chamber in the Capitol, and is now being organized on a comprehensive plan.

PREVENTING AUTO ACCIDENTS.

Southern Railway Clerk Puts Forth New Idea Which He Thinks Will Help.

Green D. Poole, clerk in the Southern Railway System depot at Taylors, S. C., claims to have made a substantial contribution to the movement for the conservation of human life through the invention of a device which he thinks will positively prevent accidents to automobiles at grade crossings. The working of the attachment is simple and is explained by inventor Poole as follows:

"While the car is running 15 miles per hour a white bulb shows on the radiator, at 25 miles a green bulb appears, at 40 a red bulb, and when the driver begins to 'bat 'em out around 60 per' a music box under the seat begins to play 'Nearer My God to Thee!'"

The Potomac Fish Company, 109 north Royal street will have on sale tomorrow rock, perch, trout, flounders, herring, sliced tiling and clams. Also a nice line of gem snapping turtles; C. H. Zimmerman, 109 north Royal street. 112-1t

Maryland spring chickens at Rammel's cafe.

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

VAWTER IS ACQUITTED

Jury at Christiansburg, Va., Require but One Ballot to Arrive at Decision.

Christiansburg, Va., May 10—Chas. E. Vawter, former professor at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, was acquitted last night by a jury in the Montgomery County Circuit Court of the murder of Stockton Heth, Jr.

The scene that followed the announcement of the verdict was an affecting one. Deputy Clerk Trig Walters had not finished repeating the jury's decision when Professor Vawter jumped from his chair and clasped his mother in his arms. The aged woman shouted, "Oh, glory!"

Attorney R. L. Jordan, of Radford, one of Vawter's counsel and the only lawyer in the room, with a fervent "Thank God!" sank into his chair and wept.

The formalities that followed were simple. Judge W. W. Moffett thanked the jurors for their attention and advised them not to discuss the verdict, as they might lay themselves open to criticism from persons who did not agree with them.

Professor Vawter received the congratulations of the newspaper men and in turn shook hands with every member of the jury and expressed his gratitude for their decision.

One of the reporters phoned the news to Mrs. Vawter, who was waiting in her home at Blacksburg. She became almost hysterical and said she could make no statement, but must run and tell little Rachel and Charlie that "Daddy" was coming home—a free man.

One of the jurors said that but one ballot was taken and that either one of the theories of the defense would have been sufficient to have secured an acquittal at their hands—self-defense or the unwritten law.

Professor Vawter issued the following statement:

"I thank the jury for their verdict, of which I have felt sure from the first. I greatly regret the whole sad affair and the sorrow caused.

"The injustice done Mrs. Vawter by the prosecution and the press is the one blot upon the whole affair. While I am blameless of Stockton Heth's death, I realize that I have been guilty of weakness when I should have been strong.

"The future stares me darkly in the face, but with God's help I shall endeavor to build somewhere a happy and wholesome home for my children and my wife.

"My immediate plans are to rest."

ALEXANDRIA LIBRARY.

List of New Books Which Have Recently Been Secured.

The following list of new books have recently been placed in the Alexandria Library:

Jerry—Arthur S. Pier.
—Mag Pye—Baroness Von Hutten.
Limpy—William Johnston.
The Dark Tower—Phyllis Bottome.
The White People—Francis. H. Burnett.
The Tiger's Coat—Elizabeth DeJeans.

Undertow—Kathleen Morris.
Aurora The Magnificent—Gertrude Hall.

Regiment of Women—Clemence Dane.

A Gilded Vanity—Richard Dehan.

Lilla—Mrs. Belloc Lowndes.

The Girls at His Billett—Berta Ruck.

The Lifted Veil—Basil King.

Emma—Jane Austen.

The Rulers of the South—(Sicily, Calabria-Malta) F. Marion Crawford.

Twice Born Men—Harold Begbie.

The Old China Book—N. Hudson Moore.

France Under the Republic—Jean C. Braecq.

The Things Men Fight For—H. H. Powers.

Materials and Methods of Fiction—Clayton Hamilton.

Vignettes from Finland—A. M. Clive Bagley.

Life of Clara Barton—Percy H. Epler.

Eleven of these books were given by two kind friends of the library.

Fish Day Tomorrow! roe shad, buck shad, steak halibut, tile fish, Norfolk trout, large herring; clams 20c doz. Sanitary Fish Market, Phone 735. Open until 5 p. m.

W. M. Priest will have for sale another barrel of small smoked hams at 25 cents a pound, on Friday and Saturday, May 11 and 12, 309 north Patrick street. 111-4t.

Alexandria City and Suburbs

Four sacks of flour were stolen from the grocery store of T. F. Burroughs & Son, 910 Cameron street, on Tuesday night. No clues were left as to the identity of the thief.

Stuart Draper, a boy eleven years old, this morning confessed to entering Sweeney's grocery store, corner of Henry and Duke streets, on Tuesday night, and stealing \$5.20.

It is also believed that he may have gained entrance into Michael Sullivan's grocery the same night and got \$2.50. He has been brought into police court several times recently charged with minor offenses, and it is expected that he will be sent to the reform school.

The Red Cross work is receiving most encouraging support, yet they urge all who are interested to attend the meeting and assist in the work being done for the Military Relief Association of the Red Cross. This local branch of the Red Cross specializes in hospital supplies and they meet every Wednesday and Friday from 10 a. m. to 1 p. m. in the rooms loaned by Burke and Herbert's Bank, over that institution, and cordially invite the assistance of the community in work, supplies or contributions.

Mrs. T. Marshall Jones is chairman of the committee and is assisted by a number of sub-committees and the work is handled in a most thorough manner, each committee doing its part and the entire chapter working in unison.

GAME PRESERVE ESTABLISHED

Large Tract of Land in Dinwiddie County This State for the Purpose.

John S. Parsons, Commissioner, State Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, today signed up a lease on a six-hundred-acre tract of land ideally adapted for game propagation purposes. This land has been secured as a result of the cooperation of the Norfolk & Western Railway Company.

The land is located in Dinwiddie county within a mile of Ford Station on the Norfolk & Western Railway. It lies in a section ideally adapted for the purpose; is intersected with numerous streams; well timbered, and with a good growth of cover that will furnish feed and protection for the game installed thereon. The property will be securely fenced and quarters erected for the game-keeper immediately.

Later on pheasant, quail and other wild fowl will be introduced, and it is confidently expected that within a year or two we will have established here in middle Virginia, easily accessible to sportsmen throughout the State, a sanctuary where game can be protected and its abundant propagation assured. This is one of the concrete plans that are being worked out for the benefit of Virginia sportsmen who have contributed to this fund through the hunting licenses issued to sportsmen this year.

CONFEREES KILL T. R. PLAN.

Eliminate Amendment for Volunteer Divisions.

Col. Theodore Roosevelt will not be permitted to organize a division of volunteers and accompany them to France. This much discussed question was practically settled today when the conferees on the conscription bill reached an agreement and eliminated the amendment providing for the organization of volunteer divisions.

Because of the insistence of the War Department and the Administration against the Roosevelt proposition the majority of the House conferees stood out against all pleas to permit the Roosevelt amendments to remain in the bill. The Senate conferees finally yielded and the amendment was thrown out.

EX-SENATOR FORAKER DEAD.

Was Twice Ohio Governor and Years in Senate.

Word has reached Washington of the death in Cincinnati today of former United States Senator Joseph B. Foraker. He was seventy-one years old, and was a native of Rainsboro, Ohio.

Joseph Benson Foraker was a member of the Senate from 1897 to 1909.

Mrs. Lorenzo Lewis, of Braddock Heights, is the guest of relatives in Berryville.

Mr. and Mrs. Kemp L. Lambeth are the guests of relatives in Charlottesville.

Mrs. Alexander E. Slaymaker left yesterday to visit her cousin, Miss Lottie Larmond, at her home in Richmond.

Miss Laura McClure Allison left yesterday for Johnson City, Tenn., to visit her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Moses.

Mrs. Catherine A. Burrell, aged 27 years, daughter of R. C. Burnett, of this city, died Tuesday, May 8th, at her home in Philadelphia. The funeral will be from St. Mary's Church, Alexandria, tomorrow, Friday, at 9:30 a. m.

Mr. Wesley Peeblam, of the Washington Players, was the guest of friends in Alexandria yesterday and overlooking the opera house where his company will present the "Polite Vaudeville" tomorrow night for the benefit of the free night school fund.

The board of lady managers of the Alexandria Hospital held a largely attended meeting this morning at ten o'clock. Reports received regarding the new hospital building were to the effect that the work was progressing satisfactorily. The most pressing need, just now is the completion of the rooms in the nurses' home, for which any and all contributions will be sincerely welcomed.

HOW WOMEN CAN HELP

What Many of Them are Doing in England to Aid in Winning the War.

There is a day set aside as "Mother's day" in this country, but now every day is mother's day, says the bulletin sent out by the National Emergency Food Garden Commission of Washington, which is co-operating with the newspapers in an endeavor to increase the number of food gardens in this country.

A woman does not have to wear a nurse's uniform to serve her country, the bulletin today continues for she can do just as great service right in her home. Remember if an ounce of edible food is thrown away in each of the twenty million homes in this land that means a waste of one million three hundred pounds.

The figures are staggering. It takes the labor of many to reproduce this waste. To offset this the mother or housewife should plan balanced and economical menus. Everything must be utilized. Nothing nutritious should be thrown away.

Women of England have turned nobly to the tasks put them since that country has been at war. According to Major Spender Clay who is in this country with the British War Commission; the women of England are winning the war. He says he knows young women who have never as much as braided their own hair, having been reared amid wealth, and refinement, who now cooks in concentration camps, others who are dispensing rations to the soldiers in training at home with economic accuracy demanded by the government.

So the women of this country can help the United States and for that reason the National Emergency Food Garden Commission directs attention today to the terrible loss by waste. There need be no hysteria, no scrimping, but just sane judicious economy whereby much can be saved and no one the loser in the way of not having enough to eat.

HINDENBURG SEES VICTORY

Berlin Paper Quotes Him as Predicting Success in War.

Amsterdam, May 10.—Field Marshal von Hindenburg is again predicting victory, according to the Berlin Tageblatt. The paper quotes the Field marshal as saying, in reply to an address from the Saxon second chamber: "The soldier spirit, which is always cultivated by the All-highest War Lord, has again proved its strength. If the home army also holds on then we are certain of victory."

"Spend this evening with Edison" in the lecture room of Trinity M. E. Church, beginning at 8 o'clock. Bring your family and friends. A silver offering will be taken.

Mr. Clarence M. Wells left this morning for Newport, Rhode Island to enter the navy as yeoman.

The First Aid Class of the Girl's Club, under the direction of Dr. Geo. T. Klipstein, will meet Monday evening at 8 o'clock in Lee Camp Hall.

Tickets will be on sale at Warfield's Drug Store for the Red Cross benefit to be given Thursday, May 17th, in the Richmond Theatre.

Miss Louisa T. Davis, of Leesburg, the state president of the Piedmont Convocation, is the house guest of the Rev. Dr. Wallace T. Rollins and Mrs. Rollins, at the Theological Seminary.

The weekly prayer meeting tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Anne Lee Memorial Home for the Aged, will be led by Mrs. Van Ness and a solo from the Blue Book will be sung by Miss Margaret Pattie Finks.

A deed was filed in the office of the corporation clerk this morning conveying a square of land bounded by Madison, Payne, Wythe and West streets, this city from Cornelius B. Hite and Harold E. West, trustees, to the estate of Harrie F. Wheat.

The Rev. Mr. Warner, president of the Maryland Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, preached last night at the prayer service in the Methodist Protestant church in north Washington street. The new pastor, the Rev. Raymond W. White, was also present.

WAR ON CATS.

Thousands Throughout the Country That Ought to be Killed Because They Are Nuisances.

The alley cats must go. At least the future looks dark for them because good garden planters all over the country, alarmed by the destruction done to their garden crops by them have united to make war on the 25,000,000 or more alley cats in the United States.

The evils of the vagrant cat as a disseminator of disease, destroyer of young fowl and birds, is not to be compared with the amount of harm the pest is doing to the gardens, if reports coming to the National Emergency Food Garden Commission 210 Maryland Building, are to be taken as a criterion.

Cities and towns are combating with the cat scourge in many ways. In some towns cat-catchers have been employed, and they are finding a fertile field to work in say, letters to the Commission. Other counties and towns are offering bounties for the pests.

Destruction caused by cats to the food gardens is enormous. The pest does the greatest damage at night. He kills many birds that would if they lived kill insects that destroy crops valued at millions. Bulletin No. 2 of the department of agriculture of the State of Massachusetts, and by Edward H. Forbush deals extensively on this subject.

It is a well established fact that cities are over run by vagrant cats, many of them finding a precarious living by visiting "dumps" and garbage cans.

DEADLY WRECKS IN MEXICO.

Derailment Kills 14 Persons and Bandits 30 More.

Laredo, Tex., May 10.—The first train from Mexico since Saturday today brought news of a wreck near Queretaro, Sunday, in which 14 persons were killed and several more injured. A derailment caused the wreck. Passengers on today's train said it was reliably reported that 30 soldiers were killed and 40 injured when bandits blew up a train May 6, near Carneros. The bandits were attempting to obtain \$50,000 said to have been carried in the express car. The train carried an escort of 300 soldiers. Among the passengers, it was said, was the wife of General Francisco Murguria.

Guests at Rosemont.

Mrs. William N. Smith has as her guests at her home in Rosemont, Miss Willie Wood of Rappahannock, Miss Myrtle Bowersette, of Marshall, and Miss Allen Brooking, of Orange, Va.

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

ODD FELLOWS LOYAL RESPONDS TO A TOAST

Twenty-Seven Thousand Members of the Organization in Virginia Pledge Themselves.

The Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows of Virginia concluded its annual meeting in Bristol last night. The grand officers chosen yesterday were:

E. P. Turner, Richmond, grand secretary.

Bell O. Ferguson, Richmond grand treasurer.

Dr. J. Sherer, of Marion, grand chaplain.

Col. Park P. Deans, of Windsor; O. V. Hanger, of Amherst, grand representatives.

C. B. Fox, of Roanoke; P. M. Bradshaw, Alexandria, and Mrs. Daisy Jones, Norfolk, trustees of the orphanage.

The Grand Lodge pledged the 27,500 Odd Fellows of Virginia to the loyal support of the Government in the present war and every lodge is directed to display the American flag at every meeting.

THE MAY DAY PAGEANT.

Votes Being Cast for Uncle Sam and Miss Columbia by Public School Pupils.

Who will be the lucky boy to take the part of Uncle Sam and which of the handsome young maidens will be chosen to represent Miss Columbia in the May day pageant, is the question which interests the eighteen hundred pupils of the city schools who are to take part in the affair on Friday of next week. The voting contest will close Saturday of this week and the ballot boxes will be open all that day. The votes cast yesterday in the various schools brought out the following leaders in the race, who were given ballots as here published:

Uncle Sam: Norman Lawler, 45; Richard Wright, 29; Bernard Yates, 20; Joseph Haflett, 16; Jack Howard, 15.

For Miss Columbia: Rose Murphy, 141; Susie Simms, 125; Dorothy Steele, 108; Beulah Sullivan, 56; Eunice Ayers, 29.

The pageant is expected to be of a highly interesting character and much interest is being taken in it by all the schools.

MINISTER BEATS HIS WIFE.

Rev. J. A. Strayer is Sent to Denton Jail for 30 Days.

Federalburg, Md., May 10.—Quite a sensation was caused here yesterday when the Rev. J. A. Strayer, a retired minister, was arrested charged with wife beating.

The charge was brought by his son, the Rev. George Strayer, pastor of a church at Trafford, Pa., who was visiting his parents.

The elder Mr. Strayer, who is an aged but powerfully built man, admitted the charge and was sentenced to 30 days in Denton Jail by Magistrate Thomas S. Cox.

Mr. Strayer began his ministry in Pennsylvania, was later engaged in evangelist work in the West. He and his wife purchased a farm here several years ago, where they have lived since.

SHORT CUT COSTS LIFE

Express Runs Down Machinist Hurrying to Boarding House.

Chester, Pa., May 10.—Trespassing on the Pennsylvania Railroad, near Thurlow station, in taking a short cut to his boarding house, Frederick Anderson, aged 56, was instantly killed yesterday afternoon by a southbound express. Both arms and a leg were cut off and his head was split. Identification was established by a General Chemical timecard. He had worked two weeks as a machinist at the Claymont plant.

Under the proposed added taxation which the administration's war revenue bill carries; the per capita tax of every woman, man, and child in the United States will be advanced to \$33 per annum.

Notice

Having disposed of our entire stock of groceries, at 1023 King street, we desire to thank our patrons for their liberal patronage during the past years.

All parties having claims against Carter Brothers, please present them here at once, and all those indebted to us will please call and settle.

Carter Brothers, 1023 King St., May 10, 1917. 112-1t.

Rev. Dr. J. L. Allison Attends Closing Exercises of Union Theological Seminary in Richmond.

The closing exercises of Union Theological Seminary in Richmond were held yesterday, at which time a large class graduated.

The most interesting features of the day were the annual alumni class reunion meeting and the banquet which followed:

Dr. T. Cary Johnson, of the seminary, presided.

Rev. Dr. Jno. Lee Allison, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church of this city, responded to the toast on behalf of his class, and took as a theme the minister, a spiritual leader.

The seminary is located in Ginter Park, a fine suburban section of Richmond, and includes a group of ten splendid buildings.

Announcement of a \$100,000 gift to the seminary was made by the board of trustees, the gift being made on condition that the seminary raise a like amount by the end of this year. It was further announced that \$80,000 of the needed amount has already been subscribed by friends of the school, and that the remainder will be solicited within a short time.

Dr. W. W. Moore, president of the seminary, explained the details and conditions of the gift. He stated that the name of the person who made the donation could not be made public further than the money had been offered by "a lady of means." The money is to be used, with the amounts to be secured by subscription, to carry out a plan that the seminary authorities have had in mind for several years of erecting and equipping an expert Sunday school training department on the seminary campus.

When the balance of the needed \$100,000 has been raised, a model Sunday school building will be erected, which will be the "last word" in structures of its kind. Its organization will consist of standard departments, and it will be endowed with a share of the funds raised. Sixty thousand dollars of the second \$100,000 will be used to endow a professorship of pedagogy and Sunday school work in Richmond, and the remaining \$40,000 will be used for the general needs of the seminary.

The building will cost \$60,000 for construction, and \$40,000 will be spent on equipment.

PIEDMONT CONVOCATION.

Interesting Sessions Held Yesterday in St. Paul's Church in This City.

The members of the Piedmont Convocation were the guests of the St. Paul's Church branch, with Mrs. M. W. O'Brien, chairman, at their annual meeting held yesterday in the Norton Memorial of that church, which was a great success. Two sessions were held. Holy Communion was administered at 11 o'clock by the Rev. Dr. P. P. Phillips, followed by the morning business session. The visitors were welcomed by the Rev. Dr. Phillips and the meetings were presided over by the State president, Miss Louisa T. Davis, of Leesburg, with Mrs. Wallace E. Rollins, Convocation secretary, under whose careful attention the meeting was made most interesting. This session was devoted to business of the different branches of the convocation and the meeting adjourned at 1:30 o'clock.

The afternoon session opened at 2:30 and the Rev. Mr. Wellbourne, recently returned from Japan, made a very interesting address upon the work of the Episcopal church in Japan. A stirring appeal was made by Miss Davis, the president, for the enlargement of the branches and deeper interest in the work.

An invitation was extended by Grace church of this city for the convocation to meet there next May, after which the session adjourned, everyone expressing themselves as having enjoyed the day and being greatly benefited by the meeting.

Steak, tile fish, rock fish, white perch, roe shad, buck shad, herring and salt water trout on sale by Geo. E. Price and Co. City Market, Phone 321. 112-1t.

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