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HAPPENINGS ABOUT CITY TOLD IN BRIEF

Miss Kathryn Adams is visiting relatives at Forest Hill, Richmond.

Dr. and Mrs. Hugh Mc Guire left today for Chatham, Mass., where they will remain until September.

Mr. Frederick P. Russell, who is spending the summer camping at Noank, Conn., is in the city for two days on legal business.

Mrs. J. C. Allen and two children, Ashby and Ruby, accompanied by Allen Drown, left today for Riverside, Md., to spend a week.

Miss Margaret Adams has returned to her home in Rosemont, after a three week's visit to relatives at Charlottesville.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Smoot are at Rockland Breakwater, Maine, where they will spend the remainder of the summer.

The Rev. Dr. E. B. Jackson will address the meeting tonight of the missionary organizations of the Potomac Baptist Association, now in session in the Del Ray Baptist Church.

Mr. W. H. Fawcett, who for some time past has been connected with the city engineers' office, will leave tonight for Danville, Va., he having accepted a position, with the state highway commission as engineer.

A forty mile trip down the Potomac will be made this evening on the steamer St. Johns on the excursion to be given by St. Mary's Church. The boat will leave the Norfolk Steamboat Company's wharf at 7:30 o'clock.

The announcement has been made that the next meeting of the Potomac Association will be held with the Mt. Holly Baptist Church, Fauquier County, on the morning of Wednesday, August 11, at ten thirty o'clock. There will be conveyances at Remington for all delegates and visitors.

The Washington-Virginia Railway Company it is stated expects to reduce the number of its trains between this city and Washington beginning November next. This will mean that between ten and twelve conductors will be let out. It is stated that the reason is that the company desires to curtail its expenses.

Practice game will be staged on the High School grounds Thursday between the Dreadnaught team and a picked team also from the club, under the direction of Grover C. Payne. "Rip" is working under cover on his line-up, having some "dark horses" to spring on the fans and will no doubt give the Dreadnaughts what is badly needed that is, stiff practice work, in preparation for Sunday's game with the crack Clarendon Club.

Announce Winner

Prize of \$25 to be Given Tonight at Grand Theatre For Name Selected.

The winner of the prize for a name for the Grand Theatre will be announced tonight and \$25 will be awarded the winner. All persons who submitted names in the contest are requested to be present by the manager at tonight's performance.

Several hundred names were sent in by men and women throughout the city and the management is well pleased with the generous response on the part of citizens. The name selected will be placed over the front of the theatre. This theatre was formerly known as the Grand Theatre and is now under new management.

The announcement of the winner will be made by the management at 9 o'clock.

DISCHARGING WORKMEN.

Gloucester, N. J., July 28.—Many men are being laid off in the shipyard's along the Delaware River because the working forces are being reduced.

PLOT TO KILL UNIONS

Labor Secretary Declares Policy to Begin Sept. 1. Will Cause Strike
Washington, July 28.—Charges that directors of the principal railroad systems of the country were only waiting for expiration of the present agreement between the government and railways on September 1 to inaugurate a union-wrecking policy by terrorist methods, were made yesterday by John Scott, secretary of the National Association of Railway Employees.

Mr. Scott declared that the conspiracy against railroad labor included an attempt to deprive the men of wage scales and working conditions that had been granted under government control, especially the eight hour working day.

"Of course such an attempt is entirely illegal," said Mr. Scott, "but what do the railroads care for that. The result may be a temporary breakdown in all forms of railway transportation."

When asked to explain this statement, Mr. Scott replied: "I mean a railway strike of national proportions."

"Of the 12,000 men recently turned adrift by the Pennsylvania Railroad, 3,000 were shopmen and mechanics. These mechanics were workers who could least be spared. The result is that every mechanic retained is now obliged to work overtime in order to keep rolling stock in even passable condition. The railway men will never give up the advantages they have gained after a hard struggle."

REDS MAY RULE WORLD

Ex-German Generalissimo Foresees Europe's Crumble by Bolshevism's Deadly Penetration
Washington, July 28.—Victory for Soviet Russia over Poland would result in Bolshevism sweeping all of Europe and eventually the entire world in the opinion of General Eric Ludendorff, famous German war leader. His views are set forth in a specially prepared and hitherto unpublished memorandum on the "Dangers of Bolshevism," written last month and received here yesterday in official circles.

"Poland's fall will entail the fall of Germany and Czecho-Slovakia," General Ludendorff says. "Their neighbors to the north and south will follow. Fate steps along without elementary force. Let no one believe it will come to a stand without enveloping Italy, France and England in its hideous coils. Not even the seven seas can stop it."

Addressing himself to the "civilized nations as a man who knows war," General Ludendorff pleads that his message not fall on deaf ears.

"Then it will be too late," he declares, "and the present civilization will crumble as did that of Greece and Rome."

CIRCUS CLOWN KILLED.

Denver, Colo., July 28.—Lon Moore, of Defiance, Ohio, a circus clown, was killed; Charles Hite, circus concessionaire, of Ironton, Ohio, was fatally injured and three Denver people were seriously injured when their automobile rolled off a 200-foot cliff in Bear Creek Canyon early yesterday.

William Hart, a taxicab driver of Denver, and his wife, were in the front seat. It is said the woman became excited and grabbed the steering wheel and turned the car over the edge of the precipice.

MRS. WILLIAM D. WOOD DIES.

Mrs. Selma Tubman Wood, a well known resident, died at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the Alexandria Hospital. She had been ill for the past three months. Mrs. Wood is survived by her husband William D. Wood, a daughter, Mrs. Maurice R. Wilkins and two sisters, Mrs. Charles King, this city and Mrs. Pricie Hurdle of Washington.

The body was taken to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Wilkins, 809 Cameron street and prepared for burial. Her funeral will take place at 5 o'clock tomorrow afternoon from Christ Episcopal Church. Services will be conducted by Rev. Dr. W. J. Merton, rector. The interment will be private.

MARRIED.

PETRIE-HUNTER—On July 24, 1920, at the parsonage of the M. E. Church South, by the Rev. E. V. Regester, D. D., Miss Heta Petrie of Washington, D. C., and Thomas S. Hunter, of Alexandria, Va. 179-1p

SAMUEL SORRELL'S TRIAL FOR MURDER

Fratricide Arraigned in the Corporation Court Today

BUT FEW ONLOOKERS

Jury Soon Secured—Case, it is Believed, Will Require But One Day—Verdict Expected Early Tonight

The trial of Samuel Sorrell, charged with shooting and killing his brother Charles on the morning of July 4th, in an ark on the river shore in the extreme northeastern section of the city, began in the Corporation Court this morning. The trial attracted but few spectators. Howard W. Smith, Commonwealth's Attorney, assisted by Albert Bryan, jr., conducted the prosecution, and the accused was represented by Messrs. C. H. Smith and Frank Stuart.

The jury was soon secured by the selection of the following: Park A. Kersey, Charles Corbett, B. B. Brown, Edward R. Mills, Llewellyn Dwyon, L. P. Woodward, George T. Burroughs, Harry H. Newton, E. S. Goodloe, J. Brooke Carter, Elmer Alexander and S. M. Pulman.

The Commonwealth's Attorney subsequently addressed the jury, asking that a verdict of murder in the second degree be returned. The counsel for the defense waived that privilege, and the taking of testimony began.

Chief Goods, of the police force, was the first witness. He stated that Charles Sorrell, whom he visited in the hospital, before he died, had stated that his brother Samuel shot him. The chief said Samuel Sorrell came to the station house and delivered himself to the police.

Daniel Alexander followed. Witness was standing near the ark in which the shooting took place. He told of trouble between the two brothers over a game of cards in an ark owned by James Deane, also of fights between the brothers, and subsequent attack made by Charles upon Samuel, in which the former used rocks, one striking the witness and rendering him unconscious for a short time. He told of Charles subsequently leaving the scene and returning. He called Samuel ugly names. Charles also threatened to kill Samuel. Charles had no gun that he could see.

Doctor S. B. Moore, who attended Charles Sorrell in the Alexandria Hospital, described the nature of the wound of which Charles Sorrell died. He said the dying man charged his brother with shooting him.

James Deane, later took the stand. He said the trouble between the two men originated over a game of poker which had been in progress during most of the night. The brothers with others were participating in the game. This happened early in the morning. Witness told of the rock battle, and alleged that Charles had threatened to kill Samuel. Charles had a gun, which he pointed at Samuel and defied the latter to shoot. Samuel had taken ten cents from the "pot" and a "rake off" which act precipitated the trouble between the brothers. Witness did not see the shooting, but heard the report of the gun while standing a short distance away from the scene. The brothers, he said had had several fights before the shooting occurred.

James Mason, colored, in whose ark the tragedy took place, testified that the brothers had been quarreling over a game of cards during the morning. After Samuel had taken ten cents as a "rake off" Charles left, but soon appeared. Witness had followed the deceased up a hill and endeavored to dissuade him from committing any overt act, as Charles had threatened to kill Samuel. The former went away a second time, and returned with a gun. Charles was standing inside the ark when his brother discharged the gun at him.

J. Bolton was the next witness. He testified to following Charles Sorrell when he returned after the encounters with his brother. He had a gun in his possession.

A one o'clock the court took a recess until two.

Judge Moncreu stated today that if necessary a night session will be held in order to finish the case today.

MAY BUILD BARGES AT V. S. CO'S PLANT

Working on Contract For Construction of Eight

TO RAISE SHIPS

Company Organized to Use Devices to Recover Ships Sunk in Atlantic by German Submarines During War

The Virginia Shipbuilding Corporation may secure the contract for the construction of eight submarine tower barges for raising ships sunk in the Atlantic ocean by German submarines during the progress of the world war.

The local company is now engaged in preparing estimates on the cost of construction of the number of barges the Transcontinental Wrecking Company desires to be built and they hope to land the big contract.

The Transcontinental Company is composed of Washington and Baltimore capitalists with offices in the Gill Building, Washington.

Newton F. Chamberlain, consulting engineer of the company, and president of the company, yesterday announced that the barges will carry along several hundred men as soon as they are completed, and the actual work of raising ships will be begun.

Negotiations for the raising of government-owned ships are now pending with the Federal government. The Lusitania will be one of the first vessels to be raised, according to Chamberlain.

Among the Washington men backing the company are former Representative Frank C. Smith, of Maryland, now manager of the National Garage, and Paul D. Moore, an automobile body dealer of Washington. The other backers are from Baltimore.

The Transcontinental Wrecking Company claim they can raise any ship without sending a man below the surface, no matter what its depth, through their recently patented submarine barge.

Here For Repairs

Steamship Worcester Arrives From Genoa, Italy.

The steamship Worcester, from Genoa, Italy, arrived at the yards of the Virginia Shipbuilding Corporation at 9 o'clock this morning for voyage repairs. This ship is owned by the United States Transport Company. This is the first time in many years that a big ship from a foreign port has reached here to undergo repairs. This ship was built at the Groton yards of the United States Steamship Company.

U. VA. STUDENTS.

To Give Dance Friday Night in Elk's Hall—Subscription Affair.

The Alexandrians who have been students at the University of Virginia for the past few sessions will give an informal subscription dance Friday evening in the Elk's Auditorium. Dancing will begin at 9 o'clock and arrangements have been made for excellent music. The committee in charge of the affair is composed of Messrs. Laurence G. Fawcett, Gardner L. Booth, Jr., and Albert V. Bryan.

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AUCTION SALE

The remaining household and kitchen furniture at 319 South St. Asaph Street will be sold at public auction Thursday, July 29, on the premises, beginning at 10 a. m. by S. H. Lunt, auctioneer. Persons desiring to purchase at private sale call at 817 King street. 177-3c.

HEALTH WORK REVIEW OF YEAR

Summary Given of Efforts To Prevent Diseases

MILK INSPECTIONS

Department Says That Practical and Constructive Work Has Been Accomplished During the Past Year

Summary of general lines of work carried out in our efforts to improve the sanitary condition of the City of Alexandria, and protect the inhabitants against communicable diseases.

From its organization, this department adopted the policy of using public educational propaganda as the most effective means of securing general co-operation from the citizens of the city. To that end, the health officer during the past fiscal year, wrote and the Alexandria Gazette kindly published a total of 28 articles upon the subjects of general sanitation and the cause and prevention of communicable disease. Most of these articles were a column and a half in length, and were designed to be simple, practical and instructive. Ten public addresses on sanitation and disease prevention were delivered during the year.

Dairy and Milk Inspection

We have considered milk inspection work of the utmost importance and have devoted much time and labor to the general inspection of all dairies delivering milk within our city limits. Every such dairy must secure a permit from our department, and we only grant such permits after a personal inspection of the dairy and the methods of handling the milk. All cows must be tuberculin tested once each year. Bams must be kept in sanitary condition. The methods of washing bottles and milk utensils, the cooling and handling of the milk from the time it is taken from the cows until it reaches the hands of the customers, must be approved by our department.

And last but not least, we take samples weekly from the dairy wagons as they are delivering their milk about the city. These milk samples are then tested in our laboratory for butter-fat content and bacterial count. If any fall below our standard, we warn the dealer. A second warning means prosecution.

That this work was greatly needed, is amply shown by the fact that the sanitary condition of the many dairies serving our city, their general methods of handling their milk and the quality of the milk has been raised from 30 to 50 per cent during the fiscal year just closed.

General Food and Meat Inspection

The importance and value to the public of the constant and careful inspection of the meat and various other foodstuffs offered for sale, is a matter that can no longer be questioned by any intelligent person. That your Health Department has done this work honestly and fearlessly during the past year is attested by the fact that we have condemned and destroyed many thousands of pounds of meat, fish and other foodstuffs as being unfit for human food. The various articles condemned and the quantities of each will be found tabulated in the detailed report.

If for no other reason, we feel justified in saying the work of the Health Department in guarding the milk and food supply of our city would amply repay our citizens for its cost.

General Sanitary Inspection

Under this head our work has been so varied and continuous, that it is rather hard to summarize it. All the restaurants and lunch rooms of the city are under almost daily inspection. There are about 300 places in Alexandria where foodstuffs or drinks in one form or another are sold. This includes grocery stores, meat and fish markets, ice cream and soft drink establishments, bakeries, candy stores, etc. It will be seen that this alone would entail a large amount of work, and much of it has to be done after regular office hours.

The conditions we frequently find

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FORD OWNERS
OUR MOTTO—If it is done at Renschel's, it must be done right. 73-1c.

WED AT MONUMENT.

Not having an airplane convenient and wishing to go as far up in the air as possible to be married, Basil C. Coffman and Clela May Arey, the former 22 years of age and the latter 25, both of Dayton, Va., made an effort yesterday to be married at the top of the Washington monument.

They left the court-house with the license and the officiating minister but arrived at the monument a few minutes after it was closed for the day.

Not daunted at the closing of the monument, they were married on the grounds at its foot, the Rev. H. L. Bivens, of Warrenton, Va., officiating. The young couple had been visiting at Warrenton. They expressed the hope that no publicity would be given their marriage as they wished "to surprise" the folks when they returned home. They denied that their desire for an airy wedding had anything to do with the bride's name.

TENNIS COURTS

Boys and Girls Enjoy Sport at Lee School Grounds

The tennis courts at the Lee School playgrounds are being extensively used by the boys and girls, great aptitude and interest having been shown by both.

The older people of the town who are tennis enthusiasts and wish to use these courts should see Miss Howard and have certain hours during the day arranged whereby the use of the courts would be turned over to them exclusively.

Everything possible is being done to keep the courts in shape and any assistance or suggestions as to the upkeep of the grounds by local tennis players would be greatly appreciated by Miss Howard and her associates.

Good tennis players are out nearly every evening and the old timers who are looking for some strong opposition should ask Miss Howard to arrange a set for them.

OCEAN TO OCEAN AIR MAIL.

Party Will Start From New York Thursday to Man Route to San Francisco.

Washington, July 28.—Air mail service from New York to San Francisco is expected to be inaugurated the first week in September. Assistant Postmaster General Praeger announced yesterday.

The exact date for starting of the first transcontinental air mail service, however, will be contingent said Mr. Praeger, on completion of landing fields and hangars at Cheyenne, Wyo., Salt Lake City and Reno, Nev. These cities already have obtained the fields and let contracts for construction of the hangars. Both fields and hangars, Mr. Praeger said, are expected to be ready in time.

Leaving New York Thursday, J. M. Lusk will pilot an air mail reconnaissance party of three planes from New York to San Francisco for the purpose of photographing the route and mapping all possible landing fields.

CONVICT MURDERED.

Killing With Knife in Yard Follows Series of Fights.

Auburn, N. Y., July 28.—Philip Nissman, age 24 a convict in the State Prison here, was murdered in the prison yard by fellow inmates last night following a series of fights in which several convicts participated.

Nissman was stabbed through the heart with a knife.

BARACA PICNIC

One hundred and thirty members and friends of the J. R. N. Curtin Memorial Baraca Class of the First Baptist Church journeyed to the summer home of John Martin near Sumner, where they enjoyed a picnic last night. Sixteen touring cars and a three ton truck, the truck being loaned by the Alexandria Transfer and Storage Company were used to convey the picnicers to the ground. The party returned home shortly after 11 o'clock after spending a most enjoyable evening.

PLUMBING

Samuel Cuvillier, Jr., is again associated with his father in the plumbing business.

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RESOLUTE WINS IN YESTERDAY'S RACE

Result Leaves Cup in United States at Present

LIPTON'S COMMENTS.

Says "Best Boat Won, and That Challenger Was Beaten Fair and Square."

New York, July 28.—Resolute won the fifth race of the international series here yesterday, against Sir Thomas Lipton's Shamrock IV, thereby retaining the America's cup for America.

The official time of the finish was: Resolute, 6:52:15; Shamrock, 7:05:20.

The challenger was a mile astern when Resolute crossed the line to the accompaniment of the loudest ovation given the winner of any race in the series. Shamrock had closed rapidly in the last hour.

While waiting for Shamrock to finish Sir Thomas Lipton's yacht Victoria ran by the Resolute and all hands joined in three cheers for the victorious yacht and her crew.

Resolute spun across the line a victor by 13 minutes and 5 seconds. She is the thirteenth craft to successfully withhold the pitcher from British challengers. It will probably be at least two years before a new challenger is heard from again.

The day was one of the clearest ever in the city. The sun was hot—at times too hot—and it seemed the heat was the cause of the small wind. At no time in the race was anyone confident it would be run to a finish. The sharps found satisfaction in the improvement of Burton, but beyond that described the race as one of the duller of the series.

"I am very sorry, but the best boat won" was Sir Thomas Lipton's remark as Resolute crossed the line. "We all did our best—skipper, designer and crew—and we have been beaten fair and square."

"I have been treated throughout with the greatest fairness and sportsmanship by Americans and I am taking home the very best memories of this contest. I shall wait until next year to give someone a chance to challenge and then I shall rechallenge myself."

OIL TAKEN BY LEVER ACT

Pacific Companies Believed to Court Seizure by Government.

Washington, July 28.—Seizure by six United States destroyers of 500,000 gallons of fuel oil from the Associated Oil Company at San Francisco Monday was under authority of the Lever act, it was stated today at the Navy Department. Officials explained that instructions had been given to make such seizures when oil companies refused to deliver oil on requisition orders issued under the Lever law.

Navy supply officers indicated the belief that several oil companies on the Pacific coast, which have represented their output as being sufficient only to supply private contracts, with-holding delivery of their appropriated quotas to the navy to avoid "seizure." Such a course might be held they said, to place the companies in a stronger position legally in the event of suit being brought for failure to deliver on private contracts.

UNKNOWN VESSEL BURNS.

Sea Isle City, N. J., July 28.—An unknown vessel burned and sank off Sea Isle City at 8:55 yesterday morning. Lookouts at the local coast guard stations first sighted the smoke at 8:30 o'clock.

Smoke and fire suddenly cleared and no trace of the ship or its crew have as yet been found. It is believed that both ship and crew went down.

A patrol of the beach is being maintained constantly and efforts are being made to learn the identity of the vessel, which is thought, from the nature of the fire and smoke, to be an oil tanker, evidence of burnt crude oil making its appearance on the Sea Isle City beach.