

ESTABLISHED 1784
Oldest Daily Newspaper in the
United States and Best Advertis-
ing Medium in Northern Virginia

Alexandria Gazette

For this section—Fair and slight-
ly warmer tonight; temperature
about freezing—... ir and
was ...

VOL. CXXXVI.—No. 59.

ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA, TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 1920.

PRICE ONE CENT

SENATORS DROP PROBE OF PETERS

Satisfied With Ousting Preacher From Politics

COMES AS SURPRISE

Accusers Say They are Vindicated by Peters Defeat—Ousted Dry Leader May Seek Exoneration.

Richmond, Va., March 9.—Those members of the Virginia Legislature who were responsible for a resolution calling for an investigation by a committee of that body of the conduct of the office of State Commissioner of Prohibition by the Rev. Mr. J. Sydney Peters sprang a surprise yesterday evening when they announced their abandonment of their plan.

The announcement was made at the first meeting of the committee, consisting of Senators Ferguson and Mills and Delegates Fuller and Henly. The meeting was in the office of the State Corporation Commission at 8 o'clock. The abandonment of the fight was in the form of a letter sent to the committee by W. L. Joyce and Wilbur C. Hall, members of the House and among the 23 signers of the resolution. They said that they would not attend and added:

"Frankly, the resolution was held up in the Senate and passed during the drying days of the session when it was too late to conduct the thorough and complete investigation for which it provided."

"We feel that we have been vindicated to some extent through the nomination by the caucus of another than the present head of the department, and not desiring to further press the matter under such conditions, it shall be closed as far as our appearance before your committee is concerned."

The letter blames the Senate, which is of slightly more dry complexion than is the House, although both are close, for delaying action on the resolution with the direct purpose of preventing it from getting anywhere. It recites that the resolution was passed by the House on February 20 and sent to the Senate on the same day, that it remained buried there until March 2, that it was then transmitted to the House, that the House agreed to the Senate amendments and sent it back immediately and that it was again held in the Senate for five days.

The Legislature adjourns next Saturday and there is only one thing which will prevent the whole matter from being forgotten—that is the Rev. Dr. Peters' refusal to accept this situation and his determination to force the Legislature to vindicate completely, as the letter of Messrs. Joyce and Hall does not do. There is no doubt that the Legislature will elect Harry B. Smith, of Culpeper, to succeed him. The caucus nominated Mr. Smith last Thursday and Dr. Peters' friends in the Legislature say that when the election takes place Wednesday of this week Mr. Smith will be chosen.

Senator G. Walter Mapp, the leader of the "dry" forces in the Senate, says that that part of the fight is settled for good. He defended the Rev. Dr. Peters to the last minute, but he says he will vote for Mr. Smith.

Messrs. Hall and Joyce and their associates will probably give him the vindication he wants, however, and still feel that they have won. They do not charge Dr. Peters with dishonesty. Their fight, it is said, was directed primarily against the "preacher in politics." They feel that in the defeat of Dr. Peters and the election of Mr. Smith they have put the preacher out of politics and they are satisfied with that, and with keeping him out, which they are resolved to do.

The Rev. Dr. Peters, who, by the way, served a term in the House of Delegates himself about 25 years ago as an Anti-Saloon League worker before he was made dry commissioner and was promised the commission for his campaign work if prohibition won.

Governor Westmoreland Davis, who is ranked as a wet, has stood off and watched this fight on the preacher in

politics without taking any part in it. Unhorsed, as he is, Dr. Peters still remains in office until September next.

WETS AND DRIES

Contest Opened Yesterday in United States Supreme Court

Washington, March 9.—Wets and dries yesterday began their contest in the Supreme Court. Constitutionality of the Prohibition Amendment, disputed by the States of Rhode Island and New Jersey, and legality of section of the Enforcement law were issues.

In original proceedings Rhode Island seeks to have the amendment declared invalid and its enforcement enjoined, in a clear-cut brief presented today Elihu Root asserted that if the Eighteenth Amendment stands, the rights of States and individual liberty are alike in dire jeopardy.

The amendment was defended by the government as a legitimate addition to the Nation's basic law, over which the court held no jurisdiction.

Sections of the Enforcement act were involved in cases appealed from Federal Court decisions in Kentucky and Massachusetts.

The brilliant array of counsel, in addition to Mr. Root, included William D. Guthrie, of New York, Attorney-General McCran, of New Jersey; P. H. Kelly, of Massachusetts; T. A. Bell, of California, for the wets, and W. E. Wheeler, of the Anti-Saloon League, and Charles E. Hughes, representing twenty-one combined dry States Solicitor Gen. King and Assistant Attorney General Frierson looked after the interests of the government.

Throngs attended the session. Many waited outside through the morning to obtain admittance.

With the court's permission, Elihu Root filed a brief on behalf of the United States Brewers' Association in opposition to the government's motion to dismiss the Rhode Island case.

"If this amendment is valid," the Root brief said, "the principle which it embodies and the tendency which it establishes and legalizes would authorize the most far-reaching and revolutionary alterations in our governmental system."

"The right to manufacture, sell and transport in local or intra-state commerce tobacco, condiments, coffee, grain, meat, cotton, or any other products, which three-fourths of the several States at any time deem objectionable, could than unquestionably be prohibited by constitutional amendment."

ELKS ELECT OFFICERS

Geo. Kaus Chosen Exalted Ruler—Will Install April 12

Alexandria Lodge No. 758, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at its annual meeting last night elected these officers for the year: George Kaus, exalted ruler; H. A. Stewart, esteemed leading knight; Dr. J. J. Garvey, esteemed loyal knight; J. Robert Travers, esteemed lecturing knight; George W. Bontz, jr., secretary; H. Friedlander, treasurer; Thomas D. Downey, tiler, A. A. Paul, trustee for three years; Clarence F. Johnson, representative to the grand lodge and Ervin G. Schwarzmann, alternate to grand lodge.

The newly elected officers will be installed April 12. At the meeting last night forty candidates were elected.

WANT LIQUOR

Delaware Physicians to Urge Legislature to Modify Present Dry Law

Wilmington, Del., March 9.—When the Legislature meets in special session on March 22 it is expected that some of the physicians in the State will make a plea to the State so as to permit the sale of liquor for medicine. It is claimed that in some of the outlying districts this is really necessary.

In a city where there are plenty of drug stores and physicians with in call something to use in place of whisky in sudden illness can be obtained, but it is needed in other places.

It is expected that the dry people will fight any effort which may be made to change the liquor laws of the State. The fact remains, however, that the majority of the people of the State had no idea that the prohibition laws here were so drastic as they are when they were first passed.

GLAD TIDINGS FOR LAZY PERSONS

Health Officer Tells How to Overcome Tired Feeling

SOME ARE BORN TIRED

A Little Exercise With Spade in Garden or a Brisk Walk of Mile or so Will Effect a Cure.

Many people seem to think that when early spring arrives, it is necessary for them to fill up on all sorts of tonics in order to get into good condition, says health officer Foulks, they get "spring fever" and "that tired feeling" and at once resort to the medicine bottle for first aid treatment. As for "that tired feeling," I might say that some people are born tired and others seem to acquire the disease without any special effort. I might also say that this trouble is easily cured. When you feel the first symptoms of this dread disease, just take a spade; just an ordinary common spade; go out into the garden and dig for half an hour. That's the cure and I assure you it works like a charm!

You have been more or less cooped up during the winter and your system becomes sluggish, hence what you need is sunshine, fresh air and exercise and plenty of it. If you can't take a hoe, spade and a rake and do some real work in the garden, then do the next best thing, that is take a brisk walk of a mile or so.

This kind of treatment will do you far more good than any so-called spring medicine I can name. And if it does not, then you had best see your doctor without delay. It may not be fashionable to dig in your garden or go out for a mile or so walk in the open, but as I have frequently observed, it is far better to be un-fashionable and healthy, than fashionable and unhealthy!

Any man or woman who likes sunshine, fresh air and real exercise, is as a rule healthy and also good tempered. True happiness first of all lies in good health. Get next to nature, study her ways and be wise.

Unclean surroundings are not conducive to a healthy life. Do your part and your neighbor will be so ashamed that he will go and do likewise. Start on your spring clean up and let's make it snappy!

I wish to publicly thank the "Alexandria Gazette" for the assistance it has rendered the Health Department. By freely publishing the many articles I have written on health matters and sanitation, it has enabled me to reach the general public promptly and effectively.

While my articles may not be of any special value, yet that does not detract from the public spirit exhibited by the Gazette in printing them and doing all possible to assist the Health Department in its work for the public good. Such co-operation deserves special credit, and it affords me great pleasure in making this statement, thus placing the credit where it is justly due.

PRESIDENT TAKES AIRING

Out For an Hour in First Open Auto Ride Since October

Washington, March 9.—President Wilson went riding yesterday in an open automobile. He was accompanied by Mrs. Wilson, Rear Admiral Grayson and Wilmer Bolling, Mrs. Wilson's brother.

The President wore a heavy cloth overcoat and a golf cap. He looked the picture of health. It was his second public appearance since he took to his bed last October after his Western tour, but on his first ride last Wednesday he used a closed car.

The police again prohibited photographers from taking pictures of the President.

A bright sun was shining, but some of the snow from last week's blizzard was still on the ground and a sharp wind was blowing.

The President was out just an hour, driving through Rock Creek Park.

For Chiropractic, see Dr. Hansen, 624 King Street, room 9, 69-1c.

BOTH BRANCHES PASS BUDGET BILL

Adopt Third Conference Re- port Cutting Dry De- partment

\$22,500,000 IS THE TOTAL

Prohibition Office Gets \$70,000 for Two Years—Bill Goes to Gov- ernor Davis.

Richmond, March 9.—Concurrence yesterday afternoon by both branches of the General Assembly in the third conference report on items of the biennial appropriations bill upon which the Senate and House were at variance ended legislative consideration of that measure, and it now goes to the Governor for his approval.

Though the report of the last set of conferees contained precisely the same suggestions as the second, which the Senate had rejected, it was adopted by a vote of 35 to 0 in the upper body, Senator Mapp declaring he would withdraw his objection to the appropriations granted the Department of Prohibition in the interest of important measures on the calendar.

Senator Mapp, in seconding the motion of Senator Drewry to concur in the report explained to his colleagues, however that he still believes \$40,000, for the first year, and \$30,000 for the second, is a pitifully small aggregate sum for the effective operation of the Prohibition Department and that the Legislature should have provided \$50,000 a year.

The measure, as it was finally approved by the General Assembly, carries total appropriations of nearly \$22,500,000, the greatest amount ever set aside by the State of Virginia to meet its operating expenses and take care of its institutions for the biennial period.

Friends in the Senate of the department and the University of Virginia found yesterday a common ground of grievance and succeeded in bringing about rejection of the second conference report. The vote stood, 16 to 19 on the motion of Senator Andrews to concur.

Reference by Senator Cannon to increased appropriation, as adopted by the upper body, for the university and the Anti-Saloon League brought a heated denial from Senator Early, who declared he didn't want to hear any more insinuations along that line.

Senator Cannon explained that he did not mean to say that there was an active coalition of the two factions, and was sorry to have made a statement offensive to the Senator from Greene, but insisted that the two factions, whether with deliberate intent or not, had joined hands to defeat the conference report because it did not conform to their views with respect to these particular items.

TO ACT ON TAX RATE

It is expected that the tax rate on real estate will be fixed upon tonight by the city council. The prevailing tax on real estate is \$2 or the \$100 assessed valuation and it is highly probable that the rate will be made \$2.50 for the coming year in order to meet the deficit.

It also is expected that the board of aldermen will take action on the proposition to turn the armory over to the Community Center and the American Legion. Common council already has acted favorably on this matter.

**Boost For
ALEXANDRIA'S
FIRST
COMMUNITY
STYLE SHOW
Wednesday, Thursday,
And Friday,
March 17, 18, 19.**

TRICKLE OF LIQUOR TELL TALE EVIDENCE

It Came Through Ceiling Into Another Apart- ment

HELD FOR GRAND JURY

Six Men Captured Gixen Preliminary Hearing Last Night—Grand Jury to Investigate Tomorrow Morning.

The six men taken in a raid Sunday afternoon in an apartment house at 413 Wilkes street, where a still was in operation, following a preliminary hearing last night before Justice L. H. Thompson were held for the action of the grand jury.

A special grand jury, has been summoned for Wednesday morning in the corporation court to investigate their cases.

The men held gave the following names: Mike Shire, Nick Bideski, Frank Millich, Peter Rozich, George Miller and John Chepo.

The bond of Rozich and George Miller was fixed at \$500 each and the others at \$200 each. Mike Shire was released on his personal bond. The others expect to arrange for bond. The men taken in the raid were represented by Attorney Edmund Burke and the state by Commonwealth's Attorney Howard W. Smith.

The little courtroom was packed with suffocation, and many who sought admittance were unable to gain entrance.

Irving S. Clark, who rents an apartment on the first floor of the place, testified that whisky was trickling through the ceiling to his apartment Sunday and he produced a handkerchief which he declared was "scented" with the odor.

On Saturday night he said water came through from the apartment above him.

Chief of Police Goods testified that when the police entered the place a card game was in progress and four men were engaged and about \$30 on the table was taken by the police. He also testified to finding the still in operation and of the various barrels together with their contents. Witness also said that Peter Rozich had told him he owned the still.

Serjt. Wilkinson said he could not add anything to the chiefs statement.

Mrs. Carrie B. Moore, who rents an apartment on the first floor, testified to seeing three barrels being brought to the place in an automobile February 26 and unloaded on the sidewalk and of boxes being carried later.

SEARCH FOR HEIRESS

Sari Was Last Seen Talking to U. S. Sailor in Constantinople

New York, March 9.—The tale of the "Thousand and Second Night" was told in New York last night by Zen Mahomet, who proclaimed himself as Sheikh of Arabia and a brother of the Amir of Hedjaz.

Ben Mahomet arrived here today with six retainers. His mission, he said, was a world wide search for Sari, Turkish heiress, who the Sheikh declared was pledged to marry the Amir.

Sari, according to Ben Mahomet, was last seen in Constantinople talking to a sailor from an American warship. Her father, Hadahismo, grieved for the loss of his daughter, known all over Turkey for her beauty and charity, and soon he died leaving her one hundred million dollars. Hadahismo was in Turkey, according to Ben Mahomet, "like Rockefeller is in America."

Memorial
HARRELL—Emma Gene, infant daughter of Dr. Roy B. and Emma Topping Harrell, died at the home of her father, in Pilot Mountain, N. C., Saturday, March 6, 1920, aged 8 months and 24 days.
A precious one from us has gone,
A voice we loved is still.
God thought it best to take her home
59-1p. Granny.

WILL CASE POSTPONED

Suit of Heirs of C. E. Churchman to Be Heard Next Tuesday

The suit of the heirs of the late Charles E. Churchman to contest the validity of the will made by testator dated, November 12, 1917, which was slated for trial today in the corporation court, Judge L. C. Barley presiding, was postponed until next Tuesday. The postponement was granted because of the inability of Judge J. K. M. Norton, who is one of the attorneys for the beneficiaries, to be present, he being in Richmond today.

A special jury was drawn and all the preliminary plans completed for the starting of the trial.

The estate of Churchman is valued at about \$50,000. About thirty witnesses have been summoned on both sides and it is expected that the case will last several days.

The suit is brought in the name of Golden E. Churchman and Agnes Maxwell.

Attorneys James R. Caton and San and Judge J. K. M. Norton represent the will and contestants are represented by Judge C. E. Nicol and Ford and Farr the last named two of Fairfax county.

The jury selected follows: Thomas J. Carter, Silas Devers, C. Page Waller, A. D. Brackett, T. Moxley Ervin, E. F. Hoffman, Henry A. Bales, T. Gilbert Perry, Floyd C. Saunders, Andre J. Hall, Ralph A. Steele, Raymond Blumenfeld.

QUAKES ROCK ITALY

London, March 9.—Earthquake shocks were felt throughout Tuscany, Italy, today, said a Central News dispatch from Rome.

Many persons fled from their home, but the damage is believed to be slight.

Tuscany is a compartment in northwestern Italy bordering the Mediterranean Sea. It contains a number of industrial centers, chief of them being Florence, Leghorn, Pisa and Pistoia. The surface in the interior is mountainous.

SPORTS

Alexandria boys are in the front ranks in athletics both at home and abroad, each day the standing of the various basketball players in chronological order, and the Lynchburg News on Sunday, March 7, has a page devoted to sports, with three Alexandrians mentioned.

The Virginia Military Institute team defeated the Virginia Polytechnic Institute basketball team Saturday night, with Summers, of this city, playing center and leading the attack. The score was 28 to 26, the account from the News says: "Summers was the particular star of the game, his offensive work being of the highest order while he slightly outjumped his opponent at center, his defensive play also stood out prominently."

At the University of Virginia wrestling tournament with the University of Ohio, Saturday night, U. Va. easily won. The News says: "The Pahl brothers and Moore starred for Virginia, Gus Pahl defeated Captain Ferguson, of Ohio, with a scissor and wrist lock, and Leo Pahl outclassing Pohl, Ohio Gridiron star."
Summers is the son of Alderman and Mrs. C. J. Summers, and the Pahl twins are sons of Councilman and Mrs. A. J. Pahl, and are only recently cut from two years service overseas in the navy.

The A. G. Spalding Trophy, a handsome silver loving cup, presented by their Washington representative, Mr. "Cy" McDonald, to the winners of the Alexandria City Basketball League, was received yesterday by the Community Service, is now on exhibition at The Downham & Ridgely Shop and will be presented to the Drednaughts Monday night at their Athletic Carnival at the Alexandria Opera House.

Chief Summer, a full-blooded Cherokee Indian, will lead the Bowling Field Aviators on the floor at Armory Hall Wednesday night against the local champion Drednaughts and as the soldiers recently handed the Lycour quint a 47-19 defeat, a stiff, hard-fought game is looked forward to by the followers of this sport here.

The Drednaught Club will hold an important business meeting Thursday night at the Community Service and all members are urgently requested to attend, as very important subjects will be discussed.

HAPPENINGS ABOUT CITY TOLD IN BRIEF

Services will be held in Immanuel Lutheran Church at 8 o'clock tomor- row evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Smoot have returned after a spending several weeks in the south.

The regular weekly dance of the Juddice social club will be held in Odd Fellows' Hall tomorrow, Wednesday evening.

A meeting of Liberty Rebekah Lodge No. 16, I. O. O. F., will be held at 7:30 tonight in Odd Fellows' Hall, North Columbus street.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sheads, of Fairfax, Va., announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Mary Arneitta to Mr. Alvian D. Spencer, of Lovingson, Va., February 23 last.

Mrs. John Gardner Graham has issued cards for a tea Saturday afternoon from 4 to 6, at her home on Braddock Heights, in honor of Mrs. William V. Masson.

The third weekly lecture on the four Gospels, will be delivered in Christ Church tomorrow evening at 7:30, by the Rev. Dr. Wallace E. Rollins of the Seminary.

Miss Ethel Pond, of Washington, and Mr. Hollie L. Peyton, of Berryville, Va., were married Saturday at the rectory of Christ Episcopal Church, Rev. Dr. W. J. Morton, officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Ross, 211 North Patrick street, left today for Palaski, Ivanhoe, Blacksburg, Roanoke and Lafayette, Va. Mr. Ross will attend the Shrimers meeting in Roanoke, Va.

PETERS ON THE GRILL

Richmond, March 9.—Charges by Delegate T. L. Felts, of Carroll County, that Commissioner J. Sidney Peters has had in his employ men of bad reputation, and that he has failed to cooperate with local officials in the enforcement of prohibition laws, were the sole developments at the first sitting last night of the legislative committee named to investigate the Department of Prohibition.

Mr. Felts was the only person to lodge a complaint with the committee, except for about sixty men from the city of Norfolk, who filed, through Senator Deal, a newspaper clipping telling the story of a negro acquitted in Police Court here on the charge of importing liquor when he had shown a permit signed by Dr. Peters. They asked that steps be taken to have the commissioner ousted if facts recited in the story were proven true.

The commissioner in explaining the permit, said it was issued to John Powers, of Richmond, who said he needed the whisky for a child ill with consumption. Mr. Powers, he declared, is a man of good character, and he had no hesitancy in believing the statement made by him. The permit, he told the committee, was issued in accordance with law.

"I don't know how it came into the possession of the negro," he said, in reply to Senator Ferguson, "but I suppose he went after the liquor for Mr. Powers. I was not satisfied, however, and thought seriously at one time of presenting the negro to the grand jury."

Mr. Felts filed affidavits from officials in Tazewell County to the effect that S. L. Chase and another inspector of the Prohibition Department had been guilty of peculiar conduct while in the town of Pocahontas. With the statement from a justice of the peace to the effect that a number of empty bottles had been left behind by the men, he implied that they had been drinking while at Pocahontas. Chase, who was in the room testified that he did not take a drop of liquor on the trip, and that he is not a drinking man. His habits in this respect were vouched for by Senator Mapp, who said he had known him many years as a very sober, dependable man.

Mr. Peters admitted a lack of cooperation with the officials of Pocahontas. This attitude on the part of the commissioner was explained by Chase when he declared he had reasons to believe that the chief of police of the town was protecting bootleggers.