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ARMY CAMP WILL OFFER GOOD MARKET FOR FARMERS POULTRY, EGGS AND FRUIT

United States Department of Agriculture Calls Attention to the Fact That 16,000 Men Will Soon Be Stationed at Camp Humphreys, South of This City—Electric Line to Connect with the Mount Vernon Line a Possibility.

Washington, April 30.—That farmers in the neighborhood of Belvoir, Va., may find a new outlet for perishable products, such as fresh fruit, vegetables, poultry and eggs in the new cantonment established there by the War Department, is pointed out by the Bureau of Markets, United States Department of Agriculture. The cantonment at Camp Humphreys, which is to contain quarters for about 16,000 men, is located at Belvoir, about five miles from Mount Vernon, and four miles from the Accotink station with which it is connected by a steam railroad. There is a possibility of the camp being also connected by an electric line with the Mount Vernon street car line.

MISSOURI SENATORSHIP.

P. Wilfley Will Succeed Late Mr. Stone.

A new Senator from Missouri to succeed the late Senator Stone has at last been found. Xenophon P. Wilfley, member of the St. Louis board of election commissioners, a prominent Democrat, has accepted the appointment tendered by Governor Gardner.

Mr. Wilfley was the fourth man to receive a tender of the appointment. Three before him turned it down. They were Ambassador David R. Francis, Speaker Champ Clark, and Chief Justice W. W. Graves, of the Missouri supreme court.

The new Senator is forty-seven years old and a lawyer. His home is in St. Louis. He is expected in Washington to take his place in the Senate this week.

The appointment lasts only until next November. Whether Mr. Wilfley will make the race for the nomination and election is not yet announced.

Mr. Wilfley is a cousin to the Rev. Earle Wilfley, pastor of the Vermont Avenue Washington Christian Church. Eight years ago the Rev. Wilfley was pastor of the First Christian Church in St. Louis, his cousin's home.

"The Bride of Fear" and "Big Timber" Tonight.

One of the most effective introductions that any photoplay has had is found in Jewel Carmen's absorbing drama, "The Bride of Fear," which will be shown at the Richmond theater tonight.

The picture holds the interest from the very first flash on the screen. The film opens with a view of a flickering gas jet. A woman's hand is seen stealing slowly, hesitantly, toward it. The camera follows along the arm and discloses the face of the owner. It is a beautiful girl living in a hall bedroom.

She is desperate and tired. Her expression is plainly that of one wearied of all things. The slender fingers reach for the burner. The light is turned out. Then she turns the gas on again—but this time it is not lit.

Kathlyn Williams and Wallace Reid will be seen at the Surprise tonight in the Morocco-Paramount production "Big Timber," the famous story by Bertrand Sinclair. The story deals with adventures in the lumber camps high up in the Sierras.

German False Hope.

Dispatches from Berne indicate that the Reichstag food commission in Berlin is being forced to recognize the failure of the promised Ukrainian supplies.

The meeting last Friday was called to discuss a possible cut in the German bread ration, already meager. Under Secretary of State Braun, just back from the economic conference at Kief, warned the commission that no decision on the reduction of the bread ration could be made until the possibilities of transport from Ukraine could be determined.

Belvoir Cafe Company.

Until further notice the Belvoir Cafe Company will serve, from 12 to 2 p. m. on Sundays, a special lunch for 75 cents, and from 6 until 9 p. m. a special chicken dinner for \$1.25. These special meals will be prepared and served in a manner to please our patrons.

W. H. WHITTAKER, Manager.

Don't forget to see "Enlighten Thy Daughter," at the Grand Theater, May 3d and 4th.

TO DIE ON GALLOWES.

Negro Slayer of Miss Ebert Asks Court for Mercy.

Annapolis, Md., April 30.—Archie Isaacs, the colored track walker who confessed to the killing of Miss Dora Ebert on the tracks of the Pennsylvania Railroad near Odenton and within the Camp Meade reservation, was yesterday convicted of murder in the first degree and sentenced by Judge Robert Moss to death on the gallows. The whole trial occupied but three hours and a half, and the jury was only five minutes in rendering a verdict. There was no recommendation of mercy. When asked if he had anything to say in connection with his sentence, Isaacs mumbled the word "mercy" several times, but was not able to form a coherent sentence. He appears to have a low degree of mentality and little realization of his situation.

The witnesses included several officers from Camp Meade, two of whom were the first to find the body. A bloody wrench about three feet long, the weapon that killed the girl, was identified as belonging to Isaacs.

The most important evidence was the partial confession made to Detectives Daugherty and Hogan of Baltimore and Sheriff Bellis of Anne Arundel county. Counsel for Isaacs made an unsuccessful effort to have it excluded on the ground of intimidation. These officials testified that Isaacs had repented his first statement, to the effect that colored soldiers from Camp Meade had killed Miss Ebert, and admitted that he alone had committed the crime.

Judge Moss, in delivering sentence, told Isaacs that he had little time on earth and must prepare for the hereafter, but that the law was more merciful to him than he had been to Miss Ebert, in giving him an opportunity for reflection and repentance. Isaacs seemed relieved that the trial was over. He told Sheriff Bellis during the day that he knew that he had little time to live.

Pickerts Pleased.

An attraction well worth the price placed a good sized audience at the Opera House last night, when the Pickert Sisters Stock Company presented a comedy drama entitled "The Only Son." The cast all did extremely well. Ralph Chambers as Mr. Brainard, Jr., was strong in his part, as were also Clint Dodson, as Thos. Brainard, Sr.; Lillian Pickert as his wife, and Blanche Pickert as Ann Lester.

The irresistible appeal that vaudeville has for amusement seekers was very apparent last night. Erlau made his point in the masterly playing of the xylophone. Ernestine de Millo, billed as the little girl with a sweet voice, proved one of the big hits on the bill. Henie, the funny Dutchman, came next with a strong line of gags and parades. Henie is a clever comedian and his Dutch dialect is excellent.

The four Pickerts opened their act with a patriotic song, which made things hum. The act was a decided hit. Master Erlau received a hearty welcome from every one, and they would not let him leave the stage until the little fellow was practically tired out. For ten minutes he convulsed the audience with his inimitable comedy, but his own personality carried him over to the biggest hit of the night's performance.

DECLINES THE SENATORSHIP.

Judge Graves, of Missouri, Follows Champ Clark's Lead.

Jefferson, City, Mo., April 30.—Judge W. W. Graves today declined the appointment of United States Senator tendered him Friday by Governor Gardner. At present he is chief justice of the Missouri Supreme Court. The vacancy was created by the death of Senator W. J. Stone.

Judge Graves sent a letter of declination to the Governor yesterday morning, in which he stated that he believed his greatest duty lay within the work he is now doing. Thus far Ambassador Francis, Speaker Clark and Judge Graves have proved unavailable to fill the unexpired term.

Alexandria City and Suburbs

There was no session of the Police Court this morning.

A meeting of St. Mary's War Saving Society will be held tonight at 7:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Hugo Herfuth, Sr., and Mrs. R. W. Herfuth are visiting in Richmond.

Mrs. Wallace Lindsey and little Miss Deane Lindsey, of Braddock Heights, are the guests of relatives in Richmond.

Captain Conrad Johnson will continue in command of the infantry section following the reorganization of the personnel for the fourth officers' training camp for the artillery and infantry at Camp McClellan, Annapolis, Alabama.

John Luckett, the ten year old son of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Luckett, died at his parents' home, 228 North St. Asaph street, this morning. He was taken to Emergency Hospital for treatment about two weeks ago, but was brought back to his home last week when it was found there was no hope for his recovery.

Mrs. A. J. McGhee, of King street, has received a card announcing that her brother, Sergeant Arthur E. Curran, has arrived safely overseas.

Mrs. Fred Birrell and Miss Elizabeth Birrell left last Friday for Norfolk, where Mr. Birrell is located with the Internal Revenue service, and Mr. G. Fred Birrell, of the Hospital Corps, U. S. N., is now stationed.

The "Community sing" in the Norton Memorial of St. Paul's Church last night was enjoyed to the utmost by the audience which packed the hall and the crowd was even standing within hearing distance in the yard. The selections by the Marine Band from Quantico were appreciated as was evidenced by the applause. Mr. Gordon Reese led the singing of the camp songs and was accompanied by the band.

The Chamber of Commerce has leased the offices in the Wagar building on North Fairfax street, occupied by the Virginia Shipbuilding Corporation, and will move into them in about two weeks or so as soon as some necessary repairs in the way of painting and papering can be done. The decision was made at the meeting of the board of directors held yesterday afternoon.

The silver tea given last night in the Lyceum by the ladies of the Sanctuary Society of St. Mary's Church was well attended and a splendid musical program was rendered.

The Virginia Shipbuilding Corporation is moving its offices from the Wagar Apartment building on North Fairfax street to its new building recently erected at the shipbuilding yards near the river.

Mrs. Noble Lindsey returned last week from a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Overton Westfield Price, at the Grange, near Biltmore, North Carolina, and spent the week-end with her son-in-law and daughter, the Rev. G. C. Shears and Mrs. Shears, at McLean, Virginia.

The Elopement of Ellen will be rendered by the High School Playsters tonight at 8 o'clock in the Westminster Building for the benefit of the Alexandria hospital, and will be most attractive. These young players are well known in the city and the cause is one which should appeal to all. Only a few reserve seats are left and it is hoped the hall will be filled to its utmost capacity.

Concert Tomorrow Night.

The following program will be rendered at the concert to be given for the benefit of the Rector's Aid Society, of St. Paul's Church tomorrow evening at 8:15 in the Norton Memorial and all who attend are promised a delightful evening:

- 1—(a) "Spring," Gaston Borch; (b) "In Rose Time," Greig Harris; (c) "The Nightingale's Song," Ethelbert Neven, the Monday Morning Music Club.
- 2—Baritone solos, (a) "L'Adrien du Matin," Pessard; (b) "Le Mirrir," Ferrari; (c) "D'un Prison," Reynaldo Hahn, Sergeant Randall Haskin Trumpe.
- 3—Soprano solo, "Depuis le jour," Chapentier, Miss Florence Worthington.
- 4—Reading, Miss Newcombe, selected.
- 5—Mezzo soprano solos, (a) "House of Memory," F. Alyward; (b) "Sacrament," MacDonald; (c) "Caio mio ben," Giordain, Mrs. Harold Brooks.
- 6—(a) "The Maidens of Sandmir" (Boris Godunow, M. Moussorgsky); (b) "The Night Hath a Thousand Eyes," J. Belle Boltwood; (c) "My Lover Comes on the Snee," H. Clough-Leighter, Monday Morning Music Club.
- 7—Camp songs, (a) "Columbia's Garden," Nell Fletcher Stoddard; (b) "London Town," sung by the composer, Mrs. J. M. Stoddard.
- 8—Dance, Spring, Mendelssohn, Miss Viola Barrett.
- 9—Mezzo soprano solos (a) "Dawn," Pearl Curran; (b) "The West Wind Croons in the Cedar Trees," MacDowell; (c) "The Owl," Liza Lehmann, Mrs. Charles W. Fairfax.
- 10—Soprano solos, (a) "Nympheset Sylvains," Dernerberg; (b) "Sonnet-Matinal," Massenet; (c) "Chere Nuit," Bachelet, Miss Florence Worthington.
- 11—Baritone solos, (a) "I Know a Lovely Garden," Guy d'Hardelot; (b) "In the Time of Roses," (c) "Come to the Garden, Love," Mary Turner Salter, Sergeant Randall Haskin Trumpe.
- 12—(a) "Lotus Flower," Schumann-Saer; (b) "Faithful Johnny" (Scotch folk song), Saer; (c) "Louisiana Lullaby," Fay Foster, Monday Morning Music Club.

The director of the Monday morning Music Club is Mr. Herndon Mossell, and the accompanist is Miss Lucy Brickenstein.

KILLED IN BATHROOM.

Daughter of Richmond Man Meets Accidental Death in Cincinnati.

Richmond, April 30.—Long distance telephone messages received here brought the information that Mrs. Delaney Martin, a daughter of Mr. John S. Lear, of Enslow avenue, Highland Park, died from injuries received in her home Saturday night. The messages said that Mrs. Martin had fallen in the bath room, striking her head and dying before she regained consciousness. Mr. Martin was in this city at the time. Mrs. Martin was married about twelve years ago and has two children, a boy and a girl. Mr. Martin was arranging to leave for his home yesterday, the understanding being that he and his wife were to take a trip to Michigan, where they have a summer cottage.

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PATRIOTIC DEMONSTRATION AT DEL RAY INCLUDES PARADE AND STIRRING SPEECHES

Residents of Alexandria's Suburb Held Rousing Meeting Yesterday Afternoon. Jefferson District "Over the Top" in Subscriptions to the Liberty Loan and till Going.

A beautiful and impressive Liberty loan parade was held in the town of Potomac yesterday evening, under the auspices of the local Liberty loan committee of the town. Mr. George W. Zachary, bearing a large silk "Flag of Freedom," was chief marshal and had as his aides, Mr. E. W. Ball and Mr. Frank Campbell, county and district chairmen, respectively, of the county and district Liberty loan committee. Marching behind the committee was the Marine band, which is stationed at Quantico, patriotically giving their soul-inspiring music for the occasion. Following the band were the Boy Scouts of Troop No. 1 of Potomac, in uniform, a large section of the Jefferson branch of the Alexandria Red Cross, in uniform; the teachers and pupils of the Mount Vernon school, 300 strong, and the last section of the parade being composed of citizens of the community.

The parade marched from the Mt. Vernon school house on Mt. Vernon avenue, through St. Elmo and Del Ray, and at 8 p. m. arrived at the auditorium of the school building, at which time a monster Liberty loan rally was held.

The speakers of the evening were introduced in a very pleasing manner by Mr. Frank Campbell, chairman of the district committee, who presided.

Mr. E. W. Ball, chairman of the county committee; Mr. Leo Harlow, chairman of the city committee, and the Hon. John G. Capers, of Washington, formerly commissioner of internal revenue, delivered intensely patriotic and stirring addresses, at the conclusion of which Mr. Capers bestowed upon two members of the Boy Scouts—Aubrey Wilkinson and Robert Yates—medals for effective and successful work done by them during the second Liberty loan drive.

Both before and after the speaking the Boy Scouts and members of the local committee were very active in the solicitation of subscriptions to the third Liberty loan, a large number of which were taken.

Jefferson district several days ago went "over the top" and expects by the close of the drive to do a two hundred per cent bit.

PETROGRAD REVOLT.

Berlin Fears Kerensky Followers Control Government.

Berlin April 30.—Baron von dem Bussche-Haddenhausen, under-secretary for foreign affairs, has wired Gen. Count von Mirbach, the new German Ambassador to Russia, asking him to report concerning the truth of numerous rumors of a monarchist restoration and disorders in Petrograd.

The undersecretary refers to rumors which have come through Finland and says that he has received a letter by a devious route from Petrograd, dated April 13, stating that a monarchist proclamation is imminent and the Gen. Michael V. Alexieff, Alexander J. Guchkoff, Paul N. Milukoff and Michael V. Rodzianko, all identified with the Kerensky regime, are in Petrograd. He concluded:

"All these concerning reports which reach us from various sources do not sound altogether improbable. I beg you to wire me your report."

London, April 30.—The newest Russian government in Petrograd, according to the Aftonbladet, of Copenhagen, say an Exchange Telegraph dispatch, has denounced the Brest-Litovsk treaty with Germany. It calls for a new treaty with Estonia under Russian rule.

Washington, April 30.—A dispatch from Stockholm Sunday reporting rumors that former Grand Duke Alexei had been declared emperor of Russia in a counter revolution, added that the new government would refuse to recognize the new treaty with Germany. Estonia borders on the southern coast of the Gulf of Finland and extends from the Gulf of Riga to near Petrograd. It has been reported that Emperor William was to become Duke of Estonia and that Estonia was to be closely allied to Germany.

The State Department yesterday was still without information concerning events in Russia. A dispatch from Ambassador Francis at Volga, received Saturday, made no mention of a new revolution.

AMBULANCE FOR CAMP LEE.

Red Men Of Virginia, West Virginia And Pennsylvania Donors.

Petersburg, Va., April 30.—Fully 4,000 persons attended the exercises held Sunday in the auditorium of the Young Men's Christian Association here when a motor ambulance was presented to the base hospital at Camp Lee by the Red Men of Virginia, West Virginia and Pennsylvania. There were about 500 visiting members of the order in attendance. A degree team in full costume was seated on the stage. Thirty Daughters of Pocahontas also were present. The exercises were opened with singing "America" and prayer by the Rev. J. A. McClure, a member of Powhatan Tribe, of this city. The ambulance was presented by Great Sachem R. C. Sullivan of Alexandria, and was accepted by Col. Ferdinand Schmitter, commanding officer of the base hospital. Addresses were made by Great Sachem H. E. Hawkins, of West Virginia; Albert M. Tennis, Grand Chief of Records, Great Council of Virginia; Capt. A. M. Dobie, aide to General Cronkrite, commanding officer of Camp Lee, and James T. Rogers, of New York, Great Senior Sycamore, Great Council of the United States. The music was furnished by one of the regimental bands at the camp. The exercises were brought to a close with "The Star-Spangled Banner" by the band.

The ambulance has an enclosed body and is equipped with electric lights and heated by a radiator. It cost \$3,700 and was purchased with funds contributed by Red Men of the three States.

DISCHARGE TELEGRAPHERS.

Observe Sunday as "Organization Day" Throughout Country.

Richmond, April 30.—Telegraph operators all over the country observed Sunday as "organization day," the occasion being an open avowal by telegraphers of their right to organize. Following meetings held in most of the large cities of the United States the Western Union and Postal Telegraph companies yesterday dismissed from their service hundreds of men known to be affiliated with the Commercial Telegraphers' Union of North America.

Fifty-nine out of a total force of sixty-one operators of the Postal Telegraph Company here were discharged yesterday morning, according to reports from the operator's union here; Manager Jackson, of the Postal offices, declined either to deny or affirm the reports. The trouble is alleged to have grown out of a meeting of operators held at the chamber of commerce building Sunday afternoon, when an organization was perfected.

Durham, N. C., April 30.—Telegraph business was partially tied up yesterday as the result of orders from officials to discharge all operators and employees that are affiliated with the telegraphers' union. The last Western Union operators were discharged Sunday night. The manager is handling such business as he can under the handicap.

HEARING TOMORROW.

State Corporation To Hear Water Rates and Other Cases.

The State Corporation Commission came to Alexandria today for the purpose of hearing tomorrow and Thursday the cases of White and others against the Old Dominion Railway Company; Dixie Guano Company against the Old Dominion Railway Company, and the protest of citizens of Alexandria against the rates and service of the water company of this city.

The party will be composed of Commissioners Garnett, Rhea and Forward, Special Representative E. E. Cone, Civil Engineer Burton Marye, Electrical Engineer Judson C. Dickerman, and Bailiff Sam W. Bigger, all members of the commission's force.

Notice.

Members of Chamber of Commerce will please report to us at once any complaints of telephone service. J. K. M. Norton, E. V. Register, H. R. Burke, Committee.

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